Term: Induction

Quote: These differences between these two scientific inferences are so great that it seems to me essential to a right understanding of the subject that we should recognize two kinds of scientific reasoning, Induction and Hypothesis. Induction is the process by which we find the general characters of classes and establish natural classifications. [—] So that we have

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as three coördinate classes of reasoning.


References: W 1:428

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