

1. Jason jumped off of a cliff into the ocean in Acapulco while vacationing with some friends. His height as a function of time could be modeled by the function $h(t) = -16t^2 + 16t + 480$, where t is the time in seconds and h is the height in feet.

a. How long did it take for Jason to reach his maximum height?

x value of vertex

0.5 seconds

$$x = \frac{-b}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{-16}{2(-16)} = \frac{1}{2} = .5$$

$t = \text{time (seconds)}$

$h = \text{height (feet)}$

b. What was the highest point that Jason reached?

y value of vertex

484 feet

$$h(0.5) = -16(0.5)^2 + 16(0.5) + 480 = 484$$

c. Jason hit the water after how many seconds?

root (x intercept)

6 seconds

$$0 = -16t^2 + 16t + 480$$

$$0 = -16(t^2 - t - 30)$$

$$0 = -16(t-6)(t+5)$$

$$\begin{array}{l|l} t-6=0 & t+5=0 \\ t=6 & t=-5 \end{array} \quad \text{reject}$$

2. If a toy rocket is launched vertically upward from ground level with an initial velocity of 128 feet per second, then its height h after t seconds is given by the equation $h(t) = -16t^2 + 128t$ (if air resistance is neglected).

$t = \text{time (seconds)}$

$h = \text{height (feet)}$

a. How long will it take for the rocket to return to the ground?

root (x-intercept)

8 seconds

$$0 = -16t^2 + 128t$$

$$0 = -16t(t-8)$$

$$\begin{array}{l|l} -16t=0 & t-8=0 \\ t=0 & t=8 \end{array} \quad \text{reject}$$

b. After how many seconds will the rocket be 112 feet above the ground?

$$112 = -16t^2 + 128t$$

$$16t^2 - 128t + 112 = 0$$

$$16(t^2 - 8t + 7) = 0$$

$$(t-7)(t-1) = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{l|l} t-7=0 & t-1=0 \\ t=7 & t=1 \end{array}$$

at 1 second

and also at

7 seconds

c. How long will it take the rocket to hit its maximum height?

x value of vertex

$$x = \frac{-b}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{-128}{2(-16)}$$

4 seconds

d. What is the maximum height?

y value of vertex

$$x = 4$$

$$h(4) = -16(4)^2 + 128(4) = 256$$

256 feet

3. A ball is shot out of a homemade air cannon. It flies through the air such that its height as a function of time is given by:

$$h = -16t^2 + 64t + 10$$

$$h = \text{height (ft)}$$

$$t = \text{time (seconds)}$$

where h is the height of the ball in feet and t is the time since it was fired in seconds.

Max estimates that it takes 4 seconds for the ball to hit the ground and Cole estimates it takes 5 seconds. Algebraically determine who is closer and support your answer.

$$-16t^2 + 64t + 10 = 0$$

$$a = -16$$

$$b = 64$$

$$c = 10$$

$$t = \frac{-64 \pm \sqrt{(64)^2 - 4(-16)(10)}}{2(-16)}$$

$$t = \frac{-64 + \sqrt{4736}}{-32} = -0.15 \text{ seconds}$$

reject

$$t = \frac{-64 - \sqrt{4736}}{-32} = 4.15 \text{ seconds}$$

Max's estimate is more correct.

4.15 is closer to 4 than 5.

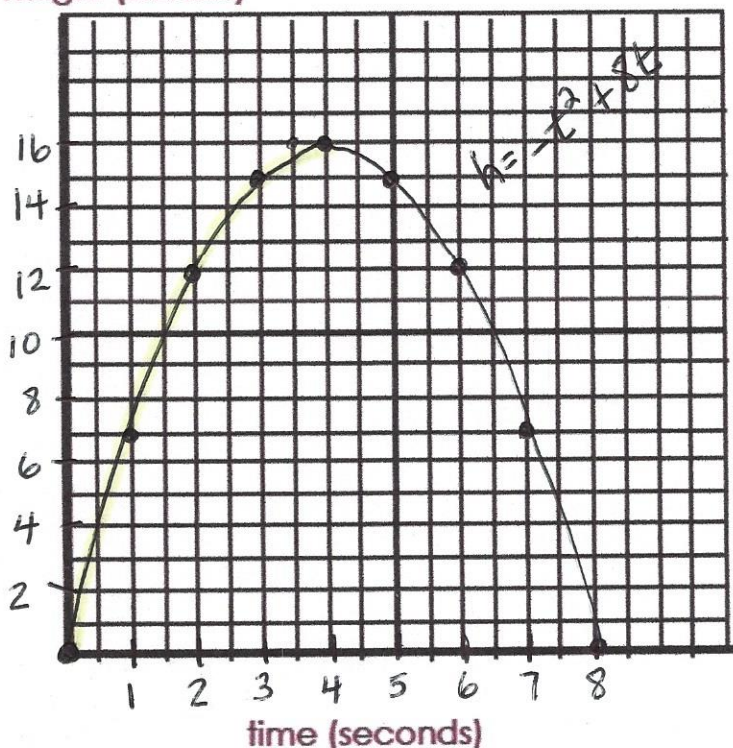
4. A soccer ball is kicked into the air. The path of the ball is modeled by the equation $h = -t^2 + 8t$, where h is the height of the ball in feet and t is the time in seconds.

Graph the function on the coordinate plane below.

t	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
h	0	7	12	15	16	15	12	7	0

height (meters)

Soccer Ball Path



- a. What is the maximum height of the ball? y value of vertex

16 feet

- b. When does it hit its maximum height? x value of vertex

4 seconds

- c. How long does it take for the ball to reach the ground?

x intercept (root)

8 seconds

- d. Over what interval is the ball increasing?

values of x-interval (do not include starting or stopping points)

inequality notation $0 < x < 4$
interval notation $(0, 4)$