

13 A scientist is attempting to model the number of insects, N , present in a colony at time t weeks. When $t = 0$ there are 400 insects and when $t = 1$ there are 440 insects.

(i) A scientist assumes that the rate of increase of the number of insects is inversely proportional to the number of insects present at time t .

(a) Write down a differential equation to model this situation. [1]

(b) Solve this differential equation to find N in terms of t . [4]

(ii) In a revised model it is assumed that $\frac{dN}{dt} = \frac{N^2}{3988e^{0.2t}}$. Solve this differential equation to find N in terms of t . [6]

(iii) Compare the long-term behaviour of the two models. [2]