

Abel's Theorem in Problems and Solutions

Based on the lectures of Professor V.I. Arnold

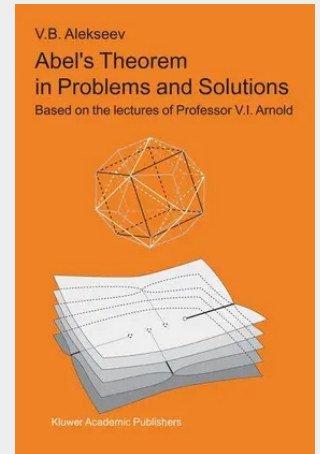
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