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Solution

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

$$u(m) = am^2 + bm + c \quad \text{where } a, b, \text{ and } c \text{ are real numbers and } a \neq 0$$

we have $u(m) = -2m^2 - 10m - 10$, note: $-2m^2 - 10m - 10$ is in mu -plane

Here, we know that $a = -2$, $b = -10$, $c = -10$

Since $a < 0$, we know that the u -coordinate of the vertex is a maximum. However, to find the u -coordinate of our vertex we first need to find the m -coordinate of the vertex by using $m = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{-10}{-4} = -\frac{5}{2}$. Now that we have the m -coordinate, we can find the u -coordinate

of the vertex by finding $u\left(-\frac{5}{2}\right) = -2\left(-\frac{5}{2}\right)^2 - 10\left(-\frac{5}{2}\right) - 10 = -\frac{25}{2} + 25 - 10 = \frac{5}{2}$. Maximum = $\frac{5}{2}$