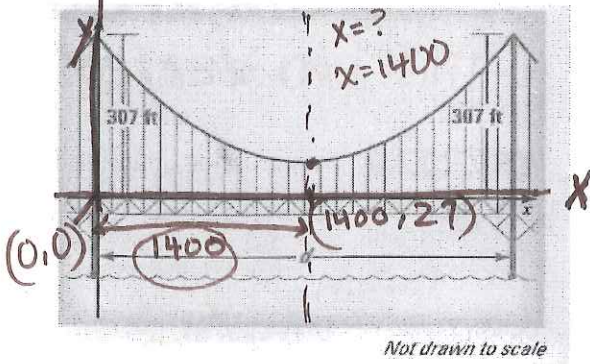


MODEL CARD Essential Skills 5: Quadratic Functions

Make a Model Card for the following word problem. Use pencil to show your work and colored pens to show the "why" for your execution. Pencil = calculations; RED = Questions that come to mind; BLUE = Use mathematical vocab to explain your reasoning (answer the questions). Use ACE-M

1. The Tacoma Narrows Bridge in Washington has 2 towers that each rise 307 feet above the roadway and are connected by suspension cables as shown. Each cable can be modeled by the function  $y = \frac{1}{7000}(x - 1400)^2 + 27$  where  $x$  and  $y$  are measured in feet. What is the distance between the two towers?



$$y = \frac{1}{7000}(x - 1400)^2 + 27$$

What form is function written in?  
Vertex form

$$y = a(x - h)^2 + k$$

$$a = \frac{1}{7000}$$

$$h = 1400$$

$$k = 27$$

What does the  $a, h, k$  values tell me about the key features of the graph?

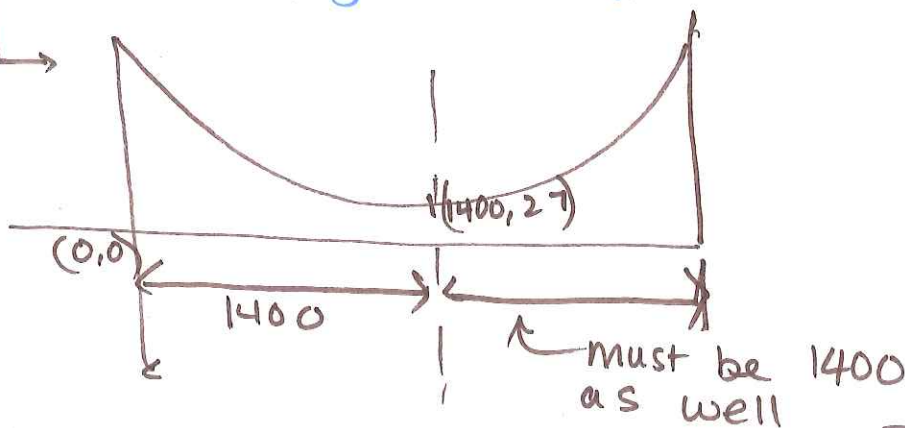
$a$ :  $\oplus \uparrow$

$x = h$ : axis

$(h, k)$ : vertex

$x = 1400$   
Vertex  $(1400, 27)$

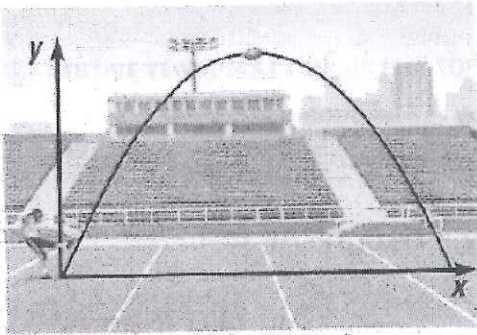
What do you know about axis of symmetry?  
Half way between 2 pts on the graph



Total distance =  $1400 + 1400 = \boxed{2800 \text{ ft}}$

2. The path of a placekicked football can be modeled by the function  $y = -0.026x(x - 46)$  where  $x$  is the horizontal distance (in yards) and  $y$  is the corresponding height (in yards).

- How far is the football kicked?
- What is the football's maximum height?



What is the given info?

$$y = -0.026x(x - 46)$$

↳ the path of the football

What form is this equation written in?

• looks like 3 things multiplied together

↳ intercept form.

$$y = a(x - p)(x - q)$$

The given function does not look exactly like intercept form

↳ how can I rewrite it?

$$y = -0.026(x - 0)(x - 46)$$

What values can I identify in intercept form?

$a, p, q$

$$a = -0.026 \quad p = 0 \quad q = 46$$

$$x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x - 46 = 0$$

$$\quad \quad \quad +46 \quad +46$$

$$x = 46$$

What is the goal?

- Maximum (vertex)
- distance between 2 x-intercepts

What are the x-intercepts?

$$(0, 0) \quad \& \quad (0, 46)$$

↳ distance is 46 yds between

vertex?

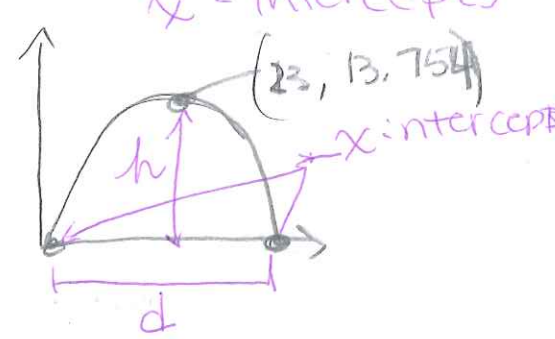
↳ find axis of symmetry first

$$x = \frac{p+q}{2} = \frac{0+46}{2} = \frac{46}{2} = 23 \quad \underline{\underline{x=23}}$$

$$\text{Vertex} = (23, 13.754)$$

- Football is kicked 46 yds
  - Max height is 13.754 yds.

What do these represent?  
x-intercepts



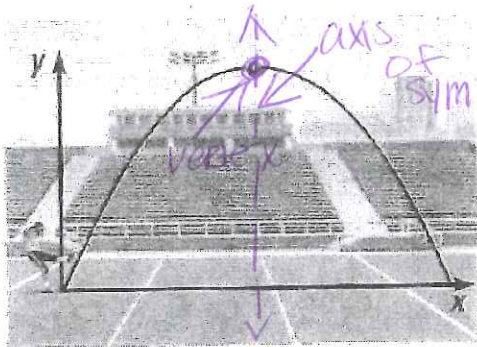
↳ original function

$$y = -0.026(23)(23 - 46)$$

$$= 13.754$$

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Given?

- Graph of path of football
- function

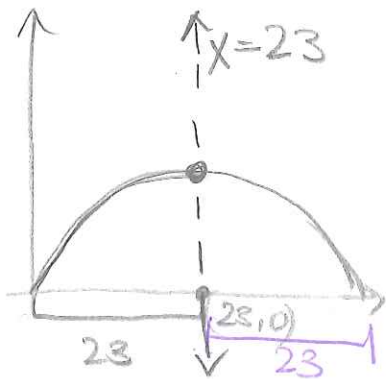
Goals?

- How far?
  - ↳ distance between x-intercepts
- Max height?
  - ↳ vertex (y-coordinate)

What do you know about the axis of symmetry?

How can you use this info to solve for the goals?

- plug in  $x$  into original function to find y-coordinate of vertex
- use  $x$ -value to find distance



Parabola is symmetrical  
Distance from x-int to axis of symmetry is the same on both sides.

What form is the function written in?  
Does Not Really look like one of the forms we usually work with.

Can I make it look like a form I know?  
- Multiply → Standard form.

$$y = -0.026x(x - 46) \quad \text{Distribute}$$

$$y = -0.026x^2 + 1.196x$$

What form is this function in now?  
Standard form  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$

What info do you need to identify?  
 $a = ?$   $b = ?$   $c = ?$

$a = -0.026$   
 $b = 1.196$   
 $c = 0$

What info can you find? → Axis of symmetry  
 $x = -\frac{b}{2a}$

Axis of symmetry

$$x = -\frac{b}{2a} = \frac{1.196}{2(-0.026)} = 23$$

Where would this be in the graph?

- ↳ passes through vertex / max
- middle
- vertical line

Distance between x-intercepts

$$23 + 23 = \boxed{46 \text{ yds}}$$

vertex (to find max height)

$$x = 23$$

$$y = -0.026x(x - 46)$$

$$= -0.026(23)(23 - 46)$$

$$= \boxed{13.754 \text{ yds}}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Max height} = 13.754 \text{ yds}}$$