

Projection Matrix

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Given two vectors u, v , projects u onto v , $w = \sigma v$ where σ is a scala we have $u \perp (w - u)$

$$\begin{aligned}v &\perp (\sigma v - u) \\v^T(\sigma v - u) &= 0 \\ \sigma v^T v - v^T u &= 0 \\ \sigma v^T v &= v^T u \\ \sigma &= \frac{v^T u}{v^T v}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma v &= \frac{v v^T u}{v^T v} \\ \sigma v &= \frac{v v^T}{v^T v} u\end{aligned}$$

vv^T is the projection matrix which projects u onto v where $|v| = 1$

Concret Example: Project $u = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ onto $v = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Projection Matrix: $vv^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$Proj_v = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$