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Supplemental Materials

Table A. Degrees, Formulas and Theoretical Rationale of Polynomial Functions

Degree of the Polynomial	Polynomial Function* (x=time)	Implied Temporal Structure**	Illustration
n=1 Linear function	$y = a_0 + a_1 x + \varepsilon$ (if $a_1 > 0$)	Linearly increasing across time.	/
n=2 Quadratic function	$y = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \varepsilon$ (if $a_2 < 0$)	A rise and fall movement.	∩
n=3 Cubic function	$y = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + \varepsilon$ (if $a_3 > 0$)	A wave-like rise-fall-rise pattern.	~