Crossing the Gender Gap: A Study of Female Participation and Performance in Advanced Maths and Sciences

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