

1. Physical Constants

Table 1.1: Revised May 2026 by D. Robinson (LBNL) and P.A. Zyla (LBNL). Mainly from “CODATA recommended values of the fundamental physical constants: 2022,” P.J. Mohr, D.B. Newell, B.N. Taylor, and E. Tiesinga [1]. The electron charge magnitude e , and the Planck, Boltzmann, and Avogadro constants h , k , and N_A , now join c as having defined values; the free-space permittivity and permeability constants ϵ_0 and μ_0 are no longer exact. These changes affect practically everything else in the Table. Figures in parentheses after the values are the 1-standard-deviation uncertainties in the last digits; the fractional uncertainties in parts per 10^9 (ppb) are in the last column. The full 2022 CODATA Committee on Data for Science and Technology set of constants are found at <https://physics.nist.gov/Constants>. The last set of constants (beginning with the Fermi coupling constant) comes from the Particle Data Group. See also “The International System of Units (SI),” 9th ed. (2019) of the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM), <https://www.bipm.org/utis/common/pdf/si-brochure/SI-Brochure-9-EN.pdf>.

Quantity	Symbol, equation	Value	Uncertainty (ppb)
speed of light in vacuum	c	299 792 458 m s ⁻¹	exact
Planck constant	h	6.626 070 15×10 ⁻³⁴ J s (or J/Hz) §	exact
Planck constant, reduced	$\hbar \equiv h/2\pi$	1.054 571 817... × 10 ⁻³⁴ J s = 6.582 119 569... × 10 ⁻²² MeV s	exact* exact*
electron charge magnitude	e	1.602 176 634×10 ⁻¹⁹ C	exact
conversion constant	hc	197.326 980 4... MeV fm	exact*
conversion constant	$(hc)^2$	0.389 379 372 1... GeV ² mbarn	exact*
electron mass	m_e	0.510 998 950 69(16) MeV/c ² = 9.109 383 7139(28)×10 ⁻³¹ kg	0.31
proton mass	m_p	938.272 089 43(29) MeV/c ² = 1.672 621 925 95(52)×10 ⁻²⁷ kg = 1.007 276 466 5789(83) u = 1836.152 673 426(32) m_e	0.31 0.0083, 0.017
neutron mass	m_n	939.565 421 94(48) MeV/c ² = 1.008 664 916 06(40) u	0.51, 0.40
deuteron mass	m_d	1875.612 945 00(58) MeV/c ²	0.31
unified atomic mass unit**	$u = (\text{mass } ^{12}\text{C atom})/12$	931.494 103 72(29) MeV/c ² = 1.660 539 068 92(52)×10 ⁻²⁷ kg	0.31
permittivity of free space	$\epsilon_0 = 1/\mu_0 c^2$	8.854 187 8188(14) × 10 ⁻¹² F m ⁻¹	0.16
permeability of free space	$\mu_0/(4\pi \times 10^{-7})$	0.999 999 999 87(16) N A ⁻²	0.16
fine-structure constant	$\alpha = e^2/4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar c$	7.297 352 5643(11)×10 ⁻³ =1/137.035 999 177(21) †	0.16
classical electron radius	$r_e = e^2/4\pi\epsilon_0 m_e c^2$	2.817 940 3205(13)×10 ⁻¹⁵ m	0.47
(e^- Compton wavelength)/2 π	$\lambda_e = \hbar/m_e c = r_e \alpha^{-1}$	3.861 592 6744(12)×10 ⁻¹³ m	0.31
Bohr radius ($m_{\text{nucleus}} = \infty$)	$a_\infty = 4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar^2/m_e e^2 = r_e \alpha^{-2}$	0.529 177 210 544(82)×10 ⁻¹⁰ m	0.16
wavelength of 1 eV/c particle	$hc/(1 \text{ eV})$	1.239 841 984... × 10 ⁻⁶ m	exact*
Rydberg energy	$hcR_\infty = m_e e^4/2(4\pi\epsilon_0)^2 \hbar^2 = m_e c^2 \alpha^2/2$	13.605 693 122 990(15) eV	1.1×10 ⁻³
Thomson cross section	$\sigma_T = 8\pi r_e^2/3$	0.665 245 870 51(62) barn	0.93
Bohr magneton	$\mu_B = e\hbar/2m_e$	5.788 381 7982(18)×10 ⁻¹¹ MeV T ⁻¹	0.31
nuclear magneton	$\mu_N = e\hbar/2m_p$	3.152 451 254 17(98)×10 ⁻¹⁴ MeV T ⁻¹	0.31
electron cyclotron freq./field	$\omega_{\text{cycl}}^e/B = e/m_e$	1.758 820 008 38(55)×10 ¹¹ rad s ⁻¹ T ⁻¹	0.31
proton cyclotron freq./field	$\omega_{\text{cycl}}^p/B = e/m_p$	9.578 833 1430(30)×10 ⁷ rad s ⁻¹ T ⁻¹	0.31
gravitational constant‡	G_N	6.674 30(15)×10 ⁻¹¹ m ³ kg ⁻¹ s ⁻² = 6.708 83(15)×10 ⁻³⁹ $\hbar c$ (GeV/c ²) ⁻²	2.2 × 10 ⁴ 2.2 × 10 ⁴
standard gravitational accel.	g_N	9.806 65 m s ⁻²	exact
Avogadro constant	N_A	6.022 140 76×10 ²³ mol ⁻¹	exact
Boltzmann constant	k	1.380 649×10 ⁻²³ J K ⁻¹ = 8.617 333 262... × 10 ⁻⁵ eV K ⁻¹	exact exact*
molar volume, ideal gas at STP	$N_A k$ (273.15 K)/(101 325 Pa)	22.413 969 54... × 10 ⁻³ m ³ mol ⁻¹	exact*
Wien displacement law constant	$b = \lambda_{\text{max}} T$	2.897 771 955... × 10 ⁻³ m K	exact*
Stefan-Boltzmann constant	$\sigma = \pi^2 k^4/60\hbar^3 c^2$	5.670 374 419... × 10 ⁻⁸ W m ⁻² K ⁻⁴	exact*
Fermi coupling constant††	$G_F/(hc)^3$	1.166 378 5(6) × 10 ⁻⁵ GeV ⁻²	514
weak-mixing angle‡‡	$\sin^2 \theta(M_Z)$ ($\overline{\text{MS}}$)	0.231 22(6)††	2.6 × 10 ⁵
W^\pm boson mass	m_W	80.3625(77) GeV/c ² ¶	9.6 × 10 ⁴
Z^0 boson mass	m_Z	91.1879(20) GeV/c ²	2.2 × 10 ⁴
strong coupling constant	$\alpha_s(m_Z)$	0.1180(9)	7.6 × 10 ⁶
$\pi = 3.141 592 653 589 793 238 \dots$ $e = 2.718 281 828 459 045 235 \dots$ $\gamma = 0.577 215 664 901 532 860 \dots$			
1 in \equiv 0.0254 m	1 G \equiv 10 ⁻⁴ T	1 eV = 1.602 176 634 × 10 ⁻¹⁹ J (exact)	kT at 300 K = [38.681 727 0718...] ⁻¹ eV (exact*)
1 Å \equiv 0.1 nm	1 dyne \equiv 10 ⁻⁵ N	(1 kg)c ² = 5.609 588 603... × 10 ³⁵ eV(exact*)	0 °C \equiv 273.15K
1 barn \equiv 10 ⁻²⁸ m ²	1 erg \equiv 10 ⁻⁷ J	1 C = 2.997 924 58 × 10 ⁹ esu	1 atmosphere \equiv 760 Torr \equiv 101 325Pa

§ CODATA recommends that the unit be J/Hz to stress that in $h = E/\nu$ the frequency ν is in cycles/sec (Hz), not radians/sec.

* These are calculated from exact values and are exact to the number of places given (*i.e.* no rounding).

** The molar mass of ¹²C is 12.000 000 0126(37) g.

† CODATA recommended value at $Q^2 = 0$. At $Q^2 \approx m_W^2$ the value is $\sim 1/128$. ††

‡ Absolute laboratory measurements of G_N have been made only on scales of about 1 cm to 1 m.

‡‡ See the discussion in “Electroweak model and constraints on new physics” review.

¶ Derived from $\sin^2 \theta$ for the effective angle $\bar{s}_2^2 = 0.23154(6)$.

|| See the “Mass and width of the W boson” and “Electroweak model and constraints on new physics” reviews.

|| See the “ Z boson” and “Electroweak model and constraints on new physics” reviews.

References

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