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Shape and Shape Theory D. G. Kendall Churchill College, University of Cambridge, UK D. Barden Girton College, University of Cambridge, UK T. K. Carne King's College, University of Cambridge, UK H. Le University of Nottingham, UK The statistical theory of shape is a relatively new topic and is generating a great deal of interest and comment by statisticians, engineers and computer scientists. Mathematically, 'shape' is the geometrical information required to describe an object when location, scale and rotational effects are removed. The theory was pioneered by Professor David Kendall to solve p
