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**Term:** Mathematics

**Quote:** It was Benjamin Peirce, whose son I boast myself, that in 1870 first defined mathematics as "the science which draws necessary conclusions." This was a hard saying at the time; but today, students of the philosophy of mathematics generally acknowledge its substantial correctness.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1902). *Minute Logic: Chapter III. The Simplest Mathematics*. MS [R] 429.

**References:** CP 4.229

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