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Question:

Write the direction ratios of the vector $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and hence calculate its direction cosines

Solution:

| Variable | Description | Formula |
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| a | A vector | $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ |

TABLE 0

$$\vec{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.1)$$

The direction ratios are 1,1,-1

$$\|a\| = \sqrt{(a^T a)} \quad (0.2)$$

$$\|a\| = \sqrt{3} \quad (0.3)$$

$$a_{\text{normalized}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.4)$$

The direction cosines are $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}$

Vector and its Direction Cosines

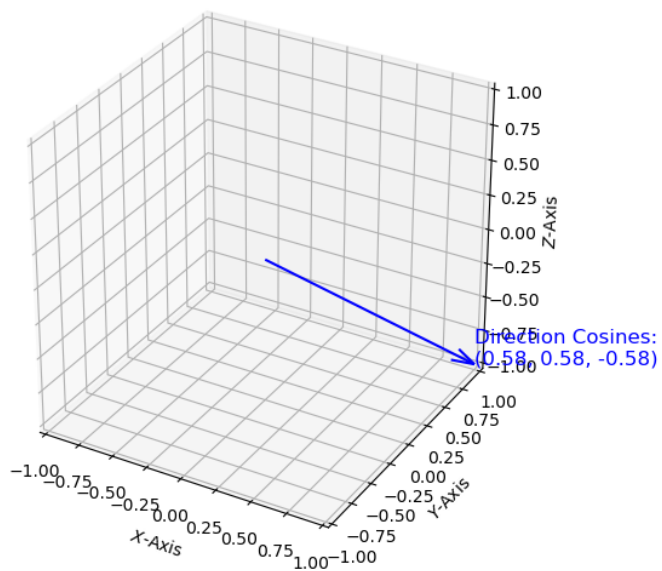


Fig. 0.1