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The method of scientific discovery in Peirce's philosophy: deduction, induction, and abduction. (English summary)

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Under a somewhat ambitious title, this paper presents several topics involved in Charles S. Peirce's conception of scientific inquiry. The paper has the following sections: (1) Deduction; (2) Induction and hypothesis as transformations of deduction; (3) The stages of scientific inquiry; (3.1) Types of induction; (4) Reasoning and discovery; (4.1) Theorematical and corollarial deduction; (4.2) The difference between mathematics and logic; (5) Outlines for a comparison between Peirce and Whitehead on the nature of mathematics.

The paper tries to cover a wide field with important different issues and exhibits good scholarship. But, although the author refers to a good number of Peirce's texts and provides a selection of useful references to the most reliable secondary literature, the wide scope of the paper may make the reader feel that relevant issues are treated without enough depth.

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