

matrices Multitexturing and texture combining Multisampling Point sprites Image and pixel manipulation Pixel buffer objects Shadow mapping Web Resource The book's website at www.sumantaguha.com provides program source code that runs on various platforms. It includes a guide to installing OpenGL and executing the programs, special software to help run the experiments, and figures from the book. The site also contains an instructor's manual with solutions to 100 problems (for qualifying instructors only).

This book speaks about physics discoveries that intertwine mathematical reasoning, modeling, and scientific inquiry. It offers ways of bringing together the structural domain of mathematics and the content of physics in one coherent inquiry. Teaching and learning physics is challenging because students lack the skills to merge these learning paradigms. The purpose of this book is not only to improve access to the understanding of natural phenomena but also to inspire new ways of delivering and understanding the complex concepts of physics. To sustain physics education in college classrooms, authentic training that would help develop high school students' skills of transcending function modeling techniques to reason scientifically is needed and this book aspires to offer such training The book draws on current research in developing students' mathematical reasoning. It identifies areas for advancements and proposes a conceptual framework that is tested in several case studies designed using that framework. Modeling Newton's laws using limited case analysis, Modeling projectile motion using parametric equations and Enabling covariational reasoning in Einstein formula for the photoelectric effect represent some of these case studies. A wealth of conclusions that accompany these case studies, drawn from the realities of classroom teaching, is to help physics teachers and researchers adopt these ideas in practice.

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This book introduces Tanzanian students to the fascinating world of Mechanics - the science of motion and equilibrium. Concepts of mechanics namely vector and scalar quantities, forces, the laws of motion, work, energy, the conservation laws, gravitation, circular, orbital and oscillatory motions cut across not only most branches of physics such as electromagnetism, atomic, molecular, nuclear, astro and space physics, but are also applied to most branches of engineering and technology. This makes mechanics an important component of physics which students must master well at an early stage before branching to various career options. That is why undergraduate programs in sciences at most universities offer mandatory courses on basic mechanics within the first year of study. This book meets the needs of students and academics at the entry level courses. This book covers three crucial subareas of mechanics namely Kinematics, Newtonian mechanics and Lagrangian mechanics. Chapter 1 covers introductory aspects. Kinematics is discussed in chapter 2. Newton's laws of motion are introduced in chapter 3. Chapter 4 deals with the conservation of linear momentum. Work, energy and power are covered in chapter 5. Circular motion, Gravitation and planetary motion, and oscillations are covered in chapters 6, 7 and 8 respectively. Chapter 9 presents the aspects of rigid body dynamics, and Lagrangian mechanics is introduced in chapter 10, which lays a foundation for advanced courses in mechanics. The language of physics is universal, and the book is suited to students globally. However, the book recognises and addresses the specific needs of students in African Universities. There is a marked heterogeneity in the background of students ranging from those who are well prepared to those who are not so well prepared. The book meets the needs of all students. It presents detailed explanations of difficult-to-grasp topics with the help of simple but clearly drawn and labeled diagrams. The discussions and conclusions are presented point-wise, and key words, definitions, laws, etc., are highlighted. A unique feature of the book is a number of 'Recipes' which give students tailor made guidance to problems solving. Application of the recipe is illustrated by a solved example, followed by a similar exercise for students to practice. There are a large number of problems and exercises at the end of each chapter to further sharpen their skills.

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For the calculus-based General Physics course primarily taken by engineers and science majors (including physics majors). This long-awaited and extensive revision maintains Giancoli's reputation for creating carefully crafted, highly accurate and precise physics texts. Physics for Scientists and Engineers combines outstanding pedagogy with a clear and direct narrative and applications that draw the student into the physics. The new edition also features an unrivaled suite of media and on-line resources that enhance the understanding of physics.

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Why do engineers "report" while philosophers "argue" and biologists "describe"? In the Michigan Classics Edition of *Disciplinary Discourses: Social Interactions in Academic Writing*, Ken Hyland examines the relationships between the cultures of academic communities and their unique discourses. Drawing on discourse analysis, corpus linguistics, and the voices of professional insiders, Ken Hyland explores how academics use language to organize their professional lives, carry out intellectual tasks, and reach agreement on what will count as knowledge. In addition, *Disciplinary Discourses* presents a useful framework for understanding the interactions between writers and their readers in published academic writing. From this framework, Hyland provides practical teaching suggestions and points out opportunities for further research within the subject area. As issues of linguistic and rhetorical expression of disciplinary conventions are becoming more central to teachers, students, and researchers, the careful analysis and straightforward style of *Disciplinary Discourses* make it a remarkable asset. The Michigan Classics Edition features a new preface by the author and a new foreword by John M. Swales.

Bringing together international research on nature of science (NOS) representations in science textbooks, the unique analyses presented in this volume provides a global perspective on NOS from elementary to college level and discusses the practical implications in various regions across the globe. Contributing authors highlight the similarities and differences in NOS representations and provide recommendations for future science textbooks. This comprehensive analysis is a definitive reference work for the field of science education.

Since the invention of the laser, our fascination with the photon has led to one of the most dynamic and rapidly growing fields of technology. As the reality of all-optical systems quickly comes into focus, it is more important than ever to have a thorough understanding of light and the optical components used to control it. Comprising chapters drawn from the author's highly anticipated book *Photonics: Principles and Practices*, *Light and Optics: Principles and Practices* offers a detailed and focused treatment for anyone in need of authoritative information on this critical area underlying photonics. Using a consistent approach, the author leads you step-by-step through each topic. Each skillfully crafted chapter first explores the theoretical concepts of each topic, and then demonstrates how these principles apply to real-world applications by guiding you through experimental cases illuminated with numerous illustrations. The book works systematically through light, light and shadow, thermal radiation, light production, light intensity, light and color, the laws of light, plane mirrors, spherical mirrors, lenses, prisms, beamsplitters, light passing through optical components, optical instruments for viewing applications, polarization of light, optical materials, and laboratory safety. Containing several topics presented for the first time in book form, *Light and Optics: Principles and Practices* is simply the most modern, comprehensive, and hands-on text in the field.

This book argues that the traditional image of Feyerabend is erroneous and that, contrary to common belief, he was a great admirer of science. It shows how Feyerabend presented a vision of science that represented how science really works. Besides giving a theoretical framework based on Feyerabend's philosophy of science, the book offers criteria that can help readers to evaluate and understand research reported in important international science education journals, with respect to Feyerabend's epistemological anarchism. The book includes an evaluation of general chemistry and physics textbooks. Most science curricula and textbooks provide the following advice to students: Do not allow theories in contradiction with observations, and all scientific theories must be formulated inductively based on experimental facts. Feyerabend questioned this widely prevalent premise of science education in most parts of the world, and in contrast gave the following advice: Scientists can accept a hypothesis despite experimental evidence to the contrary and scientific theories are not always consistent with all the experimental data. No wonder Feyerabend became a controversial philosopher and was considered to be against rationalism and anti-science. Recent research in philosophy of science, however, has shown that most of Feyerabend's philosophical ideas are in agreement with recent trends in the 21st century. Of the 120 articles from science education journals, evaluated in this book only 9% recognized that Feyerabend was presenting a plurality of perspectives based on how science really works. Furthermore, it has been shown that Feyerabend could even be considered as a perspectival realist. Among other aspects, Feyerabend emphasized that in order to look for breakthroughs in science one does not have to be complacent about the truth of the theories but rather has to look for opportunities to "break rules" or "violate categories." Mansoor Niaz carefully analyses references to Feyerabend in the literature and displays the importance of Feyerabend's philosophy in analyzing, historical episodes. Niaz shows through this remarkable book a deep understanding to the essence of science. - Calvin Kalman, Concordia University, Canada In this book Mansoor Niaz explores the antecedents, context and features of Feyerabend's work and offers a more-nuanced understanding, then reviews and considers its reception in the science education and philosophy of science literature. This is a valuable contribution to scholarship about Feyerabend, with the potential to inform further research as well as science education practice.- David Geelan, Griffith University, Australia

The 2004 Physics Education Research (PER) Conference brought together researchers in how we teach physics and how it is learned. Student understanding of concepts, the efficacy of different pedagogical techniques, and the importance of student attitudes toward physics and knowledge were all discussed. These Proceedings capture an important snapshot of the PER community, containing an incredibly broad collection of research papers of work in progress.

Science and Technology are ubiquitous in the modern world as evidenced by digital lifestyles through mobile phones, computers, digital financial services, digital music, digital television, online newspapers, digital medical equipment and services including e-services (e-commerce, e-learning, e-health, e-government) and the internet. This book, *Introduction to Basic concepts for Engineers and Scientists: Electromagnetic, Quantum, Statistical and Relativistic Concepts*. is written with the objective of imparting

basic concepts for engineering, physics, chemistry students or indeed other sciences, so that such students get an understanding as to what is behind all these modern advances in science and technology. The basic concepts covered in this book include electromagnetic, quantum, statistical and relativistic concepts, and are covered in 20 chapters. The choice of these concepts is not accidental, but deliberate so as to highlight the importance of these basic science concepts in modern engineering and technology. Electromagnetic concepts, are covered in chapters 1 to 6 with chapters 1 (Maxwell's equations), 2 (Electromagnetic waves at boundaries), 3 (Diffraction and Interference), 4 (Optical fiber communications), 5 (Satellite communications) and 6 (Mobile cellular communications). Quantum concepts are covered in chapters 7 to 15 with chapters 7 (Wave-particle duality), 8 (The wave function and solutions of the Schrodinger equation in different systems), 9 (Introduction to the structure of the atom), Introduction to materials science I, II, III and IV, in four chapters: 10 (I: Crystal structure), 11 (II: Phonons), 12 (III: Electrons) and 13 (IV: Magnetic materials), 14 (Semiconductor devices), and 15 (Quantum Optics). Statistical concepts are covered in chapters 16 to 19, with chapters 16 (Introduction to statistical mechanics), 17 (Statistical mechanics distribution functions, covering Maxwell-Boltzmann statistics, Fermi-Dirac statistics and Bose-Einstein statistics), 18 (Transport theory) and 19 (Phase transitions). Finally, chapter 20 (Relativity) where Galilean, Special and General Relativity are discussed.

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This second edition has been substantially expanded to keep students and practicing power conversion engineers ahead of the learning curve in GaN technology advancements. Acknowledging that GaN transistors are not one-to-one replacements for the current MOSFET technology, it serves as a practical guide for understanding basic GaN transistor construction, characteristics, and applications. Included are discussions on the fundamental physics of these power semiconductors, layout and other circuit design considerations, as well as specific application examples demonstrating design techniques when employing GaN devices. Topics include: discussions on device-circuit interactions; practical guidance on formulating specific circuit designs when constructing power conversion systems using GaN transistors. -- Sensor technologies have experienced dramatic growth in recent years, making a significant impact on national security, health care, environmental improvement, energy management, food safety, construction monitoring, manufacturing and process control, and more. However, education on sensor technologies has not kept pace with this rapid development ... until now. Resistive, Capacitive, Inductive, and Magnetic Sensor Technologies examines existing, new, and novel sensor technologies and—through real-world examples, sample problems, and practical exercises—illustrates how the related science and engineering principles can be applied across multiple disciplines, offering greater insight into various sensors' operating mechanisms and practical functions. The book assists readers in understanding resistive, capacitive, inductive, and magnetic (RCIM) sensors, as well as sensors with similar design concepts, characteristics, and circuitry. Resistive, Capacitive, Inductive, and Magnetic Sensor Technologies is a complete and comprehensive overview of RCIM sensing technologies. It takes a unique approach in describing a broad range of sensing technologies and their diverse applications by first reviewing the necessary physics, and then explaining the sensors' intrinsic mechanisms, distinctive designs, materials and manufacturing methods, associated noise types, signal conditioning circuitry, and practical applications. The text not only covers silicon and metallic sensors but also those made of modern and specialized materials such as ceramics, polymers, and organic substances. It provides cutting-edge information useful to students, researchers, scientists, and practicing professionals involved in the design and application of sensor-based products in fields such as biomedical engineering, mechatronics, robotics, aerospace, and beyond.

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