## Question \#80947, Physics / Other

A position-time graph for a particle moving along the x axis is shown in the figure. The divisions along the horizontal axis represent 1.75 s and the divisions along the vertical axis represent 4.0 m .
(a) Find the average velocity in the time interval $t=5.25 \mathrm{~s}$ to $\mathrm{t}=14.00 \mathrm{~s}$.
(b) Determine the instantaneous velocity at $t=7.00 \mathrm{~s}$ (where the tangent line touches the curve) by measuring the slope of the tangent line shown in the graph.

## Solution


a)

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v_{a v}=\frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}=(4.0) \frac{2-8}{14-5.25}=-2.74 \frac{\mathrm{~m}}{\mathrm{~s}}
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b)

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v(7)=\frac{4.0}{1.75} \frac{0-13}{7-0}=-4.24 \frac{\mathrm{~m}}{\mathrm{~s}} .
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