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Problem. Show that

$$-2 \leq \cos \theta \left(\sin \theta + \sqrt{\sin^2 \theta + 3} \right) \leq 2$$

for all values of θ .

Solution by **mcrasher** (#2 on the thread).

Solution. From Cauchy–Schwarz inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\cos \theta \left(\sin \theta + \sqrt{\sin^2 \theta + 3} \right) \right)^2 &= \left(\cos \theta \sin \theta + \cos \theta \sqrt{\sin^2 \theta + 3} \right)^2 \\ &\leq (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) \cdot (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta + 3) \\ &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

which implies $-2 \leq \cos \theta \left(\sin \theta + \sqrt{\sin^2 \theta + 3} \right) \leq 2$, as desired. ■