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Zero values are indicated by the figure 0 throughout the book. A dash (-) signifies that the value is unknown, and this sign should on no account be interpreted as a zero value.

As a rule, the meanings of symbols and abbreviations are given where they first occur. For units of measurement an alphabetical list is available on page 199.

In the numerical tables, a point over the last figure (or figures) indicates a recurring figure (or figures), thus

$$1.\dot{6} = 1.666666\dots$$

$$1.652\dot{7}8 = 1.65278278278\dots$$

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Exact values have been distinguished from rounded-off values by printing the last figure in **bold-face** type. Thus, 1.1257 would be the rounded-off value of, say, 1.1257354... , while 1.125**7** is an exact number. This notation is used in particular for the arbitrarily defined values of constants.

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