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Solution

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

$x(m) = am^2 + bm + c$ where a , b , and c are real numbers and $a \neq 0$

we have $x(m) = -m^2 - 14m + 5$, note: $-m^2 - 14m + 5$ is in mx -plane

Here, we know that $a = -1$, $b = -14$, $c = 5$

Since $a < 0$, we know that the x -coordinate of the vertex is a maximum. However, to find the x -coordinate of our vertex we first need to find the m -coordinate of the vertex by using $m = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{-14}{-2} = -7$ Now that we have the m -coordinate, we can find the x -coordinate

of the vertex by finding $x(-7) = -1(-7)^2 - 14(-7) + 5 = -49 + 98 + 5 = 54$ Maximum = 54