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### Solution

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

$e(u) = au^2 + bu + c$  where  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are real numbers and  $a \neq 0$

we have  $e(u) = -u^2 + 11u + 7$ , note:  $-u^2 + 11u + 7$  is in  $ue$ -plane

Here, we know that  $a = -1$ ,  $b = 11$ ,  $c = 7$

Since  $a < 0$ , we know that the  $e$ -coordinate of the vertex is a maximum. However, to find the  $e$ -coordinate of our vertex we first need to find the  $u$ -coordinate of the vertex by using  $u = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{11}{-2} = \frac{11}{2}$ . Now that we have the  $u$ -coordinate, we can find the  $e$ -coordinate

of the vertex by finding  $e\left(\frac{11}{2}\right) = -1\left(\frac{11}{2}\right)^2 + 11\left(\frac{11}{2}\right) + 7 = -\frac{121}{4} + \frac{121}{2} + 7 = \frac{149}{4}$ . Maximum =  $\frac{149}{4}$