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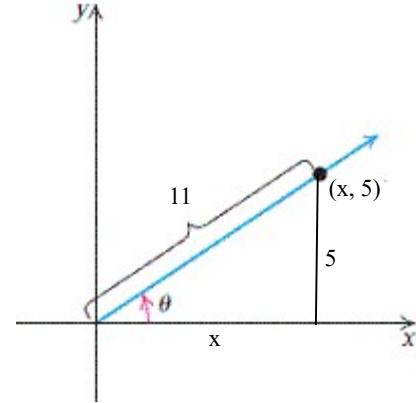
**Assignment:** 5.6 Inverse Trigonometric Functions

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  $\theta$  is in the range of the inverse sine function,  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Furthermore, since the sine of  $\theta$  is positive,  $\theta$  must occur in quadrant I.

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



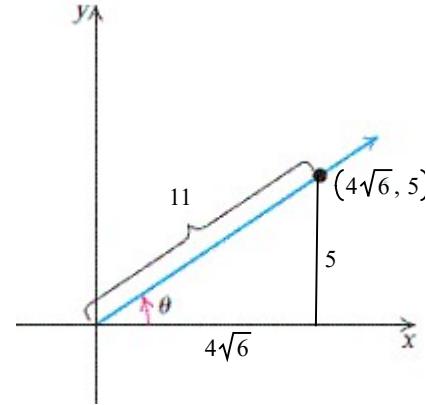
Using the Pythagorean theorem, solve for the unknown side, x.

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

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

Determine  $\cos \theta$ .

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



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