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Problem 41.7 (RHK)

A certain plane electromagnetic wave has a maximum electric field of $321 \mu\text{V m}^{-1}$. We have to find the maximum magnetic field.

Solution:

For a plane electromagnetic wave the electric field, E , and the magnetic field, B , are related as

$$E = cB.$$

It is given that the plane electromagnetic wave has a maximum electric field of $321 \mu\text{V m}^{-1}$. Therefore, the maximum magnetic field associated with the wave will be

$$B_{\text{max}} = \frac{E_{\text{max}}}{c} = \frac{321 \times 10^{-6}}{3 \times 10^8} \text{ T} = 1.07 \times 10^{-12} \text{ T} = 1.07 \text{ pT}.$$