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Question:

If a line makes angle 90° , 60° and 30° with the positive direction of X, Y and Z axes respectively, find its direction cosines.

solution: The direction cosines of an angle are defined as $\cos\theta$.

Axis	Angle
X	$\alpha = 90^\circ$
Y	$\beta = 60^\circ$
Z	$\gamma = 30^\circ$

TABLE 0: Input parameters

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha \\ \cos \beta \\ \cos \gamma \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos 90^\circ \\ \cos 60^\circ \\ \cos 30^\circ \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.3)$$

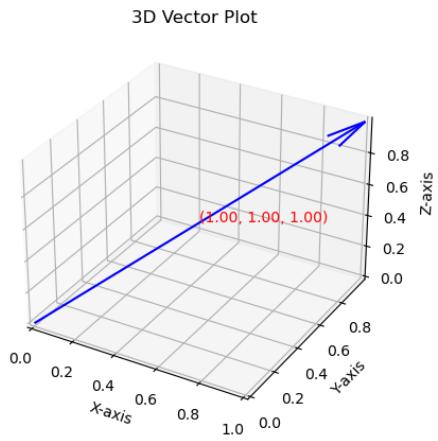


Fig. 0.1: 3D vector Representation of Direction Cosines