

1. Which has greater deceleration, a bicycle slowing from 3 m/s to a stop in 6 seconds or a car slowing from 20 m/s to 15 m/s in 6 seconds?

$$\begin{array}{l} v_{10} = 3 \frac{m}{s}, v_1 = 0 \frac{m}{s} \\ t_1 = 6 s \\ v_{20} = 20 \frac{m}{s}, v_2 = 15 \frac{m}{s} \\ t_2 = 6 s \\ \hline a_1, a_2 - ? \end{array}$$

*Solution.*

The acceleration of the bodies are:

$$a_1 = \frac{v_1 - v_{10}}{t_1}, \quad a_2 = \frac{v_2 - v_{20}}{t_2}.$$

Let check the dimension:  $[a_1] = [a_2] = \frac{m/s}{s} = \frac{m}{s^2}.$

Let evaluate the quantities:  $a_1 = \frac{0 - 3}{6} = -0.5 \left( \frac{m}{s^2} \right), \quad a_2 = \frac{15 - 20}{6} \approx -0.83 \left( \frac{m}{s^2} \right).$

So, a car decelerates faster.

**Answer:** the deceleration of a car is greater.