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76 % Quadratic Interpolation (only if idx+2 exists)
77 if idx + 2 <= length(t_coarse)
78     S_interp_quad(k) = f_quadratic(S_coarse(idx), S_coarse(idx+1), S_coarse(idx+2), t_coarse(idx), t_coarse(idx+1), t_coarse(idx+2), odd_days(k));
79     I_interp_quad(k) = f_quadratic(I_coarse(idx), I_coarse(idx+1), I_coarse(idx+2), t_coarse(idx), t_coarse(idx+1), t_coarse(idx+2), odd_days(k));
80     R_interp_quad(k) = f_quadratic(R_coarse(idx), R_coarse(idx+1), R_coarse(idx+2), t_coarse(idx), t_coarse(idx+1), t_coarse(idx+2), odd_days(k));
81 else
82     % Use linear interpolation as a fallback
83     S_interp_quad(k) = S_interp_lin(k);
84     I_interp_quad(k) = I_interp_lin(k);
85     R_interp_quad(k) = R_interp_lin(k);
86 end
87 end
88
89 % Compute L2 Errors
90 L2_error = @(V_interp, V_model) sqrt(sum((V_interp - V_model).^2) / length(V_interp));
91 S_error_lin = L2_error(S_interp_lin, S_fine(odd_days));
92 S_error_quad = L2_error(S_interp_quad, S_fine(odd_days));
93 I_error_lin = L2_error(I_interp_lin, I_fine(odd_days));
94 I_error_quad = L2_error(I_interp_quad, I_fine(odd_days));
95 R_error_lin = L2_error(R_interp_lin, R_fine(odd_days));
96 R_error_quad = L2_error(R_interp_quad, R_fine(odd_days));
97
98 error_table = table(["S_Error"; "I_Error"; "R_Error"], [S_error_lin; I_error_lin; R_error_lin], [S_error_quad; I_error_quad; R_error_quad], "VariableNames", {"S_Error", "I_Error", "R_Error"});
99 disp(error_table);

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Command Window

Population	Linear	Quadratic
"S_Error"	15.949	16.016
"I_Error"	8.2041	8.2811
"R_Error"	13.68	13.711

Conclusion: Ultimately, both linear and quadratic interpolation yielded almost the same error. Typically, you see quadratic interpolation yield more accurate results due to its ability to capture the curvature of a function, whereas linear interpolation is simply connecting dots with lines.