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## CHAPTER P: PREREQUISITES

Notes Packet

### P.1 REAL NUMBERS

**Objectives:** Write inequalities; apply the basic properties of algebra; and work with exponents and scientific notation

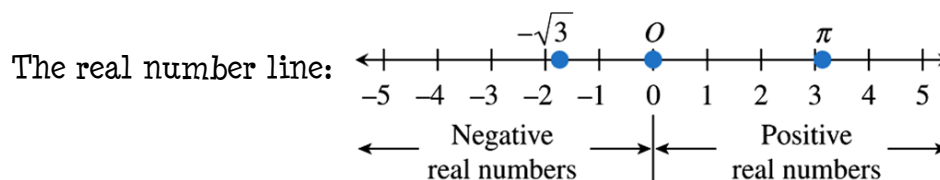
#### Representing Real Numbers

➤ A real number –

- Natural (or counting) numbers
  - Whole numbers
  - Integers
- } RATIONAL NUMBERS

➤ Rational numbers –

- A decimal in rational form, terminates OR is infinitely repeating
  - e.g.  $\frac{7}{4} = 1.75$  (terminates)
  - e.g.  $\frac{4}{11} = 0.3636363\dots$  (infinitely repeats)



➤ Irrational numbers –

- A decimal in irrational form, does not terminate NOR does it repeat

#### Order & Interval Notation

➤ The set of real numbers is ordered.

▪ Trichotomy Property:

- Let  $a$  &  $b$  be any two real numbers. Exactly one of the following is true:  $a < b$ ,  $a = b$ , or  $a > b$
- Inequalities describe intervals

➤ Bounded Intervals of Real Numbers

- Let  $a$  &  $b$  be real numbers with  $a < b$ :

Interval Notation	Inequality Notation
$[a,b]$	$a \leq x \leq b$
$(a,b)$	$a < x < b$
$[a,b)$	$a \leq x < b$
$(a,b]$	$a < x \leq b$

$a$  &  $b$  are the endpoints

*Write your own  
summary of what  
you see here.*

➤ Unbounded Intervals of Real Numbers

- Let  $a$  &  $b$  be real numbers:

Interval Notation	Inequality Notation
$[a, \infty)$	$x \geq a$
$(a, \infty)$	$x > a$
$(-\infty, b]$	$x \leq b$
$(-\infty, b)$	$x < b$

*Write your own  
summary of what  
you see here.*

Each of these intervals has exactly one endpoint:  $a$  or  $b$

☺ Basic Properties of Algebra

- The following properties hold for real numbers, variables & algebraic expressions:

Let  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$  be real numbers, variables, or algebraic expressions.

**1. Commutative property**

Addition:  $u + v = v + u$

Multiplication:  $uv = vu$

**2. Associative property**

Addition:

$(u + v) + w = u + (v + w)$

Multiplication:  $(uv)w = u(vw)$

**3. Identity property**

Addition:  $u + 0 = u$

Multiplication:  $u \cdot 1 = u$

**4. Inverse property**

Addition:  $u + (-u) = 0$

Multiplication:  $u \cdot \frac{1}{u} = 1, u \neq 0$

**5. Distributive property**

Multiplication over addition:

$u(v + w) = uv + uw$

$(u + v)w = uw + vw$

Multiplication over subtraction:

$u(v - w) = uv - uw$

$(u - v)w = uw - vw$

☺ Integer Exponents

- Properties of Exponents:

$$u^m u^n = u^{m+n}$$

$$(uv)^m = u^m v^m$$

$$u^{-n} = \frac{1}{u^n}$$

$$\left(\frac{u}{v}\right)^m = \frac{u^m}{v^m}$$

$$u^0 = 1$$

$$(u^m)^n = u^{mn}$$

$$\frac{u^m}{u^n} = u^{m-n}$$

*These properties are  
on your semester  
summary sheet.*

## Scientific Notation

➤ Any positive number can be written in scientific notation,

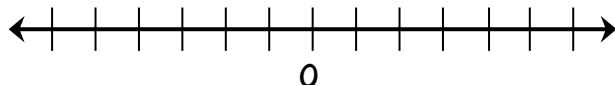
$$c \times 10^m, \text{ where } 1 \leq c < 10 \text{ and } m \text{ is an integer}$$

- Positive exponent: moves the decimal point – of  $c$  – to the right  $m$  places
- Negative exponent: moves the decimal point – of  $c$  – to the left  $m$  places

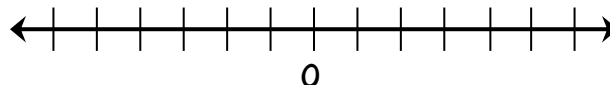
### Examples: Converting Between Intervals & Inequalities

Convert interval notation to inequality notation or vice versa. Find the endpoints & state whether the interval is bounded & open or closed. Then graph the interval.

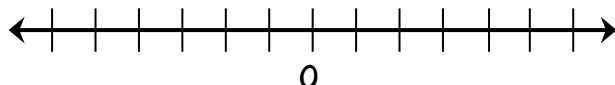
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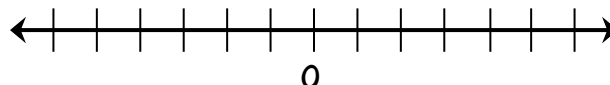
2.  $(-\infty, 0)$



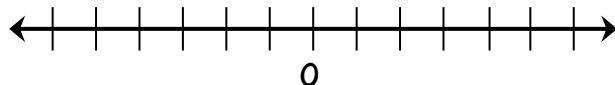
3.  $-4 \leq x < 4$



4.  $2 < x < 5$



5.  $[3, \infty)$



### Examples: Simplifying Expressions Involving Powers

Use the properties of exponents to simplify the expression. Assume that the variables in denominators are nonzero.

6.  $(2ab^3)(5a^2b^5)$

7.  $\frac{u^2v^{-2}}{u^{-1}v^3}$

8.  $\left(\frac{x^2}{2}\right)^{-3}$

### Examples: Using Scientific Notation

Use the properties of exponents & simplify using scientific notation.

9.  $\frac{(1.35 \times 10^{-7})(2.41 \times 10^8)}{1.25 \times 10^9}$

## P.2 CARTESIAN COORDINATE SYSTEM

**Objectives:** Graph points, find distances and midpoints on a number line and in the coordinate plane, and write standard-form equations of circles.

### ☺ The Cartesian Coordinate System

- An association between the points in a plane & ordered pairs of real numbers
  - AKA the rectangular coordinate system

### ☺ Absolute Value of a Real Number

- The absolute value of a real number suggests its \_\_\_\_\_ (size).

- Definition:  $|a| = \begin{cases} a, & \text{if } a > 0 \\ -a & \text{if } a < 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } a = 0 \end{cases}$

- Properties of Absolute Value

- Let  $a$  &  $b$  be real numbers:

1.  $|a| \geq 0$
2.  $|-a| = |a|$
3.  $|ab| = |a||b|$
4.  $\left|\frac{a}{b}\right| = \frac{|a|}{|b|}, b \neq 0$

### ☺ Distance Formulas

- Distance Formula (Number Line)

- Let  $a$  and  $b$  be real numbers. The distance between  $a$  and  $b$  is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Note that  $|a - b| = |b - a|$ .

- Distance Formula (Coordinate Plane)

- The distance  $d$  between points  $P(x_1, y_1)$  and  $Q(x_2, y_2)$  in the coordinate plane is:

- Using an Inequality to Express Distance

- “the distance between  $x$  &  $-3$  is less than 9”
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### ☺ Midpoint Formulas

- Midpoint Formula (Number Line)

- The midpoint of the line segment with endpoints  $a$  and  $b$  is:

- Midpoint Formula (Coordinate Plane)

- The midpoint of the segment with endpoints  $(a, b)$  and  $(c, d)$  is:

Examples: Finding Distance & the Midpoint between Two Points

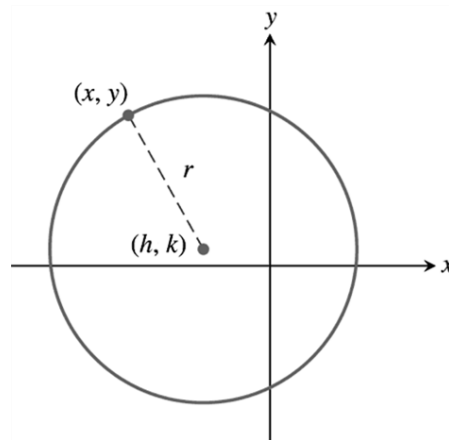
Find the distance between and the midpoint of the line segment with the given endpoints.

1.  $-9.3, 10.6$
2.  $(-3, -1), (5, -1)$

### ⌚ Equations of Circles

➤ A circle is...

- The standard form equation of a circle with center  $(h, k)$  & radius  $r$  is:

Examples: Finding Standard Form Equations of Circles

Find the standard form equation of the circle.

3. Center  $(-1, -4)$ , radius 3

Find the center and radius of the circle.

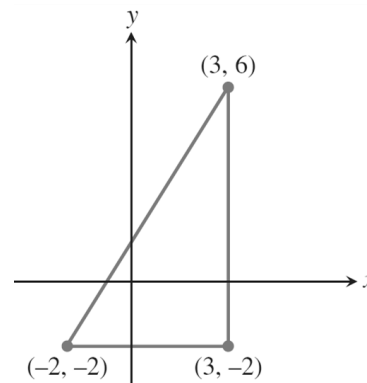
4.  $(x - 3)^2 + (y + 1)^2 = 36$

Examples: Using Coordinates, Distance and Midpoint Formulas

5. Find the lengths of the sides of the triangle in the figure.

6. Show that the triangle is a right triangle.

7. Prove that the midpoint of the hypotenuse is equidistant from the three vertices.



## P.3 LINEAR EQUATIONS & INEQUALITIES

**Objectives:** Solve linear equations and inequalities in one variable.

### ☺ Solving Equations

#### ➤ Equation -

- We can use the properties of equality – reflexive, symmetric, transitive, addition & multiplication – to solve equations algebraically.

### ☺ Linear Equations in One Variable

#### ➤ A linear equation in $x$ is

- Has exactly one solution
- We solve such an equation by transforming it into an \_\_\_\_\_
  - Two or more equations are \_\_\_\_\_ if they have the same solutions.

#### Examples: Solving Linear Equations

Solve the equation.

1.  $2(3 - 4x) - 5(2x + 3) = x - 17$

2.  $\frac{a+5}{8} - \frac{a-2}{2} = \frac{1}{3}$

HOW DO YOU RID AN EQUATION  
OF FRACTIONS?

### ☺ Linear Inequalities in One Variable

#### ➤ A linear inequality in $x$ is one that can be written in the form:

$$ax + b < 0, \quad ax + b \leq 0, \quad ax + b > 0, \quad ax + b \geq 0$$

- A solution of an inequality in  $x$  is a value of  $x$  for which the inequality is true → solution set
- Fill in the blank: We reverse the direction of the inequality sign when we multiply or divide both sides of an inequality by a \_\_\_\_\_ number.

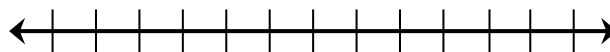
➤ Double Inequalities

- Combination of two inequalities
- Solution: a double inequality with  $x$  isolated as the middle term

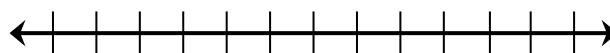
Examples: Solving Linear Inequalities

Solve the inequality. Express your solution as an inequality and in interval notation.  
Graph the solution set.

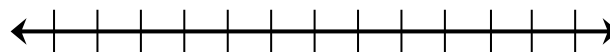
3.  $2x - 1 \leq 4x + 3$



4.  $0 \leq 2m + 5 < 8$



5.  $\frac{2y-3}{2} + \frac{3y-1}{5} < y - 1$



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**P.4 LINES IN THE PLANE**

Objectives: Use the concepts of slope &  $y$ -intercept to graph and write linear equations in two variables.

☺ Slope of a Line

➤ The slope of a non-vertical line through the points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  is:

- If the line is vertical, its slope is \_\_\_\_\_.

☺ Point-Slope Form Equation of a Line

➤ If we know the coordinates of one point on a line & the slope of the line, then we can find the equation of the line.

- The point-slope form of an equation of a line that passes through the point  $(x_1, y_1)$  and has slope  $m$  is:

### ⌚ Slope-Intercept Form of an Equation of a Line

- The  $y$ -intercept of a non-vertical line is...
- The slope-intercept form of an equation of a line with slope  $m$  and  $y$ -intercept  $(0, b)$  is:

### ⌚ General Form for an Equation of a Line

- Every line has an equation that can be written in general form:

### ⌚ Other Forms for the Equation of a Lines

- Vertical lines:
- Horizontal lines:

### Examples: Finding the Slope of and the Equation of a Line

1. Find the slope of the line that passes through  $(4, 6)$  and  $(-3, -2)$ .
2. Find the general form equation of the line in #1.

### ⌚ Graphing Linear Equations in Two Variables

- A linear equation in  $x$  and  $y$  is one that can be written in the form  $Ax + By = C$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are not both zero.
  - The graph of an equation in  $x$  and  $y$  consists of all pairs  $(x, y)$  that are solutions of the equation.
- Use Intercepts
  - Since two points determine a line you can use the  $x$ - and  $y$ -intercepts.
    - $x$ -intercept - the point  $(x', 0)$  where the graph intersects the  $x$ -axis
      - ~ Set  $y = 0$  and solve for  $x$  to find the  $x$ -intercept
    - $y$ -intercept - the point  $(0, y')$ 
      - ~ Set  $x = 0$  and solve for  $y$  to find the  $y$ -intercept
- Use the slope-intercept equation of a line:  $y = mx + b$



### Graphing with a Graphing Utility

To draw a graph of an equation using a grapher:

1. Rewrite the equation in the form  $y =$  (an expression in  $x$ ).
2. Enter the equation into the grapher.
3. Select an appropriate **viewing window** (see Figure P.26).
4. Press the “graph” key.

- Refer to “Basic Graphing” step one:  
<http://www.mathbits.com/MathBits/TISection/General/BasicGraphing.htm>

### ☺ Parallel & Perpendicular Lines

- Parallel: slopes are equal  $\rightarrow$
- Perpendicular: slopes are the opposite reciprocals of each other:

#### Examples: Finding Equations of Parallel & Perpendicular Lines

3. Find an equation of a line through  $P(2, -1)$  that is parallel to line  $L$  with equation:  
 $3x + 2y = 5$
  
4. Find an equation of a line through  $P(2, -3)$  that is perpendicular to the line  $L$  with equation:  $3x - y = 3$

#### Examples: Applications with Linear Equations

5. A commercial jet airplane climbs at takeoff with slope  $m = \frac{3}{8}$ . How far in the horizontal direction will the airplane fly to reach an altitude of 12,000 feet above the takeoff point?

6. Camelot Apartments purchased a \$50,000 building and depreciates it \$2000 per year over a 25-year period.
- Write a linear equation giving the value  $y$  of the building in terms of the years  $x$  after the purchase.

b. In how many years will the value of the building be \$24,500?

7. American's personal income in trillions of dollars is given in Figure P.30.

- Write a linear equation for Americans' income  $y$  in terms of the year  $x$  using the data given for 1998 and 1999.

| Year | Amount<br>(trillions of dollars) |
|------|----------------------------------|
| 1998 | 7.4                              |
| 1999 | 7.8                              |
| 2000 | 8.4                              |
| 2001 | 8.7                              |
| 2002 | 8.9                              |
| 2003 | 9.2                              |

- Use the equation in (a) to estimate American's income in 2001.

**FIGURE P.30** Americans' Personal Income.

c. Use the equation in (a) to estimate American's income in 2006.

- Superimpose a graph of the linear equation in (a) on a scatter plot of the data. What do you observe?

## P.5 SOLVING EQUATIONS GRAPHICALLY, NUMERICALLY & ALGEBRAICALLY

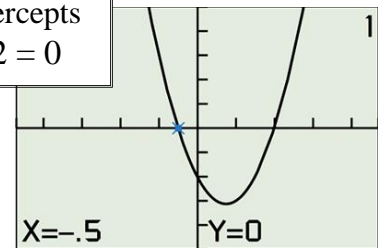
**Objectives:** Solve equations involving quadratic, absolute value & rational functions by: finding  $x$ -intercepts or intersection points on graphs and by using algebraic or numerical techniques.

### ☺ Solving Equations Graphically

#### ➤ Finding $x$ -Intercepts

- Recall that  $x$ -intercepts are where the graph crosses the  $x$ -axis and where  $y = 0$

Finding  $x$ -intercepts  
 $2x^2 - 3x - 2 = 0$



Examples: Solve by Finding  $x$ -Intercepts

1.  $5x^2 + 19x + 12 = 0$

2.  $x(3x - 7) = 6$

### ☺ Quadratic Equations

- A quadratic equation in  $x$  is...

### ☺ Solving Quadratic Equations Algebraically

#### ➤ Factoring

- Factor and apply the Zero Factor Property

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#### ➤ Extracting Square Roots

- Use to solve quadratic equations of the form \_\_\_\_\_

- Square Root Principle: \_\_\_\_\_

Examples: Solving Quadratic Equations Algebraically

3. Solve by factoring:  $4x^2 - 8x + 3 = 0$

4. Solve by extracting square roots:  $3(x + 4)^2 - 8 = 0$

## ☺ Solving Quadratic Equations Algebraically (continued)

### ➤ Completing the Square

- To solve  $x^2 + bx = c$ , add \_\_\_\_\_ to both sides of the equation & \_\_\_\_\_ the left side of the new equation.
- In cases where  $ax^2 + bx = c$ , we \_\_\_\_\_ and then complete the square.

### ➤ Using the Quadratic Formula

- The solutions of the quadratic equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ , where  $a \neq 0$ , are given by the quadratic formula:

### Examples: Solving Quadratic Equations Algebraically

5. Solve  $x^2 + 6x = 7$  by completing the square.

6. Solve  $3x + 4 = x^2$  using the quadratic formula.

## ☺ Approximating Solutions of Equations Numerically w/Tables

- If you need to see values relating to a function (inputted into  $y =$ ), go to the TABLE (2<sup>nd</sup> GRAPH).
  - Here you can find the value of  $x$  if the equation is equal to 0, -2, 6, 16, 30...

| X      | Y <sub>1</sub> |  |
|--------|----------------|--|
| -1     | 6              |  |
| 0      | -2             |  |
| 1      | 6              |  |
| 2      | 16             |  |
| 3      | 30             |  |
| X = -2 |                |  |

### Example: Solving Equations Numerically

7. Use a table to find the solutions of the equation:  $x^2 - x - 1 = 0$  Approximate to two decimal places.
- a. Press 2<sup>nd</sup> WINDOW
  - b.TblStart = 0
  - c.  $\Delta$ Tbl = 0.1
  - d. 2<sup>nd</sup> GRAPH and scroll until you find a  $Y_1 \approx 0$ ; what is  $x$ ?
  - e. Return to (a); change (b) to  $x$  value and (c) to 0.01
  - f. Return to the table and find the first of two solutions
  - g. Repeat (a - f) to find the second solution

## ☺ Solving Equations by Finding Intersections

- We can rewrite an equation and solve it graphically by finding the \_\_\_\_\_ of two graphs
  - When solving an equation by finding intersections, the value of  $y$  is irrelevant.

### Examples: Solving Equations Graphically

8. Solve  $|0.5x + 3| = x^2 - 4$  graphically by finding intersections. Approximate answers to the nearest  $100^{\text{th}}$ .

## ~~~~~ P.6 COMPLEX NUMBERS

Objectives: Add, subtract, multiply & divide complex numbers; and find complex roots of quadratic equations.

### ☺ Complex Numbers

- Imaginary unit:
- A complex number is...
  
- **FACT:** All real numbers are also complex numbers.
  - Why?
  
- Two complex numbers are equal if the real & imaginary parts are equal.
  - For example:  $x + yi = 2 + 5i$  if and only if  $x = 2$  &  $y = 5$

### Examples: Using Complex Numbers

1. Write the expression in the form  $bi$ , where  $b$  is a real number.
  - a.  $\sqrt{-16}$
  - b.  $\sqrt{-3}$
  
2. Find the real numbers  $x$  and  $y$  that make the equation true:
 
$$(5 - 2i) - 7 = x - (3 + yi)$$

## Operations with Complex Numbers

➤ Addition/Subtraction:

➤ Multiplication:

➤ Division

- Multiply the numerator & denominator by the denominator's \_\_\_\_\_
  - The product of the complex numbers  $a + bi$  &  $a - bi$  is a positive real number:  $a^2 + b^2$

### Examples: Performing Operations with Complex Numbers

Write the sum, difference or product in standard form.

3.  $(2 - i) + (3 - \sqrt{-3})$

4.  $(i^2 + 3) - (7 + i^3)$

5.  $-i(3 + 2i)^2$

Write the expression in standard form.

6.  $\frac{5+i}{2-3i}$

## Complex Solutions of Complex Equations

➤ The Discriminant:  $b^2 - 4ac$

- If  $b^2 - 4ac > 0 \rightarrow 2$  distinct real solutions
- If  $b^2 - 4ac = 0 \rightarrow$  one repeated real solution
- If  $b^2 - 4ac < 0 \rightarrow$  complex conjugate pair of solutions

### Examples: Finding Complex Solutions of Quadratic Equations

7. Solve  $x^2 + 2x + 5 = 0$

## P.7 SOLVING INEQUALITIES ALGEBRAICALLY & GRAPHICALLY

**Objectives:** Solve inequalities involving absolute value, quadratic polynomials and expressions with fractions.

### ☞ Solving Absolute Value Inequalities

Let  $u$  be an algebraic expression in  $x$  and let  $a$  be a real number with  $a \geq 0$ .

1. If  $|u| < a$ , then  $u$  is in the interval  $(-a, a)$ . That is,

$$|u| < a \quad \text{if and only if} \quad -a < u < a.$$

2. If  $|u| > a$ , then  $u$  is in the interval  $(-\infty, -a)$  or  $(a, \infty)$ , that is,

$$|u| > a \quad \text{if and only if} \quad u < -a \text{ or } u > a.$$

The inequalities  $<$  and  $>$  can be replaced with  $\leq$  and  $\geq$ , respectively. See

#### UNION OF TWO SETS

The **union of two sets  $A$  and  $B$** , denoted by  $A \cup B$ , is the set of all objects that belong to  $A$  or  $B$  or both.

#### Examples: Solving Absolute Value Inequalities

Solve the inequality algebraically. Write the solution in interval notation.

1.  $|x + 4| \geq 5$

2.  $|4 - 3x| - 2 < 4$

### ☞ Solving Quadratic Inequalities

➤ First, set the corresponding quadratic equation equal to zero and solve

- Then find the interval(s) for which it is greater than or less than zero  
OR

- ... determine the values of  $x$  for which the graph lives above the  $x$ -axis (if greater than) or below the  $x$ -axis (if less than)

#### Examples: Solving Quadratic Inequalities

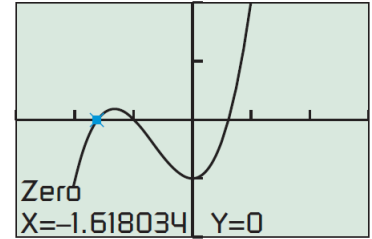
Solve the inequality algebraically. Write the solution in interval notation.

3.  $2x^2 + 7x \geq 15$

4.  $2x^2 + 17x + 21 < 0$

### 🌀 Solving Inequalities Graphically

- Set the corresponding equation equal to zero and the graph.
- Approximate the zeros.
  - Determine the intervals that satisfy the inequality.



[-3, 3] by [-2, 2]

### Examples: Solving Inequalities Graphically

Solve the cubic inequality graphically. Write the solution in interval notation. Approximate your solutions to the nearest hundredth.

5.  $3x^3 - 12x + 2 \geq 0$

6.  $|2x^2 + 7x - 15| < 10$

### 🌀 Projectile Motion

- Suppose an object is launched vertically from a point  $s_0$  feet above the ground with an initial velocity of  $v_0$  feet per second. The vertical position  $s$  (in feet) of the object  $t$  seconds after it is launched is...

### Examples: Applications Involving Inequalities

7. A projectile is launched straight up from ground level with an initial velocity of 140 ft/sec.
  - a. How long is the projectile aloft?
  - b. When is the projectile's height above ground at least 165 feet?
  - c. When is it less than or equal to 165 feet?
8. Barb wants to drive to a city 105 mi from her home in no more than 2 hours. What is the lowest average speed she must maintain on the drive?
9. A stuntman will jump off a 20-meter building. A high-speed camera is ready to film him between 15 m and 10 m above the ground. When should the camera film him? Solve  $d = 20 - 5t^2$ .

