

Step-1

The objective is to show that if u has unit length, then the rank one matrix $P = uu^T$ is a projection matrix.

Step-2

Consider $P = uu^T$.

$$\begin{aligned} P^2 &= (uu^T)(uu^T) \\ &= u(u^T u)u^T \\ &= uu^T \quad [\text{since } u^T u = 1] \end{aligned}$$

So, $P^2 = P$.

$$\begin{aligned} P^T &= (uu^T)^T \\ &= (u^T)^T u^T \quad [\text{since } (CD)^T = D^T C^T] \\ &= uu^T \quad [\text{since } (C^T)^T = C] \end{aligned}$$

So, $P^T = P$.

Since, $P^2 = P, P^T = P, P = uu^T$ is a projection matrix.