

Table 6.4: A taxonomy of polynomial individual change trajectories

Shape	Level-1 model	Illustrative example	
		Parameter values	Plot of the true change trajectory
No change	$Y_{ij} = \pi_{0i} + \epsilon_{ij}$	$\pi_{0i} = 71$	
Linear change	$Y_{ij} = \pi_{0i} + \pi_{1i}TIME_{ij} + \epsilon_{ij}$	$\pi_{0i} = 71$ $\pi_{1i} = 1.2$	
Quadratic change	$Y_{ij} = \pi_{0i} + \pi_{1i}TIME_{ij} + \pi_{2i}TIME_{ij}^2 + \epsilon_{ij}$	$\pi_{0i} = 50$ $\pi_{1i} = 3.8$ $\pi_{2i} = -0.03$	
Cubic change	$Y_{ij} = \pi_{0i} + \pi_{1i}TIME_{ij} + \pi_{2i}TIME_{ij}^2 + \pi_{3i}TIME_{ij}^3 + \epsilon_{ij}$	$\pi_{0i} = 30$ $\pi_{1i} = 10$ $\pi_{2i} = -.2$ $\pi_{3i} = .0012$	
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Table 6.7: Selected curvilinear trajectories, and level-1 models, used for truly nonlinear change over time

Family	Specific curve	Level-1 model
Hyperbolic	Rectangular hyperbola	$Y_{ij} = \alpha_i - \frac{1}{\pi_{1i} TIME_{ij}} + \varepsilon_{ij}$
Inverse polynomial	Inverse quadratic	$Y_{ij} = \alpha_i - \frac{1}{(\pi_{1i} TIME_{ij} + \pi_{2i} TIME_{ij}^2)} + \varepsilon_{ij}$
Exponential	Simple exponential	$Y_{ij} = \pi_{0i} e^{(\pi_i TIME_{ij})} + \varepsilon_{ij}$
	Negative exponential	$Y_{ij} = \alpha_i - (\alpha_i - \pi_{0i}) e^{-\pi_i TIME_{ij}} + \varepsilon_{ij}$
	Logistic	$Y_{ij} = \alpha_{1i} + \frac{(\alpha_{2i} - \alpha_{1i})}{(1 + \pi_{0i} e^{-\pi_i TIME_{ij}})} + \varepsilon_{ij}$

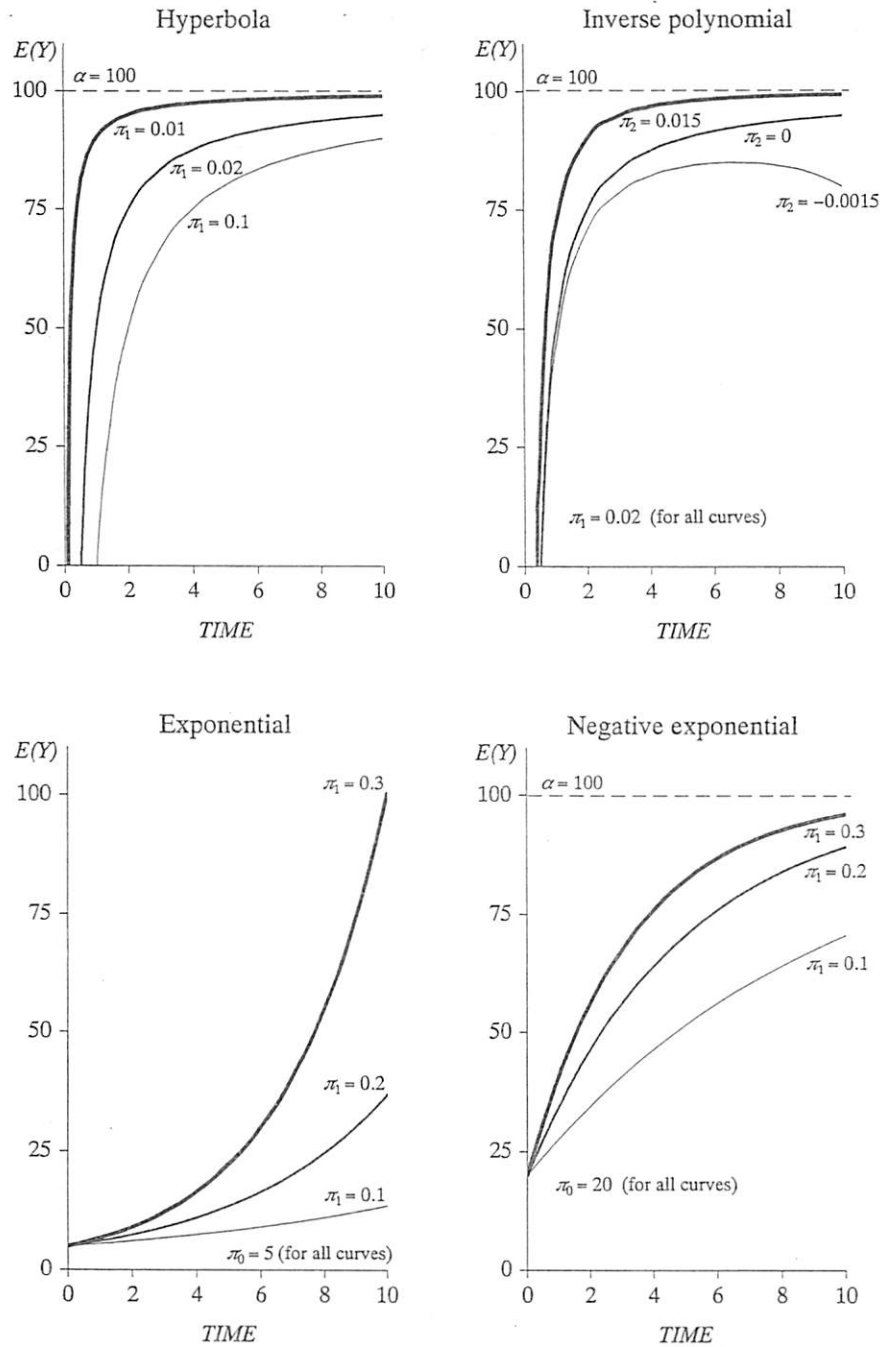


Figure 6.11. Understanding how alternative nonlinear change trajectories represent different patterns of change over time.

nate $E(Y)$, the “population expectation of Y .” For clarity, we also drop the subscript i .

All three hyperbolae decelerate smoothly toward a ceiling, regardless of the parameters’ specific values. What role does each parameter play in determining the trajectory’s shape? To highlight these roles, we have selected the hyperbolic trajectories in figure 6.11 so that α_i is constant at

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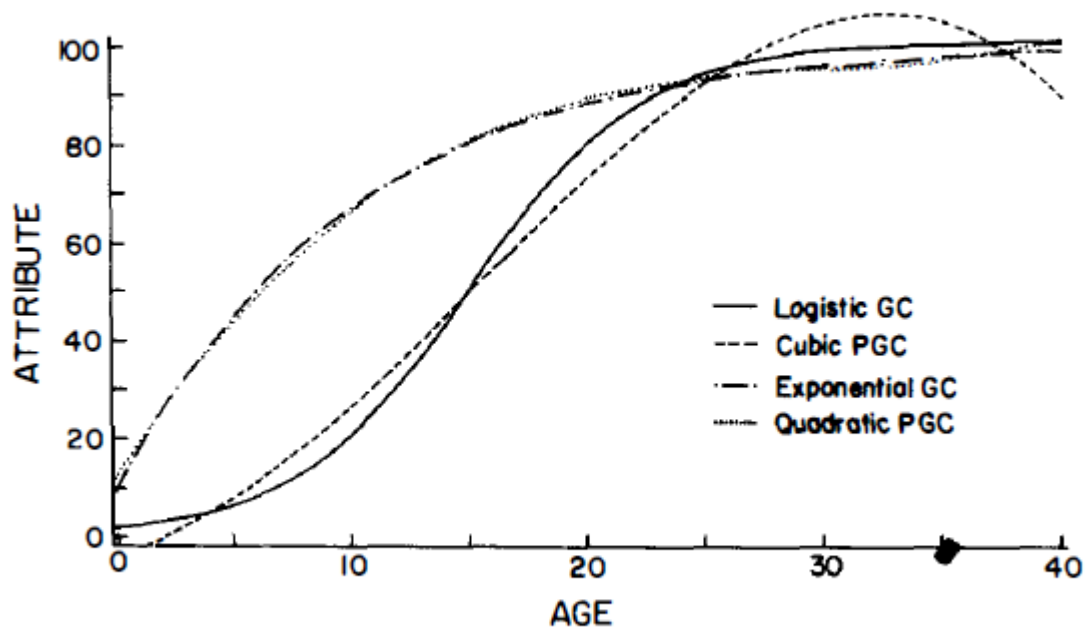


FIG. 1.—Plots of nonlinear growth curves and their polynomial approximations

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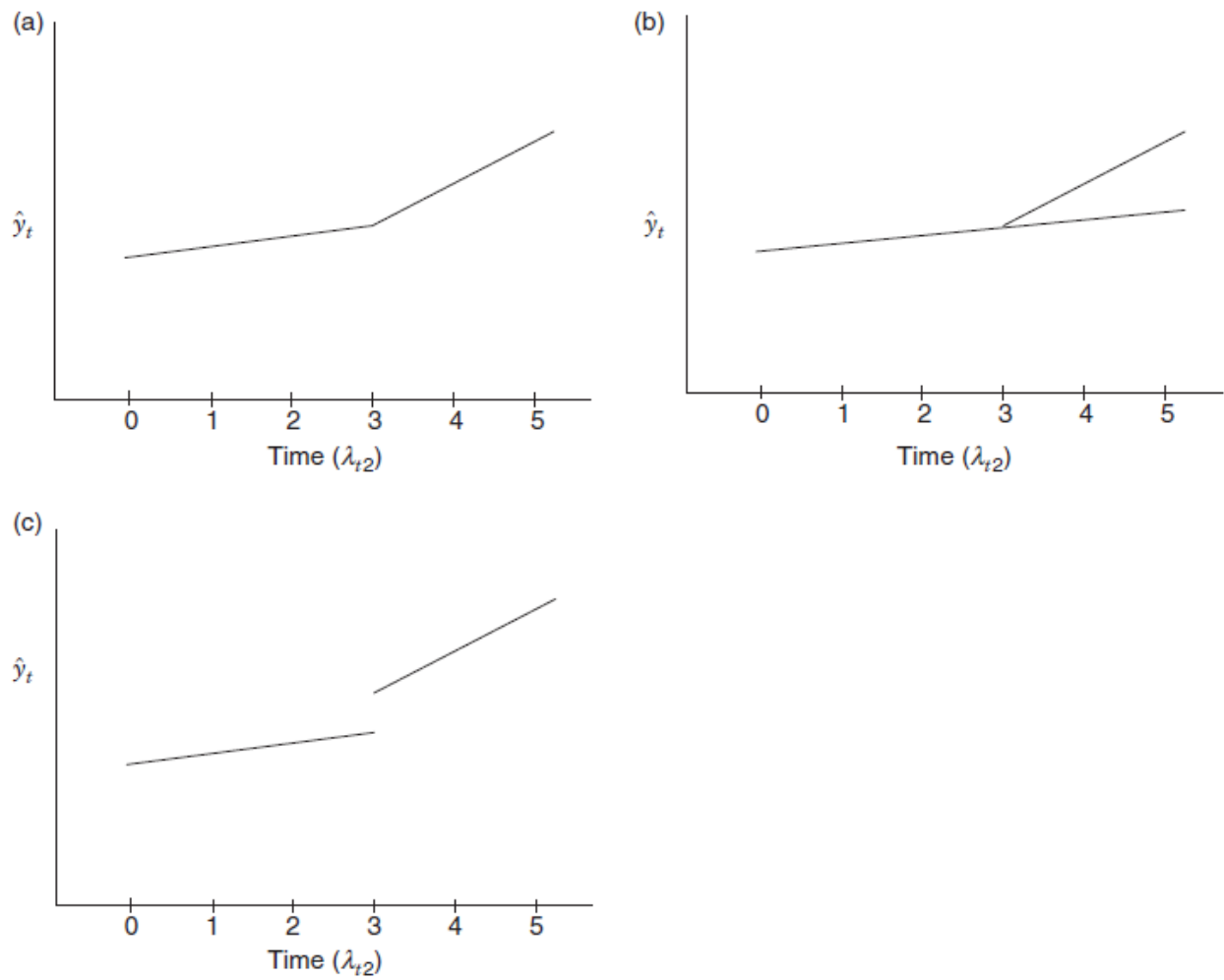


Figure 8.2 Plots Illustrating Piecewise Slope Patterns: (a) differing slopes; (b) increment (decrement) model; (c) differing slopes and intercepts.

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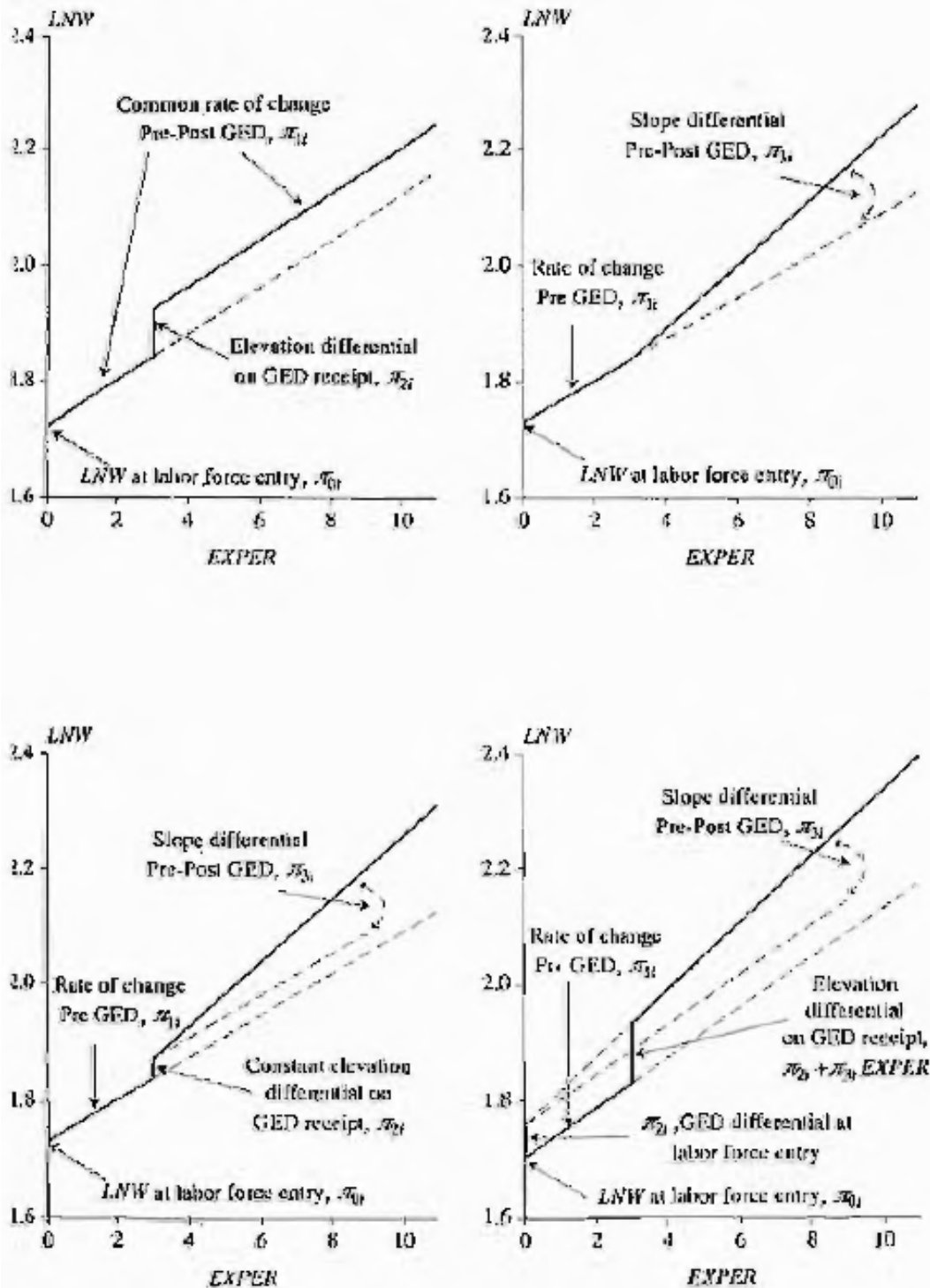


Figure 6.2. Alternative discontinuous change trajectories for the high school dropout wage data.

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TABLE 6.9 Some Possible Coding Schemes for a Two-Piece Linear Model
 (Reading Achievement Example)

<i>(a) Two-Rate Model</i>							
	<i>Grades</i>						
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Interpretation of πs:</i>
a_{1t}	0	1	2	2	2	2	π_1 growth rate period 1
a_{2t}	0	0	0	1	2	3	π_2 growth rate period 2 π_0 status Grade 1
a_{1t}	-2	-1	0	0	0	0	π_1 growth rate period 1
a_{2t}	0	0	0	1	2	3	π_2 growth rate period 2 π_0 status Grade 3
<i>(b) Increment (Decrement) Model</i>							
	<i>Grades</i>						
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Interpretation of πs:</i>
a_{1t}	0	1	2	3	4	5	π_1 base growth rate
a_{2t}	0	0	0	1	2	3	π_2 increment (decrement) to growth in period 2 π_0 status Grade 1
a_{1t}	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	π_1 base growth rate
a_{2t}	0	0	0	1	2	3	π_2 increment (decrement) to growth in period 2 π_0 status Grade 3

From Raudenbush, S.W., & Bryk, A.S., (2002) *Hierarchical linear models: Applications and data analysis methods*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage