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Assignment: Practice Questions for
 Sections 11.4 & 11.5 [Not f

Graph the curves $r = \frac{11}{2} + 5 \cos \theta$ and $r = \frac{11}{2} - 5 \sin \theta$.

First, establish what symmetries $r = \frac{11}{2} + 5 \cos \theta$ has. The curve is symmetric about the x-axis if, when the point (r, θ) lies on the graph, the point $(r, -\theta)$ or $(-r, \pi - \theta)$ lies on the graph.

Test to see if the curve is symmetric about the x-axis. In the equation $r = \frac{11}{2} + 5 \cos \theta$ substitute $(r, -\theta)$ or $(-r, \pi - \theta)$ for (r, θ) and see if the resulting equation is equivalent to the original one. It is helpful to make use of the identities $\cos(-\theta) = \cos(\theta)$ and $\cos(\pi - \theta) = -\cos(\theta)$. The equation does not change, so the curve is symmetric about the x-axis.

The curve is symmetric about the y-axis if, when the point (r, θ) lies on the graph, the point $(r, \pi - \theta)$ or $(-r, -\theta)$ lies on the graph.

Test to see if the curve is symmetric about the y-axis. In the equation $r = \frac{11}{2} + 5 \cos \theta$ substitute $(r, \pi - \theta)$ or $(-r, -\theta)$ for (r, θ) and see if the resulting equation is equivalent to the original one. It is helpful to make use of the identities $\cos(\pi - \theta) = -\cos(\theta)$ and $\cos(-\theta) = \cos(\theta)$. The equation changes, so the curve is not symmetric about the y-axis.

The curve is symmetric about the origin if, when the point (r, θ) lies on the graph, the point $(-r, \theta)$ or $(r, \theta + \pi)$ lies on the graph.

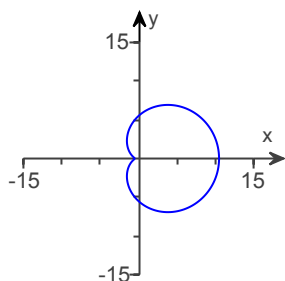
Test to see if the curve is symmetric about the origin. In the equation $r = \frac{11}{2} + 5 \cos \theta$ substitute $(-r, \theta)$ or $(r, \theta + \pi)$ for (r, θ) and see if the resulting equation is equivalent to the original one. It is helpful to make use of the identity $\cos(\theta + \pi) = -\cos(\theta)$. The equation changes, so the curve is not symmetric about the origin.

Now that the symmetry about the x-axis has been established, it is possible to graph the curve by finding r for θ values ranging from 0 to π , and then reflect the plot about the x-axis to get the whole graph.

For each value of θ , the corresponding value of $r = \frac{11}{2} + 5 \cos \theta$ has been calculated, rounded to two decimal places.

$\theta = 0$	$r = 10.5$	$\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$	$r = 8$	$\theta = \frac{3\pi}{4}$	$r = 1.96$
$\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$	$r = 9.83$	$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$	$r = 5.5$	$\theta = \frac{5\pi}{6}$	$r = 1.17$
$\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$	$r = 9.04$	$\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}$	$r = 3$	$\theta = \pi$	$r = 0.5$

Use these values to sketch the curve $r = \frac{11}{2} + 5 \cos \theta$.



Next, establish what symmetries $r = \frac{11}{2} - 5 \sin \theta$ has. Test to see if the curve is symmetric about the x-axis. The curve is symmetric about the x-axis if, when the point (r, θ) lies on the graph, the point $(r, -\theta)$ or $(-r, \pi - \theta)$ lies on the graph.

Test to see if the curve is symmetric about the x-axis. In the equation $r = \frac{11}{2} - 5 \sin \theta$ substitute $(r, -\theta)$ or $(-r, \pi - \theta)$ for (r, θ) and see if the resulting equation is equivalent to the original one. It is helpful to make use of the identities $\sin(-\theta) = -\sin(\theta)$ and $\sin(\pi - \theta) = \sin(\theta)$. The equation changes, so the curve is not symmetric about the x-axis.

The curve is symmetric about the y-axis if, when the point (r, θ) lies on the graph, the point $(r, \pi - \theta)$ or $(-r, -\theta)$ lies on the graph.

Test to see if the curve is symmetric about the y-axis. In the equation $r = \frac{11}{2} - 5 \sin \theta$ substitute $(r, \pi - \theta)$ or $(-r, -\theta)$ for (r, θ) and see if the resulting equation is equivalent to the original one. It is helpful to make use of the identities $\sin(\pi - \theta) = \sin(\theta)$ and $\sin(-\theta) = -\sin(\theta)$. The equation does not change, so the curve is symmetric about the y-axis.

The curve is symmetric about the origin if, when the point (r, θ) lies on the graph, the point $(-r, \theta)$ or $(r, \theta + \pi)$ lies on the graph.

Test to see if the curve is symmetric about the origin. In the equation $r = \frac{11}{2} - 5 \sin \theta$ substitute $(-r, \theta)$ or $(r, \theta + \pi)$ for (r, θ) and see if the resulting equation is equivalent to the original one. It is helpful to make use of the identity $\sin(\theta + \pi) = -\sin(\theta)$. The equation changes, so the curve is not symmetric about the origin.

Now that the symmetry about the y-axis has been established it is possible graph the curve by finding r for θ values ranging from $-\frac{\pi}{2}$ to $\frac{\pi}{2}$, and then reflect the plot about the y-axis to get the whole graph.

For each value of θ , the corresponding value of $r = \frac{11}{2} - 5 \sin \theta$ has been calculated, rounded to two decimal places.

$\theta = -\frac{\pi}{2}$	$r = 10.5$	$\theta = -\frac{\pi}{6}$	$r = 8$	$\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$	$r = 1.96$
$\theta = -\frac{\pi}{3}$	$r = 9.83$	$\theta = 0$	$r = 5.5$	$\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$	$r = 1.17$
$\theta = -\frac{\pi}{4}$	$r = 9.04$	$\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$	$r = 3$	$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$	$r = 0.5$

Use these values to sketch the curve $r = \frac{11}{2} - 5 \sin \theta$.

