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Question:

Find the unit vector in the direction of the vector $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

Solution:

| Vector | Description |
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| \mathbf{A} | $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ vector |

TABLE I: Given Vector

The unit vector is given by :-

$$\frac{\mathbf{A}}{\|\mathbf{A}\|} \quad (1)$$

$$\|\mathbf{A}\| = \sqrt{(\mathbf{A})^T (\mathbf{A})} \quad (2)$$

$$= \sqrt{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}} \quad (3)$$

$$= \sqrt{6} \quad (4)$$

\therefore the unit vector in the direction of \mathbf{A} is

$$\frac{\mathbf{A}}{\|\mathbf{A}\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$