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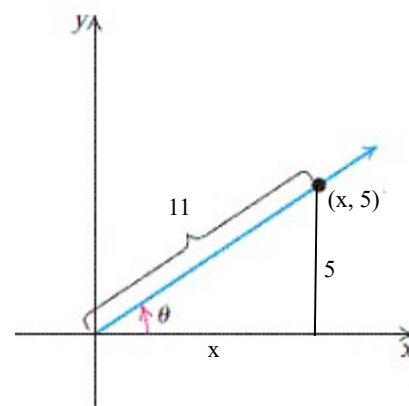
Assignment: 5.6 Inverse Trigonometric
 Functions

Use a sketch to find the exact value of y .

$$y = \cos \left(\sin^{-1} \frac{5}{11} \right)$$

Let $\theta = \sin^{-1} \frac{5}{11}$. Since θ is in the range of the inverse sine function, $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$. Furthermore, since the sine of θ is positive, θ must occur in quadrant I.

By definition, $\sin \theta = \frac{5}{11}$. For any point (x, y) on the terminal side of θ , $\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r}$, where r is the distance from the origin to (x, y) . Thus, using the point $(x, 5)$ on the terminal side of θ in quadrant I, draw a right triangle with hypotenuse equal to 11 and the side opposite θ equal to 5. A sketch of the angle θ is shown to the right.



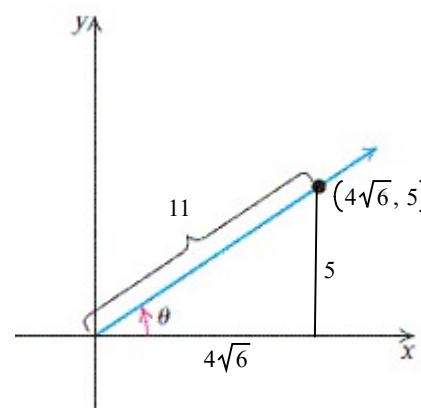
Using the Pythagorean theorem, solve for the unknown side, x .

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \sqrt{11^2 - 5^2} \\ &= 4\sqrt{6} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the terminal side of θ contains the point $(4\sqrt{6}, 5)$.

Determine $\cos \theta$.

$$\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r} = \frac{4\sqrt{6}}{11}$$



Therefore, $y = \frac{4\sqrt{6}}{11}$.