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Solution

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

$j(t) = at^2 + bt + c$ where a , b , and c are real numbers and $a \neq 0$

we have $j(t) = 2t^2 + 2t + 23$, note: $2t^2 + 2t + 23$ is in tj -plane

Here, we know that $a=2$, $b=2$, $c=23$

Since $a > 0$, we know that the j -coordinate of the vertex is a minimum. However, to find the j -coordinate of our vertex we first need to find the t -coordinate of the vertex by using $t = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{2}{4} = -\frac{1}{2}$. Now that we have the t -coordinate, we can find the j -coordinate

of the vertex by finding $j(-\frac{1}{2}) = 2(-\frac{1}{2})^2 + 2(-\frac{1}{2}) + 23 = \frac{1}{2} - 1 + 23 = \frac{45}{2}$. Minimum = $\frac{45}{2}$