ECON 280 - Part 4: README

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Summary of Code Functionality

The main code 02_main_results.do, creates all the tables in the assignment. It uses the dataset data_reg.dta, and a .ado file that performs the two-sample two-stage least squares as in Chodorow-Reich and Wieland (2019). The code requires the functions ivreghtfe, and reghtfe. Here is a summary of the most important points to take into account.

1. Step 1 asks the user to choose a local for the name of the path in which the folder will be saved.

global root "your path"

- 2. The code computes the present discounted value for unemployment and relative prices. It performs the discounted sum for a benchmark discount factor $\beta = 0.99$ and a truncation length of T = 20 quarters. Additionally, the calculations are repeated for $\beta \in [0.75, 0.80, 0.85, 0.90, 0.95]$ and truncation lengths $T \in \{10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60\}$.
- 3. The main section of the code reproduces all the numbers behind the extension.
 - After each subsection, the code produces a .tex file with the name of the parameter estimated, the point estimate, and standard errors. These .tex files are meant to be used as inputs in the construction of a larger table according to the needs of the user.
- 4. The dataset includes the following variables:
 - year
 - quarter

- \bullet date: This variable is in the yq format.
- mean_une: Mean unemployment rate.
- \bullet ${\bf qt_bartik_sa}:$ Seasonally adjusted tradeable demand spillover instrument.
- state: Name of the state.
- statecode: Encoded variable for state.
- constant: A variable filled with ones, used for specifications without fixed effects.
- \bullet $infl_reg:$ Non-tradeable inflation.
- rp: Relative price of non-tradeables.