

# Preface

This **book** grew out of lectures given at Virginia Tech. in 1989-1991, and continued at King's College, London. The first half is suitable **as** a text for a course of one semester, being part of a programme for students of mathematics or physics pursuing a degree at the level of the M. Sc., M. Sci., M. Phys. or M. Math. The second half, which is undoubtedly harder, might be used **as** a course-book for a more challenging course or as a source for project work at the M. Sc. level, or **as** a guide to research work leading to the M. Phil.

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