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Solution

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

$p(f) = af^2 + bf + c$ where a , b , and c are real numbers and $a \neq 0$

we have $p(f) = -f^2 - 2f - 3$, note: $-f^2 - 2f - 3$ is in fp -plane

Here, we know that $a = -1$, $b = -2$, $c = -3$

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

of the vertex by finding $p(-1) = -1(-1)^2 - 2(-1) - 3 = -1 + 2 - 3 = -2$ Maximum = -2