

Let  $\mathbf{v}_1 = [1, 1, 1]$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = [1, 0, 0]$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and let  $P$  denote the set of *all* linear combinations of  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$ . Note:  $P$  is a plane. Let  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  but  $\notin P$ . Find a description for  $\text{proj}_P(\mathbf{u})$ .

In class, we showed that every vector  $\mathbf{v} \in P$  must look like

$$\mathbf{v} = c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 = [c_1 + c_2, c_1, c_1]$$

for some  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Hence

$$P = \{\mathbf{v} \mid \mathbf{v} = [c_1 + c_2, c_1, c_1] \forall c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

Now, let  $\mathbf{u} = [u_1, u_2, u_3]$ . Since  $\text{proj}_P(\mathbf{u})$  lies in  $P$ , there exists  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\text{proj}_P(\mathbf{u}) = a\mathbf{v}_1 + b\mathbf{v}_2 = [a + b, a, a]$ . If we solve for  $a, b$ , we will have the description for  $\text{proj}_P(\mathbf{u})$  that we are looking for.

Note that  $\mathbf{u} - \text{proj}_P(\mathbf{u})$  is orthogonal to  $P$  and hence it is also orthogonal to  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$ . Using this criteria, find the formulas for  $a, b$  and write down the description for  $\text{proj}_P(\mathbf{u})$ .