Write an essay, answering the question: Is mathematics the science of structures? Main readings are: • S. Shapiro, 1997, Philosophy of Mathematics: Structure and Ontology, Oxford University Press, chapter 3. • S. Shapiro, 2000, Thinking about Mathematics, chapter 10 (esp. section 2). Extra reading: MacBride, F. (2005). Structuralism reconsidered. Your essay should include:‌‌‌‍‍‌‍‍‌‍‌‍‌‍‍‌‌‌‌• a careful explanation of the position in the philosophy of mathematics that is being discussed; • an exposition of the arguments that have been offered in the literature for a positive or negative answer to the question (use of the main readings pertinent to your question is required; use of the additional readings is optional); • your own critical engagement with and evaluation of these arguments offered in the literature, resulting in the conclusion of your essay: an answer to th‌‌‌‍‍‌‍‍‌‍‌‍‌‍‍‌‌‌‌e question.