

## fundamental physical constants

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$a$	radiation density constant	$7.55 \times 10^{-16} \text{ J m}^{-3} \text{ K}^{-4}$
$c$	velocity of light	$3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
$G$	gravitational constant	$6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$
$h$	Planck's constant	$6.62 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$
$k$	Boltzmann's constant	$1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$
$m_e$	mass of electron	$9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$
$m_H$	mass of hydrogen atom	$1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
$N_A$	Avogadro's number	$6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
$\sigma$	Stefan Boltzmann constant	$5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4}$
$R$	gas constant ( $k/m_H$ )	$8.26 \times 10^3 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ kg}^{-1}$
$e$	charge of electron	$1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$

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## astronomical quantities

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$L_\odot$	luminosity of Sun	$3.86 \times 10^{26} \text{ W}$
$M_\odot$	mass of Sun	$1.99 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}$
$r_\odot$	radius of Sun	$6.96 \times 10^8 \text{ m}$

$T_{\odot}$  effective temperature of Sun 5780 K

parsec (unit of distance)  $3.09 \times 10^{16}$  m

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## symbols

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$a$	acceleration
$A, Z, N$	nuclear mass number, charge number, neutron number
$B$	magnetic induction
$B_v$	Planck function
$c_p, c_v$	specific heat at constant pressure, constant volume
$d, d^*$	distance, stellar
$d$	deuteron
$e^-, e^+$	electron, positron
$E$	energy
$f$	velocity distribution function
$f(M)$	initial mass function
$F_{\text{cond}}, F_{\text{rad}}$	conductive, radiative flux
$g$	acceleration due to gravity
$h$	angular momentum per unit mass
$H_p$	pressure scale height
$i$	inclination of orbit

$I_v$	intensity of radiation
$j_v$	emission coefficient
$l$	apparent luminosity, mixing length, mean free path
$L, L_s, L_{\text{rad}}, L_{\text{conv}}, L_{\text{cond}}$	luminosity, total, radiative, convective, conductive
$m$	apparent magnitude, fractional mass, particle mass
$M, M_V, M_{\text{bol}}$	absolute magnitude, visual, bolometric
$M, M_s, M_{\text{crit}}, M_{\text{cc}}, M_{\text{ce}}$	mass, total, critical, convective core, convective envelope
$n$	number density
$n_f$	number of degrees of freedom
$n$	neutron
O, B, A, F, G, K, M	spectral types of stars
$p$	momentum
$p$	proton
$P, P_c, P_s, P_{\text{gas}}, P_{\text{rad}}$	pressure, central, surface, gas, radiation
$P$	period of orbit
$q$	charge on nucleus
$Q$	binding energy of nucleus
$r, r_s$	radius, total
$R$	Rayleigh number
$R_{\text{Sch}}$	Schwarzschild radius
$t, t_d, t_{\text{th}}, t_n$	time, dynamical, thermal, nuclear
$T, T_e, T_c, T_{\text{av}}$	temperature, effective, central, mean
$u$	thermal energy per unit mass
$U$	total thermal energy

$UBV$	stellar magnitudes
$v, v_{\text{esc}}, v_{\text{av}}$	velocity, escape, mean
$\nu$	volume per unit mass
$V$	volume, potential energy
$x$	position
$X, Y, Z$	mass fraction of hydrogen, helium, heavy elements
$\alpha$	helium 4 nucleus (alpha particle)
$\gamma$	ratio of specific heats
$\gamma$	photon
$\nabla, \nabla_{\text{ad}}$	$PdT/Tdp$ , adiabatic value
$\epsilon, \epsilon_{\text{pp}}, \epsilon_{\text{CN}}, \epsilon_{\text{3He}}$	energy release, proton-proton, carbon-nitrogen, helium
$\eta, \alpha, \beta$	exponents in laws of energy release and opacity
$\kappa, \kappa_s, \kappa_{\text{rad}}, \kappa_{\text{cond}}$	opacity, surface, radiative, conductive
$\kappa_v$	absorption coefficient
$\lambda$	wavelength
$\lambda_{\text{cond}}, \lambda_{\text{rad}}$	thermal conductivity, radiative
$\mu$	mean molecular weight
$\nu$	frequency
$\nu_e, \nu_{\text{anti}}$	neutrino, antineutrino
$\rho, \rho_c, \rho_{\text{av}}$	density, central, mean
$\sigma_v$	scattering coefficient
$\Sigma$	surface density of disk
$\Phi$	Roche potential
$\omega$	angular velocity
$\omega_p$	plasma frequency
$\Omega$	

gravitational potential energy

The subscript  $\odot$  refers to solar values.

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