
**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.  

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

**References:** MS [R] S64  
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