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Question:

Find the angle which the line $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{-1} = \frac{z}{0}$ makes with the positive direction of the Y axis.

Solution:

$$\text{Line} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + k \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence its direction vector is

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.1)$$

$$\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = -1 \quad (0.2)$$

$$\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v}} = \sqrt{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}} = \sqrt{2} \quad (0.3)$$

$$\|\mathbf{e}_2\| = 1 \quad (0.4)$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{e}_2}{\|\mathbf{v}\| \|\mathbf{e}_2\|} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (0.5)$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \quad (0.6)$$

Therefore, $\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \approx 135^\circ$

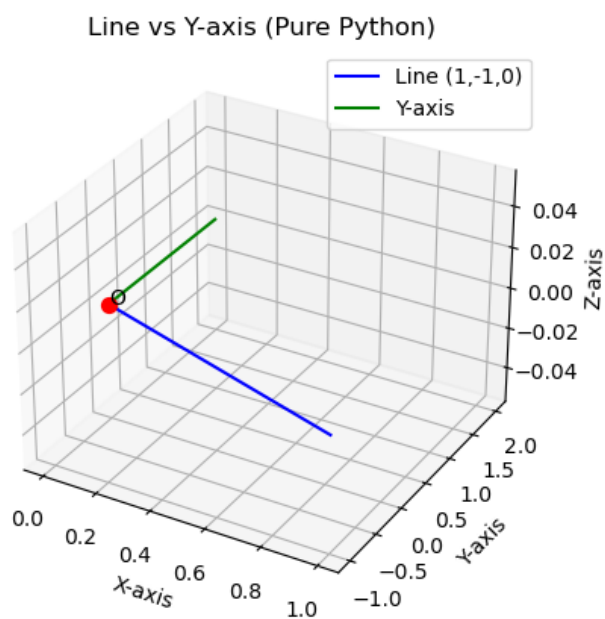


Fig. 0.1: Graph