

Section 2: Further trigonometric equations

Exercise level 2

1. Express $3 \cos \theta + 4 \sin \theta = R \cos(\theta - \alpha)$ where $R > 0$ and α is acute, and hence find the maximum and minimum values of the function.
2. Write each of the following functions in the form $R \cos(\theta \pm \alpha)$, where $R > 0$ and α is acute.
 - (i) $\cos \theta + \sin \theta$
 - (ii) $2 \cos \theta - \sin \theta$
 - (iii) $\sqrt{3} \sin \theta + \cos \theta$
3. Express $5 \sin \theta - 8 \cos \theta$ in the form $r \sin(\theta - \alpha)$ given that $r > 0$ and α is acute, and hence solve the equation $5 \sin \theta - 8 \cos \theta = 6$ for $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$.
4. Express $7 \sin x + 24 \cos x$ in the form $r \sin(x + \alpha)$ given that α is acute and $r > 0$. Hence find the maximum and minimum values of the function and the values of x where they occur, for $0 < x < 2\pi$.