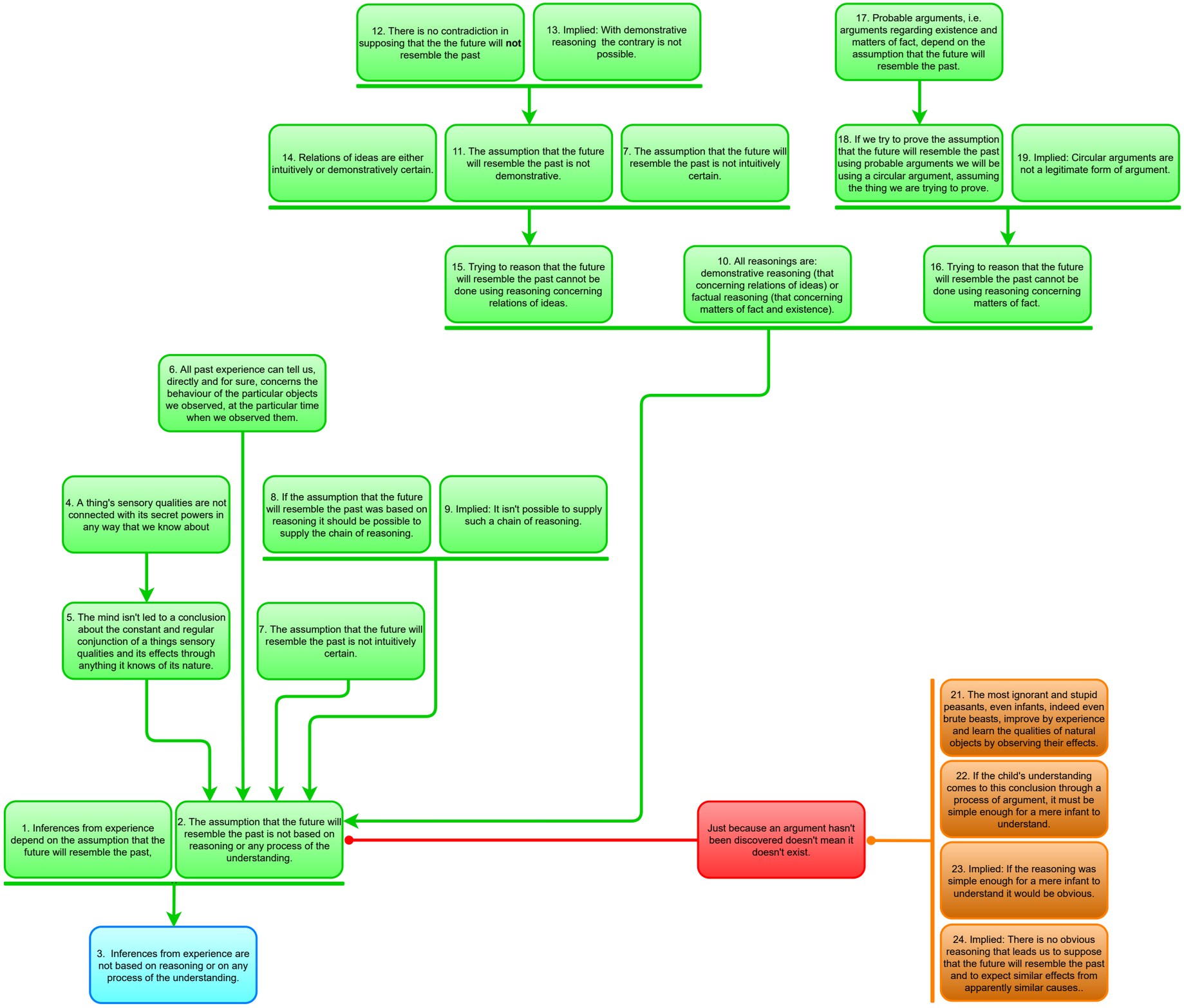
12. There is no contradiction in supposing that the the future will **not** resemble the past
13. Implied: With demonstrative reasoning the contrary is not possible.
17. Probable arguments, i.e. arguments regarding existence and matters of fact, depend on the assumption that the future will resemble the past.
14. Relations of ideas are either intuitively or demonstratively certain.
11. The assumption that the future will resemble the past is not demonstrative.
7. The assumption that the future will resemble the past is not intuitively certain.
18. If we try to prove the assumption that the future will resemble the past using probable arguments we will be using a circular argument, assuming the thing we are trying to prove.
19. Implied: Circular arguments are not a legitimate form of argument.
15. Trying to reason that the future will resemble the past cannot be done using reasoning concerning relations of ideas.
10. All reasonings are: demonstrative reasoning (that concerning relations of ideas) or factual reasoning (that concerning matters of fact and existence).
16. Trying to reason that the future will resemble the past cannot be done using reasoning concerning matters of fact.
6. All past experience can tell us, directly and for sure, concerns the behaviour of the particular objects we observed, at the particular time when we observed them.
4. A thing's sensory qualities are not connected with its secret powers in any way that we know about
8. If the assumption that the future will resemble the past was based on reasoning it should be possible to supply the chain of reasoning.
9. Implied: It isn't possible to supply such a chain of reasoning.
5. The mind isn't led to a conclusion about the constant and regular conjunction of a things sensory qualities and its effects through anything it knows of its nature.
7. The assumption that the future will resemble the past is not intuitively certain.
1. Inferences from experience depend on the assumption that the future will resemble the past,
2. The assumption that the future will resemble the past is not based on reasoning or any process of the understanding.
Just because an argument hasn't been discovered doesn't mean it doesn't exist.
21. The most ignorant and stupid peasants, even infants, indeed even brute beasts, improve by experience and learn the qualities of natural objects by observing their effects.
22. If the child's understanding comes to this conclusion through a process of argument, it must be simple enough for a mere infant to understand.
23. Implied: If the reasoning was simple enough for a mere infant to understand it would be obvious.
24. Implied: There is no obvious reasoning that leads us to suppose that the future will resemble the past and to expect similar effects from apparently similar causes..
3. Inferences from experience are not based on reasoning or on any process of the understanding.