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Question:

Write the direction ratios of the vector $3\mathbf{a}+2\mathbf{b}$ where $\mathbf{a} = \vec{i} + \vec{j} - 2\vec{k}$ and $\mathbf{b} = 2\vec{i} - 4\vec{j} + 5\vec{k}$

Solution:

Variable	Description	Formula
a	first vector	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$
b	second vector	$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$
D	direction ratios of $3\mathbf{a} + 2\mathbf{b}$	–

TABLE 0: Input parameters

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a} \\ \mathbf{b} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow D = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$\Rightarrow D = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -8 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

$$\Rightarrow D = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

The direction ratios of the vector $3\mathbf{a} + 2\mathbf{b}$ are $\begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$

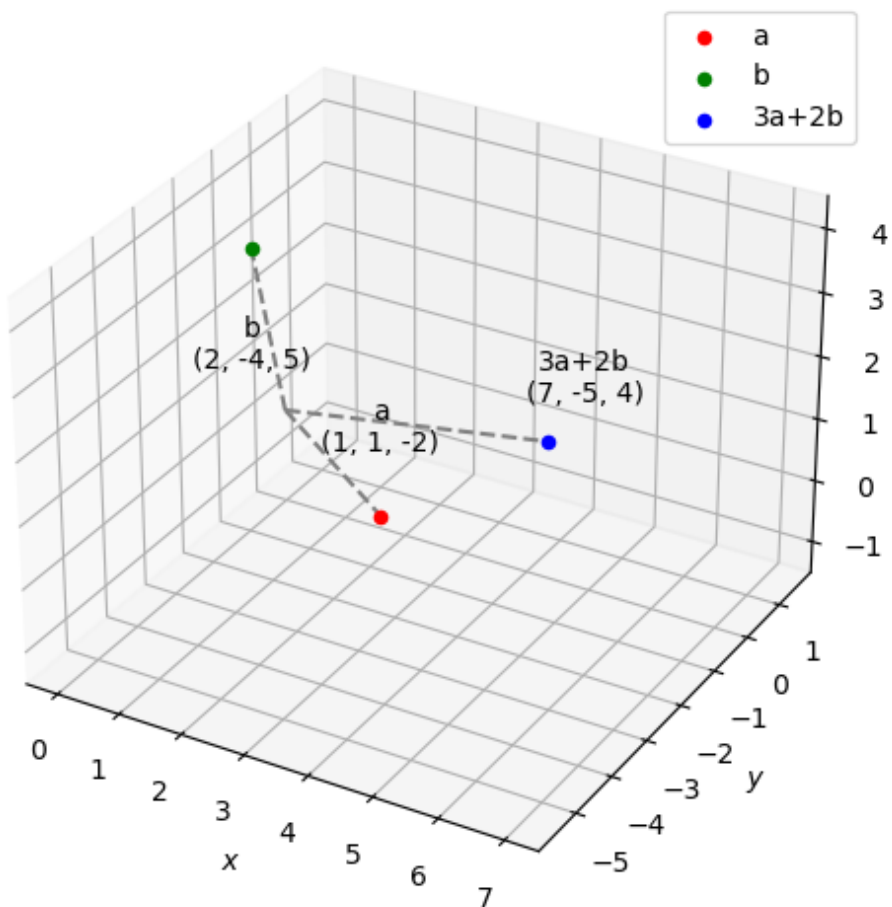


Fig. 0: Direction ratios of $3a + 2b$