

PHYSICAL AND ASTRONOMICAL CONSTANTS

Velocity of light	$c$	=	$2.998 \times 10^{10}$ cm s <sup>-1</sup>
Gravitational constant	$G$	=	$6.673 \times 10^{-8}$ dyne cm <sup>+2</sup> s <sup>-2</sup>
Planck's constant	$h$	=	$6.626 \times 10^{-27}$ erg s
Electron charge	$e$	=	$4.803 \times 10^{-10}$ esu
		=	$1.602 \times 10^{-19}$ coulomb
Mass of electron	$m_e$	=	$9.110 \times 10^{-28}$ g
Boltzmann constant	$k$	=	$1.381 \times 10^{-16}$ erg K <sup>-1</sup>
Avogadro's number	$N$	=	$6.022 \times 10^{23}$ mole <sup>-1</sup>
Rydberg constant	$R_\infty$	=	$2\pi^2 m_e e^4 / ch^3$
		=	$1.097 \times 10^5$ cm <sup>-1</sup>
Proton mass	$M_p$	=	$1.673 \times 10^{-24}$ g
		=	1.007 amu
Thompson cross-section	$8\pi r_e^2 / 3$	=	$6.652 \times 10^{-25}$ cm <sup>-2</sup>
Stefan-Boltzmann constant	$\sigma$	=	$5.670 \times 10^{-5}$ erg cm <sup>-2</sup> K <sup>-4</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>
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Solar mass	$M_\odot$	=	$1.989 \times 10^{33}$ gm
Solar radius	$R_\odot$	=	$6.960 \times 10^{10}$ cm
Solar luminosity	$L_\odot$	=	$3.826 \times 10^{33}$ erg s <sup>-1</sup>
Earth mass	$M_\oplus$	=	$5.976 \times 10^{27}$ gm
Earth equatorial radius	$R_\oplus$	=	$6.378 \times 10^3$ km
Gravity at earth's surface	$g_\oplus$	=	$9.807 \times 10^2$ cm s <sup>-2</sup>
Astronomical unit	AU	=	$1.496 \times 10^{13}$ cm
parsec	pc	=	3.262 light years
		=	$3.086 \times 10^{18}$ cm
light year	lyr	=	$9.461 \times 10^{17}$ cm
Rayleigh	Ry	=	$(1/4\pi) \times 10^6$ photons/cm <sup>2</sup> /s/sr
Jansky	Jy	=	$10^{-26}$ watts/m <sup>2</sup> /Hz
steradian	sr	=	$3.283 \times 10^3$ deg <sup>2</sup>
		=	$1.182 \times 10^7$ arcmin <sup>2</sup>
		=	$4.255 \times 10^{10}$ arcsec <sup>2</sup>
degree		=	$1.745 \times 10^{-2}$ radian
arcmin		=	$2.909 \times 10^{-4}$ radian
arcsec		=	$4.848 \times 10^{-6}$ radian
deg <sup>2</sup>		=	$3.046 \times 10^{-4}$ steradian
arcmin <sup>2</sup>		=	$8.462 \times 10^{-8}$ steradian
arcsec <sup>2</sup>		=	$2.350 \times 10^{-11}$ steradian