Term: Multitude
Quote: Multitude (in mathematics) [Lat. multitudo]: Ger. Mächtigkeit, Cardinalzahl; Fr. puissance; Ital. moltitudine. That relative character of a collection which makes it greater than some collections and less than others. A collection, say that of the A’s, is greater than another, say that of the B’s, if, and only if, it is impossible that there should be any relation \( r \), such that every A stands in the relation \( r \) to a B to which no other A is in the relation \( r \).
References: DPP 2:117; CP 3.626
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