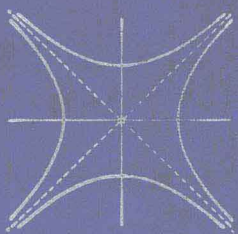


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# PREFACE

This third (1988) edition of *Fundamentals of Physics* is a major revision of both the second (1981) edition of that text and of its revised printing (1986). Although we have retained the basic framework of these earlier versions, we have virtually rewritten the entire book. Users of the earlier editions can appreciate the changes better if we list them in some detail.

(a) In the words of one reviewer, “you have succeeded in maintaining the overall level throughout but have substantially lowered the learning threshold.” Many new techniques have been used to achieve this. For example, many hints on problem solving are sprinkled throughout the early chapters, each one focusing on a chronic student hang-up. (A complete list of these Hints appears on page x). A larger set of worked examples—now called Sample Problems to reflect their consistent focus—is included to provide problem-solving models for all aspects of each chapter; several are put in extended question and answer format to reveal directly the pathways followed by experienced problem solvers. There are more but shorter sections per chapter for easier digestion of the material, and more use of subheads is made within sections for greater clarity and emphasis. In the body of the text, relationships are typically displayed and discussed before they are formally derived, a more inductive procedure that we think will prove effective. Often these formal derivations appear in separate sections or subsections. And, we have greatly expanded the

set of confidence-building exercises for homework while increasing the number of problems as well.

(b) Greater clarity has been achieved in many ways. A more student-oriented style is employed than before and a two-column format has been adopted for easier reading. Chapter-head photographs are now included along with captions that make a valid attention-grabbing point about the contents of each chapter. Opening sections discuss the relevance of the topics to be treated in each chapter in order to motivate students from the start. Throughout the chapter, photographs and diagrams are featured in greater numbers, with self-contained captions, to reinforce the text material. In each chapter there are examples that deal with practical and applied situations. Chapters conclude with a detailed Review and Summary section for student reference and study.

(c) The sets of chapter-ending questions, exercises, and problems are by far the largest and most varied of any introductory physics text. We have edited the highly praised sets of the earlier edition to achieve even greater clarity and interest and have added a substantial number of new applied and conceptual ones. A more generous use of figures and photographs serves better to illustrate the questions, exercises, and problems than before.

The thought questions have always been a special feature of our books. They are used as sources of classroom discussion and for clarification of homework concepts. There are nearly 30 per chapter. Their total

number, now over 1400 in the entire book, is greater than before and they relate even more to everyday phenomena, serve to arouse curiosity and interest, and stress conceptual aspects of physics.

Exercises typically involve one step or formula or represent a single application and are used for building student confidence. They now constitute about 45 percent of the exercise-problem sets. In preparing the new set of problems, we have been careful not to discard the many tried and true problems that have survived the test of the classroom for many years. Long-time users of our text will not find their favorites missing. Of the substantial number of new problems, many fit the “real world” category of student interest and these and the others serve different pedagogic objectives as well. Amongst the problems are a small number of advanced ones, as well, identified by stars\* next to their number. A typical chapter has about 31 exercises and 37 problems, the total number of exercises and problems in the entire book being about 3400.

By labeling exercises “E” and problems “P” and organizing them in order of difficulty for each section of the chapter, we have simplified the selection process for teachers from the voluminous material now made available. The variation of level and the breadth of scope have been enlarged. Hence, teachers can vary the content emphasis and the level of difficulty to suit their tastes and the preparation of the student body while still having a very adequate supply for many years of instruction. Indeed, the book is now somewhat longer principally because of all the self-study and learning features that are now included.

(d) Our treatment of modern physics has been enhanced. There are two entirely new modern physics chapters, one on Relativity and the other on Quarks, Leptons and the Big Bang. And, in rewriting the earlier chapters, we have sought to pave the way more effectively than in previous editions for the systematic study of modern physics presented in the later chapters. We have done this in three ways. (i) In appropriate places we have called attention — by specific example — to the impact of relativistic and quantum ideas on our daily lives. (ii) We have stressed those concepts (conservation principles, symmetry arguments, reference frames, role of aesthetics, similarity of methods, use of models, field concepts, wave concepts, etc.) that are common to both classical and modern physics. (iii) Finally, we have included a number of short optional sections in which selected relativistic and quantum ideas are presented in

ways that lay the foundation for the detailed and systematic treatments of relativity, atomic, nuclear, solid state, and particle physics given in later chapters.

(e) To emphasize the relevance of what physicists do, and further motivate the student, we include, within the chapters, numerous applications of physics in engineering, technology, medicine, and familiar everyday phenomena. In addition, we feature 21 separate, self-contained essays, written by distinguished scientists and distributed at appropriate locations in the text, on the application of physics to special topics of student interest such as sports, toys, amusement parks, medicine, lasers, holography, space, superconductivity, concert-hall acoustics, and many more. (See the Table of Contents.)

(f) In the interests of simplification and of greater clarity for students, certain rearrangements of material have been made. For example, motion in one dimension is now treated before vectors. A better balance of the material on rotational motion in mechanics is achieved over two chapters by presenting the simpler concepts in kinematics and dynamics first, and then the more difficult concepts, enabling the instructors to more easily choose the depth desired. Similarly, formerly-scattered material — such as on the Doppler effect or on special relativity — has been drawn together in one place for greater conceptual unity. Material on elasticity, now somewhat longer, fits more naturally into the chapter on equilibrium. There are, of course, many other smaller rearrangements too numerous to mention here.

Like the second edition, this edition is available in a single volume of 42 chapters, ending with relativity, and in an Extended Version of 49 chapters that contains in addition a development of quantum physics and its applications to atoms, solids, nuclei, and particles. The former is meant for introductory courses that treat modern quantum physics in a subsequent separate course or semester. There are also numerous optional sections throughout the text that are of an advanced, historical, general, or specialized nature.

Indeed, just as a textbook alone is not a course, so a course does not include the entire textbook. We have consciously made available much more material than any one course or instructor is expected to “cover.” More can be “uncovered” by doing less. The process of physics and its essential unity can be revealed by judicious selective coverage of many fewer chapters than are contained here and by coverage of only portions of many included chapters. Rather than give numerous examples

of such coherent selections, we urge the instructor to be guided by his or her own interests and circumstances and to plan ahead so that some topics in modern physics are always included.

A textbook contains far more contributions to the elucidation of a subject than those made by the authors alone. As before, John Merrill (Brigham Young University) has been of special service for all aspects of this work, as has Edward Derrigh (Wentworth Institute of Technology). Albert Bartlett (University of Colorado) has been of particular help with the essays and Benjamin Chi (SUNY Albany) with the figures and photographs. At John Wiley, publishers, we have been fortunate to receive strong coordination and support from Robert McConnin and Catherine Faduska, physics editors, with notable contributions from John Balbalis, Lucille Buonocore, Deborah Herbert, Karin Kincheloe, Safra Nimrod, and other members of the production team. We are grateful to all these persons.

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# LIST OF HINTS

These Hints, which occur in the early chapters and are closely correlated with the Sample Problems, should help in working assigned homework problems and in

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