

- d. [3 points] A ball is thrown down from a hovercraft cruising above *Jupiter*. The ball's height above Jupiter's surface, h , in feet, is given by:

$$h = -40t^2 - 20t + 560$$

where t is measured in seconds after the ball was released.

From the moment the ball was released, how many seconds did it take for the ball to reach the surface of Jupiter? Show all work. Give your answer in exact form, or rounded to at least two decimal places.

Solution: The ball is on the surface of Jupiter when its height h above the surface of Jupiter is 0 feet. Therefore, we are looking for a positive value of t such that $-40t^2 - 20t + 560$ is equal to 0. We can solve for the values of t which make this expression 0 by factoring it:

$$\begin{aligned} -40t^2 - 20t + 560 &= 0 \\ -20(2t + t - 28) &= 0 \\ 2t + t - 28 &= 0 \\ (2t - 7)(t + 4) &= 0 \\ t &= \frac{7}{2} \text{ or } t = -4 \end{aligned}$$

We don't consider $t = -4$ since it would correspond to a time before the ball was thrown, so we see that it took $t = 7/2$ seconds for the ball to reach the surface of Jupiter.

We could also have computed this answer using the quadratic formula with $a = -40$, $b = -20$, and $c = 560$. This would give us

$$\begin{aligned} t &= \frac{-(-20) \pm \sqrt{(-20)^2 - 4(-40)(560)}}{2(-40)} \\ &= \frac{20 \pm \sqrt{400 + 160(560)}}{-80} \\ &= \frac{20 \pm \sqrt{90,000}}{-80} \\ &= \frac{20 \pm 300}{-80} \end{aligned}$$

as the solutions to the equation $-40t^2 - 20t + 560 = 0$. These two solutions simplify to $\frac{20+300}{-80} = \frac{320}{-80} = -4$ and $\frac{20-300}{-80} = \frac{-280}{-80} = \frac{7}{2}$. Taking the positive value of t , $\frac{7}{2}$, gives us the same solution as factoring did above.

7/2=3.5 seconds

5. [7 points] On the axes below, sketch a graph of a **single function** $j(x)$ that satisfies all of the following properties:

- $j(x)$ has zeros at $x = 1$ and $x = 3$.
- The domain of $j(x)$ is $-6 \leq x < \infty$.
- $j(x) \rightarrow -2$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$. In other notation: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} j(x) = -2$.

- $j(x)$ is decreasing on the interval $[-6, -4]$.
- The average rate of change of $j(x)$ on the interval $-3 \leq x \leq -1$ is 2.
- $j(x)$ is concave down on the interval $1 < x < 3$.

Solution: There are many possible solutions. Below is just one possibility.

