Higher Maths SQA 2019 Paper 2 Question 6



- (a) Express $2 \cos x^{\circ} 3 \sin x^{\circ}$ in the form $k \cos(x+a)^{\circ}$ where k > 0 and $0 \le a < 360$.
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(b) Hence solve $2 \cos x^{\circ} - 3 \sin x^{\circ} = 3$ for $0 \le x < 360$.

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Answers:

(a)
$$\sqrt{13}\cos(x+56\cdot3...)^{\circ}$$

(b)
$$x = 337.4 \text{ or } x = 270$$