Chapter 1 The Foundations: Logic and Proof Sets And

As we've already seen in chapter 0, the foundations logic and proof sets and are the basis of all mathematical reasoning. We start our exploration of chapter 1 the foundations logic and proof sets and with a brief introduction to first-order logic. We explore the meaning of a set and how sets are constructed.

The foundations logic and proof sets and are the foundation of all subsequent chapters. We start by introducing the concept of a set and how sets are constructed. Then we move on to the concept of a function and how functions are defined. We explore the concept of a proof and how proofs are constructed. Finally, we introduce the concept of a theorem and how theorems are proved.

In this chapter, we will cover the following topics:

- Introduction to logic
- Propositional logic
- Predicate logic
- Proof techniques
- Mathematical induction
- Recursion

Chapter 1.1 Propositional Logic

Propositional logic is the study of statements that are either true or false. A proposition is a statement that can be either true or false, but not both. For example, the statement "the sky is blue" is a proposition because it can be true or false depending on the weather.

Properties of propositions:

- Closure properties: For any proposition P, if P is true, then ~P is false, and if P is false, then ~P is true.
- Logical equivalence: Two propositions P and Q are logically equivalent if they have the same truth value for all possible assignments of truth values to their variables.
- Logical consequence: A proposition Q is a logical consequence of a set of propositions P if Q is true whenever all the propositions in P are true.

Chapter 1.2 Predicates and Quantifiers

Predicates are statements that involve variables. For example, the statement "x is greater than 5" is a predicate because it contains the variable x. Quantifiers are used to indicate the scope of a predicate. For example, "for all x, x is greater than 5" is a universal quantifier, and "there exists an x such that x is greater than 5" is an existential quantifier.

Chapter 1.3 Techniques of Proof

There are several techniques of proof that are commonly used in mathematics. These include:

- Direct proof: A proof that shows that a proposition is true by assuming the hypothesis and deriving the conclusion.
- Proof by contradiction: A proof that shows that a proposition is true by assuming the negation of the conclusion and deriving a contradiction.
- Proof by induction: A proof that shows that a proposition is true for all natural numbers.

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