

1 How well do different linear and nonlinear growth models fit to bacterial
2 growth curves?

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1 Abstract

Microbial growth is a common cause of food spoilage and poisoning. Mathematical models that predict the rate of bacterial growth can be used to determine the shelf life of food products, minimise bacterial growth and optimise food production. Both linear and non-linear models have been used to predict growth curves across the literature, however which model is best at fitting bacteria growth curves is still debated. Using datasets from multiple published papers I compared two polynomial linear models: cubic and quadratic, with the three most popular non linear models, the Logistic, Gompertz and the Biryani Models, using AICc values to determine (1) whether linear or non linear models best predict bacterial growth curves and (2) which model best predicts bacterial growth overall. I found that the Gompertz model best fitted bacterial growth curves across the datasets but I could not determine whether linear or non linear models were superior at fitting bacterial growth curves due to convergence issues in the non linear models. Future studies should sample the starting parameters of non linear models in order to get a higher convergence rate.

2 Introduction

Microbial growth is a common cause of food spoilage and poisoning (Peleg and Corradini, 2011). Food spoilage may be visible as the growth of slime colonies, textural changes, or off-odors and off-flavors (NRC 1985). Mathematical models that correctly predict the rate of bacterial growth can be used to predict the shelf life of food products, minimise bacterial growth and optimise food production (Baranyi and Roberts, 1994). Bacterial growth can be separated into 4 phases as shown in Figure 1:

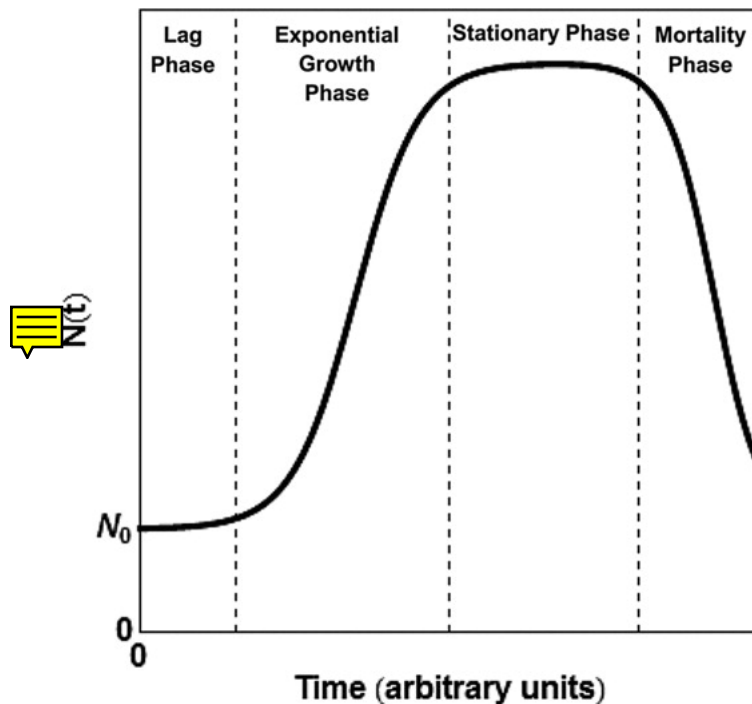


Figure 1: This diagram, taken from (Peleg and Corradini, 2011), shows the four phases of bacterial growth N_t over time: known all together as the bacterial growth curve. (1) the lag phase: when bacteria are introduced to a new environment or medium they do not initially grow and instead activate genes involved in better nutrient uptake from the new environment. (2) the exponential growth phase: acclimatisation to the new environment has been completed, and the bacteria starts to grow exponentially. (3) stationary phase: growth wavers as resources start to become limited, eg. competition for food and/or space. (4) death or mortality phase: as resources start to decline, the bacteria start to die off.

Over the years, a number of different models were used to attempt to predict bacterial growth. Two major types of model are used: linear and non linear. Linear models describe the direct relationship between growth and any explanatory variables (in this case time) by using linear predictor functions whereas non linear models are fit to growth curves based on a minimum number of biologically relevant parameters (Grijnspeerd and Vanrolleghem, 1999).

Traditionally, microbial growth rates were measured by plotting population size against the time since inoculation and fitting a linear regression through the exponential growth phase (Baranyi and Roberts, 1994; Whiting and Cygnarowicz-Provost, 1992). However, this method only looks at predicting bacterial growth in the exponential growth phase and does not take into consideration the other phases which are also biologically relevant. For example, the duration of the lag phase determines how long food will last before becoming spoiled and in single cells determines when pathogenic cells can multiply

to a poisoning concentration level (Baranyi et al., 2009; Baranyi and Roberts, 1994; Olofsson and Ma, 2011).

However, linear polynomial models, using a cubic or quadratic equation, could potentially capture the delayed start of population growth in the lag phase, decreasing momentum of the stationary phase and decline of the death phase. They are also commonly used to assess growth curves in other research fields such as plant growth (Jane et al., 2019). Linear models are also easy to run, interpret and (Grimm et al., 2011). It is possible that bacterial growth is better captured by nonlinear models. Growth rates do not change linearly or reach a maximum point like polynomial models (Jane et al., 2019). However, they are not as robust as linear models (Buchanan et al., 1997).

Over the years, many studies have used different models to fit bacterial growth curves, with differing conclusions. Therefore, there is significant disagreement in literature on which model is the best for predicting bacterial growth curves and selecting a model to use often appears to be subjective (Pla et al., 2015). Determining which of the models predicts bacterial growth best can be determined by model selection, where competing models are directly compared to each other and ranked by determining the relative support in the observed data for each model (Johnson and Omland, 2004).

Therefore I will compare two polynomial linear models: cubic and quadratic, with three of the most popular non linear models for predicting bacterial growth (Pla et al., 2015): the logistic model, the Gompertz Model and the Baranyi Model. I will fit all of these models across multiple datasets of bacterial growth over time. Using model selection, I will determine (1) whether linear or non linear models best predict bacterial growth curves and (2) out of all the models used which one best predicts bacterial growth.

3 Methods

3.1 Computing Tools

All of the data wrangling, model fitting and plotting was completed in R version 3.6.3. I wrangled the data and fitted the models using the tidyverse package (Wickham, 2017), which provided an easy and intuitive way to filter and manipulate data and apply model fits across each dataset. I fitted the linear models using the `lm` function in base R. I fitted the nonlinear models using NLLS (Non linear least squares) using the package `minpack.lm` (Elzhov et al., 2016) which uses non linear least squares to fit data to models with a slight modification to the LevenbergMarquardt algorithm, which creates a more robustness structure that handles less optimal starting parameter values. I calculated the AICc values using the package `MuMIn` (Barton and Barton, 2015) which easily streamlines the information-theoretic model selection and carries model averaging based on information criteria. I pulled model outputs into dataframes using the package `broom` (Robinson, 2014), which made report resulting, creating plots and working with large numbers of models easy. I used a bash script to wrangle the data, fit models, plot the outputs and compile the results into this pdf file. Bash allows me to easily sequentially run each script with minimal coding.

3.2 Data Manipulation

I used Datasets from 10 peer-reviewed research papers to test model fits. These datasets included populations of different bacterial species recorded over time in varying environmental conditions. Therefore, separate datasets used to test model fits were defined by the paper the dataset came from, the species of bacteria used, temperature the bacteria were grown at, medium the bacteria were grown and the replicate number if the experiment was replicated. This gave a total of 305 datasets. The sample size of each dataset ranged from 3 to 151. I removed datasets with less than 8 datapoints as the models may have trouble fitting small sample sizes. I also removed negative population size and time measurements from datasets because these measurements are biologically impossible and were likely the result of a recording error.

3.3 Model fitting

For each dataset I fitted a quadratic regression linear model and a cubic regression linear model in R version 3.6.3. The log population size was the response with the time since inoculation as the explanatory variable. For the quadratic and cubic models time was fitted as a quadratic and cubic affects respectively. All models were checked for goodness of fit and that the assumptions for linear models were met.

All linear models were fit using a non linear least squares method (NLLS) using the package `minpack.lm` (Elzhov et al., 2016) in R version 3.6.3. NLLS fits models to data by minimizing the squared differences between observed and predicted values (Johnson and Omland, 2004). Each model was run with 1000 iterations, the starting values used for each model are specified below. All model were checked for goodness of fit and that the assumptions for non linear models were met.

For my first nonlinear model I fitted each dataset to a logistic model (Verhulst, 1838) with the following equation:

$$N_t = \frac{N_0 K e^{rt}}{K + N_0(e^{rt} - 1)} \quad (1)$$

N_t is the population size at time t , t is the time since inoculation, N_0 is the initial size of the bacteria population, K is the carrying capacity (ie. the maximum population size that the bacteria can achieve) and r is the maximum growth rate (the fastest that the bacteria population grows in a given time frame). I used K , N_0 and r as starting parameters. For each dataset, K was calculated by determining the maximum population size reached, N_0 was calculated by determining the population size at the first datapoint and r was determined by calculating the slope of the log of the population size against time via linear regression.

The second model is a revised Gompertz model (Grijpspeerdit and Vanrolleghem, 1999). The gompertz model was fitted to each dataset using the following equation:

$$\log(N_t) = \log(N_0) + (\log(K) - \log(N_0)) e^{-e^{*(r * e(1) * \frac{t_{lag} - t}{\log(K) - \log(N_0) * \log 10})}} + 1 \quad (2)$$

The definitions for N_t , t , N_0 , K and r are the same as the logistic model above. t_{lag} is the amount of time the population spends in the lag phase. In the gompertz model r is the tangent to the infection point while t_{lag} intercepts this tangent on the x-axis. For each dataset, K was calculated by determining the maximum log population size reached, $\log N_0$ was calculated by determining the log population size at the first datapoint, r was determined by calculating the slope of the log of the population size against time via linear regression and t_{lag} was calculated using the furthestest time point away from the initial time point where there was no growth in population size. r was calculated using the same methods described for the logistic model.

The third linear model is the Baranyi Model (Baranyi and Roberts, 1994) which is based on the concept that the rate of bacterial growth is controlled by the rate of a ‘bottleneck’ biochemical reaction (Buchanan et al., 1997). I fitted the data in each dataset to the Baranyi model using the two equations below taken from (Pla et al., 2015). I inserted the equation for N_t into places where N_t appeared in the equation for $\log N_t$.

$$\text{Equation1} : \log(N_t) = N_0 + r * A * N_t * t - \ln(1 + \frac{e^{r * N_0 * t} - 1}{e^{(K - N_0)}}) \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Equation2} : N_t = t - \frac{1}{r} * \ln * (e^{-r * t} + e^{-r * t_{lag}} - e^{-r * (t + t_{lag})}) \quad (4)$$

The definitions for N_t , t , N_0 , K , r (and t_{lag} are the same as the gompertz model.

3.4 Comparing Models

I compared how well each model across fitted the data across each dataset by calculating their small sample unbiased Akaike information criterion (AICc) values using the package MuMIN (Barton and Barton, 2015) in R. AICc values are ideal for comparing between models as they consider both fit and complexity of the models, and correct biases for more complex models (Johnson and Omland, 2004). AICc also corrects bias for small sample sizes, and should be used when the total number of samples divided by the number of parameters is less than 40 (Johnson and Omland, 2004). This is the case for the majority of the datasets. The best fitting model for each dataset was assigned with the model with the lowest AICc. The best fitting model across all the datasets was determined by considering how many times each model successfully converged and the number of times each model had the lowest AICc across all datasets and the total number datasets where they successfully ran.

4 Results

In total I fitted each model to 228 datasets. Ranging from 8 to 151 data points, with 23823 data points across all datasets. Model diagnostics showed that the datasets fit the assumptions for NLLS analysis. A list of all the model AICc and the best fitting model for each dataset can be found in table S1. A list of how many times each model had the lowest AICc and successfully converged across all the datasets are found in Table 1.

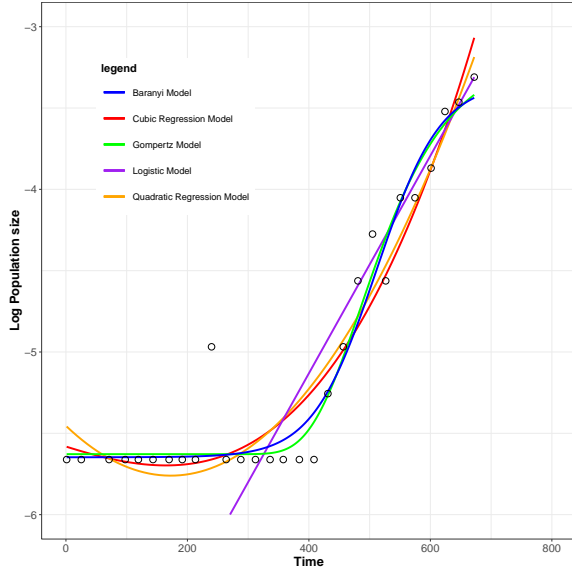
The quadratic and cubic linear models converged across the most datasets at 100%, while the logistic, gompertz and baranyi models converged in 97%, 56% and 11% of the datasets respectively (Table 1). Only 4 of the 228 datasets had successful runs with all models. The quadratic and cubic linear models had the best model fit for 25.4% and 23.3% of the datasets respectively. The logistic model was the best fit for 16.7% of the datasets where the model converged, and 16.2% overall. The baranyi model was the best fit for 19.2% of the datasets where the model converged and 2.2% overall. The gompertz model had the highest number of best fits both across the datasets where the model converged at 58.5% and across all datasets at 32.9%. In total, linear models and non linear models were the best fit for 48.6% and 51.4% of the datasets respectively. On average the linear and nonlinear models had a best model fit of 55.5% and 39% respectively. Plotting model

Table 1: A list of the number times each model was the best fit and successfully converged across all 228 datasets

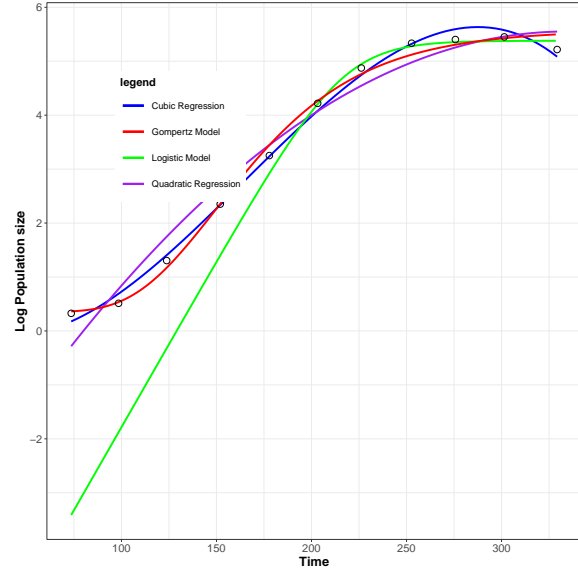
Model	Best Model Count	Convergence Count
Quadratic	58	228
Cubic	53	228
Logisitc	37	221
Gompertz	75	128
Baranyi	5	26



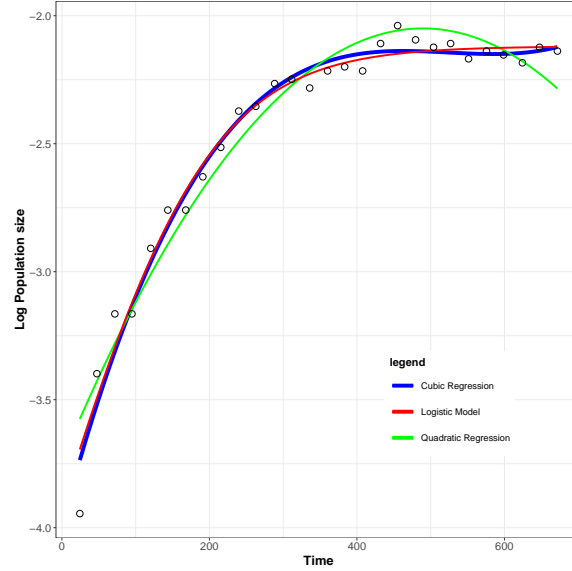
128 outputs for each dataset visualised how well the models fit the data. Examples of the plotted predicted lines for each dataset
129 are shown in figure 2.



(a) Plots the change in log population size over time for dataset 245.1 where every model successfully converged. Each line represents a different model. Each datapoint represents individual samples from the dataset.



(b) Plots the change in log population size over time for dataset '196.1', where every model except baranyi successfully converged. Each line represents a different model. Each datapoint represents individual samples from the dataset.



(c) Plots the change in log population size over time for dataset 230.1, where only the quadratic, cubic and logistic models successfully converged. Each line represents a different model. Each datapoint represents individual samples from the dataset.

Figure 2: shows plots of the predicted lines for each model across selected datasets

5 Discussion

I found that while non linear models were the best fitting models fits across more datasets than linear models, on average the linear models accounted for more best model fits than the non linear models. Further examination also reveals that across some datasets, the AICc values of the Gompertz, Quadratic and Cubic models had a difference of less than 2 in (Table S1). An AICc difference of less than 2 is not significantly different and AICcs within that range should all be considered the best fit (Akaike, 1998).

None of the non-linear model managed to converge across all datasets. A lack of model convergence suggests that the models are not a good fit to the data. However, the model parameters are based on theoretical phases in closed habitats,

which rely on the datasets recording population growth from start to end (Grijpspeerdt and Vanrolleghem, 1999), and that there is sufficient information recorded for each phase (Buchanan et al., 1997). The death phase is rarely recorded in the datasets and across the literature (Peleg and Corradini, 2011), and recording issues and stochastic events can lead to a lack of data for other phases (Peleg and Corradini, 2011; Pla et al., 2015). This could make it more difficult for nonlinear models to fit to the data (Buchanan et al., 1997). For example the Figures 2C shows model fittings for a dataset where there is a lack of a lag and death phase and the Gompertz and Baranyi models never converged. A lack of a lag phase (and death phase for Baranyi) may have made the model difficult to the fit to the data. However, the convergence issues of the nonlinear models may be solved by random sampling of the starting parameters, where in each iteration of the model the starting parameters are randomly chosen from a defined range. Sampling of the parameters would possibly allow for all of the nonlinear models to converge and determine if non linear models can be used across the datasets.

I found that the Gompertz model had the most best model fits across all the datasets at 32.9% despite only converging across just over half the datasets. The Gompertz model is widely used across the literature (Tjørve and Tjørve, 2017) and has been shown to more accurately describe bacterial growth rates than many other models (Grijpspeerdt and Vanrolleghem, 1999; Pla et al., 2015). This may be because of Gompertz model’s consideration of the inflection point in bacterial growth, which can help to accurately describe the lag phase (Baranyi and Roberts, 1994). Figures 2A and 2B show that the Gompertz model fits the lag phase accurately compared to the cubic and quadratic regression in this data set. The quadratic and cubic regression models had the second and third most best model fits across all the datasets, similar numbers of best model fits across the dataset. Linear models are more robust than the non linear models, especially in datasets with smaller samples sizes and minimal data, which has also been the case for previous studies (Baranyi and Roberts, 1994). Many datasets in this study had less than 10 samples. Despite converging in over 95% of datasets the logistic model had the second lowest number of best fits across all datasets and the lowest in datasets where it converged. Studeis have shown that the logistic model does not accurately describe bacterial growth (Smith et al., 2007) and is often outcompeted by other non linear models pla2015comparison. The poor performance of the Baranyi model was unexpected as other studies have shown that it more accurately describes bacterial growth data compared to the Gompertz model due to its more mechanistic definition of a lag period (Baranyi et al., 1993; Baranyi and Roberts, 1994; Pla et al., 2015). The Baranyi’s ability to converge may have been affected by the logistics of the datasets as mentioned in the previous paragraph.

In my study I investigated whether linear or non linear models were better at fitting bacterial growth curves by fitting quadratic, cubic, logistic, gompertz and baranyi models to 228 datasets which recorded bacterial growth overtime by comparing AICc values. I also determined which individual model best fitted the 228 datasets. I found that Gompertz model had the best fit across the largest number of datasets. I found that non linear models were marginally better than linear models. However, convergence issues in non-linear models and a difference in AICc values of less than 2 between linear and non-linear models in some datasets suggest that linear models could fit to bacterial growth curves just as well, or even better, than non linear models. Due to these convergence issues, I can not determine whether linear or non linear models are better or whether Gompertz is the best model for fitting bacterial for growth curves. Those interested in determining the best model for predicting bacterial growth with nonlinear models should sample each model’s starting parameters in order to increase convergence.

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6 Appendix

Table S1: List of model AICcs and best fitting models for each dataset.

Rep_ID	Cubic_AICc	Quadratic_AICc	Log_AICc	Gom_AICc	Bar_AICc	Best_model
100.1	25.74	45.38	218	21.21	NA	Gompertz
101.1	24.11	42.87	207.13	27.95	NA	Cubic
102.1	13.37	10.75	153.86	21.93	NA	Quadratic
103.1	26.3	39.88	177.97	15.45	NA	Gompertz
104.1	23.94	23.33	136.5	12.7	NA	Gompertz
105.1	18.23	24.47	NA	17.48	NA	Gompertz
106.1	27.84	31.33	144.4	6.47	NA	Gompertz
107.1	8.06	14.73	174.81	18.16	NA	Cubic
108.1	40.06	25	NA	32.94	NA	Quadratic
109.1	25.8	19.82	71.74	19.06	NA	Gompertz
110.1	4.38	3.7	118.42	2.17	NA	Gompertz
111.1	2.64	24.19	130.01	13.26	NA	Cubic
112.1	13.33	30.42	60.81	21.12	NA	Cubic
113.1	28.57	26.36	94.29	2.95	NA	Gompertz
114.1	40.71	35.73	118.95	2.36	NA	Gompertz
115.1	14.48	16.04	NA	14.06	NA	Gompertz
116.1	36.21	32.12	74.94	33.63	NA	Quadratic
118.1	16.1	11.53	NA	23.94	NA	Quadratic
119.1	28.26	20.61	NA	26.54	NA	Quadratic
124.1	10.76	32.66	165.8	2.79	NA	Gompertz
125.1	12.29	28.5	173.28	9.07	NA	Gompertz
126.1	7.42	21.36	101.89	9.46	NA	Cubic

127.1	21.1	31.91	166.54	13.47	NA	Gompertz
128.1	11.15	12.42	121.17	6.79	NA	Gompertz
129.1	24.07	24.09	79.02	24.55	NA	Cubic
130.1	149.84	153.47	114.16	NA	NA	Logistic
131.1	135.51	138.88	NA	136.41	NA	Cubic
132.1	14.55	23.01	161.51	4.24	NA	Gompertz
133.1	9.85	7.68	181.07	3.48	NA	Gompertz
134.1	7.55	7.76	86.84	22.97	NA	Cubic
135.1	42.65	31.46	89.29	20.27	NA	Gompertz
136.1	35.46	23.48	90.52	26.8	NA	Quadratic
137.1	33.83	29.61	80.15	26.91	NA	Gompertz
139.1	35.26	24.33	101.96	15.66	NA	Gompertz
141.1	27.02	46.73	NA	NA	NA	Cubic
143.1	38.65	29.04	87.46	22.68	NA	Gompertz
144.1	44.55	31.79	74.37	NA	NA	Quadratic
145.1	36.13	34.59	97.61	NA	NA	Quadratic
146.1	54.34	62.8	39.1	NA	NA	Logistic
147.1	33.76	30.24	NA	5.89	NA	Gompertz
148.1	38.87	39.56	174.45	13.3	NA	Gompertz
149.1	23.53	22.71	51.24	12.21	NA	Gompertz
150.1	53.93	41.96	107.37	49.31	NA	Quadratic
152.1	33.77	33.63	NA	1.13	NA	Gompertz
153.1	114.87	118.62	NA	114.97	NA	Cubic
154.1	125.73	126.69	NA	NA	NA	Cubic
155.1	111.57	115.18	81.39	NA	NA	Logistic
156.1	20.2	18.82	162.28	2.92	NA	Gompertz
157.1	40.43	35.85	130.68	0.34	NA	Gompertz
158.1	4.37	1.38	113.82	12.38	NA	Quadratic
159.1	20.29	34.72	126.81	3.43	NA	Gompertz
160.1	31.72	25.45	183.22	23.75	NA	Gompertz
161.1	24.15	24.76	149.61	13.86	NA	Gompertz
162.1	5.64	14.27	NA	8.86	NA	Cubic
163.1	5.69	13.16	73.11	32.61	31.57	Cubic
164.1	4.56	2.38	64.6	NA	NA	Quadratic
165.1	56.82	64.25	58.94	NA	NA	Cubic
166.1	4.95	27.52	NA	NA	NA	Cubic
167.1	18.16	32.07	NA	NA	7.96	Baranyi
168.1	22.8	8.62	108.02	NA	NA	Quadratic
169.1	1.75	26.78	1.76	NA	11.88	Cubic
170.1	13.11	27.7	5.24	NA	30.09	Logistic
171.1	37.48	53.34	3.96	NA	17.74	Logistic
172.1	42.14	56.64	3.83	NA	20.93	Logistic
173.1	48.05	55.5	91.8	NA	NA	Cubic
174.1	40.48	50.58	5.87	NA	NA	Logistic
175.1	63.88	70.37	3.12	NA	NA	Logistic
176.1	61.36	75.49	2.29	NA	NA	Logistic
177.1	46.5	63.78	16.08	NA	NA	Logistic
178.1	58.2	71.58	1.25	NA	82.42	Logistic
179.1	54.47	68.19	11.65	NA	20.91	Logistic
180.1	31.98	53.32	69.56	NA	NA	Cubic
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182.1	23.06	42.6	119.76	NA	NA	Cubic
183.1	39.17	47.83	48.69	NA	NA	Cubic
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185.1	21.52	23.63	41.62	NA	NA	Cubic
186.1	20.01	24.11	24.36	NA	NA	Cubic
187.1	30.27	31.88	21.1	NA	NA	Logistic
188.1	27.5	34.09	67.02	NA	NA	Cubic
189.1	41.8	44.05	78.74	NA	NA	Cubic
190.1	27.16	28.13	46.35	NA	NA	Cubic

191.1	30.44	34.88	27.48	NA	NA	Logistic
192.1	32.61	37.38	3.02	NA	NA	Logistic
193.1	42.86	47.96	13.66	4.65	NA	Gompertz
194.1	39.41	43.25	31.73	NA	NA	Logistic
195.1	0.41	16.68	NA	NA	61.94	Cubic
196.1	46.55	46.64	62.11	NA	NA	Cubic
197.1	44.72	45.48	37.04	NA	NA	Logistic
198.1	40.83	49.07	8.31	6.27	NA	Gompertz
199.1	16.92	21.06	12.78	NA	11.18	Baranyi
200.1	30.46	30.95	11.85	NA	23.54	Logistic
201.1	42.85	39	45.13	22.42	NA	Gompertz
202.1	22.86	27.87	39.38	11.32	NA	Gompertz
203.1	22.21	26.3	15.78	NA	NA	Logistic
204.1	23.77	29.88	65.94	NA	NA	Cubic
205.1	17.92	20.52	49	NA	NA	Cubic
206.1	14.84	26.66	66.05	NA	NA	Cubic
207.1	30.17	33.04	45.46	NA	NA	Cubic
208.1	37.72	40.39	25.87	NA	NA	Logistic
209.1	37	40.99	11.05	NA	NA	Logistic
21.1	32.55	38.11	179.03	28.6	NA	Gompertz
210.1	75.36	74.72	23.9	NA	NA	Logistic
211.1	46.17	49.27	25.18	NA	NA	Logistic
212.1	36.4	35.47	23.35	NA	NA	Logistic
213.1	43.42	49.07	76.51	NA	NA	Cubic
214.1	42.68	47.96	0.61	NA	NA	Logistic
215.1	63.39	66.58	28.95	NA	NA	Logistic
216.1	53.64	55.94	17.21	NA	63.07	Logistic
217.1	48.17	48.28	14.76	NA	NA	Logistic
218.1	62.73	62.79	19.78	NA	NA	Logistic
219.1	52.26	51.48	14.66	NA	NA	Logistic
22.1	31.48	31.03	140.18	12.67	NA	Gompertz
220.1	61.56	65.47	9.69	NA	NA	Logistic
221.1	48.91	55.3	9.66	NA	NA	Logistic
222.1	44.19	48.03	1.33	NA	NA	Logistic
223.1	32.91	37.43	11.33	NA	NA	Logistic
224.1	39.16	43.66	103.16	NA	NA	Cubic
225.1	27.01	31.78	24.99	NA	NA	Logistic
226.1	34.95	39.24	71.05	NA	NA	Cubic
227.1	22.04	28.64	70.65	NA	NA	Cubic
228.1	20.07	28.96	26.99	NA	NA	Cubic
229.1	59.27	60.32	236.66	57.64	15.83	Baranyi
23.1	26.35	20.05	202.4	27.09	NA	Quadratic
230.1	59.05	39.01	138.9	NA	NA	Quadratic
231.1	43.53	16.92	140.77	NA	NA	Quadratic
232.1	62.95	59.94	252.66	NA	62.72	Quadratic
233.1	51.28	45.16	86.32	52.21	NA	Quadratic
234.1	38.06	5.32	169.06	NA	22.64	Quadratic
235.1	64.13	27.04	172.51	NA	87.83	Quadratic
236.1	63.63	44.09	189.11	NA	47.3	Quadratic
237.1	14.4	11.77	231.65	NA	32.67	Quadratic
238.1	44.23	45.03	245.01	NA	58.45	Cubic
239.1	4.1	17.57	38.6	NA	NA	Cubic
24.1	21.15	15.1	120.99	18.16	NA	Quadratic
240.1	43.02	0.52	155.39	NA	NA	Quadratic
241.1	17.09	15.6	233.58	NA	NA	Quadratic
242.1	4.28	45.54	142.27	NA	62.24	Cubic
243.1	31.06	54.94	22.97	NA	71.73	Logistic
244.1	8.89	46.17	13.12	NA	8.48	Baranyi
245.1	7.01	5.79	253.35	8.36	4.2	Baranyi
246.1	24.9	26.89	53.88	NA	40.75	Cubic

247.1	33.54	0.92	184.4	NA	75.98	Quadratic
248.1	31.58	22.16	216.62	31.12	29.8	Quadratic
249.1	41.25	17.45	62.82	NA	NA	Quadratic
25.1	30.46	31.44	88.53	21.17	NA	Gompertz
250.1	52.77	12.27	81.04	NA	61.86	Quadratic
253.1	22.69	22.07	95.91	30.8	NA	Quadratic
26.1	24.24	22.07	92.7	30.27	NA	Quadratic
27.1	24.35	18.39	191.85	17.06	NA	Gompertz
28.1	12.38	6.11	127.03	12.35	NA	Quadratic
29.1	25.4	34.87	NA	29.48	NA	Cubic
30.1	34.85	38.44	NA	22.08	NA	Gompertz
31.1	30.41	34.58	148.97	24.63	NA	Gompertz
32.1	34.6	29.35	60.91	12.2	43.61	Gompertz
33.1	5.35	31.17	64.43	16.31	NA	Cubic
34.1	21.89	22.79	NA	24.48	NA	Cubic
35.1	35.25	30	NA	30.15	NA	Quadratic
36.1	20.47	12.29	NA	20.11	NA	Quadratic
41.1	27.06	43.54	NA	25.78	NA	Gompertz
42.1	23.64	45.4	157.57	22.41	NA	Gompertz
43.1	26.34	40.97	138.51	3.93	NA	Gompertz
44.1	10.1	32.44	113.51	2.2	NA	Gompertz
45.1	21.88	28.37	228.59	0.79	NA	Gompertz
45.2	33.6	32.48	NA	NA	NA	Quadratic
45.3	23.16	26.61	249.56	NA	NA	Cubic
45.4	31.57	33.84	NA	NA	NA	Cubic
45.5	18.49	26.92	237.65	NA	NA	Cubic
46.1	28.19	24.88	255.23	NA	NA	Quadratic
46.2	25.98	22.07	242.04	NA	NA	Quadratic
46.3	25.81	21.93	251.83	NA	NA	Quadratic
46.4	27.16	25.43	271.95	NA	NA	Quadratic
46.5	24.92	22.56	228.21	NA	NA	Quadratic
47.1	46.02	39.63	203.29	NA	NA	Quadratic
47.2	50.43	44.96	NA	NA	NA	Quadratic
47.3	46.67	40.93	212.51	40.73	NA	Gompertz
47.4	46.51	42.27	NA	37	NA	Gompertz
47.5	37.13	35.48	227.88	32.71	NA	Gompertz
48.1	44.67	39.36	201.61	36.67	NA	Gompertz
48.2	44.4	38.29	209.37	37.64	NA	Gompertz
48.3	30	25.04	207.94	23.64	NA	Gompertz
48.4	46.88	39.65	214.3	46.22	NA	Quadratic
48.5	37.9	19.24	183.9	30.91	NA	Quadratic
49.1	35.61	29.06	194.85	29.9	NA	Quadratic
49.2	10.17	14.49	194.77	9.72	NA	Gompertz
49.3	31.89	26.54	216.49	24.46	NA	Gompertz
49.4	40.03	32.75	206.98	32.08	NA	Gompertz
49.5	43.91	37.64	208.92	NA	NA	Quadratic
50.1	36.14	50.32	600.39	44.91	NA	Cubic
51.1	41.66	35.45	497.44	37.96	NA	Quadratic
52.1	38.62	34.5	560.56	39.08	NA	Quadratic
53.1	37.48	50.64	757.55	43.92	NA	Cubic
54.1	24.9	29.82	572.74	12.39	NA	Gompertz
55.1	30.97	28.4	NA	27.88	NA	Gompertz
56.1	35.37	40.73	663.92	38.85	NA	Cubic
57.1	39.67	35.07	492.92	36.08	NA	Quadratic
58.1	35.65	31.43	607.7	30.37	NA	Gompertz
59.1	29.64	34.91	574.01	33.13	NA	Cubic
60.1	26.1	23.02	NA	24.05	NA	Quadratic
61.1	29.3	30.18	531.04	25.89	NA	Gompertz
62.1	37.32	33.46	177.89	31.92	NA	Gompertz
63.1	16.9	6.89	132.03	16.06	NA	Quadratic

64.1	22.78	15.17	132.01	18.52	NA	Quadratic
65.1	34.17	32.29	660.91	21.7	NA	Gompertz
66.1	5.41	5.75	712.16	0.85	NA	Gompertz
67.1	257.94	268.54	2417.54	244.5	NA	Gompertz
68.1	132.01	129.84	1615.36	91.49	NA	Gompertz
69.1	99.27	109.51	1915.86	40.35	NA	Gompertz
7.1	14.73	3.91	159.02	14.92	NA	Quadratic
70.1	132.92	152.49	1658.56	60.81	NA	Gompertz
8.1	33.77	30.26	197.01	23.65	NA	Gompertz
80.1	29.97	32.53	118.67	20.61	NA	Gompertz
81.1	31.54	31.72	137.28	16.43	NA	Gompertz
82.1	26.58	30.16	163.48	9.64	NA	Gompertz
83.1	26.91	34.95	131.86	12.59	NA	Gompertz
84.1	31.23	23.48	123.09	28.53	NA	Quadratic
85.1	21.42	31.63	NA	26.88	NA	Cubic
86.1	20.2	20.2	157.7	20.98	NA	Quadratic
87.1	35.89	26.63	108.63	29.26	NA	Quadratic
88.1	16.43	30.82	85.24	12.78	NA	Gompertz
89.1	16.8	26.11	84.9	3.09	NA	Gompertz
90.1	36.69	29.8	120.77	17.92	NA	Gompertz
91.1	13.07	19.49	50.48	17.4	NA	Cubic
92.1	32.43	21.29	80.77	37.23	NA	Quadratic
93.1	34.39	24.7	NA	37.74	NA	Quadratic
94.1	22.29	18.9	111.92	16.17	NA	Gompertz
95.1	23.4	23.55	NA	19.72	NA	Gompertz
99.1	45.5	32.91	82.62	36.73	NA	Quadratic