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Question

If with reference to the right handed system of mutually perpendicular unit vectors \hat{i}, \hat{j} and \hat{k} , $\alpha = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j}$, $\beta = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$, then express β in the form $\beta = \beta_1 + \beta_2$ where β_1 is parallel to α and β_2 is perpendicular to α

Equation

Given details:

$$\alpha = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$\beta = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Theoretical Solution

β_1 is a projection of β on α

The projection formula for projection is:

$$\beta_1 = \frac{\beta^T \alpha}{\|\alpha\|^2} \alpha \quad (3)$$

Theoretical Solution

$$= \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}{(3)^2 + (-1)^2 + (0)^2} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

$$= \frac{5}{10} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

Theoretical Solution

Now according to the given equation :

$$\beta = \beta_1 + \beta_2 \quad (7)$$

$$\beta_2 = \beta - \beta_1 \quad (8)$$

$$\beta_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{-1}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (9)$$

$$\beta_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{3}{2} \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (10)$$

Theoretical Solution

Lets verify wheter β_2 is perpendicular to α
For that:

$$\alpha^T \cdot \beta_2 = 0 \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{3}{2} \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (12)$$

Therefore β_2 is perpendicular to α

Theoretical Solution

Therefore β is:

$$\beta = \beta_1 + \beta_2 \quad (13)$$

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{-1}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{3}{2} \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (14)$$

C Code (1) - Function to store the points

```
#include <stdio.h>

double start_points[4][3]={
    {0.0,0.0,0.0},
    {0.0,0.0,0.0},
    {0.0,0.0,0.0},
    {0.0,0.0,0.0}
};

double end_points[4][3]={
    {3.0,-1.0,0.0},
    {2.0,1.0,-3.0},
    {3/2,-1/2,0.0},
    {1/2,3/2,-3.0}
```

C Code (1) - Function to store the points

```
};  
void get_start_points(double *arr){  
    for (int i=0;i<4;i++){  
        arr[i*3+0]=start_points[i][0];  
        arr[i*3+1]=start_points[i][1];  
        arr[i*3+2]=start_points[i][2];  
    }  
}  
void get_end_points(double *arr){  
    for (int i=0;i<4;i++){  
        arr[i*3+0]=end_points[i][0];  
        arr[i*3+1]=end_points[i][1];  
        arr[i*3+2]=end_points[i][2];  
    }  
}
```

Python Code - Using Shared Object

```
import ctypes
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import subprocess

y=input("are you using termux?(y/n)=")

lib = ctypes.CDLL('./vectors.so')

lib.get_start_points.argtypes = [ctypes.POINTER(ctypes.c_double)]
lib.get_end_points.argtypes = [ctypes.POINTER(ctypes.c_double)]
```

Python Code - Using Shared Object

```
n_lines = 4

start_points = np.zeros((n_lines,3), dtype=np.float64)
end_points = np.zeros((n_lines,3), dtype=np.float64)
lib.get_start_points(start_points.ctypes.data_as(ctypes.POINTER(
    ctypes.c_double)))
lib.get_end_points(end_points.ctypes.data_as(ctypes.POINTER(
    ctypes.c_double)))

fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')

colors = ['r','g','b','m']
label=['alpha','beta','beta1','beta2']
```

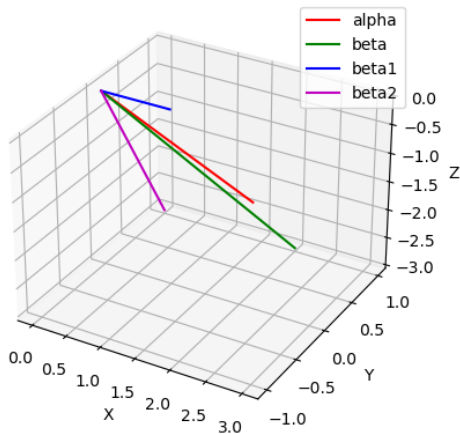
Python Code - Using Shared Object

```
for i in range(n_lines):
    xs = [start_points[i,0], end_points[i,0]]
    ys = [start_points[i,1], end_points[i,1]]
    zs = [start_points[i,2], end_points[i,2]]
    ax.plot(xs, ys, zs, color=colors[i], label=label[i])

ax.set_xlabel('X')
ax.set_ylabel('Y')
ax.set_zlabel('Z')
ax.legend()
plt.title("3D Lines from C Library")
fig.savefig('../figs/fig2.png')
if (y=='y'):
    subprocess.run(shlex.split('termux-open ../figs/fig.png'))
else:
    subprocess.run(["open", "../figs/fig.png"])
plt.show()
```

Plot-Using Both C and Python

3D Lines from C Library



```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import sys
import subprocess
print('Using termux?(y/n)')
y = input()
alpha=np.array([3,-1,0])
beta=np.array([2,1,-3])
beta1=np.array([3/2,-1/2,0])
beta2=np.array([1/2,3/2,-3])
```

```
fig=plt.figure()
ax=fig.add_subplot(111,projection='3d')
ax.plot([0,alpha[0]],[0,alpha[1]],[0,alpha[2]],'b-',label='alpha'
        )
ax.plot([0,beta[0]],[0,beta[1]],[0,beta[2]],'g-',label='beta')
ax.plot([0,beta1[0]],[0,beta1[1]],[0,beta1[2]],'r-',label='beta1'
        )
ax.plot([0,beta2[0]],[0,beta2[1]],[0,beta2[2]],color='pink',label
        ='beta')
```


Python Code

```
ax.set_xlabel('$x$')
ax.set_ylabel('$y$')
ax.set_zlabel('$z$')
ax.legend(loc='best')
ax.grid(True)
ax.axis('equal')
fig.savefig('../figs/fig.png')
print('Saved figure to ../figs/fig.png')

if(y == 'y'):
    subprocess.run(shlex.split('termux-open ../figs/fig.png'))
else:
    subprocess.run(["open", "../figs/fig.png"])

plt.show()
```

Plot-Using only Python

