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# 7.5: Simplifying $a \cos x \pm b \sin x$

- ① a)  $20 \sin \theta + 21 \cos \theta \equiv R \sin(\theta + a)$   
 $\Rightarrow R = \sqrt{20^2 + 21^2} = 29 \quad \Rightarrow \tan a = \frac{21}{20}$  because  $R \sin(\theta + a)$   
 the coefficient of  $\sin$  has to be the denominator
- b)  $\sqrt{3} \cos \theta - \sqrt{5} \sin \theta = R \cos(\theta + a)$   
 $\Rightarrow R = \sqrt{(\sqrt{3})^2 + (\sqrt{5})^2} = \sqrt{8} = 2\sqrt{2} \quad \Rightarrow \tan a = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{3}}$
- c)  $2 \sin \theta - 3 \cos \theta \equiv R \sin(\theta - a)$   
 $\Rightarrow \sqrt{2^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{13} = R \quad \Rightarrow \tan a = \frac{3}{2}$

②  $R > 0 ; 0 < a < 90^\circ$

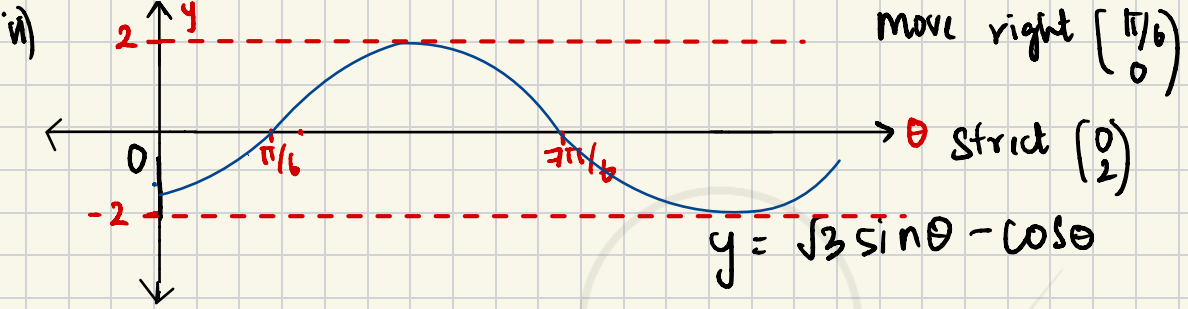
a)  $2 \sin \theta + 1 \cos \theta = R \cos(\theta - a)$   
 $R = \sqrt{2^2 + 1^2} \Rightarrow \sqrt{5} \quad \tan a = 2 \quad a = \arctan(2)$   
 $a = 63.4^\circ$  (3sf)

b)  $12 \cos \theta - 5 \sin \theta \equiv R \cos(\theta + a)$   
 $R = \sqrt{12^2 + 5^2} = 13 \quad \tan a = \frac{5}{12} \quad a = \arctan\left[\frac{5}{12}\right]$   
 $a = 22.6^\circ$  (3sf)

c)  $4 \sin \theta - 2 \cos \theta \equiv R \sin(\theta - a)$   
 $R = \sqrt{4^2 + 2^2} = 2\sqrt{5} \quad \tan a = \frac{2}{4} \quad a = \arctan(0.5)$   
 $a = 26.6^\circ$  (3sf)

③ a) i)  $\sqrt{3} \sin \theta - 1 \cos \theta = R \sin(\theta - a)$   
 $R = \sqrt{(\sqrt{3})^2 + (1)^2} = 2 \quad \tan a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \quad a = \frac{\pi}{6}$

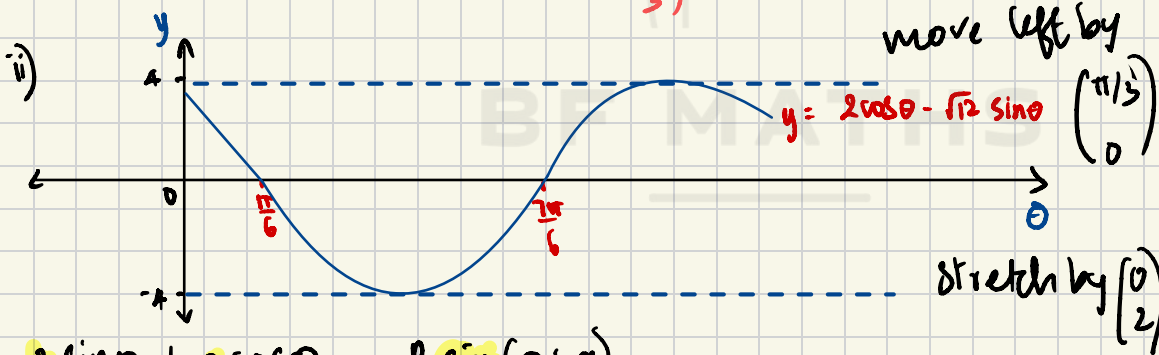
$\sqrt{3} \sin \theta - \cos \theta \Rightarrow 2 \sin\left(\theta - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$



b) i)  $2 \cos \theta - \sqrt{2} \sin \theta = A \cos(\theta + a)$

$R = \sqrt{2^2 + \sqrt{2}^2} = 4$        $\tan a = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$        $a = \frac{\pi}{3}$

$2 \cos \theta - \sqrt{2} \sin \theta = 4 \cos(\theta + \frac{\pi}{3})$

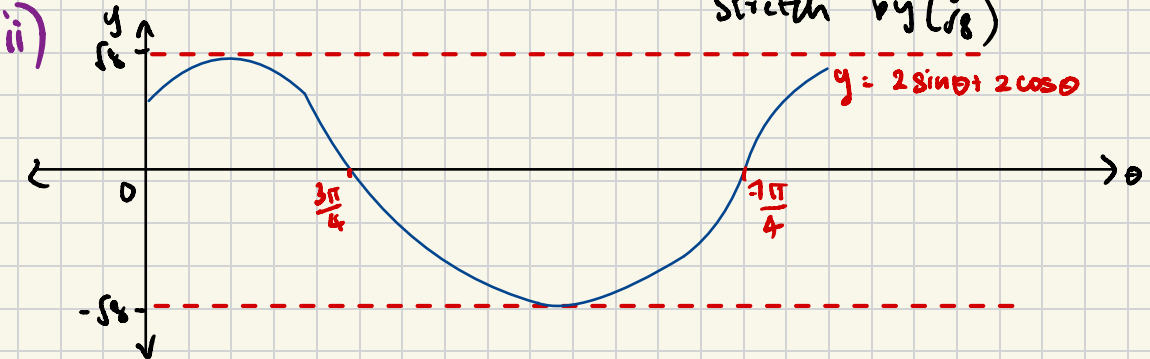


c)  $2 \sin \theta + 2 \cos \theta = R \sin(\theta + a)$

$R = \sqrt{2^2 + 2^2} = 2\sqrt{2} = \sqrt{8}$        $\tan a = \frac{2}{2}$        $a = \frac{\pi}{4}$

i)  $2 \sin \theta + 2 \cos \theta = 2\sqrt{2} \sin(\theta + \frac{\pi}{4})$

move left by  $\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\pi}{4} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$   
stretch by  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \sqrt{8} \end{pmatrix}$



$$④ \quad h(\theta) = 2\sin\theta + 4\cos\theta$$

$$a) \quad R = \sqrt{2^2 + 4^2} = 2\sqrt{5} \quad \tan a = \frac{4}{2} = 63.43^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\sqrt{5} \sin(\theta + 63.43^\circ)$$

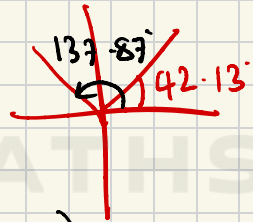
$$b) \quad 2\sin\theta + 4\cos\theta = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\sqrt{5} \sin(\theta + 63.43^\circ) = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(\theta + 63.43^\circ) = \frac{3}{2\sqrt{5}} \quad \theta + 63.43^\circ = \sin^{-1}\left[\frac{3}{2\sqrt{5}}\right]$$

$$\theta + 63.43^\circ = \cancel{42.13^\circ}, 137.87^\circ, 402.13^\circ$$

$$\theta = \cancel{74.4^\circ}, 338.7^\circ \quad (1dp)$$



$$⑤ \quad 3\cos 2\theta + 2\sin 2\theta = R \cos(2\theta - a)$$

$$a) \quad R = \sqrt{3^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{13} \quad \tan a = \frac{2}{3} \quad a = 0.588$$

$$= \sqrt{13} \cos(2\theta - 0.588)$$

$$b) \quad 3\cos 2\theta + 2\sin 2\theta = 1$$

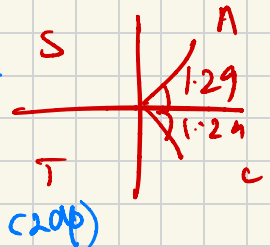
$$\sqrt{13} \cos(2\theta - 0.588) = 1 \quad \cos(2\theta - 0.588) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{13}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\theta - 0.588 = \cos^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{13}}\right]$$

$$-360^\circ \leq x \leq 360^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\theta - 0.588 = 1.29, -1.29, 4.99, -4.99$$

$$\theta = -2.20, -0.35, 0.94, 2.79$$



$$c) \sqrt{13} \cos(\theta - 0.588) = k$$

$k > \sqrt{13}$ ,  $k < -\sqrt{13}$ ; So the value of  $\cos$  exceeds the value 1 and not in the range of  $\cos$  ( $-1 \leq y \leq 1$ ). Therefore no solution.

$$b) 8 \sin \theta - 15 \cos \theta = R \sin(\theta - a)$$

$$R = \sqrt{8^2 + 15^2} = 17 \quad \tan a = \frac{15}{8} \quad a = 1.08$$

$$\Rightarrow 17 \sin(\theta - 1.08)$$

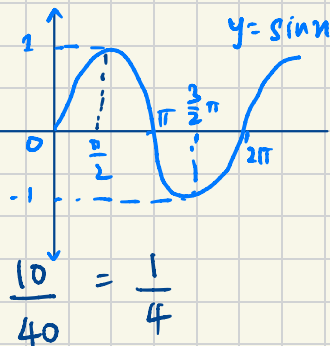
$$b) i) g(\theta) = \frac{10}{23 + 17 \sin(\theta - 1.08)} = \frac{10}{23 - 17} = \frac{10}{6} = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\sin(\theta - 1.08) = -1$$

$$ii) \sin(\theta - 1.08) = -1 \quad \theta - 1.08 = \arcsin(-1)$$

$$\theta - 1.08 = \frac{3}{2} \pi$$

$$\theta = \frac{3}{2} \pi + 1.08 = 5.79 \text{ (2dp)}$$



$$c) i) g(\theta) = \frac{10}{23 + 17 \sin(\theta - 1.08)} = \frac{10}{23 + 17} = \frac{10}{40} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\sin(\theta - 1.08) = 1$$

$$ii) \sin(\theta - 1.08) = 1 \quad \theta - 1.08 = \arcsin(1)$$

$$\theta - 1.08 = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \theta = 2.65 \text{ (2dp)}$$

$$\textcircled{7} \text{ a) } 2 \sin \left( x - \frac{\pi}{6} \right) - (\sqrt{3} - 2) \sin x = 2 \sin x - \cos x$$

$$2 \left[ \sin(A-B) \right] - \sqrt{3} \sin x + 2 \sin x$$

$$= 2 \left( \sin x \cos \frac{\pi}{6} - \cos x \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \right) - \sqrt{3} \sin x + 2 \sin x$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} \cancel{\sin x} - \cos x - \sqrt{3} \cancel{\sin x} + 2 \sin x$$

$$= 2 \sin x - \cos x$$

$$\text{b) } 2 \sin \left( x - \frac{\pi}{6} \right) - (\sqrt{3} - 2) \sin x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \sin x - \cos x = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \left( \frac{1}{2} + \cos x \right)^2 = (2 \sin x)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} + \cos^2 x + \cos x - 4 \sin^2 x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} + \cancel{\cos^2 x} + \cos x - 4 + 4 \cancel{\cos^2 x} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 \cos^2 x + \cos x - \frac{15}{4} = 0$$

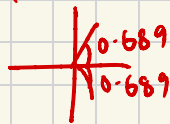
$$\Rightarrow 20 \cos^2 x + 4 \cos x - 15 = 0$$

$$-\pi \leq x \leq 2\pi$$

$$-180^\circ \leq x \leq 360^\circ$$

$$\cos x = \frac{-1 + 2\sqrt{19}}{10}$$

$$x = 0.689,$$

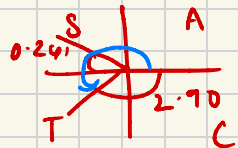


$$\cos x = \frac{-1 - 2\sqrt{19}}{10}$$

$$x = -2.90$$

$$x = \pi + 0.241$$

$$x = 3.38$$



$$\Rightarrow x = -2.90, 0.69, 3.38$$

$$c) (2 \sin(x - \frac{\pi}{6}) - (\sqrt{3} - 2) \sin x)^4$$

$$2 \sin x - \cos x = 0 \Rightarrow R \cos(x + \alpha)$$

$$\Rightarrow R = \sqrt{2^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{5} \cos(x + 1.107)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(x + 1.107) = 1 \Rightarrow (\sqrt{5})^4 = 25$$

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