

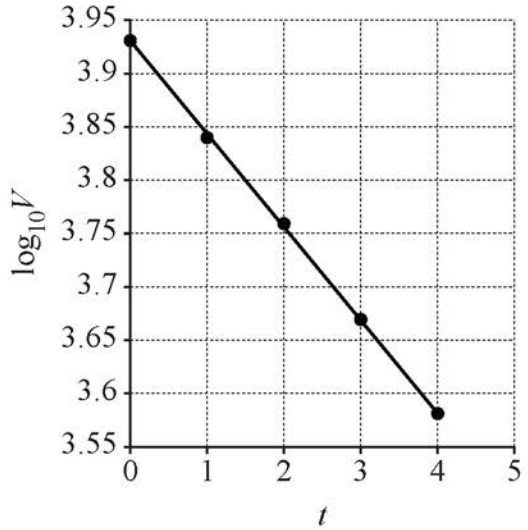
9 In 2012 Adam bought a second hand car for £8500. Each year Adam has his car valued. He believes that there is a non-linear relationship between  $t$ , the time in years since he bought the car, and  $V$ , the value of the car in pounds. Fig. 9.1 shows successive values of  $V$  and  $\log_{10}V$ .

$t$	0	1	2	3	4
$V$	8500	6970	5720	4690	3840
$\log_{10}V$	3.93	3.84	3.76	3.67	3.58

**Fig. 9.1**

Adam uses a spreadsheet to plot the points  $(t, \log_{10}V)$  shown in Fig. 9.1, and then generates a line of best fit for these points. The line passes through the points  $(0, 3.93)$  and  $(4, 3.58)$ . A copy of his graph is shown in Fig. 9.2.

Graph of  $\log_{10}V$  against  $t$



**Fig. 9.2**

- (a) Find an expression for  $\log_{10} V$  in terms of  $t$ . [3]
- (b) Find a model for  $V$  in the form  $V = A \times b^t$ , where  $A$  and  $b$  are constants to be determined. Give the values of  $A$  and  $b$  correct to 2 significant figures. [3]

In 2017 Adam's car was valued at £3150.

- (c) Determine whether the model is a good fit for this data. [1]

A company called Webuyoldcars pays £500 for any second hand car. Adam decides that he will sell his car to this company when the annual valuation of his car is less than £500.

- (d) According to the model, after how many years will Adam sell his car to Webuyoldcars? [3]