



Astronomical and Physical Constants

Astronomical unit (au)	1.4960×10^{11} m
Light year (ly)	9.4605×10^{15} m = 63 240 au
Parsec (pc)	3.0860×10^{16} m = 206 265 au
Jansky (Jy)	10^{-26} W m ⁻² Hz ⁻¹
1 Sidereal year	365.2564 solar days
1 Tropical year	365.2422 solar days
1 Calendar year	365.2425 solar days
1 Sidereal day	23 ^h 56 ^m 04 ^s .091
1 Solar day	24 ^h 03 ^m 56 ^s .555 units of sidereal time
Mass of Earth	5.9736×10^{24} kg
Mean radius of Earth	6.371×10^6 m
Equatorial radius of Earth	6.378×10^6 m
Mean velocity of Earth on its orbit	29.783 km s ⁻¹
Mass of Moon	7.3490×10^{22} kg
Radius of Moon	1.737×10^6 m
Mean Earth – Moon distance	3.844×10^8 m
Mass of Sun	1.98892×10^{30} kg
Radius of Sun	6.96×10^8 m
Effective temperature of the Sun	5780 K
Luminosity of the Sun	3.96×10^{26} J s ⁻¹
Solar constant	1366 W m ⁻²
Brightness of the Sun in V-band	-26.8 mag.
Absolute brightness of the Sun in V-band	4.75 mag.
Absolute bolometric brightness of Sun	4.72 mag.
Angular diameter of the Sun	30'
Speed of light in vacuum (c)	2.9979×10^8 m s ⁻¹
Gravitational constant (G)	6.6738×10^{-11} N m ² kg ⁻²
Boltzmann constant (k)	1.381×10^{-23} m kg s ⁻² K ⁻¹
Stefan–Boltzmann constant (σ)	5.6704×10^{-8} kg s ⁻³ K ⁻⁴
Planck constant (h)	6.6261×10^{-34} J s
Wien's constant (b)	2.8978×10^{-3} m K
Hubble constant (H_0)	70 km s ⁻¹ Mpc ⁻¹
electron charge (e)	1.602×10^{-19} C
Current inclination of the ecliptic (ε)	23° 26.3'
Coordinates of the northern ecliptic pole for epoch 2000.0 (α_E , δ_E)	18 ^h 00 ^m 00 ^s , + 66° 33.6'
Coordinates of the northern galactic pole for epoch 2000.0 (α_G , δ_G)	12 ^h 51 ^m , + 27° 08'



You can try to solve an equation $x = f(x)$ using iteration: $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$.

Basic equations of spherical trigonometry

$$\sin a \sin B = \sin b \sin A$$

$$\sin a \cos B = \cos b \sin c - \sin b \cos c \cos A,$$

$$\cos a = \cos b \cos c + \sin b \sin c \cos A.$$

