Graphing Quadratic Functions

Example #1

Interpret the following situation.

Jan threw a ball straight up into the air. The graph to the right represents the height (h) of the ball at time (t).

- a) When is the ball on the ground?
- b) What is the maximum height of the ball?
- c) When is the ball at its highest?
- d) When is the height of the ball 4 feet?
- e) Approximate the height of the ball at 5 seconds.
- f) Is the graph a function? If it is a function, find the domain and the range.

Example #2

A rocket is launched from ground level with an initial velocity of 224 ft/s. The height *h* in feet of the rocket at any given time *t* in seconds is $h(t) = 224t - 16t^2$.

- a) When will the rocket reach a height of 528 feet?
- b) When will the rocket reach the ground?
- c) When will the rocket reach its maximum height?
- d) What is the maximum height of the rocket?
- e) Graph this situation.
- f) State the domain and range of the graph.



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- 1. An object is hurled upward from the ground at an initial velocity of 128 ft/s. The height *h* in feet of the object at any given time *t* in seconds is $h(t) = 128t 16t^2$.
 - a) When will the object reach a height of 192 feet?
 - b) When will the object reach the ground?
 - c) When will the object reach its maximum height?
 - d) What is the maximum height of the object?
 - e) Graph this situation.
 - f) State the domain and the range of the graph.
- 2. From ground level, an object travels upward with an initial velocity of 240 ft/s. The height *h* in feet of the object at any given time *t* in seconds is $h(t) = 240t 16t^2$.
 - a) Find h(1). Explain the meaning of this question in the context of this problem.
 - b) Find the value of t when h(t) = 800. Explain the meaning of this question in the context of this problem.
 - c) Find the value of t when h(t) = 0. Explain the meaning of this question in the context of this problem.
 - d) When will the object reach its maximum height?
 - e) What is the maximum height of the object?
 - f) Graph this situation.
 - g) State the domain and the range of the graph.



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