

Problem 1

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4^x + 2^{2x}}{2^x} &= \frac{2^{2x} + 2^{2x}}{2^x} \\ &= \frac{2^1 \cdot 2^{2x}}{2^x} \\ &= \frac{2^{2x+1}}{2^x} \\ &= 2^{2 \cdot x + 1 - x} \\ &= 2^{x+1} \text{ or } 2 \cdot 2^x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4^x + 2^{2x}}{2^x} &= \frac{2^{2x} + 2^{2x}}{2^x} \\ &= 2^{2x-x} + 2^{2x-x} \\ &= 2^x + 2^x = 2 \cdot 2^x \end{aligned}$$

Problem 2

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{2 \cdot x^2 - 5 \cdot x - 12}{2 \cdot x^2 - 4 \cdot x - 16} &= \\ &= \frac{2 \cdot x^2 - 5 \cdot x - 12}{2 \cdot (x^2 - 2 \cdot x - 8)} \\ &= \frac{2 \cdot x^2 - 5 \cdot x - 12}{2 \cdot (x-4)(x+2)} \\ &= \frac{(2x+3)(x-4)}{2(x-4)(x+2)} \\ &= \frac{2x+3}{2(x+2)}\end{aligned}$$

Problem 3

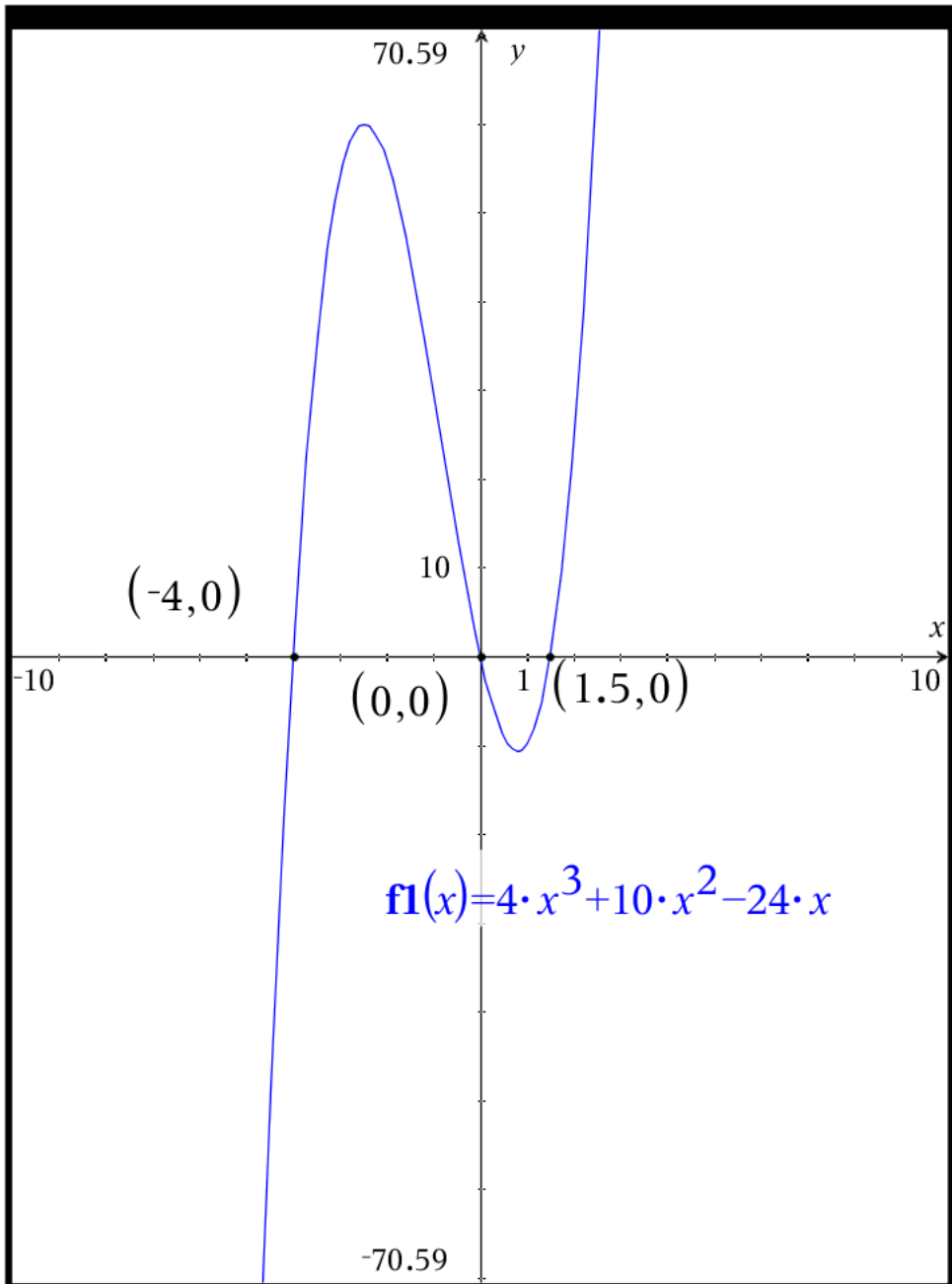
$$x^2 - 4x + 13 = 0$$

$$b^2 - 4ac = (-4)^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 13 \quad \blacktriangleright \quad -36$$

$$x = \frac{4 + \sqrt{-36}}{2} = \frac{4 + 6 \cdot i}{2} = 2 + 3i$$

$$x = \frac{4 - \sqrt{-36}}{2} = \frac{4 - 6 \cdot i}{2} = 2 - 3i$$

Problem 4



Note:  $f(x) = 4x^3 + 10x^2 - 24x$

can be written as

$$f(x) = 2x(2x^2 + 5x - 12)$$

$$= 2x(2x - 3)(x + 4)$$

$f(x) = 0$  at  $x = -4, 0,$  and  $1.5$

$f(x) > 0$  when  $-4 < x < 0$  or  $x > 1.5$

$f(x) < 0$  when  $x < -4$  or  $0 < x < 1.5$

Problem 5

When dealing with quadratic height models, there are three pretty typical questions that are asked of you.

1) How high does the projectile reach?

This is y of the vertex

$$x = \frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{-46}{2 \cdot -16} \rightarrow 1.4375$$

$$f(1.4375) = -16 \cdot (1.4375)^2 + 46 \cdot 1.4375 + 6 = 39.0625$$

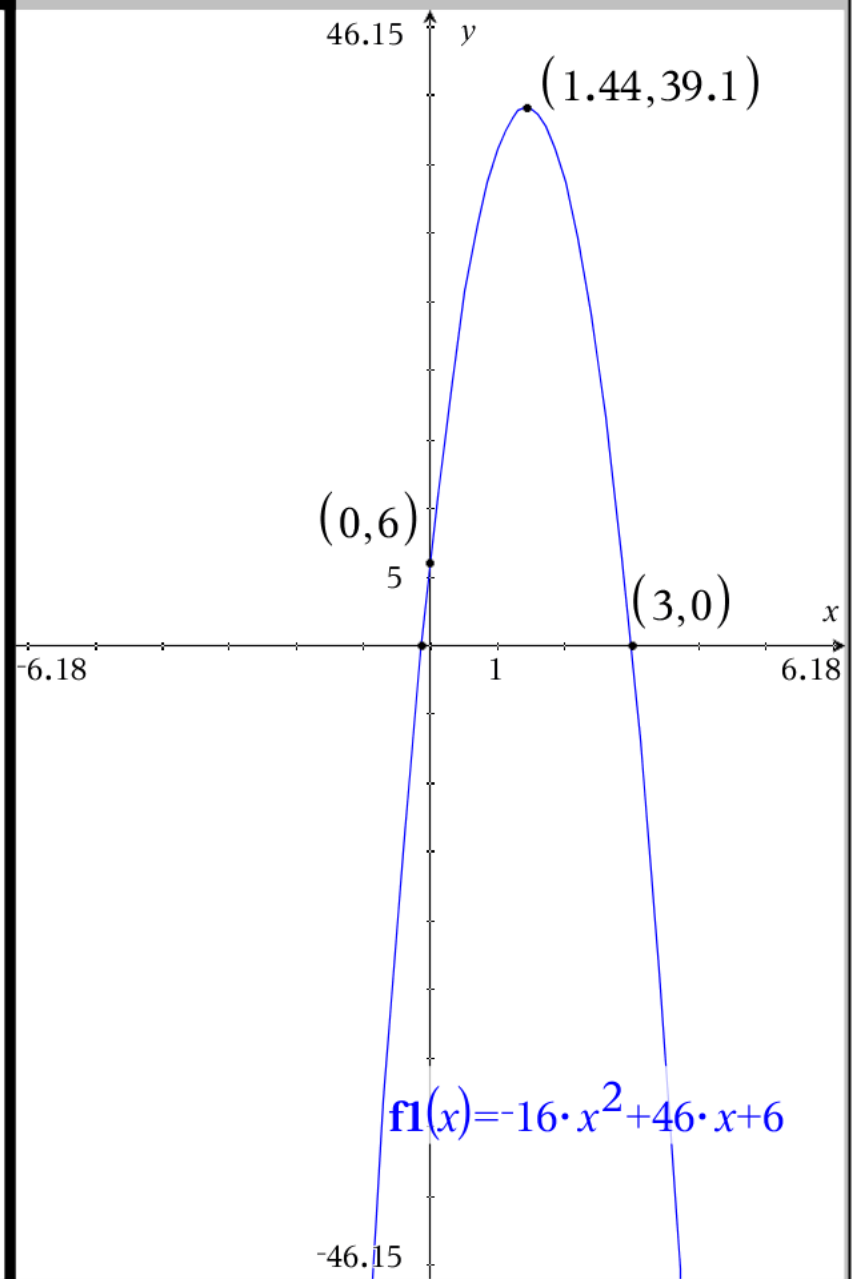
2) When does the projectile reach its maximum?

This is the x of the vertex

3) When does the projectile return to the ground?

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Since there were math teachers involved, we got a "nice" answer because believe it or not

$-16x^2 + 46x + 6 = 0$  is factorable!

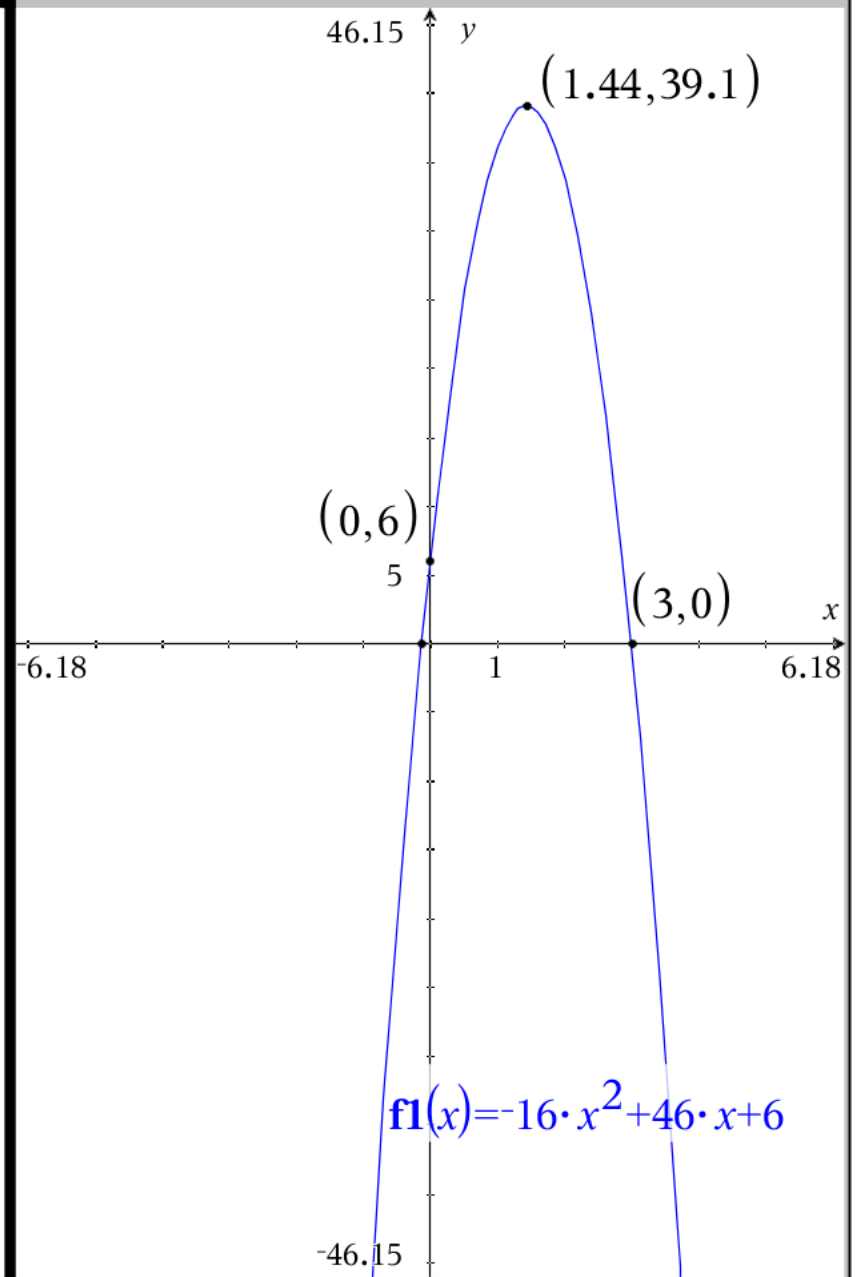
$$-2(8x^2 - 23x - 3) = -2(8x + 1)(x - 3) = 0$$

this means there are solutions at  $x = \frac{-1}{8}$  and  $x = 3$

Since we can take for granted anything that happens before  $x = 0$  we keep the answer  $x = 3$

$$f(3) = -16 \cdot 3^2 + 46 \cdot 3 + 6 = 0$$

Now I doubt many of would choose the factoring route



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Some would have used the quadratic formula

$$a = -16 \quad b = 46 \quad c = 6$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4 \cdot a \cdot c}}{2 \cdot a}$$

I personally do the discriminant first to make the typing in the calculator easier

$b^2 - 4ac = 46^2 - 4 \cdot -16 \cdot 6 \blacktriangleright 2500$  (again math teachers are involved this is why this is NICE)

$$x = \frac{-46 \pm \sqrt{2500}}{2 \cdot (-16)}$$

$$x = \frac{-46 + \sqrt{2500}}{2 \cdot -16} = \frac{-1}{8} \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{-46 - \sqrt{2500}}{2 \cdot -16} = 3$$

