

- 9 Conservationists are studying how the number of bees in a wildflower meadow varies according to the number of wildflower plants. The study takes place over a series of weeks in the summer. A model is suggested for the number of bees, B , and the number of wildflower plants, F , at time t weeks after the start of the study.

In the model $B = 20 + 2t + \cos 3t$ and $F = 50e^{0.1t}$.

The model assumes that B and F can be treated as continuous variables.

- (a) State the meaning of $\frac{dB}{dF}$. [1]
- (b) Determine $\frac{dB}{dF}$ when $t = 4$. [4]
- (c) Suggest a reason why this model may not be valid for values of t greater than 12. [1]