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Preface

Science in general may be described as organized common sense. In the real world of science, nothing prevails except rationality and logics. Science does not believe in miracles. Clear understanding of the basic principles of science is essential for technological and social development. Once upon a time, the base of engineering was mainly empirical; however, now it is completely scientific. Physics is a fundamental aspect of science on which all engineering sciences have been built upon. Nowadays, more stress is given to the understanding of the basic principles rather than on remembering specific procedures. The fundamental concepts of physics have paved the way for the development of technologies. All modern technological advances from laser micro surgery to television, from computers to dishwashers to mobile phones, from remote controlled toys to space vehicles, trace back directly to the principles of physics. Accordingly, the syllabus of engineering courses includes physics as an essential ingredient.

This book, entitled *Principles of Engineering Physics 1*, is designed as a textbook keeping in view the engineering physics course curricula prescribed by most technical universities of India. The present book begins with oscillations and waves and ends with holography, containing altogether fourteen chapters. This book is written in a logical and coherent manner for easy understanding. The concepts of physics are mathematized without losing the beauty of the physical ideas involved. Emphasis has been given to an understanding of the basic concepts and their applications to a number of engineering problems. Each topic has been discussed in detail, both conceptually and mathematically, so that students do not face any kind of difficulties. All the derivations and solutions of numerical examples are given in detail. Each chapter contains a large number of solved numerical examples, unsolved numerical problems with answers, practical applications, theoretical questions, and multiple choice questions with answers. Certain topics and derivations that are not included directly in the syllabi have also been included in the book for the sake of continuity and completeness. The scope of the book thus has been expanded beyond the basic needs of undergraduate engineering students. We hope this book will be of immense help not only to the students but also to the teachers.

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