

**Proposed solution of problem 1126**  
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*Find a rational function  $f(x)$  with integer coefficient such that*

$$\cos \theta = f(\sin \theta - \cos \theta)$$

*is an identity or prove that no identity of this form exists*

*Proof* No identity of the given form can exist because  $\sin \theta - \cos \theta = 1$  for  $\theta_1 = \frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $\theta_2 = \pi$  but  $\cos \pi = -1$  while  $\cos \frac{\pi}{2} = 0$ .