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Solution

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

$m(k) = ak^2 + bk + c$ where a , b , and c are real numbers and $a \neq 0$

we have $m(k) = -2k^2 + 10k - 14$, note: $-2k^2 + 10k - 14$ is in km-plane

Here, we know that $a = -2$, $b = 10$, $c = -14$

Since $a < 0$, we know that the m -coordinate of the vertex is a maximum. However, to find the m -coordinate of our vertex we first need to find the k -coordinate of the vertex by using $k = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{10}{-4} = \frac{5}{2}$. Now that we have the k -coordinate, we can find the m -coordinate

of the vertex by finding $m\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) = -2\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^2 + 10\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) - 14 = -\frac{25}{2} + 25 - 14 = -\frac{3}{2}$. Maximum = $-\frac{3}{2}$