

Empirical formulae of the masses of elementary particles

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particle	formula	calculated(<i>c</i>)	measured(<i>m</i>)	$ c/m - 1 $
<i>e</i>	$1/(12\pi^2)\epsilon_0^{1/3}(1 + (1/4)(1/(6\pi)^2))^{-1}M_{pl}$	0.511002 MeV	$0.510998946 \pm 0.0000000031$ MeV	5.9×10^{-6}
μ	$3/2\epsilon_0^{1/3}(1 - 1/(2\pi) + 3/(4\pi)^2)^{-1}M_{pl}$	105.6594 MeV	$105.6583745 \pm 0.0000024$ MeV	9.6×10^{-6}
τ	$9\pi\epsilon_0^{1/3}(1 - 1/(8\pi) + (5/4)(1/(6\pi)^2))^{-1}M_{pl}$	1.77684 GeV	1.77686 ± 0.12 GeV	1.9×10^{-5}
<i>t</i>	$8 \times (6\pi)^2\epsilon_0^{1/3}M_{pl}$	172.1 GeV	173.4 ± 0.75 GeV	7.5×10^{-3}
<i>c</i>	$12\epsilon_0^{1/3}M_{pl}$	1.24 GeV	1.28 ± 0.025 GeV (\overline{MS} at m_c)	3.4×10^{-2}
<i>u</i>	$8 \times (6\pi)^{-2}\epsilon_0^{1/3}M_{pl}$	2.07 MeV	2.15 ± 0.15 MeV (\overline{MS} at 2 GeV)	3.8×10^{-2}
<i>b</i>	$3 \times 2^{-1/12}(6\pi)\epsilon_0^{1/3}M_{pl}$	4.33 GeV	4.18 ± 0.03 GeV (\overline{MS} at m_b)	3.6×10^{-2}
<i>s</i>	$\epsilon_0^{1/3}M_{pl}$	91.8 MeV	93.8 ± 2.4 MeV (\overline{MS} at 2 GeV)	2.1×10^{-2}
<i>d</i>	$(6\pi)^{-1}\epsilon_0^{1/3}M_{pl}$	4.87 MeV	4.7 ± 0.2 MeV (\overline{MS} at 2 GeV)	3.6×10^{-2}
<i>Z</i>	$1/(8\pi^2)\epsilon_0^{1/4}(1 + (1/11)(1/(2\pi)^2))^{-1}M_{pl}$	91.1883 GeV	91.1876 ± 0.0021 GeV	7.4×10^{-6}
<i>W</i>	$2^{-1/4}/(8\pi^2)\epsilon_0^{1/4}(1 - (19/11)(1/(2\pi)^2))^{-1}M_{pl}$	80.373 GeV	80.385 ± 0.015 GeV	1.9×10^{-4}
<i>H</i>	$2^{1/2}/(8\pi^2)\epsilon_0^{1/4}(1 + (14/11)(1/(2\pi)^2))^{-1}M_{pl}$	125.22 GeV	125.1 ± 0.2 GeV	1.0×10^{-3}

I report empirical formulae of the masses of charged leptons (e, μ, τ), quarks (t, c, u, b, s, d), gauge bosons (Z, W), and Higgs boson (H). The formulae yield the masses in terms of the Planck mass M_{pl} and a dimensionless constant $\epsilon_0 = 2 \times (6\pi)^{-48}$. There is no adjustable parameter in the formulae.

The mass values calculated using the formulae are compared with measured values. For the calculation, the value of Planck mass from CODATA¹⁾ is used:

$$M_{pl} = 1.220910 \pm 0.000029 \times 10^{19} \text{ GeV}.$$

The measured values of particle masses are taken from PDG2016.²⁾ The mass of a quark is dependent on the scale and the scheme. In the PDG review, the mass of quarks other than the t quark are given in the \overline{MS} scheme at $\mu = 2$ GeV for the u, d, s quarks and at $\mu = m_q$ for the b and c quarks. For the t quark, the measured mass is considered to be the pole mass. The formula for a quark is assumed to yield the \overline{MS} mass at the Z boson mass m_Z . The first-order renormalized group equation (RGE) below is used to correct for the mass value at m_Z to the mass at the scale the PDG uses:

$$\frac{m(t)}{m_0} = \exp\left(-\int \frac{\alpha_s(t)}{\pi} dt\right),$$

where $t = \log \mu^2$ and $\alpha_s(t)$ is the running QCD coupling constant at the scale μ . The value of $\alpha_s(t)$ in the PDG2016 review is used for the calculation.

The formulae, the calculated values (c) using the formulae, the measured values (m), and difference $|c/m - 1|$ are summarized in the table above. The calculation reproduce the measured mass values well. The agreement is within the uncertainty of the measured mass or the Planck mass (2.4×10^{-5}).

There is a pattern in the formulae. The formulae can be summarized as

$$m_l = \frac{1}{2}N_l(6\pi)^{n_l}\epsilon_0^{1/3}(1 + \delta_l)^{-1}M_{pl},$$

$$m_q = 2^{c_q}N_q(6\pi)^{n_q}\epsilon_0^{1/3}M_{pl},$$

$$m_B = \frac{2^{c_B}}{8\pi^2}\epsilon_0^{1/4}(1 + \delta_B)^{-1}M_{pl},$$

where $m_l, m_q,$ and m_B are the masses of charged leptons, quarks, and bosons, respectively. N_l and N_q are small positive integers, n_l and n_q are integers ranging from -2 to 2 , and δ_l and δ_B are small real numbers. $c_b = -1/12$ and $c_q = 0$ for all other quarks, and $c_Z = 0, c_W = -1/4,$ and $c_H = 1/2$. The pattern suggests the existence of a rule that determines the formulae. Note that all fermion masses are order of $(6\pi)^{n_f}\epsilon_0^{1/3}$ with $-2 \leq n_f \leq 2$ and the boson masses are of the order of $1/8\pi^2\epsilon_0^{1/4}$. Presumably, this part is the main part of the mass, and $(1 + \delta_l)$ and $(1 + \delta_B)$ are correction factors due to interactions.

Note that the value of ϵ_0 is consistent with the product of the Hubble constant H_0 and the Planck time $t_{pl} = 1/M_{pl}$:

$$H_0 \times t_{pl} = (1.211 \pm 0.014) \times 10^{-61}$$

$$\epsilon_0 \equiv 2 \times (6\pi)^{-48} = 1.220608 \times 10^{-61}$$

Here, the WMAP 9 year value of H_0 is used. This suggests that the masses of elementary particles are related to the expansion of space-time.

A theoretical model that can explain these formulae is under development.

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