

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,

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &= 90^\circ, \\ \beta &= 135^\circ, \\ \gamma &= 45^\circ\end{aligned}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Also, we know that,

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{a}\| = 1$$

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