Area of a Polar Rose

Use the area formula $\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \frac{1}{2} r^2 d\theta$ to find the area of one petal of the rose $r = 8 \sin 11\theta$ shown to the right. Hint: The first petal starts and ends when $r = f(\theta) = 8 \sin 11\theta = 0$. The graph of $r = 8 \sin 11\theta$ has _____ complete cycles in the interval $0 \le \theta \le 2\pi$.

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1. To find the integration limits, we can find values $\theta = \alpha$ and $\theta = \beta$ for which $r = 8\sin 11\theta = 0$, since this will be where the first petal starts and ends. The graph starts at $\alpha = 0$. Find β for which the graph of r = 9 $\sin 11\theta = 0$.

 β = _____. (Report β as an exact value involving π .)

TIP: The dashed line in the above graph is the polar equation $\theta = \beta$. You can enter in your polar grapher $r = 9 \sin 11\theta$ and $\theta \min = 0$ and $\theta \max = \beta$ to check that you have sketched only the first petal.

2. The exact area is $\int_0^\beta \frac{1}{2} r^2 d\theta =$ (Write as a multiple of π . Use FNINT)