

Editor's foreword

Conversion of semiotic systems into certain structures of abstract algebra can be much more useful than just auxiliary use of some issues of statistics/probability theory and technical analysis that can be seen in some synergistic approaches.

Statistical methods help to make some particular conclusions, however actually they don't change general character of semiotics.

If we are going to convert semiotic and all its branches (ethnology, history and so on) into exact sciences we should convert objects of semiotics into structures of abstract algebra, but not just use statistics as auxiliary mean of belles-letters.

We suppose that situation in semiotic should be much alike the situation that exists in contemporary physics where certain phenomena are described by certain mathematical structures and then mathematical plays with these structures help to find some regularities in nature and inspire searches of certain new objects.

Moreover, we all should keep in mind that dichotomy of humanities and exact science is rather artificial: there are sciences which managed to elaborate appropriate math and those which haven't yet managed to elaborate it.