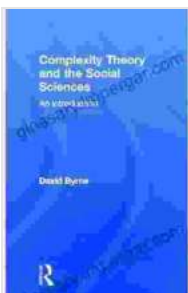


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## The Basics of Complexity Theory

Complexity theory is based on the idea that social systems are complex adaptive systems. This means that they are systems that are constantly changing and adapting to their environment. Social systems are made up of a large number of interacting agents, each of which has its own goals

and motivations. The interactions between these agents can lead to the emergence of complex patterns and behaviors.

One of the key concepts in complexity theory is the idea of emergence. Emergence is the process by which new patterns and behaviors arise from the interactions of simpler components. For example, the behavior of a flock of birds is not simply the sum of the behaviors of the individual birds. The flock as a whole exhibits a new and emergent behavior that is not present in any of the individual birds.

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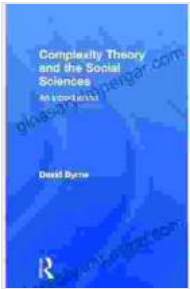
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- The formation of social networks
- The emergence of cooperation
- The evolution of social institutions

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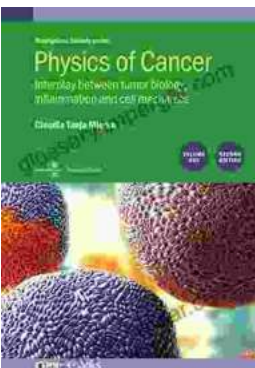
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