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Solution

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

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

we have $z(n) = -3n^2 + 6n + 14$, note: $-3n^2 + 6n + 14$ is in nz -plane

Here, we know that $a = -3$, $b = 6$, $c = 14$

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 n -coordinate of the vertex by using $n = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{6}{-6} = 1$ Now that we have the n -coordinate, we can find the z -coordinate

of the vertex by finding $z(1) = -3(1)^2 + 6(1) + 14 = -3 + 6 + 14 = 17$ Maximum = 17