

Electromagnetic Plane Wave (4)



For given wave number k the angular frequency ω is determined, for example by substitution of $E_{max} \sin(kx - \omega t)$ into (E).

For given amplitude E_{max} the amplitude B_{max} is determined, for example, by substituting $E_{max} \sin(kx - \omega t)$ and $B_{max} \sin(kx - \omega t)$ into (A) or (F).

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{E_{max}}{B_{max}} = c.$$

The direction of wave propagation is determined by the Poynting vector:

$$\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \times \vec{B}.$$

