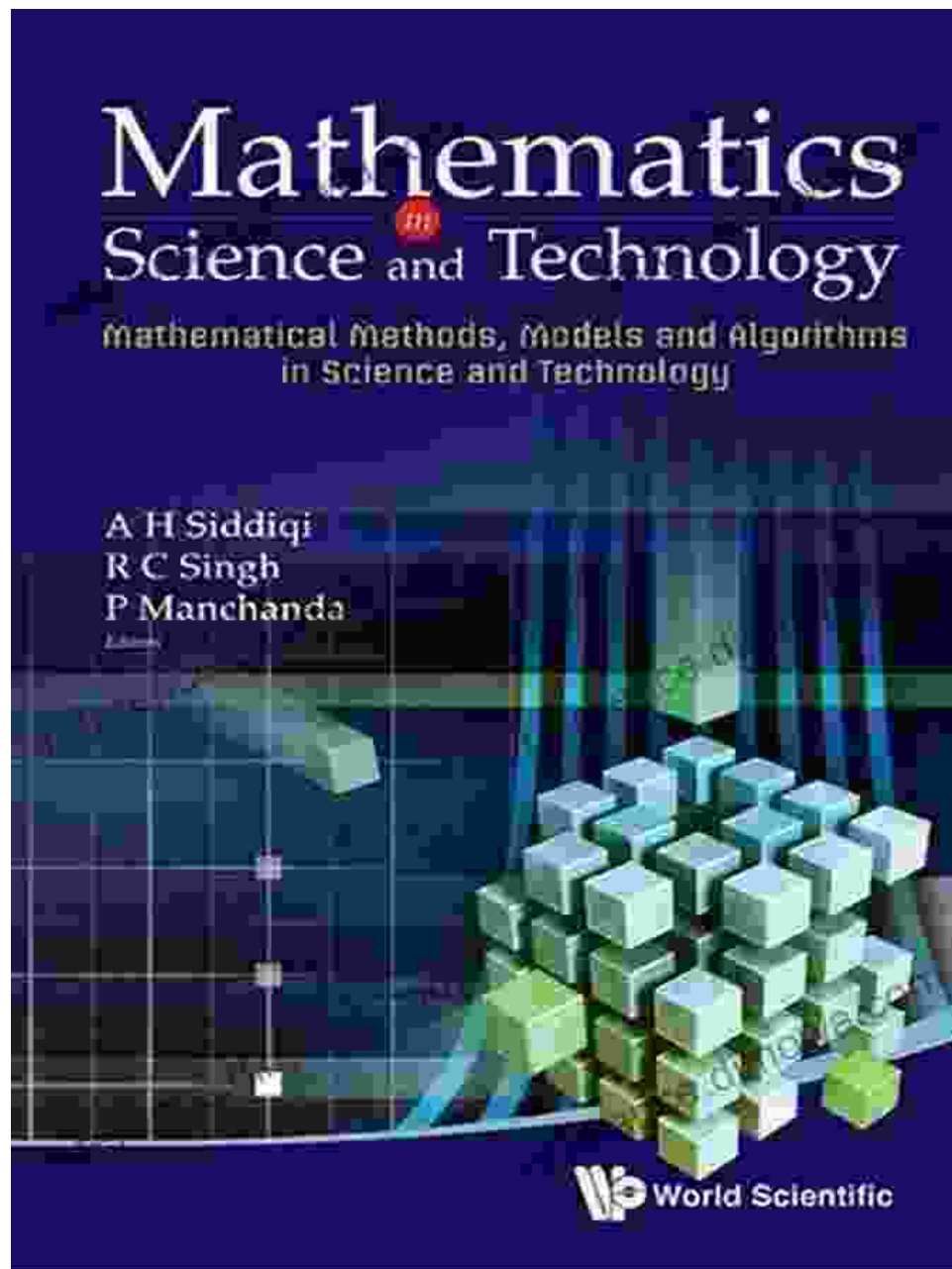
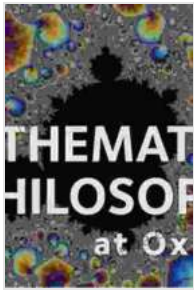


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Chapter 1: Measurement and the Power of Quantification

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Chapter 2: Models, Simulations, and the Virtualization of Reality

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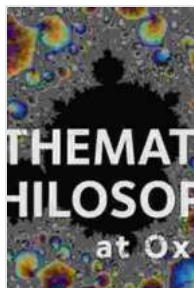
mathematical frameworks or even question the boundaries of representation itself.

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About the Book

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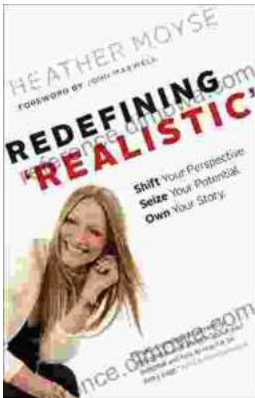
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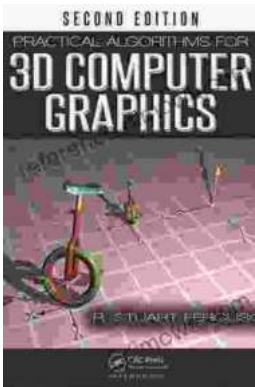
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