

Speed of EM wave in vacuum

Recall fundamental constants of electricity and magnetism:

$$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2 / \text{Nm}^2$$


“Permittivity of free space” (electricity)

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ Tm/A}$$

“Permeability of free space” (magnetism)

Now multiply them:

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_0 \mu_0 &= 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \frac{\text{C}^2}{\text{Nm}^2} \times 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \frac{\text{Nm}}{\text{Cm/s C/s}} \\ &= 1.11 \times 10^{-17} \frac{\text{s}^2}{\text{m}^2} \end{aligned}$$

Note: 
1T = 1 N/Cm/s (from $F = qvB\sin(\theta)$)
1A = 1 C/s (from $I = \Delta Q/\Delta t$)

$$c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}} = 3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$