

Fooled By Randomness

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Chapter 7

*What I call empiricism does not simply mean "just look at reality": it implies the rigorous avoidance of hasty generalizations outside what you saw, your "empiri-cism." This covers the relation between the past and the future (the past might not be a representative sample of the future, but it also concerns other generalizations we take for granted, in medicine, politics, and science).

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*Popper was not the originator of these ideas on asymmetry: a class of skeptical thinkers such as Sextus Empiricus, Aenesidemus, or al-Ghazālī came up with the ideas before him, as well as Mill and Hume. But Popper rephrased the problem in-dependently and put it in modern terms.

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