

ECE750T-28: Computer-aided Reasoning for Software Engineering

Lecture 1: Introduction to Logic in SE

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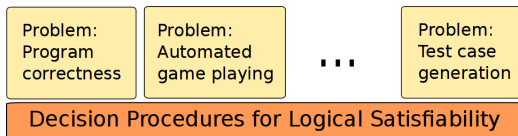
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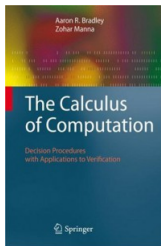
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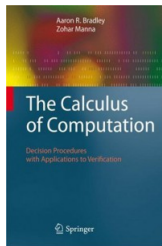
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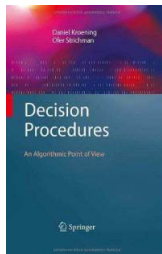
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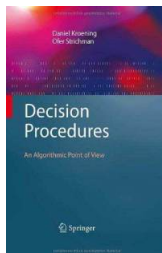
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