

## Whether analogical reasoning gives certain conclusion or not?

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**Abstract:** The word 'analogy', as the name of a mode of reasoning, is generally taken for some kind of argument supposed to be of an inductive nature, but not amounting to a complete induction. . Induction never gives a certain conclusion, but according to Mill, reasoning by analogy sometimes may give a certain conclusion. The structure of inductive argument is always particular via particular to general. On the other hand reasoning by analogy is sometimes particular to general to particular. We can see a different structure of analogy in Indian logic as well, where the arguments claim a certain conclusion (object of *pramā*) from the premises. So my hunch is whether analogical reasoning is inductive or deductive or a third kind argument by nature?