

Key Terms of Chapter 1

proposition命题: a statement that is true or false

propositional variable命题变量: a variable that represents a proposition

truth value真值: true or false

$\neg p$ (negation of p)否定: the proposition with truth value opposite to the truth value of p

logical operators逻辑运算符: operators used to combine propositions

compound proposition复合命题: a proposition constructed by combining propositions using logical operators

truth table真值表: a table displaying all possible truth values of propositions

$p \vee q$ (disjunction of p and q)析取: the proposition “ p or q ,” which is true if and only if at least one of p and q is true

$p \wedge q$ (conjunction of p and q)合取: the proposition “ p and q ,” which is true if and only if both p and q are true

$p \oplus q$ (exclusive or of p and q)异或: the proposition “ p XOR q ,” which is true when exactly one of p and q is true

$p \rightarrow q$ (p implies q)蕴含: the proposition “if p , then q ,” which is false if and only if p is true and q is false

converse of $p \rightarrow q$ 逆命题: the conditional statement $q \rightarrow p$

contrapositive of $p \rightarrow q$ 逆反命题: the conditional statement $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$

inverse of $p \rightarrow q$ 反命题: the conditional statement $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$

$p \leftrightarrow q$ (biconditional)双条件: the proposition “ p if and only if q ,” which is true if and only if p and q have the same truth value

bit位: either a 0 or a 1

Boolean variable布尔变量: a variable that has a value of 0 or 1

bit operation位运算: an operation on a bit or bits

bit string位串: a list of bits

bitwise operations按位运算: operations on bit strings that operate on each bit in one string and the corresponding bit in the other string

logic gate逻辑门: a logic element that performs a logical operation on one or more bits to produce an output bit

logic circuit逻辑电路: a switching circuit made up of logic gates that produces one or more output bits

tautology永真式/重言式: a compound proposition that is always true

contradiction矛盾式: a compound proposition that is always false

contingency偶真式: a compound proposition that is sometimes true and sometimes false

consistent compound propositions一致的复合命题: compound propositions for which there is an assignment of truth values to the variables that makes all these propositions true

satisfiable compound proposition可满足的复合命题: a compound proposition for which there is an assignment of truth values to its variables that makes it true

logically equivalent compound propositions逻辑等价复合命题: compound propositions that always have the same truth values

predicate谓词: part of a sentence that attributes a property to the subject

propositional function命题函数: a statement containing one or more variables that becomes a proposition when each of its variables is assigned a value or is bound by a quantifier

domain (or universe) of discourse论域: the values a variable in a propositional function may take

$\exists x P(x)$ (existential quantification of $P(x)$)存在量词: the proposition that is true if and only if there exists an x in the domain such that $P(x)$ is true

$\forall x P(x)$ (universal quantification of $P(x)$)全称量词: the proposition that is true if and only if $P(x)$ is true for every x in the domain

logically equivalent expressions逻辑等价表达式: expressions that have the same truth value no matter which propositional functions and domains are used

free variable自由变量: a variable not bound in a propositional function

bound variable绑定变量: a variable that is quantified

scope of a quantifier量词的作用范围: portion of a statement where the quantifier binds its variable

argument论证: a sequence of statements

argument form论证形式: a sequence of compound propositions involving propositional variables

premise前提: a statement, in an argument, or argument form, other than the final one

conclusion结论: the final statement in an argument or argument form

valid argument form有效的论证形式: a sequence of compound propositions involving propositional variables where the truth of all the premises implies the truth of the conclusion

valid argument有效的论证: an argument with a valid argument form

rule of inference推理规则: a valid argument form that can be used in the demonstration that arguments are valid

fallacy谬论: an invalid argument form often used incorrectly as a rule of inference (or sometimes, more generally, an incorrect argument)

circular reasoning or begging the question循环推理或乞求问题: reasoning where one or more steps are based on the truth of the statement being proved

theorem定理: a mathematical assertion that can be shown to be true

conjecture猜想: a mathematical assertion proposed to be true, but that has not been proved

proof证明: a demonstration that a theorem is true

axiom公理: a statement that is assumed to be true and that can be used as a basis for proving theorems

lemma引理: a theorem used to prove other theorems

corollary推论: a proposition that can be proved as a consequence of a theorem that has just been proved

vacuous proof空洞证明: a proof that $p \rightarrow q$ is true based on the fact that p is false

trivial proof平凡证明: a proof that $p \rightarrow q$ is true based on the fact that q is true

direct proof直接证明: a proof that $p \rightarrow q$ is true that proceeds by showing that q must be true when p is true

proof by contraposition对位证明: a proof that $p \rightarrow q$ is true that proceeds by showing that p must be false when q is false

proof by contradiction反证法,归谬法: a proof that p is true based on the truth of the conditional statement $\neg p \rightarrow q$, where q is a contradiction

exhaustive proof穷举证明: a proof that establishes a result by checking a list of all possible cases

proof by cases案例证明: a proof broken into separate cases, where these cases cover all possibilities

without loss of generality不失一般性: an assumption in a proof that makes it possible to prove a theorem by reducing the number of cases to consider in the proof

counterexample反例: an element x such that $P(x)$ is false

constructive existence proof构造性证明: a proof that an element with a specified property exists that explicitly finds such an element

nonconstructive existence proof非构造性证明: a proof that an element with a specified property exists that does not explicitly find such an element

rational number有理数: a number that can be expressed as the ratio of two integers p and q such that $q \neq 0$

uniqueness proof唯一性证明: a proof that there is exactly one element satisfying a specified property