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**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*.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1902). Multitude (in mathematics). In J. M. Baldwin (Ed.), *Dictionary of Philosophy and Psychology, Vol. II* (pp. 117-118). London: Macmillan and Co.

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