

Hodge Theory, Gelfand Theory, and Clifford Analysis Applied to Tomography

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Product on cohomologies

Proposition

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