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## Solution

Quadratic function: is a function that can be written in the form:

$m(k) = ak^2 + bk + c$  where  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are real numbers and  $a \neq 0$

we have  $m(k) = k^2 - 5k + 7$ , note:  $k^2 - 5k + 7$  is in  $km$ -plane

Here, we know that  $a=1$ ,  $b=-5$ ,  $c=7$

Since  $a > 0$ , we know that the  $m$ -coordinate of the vertex is a minimum. However, to find the  $m$ -coordinate of our vertex we first need to find the  $k$ -coordinate of the vertex by using  $k = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{-5}{2} = \frac{5}{2}$  Now that we have the  $k$ -coordinate, we can find the  $m$ -coordinate

of the vertex by finding  $m(\frac{5}{2}) = 1(\frac{5}{2})^2 - 5(\frac{5}{2}) + 7 = \frac{25}{4} - \frac{25}{2} + 7 = \frac{3}{4}$  Minimum =  $\frac{3}{4}$