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Solution

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

$u(d) = ad^2 + bd + c$ where a , b , and c are real numbers and $a \neq 0$

we have $u(d) = d^2 - 5d - 10$, note: $d^2 - 5d - 10$ is in du -plane

Here, we know that $a=1$, $b=-5$, $c=-10$

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

of the vertex by finding $u\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) = 1\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^2 - 5\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) - 10 = \frac{25}{4} - \frac{25}{2} - 10 = -\frac{65}{4}$ Minimum $= -\frac{65}{4}$