

7 Chris runs half marathons, and is following a training programme to improve his times. His time for his first half marathon is 150 minutes. His time for his second half marathon is 147 minutes. Chris believes that his times can be modelled by a geometric progression.

- (i) Chris sets himself a target of completing a half marathon in less than 120 minutes. Show that this model predicts that Chris will achieve his target on his thirteenth half marathon. [4]
- (ii) After twelve months Chris has spent a total of 2974 minutes, to the nearest minute, running half marathons. Use this model to find how many half marathons he has run. [3]
- (iii) Give two reasons why this model may not be appropriate when predicting the time for a half marathon. [2]