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Description We extend two general methods of moment estimators to panel vector autoregression models (PVAR) with p lags of endogenous variables, predetermined and strictly exogenous variables. This general PVAR model contains the first difference GMM estimator by Holtz-Eakin et al. (1988) <doi:10.2307/1913103>, Arellano and Bond (1991) <doi:10.2307/2297968> and the system GMM estimator by Blundell and Bond (1998) <doi:10.1016/S0304-4076(98)00009-8>. We also provide specification tests (Hansen overidentification test, lag selection criterion and stability test of the PVAR polynomial) and classical structural analysis for PVAR models such as orthogonal and generalized impulse response functions, bootstrapped confidence intervals for impulse response analysis and forecast error variance decompositions.

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abdata

Employment UK data

Description

This data set contains labor demand data from a panel of firms in the United Kingdom. The panel is unlanced.

Usage

abdata

Format

```
The variables are:
```

c1 Record ID

ind Firm index

year Year

emp Employment

wage Wage

cap Capital

indoutpt Industrial output

n, w, k, ys Logs of variables

rec Record number

yearm1 Lagged year

id ID

nL1, nL2, wL1, kL1, kL2, ysL1, ysL2 Lags of log variables

yr1976 - yr1984 Time dummies

Source

https://www.stata-press.com/data/r13/abdata.dta

References

Arellano, M. and Bond, S. (1991) "Some tests of specification for panel data: Monte Carlo evidence and an application to employment equations", *The Review of Economic Studies*, **58**(2), 227-297, doi: 10.2307/2297968

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Andrews_Lu_MMSC

Andrews Lu MMSC Criteria based on Hansen-J-Statistic

Description

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Usage

```
Andrews_Lu_MMSC(model, HQ_criterion = 2.1)
## S3 method for class 'pvargmm'
Andrews_Lu_MMSC(model, HQ_criterion = 2.1)
```

Arguments

model A PVAR model

HQ_criterion Hannan Quinn criterion

Value

BIC, AIC and HQIC

References

Andrews, D., Lu, B. (2001) Consistent Model and Momement Selection Procedures for GMM Estimation with Application to Dynamic Panel Data Models, *Journal of Econometrics*, **101**(1), 123–164, doi: 10.1016/S03044076(00)000774

Examples

```
data("ex3_abdata")
Andrews_Lu_MMSC(ex3_abdata)
```

bootstrap_irf

Empirical estimation of PVAR Impulse Response Confidence Bands

Description

Uses blockwise sampling of individuals (bootstrapping)

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Usage

```
bootstrap_irf(model, typeof_irf, n.ahead, nof_Nstar_draws, confidence.band)
## S3 method for class 'pvargmm'
bootstrap_irf(
  model,
  typeof_irf = c("OIRF", "GIRF"),
  n.ahead,
  nof_Nstar_draws,
  confidence.band = 0.95
)
```

Arguments

Examples

Cigar

Cigar data

Description

This panel data set consists of 46 U.S. States over the period 1963-1992.

Usage

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Format

```
The variables are:

state State abbreviation

year Year

price Price per pack of cigarettes

pop Population

pop16 Population above the age of 16.

cpi Consumer price index with (1983=100

ndi Per capita disposable income

sales Cigarette sales in packs per capita

pimin Minimum price in adjoining states per pack of cigarettes
```

All variables all also available as logs.

Source

```
https://www.wiley.com/legacy/wileychi/baltagi/supp/Cigar.txt
```

References

Baltagi, B.H. and D. Levin (1992) "Cigarette taxation: raising revenues and reducing consumption", *Structural Change and Economic Dynamics*, **3**(2), 321-335, doi: 10.1016/0954349X(92)900104.

Baltagi, B.H., J.M. Griffin and W. Xiong (2000) "To pool or not to pool: homogeneous versus heterogeneous estimators applied to cigarette demand", *Review of Economics and Statistics*, **82**(1), 117-126, doi: 10.1162/003465300558551.

Baltagi, B.H. (2013) "Econometric analysis of panel data", 5th edition, John Wiley and Sons Cigar

coef.pvarfeols

Extract PVARFEOLS(p) Model Coefficients

Description

Extract PVARFEOLS(p) Model Coefficients

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'pvarfeols'
coef(object, ...)
```

Arguments

```
object object
```

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coef.pvargmm

Extract PVAR(p) Model Coefficients

Description

Extract PVAR(p) Model Coefficients

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'pvargmm'
coef(object, ...)
```

Arguments

```
object object
```

... further arguments

Examples

```
data("ex1_dahlberg_data")
coef(ex1_dahlberg_data)
```

coef.pvarhk

Extract PVARHK(p) Model Coefficients

Description

Extract PVARHK(p) Model Coefficients

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'pvarhk'
coef(object, ...)
```

Arguments

```
object object
```

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Dahlberg

Swedish municipalities data

Description

The panel data set consists of 265 Swedish municipalities and covers 9 years (1979-1987).

Usage

Dahlberg

Format

The variables are:

id ID number for municipality

year Year

expenditures Total expenditures

revenues Total own-source revenues

grants Intergovernmental grants received by the municipality

Total expenditures contains both capital and current expenditures.

Expenditures, revenues, and grants are expressed in million SEK. The series are deflated and in per capita form. The implicit deflator is a municipality-specific price index obtained by dividing total local consumption expenditures at current prices by total local consumption expenditures at fixed (1985) prices.

The data are gathered by Statistics Sweden and obtained from Financial Accounts for the Municipalities (Kommunernas Finanser).

Source

http://qed.econ.queensu.ca/jae/2000-v15.4/dahlberg-johansson/

References

M. Dahlberg and E. Johansson (2000) "An examination of the dynamic behavior of local governments using GMM bootstrapping methods", *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, **15**(4), 401-416, http://www.jstor.org/stable/2678589.

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ex1_dahlberg_data

Dahlberg results example 1

Description

Dahlberg results example 1

Usage

```
ex1_dahlberg_data
```

Format

An object of class pvargmm of length 34.

Description

Dahlberg bootstrap results example 1

Usage

```
ex1_dahlberg_data_bs
```

Format

An object of class list of length 4.

Description

NLS Work 2 bootstrap results example 2

Usage

```
ex2_nlswork2_data_bs
```

Format

An object of class list of length 4.

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ex3_abdata

Example results for Employment UK data

Description

Example results for Employment UK data

Usage

```
ex3_abdata
```

Format

An object of class pvargmm of length 36.

extract

Extract Coefficients and GOF Measures from a Statistical Object

Description

Extract Coefficients and GOF Measures from a Statistical Object

Usage

```
extract(model, ...)
## S3 method for class 'pvargmm'
extract(model, ...)
## S3 method for class 'pvarfeols'
extract(model, ...)
## S3 method for class 'pvarhk'
extract(model, ...)
```

Arguments

model Model

... Further arguments passed to or from other methods

Examples

```
data("ex1_dahlberg_data")
extract(ex1_dahlberg_data)
```

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fevd_orthogonal

Forcast Error Variance Decomposition for PVAR

Description

Computes the forecast error variance decomposition of a PVAR(p) model.

Usage

```
fevd_orthogonal(model, n.ahead = 10)
## S3 method for class 'pvargmm'
fevd_orthogonal(model, n.ahead = 10)
## S3 method for class 'pvarfeols'
fevd_orthogonal(model, n.ahead = 10)
```

Arguments

model A PVAR model n.ahead Number of steps

Details

The estimation is based on orthogonalised impulse response functions.

Value

A list with forecast error variances as matrices for each variable.

Note

A plot method will be provided in future versions.

References

```
Pfaff, B. (2008) VAR, SVAR and SVEC Models: Implementation Within R Package vars, Journal of Statistical Software 27(4) https://www.jstatsoft.org/v27/i04/
```

See Also

```
pvargmm for model estimation
oirf for orthogonal impulse response function
```

Examples

```
data("ex1_dahlberg_data")
fevd_orthogonal(ex1_dahlberg_data, n.ahead = 8)
```

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fixedeffects

Extracting Fixed Effects

Description

Extracting Fixed Effects

Usage

```
fixedeffects(model, ...)
## S3 method for class 'pvargmm'
fixedeffects(model, Only_Non_NA_rows = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

model Model

... Further arguments passed to or from other methods

Only_Non_NA_rows

Filter NA rows

Examples

```
data("ex1_dahlberg_data")
fixedeffects(ex1_dahlberg_data)
```

girf

Generalized Impulse Response Function

Description

Generalized Impulse Response Function

Usage

```
girf(model, n.ahead, ma_approx_steps)
## S3 method for class 'pvargmm'
girf(model, n.ahead, ma_approx_steps)
```

Arguments

model A PVAR model

n.ahead Any stable AR() model has an infinite MA representation. Hence any shock

can be simulated infinitely into the future. For each forecast step t you need an

addtional MA term.

ma_approx_steps

MA approximation steps

hansen_j_test

Examples

```
data("ex1_dahlberg_data")
girf(ex1_dahlberg_data, n.ahead = 8, ma_approx_steps= 8)
```

hansen_j_test

Sargan-Hansen-J-Test for Overidentification

Description

Sargan-Hansen-J-Test for Overidentification

Usage

```
hansen_j_test(model, ...)
## S3 method for class 'pvargmm'
hansen_j_test(model, ...)
```

Arguments

model A PVAR model

... Further arguments passed to or from other methods

Examples

```
data("ex1_dahlberg_data")
hansen_j_test(ex1_dahlberg_data)
```

Description

Knit Print Method for pvarfeols

Usage

```
knit_print.pvarfeols(x, ...)
```

Arguments

```
x object
```

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knit_print.pvargmm

Knit Print Method for pvargmm

Description

Knit Print Method for pvargmm

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'pvargmm'
knit_print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

object object

... further arguments

knit_print.pvarhk

Knit Print Method for pvarhk

Description

Knit Print Method for pvarhk

Usage

```
knit\_print.pvarhk(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x object

```
knit_print.summary.pvarfeols
```

Knit Print summary Method

Description

Knit Print summary Method

Usage

```
knit_print.summary.pvarfeols(x, ...)
```

Arguments

```
x object
```

... further arguments

knit_print.summary.pvargmm

Knit Print summary Method

Description

Knit Print summary Method

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'summary.pvargmm'
knit_print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x object

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knit_print.summary.pvarhk

Knit Print summary Method

Description

Knit Print summary Method

Usage

```
knit_print.summary.pvarhk(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x object

... further arguments

nlswork2

NLS Work 2 data

Description

NLS Work 2 data

Usage

nlswork2

Format

An object of class data. frame with 16094 rows and 21 columns.

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oirf

Orthogonal Impulse Response Function

Description

Orthogonal Impulse Response Function

Usage

```
oirf(model, n.ahead)
```

Arguments

model A PVAR model

n.ahead Any stable AR() model has an infinite MA representation. Hence any shock

can be simulated infinitely into the future. For each forecast step t you need an

addtional MA term.

plot.pvarstability

S3 plot method for pvarstability object, returns a ggplot object

Description

S3 plot method for pvarstability object, returns a ggplot object

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'pvarstability' plot(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x object

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print.pvarfeols

S3 Print Method for pvarfeols

Description

S3 Print Method for pvarfeols

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'pvarfeols'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x object

... further arguments

print.pvargmm

S3 Print Method for pvargamm

Description

S3 Print Method for pvargamm

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'pvargmm'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x object

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print.pvarhk

S3 Print Method for pvarhk

Description

S3 Print Method for pvarhk

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'pvarhk'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

Χ object

further arguments

print.pvarstability S3 print method for pvarstability object

Description

S3 print method for pvarstability object

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'pvarstability'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

object Х

further arguments

```
print.summary.pvarfeols
```

S3 Print Method for summary.pvarfeols

Description

S3 Print Method for summary.pvarfeols

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'summary.pvarfeols' print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x object

... further arguments

 ${\tt print.summary.pvargmm} \ \ \textit{S3 Print Method for summary.pvargmm}$

Description

S3 Print Method for summary.pvargmm

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'summary.pvargmm' print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x object

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```
print.summary.pvarhk S3 Print Method for summary.pvarhk
```

Description

S3 Print Method for summary.pvarhk

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'summary.pvarhk' print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x object... further arguments

pvalue

P-value S3 Method

Description

P-value S3 Method

Usage

```
pvalue(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'pvargmm'
pvalue(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'pvarfeols'
pvalue(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'pvarhk'
pvalue(object, ...)
```

Arguments

```
object Object
... Further arguments
```

Examples

```
data("ex1_dahlberg_data")
pvalue(ex1_dahlberg_data)
```

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pvarfeols

Fixed Effects Estimator for PVAR Model

Description

This function estimates a stationary PVAR with fixed effects.

Usage

```
pvarfeols(
  dependent_vars,
  lags,
  exog_vars,
  transformation = c("demean"),
  data,
  panel_identifier = c(1, 2)
)
```

Arguments

```
dependent_vars Dependent variables

lags Number of lags of dependent variables

exog_vars Exogenous variables

transformation Demeaning "demean"

data Data set

panel_identifier

Vector of panel identifiers
```

Examples

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pvargmm

GMM Estimation of Panel VAR Models

Description

Estimates a panel vector autoregressive (PVAR) model with fixed effects.

Usage

```
pvargmm(
  dependent_vars,
  lags,
 predet_vars,
 exog_vars,
  transformation = "fd",
  data,
 panel_identifier = c(1, 2),
  steps,
  system_instruments = FALSE,
  system\_constant = TRUE,
  pca_instruments = FALSE,
 pca_eigenvalue = 1,
 max_instr_dependent_vars,
 max_instr_predet_vars,
 min_instr_dependent_vars = 2L,
 min_instr_predet_vars = 1L,
  collapse = FALSE,
  tol = 1e-09,
  progressbar = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

```
dependent_vars Dependent variables
lags
                 Number of lags of dependent variables
predet_vars
                 Predetermined variables
exog_vars
                 Exogenous variables
transformation First-difference "fd" or forward orthogonal deviations "fod"
data
                 Data set
panel_identifier
                 Vector of panel identifiers
                 "onestep", "twostep" or "mstep" estimation
steps
system_instruments
                 System GMM estimator
```

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system_constant

Constant only available with the System GMM estimator in each equation

pca_instruments

Apply PCA to instruments matrix

pca_eigenvalue Cut-off eigenvalue for PCA analysis

max_instr_dependent_vars

Maximum number of instruments for dependent variables

max_instr_predet_vars

Maximum number of instruments for predetermined variables

min_instr_dependent_vars

Minimum number of instruments for dependent variables

min_instr_predet_vars

Minimum number of instruments for predetermined variables

collapse Use collapse option

tol relative tolerance to detect zero singular values in "ginv"

progressbar show progress bar

Details

The first vector autoregressive panel model (PVAR) was introduced by Holtz-Eakin et al. (1988). Binder et al. (2005) extend their equation-by-equation estimator for a PVAR model with only endogenous variables that are lagged by one period. We further improve this model in Sigmund and Ferstl (2017) to allow for p lags of m endogenous variables, k predetermined variables and n strictly exogenous variables.

Therefore, we consider the following stationary PVAR with fixed effects.

$$\mathbf{y}_{i,t} = \mu_i + \sum_{l=1}^{p} \mathbf{A}_l \mathbf{y}_{i,t-l} + \mathbf{B} \mathbf{x}_{i,t} + \mathbf{C} \mathbf{s}_{i,t} + \epsilon_{i,t}$$

 \mathbf{I}_m denotes an $m \times m$ identity matrix. Let $\mathbf{y}_{i,t} \in \mathsf{R}^m$ be an $m \times 1$ vector of endogenous variables for the ith cross-sectional unit at time t. Let $\mathbf{y}_{i,t-l} \in \mathsf{R}^m$ be an $m \times 1$ vector of lagged endogenous variables. Let $\mathbf{x}_{i,t} \in \mathsf{R}^k$ be an $k \times 1$ vector of predetermined variables that are potentially correlated with past errors. Let $\mathbf{s}_{i,t} \in \mathsf{R}^n$ be an $n \times 1$ vector of strictly exogenous variables that neither depend on ϵ_t nor on ϵ_{t-s} for $s=1,\ldots,T$. The idiosyncratic error vector $\epsilon_{i,t} \in \mathsf{R}^m$ is assumed to be well-behaved and independent from both the regressors $\mathbf{x}_{i,t}$ and $\mathbf{s}_{i,t}$ and the individual error component μ_i . Stationarity requires that all unit roots of the PVAR model fall inside the unit circle, which therefore places some constraints on the fixed effect μ_i . The cross section i and the time section t are defined as follows: $i=1,2,\ldots,N$ and $t=1,2,\ldots,T$. In this specification we assume parameter homogeneity for $\mathbf{A}_l(m \times m)$, $\mathbf{B}(m \times k)$ and $\mathbf{C}(m \times n)$ for all i.

A PVAR model is hence a combination of a single equation dynamic panel model (DPM) and a vector autoregressive model (VAR).

First difference and system GMM estimators for single equation dynamic panel data models have been implemented in the STATA package xtabond2 by Roodman (2009) and some of the features are also available in the R package **plm**.

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For more technical details on the estimation, please refer to our working paper Sigmund and Ferstl (2017).

There we define the first difference moment conditions (see Holtz-Eakin et al., 1988; Arellano and Bond, 1991), formalize the ideas to reduce the number of moment conditions by linear transformations of the instrument matrix and define the one- and two-step GMM estimator. Furthermore, we setup the system moment conditions as defined in Blundell and Bond (1998) and present the extended GMM estimator. In addition to the GMM-estimators we contribute to the literature by providing specification tests (Hansen overidentification test, lag selection criterion and stability test of the PVAR polynomial) and classical structural analysis for PVAR models such as orthogonal and generalized impulse response functions, bootstrapped confidence intervals for impulse response analysis and forecast error variance decompositions. Finally, we implement the first difference and the forward orthogonal transformation to remove the fixed effects.

Value

A pvargmm object containing the estimation results.

References

Arellano, M., Bond, S. (1991) Some Tests of Specification for Panel Sata: Monte Carlo Evidence and an Application to Employment Equations *The Review of Economic Studies*, **58**(2), 277–297, doi: 10.2307/2297968

Binder M., Hsiao C., Pesaran M.H. (2005) Estimation and Inference in Short Panel Vector Autoregressions with Unit Roots and Cointegration *Econometric Theory*, **21**(4), 795–837, doi: 10.1017/S0266466605050413

Blundell R., Bond S. (1998). Initial Conditions and Moment Restrictions in Dynamic Panel Data Models *Journal of Econometrics*, **87**(1), 115–143, doi: 10.1016/S03044076(98)000098

Holtz-Eakin D., Newey W., Rosen H.S. (1988) Estimating Vector Autoregressions with Panel Data, *Econometrica*, **56**(6), 1371–1395, doi: 10.2307/1913103

Roodman, D. (2009) How to Do xtabond2: An Introduction to Difference and System GMM in Stata *The Stata Journal*, **9**(1), 86–136, https://www.stata-journal.com/article.html?articlest0159

Sigmund, M., Ferstl, R. (2017) Panel Vector Autoregression in R with the Package panelvar *Available at SSRN:* https://www.ssrn.com/abstract=2896087 doi: 10.2139/ssrn.2896087

See Also

stability for stability tests

oirf and girf for orthogonal and generalized impulse response functions (including bootstrapped confidence intervals)

coef.pvargmm, se, pvalue, fixedeffects for extrator functions for the most important results fevd_orthogonal for forecast error variance decomposition

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Examples

```
## Not run:
library(panelvar)
data(abdata)
ex3_abdata <-pvargmm(</pre>
 dependent_vars = c("emp"),
 lags = 4,
 predet_vars = c("wage"),
 exog_vars = c("cap"),
 transformation = "fd",
 data = abdata,
 panel_identifier = c("id", "year"),
 steps = c("twostep"),
 system_instruments = TRUE,
 max_instr_dependent_vars = 99,
 max_instr_predet_vars = 99,
 min_instr_dependent_vars = 2L,
 min_instr_predet_vars = 1L,
 collapse = FALSE
## End(Not run)
data("ex3_abdata")
summary(ex3_abdata)
data("Dahlberg")
## Not run:
ex1_dahlberg_data <- pvargmm(dependent_vars = c("expenditures", "revenues", "grants"),</pre>
                              lags = 1,
                              transformation = "fod",
                              data = Dahlberg,
                              panel_identifier=c("id", "year"),
                              steps = c("twostep"),
                              system_instruments = FALSE,
                              max_instr_dependent_vars = 99,
                              max_instr_predet_vars = 99,
                              min_instr_dependent_vars = 2L,
                              min_instr_predet_vars = 1L,
                              collapse = FALSE
)
## End(Not run)
data("ex1_dahlberg_data")
summary(ex1_dahlberg_data)
```

pvarhk

Hahn Kuehrsteiner Estimator for PVAR Model

Description

This function estimates a stationary PVAR with fixed effects.

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Usage

```
pvarhk(
  dependent_vars,
  exog_vars,
  transformation = c("demean"),
  data,
  panel_identifier = c(1, 2)
)
```

Arguments

```
dependent_vars Dependent variables
exog_vars Exogenous variables
transformation Demeaning "demean"
data Data set
panel_identifier
Vector of panel identifiers
```

References

Hahn J., Kuehrsteiner G. (2002) Asymptotically Unbiased Inference for a Dynamic Panel Model with Fixed Effects When Both n and T Are Large, *Econometrica*, **70**(4), 1639–1657

Examples

Standard Error S3 Method

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Description

Standard Error S3 Method

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Usage

```
se(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'pvargmm'
se(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'pvarfeols'
se(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'pvarhk'
se(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object Object

... Further arguments

Examples

```
data("ex1_dahlberg_data")
se(ex1_dahlberg_data)
```

stability

Stability of PVAR(p) model

Description

Stability of PVAR(p) model

Usage

```
stability(model, ...)
## S3 method for class 'pvargmm'
stability(model, ...)
## S3 method for class 'pvarfeols'
stability(model, ...)
```

Arguments

model PVAR model ... Further arguments

Value

A pvarstability object containing eigenvalue stability conditions

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Examples

```
data("ex1_dahlberg_data")
stability_info <- stability(ex1_dahlberg_data)
print(stability_info)
plot(stability_info)</pre>
```

summary.pvarfeols

S3 Summary Method for pvarfeols

Description

S3 Summary Method for pvarfeols

Usage

```
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summary(object, ...)
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Arguments

object object

... further arguments

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summary(object, ...)
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summary(object, ...)
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Arguments

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