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Solution

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

$s(n) = an^2 + bn + c$ where a , b , and c are real numbers and $a \neq 0$

we have $s(n) = -3n^2 - 2n + 19$, note: $-3n^2 - 2n + 19$ is in ns -plane

Here, we know that $a = -3$, $b = -2$, $c = 19$

Since $a < 0$, we know that the s -coordinate of the vertex is a maximum. However, to find the s -coordinate of our vertex we first need to find the n -coordinate of the vertex by using $n = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{-2}{-6} = -\frac{1}{3}$. Now that we have the n -coordinate, we can find the s -coordinate

of the vertex by finding $s(-\frac{1}{3}) = -3(-\frac{1}{3})^2 - 2(-\frac{1}{3}) + 19 = -\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} + 19 = \frac{58}{3}$ Maximum = $\frac{58}{3}$