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Question:

The vector in the direction of the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  that has magnitude 9 is

$$1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

3) 
$$3\begin{pmatrix} 1\\ -2\\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

4) 
$$9\begin{pmatrix} 1\\ -2\\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Variable	Description
Q	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ point
P	$\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$ point
R	$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$ point
X	value to be found

TABLE I: Variables Used

Solution: Unit vector in the direction of A is

$$\frac{A}{\|A\|}\tag{1}$$

$$||A|| = A^T A \tag{2}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{3}$$

$$=\sqrt{9}=3\tag{4}$$

... the vector in the direction of A, with 9 times its magnitude is

$$9\frac{A}{\|A\|} = 9\frac{\binom{1}{-2}}{\frac{2}{2}}$$

$$= 3\binom{1}{-2}$$
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so, 3) = 
$$3\begin{pmatrix} 1\\ -2\\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$
 is the required vector

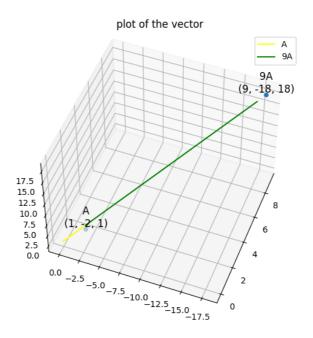


Fig. 1: Plot of P,Q,R