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## Solution

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

$j(m) = am^2 + bm + c$  where  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are real numbers and  $a \neq 0$

we have  $j(m) = -m^2 + 4m + 20$ , note:  $-m^2 + 4m + 20$  is in  $mj$ -plane

Here, we know that  $a = -1$ ,  $b = 4$ ,  $c = 20$

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  $m$ -coordinate of the vertex by using  $m = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{4}{-2} = 2$  Now that we have the  $m$ -coordinate, we can find the  $j$ -coordinate

of the vertex by finding  $j(2) = -1(2)^2 + 4(2) + 20 = -4 + 8 + 20 = 24$  Maximum = 24