

Electromagnetic Waves Optics And Modern Physics

This is a calculus-based textbook on general physics. It contains all the major subjects covered in an intermediate or advanced course on general physics. It also embraces the most recent developments in science and technology. With this book, students can have a better understanding of physics principles and a broad view on the applications of physics ideas. Through coherent and humorous elucidation of physics principles, this book makes learning general physics a fun and interesting activity. Request Inspection Copy

A groundbreaking text and reference book on twenty-first-century classical physics and its applications This first-year graduate-level text and reference book covers the fundamental concepts and twenty-first-century applications of six major areas of classical physics that every masters- or PhD-level physicist should be exposed to, but often isn't: statistical physics, optics (waves of all sorts), elastodynamics, fluid mechanics, plasma physics, and special and general relativity and cosmology. Growing out of a full-year course that the eminent researchers Kip Thorne and Roger Blandford taught at Caltech for almost three decades, this book is designed to broaden the training of physicists. Its six main topical sections are also designed so they can be used in separate courses, and the book provides an invaluable reference for researchers. Presents all the major fields of classical physics except three prerequisites: classical mechanics, electromagnetism, and elementary thermodynamics Elucidates the interconnections between diverse fields and explains their shared concepts and tools Focuses on fundamental concepts and modern, real-world applications Takes applications from fundamental, experimental, and applied physics; astrophysics and cosmology; geophysics, oceanography, and meteorology; biophysics and chemical physics; engineering and optical science and technology; and information science and technology Emphasizes the quantum roots of classical physics and how to use quantum techniques to elucidate classical concepts or simplify classical calculations Features hundreds of color figures, some five hundred exercises, extensive cross-references, and a detailed index An online illustration package is available Principles of Optics is one of the classic science books of the twentieth century, and probably the most influential book in optics published in the past 40 years. The new edition is the first ever thoroughly revised and expanded edition of this standard text. Among the new material, much of which is not available in any other optics text, is a section on the CAT scan (computerized axial tomography), which has revolutionized medical diagnostics. The book also includes a new chapter on scattering from inhomogeneous media which provides a comprehensive treatment of the theory of scattering of scalar as well as of electromagnetic waves, including the Born series and the Rytov series. The chapter also presents an account of the principles of diffraction tomography - a refinement of the CAT scan - to which Emil Wolf, one of the authors, has made a basic contribution by formulating in 1969 what is generally regarded to be the basic theorem in this field. The chapter also includes an account of scattering from periodic potentials and its connection to the classic subject of determining the structure of crystals from X-ray diffraction experiments, including accounts of von Laue equations, Bragg's law, the Ewald sphere of reflection and the Ewald limiting sphere, both generalized to continuous media. These topics, although originally introduced in

connection with the theory of X-ray diffraction by crystals, have since become of considerable relevance to optics, for example in connection with deep holograms. Other new topics covered in this new edition include interference with broad-band light, which introduces the reader to an important phenomenon discovered relatively recently by Emil Wolf, namely the generation of shifts of spectral lines and other modifications of spectra of radiated fields due to the state of coherence of a source. There is also a section on the so-called Rayleigh-Sommerfield diffraction theory which, in recent times, has been finding increasing popularity among optical scientists. There are also several new appendices, including one on energy conservation in scalar wavefields, which is seldom discussed in books on optics. The new edition of this standard reference will continue to be invaluable to advanced undergraduates, graduate students and researchers working in most areas of optics.

The development of science, technology and industry in the near future requires new materials and devices, which will differ in many aspects from that of past years. This is due to the fact that many sophisticated processes and new materials are being invented. The computer engineering field is a typical example. The main building block for these achievements is science, and leading it is physics, which provides the foundation for the chemical, biological and atomic industries. Physics for Chemists contains many instructive examples complete with detailed analysis and tutorials to evaluate the student's level of understanding. Specifically it is focused to give a robust and relevant background to chemistry students and to eliminate those aspects of physics which are not relevant to these students. This book is aimed at chemistry students and researchers who would by using the book, not only be able to perform relevant physical experiments, but would then also be in a position to provide a well founded explanation of the results. * Fundamental principles of modern physics are explained in parallel with their applications to chemistry and technology * Large number of practical examples and tasks * Presentation of new aspects of chemical science and technology e.g. nanotechnology and synthesis of new magnetic materials

Building on the results of an extensive NSF-funded educational research program and detailed input from an unprecedented 4,500 students and 250 instructors, Randy Knight and Addison-Wesley published Physics for Scientists and Engineers in 2003. Already the most widely adopted new physics text published in more than 30 years, this book has attracted widespread critical acclaim. In College Physics: A Strategic Approach, Randy Knight is joined by Brian Jones and Stuart Field to carefully apply the best solutions from educational research to the algebra-based introductory physics course. Built from the ground up on a wealth of research into how readers learn physics and how they can be taught more effectively, College Physics leads readers to more proficient and long-lasting problem-solving skills, a deeper and better-connected understanding of the concepts, and a broader picture of the relevance of physics to the world around them. Optics: Wave Optics, Ray Optics, Optical Instruments. Electricity And Magnetism, Electric Forces and Fields, Electrical Potential, Current and Resistance, Circuits, Magnetic Fields and Forces, Electromagnetic Induction and Electromagnetic Waves, AC Circuits. Modern Physics, Relativity, Quantum Physics, Atoms and Molecules, Nuclear Physics. For all readers interested in algebra-based college physics.

This book presents a collection of memoir papers on the development of modern and contemporary optics and optoelectronics in China from the 18th to 20th centuries. The

papers were written by famous scientists in China, including members of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Chinese Academy of Engineering, sharing their experience in different fields of optics and optoelectronics development. This is a unique book in understanding the natural science history of optics and optoelectronics. It gives you the general idea about how the western optical science spread to China in the 17th to 18th century; the cradle of the contemporary optics in China; Birth, development and application of lasers in China; high energy and high power lasers for laser antiballistic missile and laser nuclear fusion; development of Chinese optical communication and optical information storage; laser and infrared optics research for space science; development of Chinese optical instruments, etc. Contents: West Science vs. East (Gan Fuxi); Optical Science and Technology in China in the First Half of 20th Century (Gan Fuxi); The Cradle of the Contemporary Optics in China (Gan Fuxi); The History of Research and Development of Optical Glass in China (Gan Fuxi); Birth and Early Development of Lasers in China (Gan Fuxi); Laser ABM OCo One of the Strategic Defense Means in Early Time (Gan Fuxi); Memory of the Early Days OCo Quantum Electronics Research in the Institute of Electronics (Lin Fucheng); Chinese Laser Research Opened to the World (Gan Fuxi); Breakthroughs and Development of Semiconductor Lasers in China (Wang Qiming and Huang Yong-Zhen); Development of the Solid State Laser Materials in China (Gan Fuxi); Development of High Power Lasers in China (Fan Dianyuan); Establishment of the Daheng Company OCo A Pioneering Work of Chinese Scientific and Technological System Reform (Gan Fuxi); National 863 High Technology Program Promoted the Development of Optoelectronics in China (Gan Fuxi); Open Up the Optical Information Storage Technology in China (Gan Fuxi); Progress of Optical Communications in China OCo Fragments of Personal Reminiscences (Fang Zujie); The Course of Development of Astronomical Optical Instruments (Pan Junhua); Infra Red Optics Research and Application in Satellite Monitoring (Xue Yongqi); High Speed Imaging and Monitoring Research and Development (Hou Xun); Research on Laser Cooling and Time Standard in Optical Wavelength Range (Wang Yuzhu); Industrial Development of Optical Instruments in China (Zhuang Songlin). Readership: Students and scientists who are interested in the history of optics and optoelectronics in China.

This undergraduate textbook presents thorough coverage of the standard topics of classical optics and optical instrument design; it also offers significant details regarding the concepts of modern optics. 1969 edition.

Our Evolving Universe is a lucid, non-technical and infectious enthusiastic introduction to current astronomy and cosmology. Highly illustrated throughout with the latest colour images from the world's most advanced telescopes, it also provides a colourful view of our Universe. Malcolm Longair takes us on a breathtaking tour of the most dramatic recent results astronomers have on the birth of stars, the hunt for black holes and dark matter, on gravitational lensing and the latest tests of the Big Bang. He leads the reader right up to understand the key questions that future research in astronomy and cosmology must answer. A clear and comprehensive glossary of technical terms is also provided. For the general reader, student or professional wishing to understand the key questions today's astronomers and cosmologists are trying to answer, this is an invaluable and inspiring read.

Essential College Physics Volume II effectively introduces students to critical concepts

in physics in an approachable and innovative way. Throughout the text, students enjoy clear and concise explanations, relevant real-world examples, and problems that help them master physics fundamentals. The text begins with six chapters on electricity and magnetism, culminating with a concluding chapter on electromagnetic waves and relativity. Following this are two chapters on optics - one on geometrical optics and another on wave optics. The final four chapters cover modern physics, including quanta, atoms, nuclei, and elementary particles. Each chapter features annotated figures and detailed problem-solving strategies to help students learn and retain the material with confidence. The second edition includes a new four-color format, with color coding of pedagogical features to call greater attention to each. Additionally, new applications have been added to make select topics more current and engaging, both throughout the text and, when possible, within problem sets. Essential College Physics Volume II is part of a two-volume set. It can be used independently or in tandem with Volume I. When combined, the two texts cover a full-year course in algebra-based physics, divided either into two semesters or three quarters.

A groundbreaking textbook on twenty-first-century waves of all sorts and their applications Kip Thorne and Roger Blandford's monumental Modern Classical Physics is now available in five stand-alone volumes that make ideal textbooks for individual graduate or advanced undergraduate courses on statistical physics; optics; elasticity and fluid dynamics; plasma physics; and relativity and cosmology. Each volume teaches the fundamental concepts, emphasizes modern, real-world applications, and gives students a physical and intuitive understanding of the subject. Optics is an essential introduction to a resurgent subject. "Optics" originally referred to the study of light, but today the field encompasses all types of waves, including electromagnetic waves, from gamma rays to radio waves; gravitational waves; waves in solids, fluids, and plasmas; and quantum waves. The past few decades have seen revolutions in optics—amazing advances in nonlinear optics technology, a growing understanding of optical phenomena throughout the natural world, and an increasing appreciation of the wide-ranging applicability of optics' central principles. Optics shows how and why this subject—which was once a standard part of physics curricula—should again be routinely taught to physics students, as well as to students in engineering, computer science, and the natural sciences. Includes many exercise problems Features color figures, suggestions for further reading, extensive cross-references, and a detailed index Optional "Track 2" sections make this an ideal book for a one-quarter, half-semester, or full-semester course An online illustration package is available to professors The five volumes, which are available individually as paperbacks and ebooks, are Statistical Physics; Optics; Elasticity and Fluid Dynamics; Plasma Physics; and Relativity and Cosmology.

Richard Wolfson's text focuses on the fundamentals of physics, teaches sound problem-solving skills, emphasises conceptual understanding and makes connections with the real world. Throughout the book, tips offer explanatory or cautionary notes for typical misconceptions and identify the connections between new and old topics.

NEET CHAPTER-WISE & TOPIC-WISE SOLVED PAPERS: PHYSICS

Adapted from a successful and thoroughly field-tested Italian text, the first edition of Electromagnetic Waves was very well received. Its broad, integrated coverage of electromagnetic waves and their applications forms the cornerstone on which the

author based this second edition. Working from Maxwell's equations to applications in optical communications and photonics, *Electromagnetic Waves, Second Edition* forges a link between basic physics and real-life problems in wave propagation and radiation. Accomplished researcher and educator Carlo G. Someda uses a modern approach to the subject. Unlike other books in the field, it surveys all major areas of electromagnetic waves in a single treatment. The book begins with a detailed treatment of the mathematics of Maxwell's equations. It follows with a discussion of polarization, delves into propagation in various media, devotes four chapters to guided propagation, links the concepts to practical applications, and concludes with radiation, diffraction, coherence, and radiation statistics. This edition features many new and reworked problems, updated references and suggestions for further reading, a completely revised appendix on Bessel functions, and new definitions such as antenna effective height. Illustrating the concepts with examples in every chapter, *Electromagnetic Waves, Second Edition* is an ideal introduction for those new to the field as well as a convenient reference for seasoned professionals.

Essentials of Modern Physics Applied to the Study of the Infrared covers topics about the essentials of modern physics. The book starts with the situation of research into the infrared and the problems to which it gives rise, and then discusses instrumentation in the infrared: optics, sources, receivers and electronics. The book describes the interaction between the infrared and matter within the framework of Lorentz's general theory and in the particular case of solids using Born's theory and introducing the notion of phonons. The region of the electromagnetic spectrum and the developments in science and industry, including X-ray analysis, molecular beam experiments, radio, and television are considered. The book tackles the sources of infrared as well as infrared detectors. The text will be useful to physicists, engineers, and laboratory technicians.

Brief Description: The goal of *Essential College Physics* is to provide a book focused on essential principles--a shorter, more focused book that better addresses the learning needs of today's readers while more effectively guiding them through the mastery of physics. Brevity does not need to come at the expense of reader learning. This book is designed from the ground up to be concise and focused, resulting in a book less intimidating and easier to use, with well-coordinated explanations, art, worked examples, and end-of-chapter problems. It incorporates an overarching connected approach: connecting ideas within and across chapters; connecting physics with the real world; connecting words and math; and connecting with how today's readers learn and how they use their book. In addition to providing a strong foundation that teaches physics principles, the book also focuses on building readers' problem-solving skills. The friendly, integrated approach, combined with the low price, makes *Essential College Physics* an invaluable book choice. **Key Topics:** Measurements in Physics, Motion in One Dimension, Motion in Two Dimensions, Force and Newton's Laws of Motion, Work and Energy, Momentum and Collisions, Oscillations, Rotational Motion, Gravitation, Solids and Fluids, Waves and Sound, Temperature, Thermal Expansion, and Ideal Gases, Heat, The Laws of Thermodynamics, Electric Charges, Forces, and Fields, Electric Energy, Potential, and Capacitors, Electric Current, Resistance, and Circuits, Magnetic

Fields and Forces, Electromagnetic Induction and AC Circuits, Electromagnetic Waves and Special Relativity, Geometrical Optics, Wave Optics, Early Modern Physics, Atomic Physics, Nuclear Physics, Elementary Particles Market: Intended for those interested in learning the basics of college physics

Wave Optics: Basic Concepts and Contemporary Trends combines classical optics with some of the latest developments in the field to provide readers with an appreciation and understanding of advanced research topics. Requiring only a basic knowledge of electromagnetic theory and mathematics, this book: Covers the fundamentals of wave optics, such as oscillations, scalar and vector waves, reflection and refraction, polarization, interference and diffraction, and rays and beams Focuses on concepts related to advances in negative materials and superresolution, reflectionless potentials, plasmonics, spin-orbit interaction, optical tweezers, Pendry lensing, and more Includes MATLAB® codes for specific research problems, offering readers a behind-the-scenes look at the computational practices as well as an opportunity to extend the research Drawing parallels with corresponding quantum problems whenever possible to broaden the horizon and outlook, Wave Optics: Basic Concepts and Contemporary Trends gives readers a taste of what is happening in modern optics today and shows why wave optics remains one of the most interesting and challenging areas of physics.

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Discusses harmonic oscillation, forced oscillation, continuum limit, longitudinal oscillations and sound, traveling waves, signals, Fourier analysis, polarization, interference, and diffraction

A workbook to accompany a second-semester algebra-based introductory physics class, including worksheets for the movies that go with the pre-class quizzes. Topics covered include electric charge, DC circuits, magnetism, electromagnetic induction, waves, optics, and modern physics.

The second edition of Modern Physics for Scientists and Engineers is intended for a first course in modern physics. Beginning with a brief and focused account of the historical events leading to the formulation of modern quantum theory, later chapters delve into the underlying physics. Streamlined content, chapters on semiconductors, Dirac equation and quantum field theory, as well as a robust pedagogy and ancillary package, including an accompanying website with computer applets, assist students in learning the essential material. The applets

provide a realistic description of the energy levels and wave functions of electrons in atoms and crystals. The Hartree-Fock and ABINIT applets are valuable tools for studying the properties of atoms and semiconductors. Develops modern quantum mechanical ideas systematically and uses these ideas consistently throughout the book Carefully considers fundamental subjects such as transition probabilities, crystal structure, reciprocal lattices, and Bloch theorem which are fundamental to any treatment of lasers and semiconductor devices Clarifies each important concept through the use of a simple example and often an illustration Features expanded exercises and problems at the end of each chapter Offers multiple appendices to provide quick-reference for students

In recent years the physics of electromagnetic surface phenomena has developed rapidly, evolving into technologies for communications and industry, such as fiber and integrated optics. The variety of phenomena based on electromagnetism at surfaces is rich and this book was written with the aim of summarizing the available knowledge in selected areas of the field. The book contains reviews written by solid state and optical physicists on the nonlinear interaction of electromagnetic waves at and with surfaces and films. Both the physical phenomena and some potential applications are dealt with. Included are discussions of nonlinear wave mixing on films and surfaces, second harmonic generation in waveguides and at surfaces, nonlinear waves guided by dielectric and semiconductor surfaces and films, surface gratings formed by high energy laser beams, and reflection and transmission switching of strong beams onto nonlinear surfaces. Chapters on light scattering from surface excitations and magnetic order-disorder and orientational phase transitions complete this essential contribution to the modern optics literature.

This self-contained book gives fundamental knowledge about scattering and diffraction of electromagnetic waves and fills the gap between general electromagnetic theory courses and collections of engineering formulas. The book is a tutorial for advanced students learning the mathematics and physics of electromagnetic scattering and curious to know how engineering concepts and techniques relate to the foundations of electromagnetics

An introductory text on laser physics features an emphasis on basic laser principles and theory, without requiring a quantum mechanical background. The Encyclopedia of Modern Optics, Second Edition, provides a wide-ranging overview of the field, comprising authoritative reference articles for undergraduate and postgraduate students and those researching outside their area of expertise. Topics covered include classical and quantum optics, lasers, optical fibers and optical fiber systems, optical materials and light-emitting diodes (LEDs). Articles cover all subfields of optical physics and engineering, such as electro-optical design of modulators and detectors. This update contains contributions from international experts who discuss topics such as nano-photonics and plasmonics, optical interconnects, photonic crystals and 2D materials, such as graphene or holy fibers. Other topics of note include solar

energy, high efficiency LED's and their use in illumination, orbital angular momentum, quantum optics and information, metamaterials and transformation optics, high power fiber and UV fiber lasers, random lasers and bio-imaging. Addresses recent developments in the field and integrates concepts from fundamental physics with applications for manufacturing and engineering/design Provides a broad and interdisciplinary coverage of specialist areas Ensures that the material is appropriate for new researchers and those working in a new sub-field, as well as those in industry Thematically arranged and alphabetically indexed, with cross-references added to facilitate ease-of-use

A complete basic undergraduate course in modern optics for students in physics, technology, and engineering. The first half deals with classical physical optics; the second, quantum nature of light. Solutions.

Featuring more than five hundred questions from past Regents exams with worked out solutions and detailed illustrations, this book is integrated with APlusPhysics.com website, which includes online questions and answer forums, videos, animations, and supplemental problems to help you master Regents Physics Essentials.

This thorough and self-contained introduction to modern optics covers, in full, the three components: ray optics, wave optics and quantum optics. Examples of modern applications in the current century are used extensively.

IIT JEE Main and Advanced test the conceptual knowledge of aspirants by asking real-life application based problems on Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics. Keeping this in mind, we have been publishing our best-selling series of books exclusively on different topics of all three subjects to enable aspirants for advanced ability to tackle any type of questions asked from them. "Understanding Physics" is one of those best-selling series written by renowned author, D.C. Pandey which carries five fully comprehensive textbooks presenting 36 essential chapters of Physics. The fifth book on Optics and Modern Physics has been revised thoroughly to reinforce the foundation of Optics and Modern Physics simply and coherently with 8 scoring chapters promoting in-depth discussions on each theory. The focused study material for concept building along with applications for solidifying the problem-solving skills given in this book are highly advantageous. It also provides the last 6 years' questions of JEE Main and Advanced to know the trend and patterns of questions. Enclosed with well-organized and premier set of study material to develop the substantial knowledge of Physics required for acing IIT JEE Main and Advanced, this book is the absolute best in terms of both quality and quantity.

Modern technology is rapidly developing and for this reason future engineers need to acquire advanced knowledge in science and technology, including electromagnetic phenomena. This book is a contemporary text of a one-semester course for junior electrical engineering students. It covers a broad spectrum of electromagnetic phenomena such as, surface waves, plasmas, photonic crystals, negative refraction as well as related materials including superconductors. In addition, the text brings together electromagnetism and optics as the majority of texts discuss electromagnetism disconnected from optics. In contrast, in this book

both are discussed. Seven labs have been developed to accompany the material of the book. For decades, the surface-plasmon-polariton wave guided by the interface of simple isotropic materials dominated the scene. However, in recent times research on electromagnetic surface waves guided by planar interfaces has expanded into new and exciting areas. In the 1990's research focused on advancing knowledge of the newly discovered Dyakonov wave. More recently, much of the surface wave research is motivated by the proliferation of nanotechnology and the growing number of materials available with novel properties. This book leads the reader from the relatively simple surface-plasmon-polariton wave with isotropic materials to the latest research on various types of electromagnetic surface waves guided by the interfaces of complex materials enabled by recent developments in nanotechnology. This includes: Dyakonov waves guided by interfaces formed with columnar thin films, Dyakonov-Tamm waves guided by interfaces formed with sculptured thin films, and multiple modes of surface-plasmon-polariton waves guided by the interface of a metal and a periodically varying dielectric material. Gathers research from the past 5 years in a single comprehensive view of electromagnetic surface waves. Written by the foremost experts and researchers in the field. Layered presentation explains topics with an introductory overview level up to a highly technical level.

Achieve success in your physics course by making the most of what PHYSICS FOR SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS has to offer. From a host of in-text features to a range of outstanding technology resources, you'll have everything you need to understand the natural forces and principles of physics. Throughout every chapter, the authors have built in a wide range of examples, exercises, and illustrations that will help you understand the laws of physics AND succeed in your course! Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

The branch of physics which attempts to study the properties and behaviour of light is known as optics. It also deals with the interactions of light waves with matter and construction of instruments that are used to detect them. Electromagnetic waves such as ultraviolet light, infrared light, microwaves and radio waves are also studied under this discipline. The subject of optics can be further divided into classical optics, physical optics and modern optics. Within classical optics, light is considered to be an electromagnetic wave which travels in straight line. Physical optics deals with the wave nature of light and studies phenomena such as superposition, dispersion and interference. Modern optics deals with study of new devices and technologies like lasers, photomultipliers, image sensors, charge coupled devices and quantum electronics. This book is compiled in such a manner, that it will provide in-depth knowledge about the theory and applications of optics. Some of the diverse topics covered herein address the varied branches that fall under this category. For all those who are interested in optics, this book can prove to be an essential guide.

Tough Test Questions? Missed Lectures? Not Enough Time? Fortunately for you, there's Schaum's Outlines. More than 40 million students have trusted Schaum's to help them succeed in the classroom and on exams. Schaum's is the key to faster learning and higher grades in every subject. Each Outline presents all the essential course information in an easy-to-follow, topic-by-topic format. You also get hundreds of examples, solved problems, and practice exercises to test your skills. This Schaum's Outline gives you Practice problems with full explanations that reinforce knowledge Coverage of the most up-to-date developments in your course field In-depth review of practices and applications Fully compatible with your classroom text, Schaum's highlights all the important facts you need to know. Use Schaum's to shorten your study time-and get your best test scores! Schaum's Outlines-Problem Solved. Bridging condensed matter physics, photochemistry, photophysics, and materials science, Electromagnetic Radiation in Analysis and Design of Organic Materials: Electronic and Biotechnology Applications covers physical properties of materials in the presence of radiation

from across the electromagnetic spectrum. It describes the optical, spectral, thermal, and morphological properties of a wide range of materials and their practical implications in electronic and biotechnologies. It discusses recent advances in the use of radiation in analysis of materials and design for advanced applications. The book contains experimental and theoretical issues that reflect the impact of radiation on materials characteristics highlighting their ease of analysis or adaptation for applications as optical filters, drug delivery systems, antimicrobial layers, amphetamine detectors, or liquid crystal displays.

This textbook offers a complete and rigorous presentation of the fundamentals and applications of wave optics. The material of the book covers topics on wave nature of light—reflection, refraction, polarisation, diffraction, dispersion and scattering of electromagnetic waves. Interference phenomenon is discussed both by division of wavefront and by division of amplitude. Diffraction is classified as Fresnel diffraction and Fraunhofer diffraction. The discussion on Fraunhofer diffraction has been used to explain the theory and resolving power of optical instruments. The role of phenomena of dispersion and scattering of light has been lucidly explained in the field of communication of information, its quality and content. The last three chapters are devoted to the study of the recently developed modern topics—lasers, holography, and fibre optics—all of which have opened up immense opportunities for new applications in almost all branches of science and engineering. Though the book is intended for the undergraduate students of physics—both honours and general courses—it will also be useful to candidates aspiring to sit the competitive examinations. **KEY FEATURES :** Presents interactive text interspersed with in-text questions to enable students to shift focus on active learning. Uses access devices such as expected learning outcomes and practice exercises for directed teaching–learning. Includes numerous worked-out examples to illustrate the concepts and provides review questions to test the students' understanding of the subject. Gives chapter-end summary for quick revision of the important results.

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