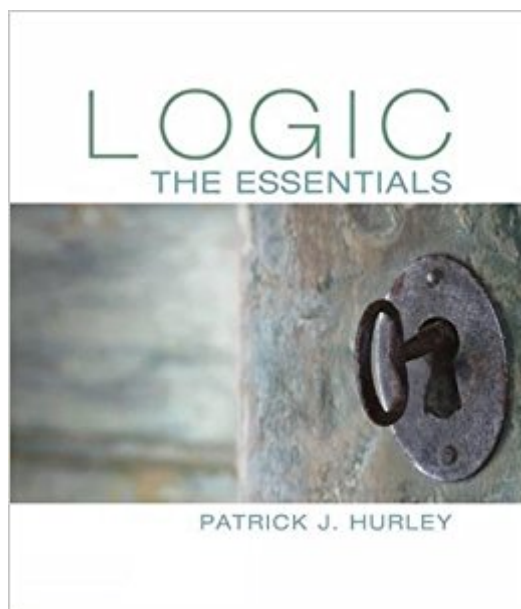


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Still on chapter 1 but so far going well - easy to understand explanations. Two complaints: first, on page 30, a hypothetical school shooting is used to introduce the section on inductive and deductive arguments - I find this to be in extremely poor taste. Second, the homework assignments (which are lengthy to begin with) are set up in such a way that a great deal of writing/typing is required to complete them. It's taking me more time to type than it is to solve the problem. It would be nice if the e-book came with a code so I could download the homework pages as PDFs and then mark on the pages instead of having to type everything in.

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