

Word Problem

Review

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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?

b. What was the highest point that Jason reached?

~~c. Jason hit the water after how many seconds?~~

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$$h(t) = -16t^2 + 16t + 480$$

(a) Find x-value of vertex

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

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

$\frac{1}{2}$ second

(b) Find y-value of vertex

$$y = -16\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 16\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 480$$

$$y = -4 + 8 + 480$$

$$y = 484$$

484 ft

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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).

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

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

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

d. What is the maximum height?

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$$h(t) = -16t^2 + 128t$$

c) Find x-value of vertex

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

$$x = \frac{-128}{2(-16)} = 4$$

4 seconds

d) Find y-value of vertex

$$y = -16(4)^2 + 128(4)$$

$$y = -256 + 512$$

$$y = 256$$

256 ft

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4. You and a friend are hiking in the mountains. You want to climb to a ledge that is 20 ft. above you. The height of the grappling hook you throw is given by the function $h(t) = -16t^2 - 32t + 5$. What is the maximum height of the grappling hook? Can you throw it high enough to reach the ledge?

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$$h(t) = -16t^2 - 32t + 5$$

Max height = y value of vertex

$$x = \frac{-(-32)}{2(-16)} = -1$$

$$y = -16(-1)^2 - 32(-1) + 5$$

$$y = -16 + 32 + 5$$

$$y = 21 \quad \boxed{21 \text{ ft}}$$

$21 \text{ ft} > 20 \text{ ft}$ yes, you can
throw it high enough

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5. You are trying to dunk a basketball. You need to jump 2.5 ft. in the air to dunk the ball. The height that your feet are above the ground is given by the function $h(t) = -16t^2 + 12t$. What is the maximum height your feet will be above the ground? Will you be able to dunk the basketball?

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$$h(t) = -16t^2 + 12t$$

max height = y-value of vertex

$$x = \frac{-b}{2a} \quad x = \frac{-(12)}{2(-16)} = \frac{12}{32} = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$y = -16\left(\frac{3}{8}\right)^2 + 12\left(\frac{3}{8}\right)$$

$$\frac{18}{4} - \frac{9}{4} = \frac{9}{4}$$

$$y = -\frac{9}{4} + \frac{9}{2}$$

$$y = \frac{9}{4} = \boxed{2.25 \text{ ft}}$$

$$2.25 < 2.5$$

no you cannot dunk

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