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## Solution

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

$$h(u) = au^2 + bu + c \quad \text{where } a, b, \text{ and } c \text{ are real numbers and } a \neq 0$$

we have  $h(u) = 3u^2 - 12u - 11$ , note:  $3u^2 - 12u - 11$  is in  $uh$ -plane

Here, we know that  $a=3$ ,  $b=-12$ ,  $c=-11$

Since  $a > 0$ , we know that the  $h$ -coordinate of the vertex is a minimum. However, to find the  $h$ -coordinate of our vertex we first need to find the  $u$ -coordinate of the vertex by using  $u = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{-12}{2 \cdot 3} = 2$  Now that we have the  $u$ -coordinate, we can find the  $h$ -coordinate

of the vertex by finding  $h(2) = 3(2)^2 - 12(2) - 11 = 12 - 24 - 11 = -23$  Minimum = -23