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Solution

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

$p(m) = am^2 + bm + c$ where a , b , and c are real numbers and $a \neq 0$

we have $p(m) = m^2 - 13m - 1$, note: $m^2 - 13m - 1$ is in mp-plane

Here, we know that $a=1$, $b=-13$, $c=-1$

Since $a > 0$, we know that the p-coordinate of the vertex is a minimum. However, to find the p-coordinate of our vertex we first need to find the m-coordinate of the vertex by using $m = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{-13}{2} = \frac{13}{2}$ Now that we have the m-coordinate, we can find the p-coordinate

of the vertex by finding $p\left(\frac{13}{2}\right) = 1\left(\frac{13}{2}\right)^2 - 13\left(\frac{13}{2}\right) - 1 = \frac{169}{4} - \frac{169}{2} - 1 = -\frac{173}{4}$ Minimum $= -\frac{173}{4}$