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$$p(\theta) = 4 - \sin(\theta) + \sin(2\theta) - 3\cos(2\theta)$$

ii $p(\theta) = 5 - \sin(\theta) + \sin(2\theta) - 3\cos(3\theta)$

Compute their sos certificates.

Solution idea:

Use the parametrization $\theta = 2 \arctan(x)$ or, equivalently, $\cos(\theta) = \frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2}$ and $\sin(\theta) = \frac{2x}{1+x^2}$, and reduce to one variable case.

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