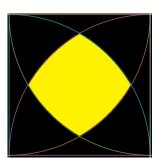
1. The given diagram consists of a square of length $10~\rm cm$ and arcs of four circle of radius $10~\rm cm$. Find the area of the largest circle which can be fit into the shaded region.



Solution:

Since the diagonal of the square is $10\sqrt{2}$ cm and the radius of each circle is 10 cm, we find that the maximal radius $r=10-\frac{10}{\sqrt{2}}=10-5\sqrt{2}$. So the area of the required circle is $A=\pi r^2=\pi(10-5\sqrt{2})^2=26.95$ cm².

