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## Question

Distance of the point  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  from y-axis is

- a)  $\beta$
- b)  $|\beta|$
- c)  $|\beta + \gamma|$ d)  $\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \gamma^2}$

## Theoretical Solution

Let 
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

Equation of y-axis: 
$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{e_2} \ OR \ \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (1)

Let the distance of Point A from the y-axis be 'd'.

Distance formula from y-axis of a point = 
$$\sqrt{x^2 + z^2}$$
 (2)

$$\therefore d = \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \gamma^2} \tag{3}$$

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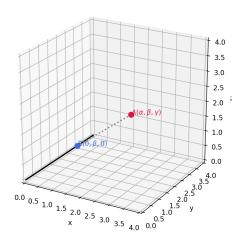


Figure: Point B is a point on the y-axis which is nearest to point A