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Q1 : Using differentials, find the approximate value of each of the following.

(a) $\left(\frac{17}{81}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$ (b) $(33)^{-\frac{1}{5}}$

Answer :

(a) Consider $y = x^{\frac{1}{4}}$. Let $x = \frac{16}{81}$ and $\Delta x = \frac{1}{81}$.

Then, $\Delta y = (x + \Delta x)^{\frac{1}{4}} - x^{\frac{1}{4}}$

$$= \left(\frac{17}{81}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} - \left(\frac{16}{81}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$= \left(\frac{17}{81}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} - \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{17}{81}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{2}{3} + \Delta y$$

Now, dy is approximately equal to Δy and is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} dy &= \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) \Delta x = \frac{1}{4(x)^{\frac{3}{4}}} (\Delta x) \quad \left(\text{as } y = x^{\frac{1}{4}}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4\left(\frac{16}{81}\right)^{\frac{3}{4}}} \left(\frac{1}{81}\right) = \frac{27}{4 \times 8} \times \frac{1}{81} = \frac{1}{32 \times 3} = \frac{1}{96} = 0.010 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the approximate value of $\left(\frac{17}{81}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$ is $\frac{2}{3} + 0.010 = 0.667 + 0.010$

$$= 0.677.$$

(b) Consider $y = x^{-\frac{1}{5}}$. Let $x = 32$ and $\Delta x = 1$.

Then, $\Delta y = (x + \Delta x)^{-\frac{1}{5}} - x^{-\frac{1}{5}} = (33)^{-\frac{1}{5}} - (32)^{-\frac{1}{5}} = (33)^{-\frac{1}{5}} - \frac{1}{2}$

$$\therefore (33)^{-\frac{1}{5}} = \frac{1}{2} + \Delta y$$

Now, dy is approximately equal to Δy and is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} dy &= \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) (\Delta x) = \frac{-1}{5(x)^{\frac{6}{5}}} (\Delta x) \quad \left(\text{as } y = x^{-\frac{1}{5}}\right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{5(2)^6} (1) = -\frac{1}{320} = -0.003 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the approximate value of $(33)^{-\frac{1}{5}}$ is $\frac{1}{2} + (-0.003)$

$$= 0.5 - 0.003 = 0.497.$$

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Q2 : Show that the function given by $f(x) = \frac{\log x}{x}$ has maximum at $x = e$.

Answer :

The given function is $f(x) = \frac{\log x}{x}$.

$$f'(x) = \frac{x\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - \log x}{x^2} = \frac{1 - \log x}{x^2}$$

Now, $f'(x) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \log x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \log x = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \log x = \log e$$

$$\Rightarrow x = e$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } f''(x) &= \frac{x^2\left(-\frac{1}{x^2}\right) - (1 - \log x)(2x)}{x^4} \\ &= \frac{-x - 2x(1 - \log x)}{x^4} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{-3 + 2 \log x}{x^3}$$

Now, $f''(e) = \frac{-3 + 2 \log e}{e^3} = \frac{-3 + 2}{e^3} = \frac{-1}{e^3} < 0$

Therefore, by second derivative test, f is the maximum at $x = e$.

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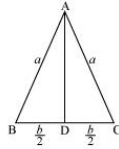
Q3 : The two equal sides of an isosceles triangle with fixed base b are decreasing at the rate of 3 cm per second. How fast is the area decreasing when the two equal sides are equal to the base?

Answer :

Let $\triangle ABC$ be isosceles where BC is the base of fixed length b .

Let the length of the two equal sides of $\triangle ABC$ be a .

Draw $AD \perp BC$.



Now, in $\triangle ADC$, by applying the Pythagoras theorem, we have:

$$AD = \sqrt{a^2 - \frac{b^2}{4}}$$

$$\therefore \text{Area of triangle } (A) = \frac{1}{2} b \sqrt{a^2 - \frac{b^2}{4}}$$

The rate of change of the area with respect to time (t) is given by,

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} b \cdot \frac{2a}{2\sqrt{a^2 - \frac{b^2}{4}}} \frac{da}{dt} = \frac{ab}{\sqrt{4a^2 - b^2}} \frac{da}{dt}$$

It is given that the two equal sides of the triangle are decreasing at the rate of 3 cm per second.

$$\therefore \frac{da}{dt} = -3 \text{ cm/s}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{-3ab}{\sqrt{4a^2 - b^2}}$$

Then, when $a = b$, we have:

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{-3b^2}{\sqrt{4b^2 - b^2}} = \frac{-3b^2}{\sqrt{3b^2}} = -\sqrt{3}b$$

Hence, if the two equal sides are equal to the base, then the area of the triangle is decreasing at the rate of $\sqrt{3}b \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$.

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Q4 : Find the equation of the normal to curve $y^2 = 4x$ at the point $(1, 2)$.

Answer :

The equation of the given curve is $y^2 = 4x$.

Differentiating with respect to x , we have:

$$2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4}{2y} = \frac{2}{y}$$

$$\therefore \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(1,2)} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

Now, the slope of the normal at point $(1, 2)$ is $\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(1,2)} = \frac{-1}{1} = -1$.

\therefore Equation of the normal at $(1, 2)$ is $y - 2 = -1(x - 1)$.

$$\Rightarrow y - 2 = -x + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x + y - 3 = 0$$

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Q5 : Show that the normal at any point θ to the curve

$x = a \cos \theta + a \theta \sin \theta$, $y = a \sin \theta - a \theta \cos \theta$ is at a constant distance from the origin.

Answer :

We have $x = a \cos \theta + a \theta \sin \theta$.

$$\therefore \frac{dx}{d\theta} = -a \sin \theta + a \sin \theta + a \theta \cos \theta = a \theta \cos \theta$$

$$y = a \sin \theta - a \theta \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{d\theta} = a \cos \theta - a \cos \theta + a \theta \sin \theta = a \theta \sin \theta$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{d\theta} \cdot \frac{d\theta}{dx} = \frac{a \theta \sin \theta}{a \theta \cos \theta} = \tan \theta$$

\therefore Slope of the normal at any point θ is $-\frac{1}{\tan \theta}$.

The equation of the normal at a given point (x, y) is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} y - a \sin \theta + a \theta \cos \theta &= \frac{-1}{\tan \theta} (x - a \cos \theta - a \theta \sin \theta) \\ \Rightarrow y \sin \theta - a \sin^2 \theta + a \theta \sin \theta \cos \theta &= -x \cos \theta + a \cos^2 \theta + a \theta \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ \Rightarrow x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta - a (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta - a &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now, the perpendicular distance of the normal from the origin is

$$\frac{|-a|}{\sqrt{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta}} = \frac{|-a|}{\sqrt{1}} = |-a|, \text{ which is independent of } \theta.$$

Hence, the perpendicular distance of the normal from the origin is constant.

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Q6 : Find the intervals in which the function f given by

$$f(x) = \frac{4 \sin x - 2x - x \cos x}{2 + \cos x}$$

is (i) increasing (ii) decreasing

Answer :

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{4 \sin x - 2x - x \cos x}{2 + \cos x} \\ \therefore f'(x) &= \frac{(2 + \cos x)(4 \cos x - 2 - \cos x + x \sin x) - (4 \sin x - 2x - x \cos x)(-\sin x)}{(2 + \cos x)^2} \\ &= \frac{(2 + \cos x)(3 \cos x - 2 + x \sin x) + \sin x(4 \sin x - 2x - x \cos x)}{(2 + \cos x)^2} \\ &= \frac{6 \cos x - 4 + 2x \sin x + 3 \cos^2 x - 2 \cos x + x \sin x \cos x + 4 \sin^2 x - 2x \sin x - x \sin x \cos x}{(2 + \cos x)^2} \quad \text{Now, } f'(x) = 0 \\ &= \frac{4 \cos x - 4 + 3 \cos^2 x + 4 \sin^2 x}{(2 + \cos x)^2} \\ &= \frac{4 \cos x - 4 + 3 \cos^2 x + 4 - 4 \cos^2 x}{(2 + \cos x)^2} \\ &= \frac{4 \cos x - \cos^2 x}{(2 + \cos x)^2} = \frac{\cos x(4 - \cos x)}{(2 + \cos x)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos x = 0 \text{ or } \cos x = 4$$

But, $\cos x = 4$

$$\therefore \cos x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

Now, $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ and $x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$ divides $(0, 2\pi)$ into three disjoint intervals i.e.,

$$\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right), \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right), \text{ and } \left(\frac{3\pi}{2}, 2\pi\right).$$

In intervals $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ and $\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}, 2\pi\right)$, $f'(x) > 0$.

Thus, $f(x)$ is increasing for $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ and $\frac{3\pi}{2} < x < 2\pi$.

In the interval $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$, $f'(x) < 0$.

Thus, $f(x)$ is decreasing for $\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{3\pi}{2}$.

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Q7 : Find the intervals in which the function f given by $f(x) = x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}$, $x \neq 0$ is

(i) increasing (ii) decreasing

Answer :

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} \\ \therefore f'(x) &= 3x^2 - \frac{3}{x^4} = \frac{3x^6 - 3}{x^4} \\ \text{Then, } f'(x) = 0 &\Rightarrow 3x^6 - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow x^6 = 1 \Rightarrow x = \pm 1 \end{aligned}$$

Now, the points $x = 1$ and $x = -1$ divide the real line into three disjoint intervals i.e., $(-\infty, -1)$, $(-1, 1)$, and $(1, \infty)$.

In intervals $(-\infty, -1)$ and $(1, \infty)$ i.e., when $x < -1$ and $x > 1$, $f'(x) > 0$.

Thus, when $x < -1$ and $x > 1$, f is increasing.

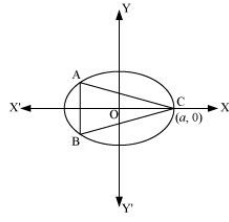
In interval $(-1, 1)$ i.e., when $-1 < x < 1$, $f'(x) < 0$.

Thus, when $-1 < x < 1$, f is decreasing.

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Q8 : Find the maximum area of an isosceles triangle inscribed in the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ with its vertex at one end of the major axis.

Answer :



The given ellipse is $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$.

Let the major axis be along the x -axis.

Let ABC be the triangle inscribed in the ellipse where vertex C is at $(a, 0)$.

Since the ellipse is symmetrical with respect to the x -axis and y -axis, we can assume the coordinates of A to be $(-x_1, y_1)$ and the coordinates of B to be $(-x_1, -y_1)$.

Now, we have $y_1 = \pm \frac{b}{a} \sqrt{a^2 - x_1^2}$.

\therefore Coordinates of A are $(-x_1, \frac{b}{a} \sqrt{a^2 - x_1^2})$ and the coordinates of B are $(-x_1, -\frac{b}{a} \sqrt{a^2 - x_1^2})$.

As the point (x_1, y_1) lies on the ellipse, the area of triangle ABC (A) is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{1}{2} \left| a \left(\frac{2b}{a} \sqrt{a^2 - x_1^2} \right) + (-x_1) \left(-\frac{b}{a} \sqrt{a^2 - x_1^2} \right) + (-x_1) \left(-\frac{b}{a} \sqrt{a^2 - x_1^2} \right) \right| \\ \Rightarrow A &= b \sqrt{a^2 - x_1^2} + x_1 \frac{b}{a} \sqrt{a^2 - x_1^2} \quad \dots (1) \\ \therefore \frac{dA}{dx_1} &= \frac{-2x_1 b}{2\sqrt{a^2 - x_1^2}} + \frac{b}{a} \sqrt{a^2 - x_1^2} - \frac{2bx_1^2}{a2\sqrt{a^2 - x_1^2}} \\ &= \frac{b}{a\sqrt{a^2 - x_1^2}} [-x_1 a + (a^2 - x_1^2) - x_1^2] \\ &= \frac{b(-2x_1^2 - x_1 a + a^2)}{a\sqrt{a^2 - x_1^2}} \end{aligned}$$

Now, $\frac{dA}{dx_1} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow -2x_1^2 - x_1 a + a^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{a \pm \sqrt{a^2 - 4(-2)(a^2)}}{2(-2)}$$

$$= \frac{a \pm \sqrt{9a^2}}{-4}$$

$$= \frac{a \pm 3a}{-4}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = -a, \frac{a}{2}$$

But, x_1 cannot be equal to $-a$.

$$\therefore x_1 = \frac{a}{2} \Rightarrow y_1 = \frac{b}{a} \sqrt{a^2 - \frac{a^2}{4}} = \frac{ba}{2a} \sqrt{3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}b}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \frac{d^2 A}{dx_1^2} &= \frac{b}{a} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{a^2 - x_1^2}(-4x_1 - a) - (-2x_1^2 - x_1 a + a^2) \frac{(-2x_1)}{2\sqrt{a^2 - x_1^2}}}{a^2 - x_1^2} \right\} \\ &= \frac{b}{a} \left\{ \frac{(a^2 - x_1^2)(-4x_1 - a) + x_1(-2x_1^2 - x_1 a + a^2)}{(a^2 - x_1^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right\} \\ &= \frac{b}{a} \left\{ \frac{2x_1^3 - 3a^2 x_1 - a^3}{(a^2 - x_1^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Also, when $x_1 = \frac{a}{2}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 A}{dx_1^2} &= \frac{b}{a} \left\{ \frac{2 \frac{a^3}{8} - 3 \frac{a^3}{2} - a^3}{\left(\frac{3a^2}{4} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right\} = \frac{b}{a} \left\{ \frac{\frac{a^3}{4} - \frac{3}{2}a^3 - a^3}{\left(\frac{3a^2}{4} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right\} \\ &= -\frac{b}{a} \left\{ \frac{\frac{9}{4}a^3}{\left(\frac{3a^2}{4} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right\} < 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the area is the maximum when $x_1 = \frac{a}{2}$.

\therefore Maximum area of the triangle is given by,

$$A_{\max} = \frac{1}{2} \times \sqrt{a^2 - \left(\frac{a}{2} \right)^2} \times b \times \sqrt{2 \times a^2 - \left(\frac{a}{2} \right)^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= b\sqrt{a^2 - \frac{1}{4}} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)a\sqrt{a^2 - \frac{1}{4}} \\
 &= ab\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)b \times \frac{a\sqrt{3}}{2} \\
 &= \frac{ab\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{ab\sqrt{3}}{4} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4}ab
 \end{aligned}$$

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Q9 : A tank with rectangular base and rectangular sides, open at the top is to be constructed so that its depth is 2 m and volume is 8 m³. If building of tank costs Rs 70 per sq meters for the base and Rs 45 per square metre for sides. What is the cost of least expensive tank?

Answer :

Let l , b , and h represent the length, breadth, and height of the tank respectively.

Then, we have height (h) = 2 m

Volume of the tank = 8 m³

Volume of the tank = $l \times b \times h$

$$\therefore 8 = l \times b \times 2$$

$$\Rightarrow lb = 4 \Rightarrow b = \frac{4}{l}$$

Now, area of the base = $lb = 4$

Area of the 4 walls (A) = $2h(l + b)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore A &= 4\left(l + \frac{4}{l}\right) \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{dA}{dl} &= 4\left(1 - \frac{4}{l^2}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{dA}{dl} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{4}{l^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow l^2 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow l = \pm 2$$

However, the length cannot be negative.

Therefore, we have $l = 4$.

$$\therefore b = \frac{4}{l} = \frac{4}{2} = 2$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{d^2A}{dl^2} = \frac{32}{l^3}$$

$$\text{When } l = 2, \frac{d^2A}{dl^2} = \frac{32}{8} = 4 > 0.$$

Thus, by second derivative test, the area is the minimum when $l = 2$.

We have $l = b = h = 2$.

\therefore Cost of building the base = Rs 70 \times (lb) = Rs 70 (4) = Rs 280

Cost of building the walls = Rs $2h(l + b) \times 45$ = Rs 90 (2) (2 + 2)

= Rs 8 (90) = Rs 720

Required total cost = Rs (280 + 720) = Rs 1000

Hence, the total cost of the tank will be Rs 1000.

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Q10 : The sum of the perimeter of a circle and square is k , where k is some constant. Prove that the sum of their areas is least when the side of square is double the radius of the circle.

Answer :

Let r be the radius of the circle and a be the side of the square.

Then, we have:

$$2\pi r + 4a = k \text{ (where } k \text{ is constant)}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{k - 2\pi r}{4}$$

The sum of the areas of the circle and the square (A) is given by,

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= \pi r^2 + a^2 = \pi r^2 + \frac{(k - 2\pi r)^2}{16} \\
 \therefore \frac{dA}{dr} &= 2\pi r + \frac{2(k - 2\pi r)(-2\pi)}{16} = 2\pi r - \frac{\pi(k - 2\pi r)}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{dA}{dr} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\pi r = \frac{\pi(k - 2\pi r)}{4}$$

$$8r = k - 2\pi r$$

$$\Rightarrow (8 + 2\pi)r = k$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \frac{k}{8 + 2\pi} = \frac{k}{2(4 + \pi)}$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{d^2A}{dr^2} = 2\pi + \frac{\pi^2}{2} > 0$$

$$\therefore \text{When } r = \frac{k}{2(4 + \pi)}, \frac{d^2A}{dr^2} > 0.$$

∴ The sum of the areas is least when $r = \frac{k}{2(4+\pi)}$.

$$\text{When } r = \frac{k}{2(4+\pi)}, a = \frac{k - 2\pi \left[\frac{k}{2(4+\pi)} \right]}{4} = \frac{k(4+\pi) - \pi k}{4(4+\pi)} = \frac{4k}{4(4+\pi)} = \frac{k}{4+\pi} = 2r.$$

Hence, it has been proved that the sum of their areas is least when the side of the square is double the radius of the circle.

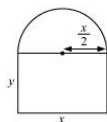
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Q11 : A window is in the form of rectangle surmounted by a semicircular opening. The total perimeter of the window is 10 m. Find the dimensions of the window to admit maximum light through the whole opening.

Answer :

Let x and y be the length and breadth of the rectangular window.

Radius of the semicircular opening = $\frac{x}{2}$



It is given that the perimeter of the window is 10 m.

$$\therefore x + 2y + \frac{\pi x}{2} = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow x \left(1 + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) + 2y = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow 2y = 10 - x \left(1 + \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 5 - x \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$$

∴ Area of the window (A) is given by,

$$A = xy + \frac{\pi}{2} \left(\frac{x}{2} \right)^2$$

$$= x \left[5 - x \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right] + \frac{\pi}{8} x^2$$

$$= 5x - x^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) + \frac{\pi}{8} x^2$$

$$\therefore \frac{dA}{dx} = 5 - 2x \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) + \frac{\pi}{4} x$$

$$= 5 - x \left(1 + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) + \frac{\pi}{4} x$$

$$\therefore \frac{d^2A}{dx^2} = - \left(1 + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) + \frac{\pi}{4} = -1 - \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{dA}{dx} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 - x \left(1 + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) + \frac{\pi}{4} x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 - x - \frac{\pi}{4} x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \left(1 + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{5}{\left(1 + \frac{\pi}{4} \right)} = \frac{20}{\pi + 4}$$

Thus, when $x = \frac{20}{\pi + 4}$ then $\frac{d^2A}{dx^2} < 0$.

Therefore, by second derivative test, the area is the maximum when length $x = \frac{20}{\pi + 4}$ m.

Now,

$$y = 5 - \frac{20}{\pi + 4} \left(\frac{2 + \pi}{4} \right) = 5 - \frac{5(2 + \pi)}{\pi + 4} = \frac{10}{\pi + 4} \text{ m}$$

Hence, the required dimensions of the window to admit maximum light is given by

length = $\frac{20}{\pi + 4}$ m and breadth = $\frac{10}{\pi + 4}$ m.

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