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The 7 Most Important Equations for Your Retirement

The Fascinating People and Ideas Behind Planning Your Retirement Income

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Economist, Solomon Haftendorn the insurance visionary, and Andrei Kolmogorov the Russian mathematical genius—all giants in their respective fields who collectively laid the foundations for modern retirement income planning. With remarkable narratives that span several centuries and 800 years of history, The 7 Most Important Equations for Your Retirement focuses on universal concepts and big-picture concerns, which help you understand and figure out how to retire while you can still enjoy your money.

From the Introduction:

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