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2(a) Express $2\cos x - 5\sin x$ in the form $R\cos(x+\alpha)$, where $R > 0$, $0 < \alpha < \pi/2$, giving your value of α to 3 s.f.

$$2\cos x - 5\sin x = R\cos x \cos \alpha - R\sin x \sin \alpha$$

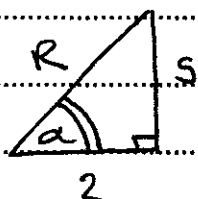
$$\therefore R\sin \alpha = 5$$

$$R\cos \alpha = 2$$

$$\frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} = \tan \alpha$$

$$\therefore \tan \alpha = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) = \alpha = 1.19^\circ$$



$$R = \sqrt{2^2 + 5^2} = \underline{\underline{\sqrt{29}}}$$

$$\therefore \underline{\underline{2\cos x - 5\sin x = \sqrt{29}\cos(x + 1.19^\circ)}}$$

(b)(i) Find the value of x where $2\cos x - 5\sin x$ is a maximum in the value $0 < x < 2\pi$

$$\text{Maximum at } \sqrt{29}\cos(x + 1.19^\circ) = \sqrt{29}$$

$$\therefore \cos(x + 1.19^\circ) = 1$$

$$\cos^{-1}(1) = x + 1.19^\circ = 0, 2\pi$$

$$\therefore x = -1.19^\circ, 5.09^\circ$$

$$\therefore \underline{\underline{x = 5.09^\circ}} \text{ (within range } 0 < x < 2\pi)$$



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2.(b) (ii) Solve the equation $2\cos x - 5\sin x + 1 = 0$ in the interval $0 < x < 2\pi$, giving your solutions to 3 s.f.

$$\therefore \sqrt{29} \cos(x + 1.19) = -1$$

$$\therefore \cos(x + 1.19) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{29}}$$

$$\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{29}}\right) = x + 1.19 = 1.7576\dots, 2\pi - 1.7576\dots$$

$$\therefore x = \underline{\underline{0.568^\circ}}, \underline{\underline{3.34^\circ}}$$