Term: Abduction
Quote: There are in science three fundamentally different kinds of reasoning, Deduction (called by Aristotle \{synagógé\} or \{anagógé\}), Induction (Aristotle’s and Plato’s \{epagógé\}) and Retroduction (Aristotle’s \{apagógé\}, but misunderstood because of corrupt text, and as misunderstood usually translated abduction). Besides these three, Analogy (Aristotle’s \{paradeigma\}) combines the characters of Induction and Retroduction.
References: CP 1.65
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