Applications of Quadratic Equations

Punted Football The height of a punted football can be modeled with the quadratic equation $h = -0.01x^2 + 1.18x + 2$. The horizontal distance in feet from the point of impact with the kicker's foot is x, and the height of the ball in feet is h.

- **a.** Find the vertex of the graph of the function.
- **b.** What is the maximum height of the punt?
- **c.** The nearest defensive player is 5 ft horizontally from the point of impact. How high must the player reach to block the punt?

Physics The equation for the motion of a projectile fired straight up at an initial velocity of 64 ft/s is $h = 64t - 16t^2$ where t is the time in seconds and t is the height in feet. Find the time the projectile needs to reach its maximum height. How high will it go?