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Bayesian Macroeconometrics in R

Description

Bayesian Macroeconometrics in R ('BMR') is a collection of R and C++ routines for estimating Bayesian Vector Autoregressive (BVAR) and Dynamic Stochastic General Equilibrium (DSGE) models in the R statistical environment.

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Data: Artificial DSGE Data

Description

Artificial data generated from the log-linearised Lubik-Schorfheide (2007) model.

Usage

data(BMRLSData)

Format

A matrix called 'LSData' of size 200 x 5.

BMRMCData

Data: Artificial VAR Data

Description

Artificial data generated from a bi-variate VAR(2) model. See section 6.1 of the vignette for details relating to model specification.

Usage

data(BMRMCData)

Format

A matrix called 'bvarMCdata' of size 100 x 2.

 ${\tt BMRVARData}$

Data: Monetary Policy VAR Data

Description

This is an updated version of the Stock and Watson (2001) dataset, with inflation, unemployment, and the Federal Funds rate, from Q2 1954 to Q4 2011.

Usage

data(BMRVARData)

Format

A dataframe of size 231 x 4.

Source

Federal Reserve Economic Data

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BVARM	BVAR with Minnesota Prior.		

Description

Estimate a Bayesian VAR with Minnesota prior.

Usage

```
BVARM(mydata,coefprior=NULL,p=4,constant=TRUE,
    irf.periods=20,keep=10000,burnin=1000,
    VType=1,decay="H",HP1=0.5,HP2=0.5,HP3=1,HP4=2)
```

Arguments

mydata A matrix or data frame containing the data series used for estimation; this should

be of size T x m.

coefprior A numeric vector of length m, matrix of size (m p + 1_c) x m, or a value of

'NULL', that contains the prior mean-value of each coefficient. Providing a numeric vector of length m will set a zero prior on all coefficients except the own first-lags, which are set according to the elements in 'coefprior'. Setting

this input to 'NULL' will give a random-walk-in-levels prior.

p The number of lags to include of each variable. The default value is 4.

constant A logical statement on whether to include a constant vector (intercept) in the

model. The default is 'TRUE', and the alternative is 'FALSE'.

irf.periods An integer value for the horizon of the impulse response calculations, which

must be greater than zero. The default value is 20.

keep The number of Gibbs sampling replications to keep from the sampling run.

burnin The sample burn-in length for the Gibbs sampler.

VType Whether to use a 'VType=1' or 'VType=2'. The default is 1.

decay Whether to use harmonic or geometric decay for the VType=2 case.

HP1, HP2, HP3, HP4

These correspond to H_1, H_2, H_3, and H_4, respectively, from section 2.3 of

the vignette.

Details

For technical details of the model, see the accompanying vignette.

Value

The function returns an object of class BVARM, which contains:

Beta A matrix of size $(m p + 1_c) \times m$ containing the posterior mean of the coefficient

matrix (beta).

BDraws An array of size $(m p + 1_c) x m x$ keep which contains the post burn-in draws

of beta.

BetaVPr An matrix of size $(m p + 1_c) m x (m p + 1_c) m$ containing the prior covariance

matrix of vec(beta).

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Sigma A matrix of size m x m containing the fixed residual covariance matrix (Sigma).

A four-dimensional object of size irf.periods x m x keep x m containing the impulse response function calculations; the first m refers to responses to the last

m shock.

Note: IRF calculations are based on a one standard deviation shock to each

variable.

data The data used for estimation.

constant A logical value, TRUE or FALSE, indicating whether the user chose to include

a vector of constants in the model.

Author(s)

IRFs

Keith O'Hara

References

Canova, Fabio, *Methods for Applied Macroeconomic Research*, Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 2007.

Koop, Gary and Dimitris Korobilis, "Bayesian Multivariate Time Series Methods for Empirical Macroeconomics," *Mimeo*, 2010.

See Also

```
forecast.BVARM, IRF.BVARM, plot.BVARM.
```

Examples

BVARS

BVAR with Steady-State Prior.

Description

Estimate a Bayesian VAR with steady-state prior.

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Arguments

mydata A matrix or data frame containing the data series used for estimation; this should

be of size T x m.

psiprior A numeric vector of length m that contains the prior mean of each series found

in 'mydata'. The user MUST specify this prior, or the function will return an

error.

coefprior A numeric vector of length m, matrix of size (m p) x m, or a value of 'NULL',

that contains the prior mean-value of each coefficient. Providing a numeric vector of length m will set a zero prior on all coefficients except the own first-lags, which are set according to the elements in 'coefprior'. Setting this input to

'NULL' will give a random-walk-in-levels prior.

p The number of lags to include of each variable. The default value is 4.

irf.periods An integer value for the horizon of the impulse response calculations, which

must be greater than zero. The default value is 20.

keep The number of Gibbs sampling replications to keep from the sampling run.

burnin The sample burn-in length for the Gibbs sampler.

XiPsi A numeric vector of length 1 or matrix of size m x m that defines the prior

location matrix of Psi.

HP1 H_1 from section 3 of the vignette.

HP4 H_4 from section 3 of the vignette.

gamma A numeric vector of length 1 corresponding to the prior degrees of freedom of

the error covariance matrix. The minimum value is m+1, and this is the default

value.

Details

For technical details of the model, see the accompanying vignette.

Value

The function returns an object of class BVARS, which contains:

Beta A matrix of size (m p) x m containing the posterior mean of the coefficient

matrix (beta).

BDraws An array of size (m p) x m x keep which contains the post burn-in draws of beta.

Psi A matrix of size 1 x m containing the posterior mean estimate of the uncondi-

tional mean matrix (Psi).

PDraws An array of size 1 x m x keep which contains the post burn-in draws of Psi.

Sigma A matrix of size m x m containing the posterior mean estimate of the residual

covariance matrix (Sigma).

SDraws An array of size m x m x keep which contains the post burn-in draws of Sigma.

IRFs A four-dimensional object of size irf.periods x m x keep x m containing the

impulse response function calculations; the first m refers to responses to the last

m shock.

Note: IRF calculations are based on a one standard deviation shock to each

variable.

data The data used for estimation.

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Author(s)

Keith O'Hara

References

Villani, Mattias, "Steady-State Priors for Vector Autoregressions," *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, 2009, 24 (4), 630–650.

See Also

```
forecast.BVARS, IRF.BVARS, plot.BVARS.
```

Examples

BVARTVP

BVAR with Time-Varying Coefficients.

Description

Estimate a Bayesian VAR with time-varying coefficients.

Usage

Arguments

mydata A matrix or data frame containing the data series used for estimation; this should

be of size T x m.

timelab This is a numeric vector of length T that provides labels for the observations.

coefprior A numeric vector of length m, matrix of size (m p + 1) x m, or a value 'NULL',

that contains the prior mean-value of each coefficient. Providing a numeric vector of length m will set a zero prior on all coefficients except the own first-lags, which are set according to the elements in 'coefprior'. Setting this input to

'NULL' will give a random-walk-in-levels prior.

Note that, when tau is set to 'NULL', this input becomes the initial draw for the sampling algorithm, and starting with an explosive draw might be a bad idea.

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tau	'tau' is the length of the training-sample prior. If this is set a value other than 'NULL', it will replace 'coefprior' above with the coefficients from a presampling estimation run. Selecting this option also affects the 'XiBeta' choice below.
p	The number of lags to include of each variable. The default value is 4.
irf.periods	An integer value for the horizon of the impulse response calculations, which must be great than zero. The default value is 20.
irf.points	A numeric vector of length (0,T]. If the user supplied a 'timelab' list above, then this vector should contain points corresponding to that list. The default of 'NULL' will mean that all IRFs, for T - tau, will be computed. The IRFs are stored in a 5 dimensional array of size irf.periods $x m x m x$ length(irf.points) x keep.
	If the number of variables, replications, and/or observations is quite large, then calculating all IRFs will take up a lot of memory. For example, with an IRF horizon of 20, 3 variables, 200 observations, training sample size of 50, and 50000 post-burn-in replications, we have 1,350,000,000 elements to store.
keep	The number of Gibbs sampling replications to keep from the sampling run.
burnin	The sample burn-in length for the Gibbs sampler.
XiBeta	A numeric vector of length 1 or matrix of size $(m p + 1) m x (m p + 1) m$ that contains the prior covariance of each coefficient for beta_0. The structure of Xi_beta corresponds to vec(beta).
	Note that if tau != NULL, 'XiBeta' should be a numeric vector of length 1 (scalar) that scales the OLS estimate of the covariance matrix of beta.
XiQ	A numeric vector of length 1 or matrix of size $(m p + 1) m x (m p + 1) m$ that contains the location matrix of the inverse-Wishart prior on Q.
gammaQ	A numeric vector of length 1 corresponding to the prior degrees of freedom of the Q matrix. The minimum value is $(m\ p+1)\ m+1$, and this is the default value, unless tau != NULL, in which case gamma_S = tau.
XiSigma	A numeric vector of length 1 or matrix of size $m \times m$ that contains the location matrix of the inverse-Wishart prior on Sigma.
gammaS	A numeric vector of length 1 corresponding to the prior degrees of freedom of the error covariance matrix. The minimum value is m+1, and this is the default value.

Details

For technical details of the model, see the accompanying vignette.

Value

The function returns an object of class BVARTVP, which contains:

Beta	A matrix of size (m p + 1) m x (T - tau) containing the posterior mean of the coefficient matrix, beta, in vectorised form, for $(tau + 1)$: T.
BDraws	An array of size $(m p + 1) x m x$ keep $x (T - tau)$ which contains the post burn-in draws of beta.
Q	A matrix of size $(m p + 1) m x (m p + 1) m$ containing the posterior mean estimates of the covariance matrix Q.

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QDraws An array of size (m p + 1) m x (m p + 1) m x keep which contains the post

burn-in draws of Q.

Sigma A matrix of size m x m containing the posterior mean estimates of the residual

covariance matrix, Sigma.

SDraws An array of size m x m x keep which contains the post burn-in draws of Sigma.

IRFs Let ell = number of 'irf.points' the user selected. 'IRFs' is then a five-dimensional

object of size irf.periods $x \ m \ x \ m \ x$ ell x keep containing the impulse response

function calculations; the first m refers to responses to the last m shock.

Note: IRF calculations are based on a one standard deviation shock to each

variable.

data The data used for estimation.

irf.points The points in the sample where the user elected to produce IRFs.

tau The length of the training sample.

Author(s)

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References

Koop, Gary and Dimitris Korobilis, "Bayesian Multivariate Time Series Methods for Empirical Macroeconomics," *Mimeo*, 2010.

See Also

```
IRF.BVARTVP, plot.BVARTVP.
```

Examples

BVARW

BVAR with normal-inverse-Wishart Prior.

Description

Estimate a Bayesian VAR with normal-inverse-Wishart prior.

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Usage

```
BVARW(mydata,cores=1,coefprior=NULL,p=4,constant=TRUE, irf.periods=20,keep=10000,burnin=1000, XiBeta=1,XiSigma=1,gamma=NULL)
```

Arguments

mydata A matrix or data frame containing the data series used for estimation; this should

be of size T x m.

cores A positive integer value indicating the number of CPU cores that should be used

for the sampling run.

DO NOT ENTER MORE CORES THAN YOUR COMPUTER CAN SAFELY

HANDLE! If in doubt, set cores = 1, which is the default.

coefprior A numeric vector of length m, matrix of size $(m p + 1_c) x m$, or a value of

'NULL', that contains the prior mean-value of each coefficient. Providing a numeric vector of length m will set a zero prior on all coefficients except the own first-lags, which are set according to the elements in 'coefprior'. Setting

this input to 'NULL' will give a random-walk-in-levels prior.

p The number of lags to include of each variable. The default value is 4.

constant A logical statement on whether to include a constant vector (intercept) in the

model. The default is 'TRUE', and the alternative is 'FALSE'.

irf.periods An integer value for the horizon of the impulse response calculations, which

must be greater than zero. The default value is 20.

keep The number of Gibbs sampling replications to keep from the sampling run.

burnin The sample burn-in length for the Gibbs sampler.

XiBeta A numeric vector of length 1 or matrix of size $(m p + 1_c) m x (m p + 1_c)$

m comprising the prior covariance of each coefficient. The structure of Xi_beta

corresponds to vec(beta).

XiSigma A numeric vector of length 1 or matrix of size m x m that contains the location

matrix of the inverse-Wishart prior.

gamma A numeric vector of length 1 corresponding to the prior degrees of freedom of

the error covariance matrix. The minimum value is m+1, and this is the default

value.

Details

For technical details of the model, see the accompanying vignette.

Value

The function returns an object of class BVARW, which contains:

Beta A matrix of size (m p + 1 c) x m containing the posterior mean of the coefficient

matrix (beta).

BDraws An array of size $(m p + 1_c) x m x$ keep which contains the post burn-in draws

of beta.

Sigma A matrix of size m x m containing the posterior mean estimate of the residual

covariance matrix (Sigma).

SDraws An array of size m x m x keep which contains the post burn-in draws of Sigma.

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IRFs A four-dimensional object of size irf.periods x m x keep x m containing the

impulse response function calculations; the first m refers to responses to the last

m shock.

Note: IRF calculations are based on a one standard deviation shock to each

variable.

data The data used for estimation.

constant A logical value, TRUE or FALSE, indicating whether the user chose to include

a vector of constants in the model.

Author(s)

Keith O'Hara

References

Koop, Gary and Dimitris Korobilis, "Bayesian Multivariate Time Series Methods for Empirical Macroeconomics," *Mimeo*, 2010.

See Also

```
forecast.BVARW, IRF.BVARW, plot.BVARW.
```

Examples

CVAR

Classical VAR.

Description

OLS estimation of a VAR model with bootstrapped IRFs.

```
CVAR(mydata,p=4,constant=TRUE,irf.periods=20,boot=10000)
```

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Arguments

mydata A matrix or data frame containing the data series used for estimation; this should

be of size T x m.

p The number of lags to include of each variable. The default value is 4.

constant A logical statement on whether to include a constant vector (intercept) in the

model. The default is 'TRUE', and the alternative is 'FALSE'.

irf.periods An integer value for the horizon of the impulse response calculations, which

must be greater than zero. The default value is 20.

boot The number of replications to run for the bootstrapped IRFs. The default is

10,000.

Details

For technical details of the model, see the accompanying vignette.

Value

The function returns an object of class CVAR, which contains:

Beta A matrix of size $(m p + 1_c) x m$ containing the OLS estimate of the coefficient

matrix (beta).

BDraws An array of size $(m p + 1_c) x m x$ keep which contains the bootstrapped beta

draws.

Sigma A matrix of size m x m containing the OLS estimate of the residual covariance

matrix (Sigma).

SDraws An array of size m x m x keep which contains bootstrapped Sigma draws.

IRFs A four-dimensional object of size irf.periods x m x boot x m containing the

impulse response function calculations; the first m refers to responses to the last

m shock.

Note: IRF calculations are based on a one standard deviation shock to each

variable.

data The data used for estimation.

constant A logical value, TRUE or FALSE, indicating whether the user chose to include

a vector of constants in the model.

Author(s)

Keith O'Hara

See Also

```
forecast.CVAR, IRF.CVAR.
```

Examples

```
## Not run:
data(BMRVARData)
testcvar <- CVAR(USMacroData[,2:4],p=4,constant=TRUE,irf.periods=20,boot=10000)
IRF(testcvar,save=F)
forecast(testcvar,backdata=10,save=FALSE)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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DSGESim	Simulate from a DSGE Model.

Description

Simulate a data series using a solved DSGE model.

Usage

Arguments

obj	An object of class 'SDSGE', 'gensys', or 'uhlig'. The user should first solve a model using one of the solver functions ('SDSGE', 'gensys', or 'uhlig'), then pass the solution to 'DSGESim'.
shocks.cov	A matrix of size k x k that describes the covariance structure of the model shocks.
sim.periods	The number of simulation periods the function should return.
burnin	The length of sample burn-in. The default, 'burnin = NULL', will set burn-in to one-half of the number given in 'sim.periods'.
seedval	Seed the random number generator.
hpfiltered	Whether to pass the simulated series through a Hodrick-Prescott filter before retuning.
lambda	If 'hpfiltered = TRUE', this is the value of the smoothing parameter in the H-P filter.
	Additional arguments (not used).

Details

For an example, see the accompanying vignette.

Value

The function will return a matrix of simulated observations from a solved DSGE model.

Author(s)

Keith O'Hara

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See Also

```
gensys,uhlig,SDSGE
```

Examples

```
## Not run:
dsgetest <- gensys(Gamma0,Gamma1,C,Psi,Pi)
dsgetestsim <- DSGESim(dsgetest,Sigma,200,200)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

DSGEVAR

DSGE-VAR Estimation.

Description

Estimate a DSGE-VAR model.

Usage

```
DSGEVAR(dsgedata,chains=1,cores=1,lambda=Inf,p=2,
constant=FALSE,ObserveMat,initialvals,partomats,
priorform,priorpars,parbounds,parnames=NULL,
optimMethod="Nelder-Mead",
optimLower=NULL,optimUpper=NULL,
optimControl=list(),
IRFs=TRUE,irf.periods=20,scalepar=1,
keep=50000,burnin=10000,
tables=TRUE)
```

Arguments

dsgedata	A matrix or data frame of size T x j containing the data series used for estimation. Note: in order to identify the structural shocks, there must be the same number of observable series as there are shocks in the DSGE model.
chains	A positive integer value indicating the number of MCMC chains to run.
cores	A positive integer value indicating the number of CPU cores that should be used for estimation. This number should be less than or equal to the number of chains. DO NOT ENTER MORE CORES THAN YOUR COMPUTER CAN SAFELY HANDLE! If in doubt, set cores = 1, which is the default.
lambda	The proportion of DSGE dummy data to actual data. Acceptable values lie in the interval j x $(p+1)/T$ to +infinity. (See the vignette for details.)
р	The number of lags to include of each variable. The default value is 2.
constant	A logical statement on whether to include a constant vector (intercept) in the model. The default is 'FALSE', and the alternative is 'TRUE'.
ObserveMat	The $(m+n+k)$ x j observable matrix H that maps the state variables to the observable series in the measurement equation.
initialvals	Initial values to begin the optimization routine.

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partomats This is perhaps the most important function input.

'partomats' should be a function that maps the deep parameters of the DSGE model to the matrices of a solution method, and contain: a k x k matrix labelled 'shocks' containing the variances of the structural shocks; a j x 1 matrix labelled 'MeasCons' containing any constant terms in the measurement equation; and a j x j matrix labelled 'MeasErrs' containing the variances of the measurement

errors.

priorform The prior distribution of each parameter.

priorpars The parameters of the prior densities.

For example, if the user selects a Gaussian prior for a parameter, then the first

entry will be the mean and the second its variance.

parbounds The lower- and (where relevant) upper-bounds on the parameter values. 'NA'

values are permitted.

parnames A character vector containing labels for the parameters.

optimMethod The optimization algorithm used to find the posterior mode. The user may

select: the "Nelder-Mead" simplex method, which is the default; "BFGS", a quasi-Newton method; "CG" for a conjugate gradient method; "L-BFGS-B", a limited-memory BFGS algorithm with box constraints; or "SANN", a simulated-

annealing algorithm.

See optim for more details.

If more than one method is entered, e.g., c(Nelder-Mead, CG), optimization will proceed in a sequential manner, updating the initial values with the result of the

previous optimization routine.

optimLower If optimMethod="L-BFGS-B", this is the lower bound for optimization.

optimUpper If optimMethod="L-BFGS-B", this is the upper bound for optimization.

optimControl A control list for optimization. See optim for more details.

IRFs Whether to calculate impulse response functions.

irf.periods If IRFs=TRUE, then use this option to set the IRF horizon.

scalepar The scaling parameter, c, for the MCMC run.

keep The number of replications to keep. If keep is set to zero, the function will end

with a normal approximation at the posterior mode.

burnin The number of sample burn-in points.

tables Whether to print results of the posterior mode estimation and summary statistics

of the MCMC run.

Details

For technical details, see the accompanying vignette.

Value

The function returns an object of class DSGEVAR, which contains:

Parameters A matrix with 'keep x chains' number of rows that contains the estimated, post

sample burn-in parameter draws.

Beta An array of size $(j \times p) \times m \times (keep \times chains)$ which contains the post burn-in

draws of beta.

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Sigma An array of size j x j x (keep x chains) which contains the post burn-in draws of

Sigma.

DSGEIRFs A four-dimensional object of size irf, periods x (m + n + k) x n x (keep x chains)

containing the impulse response function calculations for the DSGE model. The

first m refers to responses to the last m shock.

DSGEVARIRFS A four-dimensional object of size irf.periods x j x n x (keep x chains) containing

the impulse response function calculations for the VAR. The last m refers to the

structural shock.

parMode Estimated posterior mode parameter values.

ModeHessian The Hessian computed at the posterior mode for the transformed parameters.

logMargLikelihood

The log marginal likelihood from a Laplacian approximation at the posterior

mode.

AcceptanceRate The acceptance rate of the chain(s).

RootRConvStats Gelman's sqrtR-between-chain convergence statistics for each parameter. A

value close 1 would signal convergence.

ObserveMat The user-supplied H matrix from the Kalman filter recursion.

data The data used for estimation.

Author(s)

Keith O'Hara

See Also

forecast.DSGEVAR, IRF.DSGEVAR, optim, plot.DSGEVAR, states.DSGEVAR.

Examples

EDSGE

DSGE Estimation.

Description

Estimate a DSGE model.

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Usage

```
EDSGE(dsgedata,chains=1,cores=1,
    ObserveMat,initialvals,partomats,
    priorform,priorpars,parbounds,parnames=NULL,
    optimMethod="Nelder-Mead",
    optimLower=NULL,optimUpper=NULL,
    optimControl=list(),
    DSGEIRFs=TRUE,irf.periods=20,
    scalepar=1,keep=50000,burnin=10000,
    tables=TRUE)
```

Arguments

dsgedata A matrix or data frame of size T x j containing the data series used for estimation.

chains A positive integer value indicating the number of MCMC chains to run.

cores A positive integer value indicating the number of CPU cores that should be used

for estimation. This number should be less than or equal to the number of chains. DO NOT ENTER MORE CORES THAN YOUR COMPUTER CAN SAFELY

HANDLE! If in doubt, set cores = 1, which is the default.

ObserveMat The (m+n+k) x j observable matrix H that maps the state variables to the ob-

servable series in the measurement equation.

initial values to begin the optimization routine.

partomats This is perhaps the most important function input.

'partomats' should be a function that maps the deep parameters of the DSGE model to the matrices of a solution method, and contain: a $k \times k$ matrix labelled 'shocks' containing the variances of the structural shocks; a $j \times 1$ matrix labelled 'MeasCons' containing any constant terms in the measurement equation; and a $j \times j$ matrix labelled 'MeasErrs' containing the variances of the measurement

errors.

priorform The prior distribution of each parameter.

priorpars The parameters of the relevant prior densities.

For example, if the user selects a Gaussian prior for a parameter, then the first

entry will be the mean and the second its variance.

parbounds The lower- and (where relevant) upper-bounds on the parameter values.

parnames A character vector containing labels for the parameters.

optimMethod The optimization algorithm used to find the posterior mode. The user may

select: the "Nelder-Mead" simplex method, which is the default; "BFGS", a quasi-Newton method; "CG" for a conjugate gradient method; "L-BFGS-B", a limited-memory BFGS algorithm with box constraints; or "SANN", a simulated-

annealing algorithm.

See optim for more details.

If more than one method is entered, e.g., c(Nelder-Mead, CG), optimization will proceed in a sequential manner, updating the initial values with the result of the

previous optimization routine.

optimLower If optimMethod="L-BFGS-B", this is the lower bound for optimization.

optimUpper If optimMethod="L-BFGS-B", this is the upper bound for optimization.

optimControl A control list for optimization. See optim for more details.

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DSGEIRFs Whether to calculate impulse response functions.

irf.periods If DSGEIRFs=TRUE, then use this option to set the IRF horizon.

scalepar The scaling parameter, c, for the MCMC run.

The number of replications to keep. If keep is set to zero, the function will end

with a normal approximation at the posterior mode.

burnin The number of sample burn-in points.

tables Whether to print results of the posterior mode estimation and summary statistics

of the MCMC run.

Details

For technical details, see the accompanying vignette.

Value

The function returns an object of class EDSGE, which contains:

Parameters A matrix with 'keep x chains' number of rows that contains the estimated, post

sample burn-in parameter draws.

parMode Estimated posterior mode parameter values.

ModeHessian The Hessian computed at the posterior mode for the transformed parameters.

logMargLikelihood

The log marginal likelihood from a Laplacian approximation at the posterior

mode.

IRFs The IRFs (if any), based on the posterior parameter draws.

AcceptanceRate The acceptance rate of the chain(s).

RootRConvStats Gelman's sqrtR-between-chain convergence statistics for each parameter. A

value close 1 would signal convergence.

ObserveMat The user-supplied H matrix from the Kalman filter recursion.

data The data used for estimation.

Author(s)

Keith O'Hara

See Also

```
forecast.EDSGE, IRF.EDSGE, optim, plot.EDSGE, states.EDSGE.
```

Examples

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forecast Forecasting with VAR, DSGE, and DSGE-VAR Models.

Description

Compute forecasts using VAR, DSGE, and DSGE-VAR models.

Usage

```
forecast(obj,...)
## S3 method for class BVARM
forecast(obj,periods=20,shocks=TRUE,plot=TRUE,
         percentiles=c(.05,.50,.95),useMean=FALSE,
         backdata=0, save=FALSE, height=13, width=11,...)
## S3 method for class BVARS
forecast(obj,periods=20,shocks=TRUE,plot=TRUE,
         percentiles=c(.05,.50,.95),useMean=FALSE,
         backdata=0, save=FALSE, height=13, width=11,...)
## S3 method for class BVARW
forecast(obj,periods=20,shocks=TRUE,plot=TRUE,
         percentiles=c(.05,.50,.95),useMean=FALSE,
         backdata=0, save=FALSE, height=13, width=11,...)
## S3 method for class DSGEVAR
forecast(obj,periods=20,shocks=TRUE,plot=TRUE,
         percentiles=c(.05,.50,.95),useMean=FALSE,
         backdata=0, save=FALSE, height=13, width=11,...)
## S3 method for class CVAR
forecast(obj,periods=20,plot=TRUE,confint=0.95,
         backdata=0, save=FALSE, height=13, width=11,...)
## S3 method for class EDSGE
forecast(obj,periods=20,plot=TRUE,
         percentiles=c(.05,.50,.95),useMean=FALSE,
         backdata=0, save=FALSE, height=13, width=11,...)
```

Arguments

For objects of class 'BVARM', 'BVARS', 'BVARW', or 'DSGEVAR',

An object of the above class.

physiods The forecast horizon.

shocks Whether to include uncertainty about future shocks when calculating the distri-

bution of forecasts.

plot Whether to plot the forecasts.

percentiles The percentiles of the conditional posterior distribution of forecasts to use for

plotting.

useMean Whether the user would prefer to use the mean of the forecast distribution rather

than the middle value in 'percentiles'.

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backdata How many 'real' data points to plot before plotting the forecast. A broken line

will indicate whether the 'real' data ends and the forecast begins.

save Whether to save the plots.

height If save=TRUE, use this to set the height of the plot.

width If save=TRUE, use this to set the width of the plot.

For objects of class 'CVAR',

confint The confidence interval to use.

... Additional arguments (not used).

Details

This function will work with DSGE, DSGE-VAR, and VAR models estimated with BMR.

Value

The function returns a plot of the forecast with user-selected percentiles, as well as the values used to create the plot; see the vignette for more details on the values returned.

Author(s)

Keith O'Hara

Examples

gacf

Autocorrelation Function.

Description

Plot an autocorrelation function using ggplot2.

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Arguments

y A matrix or data frame of size T x m containing the relevant series.

lags The number of lags to plot.

ci A numeric value between 0 and 1 specifying the confidence interval to use; the

default value is 0.95.

plot Whether to plot the ACF. barcolor The color of the bars.

names Whether to plot the names of the series.

save Whether to save the plots. The default is 'FALSE'.

height If save = TRUE, use this to set the height of the plot.

width If save = TRUE, use this to set the width of the plot.

Details

Plot an autocorrelation function (ACF) using ggplot2.

Value

Returns a plot of the ACF.

Author(s)

Keith O'Hara

Examples

gensys

Gensys Solver.

Description

Solve a DSGE model using Sims' method.

Usage

```
gensys(Gamma0,Gamma1,C,Psi,Pi)
```

Arguments

Gamma0	Coefficients on present-time variables.
Gamma1	Coefficients on lagged variables.

C Intercept terms.

Psi Coefficients on any exogenous shocks.
Pi One-step-ahead expectational errors.

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Details

For the technical details of Sims' method, see the accompanying vignette.

Value

The function returns an object of class 'gensys', which contains:

G1 Autoregressive solution matrix.

Cons Intercept terms.

impact Coefficients on the exogenous shocks.

eu A 2 x 1 vector indicating existence and uniqueness (respectively) of the solution.

A value of 1 can be read as 'yes', while 0 is 'no'.

Psi User-specified shock matrix.

Pi User-specified expectational errors matrix.

Author(s)

Keith O'Hara

References

Sims, Christopher A., Solving Linear Rational Expectations Models, Computational Economics, 20(2), 2002.

See Also

```
IRF.gensys, DSGESim.
```

Examples

```
## Not run:
dsgetest <- gensys(Gamma0,Gamma1,C,Psi,Pi)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

gpacf

Partial Autocorrelation Function.

Description

Plotting a partial autocorrelation function using ggplot2.

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Arguments

y A matrix or data frame of size T x m containing the relevant series.

lags The number of lags to plot.

ci A numeric value betweein 0 and 1 specifying the confidence interval to use; the

default value is 0.95.

plot Whether to plot the PACF.

barcolor The color of the bars.

names Whether to plot the names of the series.

width Whether to save the plots. The default is 'FALSE'.

If save = TRUE, use this to set the height of the plot.

If save = TRUE, use this to set the width of the plot.

Details

Plot a partial autocorrelation function (PACF) using ggplot2.

Value

Returns a plot of the PACF.

Author(s)

Keith O'Hara

Examples

gtsplot

Time-series plot using ggplot2.

Description

A simple wrapper function for plotting time-series data with ggplot2.

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Arguments

X A matrix or data frame of size T x m containing the relevant time-series data,

where m is the number of series.

dates A T x 1 date or character vector containing the relevant date stamps for the data.

rowdates A TRUE or FALSE statement indicating whether the row names of the X matrix

contain the date stamps for the data.

dates. format If 'dates' is not set to NULL, then indicate what format the dates are in, such as

Year-Month-Day.

save Whether to save the plot(s).

height The height of the saved plot(s).

width The width of the saved plot(s).

Value

Returns a plot of the data.

Author(s)

Keith O'Hara

Examples

```
## Not run:
data(BMRVARData)
gtsplot(USMacroData[,2:4],dates=USMacroData[,1])
## End(Not run)
```

IRF

Plotting IRFs.

Description

A function for plotting impulse response funtions using ggplot2.

```
IRF(obj,...)
## S3 method for class BVARM
IRF(obj,percentiles=c(.05,.50,.95),save=TRUE,height=13,width=13,...)
## S3 method for class BVARS
IRF(obj,percentiles=c(.05,.50,.95),save=TRUE,height=13,width=13,...)
## S3 method for class BVARW
IRF(obj,percentiles=c(.05,.50,.95),save=TRUE,height=13,width=13,...)
## S3 method for class CVAR
IRF(obj,percentiles=c(.05,.50,.95),save=TRUE,height=13,width=13,...)
## S3 method for class BVARTVP
IRF(obj,whichirfs=NULL,percentiles=c(.05,.50,.95),
```

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```
save=FALSE,height=13,width=13,...)
      ## S3 method for class DSGEVAR
    IRF(obj,varnames=NULL,percentiles=c(.05,.50,.95),comparison=TRUE,
        save=TRUE,height=13,width=13,...)
      ## S3 method for class EDSGE
    IRF(obj,observableIRFs=FALSE,varnames=NULL,percentiles=c(.05,.50,.95),
        save=TRUE,height=13,width=13,...)
      ## S3 method for class gensys
    IRF(obj, shocks, irf.periods=20, varnames=NULL,
        plot=TRUE, save=FALSE, height=13, width=13, ...)
      ## S3 method for class uhlig
    IRF(obj, shocks, irf.periods=20, varnames=NULL,
        plot=TRUE, save=FALSE, height=13, width=13, ...)
      ## S3 method for class SDSGE
    IRF(obj, shocks, irf.periods=20, varnames=NULL,
        plot=TRUE, save=FALSE, height=13, width=13, ...)
Arguments
                     For objects of class 'BVARM', 'BVARS', 'BVARW', or 'CVAR',
                     An object of the above class.
   pbjcentiles
                     The percentiles of the distribution the user wants to use.
    save
                     Whether to save the plots.
   height
                     If save=TRUE, use this to set the height of the plot.
                     If save=TRUE, use this to set the width of the plot.
    width
                     For objects of class 'BVARTVP',
    whichirfs
                     Which IRFs to plot. (The default is to plot all of the IRFs contained in the esti-
                     mation object.)
                     For objects of class 'DSGEVAR',
                     A character vector with the names of the relevant variables.
    varnames
    comparison
                     Whether to plot corresponding DSGE model IRFs.
                     For objects of class 'EDSGE',
    observableIRFs
                     Whether to plot the IRFs relating to the state variables, or the implied IRFs of
                     the observable series.
                     For objects of class 'gensys', 'uhlig', or 'SDSGE',
    shocks
                     A numeric vector containing the standard deviations of the shocks.
                     The horizon of the IRFs.
    irf.periods
                     Whether to plot the IRFs.
    plot
```

Additional arguments (not used).

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Details

This function will work with any estimated VAR model, estimated DSGE or DSGE-VAR model, or solved DSGE model.

Value

The function returns a plot of the IRFs with user-selected percentiles.

Author(s)

Keith O'Hara

Examples

modecheck

Check the Posterior Mode.

Description

Plot the log posterior around the posterior mode values.

Usage

```
modecheck(obj,...)
## S3 method for class DSGEVAR
modecheck(obj,gridsize=200,scalepar=NULL,plottransform=FALSE,parnames=NULL,
    save=FALSE,height=13,width=13,...)
## S3 method for class EDSGE
modecheck(obj,gridsize=200,scalepar=NULL,plottransform=FALSE,parnames=NULL,
    save=FALSE,height=13,width=13,...)
```

Arguments

obj	An object of class 'EDSGE' or 'DSGEVAR'.
gridsize	The number of grid points to use when calculating the log posterior around the mode values.
scalepar	A value to replace the scaling parameter from estimation ('c') when plotting the log posterior.
plottransform	Whether to plot the transformed values (i.e., such that the support of each parameter is unbounded), or to plot the untransformed values.
parnames	A vector of expressions containing the name of each parameter.

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save	Whether to save the plot(s).
height	If save=TRUE, use this to set the height of the plot(s).
width	If save=TRUE, use this to set the width of the plot(s).
	Additional arguments (not used).

Details

For an example, see the accompanying vignette.

Value

The function will plot the value of the log posterior around the posterior mode.

Author(s)

Keith O'Hara

Examples

```
## Not run:
modecheck(NKMest,200,1,FALSE,save=FALSE)
## End(Not run)
```

plot

Plot BMR Objects.

Description

Plot the output of a BVAR, DSGEVAR, or EDSGE object.

```
## S3 method for class BVARM
plot(x,type=1,save=FALSE,height=13,width=13,...)
    ## S3 method for class BVARS
plot(x,type=1,plotSigma=TRUE,save=FALSE,height=13,width=13,...)
    ## S3 method for class BVARTVP
plot(x,percentiles=c(.05,.50,.95),save=FALSE,height=13,width=13,...)
    ## S3 method for class BVARW
plot(x,type=1,plotSigma=TRUE,save=FALSE,height=13,width=13,...)

## S3 method for class DSGEVAR
plot(x,parnames=NULL,BinDenom=40,MCMCplot=FALSE,save=FALSE,height=13,width=13,...)
## S3 method for class EDSGE
plot(x,parnames=NULL,BinDenom=40,MCMCplot=FALSE,save=FALSE,height=13,width=13,...)
```

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Arguments

For objects of class 'BVARM',

An object of the above class.

xype An integer value indicating the plot style; type=1 will produce a histogram,

while type=2 will use smoothed densities.

save Whether to save the plots.

height If save=TRUE, use this to set the height of the plot.
width If save=TRUE, use this to set the width of the plot.

For objects of class 'BVARS' or 'BVARW',

plotSigma Whether to plot the elements of the residual covariance matrix.

For objects of class 'BVARTVP',

percentiles Which percentiles of the posterior distribution the function should use.

For objects of class 'DSGEVAR' or 'EDSGE',

parnames A vector of expressions containing the name of each parameter.

BinDenom Bin width.

MCMCplot Whether to plot a trace of the MCMC run.

... Additional arguments (not used).

Details

For examples of the plotting features, see the accompanying vignette.

Value

Plots the marginal posterior distributions of the relevant coefficients/parameters.

Author(s)

Keith O'Hara

Examples

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prior	Parameterize the Prior Distributions.	

Description

Plot and print the moments of a specified prior distribution.

Usage

```
prior(priorform,priorpars,parname=NULL,moments=TRUE,NR=NULL,NC=NULL)
```

Arguments

priorform	This should be a valid prior form for the EDSGE or DSGEVAR functions, such as "Gamma" or "Beta".
priorpars	The relevant parameters of the distribution.
parname	A title for the plot.
moments	Whether to print the mean, mode, and variance of the distribution.
NR	For use with multiple plots. See the vignette for an example.
NC	For use with multiple plots. See the vignette for an example.

Details

This function can be used when selecting appropriate prior distributions for the EDSGE and DS-GEVAR functions.

Author(s)

Keith O'Hara

Examples

```
## Not run:
prior("Normal",c(0,1))
prior("Gamma",c(2,2))
## End(Not run)
```

SDSGE

Solve a DSGE Model.

Description

Solve a DSGE model using one of the available solvers in BMR.

```
SDSGE(mats,type=NULL)
```

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Arguments

mats The relevant matrices.

type Which solver to use: 1 (gensys) or 2 (uhlig). If type=NULL, the solver will at-

tempt to detect which method to use based on the names of the objects contained

in 'mats'.

Details

For technical details of the available solution methods, see the accompanying vignette.

Value

The function returns an object of class 'SDSGE', which contains the output of either 'gensys' or 'uhlig'.

Author(s)

Keith O'Hara

References

Sims, Christopher A., Solving Linear Rational Expectations Models, Computational Economics, 20(2), 2002.

Uhlig, Harald, *A Toolkit for Analysing Nonlinear Dynamic Stochastic Models Easily* Computational Methods for the Study of Dynamic Economics, Oxford University Press, 1999.

See Also

```
IRF.SDSGE, DSGESim.
```

Examples

```
## Not run:
mats <- list()
mats$Gamma0 <- Gamma0; mats$Gamma1 <- Gamma1; mats$C <- C; mats$Psi <- Psi; mats$Pi <- Pi
dsgetest <- SDSGE(mats)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

states

Plot State Variables.

Description

Plot the filtered state variables of an estimated DSGE or DSGE-VAR model.

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Usage

Arguments

pbjcentiles

varnames useMean

save

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height width

For objects of class 'EDSGE' or 'DSGEVAR',

An object of class 'EDSGE' or 'DSGEVAR'.

Which percentiles of the distribution to use.

Name labels for the states.

Whether the user would prefer to use the mean of the forecast distribution rather than the middle value in 'percentiles'.

Whether to save the plots.

If save=TRUE, use this to set the height of the plot.

If save=TRUE, use this to set the width of the plot.

Details

This function will work with estimated DSGE and DSGEVAR models.

Additional arguments (not used).

Value

The function returns a plot of the states with user-selected percentiles, as well as the values used to create the plot; see the vignette for more details on the values returned.

Author(s)

Keith O'Hara

Examples

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statespace

DSGE State-Space Format.

Description

State-space representation of a DSGE model.

Usage

```
statespace(obj)
```

Arguments

obj

An object of type 'gensys', 'uhlig', or 'SDSGE'.

Details

For technical details, see the accompanying vignette.

Value

The function constructs a state-space representation for the various DSGE solvers in BMR.

Author(s)

Keith O'Hara

See Also

```
IRF, DSGESim.
```

Examples

```
## Not run:
mats <- list()
mats$Gamma0 <- Gamma0; mats$Gamma1 <- Gamma1; mats$C <- C; mats$Psi <- Psi; mats$Pi <- Pi
dsgetest <- SDSGE(mats)
ssmats <- statespace(dsgetest)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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stationarity	Testing for Stationarity.	

Description

ADF test of a unit root and KPSS test of stationarity.

Usage

```
stationarity(y,KPSSp=4,ADFp=8,print=TRUE)
```

Arguments

у	A matrix or data frame containing the series to be used in testing, and should be of size T x m.
KPSSp	The number of lags to include for KPSS test.
ADFp	The maximum number of (first-differenced) lags to include in the Augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) tests. Lag order is determined by minimising the Bayesian information criterion.
print	A logical statement on whether the test results should be printed in the output screen. the default is 'TRUE'.

Details

Remember, the null hypothesis of the ADF test is NOT the same as the KPSS test; the former is a test with a null of a unit root, while the latter is a test with a null of stationarity.

Value

Returns a list with

KPSS KPSS test statistics and critical values.

ADF ADF test statistics and critical values.

ADFLag Number of lags used for the ADF tests.

Author(s)

Keith O'Hara

References

Hamilton, James D., *Time Series Analysis*, Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 1994. Kwiatkowski, Denis, Peter C.B. Phillips, Peter Schmidt, and Yongcheol Shin, "Testing the Null Hypothesis of Stationarity Against the Alternative of a Unit Root," *Journal of Econometrics*, 1992, 54 (1), 159-178.

Examples

```
## Not run:
stationarity(USMacroData[,2:4],4,8)
## End(Not run)
```

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uhlig	Uhlig's Method.	

Description

Solve a DSGE model using Uhlig's method.

Usage

```
uhlig(A,B,C,D,F,G,H,J,K,L,M,N,whichEig=NULL)
```

Arguments

A,B,C,D	The 'uhlig' function requires the three blocks of matrices, with 12 matrices in total. The A, B, C, and D matrices form the deterministic block.
F,G,H,J,K,L,M	The F, G, and H matrices form the expectational block for the control variables. The J and K matrices are for the 'jump' variables, and L and M are for the exogenous shocks.
N	The N matrix defines the autoregressive structure of any exogenous shocks.
whichEig	The function will return the eigenvalues and (right) eigenvectors used to construct the solution matrices, with the eigenvalues sorted in order of smallest to largest (in absolute value). By default, BMR will select the first (smallest) m eigenvalues (out of a total of 2m eigenvalues). However, if you prefer to select the eigenvalues yourself, then enter a numeric vector of length m indicating which elements of the eigenvalue matrix you wish to use.

Details

For the technical details of Uhlig's method, see the accompanying vignette.

Value

The function returns an object of class 'uhlig', which contains:

N	The user-specified N matrix, defining the autoregressive structure of any exogenous shocks.
Р	The P matrix from Uhlig's solution.
Q	The Q matrix from Uhlig's solution.
R	The R matrix from Uhlig's solution.
S	The S matrix from Uhlig's solution.
EigenValues	The sorted eigenvalues that form the solution to the P matrix. If a situation of plus/minus infinity in the real part of an eigenvalue (with a corresponding NaN-valued imaginary part) arises, the eigenvalue will be set to 1E+07 +0i.
EigenVectors	The eigenvectors corresponding to the sorted eigenvalues.

Author(s)

Keith O'Hara

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References

Uhlig, Harald, *A Toolkit for Analysing Nonlinear Dynamic Stochastic Models Easily* Computational Methods for the Study of Dynamic Economics, Oxford University Press, 1999.

See Also

```
IRF.uhlig, DSGESim.
```

Examples

```
## Not run:
dsgetest <- uhlig(A,B,C,D,F,G,H,J,K,L,M,N)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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