

Problem 73# 2.1 Solution

In case $n = 2$ we get:

$$\begin{aligned}(x_1^2 + x_2^2)(y_1^2 + y_2^2) - (x_1y_1 + x_2y_2)^2 &= \\ x_1^2y_1^2 + x_1^2y_2^2 + x_2^2y_1^2 + x_2^2y_2^2 - x_1^2y_1^2 - x_2^2y_2^2 - 2x_1x_2y_1y_2 &= \\ x_1^2y_2^2 + x_2^2y_1^2 - 2x_1x_2y_1y_2 &= (x_1y_2 - x_2y_1)^2\end{aligned}$$

In general we have (summation from $j, k = 1$ up to n):

$$\begin{aligned}A &= \left(\sum x_jy_j\right)^2 = \sum x_j^2y_j^2 + \sum_{j \neq k} x_jy_jx_ky_k. \\ B &= \left(\sum x_j^2\right)\left(\sum y_j^2\right) = \sum x_j^2y_j^2 + \sum_{j < k} x_j^2y_k^2 + \sum_{j > k} x_j^2y_k^2. \\ B - A &= \sum_{j < k} x_j^2y_k^2 + \sum_{j < k} x_k^2y_j^2 - 2 \sum_{j < k} x_jx_ky_jy_k = \\ &= \sum_{j < k} (x_jy_k - x_ky_j)^2.\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } \left(\sum x_j^2\right)\left(\sum y_j^2\right) - \left(\sum x_jy_j\right)^2 = \sum_{j < k} (x_jy_k - x_ky_j)^2.$$

This relation is known as Lagrange's identity and of course implies Cauchy's inequality:

$$\left(\sum x_jy_j\right)^2 \leq \left(\sum x_j^2\right)\left(\sum y_j^2\right).$$

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