

How big is that?

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| Diameter of hydrogen atom | 1.06×10^{-8} cm | Typical lengths: | |
| Diameter of the Moon | 3.5×10^3 km | Atom | 10^{-8} cm |
| Diameter of the Earth | 1.3×10^4 km | Base-pair distance, between N-H groups | 1.08×10^{-7} cm |
| Diameter of the Sun | 1.4×10^6 km | Cyanobacterium diameter | $1 \mu\text{m} = 10^{-4}$ cm |
| Diameter of the Milky Way | 1.7×10^5 ly | Normal star diameter | 10^6 km |
| Distance to the Moon | 3.8×10^5 km | Distance between stars | a few ly |
| Distance to the Sun | 1.5×10^8 km | Normal galaxy diameter | 10^5 ly |
| Distance to the next nearest star | 4.2 ly | Distance between galaxies | 10^6 ly |
| Distance to the center of the Milky Way | 2.8×10^4 ly | Typical masses: | |
| Distance to the nearest galaxy | 1.7×10^5 ly | Smallest star | $0.08 M_{\odot}$ |
| Mass of hydrogen atom | 1.67×10^{-24} gm | Normal star | $1 M_{\odot}$ |
| Mass of the Moon | 7.4×10^{25} gm | Giant star | $10 M_{\odot}$ |
| Mass of the Earth ($1M_{\oplus}$) | 6.0×10^{27} gm | Population III star | $700 M_{\odot}$ |
| Mass of Jupiter ($1M_J$) | 1.9×10^{30} gm | Normal galaxy | $10^{11} - 10^{12} M_{\odot}$ |
| Mass of the Sun ($1M_{\odot}$) | 2.0×10^{33} gm | Galaxy cluster | $10^{14} - 10^{15} M_{\odot}$ |
| Mass of the Milky Way | $4.6 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$ | Typical luminosities: | |
| Luminosity of the Sun ($1L_{\odot}$) | 3.8×10^{33} erg/s | Normal star | $1L_{\odot}$ |
| Luminosity of the largest stars | $10^5 L_{\odot}$ | Giant star | $10^3 - 10^5 L_{\odot}$ |
| Luminosity of the Milky Way | $2 \times 10^{10} L_{\odot}$ | Normal galaxy | $10^9 - 10^{10} L_{\odot}$ |
| Luminosity of quasar 3C 273 | $10^{12} L_{\odot}$ | Quasar | $10^{12} - 10^{13} L_{\odot}$ |
| Earth's rotation period (1 day) | 8.64×10^4 s | Typical timespans: | |
| Moon's revolution period | 27.322 days | Planetary revolution | 1 year |
| Earth's revolution period (1 year) | 365.25 days | Galaxy rotation | $10^7 - 10^9$ years |
| Jupiter's revolution period | 5.2 years | Life of giant stars | $10^6 - 10^9$ years |
| Age of the solar system | 4.6×10^9 years | Life of normal star | 10^{10} years |
| Expected life span of the Sun | 1.0×10^{10} years | Typical speeds: | |
| Halflife of ^{87}Rb | 4.99×10^{10} years | Planetary orbits | 10 km/s |
| Age of the Universe | 1.37×10^{10} years | Stellar motion in galaxy | 100 km/s |
| Earth's equator rotation speed | 0.47 km/s | Between nearby galaxies | 100 km/s |
| Earth's revolution speed | 30 km/s | Other important constants: | |
| Sun's speed within the Milky Way | 250 km/s | 1 ly = 9.46×10^{12} km = | 1 Mly = 10^6 ly |
| Milky Way's speed within the local Universe | 550 km/s | 9.46×10^{17} cm | 1 km = 10^5 cm |
| | | 1 hour = 3600 s | 1 erg = |
| | | 1 year = 3.16×10^7 s | 1 gm cm ² /s ² |
| | | $\pi = 3.14159265359$ | $\ln 2 = 0.693147$ |
| | | Speed of light: $c = 2.99792458 \times 10^5$ km/s = | |
| | | $2.99792458 \times 10^{10}$ cm/s = 1 ly/year | |

| Object | Orbital semimajor axis | | Sidereal revolution period | | Orbital eccentricity | Sidereal rotation period (days) | Radius (km) | Mass (gm) | Visual albedo |
|----------|------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|--------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------|---------------|
| | (AU) | (cm) | (years) | (days) | | | | | |
| Sun | | | | | | 25.4 | 695990 | 1.99E+33 | |
| Mercury | 0.387 | 5.791E+12 | 0.241 | | 0.206 | 58.650 | 2436 | 3.30E+26 | 0.12 |
| Venus | 0.723 | 1.082E+13 | 0.615 | | 0.007 | -243.01 | 6053 | 4.87E+27 | 0.59 |
| Earth | 1.000 | 1.496E+13 | 1.000 | | 0.017 | 0.997 | 6378 | 5.98E+27 | 0.39 |
| Moon | | 3.844E+10 | | 27.322 | 0.055 | 27.322 | 1738 | 7.35E+25 | 0.11 |
| Mars | 1.524 | 2.279E+13 | 1.881 | | 0.093 | 1.026 | 3399 | 6.42E+26 | 0.15 |
| Phobos | | 9.380E+08 | | 0.319 | 0.018 | 0.319 | 14x10 | 9.60E+18 | 0.05 |
| Deimos | | 2.350E+09 | | 1.262 | 0.002 | 1.262 | 8x6 | 2.00E+18 | 0.05 |
| Jupiter | 5.203 | 7.783E+13 | 11.862 | | 0.048 | 0.414 | 71370 | 1.90E+30 | 0.44 |
| Metis | | 1.280E+10 | | 0.295 | 0.000 | 0.300 | 20 | ? | 0.04 |
| Adrastea | | 1.290E+10 | | 0.298 | 0.000 | 0.290 | 12x8 | ? | 0.05 |
| Amalthea | | 1.815E+10 | | 0.498 | 0.003 | 0.498 | 135x78 | ? | 0.05 |
| Thebe | | 2.220E+10 | | 0.674 | 0.010 | 0.674 | 50 | ? | 0.10 |
| Io | | 4.216E+10 | | 1.769 | 0.004 | 1.769 | 1815 | 8.89E+25 | 0.63 |
| Europa | | 6.709E+10 | | 3.551 | 0.010 | 3.551 | 1569 | 4.79E+25 | 0.64 |
| Ganymede | | 1.070E+11 | | 7.155 | 0.002 | 7.155 | 2631 | 1.48E+26 | 0.43 |
| Callisto | | 1.880E+11 | | 16.689 | 0.008 | 16.689 | 2400 | 1.08E+26 | 0.17 |
| Saturn | 9.539 | 1.427E+14 | 29.458 | | 0.056 | 0.444 | 60336 | 5.69E+29 | 0.46 |
| Titan | | 1.222E+11 | | 15.94 | 0.029 | 15.900 | 2575 | 1.35E+26 | 0.60 |
| Uranus | 19.191 | 2.871E+14 | 84.014 | | 0.046 | 0.718 | 25576 | 8.68E+28 | 0.56 |
| Neptune | 30.061 | 4.497E+14 | 164.793 | | 0.010 | 0.671 | 24300 | 1.02E+29 | 0.51 |
| Triton | | 3.548E+10 | | 5.877 | 0.000 | 5.877 | 1355 | 2.14E+25 | 0.75 |
| Pluto | 39.529 | 5.914E+14 | 248.540 | | 0.248 | 6.387 | 1161 | 1.29E+25 | 0.50 |
| Charon | | 1.960E+09 | | 6.387 | 0.000 | 6.387 | 595 | 1.77E+24 | 0.40 |