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## Solution

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

$k(j) = aj^2 + bj + c$  where  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are real numbers and  $a \neq 0$

we have  $k(j) = -3j^2 - 11j - 3$ , note:  $-3j^2 - 11j - 3$  is in  $jk$ -plane

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

Since  $a < 0$ , we know that the  $k$ -coordinate of the vertex is a maximum. However, to find the  $k$ -coordinate of our vertex we first need to find the  $j$ -coordinate of the vertex by using  $j = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{-11}{-6} = -\frac{11}{6}$ . Now that we have the  $j$ -coordinate, we can find the  $k$ -coordinate

of the vertex by finding  $k\left(-\frac{11}{6}\right) = -3\left(-\frac{11}{6}\right)^2 - 11\left(-\frac{11}{6}\right) - 3 = -\frac{121}{12} + \frac{121}{6} - 3 = \frac{85}{12}$  Maximum =  $\frac{85}{12}$