

## Step-1

Given  $a = (2, -2, 1), b = (1, 2, 2)$ . We have to find the angle between  $a$  and  $b$ .

## Step-2

Let  $\theta$  be the angle between  $a$  and  $b$ .

$$\cos \theta = \frac{a \cdot b}{\|a\| \|b\|} \quad (1)$$

$$a \cdot b = (2, -2, 1) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= 2 - 4 + 2$$
$$= 0$$

## Step-3

$$\|a\| = \sqrt{2^2 + (-2)^2 + 1^2}$$
$$= 3$$

$$\|b\| = \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 2^2}$$
$$= 3$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{0}{3(3)}$$

By (1),

$$= 0$$

Hence  $\theta = \cos^{-1} 0$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2}$$