Exercise 19

For the following exercises, consider a stone tossed into the air from ground level with an initial velocity of 15 m/sec. Its height in meters at time t seconds is $h(t) = 15t - 4.9t^2$.

Use the preceding exercise to guess the instantaneous velocity of the stone at t=1 sec.

Solution

The instantaneous velocity of the stone at t=1 sec is

$$v(1) = 15 - 4.9(2)(1) = 5.2$$
 meters/second.