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Solution

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

$k(n) = an^2 + bn + c$ where a , b , and c are real numbers and $a \neq 0$

we have $k(n) = n^2 + 6n - 10$, note: $n^2 + 6n - 10$ is in nk -plane

Here, we know that $a=1$, $b=6$, $c=-10$

Since $a > 0$, we know that the k -coordinate of the vertex is a minimum. However, to find the k -coordinate of our vertex we first need to find the n -coordinate of the vertex by using $n = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{6}{2} = -3$ Now that we have the n -coordinate, we can find the k -coordinate

of the vertex by finding $k(-3) = 1(-3)^2 + 6(-3) - 10 = 9 - 18 - 10 = -19$ Minimum = -19