

$$\vec{a} = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$$

$$\|\vec{a}\| = \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2}$$

From the graphs we see

$$\frac{a_1}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2}} = \cos(\alpha) \rightarrow a_1 = \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2} \cos\alpha$$

$$\frac{a_2}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2}} = \cos(\beta) \rightarrow a_2 = \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2} \cos\beta$$

$$\frac{a_3}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2}} = \cos(\gamma) \rightarrow a_3 = \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2} \cos\gamma$$

So squaring and adding gives us

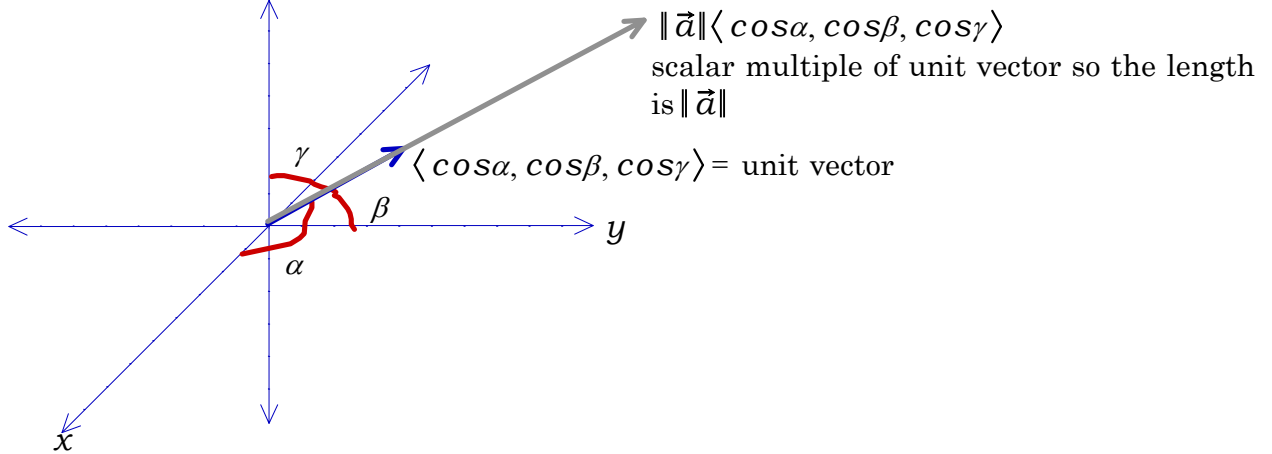
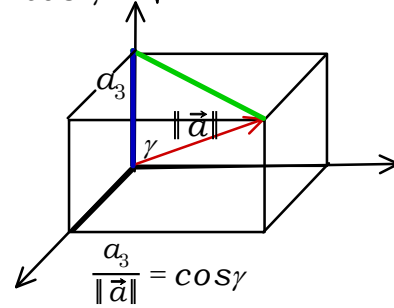
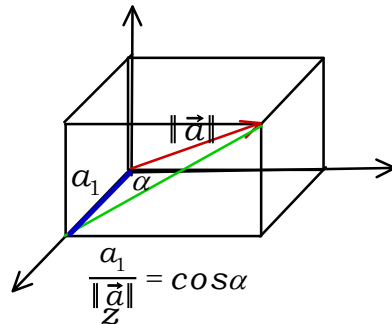
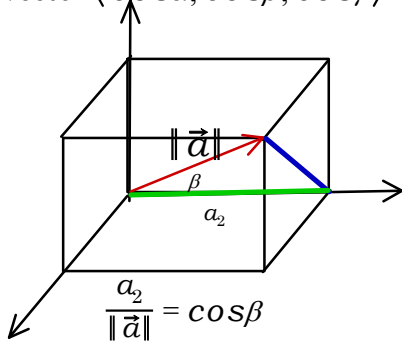
$$\begin{aligned} \cos^2\alpha + \cos^2\beta + \cos^2\gamma &= \left(\frac{a_1}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2}} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{a_2}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2}} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{a_3}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2}} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{a_1^2}{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2} + \frac{a_2^2}{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2} + \frac{a_3^2}{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2} \\ &= \frac{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2}{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

So we can write, using the red parts:

$$\langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle = \langle \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2} \cos\alpha, \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2} \cos\beta, \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2} \cos\gamma \rangle$$

$$= \langle \|\vec{a}\| \cos\alpha, \|\vec{a}\| \cos\beta, \|\vec{a}\| \cos\gamma \rangle = \|\vec{a}\| \langle \cos\alpha, \cos\beta, \cos\gamma \rangle \text{ but above we see the}$$

vector $\langle \cos\alpha, \cos\beta, \cos\gamma \rangle$ is a unit vector, since $\sqrt{\cos^2\alpha + \cos^2\beta + \cos^2\gamma} = \sqrt{1} = 1$



If we let the angles range over 0 to π ,