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Book Reviews

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Crystallographic computing techniques. Edited by F. R. AHMED, with Co-editors K. HUML and B. SEDLÁČEK. Pp. 502, Figs. 134, Tables 93. Copenhagen: Munksgaard, 1976. Price D.kr. 336.00.

This book contains the proceedings of the International Summer School on Crystallographic Computing, which was held in Prague, Czechoslovakia, 28 July–5 August 1975. It covers three main topics: (*A*) structure solving methods; (*B*) computational aspects of protein crystallography; (*C*) miscellaneous crystallographic computer applications and techniques.

Papers in part *A* give chiefly an exposition of the traditionally successful symbolic addition and multisolution methods: the historical development and basic principles of direct methods, containing an interesting note on the computation of cosine invariants (J. Karle), the practical aspects of the symbolic addition procedure with many examples (I. L. Karle), the programming aspects of this procedure (Ahmed & Hall), a clear treatment of the *MULTAN* system (Woolfson) and the description of an automatic system based on the multisolution method (Andrianov & Tarnopol'skii). For the expert crystallographer it is a convenient survey of formulae, procedures and examples to have at hand.