

# ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

If  $x^2 + 4y^2 - 2x + 8y + 1 = 0$  then:

$$-10 \leq \frac{-2x + 10y - 14}{x + 2y + 1} \leq 1$$

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We know that for any real number  $A$  and  $B$  :

$$-\sqrt{A^2 + B^2} \leq A \cos \theta + B \sin \theta \leq \sqrt{A^2 + B^2} \quad (1)$$

$$x^2 + 4y^2 - 2x - 8y + 1 = 0 \text{ or, } (x^2 - 2x + 1) + 4(y^2 - 2y + 1) - 4 = 0 \text{ or,}$$

$$\text{or, } (x - 1)^2 + 4(y - 1)^2 = 4 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{from (2) we take } x - 1 = 2 \cos \theta \text{ or, } x = 1 + 2 \cos \theta, y - 1 = \sin \theta \text{ or, } y = 1 + \sin \theta$$

$$\text{let } t = \frac{-2x + 10y - 14}{x + 2y + 1} \underset{x=1+2\cos\theta, y=1+\sin\theta}{=} \frac{-2(1 + 2 \cos \theta) + 10(1 + \sin \theta) - 14}{1 + 2 \cos \theta + 2(1 + \sin \theta) + 1}$$

$$= \frac{-3 - 2 \cos \theta + 5 \sin \theta}{2 + \cos \theta + \sin \theta}$$

$$\text{now } t = \frac{-3 - 2 \cos \theta + 5 \sin \theta}{2 + \cos \theta + \sin \theta} \text{ or, } t(2 + \cos \theta + \sin \theta) = -3 - 2 \cos \theta + 5 \sin \theta$$

$$\text{or, } (-2 - t) \cos \theta + (5 - t) \sin \theta = 2t + 3$$

$$\text{or, } |2t + 3| = |(-2 - t) \cos \theta + (5 - t) \sin \theta| \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \sqrt{(2 + t)^2 + (5 - t)^2}$$

$$\text{or, } (2t + 3)^2 \leq (t + 2)^2 + (t - 5)^2$$

$$\text{or, } 4t^2 + 12t + 9 \leq t^2 + 4t + 4 + t^2 - 10t + 25 \text{ or, } 2t^2 + 18t - 20 \leq 0$$

$$\text{or, } t^2 + 9t - 10 \leq 0 \text{ or, } (t + 10)(t - 1) \leq 0 \text{ or, } -10 \leq t \leq 1$$

$$\text{or, } -10 \leq \frac{-2x + 10y - 14}{x + 2y + 1} \leq 1$$

$$\text{Equality occurs when } t = \frac{-2x + 10y - 14}{x + 2y + 1} = 1 \text{ at } x = -\frac{1}{5}, y = \frac{9}{5}$$

$$\text{Equality occurs when } t = \frac{-2x + 10y - 14}{x + 2y + 1} = -10 \text{ at } x = \frac{1}{17}, y = \frac{2}{17}$$