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## 前言

This book grew out of a 2-semester graduate course in laser physics and quantum optics. It requires a solid understanding of elementary electromagnetism as well as at least one, but preferably two, semesters of quantum mechanics. Its present form resulted from many years of teaching and research at the University of Arizona, the Max-Planck-Institut für Quantenoptik, and the University of Munich. The contents have evolved significantly over the years, due to the fact that quantum optics is a rapidly changing field. Because the amount of material that can be covered in two semesters is finite, a number of topics had to be left out or shortened when new material was added. Important omissions include the manipulation of atomic trajectories by light, superradiance, and descriptions of experiments.

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## 章节摘录

插图：In this book we present the basic ideas needed to understand how laser light interacts with various forms of matter. Among the important consequences is an understanding of the laser itself. The present chapter summarizes classical electromagnetic fields, which describe laser light remarkably well. The chapter also discusses the interaction of these fields with a medium consisting of classical simple harmonic oscillators. It is surprising how well this simple model describes linear absorption, a point discussed from a quantum mechanical point of view in Sect. 3.3. The rest of the book is concerned with nonlinear interactions of radiation with matter. Chapter 2 generalizes the classical oscillator to treat simple kinds of nonlinear mechanisms, and shows us a number of phenomena in a relatively simple context. Starting with Chap. 3, we treat the medium quantum mechanically. The combination of a classical description of light and a quantum mechanical description of matter is called the semiclassical approximation. This approximation is not always justified ( Chaps. 13-19 ), but there are remarkably few cases in quantum optics where we need to quantize the field.

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