

# Relationship between AI/LLMs and prolepsis

Post by “Martin” of June 17, 2026 at 1:55 AM

Quote

@[Martin](#) do you have any input on the comparison between prolepsis and LLM's?

Quote

I don't even think LLMs are analogous to ancient Epicurean prolepseis.

I do see an analogy between prolepsis and LLMs. In both cases, pattern recognition built on past input is applied to new input to generate a response. This analogy may be weaker for ancient Epicurean prolepsis than for what prolepsis updated with respect to current knowledge of the brain may mean today. In all three cases (LLMs, ancient Epicurean prolepsis, modern meaning of prolepsis), the mechanisms are mutually so different, that there is apparently no other insight to gain from the comparison than details on the differences.