

A car is travelling with uniform acceleration along a straight road. The road has marker posts every 200m. When the car passed one post, it has a speed of 10ms⁻² and when it passes the next one, its speed is 20ms⁻². What is the car's acceleration?

$$v_1 = 10 \frac{m}{s} \text{ - initial speed}$$

$$v_2 = 20 \frac{m}{s} \text{ - final speed}$$

$$d = 200 \text{ m} \text{ - distance}$$

Equation for speed:

$$v_2 = v_1 + a * t \quad \Rightarrow \quad t = \frac{v_2 - v_1}{a} \text{ - time of motion}$$

Equation for distance:

$$S = \frac{v_1 + v_2}{2} t$$

Substitute t:

$$S = \frac{v_2^2 - v_1^2}{2a}$$

Therefore:

$$a = \frac{v_2^2 - v_1^2}{2S} = \frac{20^2 - 10^2}{2 * 200} = \frac{300}{400} = 0.75 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Answer: $a = 0.75 \text{ m/s}^2$