# Package 'gEcon'

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### **Description**

Package for developing and solving dynamic general equilibrium models.

#### **Details**

gEcon is a framework for developing and solving large scale dynamic stochastic general equilibrium models. It consists of model description language and an interface with a set of solvers in R. It was developed at the Department for Strategic Analyses at the Chancellery of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland as a part of the project aiming at construction of large scale DSGE models of Polish economy.

Publicly available toolboxes/toolkits used in RBC/DSGE modelling require users to derive first order conditions and linearisation equations by pen & pencil (e.g. Uhlig's toolkit) or at least require manual derivation of the FOCs (e.g. Dynare). Owing to the development and implementation of an algorithm for automatic derivation of first order conditions, gEcon allows users to describe their models in terms of optimisation problems of agents. To authors' best knowledge there is no other publicly available framework for writing and solving DSGE in this natural way. Writing models in terms of optimisation problems instead of FOCs is far more natural to an economist, it takes off the burden of tedious differentiation and reduces the risk of making a mistake. gEcon allows users to focus on economic aspects of the model and makes it possible to design large-scale (100+ variables) models. In addition gEcon can automatically produce a draft of Latex documentation for a model.

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The model description language is simple and intuitive. Given optimisation problems, constraints, and identities computer derives FOCs, steady state equations, and linearisation matrices automatically. Numerical solvers can then be employed to determine steady state and approximate equilibrium laws of motion around it.

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#### References

Cf. gEcon manual distributed with the package.

### **Examples**

```
# copy the example model to current working directory
file.copy(from = file.path(system.file("examples", package=gEcon),
          rbc.gcn), to = getwd())
# make and load model
rbc <- make_model(rbc.gcn)</pre>
# solve model
rbc <- steady_state(rbc)</pre>
rbc <- solve_pert(rbc)</pre>
# compute and print correlations
rbc <- set_shocks(rbc, matrix(0.01, 1, 1))</pre>
rbc <- compute_corr(rbc, ref_var = Y)</pre>
get_moments(rbc, moments=TRUE, correlations=TRUE,
             autocorrelations=TRUE, var_dec=TRUE)
irf_rbc <- compute_irf(rbc)</pre>
plot_simulation(irf_rbc)
summary(rbc)
```

check\_bk

Blanchard Kahn conditions and eigenvalues

#### **Description**

Checks Blanchard Kahn conditions and prints information about eigenvalues.

#### Usage

```
check_bk(model)
```

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### **Arguments**

model

an object of the gecon\_model class.

#### Details

Eigenvalues are computed when gEcon attempts to solve the perturbation (solver uses the Lapack zgges function to compute eigenvalues). solve\_pert must be called before the eigenvalues can be retrived.

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#### References

Blanchard, O., Kahn C. M. (1980), "The Solution of Linear Difference Models under Rational Expectations", *Econometrica* 

### **Examples**

compute\_corr

Computation of correlations

### Description

This function computes the statistics of the model by using spectral and simulation methods.

#### Usage

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### **Arguments**

model	an object of gecon_model class.
ngrid	density of grid used by the Fourier transform. It has to be a multiplicity of 8.
filter	logical. If TRUE, the statistics are computed for the HP-filtered series, otherwise non-filtered series are used for the statistics computation.
sim	logical. If TRUE, simulation methods are used for correlations computations, otherwise spectral methods are used.
nrun	the number of MC simulation runs.
lambda	the lambda parameter for the HP filter.
ref_var	the name or the number of a variable in relation to which correlations are computed. When not specified, the first variable in variables list is treated as the reference value.
n_leadlags	the number of leads/lags for computing correlation tables.

#### **Details**

Cf. gEcon manual, chapter "Model analysis".

#### Value

An object of gecon\_model class representing a model. Generic functions such as print and summary allow to show model elements. The get\_moments function returns various statistics of the model (both absolute and relative).

### Note

The grid has to be large enough (at least 64 \* 8) for spectral methods to converge to simulation means.

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### References

```
Hamilton. J.D. (1994), "Time Series Analysis", Princeton University Press
```

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compute\_irf

Compute impulse response functions (IRFs)

### Description

The compute\_irf function computes the impulse response functions for the specified set of variables and shocks and returns an object of the gecon\_simulation class.

### Usage

### **Arguments**

model	an object of the gecon_model class.
eps_list	a list of shocks for which the IRFs are to be computed. If this argument is missing, the IRFs are computed for all the shocks in the model. By default, the impulse response functions are created for all the shocks in the model.
var_list	a list of variables, for which the impact of shocks has to be computed. By default, the impulse response functions are created for the state variables only.
path_length	the number of periods for which IRFs are to be computed.
cholesky	logical. If this option is set to FALSE, the function computes the IRFs based on uncorrelated shocks, otherwise the variance-covariance matrix is orthogonalized by using the Cholesky decomposition and the IRFs are computed by using this matrix.

#### **Details**

Cf. gEcon manual, chapter "Model analysis".

### Value

The function returns an object of gecon\_simulation class. Generic functions such as print and summary provide information about the impulse response functions. The plot\_simulation function allows to visualize the IRFs.

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### **Examples**

find\_calibr\_eq

Find a calibrated equation

#### **Description**

The find\_calibr\_eq function finds calibrated equations with the specified indices.

### Usage

```
find_calibr_eq(model, no_eq = NULL)
```

### Arguments

model an object of the gecon\_model class.

no\_eq a numeric variable, specifies the indices of requested equations.

#### Value

A character vector of requested equations.

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find\_eq

### **Examples**

find\_eq

Find an equation

### **Description**

The find\_eq function finds equations with the specified indices.

### Usage

```
find_eq(model, no_eq = NULL)
```

### Arguments

model an object of the gecon\_model class.

no\_eq a numeric variable, specifies the indices of requested equations.

#### Value

A character vector of requested equations.

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### Description

The gecon\_model function is a constructor of gecon\_model class objects.

### Usage

### Arguments

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model_info	a character vector of length 3, containing information about the model: the input file name, the input file path and the date of creation.						
map_var	a character vector with the list of variable names.						
map_shocks	a character vector with the list of shocks names.						
map_params	a character vector with the list of all the parameter names.						
map_params_free							
	a character vector with the list of all the free parameter names.						
map_params_free	e_val						
	a numeric vector with the values of the free parameter names.						
map_equations	a character vector with model equations.						
map_calibr_equa	ations						
	a character vector with model calibrating equations.						
var_eq_map	a sparse matrix (object of Matrix class) with the mapping of variables into equations. $ \\$						
shock_eq_map	a sparse matrix (object of Matrix class) with the mapping of shocks into equations. $ \\$						
<pre>ss_function calibr_function</pre>	a function defining steady state (equilibrium for the static models).						
	a function used for the calibration of parameters.						
ss_calibr_function_jac							
	a function returning a Jacobian of functions defining the steady state (equilibrium for steady state models) and calibration equations.						
pert	a function returning a list with the matrices representing canonical form of the model.						

### Value

An object of the gecon\_model class.

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#### Note

The gecon\_model constructor is used in R files created by gEcon.

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gecon\_model-class

Class "gecon\_model"

#### **Description**

The class for storing models.

#### **Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by calling new("gecon\_model", ...) or preferably using gecon\_model constructor.

#### Slots

model\_info: a character vector of length 3, containing information about the model: the input file name, the input file path and the date of creation.

map\_params: a character vector with the list of all parameter names.

map\_params\_free: a character vector with the list of free parameter names.

map\_free\_into\_params: a numeric vector with the mapping of free parameters indices.

map\_params\_free\_mod\_flag: a logical vector with flags denoting if particular free parameter has been modified with respect to the .gcn file calibration

map\_params\_calibr: a character vector with the names of calibrated parameters.

map\_params\_calibr\_mod\_flag: a logical vector with the flags denoting if any non-default value has been given for the calibrated parameter.

map\_calibr\_into\_params: a numeric vector with the mapping of free parameters into parameters indices.

map\_var: a character vector with the names of variables.

map\_shocks: a character vector with the names of shocks.

map\_equations: a character vector with the names of equations.

map\_calibr\_equations: a character vector with the names of calibrating equations.

var\_eq\_map: a sparse matrix (Matrix class object) with the mapping of variables into equations.

shock\_eq\_map: a sparse matrix (Matrix class object) with the mapping of shocks into equations.

init\_calib\_pars\_supplied: logical. It informs if calibrated parameters values have been supplied. gecon\_model-class 11

init\_vals\_supplied: logical. It informs if values of variables have been supplied.

loglin: logical. It informs if the model has to be loglinearized. The default value is TRUE.

loglin\_var: logical. Flags are set to TRUE for loglinearized variables.

re\_solved: logical. It is set to TRUE if the model has been solved. The default value is FALSE.

corr\_computed: logical. If TRUE, indicates that the correlations and other statistics of variables have been computed. The default value is FALSE.

is\_stochastic: logical. If TRUE, the model has stochastic shocks.

is\_dynamic: logical. If TRUE, the model has any lead or lagged variables.

is\_calibrated: logical. If TRUE, the model takes into account calibrating equations when solving for the steady state for a dynamic model (equilibrium in case of static model).

map\_params\_free\_init\_val: a vector of free parameters values which have been declared in .gcn file

map\_params\_free\_val: a vector of current free parameter values.

map\_params\_calibr\_val: a vector of current values of calibrated parameters.

params: a vector of the model parameters.

steady: a vector of the steady state values of variables for dynamic models or equilibrium for static models.

ss\_function: a function defining the steady state(equilibrium for static models).

ss\_function\_jac: a function computing the Jacobian of steady state function(equilibrium for static models).

ss\_calibr\_function\_jac: a function computing the Jacobian of both steady state (equilibrium) and calibrating functions.

calibr\_function: calibrating functions

init\_residual\_vector: a numeric vector of residuals of the steady state (equilibrium) function computed for intial values and calibrating parameters.

residual\_vector: a numeric vector of residuals of the steady state (equilibrium) function computed for the values of variables and calibrating parameters after the nonlinear solver has exited.

solver\_status: a character describing the steady state (equilibrium) solver status.

ss\_solved: logical. If TRUE, steady state(equilibrium for static models) has been found.

pert: functions defining perturbation of first order (returning a list of matrices).

eig\_vals: a matrix of system eigenvalues.

solution: a list with elements P, Q, R, S storing solution of the model.

state\_var\_indices: a numeric vector containing the indices of state variables.

solver\_exit\_info: a character containing information about perturbation solver exit information.

solution\_resid: residuals of checking equations, veryfing if the model has been solved.

shock\_mat: a variance-covariance matrix of model shocks.

corr\_mat: a matrix of the model variables correlations.

autocorr\_mat: a matrix of the model variables autocorrelations.

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corr\_variable\_mat: a matrix of correlations of variables with the reference variable lead and lagged values.

var\_position: a numeric value indicating position of reference variable for the computation of statistics.

var\_dec: a matrix of variance decomposition of shocks.

sdev: a vector of standard deviations of variables.

#### Methods

```
print \ signature(x = "gecon_model"): prints information about the model solution status.
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show signature(object = "gecon\_model"): prints short information about the model solution
status.

summary signature(object = "gecon\_model"): prints detailed results of the model.

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### **Examples**

gecon\_simulation

Constructor for "gecon\_simulation" class object

#### Description

This function creates an object of gecon\_simulation class.

### Usage

```
gecon_simulation(sim, eps_list, var_list, sim_type, time_n, model_info, model_variable_name)
```

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### **Arguments**

sim	the array of simulation results (three dimensional when the impulse response functions have been computed for more than one shock).
eps_list	a list of shocks for which the simulations have been computed.
var_list	a list of variables used.
sim_type	a type of simulation.
time_n	the number of periods for which the simulation has been performed.
model_info	a character vector of length 3, containing information about the model: the input file name, the input file path, and the date of creation.
model_variable_	name
	a string denoting the name of the model for which the simulation has been performed.

#### Value

An object of the gecon\_simulation class.

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```

### **Description**

The class storing simulation results.

### **Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by calling the  $new("gecon\_simulation", ...)$  form or (preferably) using  $gecon\_simulation$  constructor.

#### **Slots**

sim: a three-dimensional array with impulse response functions (the dimensions are variables, time, shocks) or two-dimensional array when storing the results of user defined path of shocks or random path of shocks.

eps\_list: a vector of shocks for which simulations have been computed.

var\_list: a vector of names of simulated variables.

sim\_type: a type of simulation.

time\_n: the number of simulation periods.

model\_info: a character vector of length 3, containing information about the model: the input file name, the input file path and the date of creation.

model\_variable\_name: a character denoting the name of variable storing model for which the simulations have been created.

#### Methods

print signature(x = "gecon\_simulation"): prints diagnostic information about the simulation
 performed.

show signature(object = "gecon\_simulation"): prints short information about the simulation.

summary signature(object = "gecon\_simulation"): prints and returns the simulation results in the form of list.

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```

### See Also

get\_simulation\_results to retrive the simulated series from sim slot.

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get_moments
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### **Description**

The function get\_moments prints and returns the statistics of the model (absolute and relative to the reference variable).

### Usage

```
get_moments(model, var_names, relative_to = FALSE, moments = TRUE,
            correlations = TRUE, autocorrelations = TRUE, var_dec = TRUE,
            to_tex = FALSE)
```

### **Arguments**

model	an object of the gecon_model class.
var_names	the names of the variables of interest.
relative_to	logical. The default value is FALSE. If TRUE, the function returns moments relative to one of the variables in accordance with relevant options chosen in the compute_corr (then only 'moments' and 'correalations' are active options).
moments	logical. If TRUE, the moments of variables: steady state values, standard deviations and variances are returned with the information about which variables have been loglinearized. If 'relative_to' is set to TRUE then moments and steady state values relative to the reference variable are returned.
correlations	logical. The default value is TRUE. If TRUE, a correlation matrix is returned. If relative_to is set to TRUE, then corraletions of variables with lagged and leading values of a chosen variable are returned.
autocorrelatio	ns
	logical. The default value is TRUE. If TRUE then the autocorrelations of variables are returned. If the relative_to is set to TRUE, this option is inactive.
var_dec	logical. The default value is TRUE. If TRUE then the variance decomposition (of shocks) is returned. If the relative_to is set to TRUE, the option is inactive.
to_tex	logical. The default value is FALSE. If TRUE, the output is written to a .tex file.

### Value

The function returns a list of absolute or relative moments of variables depending on the value of the relative\_to argument.

When the relative\_to is set to FALSE, the list may consist of the following elements:

- moments means, standard deviations and variances of variables,
- correlation\_matrix a matrix of correlation of variables,

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 autocorrelations - a matrix of correlation of variables with their own lagged values (autocorrelations),

• variance\_decomposition - the variance decomposition, describing the amount of variable variability that can be ascribed to each of shocks.

When the relative\_to is set to TRUE, the list may consist of two elements:

- relative\_moments means, standard deviations and variance of variables with respect to reference variable specified in the compute\_corr function,
- correlations\_variable a matrix of correlation of variables with lead and lagged values of a reference variable (usually GDP).

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#### See Also

the compute\_corr function to see how the statistics are computed.

### **Examples**

get\_parameter\_vals

Parameters of the model

### **Description**

The get\_parameter\_vals function prints and returns the values of parameters.

#### Usage

```
get_parameter_vals(model, var_names, to_tex)
```

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### Arguments

model an object of the gecon\_model class.

var\_names a list of requested parameters names.

to\_tex logical. The default value is FALSE. If TRUE, the output is written to a .tex file.

#### Value

This function returns both free and calibrated parameter values.

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### **Examples**

get\_pert\_solution

Recursive laws of motion for the model variables

### **Description**

The get\_pert\_solution function prints and returns the recursive laws of motion for the model's variables.

### Usage

```
# getting recursive laws of motion
get_pert_solution(model, to_tex = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

model an object of the gecon\_model class.

to\_tex logical. The default value is FALSE. If TRUE, the output is written to a .tex file.

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#### Value

A list with P, Q, R, S elements. P and Q matrices denote the impact of lagged state variables and current values of shocks variables on current values of state variables. R and S matrices denote the impact of lagged state variables and current values of shocks variables on current values of non-state variables.

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#### See Also

solve\_pert for the description of solution procedure and description of output.

#### **Examples**

get\_residuals

Retriving residuals

### **Description**

The get\_residuals function allows to check the residuals of the steady state equations (equations characterizing equilibrium in case of static models) and identify equations with the highest errors. This information may help to assign better initial values to variables when the solver cannot find the steady state (equilibrium).

### Usage

```
get_residuals(model, highest = 5)
```

### **Arguments**

model an object of the gecon class.

highest the number of equations with the highest error to be printed.

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#### Value

This function returns a list with the initial and final elements. The initial residuals are residuals computed using the intial values. The final residuals are residuals computed after the solver has exited. The function prints the indices of equations with the highest initial and final errors. The equations can be investigated by using the find\_eq function.

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### **Examples**

```
file.copy(from = file.path(system.file("examples", package=gEcon),
          rbc.gcn), to = getwd())
rbc <- make_model(rbc.gcn)</pre>
# we deliberately give an initial value extremely far from the solution
rbc <- initval_var(rbc, list(Y=10000))</pre>
rbc <- steady_state(rbc, use_jac=TRUE,</pre>
                         options_list=list(method=Newton,
                                            global=gline,
                                            max_iter = 300,
                                            tol = 1e-7)
get_residuals(rbc)
# residuals are much closer to zero then during initial evaluation.
# One can infer that to solve model with this starting value more iterations
# or change of global search strategy are necessary.
# One can also change starting value of variables in equations 4, 11 and 13.
rbc <- initval_var(rbc, list(Y=1000))</pre>
rbc <- steady_state(rbc, use_jac=TRUE,</pre>
                         options_list=list(method=Newton,
                                            global=qline,
                                            max_iter = 500,
                                            tol = 1e-7)
get_residuals(rbc)
```

```
get_simulation_results
```

Retrive series of simulated variables

### Description

The get\_simulation\_results function retrives the series of simulated variables from an object of the gecon\_simulation class.

#### Usage

```
get_simulation_results(sim_obj)
```

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### **Arguments**

sim\_obj

An object of the gecon\_simulation class.

#### Value

The results are returned as one element list when the simulation has been invoked by the random\_path or simulate\_model functions or a list of more elements corresponding to the number of shocks when the simulation has been performed with the compute\_irf function.

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### **Examples**

get\_ss\_values

Return steady state (equilibrium) values

#### **Description**

The get\_ss\_values function returns (and prints) the steady state of the model for dynamic models (equilibrium for static models).

### Usage

```
get_ss_values(model, var_names, to_tex = FALSE)
```

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#### **Arguments**

model an object of the gecon\_model class.

var\_names the names or the indices of the variables, whose steady state values (equilibrium

values) are to be returned. The default option is a vector containing all the

variable names.

to\_tex logical. The default value is FALSE. If TRUE, the output is written to a .tex file.

#### Value

A numeric vector with the steady state (equilibrium for static models).

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### Examples

initval\_calibr\_par

Setting initial values of calibrated parameters

### Description

This function enables setting the initial values of calibrated parameters for the nonlinear solver searching for the steady state of dynamic models (equilibrium for static models) and the values of calibrated parameters. If not set by this function, the default values of parameters are assumed to be 0.5.

### Usage

```
initval_calibr_par(model, calibr_par)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
model an object of the gecon_model class.
```

calibr\_par a list or a vector of parameters (with or without their names).

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#### **Details**

The values of parameters passed to the gecon\_model are treated as initial values for the steady state solver when the user specifies calibrating equations in a .gcn file and requests that steady\_state function shall use it. If the calibration is omitted, the initial values of calibrated parameters are treated as their final values, so one has to specify the right set of calibrated parameters values when decides to omit the calibrating equations.

#### Value

An object of the gecon\_model class representing the model. Generic functions such as print and summary allow to show the model's elements. The get\_parameter\_vals function return parameter values.

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```

### **Examples**

initval\_var

Setting initial values of variables.

### **Description**

The initval\_var function sets the initial values of the model's variables to values specified by the user. The initial values close to solution will help the nonlinear equations solver to find the solution.

### Usage

```
initval_var(model, init_var)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
model an object of the gecon_model class.
init_var a list or vector of the initial values of variables.
```

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#### Value

An object of the gecon\_model class representing the model. Generic functions such as print and summary allow to show model elements. The get\_ss\_values function returns the steady state (equilibrium) values of the model variables.

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```

### **Examples**

load\_model

Load model from R file

#### **Description**

The load\_model function loads the already generated R file with the model and creates an object of the gecon\_model class.

### Usage

```
load_model(model_file)
```

#### **Arguments**

model\_file

the name of the .R file containing the model's functions and variables. It can be a name of file or a name of file ending with a .R extension.

#### **Details**

The R file with the model specification has to be created first. It can be done by using the make\_model command and the gcn file model specification or manually.

### Value

An object of the gecon\_model class representing the model. Generic functions such as print and summary allow to show the model's elements.

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#### See Also

the make\_model function in order to create an R file with the model elements based on the model specification.

### **Examples**

make\_model

Make model from .gcn file

### **Description**

This function calls the dynamic library, parses the .gcn model file, generates an R file, and loads it into a gecon\_model class object.

### Usage

```
make_model(model_file)
```

### **Arguments**

model\_file the name of the .gcn file containing model formulation. It must be ended with a .gcn extension.

#### **Details**

Cf. gEcon manual, chapters "Model description language" and "Derivation of First Order Conditions".

#### Value

An object of the gecon\_model class representing the model. Generic functions such as print and summary allow to show the model elements.

#### Note

When the function is called, an R file with the same name as the .gcn file is created in the the .gcn file directory. Additional files such as a Latex documentation or a log may be created when such an option is set to TRUE in the .gcn file.

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#### See Also

the load\_model function to load already created R file with model.

### **Examples**

plot\_simulation

Plot a gecon\_simulation object

#### Description

The function plots the simulations or saves them as .eps files in the model's subdirectory /plots.

#### Usage

```
plot_simulation(sim_obj, to_eps = FALSE)
```

### **Arguments**

sim\_obj an object of the gecon\_simulation class.

to\_eps if TRUE, plot(s) shall be saved as .eps file(s) in the model's subdirectory /plots.

#### Value

If the number of variables of interest is greater then five, more then one plots for each impulse are created (max. 5 variables on each plot). Separate plots are created for all the impulses, if the compute\_irf function has been used for generating simulations.

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#### **Examples**

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Methods for Function print in gEcon package

#### **Description**

Prints information about objects of the gecon\_simulation class and the gecon\_model class.

#### Methods

signature(x = "gecon\_simulation") Prints the name of the model for which the simulations have been created, information about the time span, shock, and variables used.

signature(x = "gecon\_model") Shows the type of the model, the date of creation, the solving status, and more detailed information about the number of variables and parameters then the show generic.

random\_path

Simulation of the model using a random path of shocks

### Description

This function draws random shocks from distribution with user specified covariance matrix and then simulates the behaviour of the system.

#### Usage

```
random_path(model, eps_list = NULL, var_list = NULL, path_length = 100)
```

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### **Arguments**

model	an object of the gecon_model class.
eps_list	a list of shock names that should be taken into account. If not specified the system of all the shocks is simulated.
var_list	a list of variables on which the impact of shocks is to be computed. By default, the impact of random path is evaluated for the state variables only.
path_length	the length of stochastic path, default value = 100.

#### **Details**

Cf. gEcon manual, chapter "Model analysis".

#### Value

An object of the gecon\_simulation class with simulated paths of variables.

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#### See Also

the simulate\_model function enables user to specify her own path of shocks and simulate the impact. The function returns an object of the gecon\_simulation class. Generic functions such as print and summary provide information about the simulations. The plot\_simulation function allows to visualize the impact on variables.

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Setting free parameters of model

### **Description**

The set\_free\_par function defines parameters of a gecon\_model class object.

### Usage

```
set_free_par(model, free_par, reset = FALSE)
```

### **Arguments**

model an object of class gecon\_model.

free\_par a list or a vector of parameters (with or without their names).

reset logical value. If TRUE, allows to reset the free parameters to values specified in

the .gcn file.

#### Value

An object of the gecon\_model class representing the model. If the reset option has been set to TRUE, the model's parameters will be set back to values from .gcn file. Generic functions such as print and summary allow to show model elements. The get\_parameter\_vals function returns parameter values currently in use.

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Setting a variance-covariance matrix of stochastic shocks.

### **Description**

The set\_shocks function defines a variance-covariance matrix for the model shocks.

#### Usage

```
set_shocks(model, shock_matrix)
```

### **Arguments**

model an object of the gecon\_model class.

shock\_matrix a positive definite matrix with the dimensions (n \* n), where n is the number of

shocks in the model.

### **Details**

The rows and columns of shock matrix must agree with the order of shocks stored in a gecon\_class object. This order can be checked by using the shock\_info function and the generic function print.

#### Value

An object of the gecon\_model class representing model. Generic functions such as print and summary allow to show the model elements. The shock\_info function returns names of shocks, information about which equations they appear in and the current variance-covariance matrix.

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shock\_info

Print information about shocks

### **Description**

The shock\_info function displays the information about the model's shocks (occurence in equations and variance-covariance matrix)

### Usage

```
shock_info(model, shock_names)
```

### **Arguments**

model an object of the gecon\_model class.

shock\_names a list of shock names.

#### Value

The function displays only those model's elements, which have already been set or computed. If a variance-covariance matrix has not been set, it will not appear in the shock\_info output.

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### Description

This method shows objects of the gecon\_simulation and gecon\_model classes

### Methods

signature(object = "gecon\_simulation") Shows the name of model for which the simulations have been created, information about time span, shocks and variables used.

signature(object = "gecon\_model") Shows the type of the model, the date of creation, the
solving status and the information about number of variables and parameters.

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### **Description**

The simulate\_model function simulates model based on user defined realisations of shock values. In particular enables to compute the impact of negative shocks.

#### Usage

### **Arguments**

model	an object of the gecon_model class.
eps_list	the shock names for the rows of shock_m specified by the user. The default names are the names of the first shocks from the list of shocks up to the number of shock_m matrix rows.
var_list	the list of variables for which the impact has to be computed. By default, the impact of shocks is evaluated for the state variables only.
shock_m	a matrix or vector of user defined shocks. Values for different shocks should be stored in rows and values for periods in columns.
periods	the number of periods for which, shocks in the shock_m function have been specified. The default values are from 1 to the number of columns of the shock matrix.
path_length	the number of periods for which the model is simulated. The default number is 40.

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sim\_type the type of simulation performed on model.

model\_name the name of gecon\_class object based on which simulations are created. The

user does not have to specify the name explicitly (by default, the variable is

deparsed and name is retrived automatically).

#### Value

An object of the gecon\_simulation class with simulated paths of variables.

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#### See Also

the random\_path function to use random path of shocks for the simulation of the model. The function returns an object of the gecon\_simulation class. Generic functions such as print and summary provide information about the simulations. The plot\_simulation function allows to visualize the impact on variables.

### **Examples**

solve\_pert

Solve the model in a linearised form (1st order perturbation)

### **Description**

This function solves the model in a linearised form using Christopher Sims' gensys solver.

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#### Usage

#### **Arguments**

model an object of the gecon\_model class.

loglin an option to log-linearise the perturbation. If FALSE then model is linearised

only.

not\_loglin\_var a vector of variables that will not be log-linearised.
norm\_tol the tolerance for residuals of model(default 1e-08).

solver the name linear RE solver. The default solver is Christopher Sims' solver. Cur-

rently no other solvers are available.

#### **Details**

Cf. gEcon manual, chapter "Solving model in linearised form".

#### Value

an object of the gecon\_model class representing the model. Generic functions such as print and summary allow to show the model elements. The get\_pert\_solution function returns computed recursive laws of motion for the model's variables. The check\_bk function displays the eigenvalues of the system and checks the Blanchard-Kahn conditions.

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#### References

Sims, Ch. A. (2002), "Solving Linear Rational Expectations Models.", Computational Economics

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```
# solve with all variables except L_s loglinearized
rbc <- solve_pert(rbc, not_loglin_var=c(L_s))
get_pert_solution(rbc)</pre>
```

steady\_state

Compute the steady state (equilibrium) of the dynamic (static) model

### **Description**

This function solves for the steady state of a dynamic model (equilibrium for static model) and calibrates the chosen parameters using a set of solvers from the nleqslv package.

#### Usage

#### **Arguments**

model an object of the gecon\_model class. solver the name of nonlinear equations solver. In the current version only an interface to slv1\_nleqslv function has been implemented. the option to use the Jacobian generated by the symbolic library. If FALSE, use\_jac numerical derivatives are computed. calibration if FALSE, calibrating equations will not be taken into account in the computation of the steady state (equilibrium in case of static model). The inital values of calibrated parameters will be then treated as their values. options\_list a list containing one or more of the following fields: • method a character, can be set to "Newton" or "Broyden", the default option is "Newton". • global a character, search strategy can be set to "dbldog", "pwldog", "qline", "gline", "none". The default option is "gline". • xscalm a character, a method of scaling x. It can be set to "fixed", "auto". The default option is "fixed". • max\_iter a numeric value denoting max. number of iterations. The default value is 150.

• tol a numeric value setting the numeric tolerance for a solution. The de-

fault value is 1e-6.

solver\_status the information about the solver exit code.

#### **Details**

Cf. gEcon Manual, chapter "Deterministic steady state".

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#### Value

An object of the gecon\_model class representing the model. Generic functions such as print and summary allow to show model elements. The get\_ss\_values and get\_parameter\_vals functions return steady state (equilibrium) and parameter values respectively.

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#### See Also

nleqslv for the detailed description of the nleqslv solver capabilities.

### **Examples**

```
# copy model to current working directory
file.copy(from = file.path(system.file("examples", package=gEcon),
          rbc.gcn), to = getwd())
# make and load model
rbc <- make_model(rbc.gcn)</pre>
# compute steady state and calibrate alpha
rbc <- initval_calibr_par(rbc, list(alpha = 0.33))</pre>
rbc <- steady_state(rbc, use_jac=TRUE,</pre>
                         options_list=list(method=Broyden, global=gline,
                                           max_iter = 300, tol = 1e-7)
get_ss_values(rbc)
# compute steady state not taking alpha calibration into account
rbc <- initval_calibr_par(rbc, list(alpha = 0.4))</pre>
rbc <- steady_state(rbc, calibration=FALSE, use_jac=FALSE,</pre>
                        options_list=list(method=Newton, global=gline,
                                           max_iter = 100, tol = 1e-5)
get_ss_values(rbc)
```

summary-methods

Summary Method for gecon\_model objects in gEcon package

### **Description**

This generic function prints a fairly complete summary for gecon\_model and gecon\_simulation objects.

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#### Methods

signature(object = "gecon\_simulation") Prints a summary of a gecon\_simulation class object consisting of a shock matrix and the simulation for each shock.

signature(object = "gecon\_model") Prints a summary of a gecon\_model class object consisting of all the computed statistics and values.

var\_info

Information about variables

### **Description**

The var\_info function enables printing various information about model's variables on console. In particular it allows to check in which equations a given set of variables appear. In addition, this function prints the already computed statistics of given variables set.

#### **Usage**

```
var_info(model, var_names)
```

### **Arguments**

model an object of the gecon\_model class.

var\_names the names of the variables of interest.

### **Details**

The function may be useful in debugging model and quick retrieval of information when the model is large. Incidence info element shows in which equations variables appear and their timing.

#### Other fields:

- steady state (equilibrium) values,
- variables info (which ones are loglinearized and which are state variables),
- state variables impact,
- · shocks impact,
- moments,
- correlations

display characteristics of variables which have been computed up to the function call.

#### Note

The function displays only already set and computed elements of a model, eg. if the model has been solved but the statistics have not been computed, the correlations field will not appear in the var\_info output.

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### See Also

```
shock_info for information about the shocks.
get_ss_values, get_pert_solution, get_moments to extract directly the steady state (equilibrium) values, the solution of model, various moments and statistics of the model.
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