

## Re: Opinions on mathematics.

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Michael Press <jack@xxxxxxx> writes:

In article  
<Hbdfh.4308\$bR7.780@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>,  
Aatu Koskensisilta <aatu.koskensisilta@xxxxxxx> wrote:

Michael Press wrote:

From time to time someone tells me that mathematics is not science. I disagree with this assertion. The reason is that a mathematical object is a structure that we construct in our mind with the aid of writings and diagrams. When doing mathematics we are mapping our minds, and changing our minds.

I see. Mathematics is a combination of introspective psychology and psychiatry.

I see. Only through psychiatry can we change our minds.

Since when is mathematics about changing our minds? After all, if these structures exist as constructions in our mind, why would we change them?

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Jesse F. Hughes

"Leaving things always seems to fix me,  
Running seems to ease my worried mind."

— Bad Livers, "Honey, I've Found a Brand New Way"

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