

List of Constants

Electron charge	$e = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
Speed of light	$c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$
Boltzmann constant	$k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J} / \text{K}$
Avogadro number	$N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ molecules/mole}$
Gas constant	$R = 8.314 \text{ J} / (\text{K} \cdot \text{mole})$
Electron mass	$m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$ $= 0.511 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
Proton mass	$m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ $= 938 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
Neutron mass	$m_n = 940 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
Coulomb law constant	$1/(4\pi\epsilon_0) = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2 / \text{C}^2$
Atomic mass units conversion factor	$1 \text{ u} = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
Acceleration due to earth's gravity	$g = 9.80 \text{ m/s}^2$
Powers	$m = 10^{-3} ; \mu = 10^{-6} ; n = 10^{-9}$ $M = 10^6$

Useful formulae

Maxwell speed distribution:

$$n(v) = N \left(\frac{m}{2kT} \right)^{3/2} e^{-mv^2/(2kT)} (4\pi v^2)$$

where $\bar{v} = \sqrt{\frac{8kT}{\pi m}}$ and $v_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{3kT}{m}}$.

Lorentz transformation law for space-time with relative motion in the x -direction:

$$t' = \gamma \left(t - \frac{v}{c^2} x \right) \quad x' = \gamma (x - vt) \quad y' = y \quad z' = z$$

The combinations (ct, x, y, z) and $(E/c, p_x, p_y, p_z)$ transform as four-vectors.

Lorentz transformation law for velocity components:

$$u'_x = \frac{u_x - v}{1 - (v/c^2)u_x} \quad u'_y = \frac{u_y}{\gamma [1 - (v/c^2)u_x]} \quad u'_z = \frac{u_z}{\gamma [1 - (v/c^2)u_x]}$$