Math 1A

Quiz 8 Solution (Version B)

1. Find the limit

 $\lim_{x \to \infty} x \ln(1 + 1/x) = \lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{\ln(1 + 1/x)}{1/x}.$

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Now we have a
$$0/0$$
 type limit and can apply L'Hospital's rule to get

$$\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{-x^{-2}/(1+1/x)}{-x^{-2}} = 1.$$

2. Find the largest possible volume for a circular cylinder of height h and radius r, if it is required that h + 2r = 1 m.

The volume is

$$V = \pi r^2 h = \pi r^2 (1 - 2r) = \pi (r^2 - 2r^3).$$

We are to maximize this on the interval $0 \le r \le 1/2$.

$$dV/dt = \pi(2r - 6r^2) = 2\pi r(1 - 3r),$$

giving a critical point at r = 1/3, as well as the endpoints r = 0, 1/2. We have V = 0 at the endpoints, so the absolute maximum is $V = \pi/27 \text{ m}^3$, occuring when r = h = 1/3.