

Ques: Find a unit vector that makes an angle of $90^\circ, 135^\circ, 45^\circ$ with positive X, Y and Z axis respectively.

Soln : Given,

$$\alpha = 90^\circ,$$

$$\beta = 135^\circ,$$

$$\gamma = 45^\circ.$$

$$\text{i.e } l = \cos 90^\circ = 0, m = \cos 135^\circ = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}, n = \cos 45^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{m}} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos 90^\circ \\ \cos 135^\circ \\ \cos 45^\circ \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Also, we know that,

$$\tilde{\mathbf{m}} = \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{m}}}{\|\tilde{\mathbf{m}}\|}$$

$$\|\tilde{\mathbf{m}}\| = \sqrt{0^2 + \left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\tilde{\mathbf{m}}\| = 1 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Hence, from (1) and (2) we have the unit vector: } \tilde{\mathbf{m}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$