

# Constants, Formulae, and Conversion Factors

Symbol	Value
$c$	$2.997925 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ $2.997925 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm/s}$
$h$	$6.6261 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$ $6.6261 \times 10^{-27} \text{ erg s}$
$k$	$1.3807 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$ $1.3807 \times 10^{-16} \text{ erg/K}$
$G$	$6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3/(\text{kg s}^2)$ $6.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^3/(\text{g s}^2)$
$m_p$	$1.6726 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ $1.6726 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g}$
$m_n$	$1.6748 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ $1.6748 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g}$
$m_e$	$9.1091 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$ $9.1091 \times 10^{-28} \text{ g}$
$m_{He}$	$3.97 m_p$
$\sigma$	$5.6693 \times 10^{-8} \text{ J}/(\text{m}^2 \text{ s K}^4)$ $5.6693 \times 10^{-5} \text{ erg}/(\text{cm}^2 \text{ s K}^4)$ $5.6693 \times 10^{-1} \text{ erg}/(\text{m}^2 \text{ s K}^4)$

Symbol	Value
$M_{\odot}$	$1.989 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}$ $1.989 \times 10^{33} \text{ g}$
$R_{\odot}$	$6.96 \times 10^8 \text{ m}$ $6.96 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}$
$L_{\odot}$	$3.90 \times 10^{26} \text{ Watts}$ $3.90 \times 10^{33} \text{ erg/sec}$
$T_{\odot}$	$5785 \text{ K}$
$M_{Earth}$	$5.974 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$ $5.974 \times 10^{27} \text{ g}$
$R_{Earth}$	$6.378 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$ $6.378 \times 10^8 \text{ cm}$
$M_{moon}$	$7.348 \times 10^{22} \text{ kg}$ $7.348 \times 10^{25} \text{ g}$
$M_{Jupiter}$	$1.90 \times 10^{27} \text{ kg}$ $1.90 \times 10^{30} \text{ g}$
A.U.	$1.496 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}$ $1.496 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}$

1 meter = 100 cm =  $10^{-3}$  km = 1000 mm =  $10^6$  microns  
 1 light year =  $9.4605 \times 10^{15}$  meters  
 1 inch = 2.54 cm  
 1 mile = 1.609344 km  
 1 nanometer =  $10^{-9}$  meters  
 1 Angstrom =  $10^{-10}$  meters  
 1 parsec = 3.26 light years =  $3.08 \times 10^{18}$  cm  
 1 year = 365.244 days = 31,557,000 seconds  
 K = C + 273.15  
 F = 32 + 1.8 × C  
 1 g =  $10^{-3}$  kg = 1000 mg  
 1 Joule = 1 kg m<sup>2</sup>/s<sup>2</sup> =  $10^7$  ergs =  $6.2415 \times 10^{18}$  eV  
 1 erg = 1 g cm<sup>2</sup>/s<sup>2</sup>  
 1 Watt = 1 J/s =  $10^7$  ergs/sec  
 2π radians = 360°  
 1 radian = 206265''  
 1° = 3600''

$v = H_0 d$	$1 + z = \lambda_2/\lambda_1 = D(t_2)/D(t_1)$
$\rho_c = 3H_0^2/8\pi G$	$\Omega_0 = \Omega_m + \Omega_{rad} + \Omega_{\Lambda}$
$\Omega_0 = \rho_0/\rho_c$	$t_0 = f/H_0$

$c = \lambda\nu$   
 $E = h\nu$   
 $F = ma$   
 $E = mc^2$   
 $E = 0.007Mc^2$   
 $\lambda_{max} (\text{cm}) = \frac{0.290}{T(\text{K})}$   
 $F = \sigma T^4$   
 $L = A \times F = 4\pi d^2 b$   
 $L = 4\pi R^2 \sigma T^4$   
 $A = 4\pi R^2$   
 $t \propto M^{-2.5}$   
 $P^2 = \left[ \frac{4\pi^2}{G(M+m)} \right] a^3$   
 $KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$   
 $PE = -GMm/R$   
 $v_{circ} = \sqrt{GM/R}$   
 $v_{esc} = \sqrt{2GM/R}$   
 $R_S = 2GM/c^2$   
 $d [\text{pc}] = 1/p [\text{arcsec}]$   
 $\Theta_{rad} = \frac{\text{diameter}}{\text{distance}}$   
 $D = \frac{\alpha d}{206265} [\alpha \text{ in arcsec}]$   
 $z = (\lambda - \lambda_0)/\lambda_0 = v/c$   
 $L = L_o \sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}$   
 $T = T_o/\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}$