

Example A rectangular box without lid is to be made from a square cardboard of sides 18 cm by cutting equal squares from each corner and then folding up the sides. Find the length of the side of the square that must be cut off if the volume of the box is to be maximized. What is the maximum volume?

$$V = (\text{length})(\text{width})(\text{height})$$

$$V = (18 - 2x)(18 - 2x)(x) \quad \leftarrow \text{maximize}$$

Graph $V = (18 - 2x)^2 x$

Find the maximum using the CALC menu

Note: $0 \leq x \leq 9$ because cutting more than 9cm is not possible

Maximum of 432 cm^3 when 3cm is cut from each corner.

