

THEOREM (Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality)

∀ vectors \underline{u} and \underline{v} in 2D or 3D $|\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v}| \leq \|\underline{u}\| \|\underline{v}\|$

Proof: Let \underline{u} and \underline{v} be any 2 vectors on 2D or 3D

$$\text{Then, } |\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v}| = \|\underline{u}\| \|\underline{v}\| \cos \theta$$

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$$\leq \|\underline{u}\| \|\underline{v}\| \cdot 1 \quad (\because \text{for any angle } \theta, \\ -1 \leq \cos \theta \leq 1 \text{ or,} \\ |\cos \theta| \leq 1)$$

$$\therefore |\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v}| \leq \|\underline{u}\| \|\underline{v}\|$$

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