Math 2326

Bungee Jumping

1. Sketch a possible bungee jump in the graph below. Here t denotes time (in seconds), while y(t) denotes the vertical position of the jumper at time t. The jump starts at the "dot".

The t-axis is chosen so that the vertical distance between the initial position (the "dot") and the t-axis is the natural length of the bungee cord (without any mass attached).

Do this last. Think about Steps 2–4 first.



- 2. Where will the bungee jumper be located at the end of the jump, i.e., what can you say about $\lim_{t\to\infty} y(t)$?
- 3. When will the jump feel most unpleasant, i.e., when is |y''(t)| maximal?

4. Sketch the graph of y''(t). (You may want to sketch y'(t) first.)

y''(t)