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- * Mathematical institutions in France and Germany and their role in promoting applications
- * Relationship between mathematics and physics
- * Foundations of mathematics
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