Arguments are of three kinds, Deduction, Induction, and what I call Abduction. — If the conclusion is accepted because, having been hypothetically propounded as a hypothesis, it predicted that experiments would yield results which they have thereupon been found to yield, the argument is Inductive.


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