



# Linear Alegbra MathNoteBook

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## 11 — Week5

### 11.1 Tuesday

#### 11.1.1 *Formulas for Determinant*

We want to use the **3 basic properties** to derive the formula for determinant:

1. **The determinant of the  $n$  by  $n$  identity matrix is 1.**

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{vmatrix} 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1.$$

2. **The determinant changes sign when two rows are exchanged.** (sign reversal)

$$\text{Check: } \begin{vmatrix} c & d \\ a & b \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{both sides equal } bc - ad).$$

3. **The determinant is a linear function of each row separately.** (all other rows stay fixed).

$$\text{multiply row 1 by any number } t \quad \begin{vmatrix} ta & tb \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = t \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{Add row 1 of } A \text{ to row 1 of } B: \quad \begin{vmatrix} a_1 + a_2 & b_1 + b_2 \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$$

Although we derive the formula for  $\det \mathbf{A}$  is  $\det \mathbf{A} = \pm \prod_i \text{pivots}_i$  (product of pivots), it is not **explicit**. We begin some example to show how to derive the explicit formula for determinant.

■ **Example 11.1** To derive the formula for determinant, let's start with  $n = 2$ .

Given  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ , our goal is to get  $ad - bc$ .

We can break each row into two simpler rows:

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & b \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{vmatrix} c & d \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} c & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & d \end{vmatrix}$$

Now apply property 3, first in row 1 (with row 2 fixed) and then in row 2 (with row 1 fixed):

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} \\ = \begin{vmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & b \\ c & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & b \\ 0 & d \end{vmatrix}$$

The last line has  $2^2 = 4$  determinants. The first and fourth are zero since their rows are **dep.** (one row is a multiple of the other row.) We left two terms to compute:

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & b \\ c & 0 \end{vmatrix} = ad \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + bc \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc$$

The permutation matrices  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  have determinant +1 or -1. ■

■ **Example 11.2** Now we try  $n = 3$ . Each row splits into 3 simpler rows such as  $[a_{11} \ 0 \ 0]$ . Hence  $\det \mathbf{A}$  will split into  $3^3 = 27$  simple determinants. For simple determinant, if one column has two nonzero entries, (For example,  $\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ a_{21} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$ ), then its determinant will be zero.

Hence we only need to focus on the matrix that **the nonzero terms come from different columns**:

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & & \\ & a_{22} & \\ & & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} & a_{12} & \\ & & a_{23} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} & & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & & \\ & a_{32} & \end{vmatrix} \\ + \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & & \\ & a_{23} & \\ & & a_{32} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} & a_{12} & \\ a_{21} & & \\ & a_{33} & \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} & & a_{13} \\ & a_{22} & \\ a_{31} & & \end{vmatrix}$$

There are  $3! = 6$  ways to permute the three columns, so there leaves six determinants. The six permutations of  $(1, 2, 3)$  is given by:

$$\text{Column numbers} = (1, 2, 3), (2, 3, 1), (3, 1, 2), (1, 3, 2), (2, 1, 3), (3, 2, 1).$$

The last three are *odd permutations* (One exchange from identity permutation  $(1, 2, 3)$ .) The first three are *even permutations*. (zero or two exchange from identity permutation  $(1, 2, 3)$ .) When the column number is  $(\alpha, \beta, \omega)$ , we get the entries  $a_{1\alpha}, a_{2\beta}, a_{3\omega}$ . The permutation  $(\alpha, \beta, \omega)$  comes with a plus or minus sign. If you don't understand, look at example below:

$$\det \mathbf{A} = a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{vmatrix} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} \begin{vmatrix} & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{vmatrix} + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32} \begin{vmatrix} & & 1 \\ a_{21} & & \\ & 1 & \end{vmatrix} \\ + a_{11}a_{23}a_{32} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{vmatrix} + a_{12}a_{21}a_{33} \begin{vmatrix} & 1 & \\ 1 & & \\ & & 1 \end{vmatrix} + a_{13}a_{22}a_{31} \begin{vmatrix} & & 1 \\ & 1 & \\ 1 & & \end{vmatrix}$$

The first three (even) permutation matrices have  $\det \mathbf{P} = +1$ , the last three (odd) permutation matrices have  $\det \mathbf{P} = -1$ . Hence we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\det \mathbf{A} &= a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32} - a_{11}a_{23}a_{32} - a_{12}a_{21}a_{33} - a_{13}a_{22}a_{31} \\ &= a_{11}(a_{22} - a_{33}) + a_{12}(a_{23}a_{31} - a_{21}a_{33}) + a_{13}(a_{21}a_{32} - a_{22}a_{31})\end{aligned}$$

### ***n by n formula***

Now we can see  $n$  by  $n$  formula. There are  $n!$  permutations of columns, so we have  $n!$  terms for determinant.

Assuming  $(\alpha, \beta, \dots, \omega)$  is the permutation of  $(1, 2, \dots, n)$ . The corresponding terms is  $a_{1\alpha}a_{2\beta} \dots a_{n\omega} \det \mathbf{P}$ , where  $\mathbf{P}$  is the permutation matrix with column number  $\alpha, \beta, \dots, \omega$ .

The complete determinant of  $\mathbf{A}$  is the sum of these  $n!$  simple determinant.  $a_{1\alpha}a_{2\beta} \dots a_{n\omega}$  is obtained by choosing **one entry from every row and every column**:

#### **Definition 11.1 — Big formula for determinant.**

$$\begin{aligned}\det \mathbf{A} &= \text{sum of all } n! \text{ column permutations} \\ &= \sum (\det \mathbf{P}) a_{1\alpha} a_{2\beta} \dots a_{n\omega} = \mathbf{BIG FORMULA}\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{P}$  is permutation matrix with column number  $(\alpha, \beta, \dots, \omega)$ . And  $\{\alpha, \beta, \dots, \omega\}$  is a permutation of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .



### ***Complexity Analysis***

However, if we want to use big formula to compute matrix, we need to do  $n!(n-1)$  multiplications. If we use formula  $\det \mathbf{A} = \pm \prod \text{pivots}$ , we only need to do  $O(n^3)$  multiplications. Hence the latter one is quite more efficient.

### ***Verify property***

We can use the big formula to verify property 1 to property 3:

- **$\det \mathbf{I} = 1$ :**  
Only when  $(\alpha, \beta, \dots, \omega) = (1, 2, \dots, n)$ , there is no zero entries for  $a_{1\alpha}a_{2\beta} \dots a_{n\omega}$ . Hence  $\det \mathbf{A} = a_{11}a_{22} \dots a_{nn} = 1$ .
- **sign reversal:**  
If two rows are interchanged, then all determinant of permutation matrix will change its sign, hence the value for determinant  $\mathbf{A}$  is opposite.
- **The determinant is a linear function of each row separately.**  
**If we separate out the factor  $a_{11}, a_{12}, \dots, a_{1\alpha}$  that comes from the first row**, this property is easy to check. For 3 by 3 matrix, separate the usual 6 terms of the determinant into 3 pairs:

$$\det \mathbf{A} = a_{11}(a_{22}a_{33} - a_{23}a_{32}) + a_{12}(a_{23}a_{31} - a_{21}a_{33}) + a_{13}(a_{21}a_{32} - a_{22}a_{31}).$$

Those three quantities in parentheses are called **cofactors**. They are  $2 \times 2$  determinant coming from matrices in row 2 and 3. The first row contributes the factors  $a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{13}$ . The lower rows contribute the cofactors  $(a_{22}a_{33} - a_{23}a_{32})$ ,  $(a_{23}a_{31} - a_{21}a_{33})$ ,  $(a_{21}a_{32} - a_{22}a_{31})$ . Certainly  $\det \mathbf{A}$  depends **linearly** on  $a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{13}$ , which is property 3.

### 11.1.2 Determinant by Cofactors

We could write the determinant in this form:

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & & \\ & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} & a_{12} & \\ a_{21} & & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} & & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & \end{vmatrix}.$$

If we define  $\mathbf{A}_{1j}$  to be the submatrix obtained by removing row 1 and column  $j$ , We could compute  $\det \mathbf{A}$  in this way:

The cofactors along row 1 are  $C_{1j} = (-1)^{1+j} \det \mathbf{A}_{1j}$   $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

The cofactor expansion is  $\det \mathbf{A} = a_{11}C_{11} + a_{12}C_{12} + \dots + a_{1n}C_{1n}$ .

More generally, we can cross row  $i$  to get the determinant:

**Definition 11.2 — Determinant.** The determinant is the dot product of any row  $i$  of  $\mathbf{A}$  with its cofactors using other rows:

**Cofactor Formula**  $\det \mathbf{A} = a_{i1}C_{i1} + a_{i2}C_{i2} + \dots + a_{in}C_{in}$ .

Each cofactor  $C_{ij}$  is defined as:

**Cofactor**  $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \det \mathbf{A}_{ij}$

where  $\mathbf{A}_{ij}$  is the submatrix obtained by removing row  $i$  and column  $j$ . ■

Moreover, we can construct  $\det \mathbf{A}$  from its properties. Since we have  $\det \mathbf{A} = \det \mathbf{A}^T$ , we can expand the determinant in cofactors down a column instead of across a row. Down column  $j$  the entries are  $a_{1j}$  to  $a_{nj}$ , the cofactors are  $C_{1j}$  to  $C_{nj}$ . The determinant is given by:

**Cofactors down column  $j$ :**  $\det \mathbf{A} = a_{1j}C_{1j} + a_{2j}C_{2j} + \dots + a_{nj}C_{nj}$ .

### 11.1.3 Determinant Applications

#### Inverse

It's easy to check that the inverse of 2 by 2 matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\det \mathbf{A}} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}.$$

We could use determinant to compute inverse! Before that let's define cofactor matrix:

**Definition 11.3 — cofactor matrix.** The cofactor matrix of  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is given by:

$$\mathbf{C} = [C_{ij}]_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$$

where  $C_{ij}$  is the cofactor for  $a_{ij}$ . ■

Then we try to derive the inverse of matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ : For  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , the product of  $\mathbf{A}$  and the transpose of cofactor matrix is given by:

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{C}^T = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & \dots & C_{n1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ C_{1n} & \dots & C_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \det \mathbf{A} & & \\ & \det \mathbf{A} & \\ & & \det \mathbf{A} \end{bmatrix} \quad (11.1)$$

**Explain:**

- Row 1 of  $\mathbf{A}$  times the column 1 of  $\mathbf{C}^T$  yields the first  $\det \mathbf{A}$  on the right:

$$a_{11}C_{11} + a_{12}C_{12} + \cdots + a_{1n}C_{1n} = \det \mathbf{A}$$

Similarly, row  $j$  of  $\mathbf{A}$  times column  $j$  of  $\mathbf{C}^T$  yields the determinant.

- *How to explain the zeros off the main diagonal in equation (11.1)?* Rows of  $\mathbf{A}$  are multiplying  $\mathbf{C}^T$  from **different** columns. Why is the answer zero? For example, the (2,1)th entry of the result is given by

**Row 2 of  $\mathbf{A}$**

**Row 1 of  $\mathbf{C}$**

$$a_{21}C_{11} + a_{22}C_{12} + \cdots + a_{2n}C_{1n} = 0.$$

*Answer:* If the second row of  $\mathbf{A}$  is copied into its first row, we define this new matrix as  $\mathbf{A}^*$ . Thus the determinant of  $\mathbf{A}^*$  is given by:

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & \cdots & a_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & \cdots & a_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & \cdots & a_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix} + \cdots + \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & \cdots & a_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix}$$

Equivalently, we have

$$\det \mathbf{A}^* = \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & \cdots & a_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix} = a_{21}C_{11} + a_{22}C_{12} + \cdots + a_{2n}C_{1n}$$

Since  $\mathbf{A}^*$  has two equal rows, the determinant must be zero.

Hence  $a_{21}C_{11} + a_{22}C_{12} + \cdots + a_{2n}C_{1n} = 0$ . Similarly, **all entries off the main diagonal are zero.**

Thus the equation (11.1) is correct:

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{C}^T = \begin{bmatrix} \det \mathbf{A} & & \\ & \det \mathbf{A} & \\ & & \det \mathbf{A} \end{bmatrix} = \det(\mathbf{A})\mathbf{I} \implies \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det \mathbf{A}}\mathbf{C}^T.$$

Hence we could compute the inverse by computing many determinant of submatrix:

**Definition 11.4 — Inverse.** The  $(i, j)$ th entry of  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  is the cofactor  $C_{ji}$  (not  $C_{ji}$ ) divided by  $\det \mathbf{A}$ :

$$\text{Formula for } \mathbf{A}^{-1} \quad (\mathbf{A}^{-1})_{ij} = \frac{C_{ji}}{\det \mathbf{A}} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{\mathbf{C}^T}{\det \mathbf{A}}$$

**Cramer's Rule**

**Cramer's Rule** solves  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ .

Assume  $\mathbf{A}$  is a  $n \times n$  matrix that is **nonsingular**. Then we can use determinant to solve this system:

Let's start with  $n = 3$ . We could multiply  $\mathbf{A}$  with a new matrix  $\mathbf{C}_1$  to get  $\mathbf{B}_1$ :

$$\text{Key idea: } \mathbf{AC}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & 0 & 0 \\ x_2 & 1 & 0 \\ x_3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ b_2 & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ b_3 & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{B}_1$$

Taking determinants both sides, then we have

$$\det(\mathbf{AC}_1) = \det(\mathbf{A}) \det(\mathbf{C}_1) = \det(\mathbf{A})(x_1) = \det \mathbf{B}_1 \implies x_1 = \frac{\det \mathbf{B}_1}{\det \mathbf{A}}.$$

The matrix  $\mathbf{C}_1$  is obtained by putting  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$  into the *first* column of the *identity matrix*.

Similarly, we could get all  $x_j$  in this way. ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ).

**Definition 11.5 — Cramer's Rule.** If  $\det \mathbf{A}$  is not zero,  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  could be solved by determinants:

$$x_1 = \frac{\det \mathbf{B}_1}{\det \mathbf{A}} \quad x_2 = \frac{\det \mathbf{B}_2}{\det \mathbf{A}} \quad \dots \quad x_n = \frac{\det \mathbf{B}_n}{\det \mathbf{A}}$$

The matrix  $\mathbf{B}_j$  has the  $j$ th column of  $\mathbf{A}$  replaced by the vector  $\mathbf{b}$ . In other words,


$$\mathbf{B}_j = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & b_1 & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & \dots & b_2 & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & b_n & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \quad j = 1, \dots, n.$$

### 11.1.4 Orthogonality and Projection

**Definition 11.6 — Orthogonal vectors.**

Two vectors  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are orthogonal when their inner product is zero:

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i = 0.$$

 Note that the inner product of two vectors satisfies the *commutative rule*. In other words,  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \rangle$  for vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$ . Generally, if the result of inner product is a scalar, then inner product satisfies commutative rule.

An important case is the inner product of a vector with *itself*. The inner product  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle$  gives the *length of  $\mathbf{v}$  squared*.



**Definition 11.7 — length/norm.**

The **length(norm)**  $\|\mathbf{x}\|$  of a vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}$  is the square root of  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle$ :

$$\text{length} = \|\mathbf{x}\| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle} = \sqrt{x_1^2 + \cdots + x_n^2}.$$

**Function space**

We can talk about inner product between functions under function space. For example, if we define  $V = \{f(t) \mid \int_0^1 f^2(t) dt < \infty\}$ , then we can define inner product and norm under  $V$ :

**Definition 11.8 — Inner product; norm.** The **inner product** of  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$ , and the **norm** are defined as:

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(x)g(x)dx \quad \text{and} \quad \|f\|^2 = \sqrt{\int_0^1 f^2(x)dx}$$

Moreover, when  $\langle f, g \rangle = 0$ , we say two functions are **orthogonal** and denote it as  $f \perp g$ .

**Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality**

In  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , suppose  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$ , then we set:

$$x_1 = \|\mathbf{x}\| \cos \theta \quad x_2 = \|\mathbf{x}\| \sin \theta \quad y_1 = \|\mathbf{y}\| \cos \varphi \quad y_2 = \|\mathbf{y}\| \sin \varphi$$

The inner product of  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle &= \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} = x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2 \\ &= \|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\| (\cos \theta \cos \varphi + \sin \theta \sin \varphi) \\ &= \|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\| \cos(\theta - \varphi) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $|\cos(\theta - \varphi)|$  never exceeds 1, the cosine formula gives great inequality:

**Theorem 11.1 — Cauchy Schwarz Inequality.**

$|\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|$  for two vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$ .

*Proof.* Firstly, we want to find  $t^*$  such that  $\min \|\mathbf{x} - t\mathbf{y}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{x} - t^*\mathbf{y}\|^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{x} - t\mathbf{y}\|^2 &= \langle \mathbf{x} - t\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} - t\mathbf{y} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle + \langle -t\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{x}, -t\mathbf{y} \rangle + \langle -t\mathbf{y}, -t\mathbf{y} \rangle \\ &= \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - t \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \rangle - t \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle + t^2 \|\mathbf{y}\|^2 \\ &= \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - 2t \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle + t^2 \|\mathbf{y}\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the minimizer  $t^*$  must satisfy

$$\Delta = 0 \implies t^* = \frac{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle}{\|\mathbf{y}\|^2}$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{x} - t\mathbf{y}\|_{\min}^2 &= \|\mathbf{x} - t^*\mathbf{y}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle^2}{\|\mathbf{y}\|^2} \\ &= \frac{\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 \|\mathbf{y}\|^2 - \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle^2}{\|\mathbf{y}\|^2} \geq 0 \\ \implies \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 \|\mathbf{y}\|^2 &\geq \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle^2\end{aligned}$$

Or equivalently,

$$|\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|.$$

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If we consider functions  $f, g$  as vectors, then **Cauchy-Schwarz** inequality also holds:

$$\left[ \int_0^1 f(t)g(t)dt \right] \leq \int_0^1 f^2 dt \int_0^1 g^2 dt$$

Since  $|\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|$ , we have

$$-1 \leq \frac{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle}{\|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|} \leq 1$$

If we define  $\frac{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle}{\|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|} = \cos \theta$ , then  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\| \cos \theta$ .

 This equality holds for **Hilbert space**, which will be discussed later.

### Orthogonal for space

Also, we can discuss orthogonality for space:

**Definition 11.9 — Orthogonal subspaces.** Two subspaces  $U$  and  $V$  of a vector space are **orthogonal** if every vector  $\mathbf{u}$  in  $U$  is *perpendicular* to every vector  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $V$ :

**Orthogonal subspaces**      $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v} = 0$  for all  $\mathbf{u}$  in  $U$  and all  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $V$ .

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