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My own philosophical viewpoint has always been something of a blend of realism (platonism) and social constructivism: realism about mathematical objects, and social constructivism (Reuben Hersh's version, not Paul Ernest's) about our knowledge of those objects. More recently, while reading José Ferreirós's *Mathematical Knowledge and the Interplay of Practices*, I have been working on how to integrate his approach, which seems to me a more sophisticated version of social constructivism, with my viewpoint. I will discuss this version of pluralism, and briefly comment on the main topic, whether mathematicians need philosophy. (Received September 04, 2016)