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Worked Examples
Find the Area of the Yellow Region 2

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1. In Figure 1, two concentric half-circles are shown.

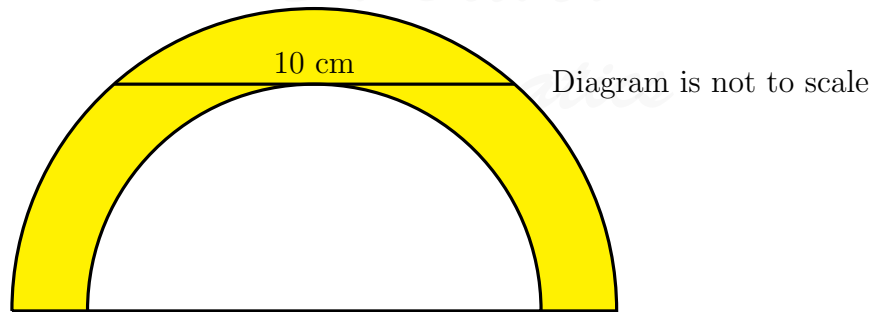


Figure 1: two concentric half-circles

The length of the horizontal chord of the bigger half-circle is tangent to the smaller half-circle is 10 cm.

Find the shaded area in yellow.

Solution

Let R cm be the radius of the bigger half-circle and let r cm be the radius of the smaller half-circle:

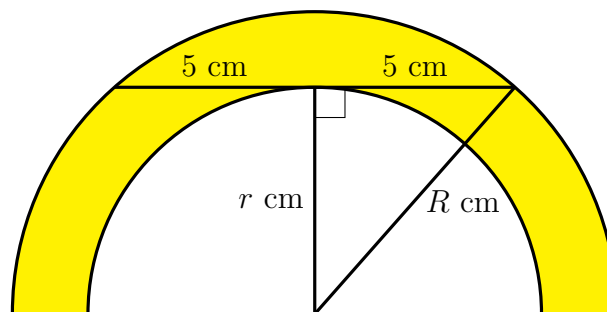


Figure 2: R and r

Pythagoras' theorem:

$$\begin{aligned}r^2 + 5^2 &= R^2 \Rightarrow 5^2 = R^2 - r^2 \\ &\Rightarrow 25 = R^2 - r^2.\end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{area} &= \frac{1}{2}\pi R^2 - \frac{1}{2}\pi r^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\pi(R^2 - r^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\pi \times 25 \\ &= \underline{\underline{\frac{25}{2}\pi \text{ cm}^2}}.\end{aligned}$$

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