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Objects of sizes in different order of magnitude (at inconsistent intervals) Graphical overview of sizes The following are examples of orders of magnitude for different lengths. Scale Range (m) Unit Example items ≈ Subatomic − 0 – Gravitational singularity 10–36 to 10−33 fP Fixed value (not a range), Quantum foam, string 10–18 to 10–15 am Proton, neutron, pin Atomic to cellular 10–15 to 10–12 m Atomic nucleus 10–12 to 10–9 μm Wavelength of gamma rays and X-rays, hydrogen atom 10–9 to 10–6 mm DNA helix, virus, wavelength of optical spectrum, transistors used in CPUs Cellular to human 10–6 to 10–3 μm Bacterium, fog water droplet, human hair's diameter[note 1] 10–3 to 1 mm Mosquito, golf ball, domestic cat, violin, football Human to astronomical 1 103 m Piano, human, automobile, sperm whale, football field, Eiffel Tower 103 106 km Mount Everest, length of Panama Canal and Trans-Siberian Railway, larger asteroid Astronomical 106 109 Mm The Moon, Earth, one light-second 109 1012 Gm Sun, one light-minute, Earth's orbit 1012 1015 Tm Orbits of outer planets, Solar System 1015 1018 Pm A light-year, the distance to Proxima Centauri 1018 1021 Em Galactic arm 1021 1024 Zm Milky Way, distance to Andromeda Galaxy 1024 1027 Ym Hubble-LTGO, Hercules-Corona Borealis Great Wall, Observable universe To help compare different orders of magnitude, the following list describes various lengths between 1.6 × 10 − 35 [⟨displaystyle 1.6\times 10^{-35}⟩ metres and 10 10 122 [⟨displaystyle 10^{10}\times 10^{10}(^{\langle 122\rangle})\rangle metres. Factor (m) Multiple Value Item 0 0 Singularity 10–35 l Planck length 0.0000162 gm Planck length; typical scale of hypothetical loop quantum gravity or size of a hypothetical string and of particles proposed as subcomponents of quarks and leptons; the upper bound for the width of a cosmic string in string theory 7 m Effective cross section radius of high-energy neutrinos[3] 310 zm De Broglie wavelength of protons at the Large Hadron Collider (4 TeV as of 2012[update]) 10–18 m attometre (am) Upper limit for the size of quarks and electrons Sensitivity of the LIGO detector for gravitational waves[4] Upper bound of the typical size range for "fundamental strings"[1] 10–17 to 10 nm Range of the weak force 10–16 to 100 am 850 am Approximate proton radius[5] Factor (m) Multiple Value Item 10–15 femtometre (fm, fermi) 1 fm Approximate limit of the gluon-mediated color force between quarks[6][7] 1.5 fm Effective cross section radius of an 11 MeV proton[8] 2.81794 fm Classical electron radius[9] 3 fm Approximate limit of the meson-mediated nuclear binding force[6][7] 750 to 822.25 fm Longest wavelength of gamma rays 10–12 p Metre range of the atomic nucleon[11][10] 1 pm Distance between atomic nuclei in a white dwarf 2.4 μm Compton wavelength of electron 5 μm Wavelength of shortest X-rays 10–11 to 10 nm 28 πm Radius of helium atom 53 pm Bohr radius (radius of a hydrogen atom) 10–10 to 100 pm 100 pm 1 ångström (also covalent radii of sulfur atom[11]) 154 pm Length of a typical covalent bond (C–C) 280 pm Average size of the water molecule (actual lengths may vary) 500 pm Width of protein c helix 10–9 n nanometre (nm) 1 nm Diameter of a carbon nanotube[12] Diameter of smallest transistor gate (as of 2016)[13] 2 nm Diameter of the DNA helix[14] 2.5 nm Smallest microprocessor transistor gate oxide thickness (as of January 2007[update])[citation needed] 3.4 nm Length of a DNA turn (10 bp)[15] 6–10 nm Thickness of cell membrane 10–8 to 10 nm 10 nm Upper range of thickness of cell wall in Gram-negative bacteria[16] 10 nm As of 2016[update], the 10 nanometre was the smallest semiconductor device fabrication node[17] 40 nm Extreme ultraviolet wavelength 50 nm Flying height of the head of a hard disk[18] 10–7 100 nm 121.6 nm Wavelength of the Lyman-alpha line[19] 10 nm Typical diameter of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)[20] 400–700 nm Appoximate wavelength of visible light[21] F actor (m) Multiple Value Item 10–6 i micrometre (μm) (also called 1 micron) 1–4 μm Typical length of a bacterium[22] 4 μm Typical diameter of spider silk[23] 7 μm Tyical diameter of a red blood cell[24] 10–5 to 10 μm 10 μm Typical size of a fog, mist, or cloud water droplet 10 μm Width of transistors in the Intel 4004, the world's first commercial microprocessor 12 μm Width of acrylic fiber 17–181 μm Width range of human hair[25] 10–4 100 μm 340 μm Size of a pixel on a 17-inch monitor with a resolution of 1024×768 560 μm Thickness of the central area of a human cornea[26] 750 μm Maximum diameter of Thiomargarita namibiensis, the second largest bacterium ever discovered 10–3 millimetre (mm) ~5 mm Length of an average flea s 1–10 mm (usually 1 Rm = >105.7 billion light-years - size of universe beyond the cosmic light horizon, depending on its curvature; if the curvature is zero (i.e., the universe is spatially flat), the value can be infinite (see Shape of the universe) as previously mentioned . 2.764 Rm - 292.2 billion light-years - circumference of the observable universe, as it is in the shape of a sphere. =10101012light-years - the possible size of the universe after cosmological inflation. ≈= light-years - theoretical size of the multiverse if it exists. Fermi problem Scale (analytical tool) Spatial scale The Scale of the Universe ^ The diameter of human hair ranges from 7 to 181 μm Ley, Brian (1999). Elert, Glenn (ed.). "Diameter of a human hair". The Physics Factbook. Retrieved 8 December 2018. ^ a b The exact category (asteroid, dwarf planet, or planet) to which particular Solar System objects belong, has been subject to some revision since the discovery of extrasolar planets and trans-Neptunian objects ^ 10115 is 1 followed by 115 zeroes, or a googol multiplied by a quadrillion. 1010115 is 1 followed by a quadrillion googol zeroes. 101010122 is 1 followed by 1010122 (a googolplex[10 sextillion] zeroes. ^ But not cloud or high-level fog droplets; droplet size increases with altitude. For a contradictory study indicating larger drop sizes even in ground fog, see Eldridge, Ralph G. (October 1961). "A Few Fog Drop-Size Distributions". Journal of Meteorology. 18 (S): 671–6. 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