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Let $\mathbf{u} = \langle 2, 2\sqrt{3} \rangle$ and $\mathbf{v} = \langle 3, 0 \rangle$.

1. Calculate the angle between \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} .

Solution

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 2 \cdot 3 + 2\sqrt{3} \cdot 0 = 6. \text{ But,}$$

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = |\mathbf{u}| |\mathbf{v}| \cos(\theta) = 12 \cos(\theta).$$

So

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{6}{12} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Then,

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) = 60^\circ \text{ or } \frac{\pi}{3}.$$

2. Calculate $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u}$.

Solution

$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u} = \left(\frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}} \right) \mathbf{v} = \frac{6}{12} \langle 3, 0 \rangle = \langle 2, 0 \rangle$$