

Math Diversion Problem 581

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The YouTube video is found at:

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JmyfgUglUzA>

Title: Unlocking Trigonometric Secrets

Presenter: Numbers & Numbers

1 The Problem

Given the relation

$$\phi_+ = \sin \theta + \cos \theta = \frac{7}{5}, \quad (1)$$

find all real values of

$$\phi_- = \sin \theta - \cos \theta. \quad (2)$$

2 The Solution

Note:

$$\phi_+^2 = (\sin \theta + \cos \theta)^2 = 1 + 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta, \quad (3)$$

$$\phi_-^2 = (\sin \theta - \cos \theta)^2 = 1 - 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta. \quad (4)$$

Now,

$$\phi_+^2 + \phi_-^2 = 2. \quad (5)$$

Therefore,

$$\phi_-^2 = 2 - \phi_+^2 = 2 - \frac{49}{25} = \frac{1}{25}. \quad (6)$$

Hence,

$$\phi_- = \pm \frac{1}{5}. \quad (7)$$