



## Question: Using the properties of an inner product, prove that

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Using the properties of an inner product, prove that the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality holds for any “induced norm”.

(a) Specifically, show that if  $\|\mathbf{x}\| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle}$ , then for any  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$  we have  $|\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|$ .

[Hint: Consider writing  $\mathbf{x}$  as a linear combination of  $\mathbf{y}$  and the vector  $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{x} - \frac{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle}{\|\mathbf{y}\|^2} \mathbf{y}$ .

What is  $\langle \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$ ? What can we infer from the previous problem?]

(b) \*Optional: Show that equality holds if and only if  $\mathbf{y} = a\mathbf{x}$  for some  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

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## Expert Answer



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(a) For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$0 \leq \|x - \alpha y\|^2 = \langle x - \alpha y, x - \alpha y \rangle$$

$$= \langle x, x \rangle - \alpha \langle y, x \rangle - \overline{\alpha} \langle x, y \rangle + \alpha \overline{\alpha} \langle y, y \rangle$$

$$= \|x\|^2 - \alpha \langle y, x \rangle - \overline{\alpha} \langle x, y \rangle + |\alpha|^2 \|y\|^2$$

For  $y \neq 0$ , let  $\alpha = \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|y\|^2}$

Then,  $0 \leq \|x\|^2 - \alpha \langle y, x \rangle - \overline{\alpha} \langle x, y \rangle + \frac{|\langle x, y \rangle|^2}{\|y\|^2} = \|x\|^2 - \frac{|\langle x, y \rangle|^2}{\|y\|^2} - \frac{|\langle x, y \rangle|^2}{\|y\|^2} + \frac{|\langle x, y \rangle|^2}{\|y\|^2}$ 

$$= \|x\|^2 - \frac{|\langle x, y \rangle|^2}{\|y\|^2}$$

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i.e.  $\|x\|^2 \|y\|^2 \geq |\langle x, y \rangle|^2$

i.e.  $|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|y\|$

(b) If  $x$  and  $y$  are linearly dependent, then  $y = kx$ , for some  $k \in \mathbb{C}$

$$\text{L.H.S.} = |\langle x, y \rangle| = |\langle x, kx \rangle|$$

$$= |k| |\langle x, x \rangle|$$

$$= |k| \|x\|^2$$

R.H.S.  $= \|x\| \|y\| = \|x\| \|kx\| = |k| \|x\|^2$

Conversely, if equality holds in Cauchy-Schwarz inequality then the above computation becomes

$$\|y - \alpha x\|^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \|y - \alpha x\| = 0$$

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$$\Rightarrow y = \alpha x \text{ for some } \alpha \in \mathbb{R}.$$

[proved]

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- I, we must also have Prove that if A and B are square N x N matrices, then if AB = I, BA = I. Some hints to help you get started: = T. • An equivalent statement to BA = I is that, for any x ∈ R<sup>N</sup>, BAx = x. • Think about what can you say about R(AB). • Think about what you can say about the relationship between R(AB) and R(B). • Recall that for any x ∈ R(B), we can write x as a linear...

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1) At the instant shown, the truck travels to the right at 3 m/s, while the pipe rolls counterclockwise at 6 rad/s without slipping at B. Determine the velocity of the pipe's center G. 15 m

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