



Twelve Lectures on Architecture: Algorithmic Sustainable Design: Notes from a Series of 12 Lectures Applying Cutting-Edge Mathematical Techniques to Architectural and Urban Design (Paperback)

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