

Math 1400 Fall 2011
Quiz 5
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1. A pharmacist wants to establish an optimal inventory control policy for a new antibiotic that requires refrigeration in storage.

The pharmacist expects to sell 800 packages of this antibiotic at a steady rate during the next year. She plans to place several orders of the same size spaced equally throughout the year.

The ordering cost for each delivery is \$16, and carrying costs, based on the average number of packages in inventory, amount to \$4 per year for one package.

- (a) (2 points) Let x be the order quantity and r the number of orders placed during the year. Find the inventory cost (ordering cost plus carrying cost) in terms of x and r .

- (b) (1 point) Find the constraint function.

- (c) (2 points) Determine the economic order quantity (x) that minimizes the inventory cost, and then find the minimum inventory cost.