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Solution

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

$z(h) = ah^2 + bh + c$ where a , b , and c are real numbers and $a \neq 0$

we have $z(h) = -h^2 + 6h - 16$, note: $-h^2 + 6h - 16$ is in hz -plane

Here, we know that $a = -1$, $b = 6$, $c = -16$

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

of the vertex by finding $z(3) = -1(3)^2 + 6(3) - 16 = -9 + 18 - 16 = -7$ Maximum = -7