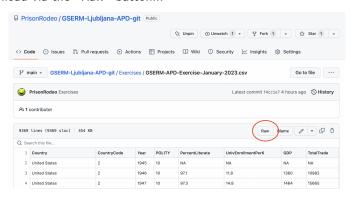
# GSERM - Ljubljana (2023) Analyzing Panel Data

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#### Data on Github

#### Download via the "Raw" button...



#### Can also use (e.g.) read\_csv (in readr):

- > library(readr)

### Generalized Least Squares Models

Start with a focus on residuals... For:

$$Y_{it} = \mathbf{X}_{it}\beta + u_{it}$$

i.i.d. OLS *uits* require:

$$\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}' \equiv \mathbf{\Omega} = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \sigma^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

#### **GLS Models**

#### This means that within units:

- $Var(u_{it}) = Var(u_{is}) \ \forall \ t \neq s$  (temporal homoscedasticity)
- $Cov(u_{it}, u_{is}) = 0 \ \forall \ t \neq s$  (no within-unit autocorrelation)

#### and between units:

- $Var(u_{it}) = Var(u_{it}) \ \forall \ i \neq j$  (cross-unit homoscedasticity)
- Cov $(u_{it}, u_{jt}) = 0 \ \forall \ i \neq j$  (no between-unit / spatial correlation)

Estimator:

$$\hat{\beta}_{\textit{GLS}} = (\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{\Omega}^{-1} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}' \mathbf{\Omega}^{-1} \mathbf{Y}$$

with:

$$\widehat{\mathsf{V}(\beta_{\mathit{GLS}})} = (\mathsf{X}'\Omega^{-1}\mathsf{X})^{-1}$$

Two approaches:

- Use OLS  $\hat{u}_{it}$ s to get  $\hat{\Omega}$  ("feasible GLS" / "weighted least squares")
- ullet Use substantive knowledge about the data to structure  $\Omega$

### Getting to Know WLS

The variance-covariance matrix is:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{Var}(\hat{\beta}_{\mathit{WLS}}) &= & \sigma^2 (\mathbf{X}' \Omega^{-1} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \\ &\equiv & (\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{W}^{-1} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

A common case is:

$$\mathsf{Var}(u_i) = \sigma^2 \frac{1}{N_i}$$

where  $N_i$  is the number of observations upon which (aggregate) observation i is based.

#### "Robust" Variance Estimators

Recall that, if  $\sigma_i^2 \neq \sigma_i^2 \forall i \neq j$ ,

$$Var(\beta_{Het.}) = (X'X)^{-1}(X'W^{-1}X)(X'X)^{-1}$$
$$= (X'X)^{-1}Q(X'X)^{-1}$$

where  $\mathbf{Q} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{W}^{-1}\mathbf{X})$  and  $\mathbf{W} = \sigma^2 \mathbf{\Omega}$ .

We can rewrite **Q** as

$$\mathbf{Q} = \sigma^{2}(\mathbf{X}'\Omega^{-1}\mathbf{X})$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sigma_{i}^{2}\mathbf{X}_{i}\mathbf{X}'_{i}$$

### Huber's Insight

Estimate  $\hat{\mathbf{Q}}$  as:

$$\widehat{\mathbf{Q}} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \widehat{u}_i^2 \mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{X}_i'$$

Yields:

$$\widehat{\mathsf{Var}(\boldsymbol{\beta})}_{\mathsf{Robust}} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}(\mathbf{X}'\widehat{\mathbf{Q}}^{-1}\mathbf{X})(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \\
= (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \left[ \mathbf{X}' \left( \sum_{i=1}^{N} \widehat{u}_{i}^{2}\mathbf{X}_{i}\mathbf{X}_{i}' \right)^{-1} \mathbf{X} \right] (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}$$

### Practical Things

#### "Robust" VCV estimates:

- are heteroscedasticity-consistent, but
- are biased in small samples, and
- are less efficient than "naive" estimates when  $Var(u) = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}$ .

### "Clustering"

Huber / White

????????

WLS / GLS

I know very little about my error variances... I know a great deal about my error variances...

### "Clustering"

A common case:

$$Y_{ij} = \mathbf{X}_{ij}\boldsymbol{\beta} + u_{ij}$$

with

$$\sigma_{ij}^2 = \sigma_{ik}^2$$
.

"Robust, clustered" estimator:

$$\widehat{\mathsf{Var}(\boldsymbol{\beta})}_{\mathsf{Clustered}} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \left\{ \mathbf{X}' \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n_j} \hat{u}_{ij}^2 \mathbf{X}_{ij} \mathbf{X}_{ij}' \right) \right]^{-1} \mathbf{X} \right\} (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}$$

### Robust / Clustered SEs: A Simulation

url\_robust <- "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/IsidoreBeautrelet/economictheoryblog/master/robust\_summary.R" eval(parse(text = getURL(url\_robust, ssl.verifypeer = FALSE)), envir=.GlobalEnv) > set.seed(3844469) > X <- rnorm(10) > Y <- 1 + X + rnorm(10) > df10 <- data.frame(ID=seq(1:10),X=X,Y=Y) > fit10 <- lm(Y~X,data=df10) > summary(fit10) Call: lm(formula = Y ~ X, data = df10) Residuals: Min 1Q Median Max -1.318 -0.766 0.195 0.378 1.590 Coefficients: Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|) (Intercept) 0.954 0.311 3.06 0.016 \* Y 0.589 0.291 2.03 0.077 . Signif, codes: 0 \*\*\* 0.001 \*\* 0.01 \* 0.05 . 0.1 1 Residual standard error: 0.985 on 8 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.339, Adjusted R-squared: 0.257 F-statistic: 4.11 on 1 and 8 DF, p-value: 0.0772 > rob10 <- vcovHC(fit10,type="HC1") > sqrt(diag(rob10))

(Intercept)

0 285

### Robust / Clustered SEs: A Simulation (continued)

```
> # "Clone" each observation 100 times:
> df1K <- df10[rep(seq_len(nrow(df10)),each=100),]
> df1K <- pdata.frame(df1K, index="ID")
> fit1K <- lm(Y~X.data=df1K)
> summary(fit1K)
Call.
lm(formula = Y ~ X, data = df1K)
Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                        0.0279
                                  34.2 <2e-16 ***
(Intercept) 0.9536
             0.5893
                        0.0260
                                 22.6 <2e-16 ***
Signif. codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1 1
Residual standard error: 0.882 on 998 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.339, Adjusted R-squared: 0.339
F-statistic: 513 on 1 and 998 DF, p-value: <2e-16
> summary(fit1K, cluster="ID")
Call:
lm(formula = Y ~ X, data = df1K)
Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
              0.954
                         0.297
                                  3.21
                                         0.0014 **
Y
              0.589
                         0.269
                                  2.19 0.0286 *
Signif, codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1 1
Residual standard error: 0.882 on 998 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.339, Adjusted R-squared: 0.339
F-statistic: 4.8 on 1 and 9 DF, p-value: 0.0561
```

#### Serial Residual Correlation

Example:

$$Y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_t + u_t$$
  
$$u_t = \rho u_{t-1} + e_t$$

with  $e_t \sim i.i.d. N(0, \sigma_u^2)$  and  $\rho \in [-1, 1]$  (typically).

 $\rightarrow$  "First-order autoregressive" ("AR(1)") errors.

### Serially Correlated Errors and OLS

#### Detection

- Plot of residuals vs. lagged residuals
- Runs test (Geary test)
- Durbin-Watson d
  - · Calculated as:

$$d = \frac{\sum_{t=2}^{N} (\hat{u}_t - \hat{u}_{t-1})^2}{\sum_{t=1}^{N} \hat{u}_t^2}$$

- · Non-standard distribution  $(d \in [0, 4])$
- · Null: No autocorrelation
- · Only detects first-order autocorrelation

### Serially Correlated Errors and OLS

#### What to do about it?

- GLS, incorporating  $\rho$  /  $\hat{\rho}$  into the equation
- First-difference equations (regressing changes of Y on changes of X)
- Cochrane-Orcutt / Prais-Winsten:
  - 1. Estimate the basic equation via OLS, and obtain residuals
  - 2. Use the residuals to consistently estimate  $\hat{\rho}$  (i.e. the empirical correlation between  $u_t$  and  $u_{t-1}$ )
  - 3. Use this estimate of  $\hat{\rho}$  to estimate the difference equation:

$$(Y_t - \rho Y_{t-1}) = \beta_0(1 - \rho) + \beta_1(X_t - \rho X_{t-1}) + (u_t - \rho u_{t-1})$$

- 4. Save the residuals, and use them to estimate  $\hat{\rho}$  again
- 5. Repeat this process until successive estimates of  $\hat{\rho}$  differ by a very small amount

### Running Example Redux

#### The World Development Indicators:

- Cross-national country-level time series data
- N = 215 countries, T = 72 years (1960-2021) + missingness
- Full descriptions are listed in the Github repo here

#### Regression model:

```
\begin{split} \mathsf{WBLI}_{it} &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 \mathsf{Population} \; \mathsf{Growth}_{it} + \beta_2 \mathsf{Urban} \; \mathsf{Population}_{it}^2 + \beta_3 \mathsf{Fertility} \; \mathsf{Rate}_{it} + \\ & \beta_4 \mathsf{In} \big(\mathsf{GDP} \; \mathsf{Per} \; \mathsf{Capita}\big)_{it} + \beta_5 \mathsf{Natural} \; \mathsf{Resource} \; \mathsf{Rents}_{it} + \beta_6 \mathsf{Cold} \; \mathsf{War}_t + u_{it} \end{split}
```

#### Descriptive Statistics:

> describe(subset,fast=TRUE)

	vars	n	mean	sd	min	max	range	se
WomenBusLawIndex	1	7566	59.99	18.79	17.50	100.00	82.50	0.22
PopGrowth	2	7566	1.70	1.46	-6.77	17.51	24.28	0.02
UrbanPopulation	3	7566	51.19	23.90	2.85	100.00	97.16	0.27
FertilityRate	4	7566	3.67	1.91	0.90	8.61	7.70	0.02
NaturalResourceRents	5	7566	6.82	10.45	0.00	87.51	87.51	0.12
ColdWar	6	7566	0.32	0.47	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.01
lnGDPPerCap	7	7566	8.28	1.44	5.32	11.63	6.31	0.02

#### How Much Autocorrelation in X?

Note that:

$$d = 2(1 - \rho)$$

which means that we can calculate:

$$\rho = 1 - \frac{d}{2}.$$

#### Autocorrelation in the Predictors

	Variable	Rho
1	Population Growth	0.942
2	Urban Population	0.973
3	Fertility Rate	0.968
4	GDP Per Capita	0.976
5	Natural Resource Rents	0.917
6	Cold War	0.913

### Baseline Model: OLS (+ D-W Test)

```
> OLS<-plm(WomenBusLawIndex~PopGrowth+UrbanPopulation+FertilityRate+log(GDPPerCapita)+NaturalResourceRents+ColdWar,
         data=WDI, model="pooling")
> summary(OLS)
Coefficients:
                   Estimate Std. Error t-value
                                                 Pr(>|t,|)
(Intercept)
                   54.8395
                               1.7261 31.77 < 2e-16 ***
PopGrowth
                  -3.1926 0.1437 -22.21 < 2e-16 ***
                 -0.0584
                               0.0109 -5.37 0.000000083 ***
UrbanPopulation
FertilityRate
                  -1.7928
                               0.1652 -10.85 < 2e-16 ***
log(GDPPerCapita)
                    3.1544 0.1993 15.83 < 2e-16 ***
NaturalResourceRents -0.3486
                               0.0162 -21.54 < 2e-16 ***
ColdWar
                   -11.3437
                               0.3716 -30.53 < 2e-16 ***
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Total Sum of Squares:
                       2670000
Residual Sum of Squares: 1280000
R-Squared:
              0.519
Adj. R-Squared: 0.519
F-statistic: 1361.01 on 6 and 7559 DF, p-value: <2e-16
> # Durbin-Watson test:
> pdwtest(OLS)
Durbin-Watson test for serial correlation in panel models
data: WomenBusLawIndex ~ PopGrowth + UrbanPopulation + FertilityRate + ...
DW = 0.14, p-value <2e-16
alternative hypothesis: serial correlation in idiosyncratic errors
```

### Example: Prais-Winsten

```
> PraisWinsten<-panelAR(WomenBusLawIndex~PopGrowth+UrbanPopulation+
              FertilityRate+log(GDPPerCapita)+NaturalResourceRents+
              ColdWar, data=WDI,panelVar="ISO3",timeVar="YearNumeric",
              autoCorr="ar1",panelCorrMethod="none",
               rho.na.rm=TRUE)
> summary(PraisWinsten)
Panel Regression with AR(1) Prais-Winsten correction and homoskedastic variance
Unbalanced Panel Design:
                 7566 Avg obs. per panel 40.677
 Total obs.:
Number of panels: 186 Max obs. per panel 50
Number of times: 50 Min obs. per panel 1
Coefficients:
                   Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
                  71.81494
                              3.16208 22.71 < 2e-16 ***
PopGrowth
                  -0.03691 0.08543 -0.43 0.6657
UrbanPopulation -0.03721 0.02468 -1.51 0.1317
FertilityRate
               -5.64038 0.25230 -22.36 < 2e-16 ***
log(GDPPerCapita) 1.41254 0.36363 3.88 0.0001 ***
NaturalResourceRents -0.01931 0.00868 -2.23 0.0261 *
ColdWar
                   -0.90520 0.22070 -4.10 0.000041 ***
Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1
R-squared: 0.3621
Wald statistic: 1075.5886, Pr(>Chisq(6)): 0
> PraisWinsten$panelStructure$rho
[1] 0.9523
```

### Better in a Table

	OLS	Prais-Winsten
Intercept	54.84*	71.81*
	(1.73)	(3.16)
Population Growth	-3.19*	-0.04
	(0.14)	(80.0)
Urban Population	-0.06*	-0.04
	(0.01)	(0.02)
Fertility Rate	-1.79*	-5.64*
	(0.17)	(0.25)
In(GDP Per Capita)	3.15*	1.41*
	(0.20)	(0.36)
Natural Resource Rents	$-0.35^{*}$	-0.02*
	(0.02)	(800.0)
Cold War	-11.34*	$-0.91^{*}$
	(0.37)	(0.22)
$\hat{\rho}$		0.95
$R^2$	0.52	0.36
Adj. R <sup>2</sup>	0.52	
NT	7566	7566
N panels		186
*p < 0.05		

### Some Panel Data Challenges

Consider the error terms in the model:

$$Y_{it} = \mathbf{X}_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta} + u_{it}$$

#### Issues:

In Words:	<u>In a Formula:</u>
<u>Variances</u> :	
Unit-Wise Heteroscedasticity	$Var(u_{it}) \neq Var(u_{jt})$
Temporal Heteroscedasticity	$Var(u_{it}) \neq Var(u_{is})$
Covariances:	
Contemporary Cross-Unit Correlation	$Cov(u_{it},u_{jt}) \neq 0$
Within-Unit Serial Correlation	$Cov(u_{it}, u_{is}) \neq 0$
Non-Contemporaraneous Cross-Unit Correlation	$Cov(u_{it}, u_{js}) \neq 0$

### Parks' (1967) Approach

#### Assume:

- $Var(u_{it}, u_{jt}) = \sigma^2$  or  $\sigma_i^2$  (Common or unit-specific error variances)
- $Var(u_{it}) = Var(u_{is}) \ \forall \ t \neq s$  (Temporal homoscedasticity)
- $Cov(u_{it}, u_{it}) = \sigma_{ii} \ \forall \ i \neq j$  (Pairwise contemporaneous cross-unit correlation)
- Cov $(u_{it}, u_{is}) = \rho$  or  $\rho_i$  (Common or unit-specific temporal correlation)
- Cov $(u_{it}, u_{js}) = 0 \ \forall \ i \neq j, t \neq s$  (No non-contemporaneous cross-unit correlation)

(B&K: "panel error assumptions").

#### Then:

- 1. Use OLS to generate  $\hat{u}$ s  $ightarrow \hat{
  ho}$  ( $ightarrow \hat{m{\Omega}}$ ),
- 2. Use  $\hat{\rho}$  for Prais-Winsten.

This method was widely used prior to Beck & Katz (1995)

#### Parks' Problems

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma} & \boldsymbol{0} & \cdots & \boldsymbol{0} \\ \boldsymbol{0} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma} & \cdots & \boldsymbol{0} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{0} & \boldsymbol{0} & \cdots & \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \end{pmatrix} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \otimes \boldsymbol{I}_{\mathcal{T}}$$

where

$$\sum_{N\times N} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \sigma_{12} & \cdots & \sigma_{1N} \\ \sigma_{12} & \sigma_2^2 & \cdots & \sigma_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sigma_{1N} & \sigma_{2N} & \cdots & \sigma_N^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

#### Means:

- $\frac{N(N-1)}{2}$  distinct contemporaneous covariances  $\sigma_{ij}$ ,
- NT observations,
- ightarrow 2T/(N+1) observations per  $\hat{\sigma}$

#### More Parks Problems

#### From PROC PANEL in SAS:

#### Standard Corrections

For the PARKS option, the first-order autocorrelation coefficient must be estimated for each cross section. Let  $\rho$  be the  $N \times 1$  vector of true parameters and  $R = (r_1, \dots, r_N)'$  be the corresponding vector of estimates. Then, to ensure that only range-preserving estimates are used in PROC PANEL, the following modification for R is made:

$$r_i = \begin{cases} r_i & \text{if} \quad |r_i| < 1\\ \max(.95, \text{rmax}) & \text{if} \quad r_i \ge 1\\ \min(-.95, \text{rmin}) & \text{if} \quad r_i \le -1 \end{cases}$$

where

$$\operatorname{rmax} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if} \quad r_i < 0 \quad \text{or} \quad r_i \ge 1 \quad \forall i \\ \max_j [r_j : 0 \le r_j < 1] & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and

$$\mathrm{rmin} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if} \quad r_i > 0 \quad \text{or} \quad r_i \leq -1 \quad \forall i \\ \max_j [r_j: -1 < r_j \leq 0] & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Whenever this correction is made, a warning message is printed.

#### Panel-Corrected Standard Errors

Key to PCSEs:

$$\hat{\sigma}_{ij} = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{T} \hat{u}_{it} \hat{u}_{jt}}{T}$$

Define:

$$\mathbf{U}_{T \times N} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{u}_{11} & \hat{u}_{21} & \cdots & \hat{u}_{N1} \\ \hat{u}_{12} & \hat{u}_{22} & \cdots & \hat{u}_{N2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \hat{u}_{1T} & \hat{u}_{2T} & \cdots & \hat{u}_{NT} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{\hat{\Sigma}} = \frac{(\mathbf{U}'\mathbf{U})}{T}$$

$$\hat{\Omega}_{\textit{PCSE}} = \frac{\left(\textbf{U}'\textbf{U}\right)}{\textit{T}} \otimes \textbf{I}_{\textit{T}}$$

#### Panel-Corrected Standard Errors

#### Correct formula:

$$\mathsf{Cov}(\hat{eta}_{PCSE}) = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}[\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{\Omega}\mathbf{X}](\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}$$

#### General Issues:

- PCSEs do not fix unit-level heterogeneity (a la "fixed" / "random" effects)
- They also do not deal with dynamics
- They depend critically on the "panel data assumptions" of Park / Beck & Katz

## Panel Assumptions and Numbers of Parameters

Panel Assumptions	No AR(1)	Common $\hat{ ho}$	Separate $\hat{ ho}_i$ s
$\sigma_i^2 = \sigma^2$ , $Cov(\sigma_{it}, \sigma_{jt}) = 0$	k+1	k + 2	k + N + 1
$\sigma_i^2 \neq \sigma^2$ , $Cov(\sigma_{it}, \sigma_{jt}) = 0$	k + N	k + N + 1	k + 2N
$\sigma_i^2 \neq \sigma^2$ , $Cov(\sigma_{it}, \sigma_{jt}) \neq 0$	$\frac{N(N-1)}{2} + k + N$	$\frac{N(N-1)}{2} + k + N + 1$	$\frac{N(N-1)}{2} + k + 2N$

### Example: GLS with Homoscedastic AR(1) Errors

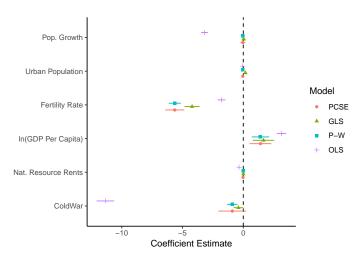
```
> GLS<-gls(WomenBusLawIndex~PopGrowth+UrbanPopulation+FertilityRate+
           log(GDPPerCapita)+NaturalResourceRents+ColdWar,
          data=WDI.correlation=corAR1(form=~1|ISO3).
           na.action="na.omit")
> summary(GLS)
Generalized least squares fit by REML
 Model: WomenBusLawIndex ~ PopGrowth + UrbanPopulation + FertilityRate +
                                                                               log(GDPPerCapita) + NaturalResourceRents + Cold
 Data: WDI
   AIC BIC logLik
 35750 35813 -17866
Correlation Structure: AR(1)
Formula: ~1 | ISO3
Parameter estimate(s):
   Phi
0.9888
Coefficients:
```

	Value	Std.Error	t-value	p-value
(Intercept)	53.93	4.195	12.855	0.0000
PopGrowth	0.04	0.079	0.469	0.6393
UrbanPopulation	0.18	0.041	4.318	0.0000
FertilityRate	-4.22	0.319	-13.222	0.0000
log(GDPPerCapita)	1.66	0.446	3.720	0.0002
NaturalResourceRents	0.01	0.008	1.080	0.2804
ColdWar	-0.40	0.207	-1.929	0.0538

### Example: PCSEs

```
> PCSE<-panelAR(WomenBusLawIndex~PopGrowth+UrbanPopulation+FertilityRate+
            log(GDPPerCapita)+NaturalResourceRents+ColdWar,
            data=WDI,panelVar="ISO3",timeVar="YearNumeric",
            autoCorr="ar1",panelCorrMethod="pcse",
            rho.na.rm=TRUE)
> summary(PCSE)
Panel Regression with AR(1) Prais-Winsten correction and panel-corrected standard errors
Unbalanced Panel Design:
                 7566 Avg obs. per panel 40.677
 Total obs.:
Number of panels: 186 Max obs. per panel 50
Number of times: 50 Min obs. per panel 1
Coefficients:
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(Intercept)
                   71.8149
                               4.6453 15.46 <2e-16 ***
PopGrowth
                   -0.0369
                               0.0978 -0.38 0.706
UrbanPopulation
                  -0.0372
                               0.0250 -1.49 0.136
FertilityRate
                  -5.6404
                               0.3983 -14.16 <2e-16 ***
log(GDPPerCapita)
                    1.4125 0.4559 3.10 0.002 **
NaturalResourceRents -0.0193
                               0.0129 -1.49 0.135
ColdWar
                    -0.9052
                               0.5804 -1.56 0.119
Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1
R-squared: 0.3621
Wald statistic: 394.4807, Pr(>Chisq(6)): 0
> PCSE$panelStructure$rho
[1] 0.9523
```

### Model Comparisons



# Dynamics!

### Time Series: Stationarity

Stationarity: A constant d.g.p. over time.<sup>1</sup>

Mean stationarity:

$$E(Y_t) = \mu \ \forall \ t$$

Variance stationarity:

$$Var(Y_t) = E[(Y_t - \mu)^2] \equiv \sigma_Y^2 \ \forall \ t$$

Covariance stationarity:

$$Cov(Y_t, Y_{t-s}) = E[(Y_t - \mu)(Y_{t-s} - \mu)] = \gamma_s \ \forall \ s$$

 $<sup>^1</sup>A$  stricter form of stationarity requires that the joint probability distribution (in other words, all the moments) of series of observations  $\{Y_1,Y_2,...Y_t\}$  is the same as that for  $\{Y_{1+s},Y_{2+s},...Y_{t+s}\}$  for all t and s.

### The "ARIMA" Approach

"ARIMA" = Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average...

A (first-order) integrated series ("random walk") is:

$$Y_t = Y_{t-1} + u_t, \ u_t \sim i.i.d.(0, \sigma_u^2)$$

...a/k/a a "random walk":

$$Y_{t} = Y_{t-2} + u_{t-1} + u_{t}$$

$$= Y_{t-3} + u_{t-2} + u_{t-1} + u_{t}$$

$$= \sum_{t=0}^{T} u_{t}$$

### I(1) Series Properties

#### I(1) series are not stationary.

Variance:

$$Var(Y_t) \equiv E(Y_t)^2 = t\sigma^2$$

Autocovariance:

$$\mathsf{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t-s}) = |t - s|\sigma^2.$$

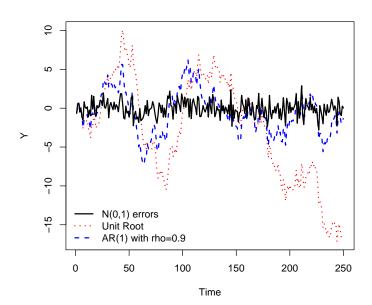
Both depend on t...

## I(1) series (continued)

#### More generally:

- $|\rho| > 1$ 
  - Series is nonstationary / explosive
  - Past shocks have a greater impact than current ones
  - Uncommon
- $|\rho| < 1$ 
  - Stationary series
  - Effects of shocks die out exponentially according to  $\rho$
  - Is mean-reverting
- $|\rho|=1$ 
  - Nonstationary series
  - Shocks persist at full force
  - Not mean-reverting; variance increases with t

## Time Series Types, Illustrated



## I(1) Series: Differencing

For an I(1) series:

$$Y_t - Y_{t-1} = u_t$$

which we often write in terms of the difference operator  $\Delta$  (or sometimes  $\nabla$ ):

$$\Delta Y_t = u_t$$

The differenced series is just the (stationary, ergoditic) white-noise process  $u_t$ .

## Unit Root Tests Review: Dickey-Fuller

#### Two steps:

- Estimate  $Y_t = \rho Y_{t-1} + u_t$ ,
- test the hypothesis that  $\hat{\rho} = 1$ , but
- this requires that the us are uncorrelated.

#### But suppose:

$$\Delta Y_t = \sum_{i=1}^p d_i \Delta Y_{t-i} + u_t$$

which yields

$$Y_t = Y_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{p} d_i \Delta Y_{t-i} + u_t.$$

D.F. tests will be incorrect.

### Unit Root Alternatives

#### Augmented Dickey-Fuller Tests:

Estimate

$$\Delta Y_t = \rho Y_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{p} d_i \Delta Y_{t-i} + u_t$$

• Test  $\hat{\rho} = 1$ 

#### Phillips-Perron Tests:

• Estimate:

$$\Delta Y_t = \alpha + \rho Y_{t-1} + u_t$$

- Calculate modified test statistics ( $Z_\rho$  and  $Z_t$ )
- Test  $\hat{\rho} = 0$

#### Issues with Unit Roots in Panel Data

- Short series + Asymptotic tests → "borrow strength"
- Requires uniform unit roots across cross-sectional units
- Many tests require balanced panels...
- Various alternatives:
  - Maddala and Wu (1999)
  - Hadri (2000)
  - Levin, Lin and Chu (2002)
  - Im, Pesaran, and Shin (2003)
- What to do?
  - Difference the data...
  - · Error-correction models

### Panel Unit Root Tests: R

```
[data wrangling...]
> purtest(WBLI.W,exo="trend",test="levinlin",pmax=2)
Levin-Lin-Chu Unit-Root Test (ex. var.: Individual Intercepts and
Trend)
data: WBLT.W
z = -2.7, p-value = 0.003
alternative hypothesis: stationarity
> purtest(WBLI.W,exo="trend",test="hadri",pmax=2)
Hadri Test (ex. var.: Individual Intercepts and Trend)
(Heterosked. Consistent)
data: WBLT.W
z = 189, p-value <2e-16
alternative hypothesis: at least one series has a unit root
> purtest(WBLI.W,exo="trend",test="madwu",pmax=2)
Maddala-Wu Unit-Root Test (ex. var.: Individual Intercepts and
Trend)
data: WBLT.W
chisq = 332, df = 376, p-value = 0.9
alternative hypothesis: stationarity
> purtest(WBLI.W,exo="trend",test="ips",pmax=2)
Im-Pesaran-Shin Unit-Root Test (ex. var.: Individual Intercepts
and Trend)
data: WRLT W
Wtbar = 3.6, p-value = 1
alternative hypothesis: stationarity
```

### A Better Table

Table: Panel Unit Root Tests: WBRI

Test	Alternative	Statistic	Estimate	P-Value	
Levin-Lin-Chu Test	stationarity	z	-2.286	0.0111	
Hadri Test (Heterosked. Consistent)	≥ one series has a unit root	z	192.036	< 0.001	
Maddala-Wu Test	stationarity	$\chi^2$	782.604	< 0.001	
Im-Pesaran-Shin Test	stationarity	$\bar{W}_t$	3.342	0.9996	

Note: All assume individual intercepts and trends.

Lagged: Y?

$$Y_{it} = \phi Y_{it-1} + \mathbf{X}_{it} \boldsymbol{\beta}_{LDV} + \epsilon_{it}$$

If  $\epsilon_{it}$  is perfect...

- $\hat{\beta}_{LDV}$  is biased (but consistent),
- O(bias) =  $\frac{-1+3\beta_{LDV}}{T}$

If  $\epsilon_{it}$  is autocorrelated...

- $\hat{\beta}_{LDV}$  is biased and inconsistent
- IV is one (bad) option...

### Lagged Ys and GLS-ARMA

Can rewrite:

$$Y_{it} = \mathbf{X}_{it} \boldsymbol{\beta}_{AR} + u_{it}$$
  
 $u_{it} = \phi u_{it-1} + \eta_{it}$ 

as

$$Y_{it} = \mathbf{X}_{it}\beta_{AR} + \phi u_{it-1} + \eta_{it}$$

$$= \mathbf{X}_{it}\beta_{AR} + \phi(\mathbf{Y}_{it-1} - \mathbf{X}_{it-1}\beta_{AR}) + \eta_{it}$$

$$= \phi \mathbf{Y}_{it-1} + \mathbf{X}_{it}\beta_{AR} + \mathbf{X}_{it-1}\psi + \eta_{it}$$

where  $\psi = \phi \beta_{AR}$  and  $\psi = 0$  (by assumption).

## Lagged Ys and World Domination

In:

$$Y_{it} = \phi Y_{it-1} + \mathbf{X}_{it} \boldsymbol{\beta}_{LDV} + \epsilon_{it}$$

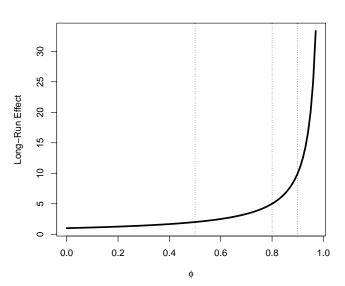
Achen: Bias "deflates"  $\hat{\beta}_{LDV}$  relative to  $\hat{\phi}$ , "suppress" the effects of **X**...

Keele & Kelly (2006):

- Contingent on  $\epsilon$ s having autocorrelation
- Key: In LDV, long-run impact of a unit change in X is:

$$\hat{eta}_{LR} = rac{\hat{eta}_{LDV}}{1 - \hat{\phi}}$$

# Long-Run Impact for $\hat{\beta}=1$



## Lagged Ys and Unit Effects

Consider:

$$Y_{it} = \phi Y_{it-1} + \mathbf{X}_{it} \boldsymbol{\beta} + \alpha_i + u_{it}.$$

If we omit the unit effects, we have:

$$Y_{it} = \phi Y_{it-1} + \mathbf{X}_{it} \boldsymbol{\beta} + u_{it}^*$$

with

$$u_{it}^* = \alpha_i + u_{it}$$

Lagging yields:

$$Y_{it-1} = \phi Y_{it-2} + \mathbf{X}_{it-1} \boldsymbol{\beta} + \alpha_i + u_{it-1}$$

which means

$$Cov(Y_{it-1}, u_{it}^*) \neq 0. \rightarrow bias in \hat{\phi}, \hat{\beta}$$

### "Nickell" Bias

Bias in  $\hat{\phi}$  is

- toward zero when  $\phi > 0$ ,
- increasing in  $\phi$ .

Including unit effects still yields bias in  $\hat{\phi}$  of  $O(\frac{1}{T})$ , and bias in  $\hat{\beta}$ .

#### Solutions:

- Difference/GMM estimation
- Bias correction approaches

### First Difference Estimation

$$Y_{it} - Y_{it-1} = \phi(Y_{it-1} - Y_{it-2}) + (\mathbf{X}_{it} - \mathbf{X}_{it-1})\beta + (\alpha_i - \alpha_i) + (u_{it} - u_{it-1})$$
  
$$\Delta Y_{it} = \phi\Delta Y_{it-1} + \Delta \mathbf{X}_{it}\beta + \Delta u_{it}$$

Anderson/Hsiao: If  $\nexists$  autocorrelation, then use  $\Delta Y_{it-2}$  or  $Y_{it-2}$  as instruments for  $\Delta Y_{it-1}$ ...

- Consistent in theory,
- in practice, the former is preferred, and both have issues if  $\phi$  is high;
- both are inefficient.

### $A&H \rightarrow A&B$

Arellano & Bond (also Wawro): Use *all* lags of  $Y_{it}$  and  $\mathbf{X}_{it}$  from t-2 and before.

- "Good" estimates, better as  $T \to \infty$ ,
- Easy to handle higher-order lags of Y,
- Easy software (plm in R , xtabond in Stata ).
- Model is fixed effects...
- $\mathbf{Z}_i$  has T-p-1 rows,  $\sum_{i=p}^{T-2} i$  columns  $\rightarrow$  difficulty of estimation declines in p, grows in T.

#### Bias-Correction Models

Kiviet (1995, 1999; Bun and Kiviet 2003; Bruno 2005a,b): Derive the bias in  $\hat{\phi}$  and  $\hat{\beta}$ , then correct it...

- $\bullet$  More accurate than the instrumental-variables/GMM estimators of A&H/A&B...
- ...especially when T is small; but not as T gets reasonably large  $(T \approx 20)$

## Some Dynamic Models

	Lagged Y	First Difference	FE	$Lagged\;Y+FE$
Intercept	2.260*	0.641*		
	(0.335)	(0.040)		
Lagged WBLI	0.986*			0.948*
	(0.002)			(0.004)
Population Growth	-0.051	0.035	0.073	0.011
	(0.027)	(0.077)	(0.119)	(0.037)
Urban Population	0.002	-0.040	0.248*	0.009
	(0.002)	(0.062)	(0.021)	(0.007)
Fertility Rate	-0.085*	-1.023*	-2.066*	-0.292*
	(0.030)	(0.373)	(0.166)	(0.052)
In(GDP Per Capita)	-0.036	0.780	9.161*	0.276*
	(0.037)	(0.476)	(0.310)	(0.102)
Natural Resource Rents	-0.010*	0.020*	0.035	-0.003
	(0.003)	(0.008)	(0.018)	(0.006)
Cold War	-0.298*	-0.021	-7.192*	$-0.445^{*}$
	(0.072)	(0.204)	(0.295)	(0.094)
R <sup>2</sup>	0.984	0.003	0.535	0.956
Adj. R <sup>2</sup>	0.984	0.002	0.523	0.954
Num. obs.	7463	7380	7566	7463

p < 0.05

### Anderson-Hsiao, Arellano-Bond, etc.

#### In R:

- Anderson-Hsiao can be fit using Im or (more easily) plm in the plm package
- Arellano-Bond is most easily fit using pgmm ("panel gmm") in the plm package
- See Criossant and Millo (2018, Chapter 7) for statistics + code details
- This post is also useful...

#### Stata:

- xtabond / xtdpdsys xtdpd fit both A-H and A-B / Blundell-Bond models (among others)
- This is also a good (slightly dated) reference

#### Trends!

#### What if Y is trending over time?

- First Question: Why?
  - · Organic growth (e.g., populations)
  - · Temporary / short-term factors
  - · Covariates...
- Second question: Should we care? (A: Yes, usually...  $\rightarrow$  "spurious regressions")
- Third question: What to do?
  - · Ignore it...
  - Include a counter / trend term...

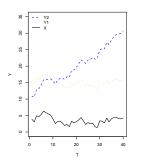
In general, adding a trend term will decrease the magnitudes of  $\hat{\beta}$ ...

### Trends Matter, Illustrated

#### Data generating processes:

$$Y_{1t} = 10 + (1 \times X_t) + u_t$$

$$Y_{2t} = 5 + (1 \times X_t) + (0.5 \times T) + u_t$$



	$Y_1$	Y <sub>2</sub>		
		No Trend	Trend	
X	0.921***	-0.382	0.874***	
	(0.245)	(0.786)	(0.255)	
т			0.482***	
			(0.026)	
Constant	10.300***	20.200***	5.860***	
	(0.917)	(2.950)	(1.200)	
Observations	40	40	40	
R <sup>2</sup>	0.272	0.006	0.905	
Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>	0.253	-0.020	0.900	
Residual Std. Error	1.800 (df = 38)	5.790 (df = 38)	1.810 (df = 37)	

## Trends Matter, Part II

Table: FE Models of WBLI

	FE	FE.trend	FE.intx
Population Growth	0.073	-0.287***	-0.242**
	(0.119)	(0.100)	(0.100)
Urban Population	0.248***	-0.024	-0.003
	(0.021)	(0.018)	(0.018)
Fertility Rate	-2.066***	1.080***	1.018***
	(0.166)	(0.150)	(0.149)
In(GDP Per Capita)	9.161***	2.867***	2.585***
. ,	(0.310)	(0.283)	(0.283)
Natural Resource Rents	0.035*	0.009	0.008
	(0.018)	(0.015)	(0.015)
Cold War	-7.192***	1.660***	9.300***
	(0.295)	(0.293)	(0.944)
Trend (1950=0)		0.749***	0.783***
, ,		(0.013)	(0.014)
Cold War x Trend			-0.220***
			(0.026)
Observations	7,566	7,566	7,566
$R^2$	0.535	0.674	0.678
Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>	0.523	0.666	0.669
F Štatistic	1,414.000*** (df = 6; 7374)	2,182.000*** (df = 7; 7373)	1,937.000*** (df = 8; 7372)

<sup>\*</sup>p<0.1; \*\*p<0.05; \*\*\* p<0.01

### Another Approach: Orthogonalization

Note: We're rarely substantively interested in the fixed effects  $\hat{\alpha}$ ...

- $\rightarrow$  reparameterize the  $\alpha$ s so that they are *information-orthogonal* to the other parameters in the model (including the  $\beta$ s and  $\phi$ )
- Key idea: Transform the  $\alpha$ s so that (for example):

$$\mathsf{E}\left(\frac{\partial^2 L_i}{\partial \alpha \partial \beta}\right) = 0$$

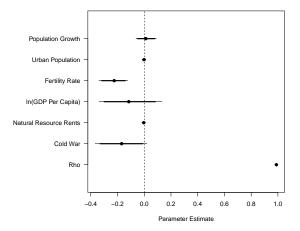
- Can do this via imposition of priors, in a Bayesian framework...
- In general, this approach is less assumption-laden and more efficient than the IV/GMM-based approaches discussed above.
- Provides consistent-in-N estimates for T as low as 2...

#### References:

- Lancaster, T. 2002. "Orthogonal Parameters and Panel Data." Review of Economic Studies 69:647-666.
- Pickup et al. (2017) [the "orthogonalized panel model" ("OPM")]

## FE + Dynamics Using Orthogonalization

- > library(OrthoPanels)
- > set.seed(7222009)



## OPM Results: Short- and Long-Run Effects

For  $\hat{\phi} \approx$  0.98:

Parameter	Short-Run	Long-Run
Population Growth	0.0122	0.9148
Urban Population	-0.0016	-0.1420
Fertility Rate	-0.2247	-19.0090
In(GDP Per Capita)	-0.1155	-9.9996
Natural Resource Rents	-0.0037	-0.3086
Cold War	-0.1691	-14.3630

## Dynamic Models: Software

#### R:

- the plm package (purtest for unit roots; plm for first-difference models; pgmm for Arellano-Bond)
- the panelAR package (GLS-ARMA models)
- the gls package (GLS)
- the dynpanel package (A&H, A&B; minimal...)

#### Stata:

- xtgls (GLS)
- xtpcse (PCSEs)
- xtabond / xtdpd (A&H A&B dynamic models)

## Final Thoughts: Dynamic Panel Models

## Things to consider:

- N vs. T...
- Are dynamics nuisance or substance?
- What problem(s) do you *really* care about?