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A self-contained treatment of light scattering within the framework of classical electromagnetic theory and linear optics. Treats absorption and scattering of light on an equal basis. Examines absorption and scattering in all types of electromagnetic radiation from radio to ultraviolet wavelengths. Discusses the optical behavior of bulk matter. Balances theory and experimentation. Contains three computer programs for calculating absorption and scattering by homogeneous and coated spheres, and infinite cylinders. Covers surface plasmons and photons in small particles.

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