

Step-1

The objective is to find the projection matrix that projects the $x - y$ plane onto the line $x + y = 0$.

The vector that satisfies the vector equation $x + y = 0$ is:

$$x = -y.$$

Take $y = 1$, then $x = -1$.

$$a = (-1, 1) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

So all the points on the line are in the column space of the matrix

The matrix that projects onto the line through $a = (-1, 1)$ is:

$$P = \frac{aa^T}{a^T a}.$$

Step-2

Determine aa^T and $a^T a$.

$$\begin{aligned} aa^T &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} (-1)(-1) & (-1)(1) \\ (-1)(1) & (1)(1) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a^T a &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (-1)^2 + 1^2 \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

Step-3

Substitute the values in $P = \frac{aa^T}{a^T a}$.

$$P = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}{2}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore, the matrix that projects onto the line $x + y = 0$ is $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$.