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**astroconst**

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CHAPTER  
ONE

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## ASTROCONST PACKAGE

### 1.1 Submodules

#### 1.1.1 astroconst.aa module

aa.py: Define astronomical constants from the AA table Selected Astronomical Constants, 2021. Source:  
<http://asa.hmnao.com/SecK/Constants.html>

**astroconst.aa.a\_e = 6378136.6**

6378136.6 ± 0.1 m (TT)

**Type**

Equatorial radius for Earth

**astroconst.aa.au = 149597870700**

149597870700 m

**Type**

Astronomical unit (unit distance)

**astroconst.aa.c = 299792458**

299792458 m/s

**Type**

Speed of light

**astroconst.aadepsilon\_dt = -46.836769**

-46.836769 ''/Julian century (TDB)

**Type**

Rate of change in obliquity

**astroconst.aa.dj\_2 = -3e-09**

-3.0E-09 ± 6E-10 per cy

**Type**

Long-term variation in J\_2

**astroconst.aa.domega\_dt = -0.025754**

-0.025754 ''/Julian century (TDB)

**Type**

Precession of the equator in obliquity

**astroconst.aa.dpsi\_dt = 5038.481507**

5038.481507 ''/Julian century (TDB)

**Type**

Precession of the equator in longitude

**astroconst.aa.dtheta\_dut1 = 1.0027378119113546**

1.00273781191135448 revs/UT1-day

**Type**

Rate of advance of ERA

**astroconst.aa.epsilon\_j2000 = 23.4392794**

23.4392794 °

**Type**

Mean obliquity of the ecliptic, epsilon\_0

**astroconst.aa.g = 6.67428e-11**

6.67428E-11 ± 6.7E-15 m^3/kg/s^2

**Type**

Constant of gravitation

**astroconst.aa.gme = 398600441800000.0**

3.986004418E14 ± 8E05 m^3/s^2 (TCB)

**Type**

Geocentric gravitational constant

**astroconst.aa.gms = 1.32712442099e+20**

1.32712442099E20 ± 1E10 m^3/s^2 (TCB)

**Type**

Solar mass parameter

**astroconst.aa.gms\_over\_gme = 332946.0487**

332946.0487 ± 7E-04 [-]

**Type**

Mass Ratio

**Type**

Sun to Earth

**astroconst.aa.j\_2 = 0.0010826359**

0.0010826359 ± 1E-10 [-]

**Type**

Dynamical form-factor for the Earth

**astroconst.aa.kappa = 20.49551**

20.49551 ''

**Type**

Constant of aberration at epoch J2000.0

**astroconst.aa.l\_b = 1.550519768e-08**

1.550519768E-08 [-]

**Type**

1-d(TDB)/d(TCB)

**astroconst.aa.l\_c = 1.48082686741e-08**

1.48082686741E-08 ± 2E-17 [-]

**Type**

Average value of 1-d(TCG)/d(TCB)

**astroconst.aa.l\_g = 6.969290134e-10**

6.969290134E-10 [-]

**Type**

1-d(TT)/d(TCG)

**astroconst.aa.m\_ceres\_over\_m\_s = 4.72e-10**

4.72E-10 ± 3E-12 [-]

**Type**

Mass Ratio

**Type**

(1) Ceres to Sun

**astroconst.aa.m\_e = 5.9722e+24**

5.9722E24 ± 6E20 kg

**Type**

Mass of the Earth

**astroconst.aa.m\_e\_over\_m\_m = 81.300568**

81.300568 ± 3E-06 [-]

**Type**

Mass Ratio

**Type**

Earth to Moon

**astroconst.aa.m\_m\_over\_m\_e = 0.0123000371**

1.23000371E-02 ± 4E-10 [-]

**Type**

Mass Ratio

**Type**

Moon to Earth

**astroconst.aa.m\_pallas\_over\_m\_s = 1.03e-10**

1.03E-10 ± 3E-12 [-]

**Type**

Mass Ratio

**Type**

(2) Pallas to Sun

**astroconst.aa.m\_s = 1.9884e+30**

1.9884E30 ± 2E26 kg

**Type**

Mass of the Sun

**astroconst.aa.m\_s\_over\_m\_eris = 119100000.0**

1.191E08 ± 1.4E06 [-]

**Type**

Mass Ratio

**Type**

Sun to (136199) Eris

**astroconst.aa.m\_s\_over\_m\_j = 1047.348644**

1.047348644E03 ± 1.7E-05 [-]

**Type**

Mass Ratio

**Type**

Sun to Jupiter

**astroconst.aa.m\_s\_over\_m\_ma = 3098703.59**

3.09870359E06 ± 2E-02 [-]

**Type**

Mass Ratio

**Type**

Sun to Mars

**astroconst.aa.m\_s\_over\_m\_me = 6023600.0**

6.0236E06 ± 3E02 [-]

**Type**

Mass Ratio

**Type**

Sun to Mercury

**astroconst.aa.m\_s\_over\_m\_n = 19412.26**

1.941226E04 ± 3E-02 [-]

**Type**

Mass Ratio

**Type**

Sun to Neptune

**astroconst.aa.m\_s\_over\_m\_p = 136566000.0**

1.36566E08 ± 2.8E04 [-]

**Type**

Mass Ratio

**Type**

Sun to (134340) Pluto

**astroconst.aa.m\_s\_over\_m\_sa = 3497.9018**

3.4979018E03 ± 1E-04 [-]

**Type**

Mass Ratio

**Type**

Sun to Saturn

**astroconst.aa.m\_s\_over\_m\_u = 22902.98**

2.290298E04 ± 3E-02 [-]

**Type**

Mass Ratio

**Type**

Sun to Uranus

**astroconst.aa.m\_s\_over\_m\_ve = 408523.719**

4.08523719E05 ± 8E-03 [-]

**Type**

Mass Ratio

**Type**

Sun to Venus

**astroconst.aa.m\_sun\_over\_m\_earthmoon = 328900.5596**

328900.5596 ± 7E-04 [-]

**Type**

Mass Ratio

**Type**

Sun to Earth + Moon

**astroconst.aa.m\_vesta\_over\_m\_s = 1.35e-10**

1.35E-10 ± 3E-12 [-]

**Type**

Mass Ratio

**Type**

(4) Vesta to Sun

**astroconst.aa.msat\_over\_mpl\_ariel = 1.49e-05**

1.49E-05 [-]

**Type**

Mass of Ariel over planet mass

**astroconst.aa.msat\_over\_mpl\_callisto = 5.667e-05**

5.667E-05 [-]

**Type**

Mass of Callisto over planet mass

```
astroconst.aa.msat_over_mpl_europa = 2.528e-05
```

```
2.528E-05 [-]
```

**Type**

Mass of Europa over planet mass

```
astroconst.aa.msat_over_mpl_ganymede = 7.805e-05
```

```
7.805E-05 [-]
```

**Type**

Mass of Ganymede over planet mass

```
astroconst.aa.msat_over_mpl_io = 4.705e-05
```

```
4.705E-05 [-]
```

**Type**

Mass of Io over planet mass

```
astroconst.aa.msat_over_mpl_oberon = 3.32e-05
```

```
3.32E-05 [-]
```

**Type**

Mass of Oberon over planet mass

```
astroconst.aa.msat_over_mpl_titan = 0.0002367
```

```
2.367E-04 [-]
```

**Type**

Mass of Titan over planet mass

```
astroconst.aa.msat_over_mpl_titania = 3.94e-05
```

```
3.94E-05 [-]
```

**Type**

Mass of Titania over planet mass

```
astroconst.aa.msat_over_mpl_triton = 0.0002089
```

```
2.089E-04 [-]
```

**Type**

Mass of Triton over planet mass

```
astroconst.aa.msat_over_mpl_umbriel = 1.41e-05
```

```
1.41E-05 [-]
```

**Type**

Mass of Umbriel over planet mass

```
astroconst.aa.n = 9.2052331
```

```
9.2052331 "
```

**Type**

Constant of nutation at epoch J2000.0

```
astroconst.aa.omega = 7.292115e-05
```

```
7.292115E-05 rad/s (TT)
```

**Type**

Nominal mean angular vel.of Earth rotatio

astroconst.aa.**one\_over\_f** = 298.25642

298.25642 ± 1E-05 [-]

**Type**

Earth, reciprocal of flattening IERS 2010

astroconst.aa.**one\_over\_tau\_a** = 173.144632674

173.144632674 au/d

astroconst.aa.**p\_a** = 5028.796195

5028.796195 ''/Julian century (TDB)

**Type**

General precession in longitude

astroconst.aa.**pi\_sun** = 8.794143

8.794143 ''

**Type**

Solar parallax, pi\_idot

astroconst.aa.**r\_earth** = 6378.1366

6378.1366 ± 0.0001 km

**Type**

Equatorial radius of Earth

astroconst.aa.**r\_jupiter** = 71492

71492 ± 4 km

**Type**

Equatorial radius of Jupiter

astroconst.aa.**r\_mars** = 3396.19

3396.19 ± 0.1 km

**Type**

Equatorial radius of Mars

astroconst.aa.**r\_mercury** = 2440.53

2440.53 ± 0.04 km

**Type**

Equatorial radius of Mercury

astroconst.aa.**r\_moon** = 1737.4

1737.4 ± 1 km

**Type**

Equatorial radius of Moon (mean)

astroconst.aa.**r\_neptune** = 24764

24764 ± 15 km

**Type**

Equatorial radius of Neptune

**astroconst.aa.r\_pluto = 1188.3**

1188.3 ± 1.6 km

**Type**

Equatorial radius of Pluto (134340)

**astroconst.aa.r\_saturn = 60268**

60268 ± 4 km

**Type**

Equatorial radius of Saturn

**astroconst.aa.r\_sun = 696000**

696000 km

**Type**

Equatorial radius of Sun

**astroconst.aa.r\_uranus = 25559**

25559 ± 4 km

**Type**

Equatorial radius of Uranus

**astroconst.aa.r\_venus = 6051.8**

6051.8 ± 1.0 km

**Type**

Equatorial radius of Venus

**astroconst.aa.tau\_a = 499.00478384**

499.00478384 s

**Type**

Light-time for unit distance

**astroconst.aa.tdb\_0 = -6.55e-05**

-6.55E-05 s

**Type**

TDB-TCB at T\_0 = 2443144.5003725 (TCB)

**astroconst.aa.theta\_0 = 0.779057273264**

0.7790572732640 revolutions

**Type**

Earth rotation angle (ERA) at J2000.0 UT1

**astroconst.aa.w\_0 = 62636853.4**

6.26368534E07 ± 0.5 m^2/s^2

**Type**

Potential of the geoid

## 1.2 Module contents

### AstroConst package

A Python package that provides astronomical constants. The code is being developed by [Marc van der Sluys](#) of the department of Astrophysics at the Radboud University Nijmegen, the Institute of Nuclear and High-Energy Physics (Nikhef), and the Institute for Gravitational and Subatomic Physics (GRASP) at Utrecht University, all in The Netherlands. The AstroConst package can be used under the conditions of the EUPL 1.2 licence. These pages contain the API documentation. For more information on the Python package, licence and source code, see the [AstroConst GitHub page](#).

**astroconst.a\_rad = 7.56572310579377e-16**

Radiation (density) constant,  $7.56591\text{e-}16 \text{ J m}^{-3} \text{ K}^{-4}$

**astroconst.am2r = 0.0002908882086657216**

Factor to convert arcminutes to radians

**astroconst.amu = 1.66053904e-27**

Atomic mass unit; (mass of C12 atom)/12,  $1.6605402\text{e-}27 \text{ kg}$

**astroconst.as2r = 4.84813681109536e-06**

Factor to convert arcseconds to radians.

**astroconst.au = 149597870700**

Astronomical unit

**astroconst.au\_lighttime\_days = 0.005775518331436995**

The light time for 1 AU in days (for apparent planet positions)

**astroconst.c = 299792458**

Speed of light in vacuo

**astroconst.c2k = 273.15**

Degrees Celcius to Kelvin (shift)

**astroconst.cm = 0.01**

Centimeter in SI (m)

**astroconst.cos\_dec\_gp\_2000 = 0.8899880796439262**

Cosine of dec\_gp\_2000, needed for coordinate transformations

**astroconst.d2h = 0.06666666666666667**

Factor to convert degrees to hours

**astroconst.d2r = 0.017453292519943295**

Factor to convert degrees to radians.

**astroconst.day = 86400.0**

Default day == solar day = 86400 s

**astroconst.day\_sid = 0.997269663**

Siderial day in days

**astroconst.day\_sol = 86400.0**

Solar day = 86400 s

```
astroconst.dec_gp_2000 = 0.4734773
```

27.12825° in rad

**Type**

Dec of the Galactic pole for J2000

```
astroconst.dow_en = array(['Sunday', 'Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Wednesday',  
'Thursday', 'Friday', 'Saturday'], dtype='<U9')
```

Capitalised day-of-week names in English.

```
astroconst.dow_en_abr = array(['Sun', 'Mon', 'Tue', 'Wed', 'Thu', 'Fri',  
'Sat'], dtype='<U3')
```

Capitalised three-letter day-of-week abbreviations in English.

```
astroconst.dow_en_abr2 = array(['Su', 'Mo', 'Tu', 'We', 'Th', 'Fr', 'Sa'],  
dtype='<U2')
```

Capitalised two-letter day-of-week abbreviations in English.

```
astroconst.dow_nl = array(['zondag', 'maandag', 'dinsdag', 'woensdag',  
'donderdag', 'vrijdag', 'zaterdag'], dtype='<U9')
```

Lower-case day-of-week names in Dutch.

```
astroconst.dow_nl_abr = array(['zo', 'ma', 'di', 'wo', 'do', 'vr', 'za'],  
dtype='<U2')
```

Lower-case two-letter day-of-week abbreviations in Dutch.

```
astroconst.dow_nl_abr4 = array(['zon', 'maa', 'din', 'woe', 'don', 'vrij',  
'zat'], dtype='<U4')
```

Lower-case four-letter day-of-week abbreviations in Dutch.

```
astroconst.dst_en = array(['standard time', 'daylight-savings time'],  
dtype='<U21')
```

English DST timezone names.

```
astroconst.dst_nl = array(['wintertijd', 'zomertijd'], dtype='<U10')
```

Dutch DST timezone names.

```
astroconst.eV = 1.6021766208e-19
```

1.6021766e-19 J

**Type**

Elementary (electron) charge in Coulomb; ElectronVolt

```
astroconst.e_earth = 0.01671
```

//en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orbital\_eccentricity

**Type**

Orbital eccentricity of the Earth - https

```
astroconst.earth_e = 0.01671
```

//en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orbital\_eccentricity

**Type**

Orbital eccentricity of the Earth - https

**astroconst.earth\_r = 6378136.6**

Equatorial radius of the Earth in SI (m), WGS84

**astroconst.ec = 1.6021766208e-19**

1.6021766e-19 J

**Type**

Elementary (electron) charge in Coulomb; ElectronVolt

**astroconst.enGrChar = array(['alpha', 'beta', 'gamma', 'delta', 'epsilon', 'zeta', 'eta', 'theta', 'iota', 'kappa', 'lambda', 'mu', 'nu', 'xi', 'omicron', 'pi', 'rho', 'sigma', 'tau', 'upsilon', 'phi', 'chi', 'psi', 'omega'], dtype='<U7')**

Lower-case English names for Greek characters.

**astroconst.eps0 = 0.409092599824881**

Obliquity of the ecliptic in J2000.0, degrees -> radians

**astroconst.eps2000 = 0.409092599824881**

Obliquity of the ecliptic at J2000.0 (radians)

**astroconst.g = 6.67428e-11**

Newton's gravitational constant

**astroconst.glon\_se\_2000 = 0.5747704**

32.93192° in rad

**Type**

Galactic longitude of the Spring equinox for J2000

**astroconst.gr = 9.80665**

Mean gravitational acceleration at the Earth's surface, m s^-2

**astroconst.h2d = 15.0**

Factor to convert hours to degrees

**astroconst.h2r = 0.2617993877991494**

Factor to convert hours to radians.

**astroconst.h\_bar = 1.0545718001391127e-34**

Reduced Planck constant, J s

**astroconst.h\_p = 6.62607004e-34**

Planck's constant, 6.6260755e-34 J s

**astroconst.htmlGrChar = array(['&alpha;', '&beta;', '&gamma;', '&delta;', '&epsilon;', '&zeta;', '&eta;', '&theta;', '&iota;', '&kappa;', '&lambda;', '&mu;', '&nu;', '&xi;', '&omicron;', '&pi;', '&rho;', '&sigma;', '&tau;', '&upsilon;', '&phi;', '&chi;', '&psi;', '&omega;'], dtype='<U9')**

HTML codes for lower-case Greek characters.

**astroconst.jd1820 = 2385801**

JD in 1820 (when T=0)

**astroconst.jd1875 = 2405890**

JD at J1875.0 (when constellation boundaries were defined)

**astroconst.jd1900 = 2415021**

JD at J1900.0

**astroconst.jd1950 = 2433283**

JD at J1950.0

**astroconst.jd2000 = 2451545**

00 UT)

**Type**

JD at J2000.0 (2000-01-01 12

**astroconst.jd\_hip = 2448349.0625**

//heasarc.gsfc.nasa.gov/W3Browse/all/hipparcos.html

**Type**

JD of the Hipparcos catalogue (1991-04-02 ~13

**Type**

29 UT) - https

**astroconst.k\_b = 1.38064852e-23**

Boltzmann constant, 1.380658e-23 J/K

**astroconst.km = 1000.0**

Kilometer in SI (m)

**astroconst.l\_sun = 3.85e+26**

Solar luminosity in SI (W)

**astroconst.m\_h = 1.673532757988e-27**

Mass of a hydrogen atom

**astroconst.m\_sun = 1.9891e+30**

Solar mass in SI (kg)

**astroconst.mas2r = 4.84813681109536e-09**

Factor to convert milliarcseconds to radians.

**astroconst.mlen = array([31, 28, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31])**

Length of the months (for non-leap year).

**astroconst.mm = 0.001**

Millimeter in SI (m)

**astroconst.month = 2629748.16**

Default month == Gregorian month in seconds.

**astroconst.month\_ano = 2380713.1094592**

apside to apside, for J2000.0.

**Type**

Anomalistic month in seconds

**astroconst.month\_drac = 2351135.8785888**

node to node, for J2000.0.

**Type**

Draconic month in seconds

`astroconst.month_greg = 2629748.16`

average calendar month length of 4800 months over 400 years.

**Type**

Gregorian month in seconds

`astroconst.month_sid = 2360591.5576608`

fixed star to fixed star, for J2000.0.

**Type**

Sidereal month in seconds

`astroconst.month_syn = 2551442.8768992`

phase to phase, for J2000.0.

**Type**

Synodic month in seconds

`astroconst.month_trop = 2360584.7056224`

equinox to equinox, influenced by precession, for J2000.0.

**Type**

Tropical month in seconds

`astroconst.months_en = array(['', 'January', 'February', 'March', 'April', 'May', 'June', 'July', 'August', 'September', 'October', 'November', 'December'], dtype='<U9')`

Capitalised month names in English.

`astroconst.months_en_abr = array(['', 'Jan', 'Feb', 'Mar', 'Apr', 'May', 'Jun', 'Jul', 'Aug', 'Sep', 'Oct', 'Nov', 'Dec'], dtype='<U3')`

Capitalised month abbreviations in English.

`astroconst.months_en_abr_lc = array(['', 'jan', 'feb', 'mar', 'apr', 'may', 'jun', 'jul', 'aug', 'sep', 'oct', 'nov', 'dec'], dtype='<U3')`

Lower-case month abbreviations in English.

`astroconst.months_en_lc = array(['', 'january', 'february', 'march', 'april', 'may', 'june', 'july', 'august', 'september', 'october', 'november', 'december'], dtype='<U9')`

Lower-case month names in English.

`astroconst.months_nl = array(['', 'januari', 'februari', 'maart', 'april', 'mei', 'juni', 'juli', 'augustus', 'september', 'oktober', 'november', 'december'], dtype='<U9')`

Lower-case month names in Dutch.

`astroconst.months_nl_abr = array(['', 'jan', 'feb', 'mrt', 'apr', 'mei', 'jun', 'jul', 'aug', 'sep', 'okt', 'nov', 'dec'], dtype='<U3')`

Lower-case month abbreviations in Dutch.

`astroconst.months_nl_abr_cap = array(['', 'Jan', 'Feb', 'Mrt', 'Apr', 'Mei', 'Jun', 'Jul', 'Aug', 'Sep', 'Okt', 'Nov', 'Dec'], dtype='<U3')`

Capitalised month abbreviations in Dutch.

```
astroconst.months_nl_cap = array(['', 'Januari', 'Februari', 'Maart', 'April',  
'Mei', 'Juni', 'Juli', 'Augustus', 'September', 'Oktober', 'November',  
'December'], dtype='<U9')
```

Capitalised month names in Dutch.

```
astroconst.moonphase_en = array(['New Moon', 'First Quarter', 'Full Moon',  
'Last Quarter'], dtype='<U13')
```

English names of Lunar phases.

```
astroconst.moonphase_nl = array(['Nieuwe Maan', 'Eerste Kwartier', 'Volle  
Maan', 'Laatste Kwartier'], dtype='<U16')
```

Dutch names of Lunar phases.

```
astroconst.mum = 1e-06
```

Micrometer in SI (m)

```
astroconst.nm = 1e-09
```

Nanometer in SI (m)

```
astroconst.pi = 3.141592653589793
```

```
astroconst.pi2 = 6.283185307179586
```

2

```
astroconst.pio2 = 1.5707963267948966
```

/2

```
astroconst.pio4 = 0.7853981633974483
```

/4

```
astroconst.pl_a = array([3.84400000e+08, 5.79093357e+10, 1.08204140e+11,  
1.49597871e+11, 2.27942276e+11, 7.78327802e+11, 1.42698417e+12,  
2.87093274e+12, 4.49706159e+12, 5.91345423e+12])
```

Planet semi-major axes (m); [0]=Moon

```
astroconst.pl_d = array([3.47620600e+06, 4.87940000e+06, 1.21980000e+07,  
1.27562732e+07, 6.79240000e+06, 1.42984000e+08, 1.20536000e+08,  
5.11180000e+07, 4.95280000e+07, 2.39000000e+06])
```

Equatorial planet diameters (m); [0]=Moon; Venus = 12103.6km + clouds?

```
astroconst.pl_e = array([0.0549, 0.2056, 0.0068, 0.01671, 0.0934, 0.0484,  
0.0541, 0.0472, 0.0086, 0.2488])
```

//en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orbital\_eccentricity); [0]=Moon.

### Type

Planet orbital eccentricities (s - https

```
astroconst.pl_p = array([2.36045800e+06, 7.60035920e+06, 1.94137573e+07,  
3.15569252e+07, 5.93528960e+07, 3.74328247e+08, 9.29575501e+08,  
2.65142863e+09, 5.20058127e+09, 7.82422403e+09])
```

//en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orbital\_period); [0]=Moon.

**Type**

Planet orbital periods (s - https

```
astroconst.pl_r = array([ 1738103. , 2439700. , 6099000. , 6378136.6, 3396200.  
, 71492000. , 60268000. , 25559000. , 24764000. , 1195000. ])
```

Planet equatorial radii (m) = pland/2.

```
astroconst.plname_en = array(['Moon', 'Mercury', 'Venus', 'Sun', 'Mars',  
'Jupiter', 'Saturn', 'Uranus', 'Neptune', 'Pluto'], dtype='<U7')
```

Capitalised planet names.

```
astroconst.plname_en_abr = array(['Moon', 'Mer.', 'Ven.', 'Sun', 'Mars',  
'Jup.', 'Sat.', 'Ura.', 'Nep.', 'Plu.'], dtype='<U4')
```

Capitalised planet abbreviations.

```
astroconst.plname_en_lc = array(['moon', 'mercury', 'venus', 'sun', 'mars',  
'jupiter', 'saturn', 'uranus', 'neptune', 'pluto'], dtype='<U7')
```

Lower-case planet names.

```
astroconst.plname_nl = array(['Maan', 'Mercurius', 'Venus', 'Zon', 'Mars',  
'Jupiter', 'Saturnus', 'Uranus', 'Neptunus', 'Pluto'], dtype='<U9')
```

Capitalised Dutch planet names.

```
astroconst.plname_nl_abr = array(['Maan', 'Mer.', 'Ven.', 'Zon', 'Mars',  
'Jup.', 'Sat.', 'Ura.', 'Nep.', 'Plu.'], dtype='<U4')
```

Capitalised Dutch planet abbreviations.

```
astroconst.plname_nl_lc = array(['maan', 'mercurius', 'venus', 'zon', 'mars',  
'jupiter', 'saturnus', 'uranus', 'neptunus', 'pluto'], dtype='<U9')
```

Lower-case Dutch planet names.

**astroconst.r2am = 3437.7467707849396**

Factor to convert radians to arcminutes

**astroconst.r2as = 206264.80624709636**

Factor to convert radians to arcseconds.

**astroconst.r2d = 57.29577951308232**

Factor to convert radians to degrees.

**astroconst.r2h = 3.819718634205488**

Factor to convert radians to hours.

**astroconst.r2mas = 206264806.24709636**

Factor to convert radians to milliarcseconds.

**astroconst.r\_earth = 6378136.6**

Equatorial radius of the Earth in SI (m), WGS84

**astroconst.r\_sun = 695990000.0**

Solar radius in SI (m)

**astroconst.ra\_gp\_2000 = 3.3660329**

192.85948° in rad

**Type**

RA of the Galactic pole for J2000

**astroconst.sigma = 5.6703668160832706e-08**

Stefan-Boltzmann constant,  $5.67051 \times 10^{-8} \text{ J m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$

**astroconst.sin\_dec\_gp\_2000 = 0.45598379147916696**

Sine of dec\_gp\_2000, needed for coordinate transformations

**astroconst.sol\_const = 1361.5**

Solar constant in  $\text{W/m}^2$  (Wikipedia)

**astroconst.sun\_l = 3.85e+26**

Solar luminosity in SI (W)

**astroconst.sun\_m = 1.9891e+30**

Solar mass in SI (kg)

**astroconst.sun\_r = 695990000.0**

Solar radius in SI (m)

**astroconst.year = 31556925.187488**

Default year == tropical year (s), for J2000.0.

**astroconst.year\_anom = 31558432.5386496**

apside to apside, for J2000.0

**Type**

Anomalistic year in seconds

**astroconst.year\_greg = 31556952.0**

assumes 97 leap years in 400 years, for J2000.0

**Type**

Gregorian year in seconds

**astroconst.year\_jul = 31557600.0**

assumes 100 leap years in 400 years, for J2000.0

**Type**

Julian year in seconds

**astroconst.year\_sid = 31558149.7676064**

fixed star to fixed star, for J2000.0

**Type**

Siderial year in seconds

**astroconst.year\_trop = 31556925.187488**

equinox to equinox, influenced by precession, for J2000.0

**Type**

Tropical year in seconds

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