Term: Abduction

Quote: Among these opinions which I have constantly maintained is this, that while Abductive and Inductive reasoning are utterly irreducible, either to the other or to Deduction, or Deduction to either of them, yet the only *rationale* of these methods is essentially Deductive or Necessary. If then we can state wherein the validity of Deductive reasoning lies, we shall have defined the foundation of logical goodness of whatever kind.

Source: Peirce, C. S. (1903). *Harvard Lectures on Pragmatism: Lecture V*. MS [R] 312.

References: CP 5.146

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