Getting Started in Fixed/Random Effects Models using R/RStudio

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Panel data (also known as longitudinal or cross-sectional time-series data) is a dataset in which the behavior of entities are observed across time.

These entities could be states, companies, individuals, countries, etc.

Panel data looks like this

country	year	Y	X1	X2	Х3
1	2000	6.0	7.8	5.8	1.3
1	2001	4.6	0.6	7.9	7.8
1	2002	9.4	2.1	5.4	1.1
2	2000	9.1	1.3	6.7	4.1
2	2001	8.3	0.9	6.6	5.0
2	2002	0.6	9.8	0.4	7.2
3	2000	9.1	0.2	2.6	6.4
3	2001	4.8	5.9	3.2	6.4
3	2002	9.1	5.2	6.9	2.1

For a brief introduction on the theory behind panel data analysis please see the following document: http://dss.princeton.edu/training/Panel101.pdf

The contents of this document rely heavily on the document: "Panel Data Econometrics in R: the plm package" http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/plm/vignettes/plm.pdf and notes from the ICPSR's Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research (summer 2010)

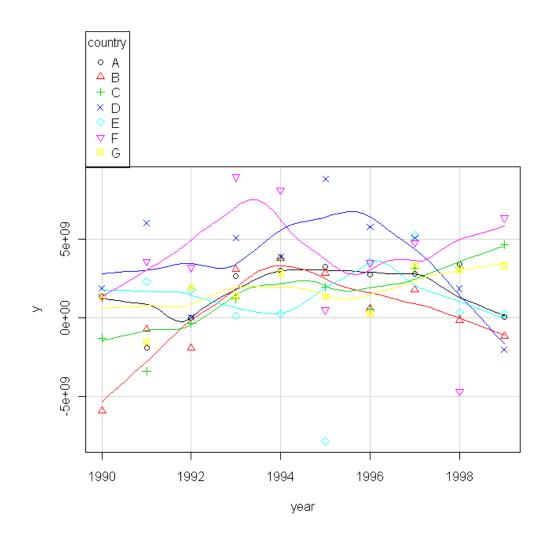
Exploring panel data

year

```
library(foreign)
Panel <- read.dta("http://dss.princeton.edu/training/Panel101.dta")</pre>
coplot(y ~ year|country, type="l", data=Panel)
                                                  # Lines
coplot(y ~ year|country, type="b", data=Panel) # Points and lines
# Bars at top indicates corresponding graph (i.e. countries)
                                                                             Given: country
from left to right starting on the bottom row
(Muenchen/Hilbe:355)
                                                       1990 1992 1994 1996 1998
                                                                                          1990 1992 1994 1996 1998
                                                                        1990 1992 1994 1996 1998
```

Exploring panel data

```
library(foreign)
Panel <- read.dta("http://dss.princeton.edu/training/Panel101.dta")
library(car)
scatterplot(y~year|country, boxplots=FALSE, smooth=TRUE, reg.line=FALSE, data=Panel)</pre>
```



FIXED-EFFECTS MODEL

(Covariance Model, Within Estimator, Individual Dummy Variable Model, Least Squares Dummy Variable Model)

Fixed effects: Heterogeneity across countries (or entities)

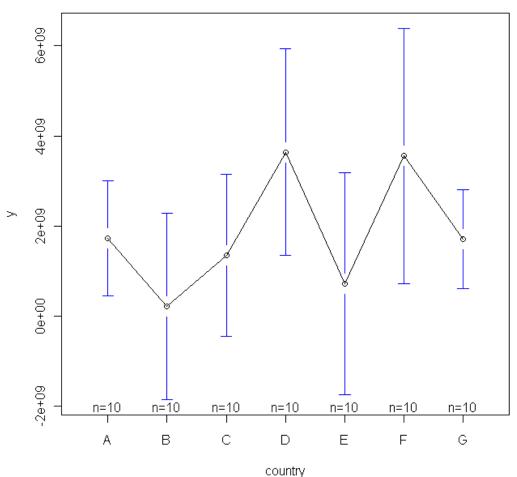
```
library(foreign)
Panel <- read.dta("http://dss.princeton.edu/training/Panel101.dta")
library(gplots)
plotmeans(y ~ country, main="Heterogeineity across countries", data=Panel)</pre>
```

plotmeans draw a 95%
confidence interval
around the means

detach("package:gplots")

Remove package 'gplots'
from the workspace

Heterogeineity across countries



Fixed effects: Heterogeneity across years

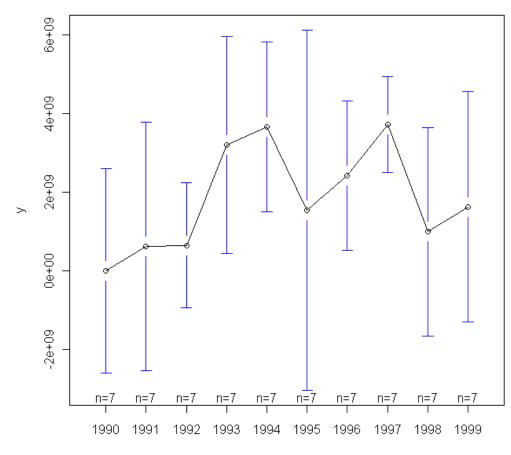
```
library(foreign)
Panel <- read.dta("http://dss.princeton.edu/training/Panel101.dta")
library(gplots)
plotmeans(y ~ year, main="Heterogeineity across years", data=Panel)</pre>
```

plotmeans draw a 95%
confidence interval
around the means

detach("package:gplots")

Remove package 'gplots'
from the workspace

Heterogeineity across years



```
OLS regression
```

1.0

0.5

x1

```
> library(foreign)
> Panel <- read.dta("http://dss.princeton.edu/training/Panel101.dta")</pre>
> ols <-lm(y ~ x1, data=Panel)</pre>
> summary(ols)
      Call:
      lm(formula = y \sim x1, data = Panel)
                                                                             Regular OLS regression does
      Residuals:
                              Median
            Min
                        10
                                                      Max
                                                                             not consider heterogeneity
      -9.546e+09 -1.578e+09 1.554e+08 1.422e+09 7.183e+09
                                                                             across groups or time
      Coefficients:
                  Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
      (Intercept) 1.524e+09 6.211e+08
                                       2.454
      \times 1
                 4.950e+08 7.789e+08
                                       0.636
      Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
      Residual standard error: 3.028e+09 on 68 degrees of freedom
      Multiple R-squared: 0.005905, Adjusted R-squared: -0.008714
      F-statistic: 0.4039 on 1 and 68 DF, p-value: 0.5272
> yhat <- ols$fitted
                                                                0e+00
> plot(Panel$x1, Panel$y, pch=19, xlab="x1", ylab="y")
> abline(lm(Panel$y~Panel$x1),lwd=3, col="red")
```

-0.5

0.0

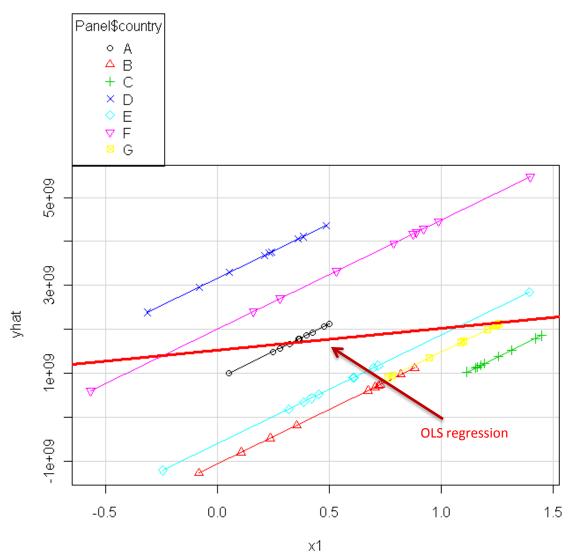
Fixed effects using Least squares dummy variable model

```
> library(foreign)
>Panel <- read.dta("http://dss.princeton.edu/training/Panel101.dta")
> fixed.dum <-lm(y ~ x1 + factor(country) - 1, data=Panel)</pre>
> summary(fixed.dum)
     Call:
     lm(formula = y \sim x1 + factor(country) - 1, data = Panel)
      Residuals:
            Min
                       10 Median
                                             3Q.
                                                      Max
     -8.634e+09 -9.697e+08 5.405e+08 1.386e+09 5.612e+09
     Coefficients:
                        Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                      2.476e+09 1.107e+09 2.237 0.02889
     factor(country)A 8.805e+08 9.618e+08 0.916 0.36347
     factor(country)B -1.058e+09 1.051e+09 -1.006 0.31811
     factor(country)C -1.723e+09 1.632e+09 -1.056 0.29508
      factor(country)D 3.163e+09 9.095e+08 3.478 0.00093 ***
     factor(country)E -6.026e+08 1.064e+09 -0.566 0.57329
      factor(country)F 2.011e+09 1.123e+09 1.791 0.07821.
      factor(country)G -9.847e+08 1.493e+09 -0.660 0.51190
     Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 '' 1
     Residual standard error: 2.796e+09 on 62 degrees of freedom
     Multiple R-squared: 0.4402, Adjusted R-squared: 0.368
     F-statistic: 6.095 on 8 and 62 DF, p-value: 8.892e-06
```

For the theory behind fixed effects, please see http://dss.princeton.edu/training/Panel101.pdf

Least squares dummy variable model

- > yhat <- fixed.dum\$fitted</pre>
- > library(car)
- > scatterplot(yhat~Panel\$x1|Panel\$country, boxplots=FALSE, xlab="x1", ylab="yhat", smooth=FALSE)
- > abline(lm(Panel\$y~Panel\$x1),lwd=3, col="red")



Comparing OLS vs LSDV model

Each component of the factor variable (country) is absorbing the effects particular to each country. Predictor x1 was not significant in the OLS model, once controlling for differences across countries, x1 became significant in the OLS_DUM (i.e. LSDV model).

```
> library(apsrtable)
> apsrtable(ols,fixed.dum, model.names = c("OLS", "OLS DUM"))
                                                                                            # Displays a table in Latex form
                                   \begin{table}[!ht]
                                   \caption{}
                                   \label{}
                                   \begin{tabular}{ 1 D{.}{.}{2}D{.}{.}{2} }
                                     & \multicolumn{ 1 \}{ c \}{ OLS \} & \multicolumn{ 1 \}{ c \}{ OLS DUM \} \\
                                   \hline
                                                                                           11
                                                     & OLS
                                                                         & OLS DUM
                                                                                           11
                                   (Intercept)
                                                     & 1524319070.05 ^* &
                                                                                           \\
                                                     & (621072623.86)
                                                                                                                   The coefficient of x1 indicates how
                                                     & 494988913.90
                                                                         & 2475617827.10 ^*\\
                                                                                                                   much Y changes overtime, controlling
                                                     & (778861260.95)
                                                                        & (1106675593.60) \\
                                                                                                                   by differences in countries, when X
                                   factor(country)A &
                                                                         & 880542403.99
                                                                                                                   increases by one unit. Notice x1 is
The coefficient of x1 indicates how
                                                                         & (961807052.24) \\
                                                                                                                   significant in the LSDV model
                                   factor(country)B &
                                                                         & -1057858363.16 \\
much Y changes when X increases by
                                                                         & (1051067684.19) \\
one unit. Notice x1 is not significant in
                                   factor(country)C &
                                                                         & -1722810754.55 \\
the OLS model
                                                                         & (1631513751.40) \\
                                                                         & 3162826897.32 ^*\\
                                   factor(country)D &
                                                                         & (909459149.66)
                                                                         & -602622000.33 \\
                                   factor(country)E &
                                                                         & (1064291684.41) \\
                                                                         & 2010731793.24
                                   factor(country)F &
                                                                        & (1122809097.35) \\
                                   factor(country)G &
                                                                         & -984717493.45
                                                                         & (1492723118.24) \\
                                    $N$
                                                      & 70
                                                                         & 70
                                                                                            11
                                   $R^2$
                                                                                           \\
                                                     & 0.01
                                                                         & 0.44
                                   adj. $R^2$
                                                     & -0.01
                                                                        & 0.37
                                                                                           11
                                                                                            \\ \hline
                                   Resid. sd
                                                     & 3028276248.26
                                                                         & 2795552570.60
                                    \multicolumn{3}{1}{\footnotesize{Standard errors in parentheses}}\\
                                   \multicolumn{3}{1}{\footnotesize{$^*$ indicates significance at $p< 0.05
                                   $}}
                                   \end{tabular}
                                    \end{table}
```

> cat(apsrtable(ols, fixed.dum, model.names = c("OLS", "OLS_DUM"), Sweave=F), file="ols_fixed1.txt")

```
Outcome
                                                              Fixed effects: n entity-specific intercepts (using plm)
                                          variable
     > library(plm)
     > fixed <- plm(y ~ x1, data=Panel, index=c("country", "year"), model="within")</pre>
     > summarv(fixed)
                                                                  Predictor
                                                                                                                     Fixed effects option
            Oneway (individual) effect Within Model
                                                                 variable(s)
                                                                                        Panel setting
            Call:
            plm(formula = y ~ x1, data = Panel, model = "within", index = c("country",
                 "year"))
                                                                       n = # of groups/panels. T = # years. N = total # of observations
            Balanced Panel: n=7, T=10, N=70
            Residuals:
                  Min. 1st Qu. Median
                                                     Mean
                                                             3rd Qu.
                                                                            Max.
The coeff of
            -8.63e+09 -9.70e+08 5.40e+08 1.81e-10 1.39e+09 5.61e+09
x1 indicates
                                                                                        Pr(>|t|)= Two-tail p-values test the hypothesis that each coefficient
how much Y
                                                                                        is different from 0. To reject this, the p-value has to be lower than
            Coefficients:
changes
                                                                                        0.05 (95%, you could choose also an alpha of 0.10), if this is the case
                  Estimate Std. Error t-value Pr(>|t|)
overtime, on
                                                                                        then you can say that the variable has a significant influence on
            x1 2475617827 1106675594
                                           2.237 0.02889 *
average per
                                                                                        your dependent variable (y)
country,
when X
            Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1
increases by
one unit.
            Total Sum of Squares:
                                       5.2364e+20
            Residual Sum of Squares: 4.8454e+20
                           : 0.074684
            R-Squared
                                                                                           If this number is < 0.05 then your model is ok. This is a test
                   Adj. R-Squared: 0.066148
                                                                                           (F) to see whether all the coefficients in the model are
            F-statistic: 5.00411 on 1 and 62 DF, p-value: 0.028892
                                                                                           different than zero.
     > fixef(fixed)
                            # Display the fixed effects (constants for each country)
                                      В
                                                    С
                                                                  D
               880542404 -1057858363 -1722810755 3162826897 -602622000 2010731793
              -984717493
     > pFtest(fixed, ols) # Testing for fixed effects, null: OLS better than fixed
                      F test for individual effects
                                                                                            If the p-value is < 0.05 then the fixed effects model is a
                                                                                            better choice
            data: v \sim x1
            F = 2.9655, df1 = 6, df2 = 62, p-value = 0.01307
                                                                                                                               12
            alternative hypothesis: significant effects
PU/DSS/OTR
```

RANDOM-EFFECTS MODEL

(Random Intercept, Partial Pooling Model)

```
Outcome
variable
```

Random effects using panel setting (same output as above)

random.set <- plm(y ~ x1, data = Panel.set, model="random")</pre>

Random effects (using plm)

```
> random <- plm(y ~ x1, data=Panel, index=c("country", "year"), model="random")
     > summary(random)
                    Oneway (individual) effect Random Effect Model
                                                                                                                         Random effects option
                        (Swamy-Arora's transformation)
                                                                                                 Panel setting
                                                                              Predictor
                                                                             variable(s)
                    Call:
                    plm(formula = y ~ x1, data = Panel, model = "random", index = c("country",
                         "vear"))
                                                                                    n = # of groups/panels, T = # years, N = total # of observations
                    Balanced Panel: n=7, T=10, N=70
                    Effects:
                                                    std.dev share
                                             var
                    idiosyncratic 7.815e+18 2.796e+09 0.873
                    individual
                                     1.133e+18 1.065e+09 0.127
                    theta: 0.3611
                    Residuals:
Interpretation of the
                          Min.
                                   1st Ou.
                                             Median
                                                               Mean
                                                                       3rd Ou.
                                                                                       Max.
coefficients is tricky
                    -8.94e+09 -1.51e+09 2.82e+08 5.29e-08 1.56e+09 6.63e+09
since they include both
the within-entity and
                                                                                            Pr(>|t|)= Two-tail p-values test the hypothesis that each coefficient
between-entity effects.
                    Coefficients:
                                                                                            is different from 0. To reject this, the p-value has to be lower than
In the case of TSCS data
                                     Estimate Std. Error t-value Pr(>|t|)
                                                                                            0.05 (95%, you could choose also an alpha of 0.10), if this is the case
represents the average
                    (Intercept) 1037014284 790626206 1.3116
                                                                          0.1941
                                                                                            then you can say that the variable has a significant influence on
effect of X over Y when
                                                                                            your dependent variable (y)
                                   1247001782 902145601 1.3823
                                                                          0.1714
X changes across time
and between countries
                    Total Sum of Squares:
                                                 5.6595e+20
by one unit.
                    Residual Sum of Squares: 5.5048e+20
                                                                                                 If this number is < 0.05 then your model is ok. This is a test
                    R-Squared
                                  : 0.02733
                                                                                                 (F) to see whether all the coefficients in the model are
                           Adj. R-Squared: 0.026549
                                                                                                 different than zero.
                    F-statistic: 1.91065 on 1 and 68 DF, p-value: 0.17141
     # Setting as panel data (an alternative way to run the above model
     Panel.set <- plm.data(Panel, index = c("country", "year"))</pre>
```

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summary(random.set)

FIXED OR RANDOM?

To decide between fixed or random effects you can run a Hausman test where the null hypothesis is that the preferred model is random effects vs. the alternative the fixed effects (see Green, 2008, chapter 9). It basically tests whether the unique errors (u_i) are correlated with the regressors, the null hypothesis is they are not.

Run a fixed effects model and save the estimates, then run a random model and save the estimates, then perform the test. If the p-value is significant (for example <0.05) then use fixed effects, if not use random effects.

```
> phtest(fixed, random)

Hausman Test

data: y ~ x1
    chisq = 3.674, df = 1, p-value = 0.05527
    alternative hypothesis: one model is inconsistent
If this number is < 0.05 then use fixed effects
```

OTHER TESTS/ DIAGNOSTICS

Testing for time-fixed effects

```
> librarv(plm)
> fixed <- plm(y ~ x1, data=Panel, index=c("country", "year"),</pre>
model="within")
> fixed.time <- plm(y ~ x1 + factor(year), data=Panel, index=c("country",</pre>
"year"), model="within")
> summary(fixed.time)
Oneway (individual) effect Within Model
Call:
plm(formula = y ~ x1 + factor(year), data = Panel, model = "within",
   index = c("country", "vear"))
Balanced Panel: n=7, T=10, N=70
Residuals:
    Min. 1st Qu. Median
                                 Mean 3rd Qu.
-7.92e+09 -1.05e+09 -1.40e+08 1.48e-07 1.63e+09 5.49e+09
Coefficients:
                  Estimate Std. Error t-value Pr(>|t|)
                1389050354 1319849567 1.0524 0.29738
x1
factor(year)1991 296381559 1503368528 0.1971 0.84447
factor(year)1992 145369666 1547226548 0.0940 0.92550
factor(year)1993 2874386795 1503862554 1.9113 0.06138 .
factor(year)1994 2848156288 1661498927 1.7142 0.09233 .
factor(year)1995 973941306 1567245748 0.6214 0.53698
factor(year)1996 1672812557 1631539254 1.0253 0.30988
factor(year)1997 2991770063 1627062032 1.8388 0.07156 .
factor(year)1998 367463593 1587924445 0.2314 0.81789
factor(vear)1999 1258751933 1512397632 0.8323 0.40898
Signif. codes: 0 \***' 0.001 \**' 0.01 \*' 0.05 \'.' 0.1 \' 1
Total Sum of Squares:
                       5.2364e+20
Residual Sum of Squares: 4.0201e+20
R-Squared
            : 0.23229
     Adj. R-Squared: 0.17588
F-statistic: 1.60365 on 10 and 53 DF, p-value: 0.13113
```

```
> # Testing time-fixed effects. The null is that no time-fixed
effects needed
                                               If this number is < 0.05 then
> pFtest(fixed.time, fixed)
                                               use time-fixed effects. In this
                                               example, no need to use
        F test for individual effects
                                               time-fixed effects.
data: v \sim x1 + factor(year)
F = 1.209, df1 = 9, df2 = 53, p-value = 0.3094
alternative hypothesis: significant effects
> plmtest(fixed, c("time"), type=("bp"))
        Lagrange Multiplier Test - time effects (Breusch-Pagan)
data: y \sim x1
chisq = 0.1653, df = 1, p-value = 0.6843
alternative hypothesis: significant effects
```

Testing for random effects: Breusch-Pagan Lagrange multiplier (LM)

```
> # Regular OLS (pooling model) using plm
> pool <- plm(y ~ x1, data=Panel, index=c("country", "year"), model="pooling")</pre>
> summary(pool)
      Oneway (individual) effect Pooling Model
      Call:
      plm(formula = y ~ x1, data = Panel, model = "pooling", index = c("country",
          "vear"))
      Balanced Panel: n=7, T=10, N=70
      Residuals :
           Min. 1st Qu.
                          Median
                                        Mean 3rd Qu.
                                                           Max.
      -9.55e+09 -1.58e+09 1.55e+08 1.77e-08 1.42e+09 7.18e+09
      Coefficients:
                    Estimate Std. Error t-value Pr(>|t|)
      (Intercept) 1524319070 621072624 2.4543 0.01668 *
                   494988914 778861261 0.6355 0.52722
      \times 1
      Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
                              6.2729e+20
      Total Sum of Squares:
      Residual Sum of Squares: 6.2359e+20
      R-Squared
                 : 0.0059046
            Adj. R-Squared: 0.0057359
      F-statistic: 0.403897 on 1 and 68 DF, p-value: 0.52722
> # Breusch-Pagan Lagrange Multiplier for random effects. Null is no panel effect (i.e. OLS better).
```

The LM test helps you decide between a random effects regression and a simple OLS regression.

The null hypothesis in the LM test is that variances across entities is zero. This is, no significant difference across units (i.e. no panel effect). (http://dss.princeton.edu/training/Panel101.pdf)

```
> plmtest(pool, type=c("bp"))
              Lagrange Multiplier Test - (Breusch-Pagan)
      data: y \sim x1
      chisq = 2.6692, df = 1, p-value = 0.1023
      alternative hypothesis: significant effects
```

Here we failed to reject the null and conclude that random effects is not appropriate. This is, no evidence of significant differences across countries, therefore you can run a simple OLS regression.

Testing for cross-sectional dependence/contemporaneous correlation: using Breusch-Pagan LM test of independence and Pasaran CD test

According to Baltagi, cross-sectional dependence is a problem in macro panels with long time series. This is not much of a problem in micro panels (few years and large number of cases).

The null hypothesis in the B-P/LM and Pasaran CD tests of independence is that residuals across entities are not correlated. B-P/LM and Pasaran CD (cross-sectional dependence) tests are used to test whether the residuals are correlated across entities*. Cross-sectional dependence can lead to bias in tests results (also called contemporaneous correlation).

Testing for serial correlation

Serial correlation tests apply to macro panels with long time series. Not a problem in micro panels (with very few years). The null is that there is not serial correlation.

Testing for unit roots/stationarity

The Dickey-Fuller test to check for stochastic trends. The null hypothesis is that the series has a unit root (i.e. non-stationary). If unit root is present you can take the first difference of the variable.

```
> Panel.set <- plm.data(Panel, index = c("country", "year"))
> library(tseries)
> adf.test(Panel.set$y, k=2)
         Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test

data: Panel.set$y
Dickey-Fuller = -3.9051, Lag order = 2, p-value = 0.01910
alternative hypothesis: stationary
Ifp-value < 0.05 then no unit roots present.</pre>
```

Testing for heteroskedasticity

The null hypothesis for the Breusch-Pagan test is homoskedasticity.

If hetersokedaticity is detected you can use robust covariance matrix to account for it. See the following pages.

Controlling for heteroskedasticity: Robust covariance matrix estimation (Sandwich estimator)

The --vcovHC- function estimates three heteroskedasticity-consistent covariance estimators:

- "whitel" for general heteroskedasticity but no serial correlation. Recommended for random effects.
- "white2" is "white1" restricted to a common variance within groups. Recommended for random effects.
- "arellano" both heteroskedasticity and serial correlation. Recommended for fixed effects.

The following options apply*:

- HCO heteroskedasticity consistent. The default.
- HC1, HC2, HC3 Recommended for small samples. HC3 gives less weight to influential observations.
- HC4 small samples with influential observations
- HAC heteroskedasticity and autocorrelation consistent (type ?vcovHAC for more details)

See the following pages for examples

For more details see:

- http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/plm/vignettes/plm.pdf
- http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/sandwich/vignettes/sandwich.pdf (see page 4)
- Stock and Watson 2006.
- *Kleiber and Zeileis, 2008.

Controlling for heteroskedasticity: Random effects

```
> random <- plm(y ~ x1, data=Panel, index=c("country", "year"), model="random")</pre>
> coeftest(random)
                        # Original coefficients
t test of coefficients:
             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 1037014284 790626206 1.3116 0.1941
x1
           1247001782 902145601 1.3823 0.1714
> coeftest(random, vcovHC) # Heteroskedasticity consistent coefficients
t test of coefficients:
             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 1037014284 907983029 1.1421 0.2574
           1247001782 828970247 1.5043 0.1371
x1
> coeftest(random, vcovHC(random, type = "HC3")) # Heteroskedasticity consistent coefficients, type 3
t test of coefficients:
             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 1037014284 943438284 1.0992
                                           0.2756
           1247001782 867137585 1.4381 0.1550
> # The following shows the HC standard errors of the coefficients
> t(sapply(c("HC0", "HC1", "HC2", "HC3", "HC4"), function(x) sqrt(diag(vcovHC(random, type = x)))))
              (Intercept)
          HC0 907983029 828970247
          HC1 921238957 841072643
          HC2
              925403820 847733474
                                                      Standard errors given different types of HC.
          HC3 943438284 867137584
          HC4
               941376033 866024033
                                                                                               25
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> fixed <- plm(y ~ x1, data=Panel, index=c("country", "year"), model="within")</pre>
> coeftest(fixed)
                       # Original coefficients
                                                                           Controlling for heteroskedasticity:
t test of coefficients:
                                                                                                      Fixed effects
     Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
x1 2475617827 1106675594 2.237 0.02889 *
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 '' 1
> coeftest(fixed, vcovHC) # Heteroskedasticity consistent coefficients
t test of coefficients:
     Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
x1 2475617827 1358388942 1.8225 0.07321 .
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
> coeftest(fixed, vcovHC(fixed, method = "arellano")) # Heteroskedasticity consistent coefficients (Arellano)
t test of coefficients:
     Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
x1 2475617827 1358388942 1.8225 0.07321 .
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 '' 1
> coeftest(fixed, vcovHC(fixed, type = "HC3")) # Heteroskedasticity consistent coefficients, type 3
t test of coefficients:
     Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
x1 2475617827 1439083523 1.7203 0.09037 .
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 '' 1
> # The following shows the HC standard errors of the coefficients
> t(sapply(c("HC0", "HC1", "HC2", "HC3", "HC4"), function(x) sqrt(diag(vcovHC(fixed, type = x)))))
         HC0.x1
                    HC1.x1
                               HC2.x1
                                          HC3.x1
                                                      HC4.x1
[1,] 1358388942 1368196931 1397037369 1439083523 1522166034
                                                                               Standard errors given different types of HC.
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- DSS R http://dss.princeton.edu/online help/stats packages/r
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