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Bolzano e Frege

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There are many respects in which Bolzano and Frege are close philosophical allies. In the first part of this paper I shall compare their conceptions of a grounding proof and of an axiom. I shall emphasize striking resemblances, but I am at least as keen to underline some philosophically important differences beneath those similarities. In the second part I shall discuss the vexing question of whether Bolzano had any influence on Frege by commenting on Frege's excursion into metalogic and on both philosophers' aversion against indirect proofs.