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Question:

If a line makes angles 90° , 135° , 45° with the x , y and z axes respectively, find its direction cosines.

Solution:

| Symbol | Value | Description |
|----------|-------------|-------------------|
| A | 90° | angle with x-axis |
| B | 135° | angle with y-axis |
| C | 45° | angle with z-axis |

TABLE 0: Variables Used

The direction cosines D are

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos 90^\circ \\ \cos 135^\circ \\ \cos 45^\circ \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.1)$$

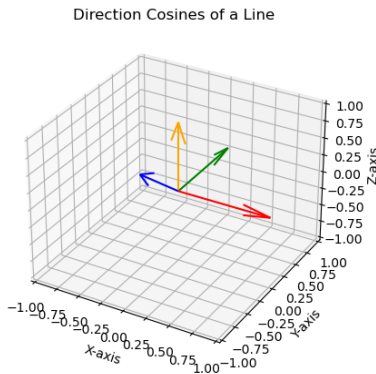


Fig. 0.1: Direction cosines \mathbf{D}