
**Term:** Deduction

**Quote:** The second kind of reasoning is Deduction. This is necessary reasoning. That is it makes the truth of the conclusion whenever the premisses may be true, to be *evident*. The premisses, in so far as they determine the character of the conclusion, are merely hypothetical. The evidence consists in the fact that the state of things which they *suppose* is fully diagrammatized so that one can see that a modification which adds nothing to the supposed condition connects the premisses into the conclusion.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1906 [c.]). *Suggestions for a Course of Entretiens leading up through Philosophy to the Questions of Spiritualism, Ghosts, and finally to that of Religion*. MS [R] 876.

**References:** MS [R] 876:3-4

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