

## PROBLEM SOLVING

### EXAMPLE 2

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70. **ENGINEERING** A wire rope can safely support a weight  $W$  (in pounds) provided  $W \leq 8000d^2$  where  $d$  is the rope's diameter (in inches). Graph the inequality.

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71. **WOODWORKING** A hardwood shelf in a wooden bookcase can safely support a weight  $W$  (in pounds) provided  $W \leq 115x^2$  where  $x$  is the shelf's thickness (in inches). Graph the inequality.

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72. **ARCHITECTURE** The arch of the Sydney Harbor Bridge in Sydney, Australia, can be modeled by  $y = -0.00211x^2 + 1.06x$  where  $x$  is the distance (in meters) from the left pylons and  $y$  is the height (in meters) of the arch above the water. For what distances  $x$  is the arch above the road?



73. **TAKS REASONING** The length  $L$  (in millimeters) of the larvae of the black porgy fish can be modeled by

$$L(x) = 0.00170x^2 + 0.145x + 2.35, 0 \leq x \leq 40$$

where  $x$  is the age (in days) of the larvae. Write and solve an inequality to find at what ages a larvae's length tends to be greater than 10 millimeters. *Explain* how the given domain affects the solution.

74. **MULTIPLE REPRESENTATIONS** A study found that a driver's reaction time  $A(x)$  to audio stimuli and his or her reaction time  $V(x)$  to visual stimuli (both in milliseconds) can be modeled by

$$A(x) = 0.0051x^2 - 0.319x + 15, 16 \leq x \leq 70$$

$$V(x) = 0.005x^2 - 0.23x + 22, 16 \leq x \leq 70$$

where  $x$  is the driver's age (in years).

- a. **Writing an Inequality** Write an inequality that you can use to find the  $x$ -values for which  $A(x)$  is less than  $V(x)$ .
- b. **Making a Table** Use a table to find the solution of the inequality from part (a). Your table should contain  $x$ -values from 16 to 70 in increments of 6.
- c. **Drawing a Graph** Check the solution you found in part (b) by using a graphing calculator to solve the inequality  $A(x) < V(x)$  graphically. *Describe* how you used the domain  $16 \leq x \leq 70$  to determine a reasonable solution.
- d. **Interpret** Based on your results from parts (b) and (c), do you think a driver would react more quickly to a traffic light changing from green to yellow or to the siren of an approaching ambulance? *Explain*.