

The Problem of Induction and The Concept of Universals

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Abstract

This paper expresses the view that the acceptance of the inductive principle as the guidance of life is indispensable. This is because there are no instances where the alternative methods can work and induction will not be applicable. On pragmatic grounds, therefore, induction has edge over its rivals. More importantly, however, the concept of universals and the immutability of space and time also form the pedestal for the principle of induction. (D. Hurie, 1975: 37-)