

## Quiz # 8 — 11/03/16

Answer all questions in a clear and concise manner. Remember that answers without explanation or that are poorly presented may not receive full credit.

1. Using l'Hospital's Rule, compute the following limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{1 - \cos(x)}$$

- (a) 0
- (b) 1
- (c) 2, using l'Hospital's Rule twice
- (d)  $\frac{1}{2}$
- (e) L'Hospital's Rule doesn't apply

2. A shipping box has a square base of sidelength  $x$  meters. The height of the container is  $y$  meters. The post office will only accept the box if the sum of the height and the perimeter of the base is equal to 12 meters.

(a) Write down a function which gives the volume of the box in terms of  $x$ . Give the domain of the function.

In order to be shipped, the box must satisfy  $y + 4x = 12$ , or  $y = 12 - 4x$ . The volume of the box is given by

$$V(x) = x^2y = x^2(12 - 4x) = 12x^2 - 4x^3.$$

Since  $x$  and  $y$  are edge lengths, then  $x \geq 0$  and  $y = 12 - 4x \geq 0$ , which implies  $3 \geq x$ . Thus the domain of  $V$  is  $[0, 3]$ .

(b) Find the dimension  $x$  and  $y$  of the box with the largest possible volume.

To maximize  $V$ , we set  $V'(x) = 0$ . Thus

$$V'(x) = 24x - 12x^2 = 12x(2 - x) = 0$$

yields solutions  $x = 0, 2$ . Since  $V(0) = 0$ , the dimensions that yield the largest possible volume are  $x = 2$  and  $y = 4$ .

(c) Explain why this yields the largest possible volume.

Since  $V(0) = 0$  and  $V(3) = 0$ , the Closed Interval Method gives the maximum volume is obtained at  $x = 2$ .