

I do not understand this key step in proving Cauchy-Schwartz Inequality. Most appreciated if someone could help!  
(From book Quantum Mechanics DeMysrified Pg. 133 )



## EXAMPLE 5-8

The *Cauchy-Schwartz inequality* states that

$$|\langle \phi | \psi \rangle|^2 \leq \langle \psi | \psi \rangle \langle \phi | \phi \rangle$$

Prove this result.



## SOLUTION

The proof also relies on the fact that  $\langle f | f \rangle \geq 0$  for any vector. We can minimize this expression if we let

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$$|f\rangle = |\phi\rangle - \frac{\langle \psi | \phi \rangle}{\langle \phi | \phi \rangle} |\psi\rangle$$

and so we have

$$\langle f | f \rangle = \langle \phi | \phi \rangle - \frac{\langle \psi | \phi \rangle}{\langle \psi | \psi \rangle} \langle \phi | \psi \rangle - \frac{\langle \phi | \psi \rangle}{\langle \psi | \psi \rangle} \langle \psi | \phi \rangle + \frac{\langle \phi | \psi \rangle}{\langle \psi | \psi \rangle} \frac{\langle \psi | \phi \rangle}{\langle \psi | \psi \rangle} \langle \psi | \psi \rangle$$

Now we use the fact that

$$\langle \phi | \psi \rangle \langle \psi | \phi \rangle = |\langle \phi | \psi \rangle|^2$$

to rewrite this as

$$\langle f | f \rangle = \langle \phi | \phi \rangle - 2 \frac{|\langle \phi | \psi \rangle|^2}{\langle \psi | \psi \rangle} + \frac{|\langle \phi | \psi \rangle|^2}{\langle \psi | \psi \rangle} = \langle \phi | \phi \rangle - \frac{|\langle \phi | \psi \rangle|^2}{\langle \psi | \psi \rangle}$$