

Physical and astronomical constants

Table 1. Physical constants (CODATA 2018)

| | | cgs | MKS |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| gravitational constant | G | $6.674\,30(15) \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ g}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-2}$ | $10^{-11} \text{ m}^3 \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-2}$ |
| speed of light in vacuum | c | $2.997\,924\,58 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm s}^{-1}$ | 10^8 m s^{-1} |
| Planck constant | h | $6.626\,070\,15 \times 10^{-27} \text{ erg s}$ | 10^{-34} J s |
| Boltzmann constant | k | $1.380\,649 \times 10^{-16} \text{ erg K}^{-1}$ | $10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$ |
| electron volt | eV | $1.602\,176\,634 \times 10^{-12} \text{ erg}$ | 10^{-19} J |
| electron charge | e | $4.803\,26 \times 10^{-10} \text{ esu (= dyn}^{1/2} \text{ cm)}$ | $1.602\,176\,634 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$ |
| electron mass | m_e | $9.109\,383\,7015(38) \times 10^{-28} \text{ g}$ | 10^{-31} kg |
| | $m_e c^2$ | $510.998\,950\,00(15) \text{ keV}$ | |
| proton mass | m_p | $1.672\,621\,923\,69(51) \times 10^{-24} \text{ g}$ | 10^{-27} kg |
| | $m_p c^2$ | $938.272\,088\,16(29) \text{ MeV}$ | |
| neutron mass | m_n | $1.674\,927\,498\,04(95) \times 10^{-24} \text{ g}$ | 10^{-27} kg |
| | $m_n c^2$ | $939.565\,420\,52(54) \text{ MeV}$ | |
| atomic mass unit | m_u | $1.660\,539\,066\,60(50) \times 10^{-24} \text{ g}$ | 10^{-27} kg |
| Stefan-Boltzmann constant | $\sigma = 2\pi^5 k^4 / 15h^3 c^2$ | $5.670 \dots \times 10^{-5} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-4}$ | $10^{-8} \text{ J m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-4}$ |
| radiation density constant | $a = 4\sigma/c$ | $7.565 \dots \times 10^{-15} \text{ erg cm}^{-3} \text{ K}^{-4}$ | $10^{-16} \text{ J m}^{-3} \text{ K}^{-4}$ |
| gas constant | R | $8.314 \dots \times 10^7 \text{ erg K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ | $10^0 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ |

Table 2. Astronomical constants

| | | cgs | MKS |
|-------------------|-----------|--|----------------------------|
| Solar mass | M_\odot | $1.998\,4 \times 10^{33} \text{ g}$ | 10^{30} kg |
| Solar radius | R_\odot | $6.957 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}$ | 10^8 m |
| Solar luminosity | L_\odot | $3.84 \times 10^{33} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$ | 10^{26} J s^{-1} |
| year | yr | $3.155\,76 \times 10^7 \text{ s}$ | |
| astronomical unit | AU | $1.495\,978\,71 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}$ | 10^{11} m |
| parsec | pc | $3.085\,678 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}$ | 10^{16} m |