

Physics Data Booklet

Constants

Quantity	Symbol	Accepted value
Acceleration of free fall at Earth's surface	g	9.81 ms^{-2}
Gravitational constant	G	$6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$
Stefan Boltzmann constant	σ	$5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ Wm}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4}$
Coulomb constant	k	$8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ C}^{-2}$
Permittivity of free space	ϵ_0	$8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2 \text{ N}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2}$
Speed of light in Vacuum	c	$3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$
Planck's constant	h	$6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}$
Elementary charge	e	$1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
Electron rest mass	m_e	$9.110 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg} = 0.000549 \text{ u} = 0.511 \text{ MeVc}^{-2}$
Proton rest mass	m_p	$1.673 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} = 1.007276 \text{ u} = 938 \text{ MeVc}^{-2}$
Neutron rest mass	m_p	$1.675 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} = 1.008665 \text{ MeVc}^{-2}$
Unified atomic mass	u	$1.661 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} = 931.5 \text{ MeVc}^{-2}$
Fermi radius	R_o	$1.20 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}$
Wien Constant	b	$\lambda_{\text{max}} T = 2.9 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m K}$

Unit Conversions

- 1 light year (ly) = $9.46 \times 10^{15} \text{ m}$
- 1 parsec (pc) = 3.26 ly
- 1 astronomical unit (AU) = $1.50 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}$

Metric Multipliers

Prefix	Abbreviation	Value
Giga	G	10^9
Mega	M	10^6
Kilo	k	10^3
Mili	m	10^{-3}
Micro	μ	10^{-6}
Nano	n	10^{-9}
Pico	p	10^{-12}
Femto	f	10^{-15}

Equations – Module 1 (Reporting & Mechanics) & Module 2 (Energy & Power)

Equations	
$\frac{\Delta y}{y} = \frac{\Delta a}{a} + \frac{\Delta b}{b}$	$\frac{\Delta y}{y} = \frac{n\Delta a}{a}$
% discrepancy = $\frac{\text{accepted value} - \text{experimental value}}{\text{accepted value}} \times 100\%$	$F = ma$ and $F = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t}$
$v = u + at$ $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$ $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$	$p = m\Delta v$ $I = F\Delta t$
$F = ma$ and $F = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t}$	$F_{AB} = -F_{BA}$
$W = Fs \cos\theta$	$KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$
GPE = $mg\Delta h$	$P = \frac{E}{\Delta t}$
$eff = \frac{\text{useful work/energy/power}}{\text{total work/energy/power}} \times 100\%$	

Equations – Module 3 (Waves & Electromagnetism)

Equations	
$v = v_0 \cos(\omega t), v = v_0 \sin(\omega t)$	$x = x_0 \cos(\omega t)$ and $x = x_0 \sin(\omega t)$
$v = \pm \omega \sqrt{(x_0^2 - x^2)}$	$v = f\lambda$
$\frac{n_1}{n_2} = \frac{\sin \theta_2}{\sin \theta_1} = \frac{v_2}{v_1}$	$\theta = \frac{n\lambda}{a}$
$PD = n\lambda$ and $PD = (n + \frac{1}{2})\lambda$	$x = \frac{\lambda D}{a}$
$a = \frac{w}{N}$	$d \sin \theta = n\lambda$
$f_1 = nf_0$	Moving source: $f' = f \left(\frac{v}{v \pm u_s} \right)$ Moving observer: $f' = f \left(\frac{v \pm u_o}{v} \right)$
$I = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t}$	$F = \frac{kQq}{r^2}$ $k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$
$I = nAqv$	$V = \frac{W}{q}$
$R = \frac{V}{I}$	$R = \rho \frac{l}{A}, P = VI = I^2R = \frac{V^2}{R}$
$R_{equ} = R_1 + R_2 + \dots, \frac{1}{R_{eqv}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \dots$	$\epsilon = I(R + r)$
$F = qvB \sin \theta$ $F = BIL \sin \theta$	$emf = Bvl (N)$
$\Phi = NBA \cos \theta$	$emf = -\frac{N\Delta\Phi}{\Delta t}$

Equations – Module 4 (Circular Motion, Gravity & Space)

Equations	
$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 2\pi f$ $v = \omega r$	$v = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}}$
$a = \frac{v^2}{r} = \frac{4\pi^2 r}{T^2}$	$F = \frac{mv^2}{r} = m\omega^2 r$
$F = \frac{mv^2}{r} = m\omega^2 r$	$g = \frac{F}{m} \quad \text{and} \quad g = \frac{GM}{r^2}$
$F = G \frac{Mm}{r^2}$	$\frac{T^2}{R^3} = \frac{4\pi^2}{GM}$
$PE = -\frac{GMm}{r}$	$v = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}}$
$d(\text{parsec}) = \frac{1}{p(\text{arc-sec})}$	$a = -\omega^2 x$
$L = \sigma AT^4;$	$b = \frac{L}{4\pi d^2}$
$L \propto M^{3.5}$	$v = H_0 d$
$T = \frac{1}{H_0}$	$z = \frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda_0} = \frac{v}{c}$
$T = \frac{1}{f}$	$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} \text{ or } \omega = 2\pi f$

Equations – Module 5 (Quantum Physics)

Equations	
$E_{upper} - E_{lower} = hf$	$E_n = -\frac{13.6}{n^2} eV$
$E = hf$ $\lambda = \frac{hc}{E}$	$A = \lambda N$
$\lambda T_{\frac{1}{2}} = \ln(2)$	$A = A_0 e^{-\lambda t}$ and $N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$
$\Delta E = \Delta mc^2$	$R = R_0 A^{\frac{1}{3}}$
$\rho = \frac{3u}{4\pi R_0^3}$	$E = hf = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$
$hf = \phi + KE_{max}$	$\lambda = \frac{h}{p}$
$\Delta x \Delta p \geq \frac{h}{4\pi}$ $\Delta E \Delta t \geq \frac{h}{4\pi}$	