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Solution

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

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

we have $t(d) = -d^2 + d - 19$, note: $-d^2 + d - 19$ is in dt -plane

Here, we know that $a = -1$, $b = 1$, $c = -19$

Since $a < 0$, we know that the t -coordinate of the vertex is a maximum. However, to find the t -coordinate of our vertex we first need to find the d -coordinate of the vertex by using $d = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{1}{-2} = \frac{1}{2}$. Now that we have the d -coordinate, we can find the t -coordinate

of the vertex by finding $t\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -1\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 1\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 19 = -\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} - 19 = -\frac{75}{4}$. Maximum = $-\frac{75}{4}$