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Solution

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

$j(u) = au^2 + bu + c$ where a , b , and c are real numbers and $a \neq 0$

we have $j(u) = -u^2 - 2u - 23$, note: $-u^2 - 2u - 23$ is in uj -plane

Here, we know that $a = -1$, $b = -2$, $c = -23$

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

of the vertex by finding $j(-1) = -1(-1)^2 - 2(-1) - 23 = -1 + 2 - 23 = -22$ Maximum = -22