
**Term:** Retroduction

**Quote:** There are three stages of inquiry, demanding as many different kinds of reasoning governed by different principles. They are,

1, *Retroduction*, forming an explanatory hypothesis;

2, *Deduction*, tracing out the consequences that would ensue upon the truth or falsity of that hypothesis; and

3, *Induction*, the experimental testing of the hypothesis by inquiring whether its consequences are born out by fact, or not.

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The recommendations of an explanatory hypothesis are 1st, verifiability; 2nd, simplicity; 3rd, economy.


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