



## Maximization Problems

**Example** In the (North American) football, a field goal can be scored by kicking the ball between the goal posts in the opponents end zone. For a kick in a particular game, the height of the ball above the ground,  $y$ , in metres, can be modelled by the function

$$y = -4.9x^2 + 25x$$

where  $x$  is the time in seconds after the ball left the foot of the player.

- a. Determine the maximum height that this kick reached, to the nearest tenth of a metre.

- b. State any restrictions that the context imposes on the domain and range of this function.

- c. How long was the ball in the air?