

Prefixes

a=10⁻¹⁸, f=10⁻¹⁵, p=10⁻¹², n=10⁻⁹, μ = 10⁻⁶, m=10⁻³, c=10⁻², k=10³, M=10⁶, G=10⁹, T=10¹², P=10¹⁵

Physical Constants

$$k = 1/4\pi\epsilon_0 = 8.988 \text{ GNm}^2/\text{C}^2 \text{ (Coulomb's Law)}$$

$$e = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C (proton charge)}$$

$$m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg (electron mass)}$$

$$c = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s (speed of light)}$$

$$h = 6.62607 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s (Planck's constant)}$$

$$\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2\cdot\text{K}^4) \text{ (Stefan-Boltzmann const.)}$$

$$\epsilon_0 = 1/4\pi k = 8.854 \text{ pF/m (permittivity of space)}$$

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T}\cdot\text{m/A (permeability of space)}$$

$$m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg (proton mass)}$$

$$c = 2.99792458 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s (exact value in vacuum)}$$

$$\hbar = 1.05457 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s (Planck's constant}/2\pi)$$

$$hc = 1239.84 \text{ eV}\cdot\text{nm (photon energy constant)}$$

Units

$$N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23}/\text{mole (Avogadro's \#)}$$

$$1.0 \text{ eV} = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J (electron-volt)}$$

$$1 \text{ F} = 1 \text{ C/V} = 1 \text{ farad} = 1 \text{ C}^2/\text{J}$$

$$1 \text{ A} = 1 \text{ C/s} = 1 \text{ ampere} = 1 \text{ coulomb/second}$$

$$1 \text{ T} = 1 \text{ N/A}\cdot\text{m} = 1 \text{ tesla} = 1 \text{ newton/ampere}\cdot\text{meter}$$

$$1 \text{ u} = 1 \text{ g}/N_A = 1.6605 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg (mass unit)}$$

$$1 \text{ V} = 1 \text{ J/C} = 1 \text{ volt} = 1 \text{ joule/coulomb}$$

$$1 \text{ H} = 1 \text{ V}\cdot\text{s/A} = 1 \text{ henry} = 1 \text{ J/A}^2$$

$$1 \Omega = 1 \text{ V/A} = 1 \text{ ohm} = 1 \text{ J}\cdot\text{s/C}^2$$

$$1 \text{ G} = 10^{-4} \text{ T} = 1 \text{ gauss} = 10^{-4} \text{ tesla}$$

OpenStax Chapter 27 Equations - Wave Optics

Wave properties, interference:

$$v = c/n \quad (\text{wave speed in a medium})$$

$$f\lambda = v \quad (\text{wave equation in a medium})$$

$$d \sin \theta = m\lambda \quad (\text{double slits bright fringes})$$

$$\lambda = \lambda_{\text{vacuum}}/n \quad (\text{wavelength in a medium})$$

$$\Delta x = d \sin \theta \quad (\text{path difference in double slits})$$

$$d \sin \theta = (m + 1/2)\lambda \quad (\text{double slits dark fringes})$$

Diffraction:

$$D \sin \theta = m\lambda \quad (\text{single slit minima})$$

$$d \sin \theta = m\lambda \quad (\text{diffraction grating maxima})$$

$$y = L \tan \theta \quad (\text{position on a screen})$$

$$d = 1/(\text{lines per meter}).$$

Rayleigh's Diffraction Limit:

$$\theta_{\text{min}} = 1.22\lambda/D \quad (\text{resolution limit})$$

$$\theta = s/r \quad (\text{angular separation in radians})$$

Polarization:

$$I = I_0 \cos^2 \theta \quad (\text{transmission thru polarizer})$$

$$I = \frac{1}{2}I_0 \quad (\text{transmission of unpolarized light})$$

OpenStax Chapter 28 Equations - Special Relativity

Time dilation and length contraction:

$$\Delta t = \gamma \Delta t_0 = \Delta t_0 / \sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}$$

$$\gamma = 1/\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2} \quad (\text{relativistic factor})$$

$$L = L_0/\gamma = L_0 \sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}$$

$$v/c = \sqrt{1 - 1/\gamma^2} \quad (\text{velocity})$$

Dynamics, mass, energy:

$$p = \gamma m v \quad (\text{relativistic momentum})$$

$$E_0 = mc^2 \quad (\text{rest energy})$$

$$\text{KE} = E - E_0 = (\gamma - 1)mc^2 \quad (\text{kinetic energy})$$

$$\Delta(E_0 + \text{KE}) + \Delta\text{PE} = 0 \quad (\text{conservation of energy})$$

$$m_{\text{rel}} = \gamma m \quad (\text{relativistic mass})$$

$$E = \gamma mc^2 = m_{\text{rel}}c^2 \quad (\text{relativistic energy})$$

$$E = E_0 + \text{KE} = \sqrt{p^2c^2 + m^2c^4} \quad (\text{relativistic energy})$$

$$\Delta\text{PE}_{\text{elec}} = q\Delta V \quad (\text{electric potential energy})$$