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Suppose $u, v \in V$ and $\|u\| \leq 1$ and $\|v\| \leq 1$. Prove that

$$\sqrt{1 - \|u\|^2} \sqrt{1 - \|v\|^2} \leq 1 - |\langle u, v \rangle|$$

2 | Proof

We will prove this by showing that the left hand side is less than or equal to an intermediate term, which is less than or equal to the right hand side.

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle u, v \rangle| &\leq \|u\| \|v\| \\ \implies 1 - |\langle u, v \rangle| &\geq 1 - \|u\| \|v\| \end{aligned}$$

Now, the problem