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### Solution

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

$t(s) = as^2 + bs + c$  where  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are real numbers and  $a \neq 0$

we have  $t(s) = 3s^2 - 4s - 4$ , note:  $3s^2 - 4s - 4$  is in  $st$ -plane

Here, we know that  $a=3$ ,  $b=-4$ ,  $c=-4$

Since  $a > 0$ , we know that the  $t$ -coordinate of the vertex is a minimum. However, to find the  $t$ -coordinate of our vertex we first need to find the  $s$ -coordinate of the vertex by using  $s = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{-4}{2 \cdot 3} = \frac{2}{3}$  Now that we have the  $s$ -coordinate, we can find the  $t$ -coordinate

of the vertex by finding  $t(\frac{2}{3}) = 3(\frac{2}{3})^2 - 4(\frac{2}{3}) - 4 = \frac{4}{3} - \frac{8}{3} - 4 = -\frac{16}{3}$  Minimum  $= -\frac{16}{3}$