

4-3 Practice

Form K

Find an equation in standard form of the parabola passing through the points.

1. $(2, -20), (-2, -4), (0, -8)$

2. $(1, -3), (2, 0), (3, 9)$

3. $(2, -8), (3, -8), (6, 4)$

4. $(-1, -12), (2, -6), (4, -12)$

5. A player hits a tennis ball across the court and records the height of the ball at different times, as shown in the table.

- Find a quadratic model for the data.
- Use the model to estimate the height of the ball at 4 seconds.
- What is the ball's maximum height?

Time(s)	Height (ft)
0	5.5
1	6.0
2	5.5
3	4.0

6. **Reasoning** Explain why the quadratic model only works up to 4.5 seconds — that height measurements made after 4.5 seconds are not valid. (Remember this is a discrete, real situation.)

7. The table at the right shows the height of the tides measured at the Santa Monica Municipal Pier in California. Hours are measured from 0.00 at midnight.

- Find a quadratic model for this data using quadratic regression.
- Use the model to predict the lowest tide height.
- When does the lowest tide occur?

Time	Tide Height (ft)
0.33	3.9
3.30	2.7
11.11	4.6

SOURCE: www.tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov

8. The table at the right shows in thousands how many people in the U.S. subscribe to a cellular telephone.

- Find a quadratic model for the data.
Let x = the number of years since 1985.
- Use the model to estimate the number of subscribers in 1995.
- Describe a reasonable domain and range for this situation.

Year	U.S Cellular Telephone Subscribership (in thousands)
1985	340
1990	5283
2000	109,478
2004	182,140

SOURCE: CTIA Semi-Annual Wireless Industry

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 $h(t) = -16t^2 + 16t + 480$ where t is the time in seconds and h is the height in feet.

- How long did it take for Jason to reach his maximum height?
- What was the highest point that Jason reached?
- Jason hit the water after how many seconds?

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 $h(t) = -16t^2 + 128t$ (if air resistance is neglected).

- How long will it take for the rocket to return to the ground?
- After how many seconds will the rocket be 112 feet above the ground?
- How long will it take the rocket to hit its maximum height?
- What is the maximum height?

3. 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?

4. 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?

5. A diver is standing on a platform 24 ft. above the pool. He jumps from the platform with an initial upward velocity of 8 ft/s. Use the formula $h(t) = -16t^2 + vt + s$, where h is his height above the water, t is the time, v is his starting upward velocity, and s is his starting height. How long will it take for him to hit the water?

6. A trebuchet launches a projectile on a parabolic arc at a velocity of 35 ft/s. Using the function $h(t) = -16t^2 + vt + h_0$, determine when the projectile will first reach a height of 80 ft., and how many seconds later will it again be 80 feet.

7. During World War I, mortars were fired from trenches 3 feet down. The mortars had a velocity of 150 ft/s. Using the function $h(t) = -16t^2 + vt + h_0$ determine how long it will take for the mortar shell to strike its target.