

## **Inductive Reasoning:**

**Inductive Arguments:** do not guarantee their conclusions

**Inductive Reasoning:** extrapolates on what we know. Using current knowledge to arrive at conclusions which are not deductively implied by the premises.

- Strength in inductive arguments is a matter of degree and requires a judgment call

## **Four Inductive Arguments:**

### **1. Inductive Generalization.**

- X % of observed F's are G
- It is probable, therefore that X% of all F's are G.
- Criteria: sample representative enough and is sample large enough?
- Ex: 45% of men thought Trudeau is good job. It is probable that 45% of all Ottawa men like Trudeau.
- Ex: 500/2000 library goers were randomly selected and asked if they prefer fiction or non-fiction. 358/500 said fiction. Therefore, most people prefer fiction.

### **2. Statistical Syllogism:**

- Z% of F's are G
- X is an F
- Therefore, it is probable to the degree Z that X is G.
- Ex: John has IQ 153. He will do very well on the law school exam.
- Ex: Fewer than 2% of people who work in TO live in markham. Allen who works in Toronto doesn't live in markham.

### **3. Induction by Confirmation**

- $H \rightarrow O$
- O
- It is probable that H

Two things to watch for:

- i.) inductive argument is based on hypothesis. Therefore, it is only probable that the conclusion will follow. The premise don't guarantee the conclusion.
- ii.) We need more than one instance to confirm our hypothesis.

### **4. Analogical Reasoning:**

- "Three strikes out"
- Analogies help us understand how things in the world work, especially unfamiliar things.
- Every Analogy has a subject case. The subject case is about which we are drawing the conclusion in the analogical argument. Always found in conclusion.
- Analogue case is what we are familiar with.
- Target Feature is feature of subject case.

Two kinds of analogous statements:

i.) Analogy by property:

- thing attributed to a thing (good, bad, spoiled)

ii.) Analogy by Relation

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