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### Solution

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

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

we have  $t(k) = 2k^2 + 6k - 11$ , note:  $2k^2 + 6k - 11$  is in  $kt$ -plane

Here, we know that  $a=2$ ,  $b=6$ ,  $c=-11$

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  $k$ -coordinate of the vertex by using  $k = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{6}{4} = -\frac{3}{2}$ . Now that we have the  $k$ -coordinate, we can find the  $t$ -coordinate

of the vertex by finding  $t(-\frac{3}{2}) = 2(-\frac{3}{2})^2 + 6(-\frac{3}{2}) - 11 = \frac{9}{2} - 9 - 11 = -\frac{31}{2}$ . Minimum  $= -\frac{31}{2}$