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Description Provides confidence intervals in least-squares regressions when the variable of interest has a shift-share structure, and in instrumental variables regressions when the instrument has a shift-share structure. The confidence intervals implement the AKM and AKM0 methods developed in Adão, Kolesár, and Morales (2019) <doi:10.1093/qje/qjz025>.

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ADH *Dataset from Autor, Dorn and Hanson (2013)*

Description

Subset of data from Autor, Dorn and Hanson (2013, ADH) that is used to illustrate the confidence intervals implemented in this package.

Usage

```
ADH
```

Format

A list, consisting of a data frame, a vector, and a matrix. The first data frame, `ADH$reg`, has 1,444 rows and 16 variables. The rows correspond to 722 commuting zones (CZ) over 2 time periods (1990-1999 and 2000-2007), and the variables are as follows:

d_sh_empl Change in the share of working-age population

d_sh_empl_mfg Change in the share of working-age population employed in manufacturing.

d_sh_empl_nmfg Change in the share of working-age population employed in non-manufacturing.

shock Change in sectoral U.S. imports from China normalized by U.S. total employment in the corresponding sector, aggregated to regional level. This is the variable of interest in ADH.

IV Change in sectoral imports from China by rest of the world, aggregated to regional level. This is the variable used to instrument for `shock`, called `d_tradeotch_pw_lag` in ADH.

weights Regression weights corresponding to start of period CZ share of national populations

statefip State FIPS code

czone CZ number

t2 Indicator for 2000-2007

l_shind_manuf_cbp Employment share of manufacturing

l_sh_popedu_c percent population college-educated

l_sh_popfborn percent population foreign-born

l_sh_empl_f percent employment among women

l_sh_routine33 percent employment in routine occupations

l_task_outsource Offshorability index of occupations in CZ

division US Census division of CZ

The second list component, the vector `ADH$sic` is a vector of length 770 that gives 4-digit SIC industry codes for the sectors used to construct the shift-share IV `ADH$reg$IV`. Finally, `ADH$W` is a 1444-by-700 matrix of shares that correspond to the CZ employment shares in 4-digit SIC sectors.

Source

We thank David Dorn for helping us with the construction of the share matrix. The remaining data was obtained from David Dorn's website, http://ddorn.net/data.htm.

References

Autor, David H., David Dorn, and Gordon H. Hanson, "The China syndrome: Local labor market effects of import competition in the United States," American Economic Review, 2013, 103 (6), 2121–2168. doi: 10.1257/aer.103.6.2121.

Adão, Rodrigo, Kolesár, Michal, and Morales, Eduardo, "Shift-Share Designs: Theory and Inference", Quarterly Journal of Economics 2019, 134 (4), 1949-2010. doi: 10.1093/qje/qjz025.

`ivreg_ss` *Inference in an IV regression with a shift-share instrument*

Description

Computes confidence intervals and p-values in an instrumental variables regression in which the instrument has a shift-share structure, as in Bartik (1991). Several different inference methods can computed, as specified by `method`.

Usage

```
ivreg_ss(
  formula,
  X,
  data,
  W,
  subset,
  weights,
  method,
  beta0 = 0,
  alpha = 0.05,
  region_cvar = NULL,
  sector_cvar = NULL
)
```

Arguments

`formula`	An object of class `"formula"` (or one that can be coerced to that class) of the form `outcome ~ controls | endogenous_regressor`. For a regression with no controls (only an intercept), it takes the form `outcome ~ 1 | endogenous_regressor`
`X`	Shift-share vector with length `N` of sectoral shocks, aggregated to regional level using the share matrix `W`. That is, each element of `X` corresponds to a region.

`data` An optional data frame, list or environment (or object coercible by `as.data.frame` to a data frame) containing the outcome and running variables in the model. If not found in `data`, the variables are taken from `environment(formula)`, typically the environment from which the function is called. Each row in the data frame corresponds to a region.

`W` A matrix of sector shares, so that `W[i,s]` corresponds to share of sector `s` in region `i`. The ordering of the regions must coincide with that in the other inputs, such as `X`. The ordering of the sectors in the columns of `W` is irrelevant but the identity of the sectors in must coincide with those used to construct `X`.

`subset` An optional vector specifying a subset of observations to be used in the fitting process.

`weights` An optional vector of weights to be used in the fitting process. Should be `NULL` or a numeric vector, with each row corresponding to a region. If non-`NULL`, for computing the first stage and the reduced form, weighted least squares is used with weights `weights` (that is, we minimize `sum(weights*residuals^2)`); otherwise ordinary least squares is used.

`method` Vector specifying which inference methods to use. The vector elements have to be one or more of the following strings:

- `"homosk"` Assume i.i.d. homoskedastic errors
- `"ehw"` Eicker-Huber-White standard errors
- `"region_cluster"` Standard errors clustered at regional level
- `"akm"` Adão-Kolesár-Morales
- `"akm0"` Adão-Kolesár-Morales with null imposed. Note the reported standard error for this method corresponds to the normalized standard error, given by the length of the confidence interval divided by $2z_{1-\alpha/2}$
- `"all"` All of the methods above

`beta0` null that is tested (only affects reported p-values)

`alpha` Determines confidence level of reported confidence intervals, which will have coverage `1-alpha`.

`region_cvar` A vector with length `N` of cluster variables, for method `"cluster_region"`. If the vector `1:N` is used, clustering is effectively equivalent to `ehw`

`sector_cvar` A vector with length `S` of cluster variables, if sectors are to be clustered, for methods `"akm"` and `"akm0"`. If the vector `1:S` is used, this is equivalent to not clustering.

Value

Returns an object of class `"SSResults"` containing the estimation and inference results. The `print` function can be used to print a summary of the results. The object is a list with at least the following components:

beta Point estimate of the effect of interest β

se, p A vector of standard errors and a vector of p-values of the null $H_0: \beta = \beta_0$ for the inference methods in `method`, with β_0 specified by the argument `beta0`. For the method `"akm0"`, the standard error corresponds to the effective standard error (length of the confidence interval divided by `2*stats::qnorm(1-alpha/2)`)

ci.l, ci.r Upper and lower endpoints of the confidence interval for the effect of interest β, for each of the methods in `method`

Note

`subset` is evaluated in the same way as variables in `formula`, that is first in `data` and then in the environment of `formula`.

References

Bartik, Timothy J., Who Benefits from State and Local Economic Development Policies?, Kalamazoo, MI: W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, 1991.

Adão, Rodrigo, Kolesár, Michal, and Morales, Eduardo, "Shift-Share Designs: Theory and Inference", Quarterly Journal of Economics 2019, 134 (4), 1949-2010. doi: 10.1093/qje/qjz025.

Examples

```
## Use ADH data from Autor, Dorn, and Hanson (2013)
ivreg_ss(d_sh_empl ~ 1 | shock, X=IV, data=ADH$reg, W=ADH$W,
         method=c("ehw", "akm", "akm0"))
```

`ivreg_ss.fit` *Inference in an IV regression with a shift-share instrument*

Description

Basic computing engine to calculate confidence intervals and p-values in an instrumental variables regression with a shift-share instrument, using different inference methods, as specified by `method`.

Usage

```
ivreg_ss.fit(
  y1,
  y2,
  X,
  W,
  Z,
  w = NULL,
  method = c("akm", "akm0"),
  beta0 = 0,
  alpha = 0.05,
  region_cvar = NULL,
  sector_cvar = NULL
)
```

Arguments

y1	Outcome variable. A vector of length N, with each row corresponding to a region.
y2	Endogenous variable, vector of length N, with each row corresponding to a region.
X	Shift-share vector with length N of sectoral shocks, aggregated to regional level using the share matrix W. That is, each element of X corresponds to a region.
W	A matrix of sector shares, so that W[i,s] corresponds to share of sector s in region i. The ordering of the regions must coincide with that in the other inputs, such as X. The ordering of the sectors in the columns of W is irrelevant but the identity of the sectors in must coincide with those used to construct X.
Z	Matrix of regional controls, matrix with N rows corresponding to regions.
w	vector of weights (length N) to be used in the fitting process. If not NULL, weighted least squares is used with weights w, i.e., sum(w * residuals^2) is minimized.
method	Vector specifying which inference methods to use. The vector elements have to be one or more of the following strings: "homosk" Assume i.i.d. homoskedastic errors "ehw" Eicker-Huber-White standard errors "region_cluster" Standard errors clustered at regional level "akm" Adão-Kolesár-Morales "akm0" Adão-Kolesár-Morales with null imposed. Note the reported standard error for this method corresponds to the normalized standard error, given by the length of the confidence interval divided by $2z_{1-\alpha/2}$ "all" All of the methods above
beta0	null that is tested (only affects reported p-values)
alpha	Determines confidence level of reported confidence intervals, which will have coverage 1-alpha.
region_cvar	A vector with length N of cluster variables, for method "cluster_region". If the vector 1:N is used, clustering is effectively equivalent to ehw
sector_cvar	A vector with length S of cluster variables, if sectors are to be clustered, for methods "akm" and "akm0". If the vector 1:S is used, this is equivalent to not clustering.

Value

Returns an object of class "SSResults" containing the estimation and inference results. The print function can be used to print a summary of the results. The object is a list with at least the following components:

beta Point estimate of the effect of interest β

se, p A vector of standard errors and a vector of p-values of the null $H_0: \beta = \beta_0$ for the inference methods in method, with β_0 specified by the argument beta0. For the method "akm0", the standard error corresponds to the effective standard error (length of the confidence interval divided by 2*stats::qnorm(1-alpha/2))

ci.l, ci.r Upper and lower endpoints of the confidence interval for the effect of interest β, for each of the methods in `method`

`reg_ss` *Inference in linear regression with a shift-share regressor*

Description

Computes confidence intervals and p-values in a linear regression in which the regressor of interest has a shift-share structure, as the instrument in Bartik (1991). Several different inference methods can computed, as specified by `method`.

Usage

```
reg_ss(
  formula,
  X,
  data,
  W,
  subset,
  weights,
  method,
  beta0 = 0,
  alpha = 0.05,
  region_cvar = NULL,
  sector_cvar = NULL
)
```

Arguments

`formula`	object of class `"formula"` (or one that can be coerced to that class) of the form `outcome ~ controls`. For a regression with no controls (only an intercept), it takes the form `outcome ~ 1`
`X`	Shift-share vector with length `N` of sectoral shocks, aggregated to regional level using the share matrix `W`. That is, each element of `X` corresponds to a region.
`data`	optional data frame, list or environment (or object coercible by `as.data.frame` to a data frame) containing the variables in the model. If not found in `data`, the variables are taken from `environment(formula)`, typically the environment from which the function is called. Each row in the data frame corresponds to a region.
`W`	A matrix of sector shares, so that `W[i,s]` corresponds to share of sector `s` in region `i`. The ordering of the regions must coincide with that in the other inputs, such as `X`. The ordering of the sectors in the columns of `W` is irrelevant but the identity of the sectors in must coincide with those used to construct `X`.
`subset`	optional vector specifying a subset of observations to be used in the fitting process.

`weights`	an optional vector of weights to be used in the fitting process. Should be `NULL` or a numeric vector, with each row corresponding to a region. If non-`NULL`, weighted least squares is used with weights `weights` (that is, we minimize `sum(weights*residuals^2)`); otherwise ordinary least squares is used.
`method`	Vector specifying which inference methods to use. The vector elements have to be one or more of the following strings: `"homosk"` Assume i.i.d. homoskedastic errors `"ehw"` Eicker-Huber-White standard errors `"region_cluster"` Standard errors clustered at regional level `"akm"` Adão-Kolesár-Morales `"akm0"` Adão-Kolesár-Morales with null imposed. Note the reported standard error for this method corresponds to the normalized standard error, given by the length of the confidence interval divided by $2z_{1-\alpha/2}$ `"all"` All of the methods above
`beta0`	null that is tested (only affects reported p-values)
`alpha`	Determines confidence level of reported confidence intervals, which will have coverage `1-alpha`.
`region_cvar`	A vector with length `N` of cluster variables, for method `"cluster_region"`. If the vector `1:N` is used, clustering is effectively equivalent to `ehw`
`sector_cvar`	A vector with length `S` of cluster variables, if sectors are to be clustered, for methods `"akm"` and `"akm0"`. If the vector `1:S` is used, this is equivalent to not clustering.

Value

Returns an object of class `"SSResults"` containing the estimation and inference results. The `print` function can be used to print a summary of the results. The object is a list with at least the following components:

beta Point estimate of the effect of interest β

se, p A vector of standard errors and a vector of p-values of the null $H_0: \beta = \beta_0$ for the inference methods in `method`, with β_0 specified by the argument `beta0`. For the method `"akm0"`, the standard error corresponds to the effective standard error (length of the confidence interval divided by `2*stats::qnorm(1-alpha/2)`)

ci.l, ci.r Upper and lower endpoints of the confidence interval for the effect of interest β, for each of the methods in `method`

Note

`subset` is evaluated in the same way as variables in `formula`, that is first in `data` and then in the environment of `formula`.

References

Bartik, Timothy J., Who Benefits from State and Local Economic Development Policies?, Kalamazoo, MI: W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, 1991.

Adão, Rodrigo, Kolesár, Michal, and Morales, Eduardo, "Shift-Share Designs: Theory and Inference", Quarterly Journal of Economics 2019, 134 (4), 1949-2010. doi: 10.1093/qje/qjz025.

Examples

```
## Use ADH data from Autor, Dorn, and Hanson (2013)
reg_ss(d_sh_empl ~ 1, X=IV, data=ADH$reg, W=ADH$W,
         method=c("ehw", "akm", "akm0"))
```

`reg_ss.fit` *Inference in a shift-share regression*

Description

Basic computing engine to calculate confidence intervals and p-values in shift-share designs using different inference methods, as specified by `method`.

Usage

```
reg_ss.fit(
  y,
  X,
  W,
  Z,
  w = NULL,
  method = c("akm", "akm0"),
  beta0 = 0,
  alpha = 0.05,
  region_cvar = NULL,
  sector_cvar = NULL
)
```

Arguments

`y`	Outcome variable, vector of length `N`, with each row corresponding to a region.
`X`	Shift-share vector with length `N` of sectoral shocks, aggregated to regional level using the share matrix `W`. That is, each element of `X` corresponds to a region.
`W`	A matrix of sector shares, so that `W[i,s]` corresponds to share of sector `s` in region `i`. The ordering of the regions must coincide with that in the other inputs, such as `X`. The ordering of the sectors in the columns of `W` is irrelevant but the identity of the sectors in must coincide with those used to construct `X`.
`Z`	Matrix of regional controls, matrix with `N` rows corresponding to regions.
`w`	vector of weights (length `N`) to be used in the fitting process. If not `NULL`, weighted least squares is used with weights `w`, i.e., `sum(w * residuals^2)` is minimized.
`method`	Vector specifying which inference methods to use. The vector elements have to be one or more of the following strings: `"homosk"` Assume i.i.d. homoskedastic errors `"ehw"` Eicker-Huber-White standard errors

"region_cluster" Standard errors clustered at regional level

"akm" Adão-Kolesár-Morales

"akm0" Adão-Kolesár-Morales with null imposed. Note the reported standard error for this method corresponds to the normalized standard error, given by the length of the confidence interval divided by $2z_{1-\alpha/2}$

"all" All of the methods above

beta0 null that is tested (only affects reported p-values)

alpha Determines confidence level of reported confidence intervals, which will have coverage 1-alpha.

region_cvar A vector with length N of cluster variables, for method "cluster_region". If the vector 1:N is used, clustering is effectively equivalent to ehw

sector_cvar A vector with length S of cluster variables, if sectors are to be clustered, for methods "akm" and "akm0". If the vector 1:S is used, this is equivalent to not clustering.

Value

Returns an object of class "SSResults" containing the estimation and inference results. The print function can be used to print a summary of the results. The object is a list with at least the following components:

beta Point estimate of the effect of interest β

se, p A vector of standard errors and a vector of p-values of the null H_0: $\beta = \beta_0$ for the inference methods in method, with β_0 specified by the argument beta0. For the method "akm0", the standard error corresponds to the effective standard error (length of the confidence interval divided by 2*stats::qnorm(1-alpha/2))

ci.l, ci.r Upper and lower endpoints of the confidence interval for the effect of interest β, for each of the methods in method

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