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Local Projection Impulse Response Functions

Description

lpirfs provides functions to estimate and plot linear as well as nonlinear impulse responses based on local projections by Jordà (2005) <doi:10.1257/0002828053828518>. Nonlinear impulse responses are estimated for two regimes which can be separated by a smooth transition function as applied in Auerbach and Gorodnichenko (2012) <doi:10.1257/pol.4.2.1>, or by a simple dummy approach.

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ag_data

Data to estimate fiscal multipliers

Description

A tibble, containing data to estimate fiscal multipliers. This data was originally used by Auerbach and Gorodnichenko (2012). Sarah and Zubairy (2018) use this data to re-evaluate their results with local projections.

Usage

ag_data

Format

A tibble with 248 quarterly observations (rows) and 7 variables (columns):

Year Year of observation.

Quarter Quarter of observation.

Gov Logs of real government (federal, state, and local) purchases (consumption and investment).

Tax Logs of real government receipts of direct and indirect taxes net of transfers to businesses and individuals.

GDP Logs of real gross domestic product.

GDP_MA 7-quarter moving average growth rate of GDP.

Gov_shock_mean Identified government spending shock. For details see Supplementary Appendix of Ramey and Zubairy (2018).

Sample: 1948:IV - 2008:IV

Source

https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/10.1086/696277

References

Auerbach, A. J., and Gorodnichenko Y. (2012). "Measuring the Output Responses to Fiscal Policy." *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 4 (2): 1-27.

Jordà, Ò. (2005) "Estimation and Inference of Impulse Responses by Local Projections." *American Economic Review*, 95 (1): 161-182.

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hp_filter

get_robust_cov_panel Function to get robust covariance matrix for panel data

Description

Function to get robust covariance matrix for panel data

Usage

```
get_robust_cov_panel(panel_results, specs)
```

Arguments

panel_results Plm object from estimation specs List with specifications

Value

Object with robust covariance matrix

hp_filter

Decompose a times series via the Hodrick-Prescott filter

Description

Estimate cyclical and trend component with filter by Hodrick and Prescott (1997). The function is based on the function *hpfilter* from the archived *mFilter*-package.

Usage

```
hp_filter(x, lambda)
```

Arguments

X One column matrix with numeric values.

lambda Numeric value.

Value

A list. The first element contains the cyclical component and the second element the trend component.

Author(s)

Philipp Adämmer

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References

Hodrick, R.J., and Prescott, E. C. (1997). "Postwar U.S. Business Cycles: An Empirical Investigation." *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking*, 29(1), 1-16.

Ravn, M.O., Uhlig, H. (2002). "On Adjusting the Hodrick-Prescott Filter for the Frequency of Observations." *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 84(2), 371-376.

Examples

```
library(lpirfs)
# Decompose the Federal Funds Rate
            <- as.matrix(interest_rules_var_data$FF)</pre>
hp_results <- hp_filter(data_set, 1600)</pre>
# Extract results and save as data.frame
hp_cyc <- as.data.frame(hp_results[[1]])</pre>
hp_trend <- as.data.frame(hp_results[[2]])</pre>
# Make data.frames for plots
          cyc_df
                          as.Date('2003-01-01') , "quarter"))
trend_df < - data.frame(yy = hp_trend$V1, xx = seq(as.Date('1955-01-01'),
                          as.Date('2003-01-01') , "quarter"))
# Make plots
library(ggplot2)
# Plot cyclical part
ggplot(data = cyc_df) +
geom\_line(aes(y = yy, x = xx))
# Plot trend component
ggplot(trend_df) +
geom\_line(aes(y = yy, x = xx))
```

interest_rules_var_data

Data to estimate the effects of interest rate rules for monetary policy

Description

A tibble, containing data to estimate the effects of interest rate rules for monetary policy. The data are used by Jordà (2005).

Usage

```
interest_rules_var_data
```

Format

A tibble with 193 quarterly observations (rows) and 3 variables (columns):

GDP_gap Percentage difference between real GDP and potential GDP (Congressional Budget Office).

Infl Inflation: Percentage change in the GDP, chain weighted price index at annual rate.

FF Federal funds rate: quarterly average of daily rates.

```
Sample: 1955:I - 2003:I
```

Source

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https://www.aeaweb.org/articles?id=10.1257/0002828053828518
```

References

Jordà, Ò. (2005) "Estimation and Inference of Impulse Responses by Local Projections." *American Economic Review*, 95 (1): 161-182.

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lpirfs_obj-methods-base
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Base methods for lpirfs_obj objects

Description

Base methods for lpirfs_obj objects

lp_lin

Compute linear impulse responses

Description

Compute linear impulse responses with local projections by Jordà (2005).

Usage

```
lp_lin(endog_data, lags_endog_lin = NULL, lags_criterion = NaN,
    max_lags = NaN, trend = NULL, shock_type = NULL, confint = NULL,
    use_nw = TRUE, nw_lag = NULL, nw_prewhite = FALSE,
    adjust_se = FALSE, hor = NULL, exog_data = NULL,
    lags_exog = NULL, contemp_data = NULL, num_cores = 1)
```

Arguments

endog_data A data.frame, containing the endogenous variables for the VAR. The Cholesky decomposition is based on the column order.

lags_endog_lin NaN or integer. NaN if lag length criterion is used. Integer for number of lags

for endog_data.

lags_criterion NaN or character. NaN (default) means that the number of lags has to be given at

lags_endog_lin. The character specifies the lag length criterion ('AICc', 'AIC'

or 'BIC').

max_lags NaN or integer. Maximum number of lags if *lags_criterion* is given. NaN (de-

fault) otherwise.

trend Integer. No trend = 0, include trend = 1, include trend and quadratic trend = 2.

shock_type Integer. Standard deviation shock = 0, unit shock = 1.

confint Double. Width of confidence bands. 68% = 1; 90% = 1.65; 95% = 1.96.

use_nw Boolean. Use Newey-West (1987) standard errors for impulse responses? TRUE

(default) or FALSE.

nw_lag Integer. Specifies the maximum lag with positive weight for the Newey-West

estimator. If set to NULL (default), the lag increases with with the number of

horizon.

nw_prewhite Boolean. Should the estimators be pre-whitened? TRUE or FALSE (default).

adjust_se Boolen. Should a finite sample adjustment be made to the covariance matrix

estimators? TRUE or FALSE (default).

hor Integer. Number of horizons for impulse responses.

exog_data A data.frame, containing exogenous variables for the VAR. The row length has

to be the same as endog_data. Lag lengths for exogenous variables have to be

given and will no be determined via a lag length criterion.

lags_exog Integer. Number of lags for the exogenous variables.

contemp_data A data.frame, containing exogenous data with contemporaneous impact. The

row length has to be the same as *endog_data*.

num_cores NULL or Integer. The number of cores to use for the estimation. If NULL, the

function will use the maximum number of cores minus one.

Value

A list containing:

irf_lin_mean

A three 3D array, containing all impulse responses for all endogenous variables. The last dimension denotes the shock variable. The row in each matrix gives the responses of the *ith* variable, ordered as in endog_data. The columns denote the horizons. For example, if *results_lin* contains the list with results, results_lin\$irf_lin_mean[, , 1] returns a KXH matrix, where K is the number of variables and H the number of horizons. '1' is the shock variable, corresponding to the first variable in *endog_data*.

irf_lin_low A three 3D array containing all lower confidence bands of the responses, based on robust standard errors by Newey and West (1987). Properties are equal to

irf_lin_mean.

irf_lin_up A three 3D array containing all upper confidence bands of the responses, based

on robust standard errors by Newey and West (1987). Properties are equal to

 $irf_lin_mean.$

diagnostic_list

A list OLS diagnostics. To see everything you can simply use summary() or results\$diagnostic_list. The first entry the shock variable. The rows of each shown matrix then denotes the endogenous variable that reacts to the shock.

specs A list with properties of *endog_data* for the plot function. It also contains lagged

data (y_lin and x_lin) used for the irf estimations, and the selected lag lengths

when an information criterion has been used.

Author(s)

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Hurvich, C. M., and Tsai, C.-L. (1989), "Regression and time series model selection in small samples", *Biometrika*, 76(2): 297–307

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Schwarz, Gideon E. (1978). "Estimating the dimension of a model", *Annals of Statistics*, 6 (2): 461–464.

See Also

https://adaemmerp.github.io/lpirfs/README_docs.html

Examples

```
## Example without exogenous variables
```

```
# Load package
  library(lpirfs)
```

- # Load (endogenous) data
 endog_data <- interest_rules_var_data</pre>
- # Estimate linear model
 results_lin <- lp_lin(endog_data,</pre>

Show all impulse responses

```
lags_endog_lin = 4,
                                                                        trend = 0,
                                                                        shock_type = 1,
                                                                        confint = 1.96,
                                                                       hor
                                                                                                            = 12)
# Show all impule responses
# Compare with Figure 5 in Jordà (2005)
 plot(results_lin)
# Make individual plots
 linear_plots <- plot_lin(results_lin)</pre>
# Show single plots
  # * The first element of 'linear_plots' shows the response of the first
  # variable (GDP_gap) to a shock in the first variable (GDP_gap).
  \# * The second element of 'linear_plots' shows the response of the first
  # variable (GDP_gap) to a shock in the second variable (inflation).
  # * ...
    linear_plots[[1]]
    linear_plots[[2]]
# Show diagnostics. The first element correponds to the first shock variable.
  summary(results_lin)
                                                      ## Example with exogenous variables ##
# Load (endogenous) data
 endog_data <- interest_rules_var_data</pre>
# Create exogenous data and data with contemporaneous impact (for illustration purposes only)
\verb|exog_data| <- \verb|endog_data| $GDP_gap*endog_data$ Infl*endog_data$ FF + rnorm(dim(endog_data)[1]) |
\verb|contemp_data| <- \verb|endog_data$GPP_gap*endog_data$Infl*endog_data$FF + \verb|rnorm(dim(endog_data)[1]|| <- \verb|endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$Infl*endog_data$FF + \verb|rnorm(dim(endog_data)[1]|| <- \verb|endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$Infl*endog_data$FF + \verb|rnorm(dim(endog_data)[1]|| <- \verb|endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$Infl*endog_data$FF + \verb|rnorm(dim(endog_data)[1]|| <- \verb|endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$FF + \verb|endog_data][1]|| <- \verb|endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data$GP_gap*endog_data
# Exogenous data has to be a data.frame
 exog_data <- data.frame(xx = exog_data )</pre>
 contemp_data <- data.frame(cc = contemp_data)</pre>
# Estimate linear model
    results_lin <- lp_lin(endog_data,</pre>
                                                                             lags\_endog\_lin = 4,
                                                                             trend
                                                                                                         = 0,
                                                                             shock_type
                                                                                                                 = 1,
                                                                             confint
                                                                                                            = 1.96,
                                                                                                                 = 12,
                                                                             exog_data
                                                                                                                 = exog_data,
                                                                                                                 = 4,
                                                                             lags_exog
                                                                             contemp_data = contemp_data)
```

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```
plot(results_lin)
# Show diagnostics. The first element correponds to the first shock variable.
summary(results_lin)
```

lp_lin_iv	Compute linear impulse responses with identified shock and/or with 2SLS

Description

Compute linear impulse responses with identified shock and/or with 2SLS.

Usage

```
lp_lin_iv(endog_data, shock = NULL, instr = NULL, use_twosls = FALSE,
instrum = NULL, lags_endog_lin = NULL, exog_data = NULL,
lags_exog = NULL, contemp_data = NULL, lags_criterion = NaN,
max_lags = NaN, trend = NULL, confint = NULL, use_nw = TRUE,
nw_lag = NULL, nw_prewhite = FALSE, adjust_se = FALSE,
hor = NULL, num_cores = 1)
```

endog_data	A data.frame, containing the values of the dependent variable(s).
shock	A one column data.frame, including the variable to shock with. The row length has to be the same as $endog_data$. When $use_twosls = TRUE$, this variable will be approximated/regressed on the instrument variable(s) given in $instrum$.
instr	Deprecated input name. Use <i>shock</i> instead. See <i>shock</i> for details.
use_twosls	Boolean. Use two stage least squares? TRUE or FALSE (default).
instrum	A data.frame, containing the instrument(s) to use for 2SLS. This instrument will be used for the variable in <i>shock</i> .
lags_endog_lin	NaN or integer. NaN if lags are chosen by a lag length criterion. Integer for number of lags for <i>endog_data</i> .
exog_data	A data.frame, containing exogenous variables. The row length has to be the same as <i>endog_data</i> . Lag lengths for exogenous variables have to be given and will no be determined via a lag length criterion.
lags_exog	NULL or Integer. Integer for the number of lags for the exogenous data.
contemp_data	A data.frame, containing exogenous data with contemporaneous impact. The row length has to be the same as <i>endog_data</i> .
lags_criterion	NaN or character. NaN means that the number of lags will be given at <code>lags_endog_lin</code> . Possible lag length criteria are 'AICc', 'AIC' or 'BIC'. Note that when <code>use_twosls</code> = <code>TRUE</code> , the lag lengths are chosen based on normal OLS regressions, without using the instruments.

max_lags	NaN or integer. Maximum number of lags if <i>lags_criterion</i> is a character denoting the lag length criterion. NaN otherwise.
trend	Integer. No trend = 0 , include trend = 1 , include trend and quadratic trend = 2 .
confint	Double. Width of confidence bands. $68\% = 1$; $90\% = 1.65$; $95\% = 1.96$.
use_nw	Boolean. Use Newey-West (1987) standard errors for impulse responses? TRUE (default) or FALSE.
nw_lag	Integer. Specifies the maximum lag with positive weight for the Newey-West estimator. If set to NULL (default), the lag increases with with the number of horizon.
nw_prewhite	Boolean. Should the estimators be pre-whitened? TRUE of FALSE (default).
adjust_se	Boolen. Should a finite sample adjustment be made to the covariance matrix estimators? TRUE or FALSE (default).
hor	Integer. Number of horizons for impulse responses.
num_cores	NULL or Integer. The number of cores to use for the estimation. If NULL, the function will use the maximum number of cores minus one.

Value

A list containing:

irf_lin_mean	A matrix, containing the impulse responses. The row in each matrix denotes the response of the <i>ith</i> variable to the shock. The columns are the horizons.
irf_lin_low	A matrix, containing all lower confidence bands of the impulse responses, based on robust standard errors by Newey and West (1987). Properties are equal to <i>irf_lin_mean</i> .
irf_lin_up	A matrix, containing all upper confidence bands of the impulse responses, based on robust standard errors by Newey and West (1987). Properties are equal to <i>irf_lin_mean</i> .
specs	A list with properties of <i>endog_data</i> for the plot function. It also contains lagged data (y_lin and x_lin) used for the estimations of the impulse responses, and the selected lag lengths when an information criterion has been used.

Author(s)

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Jordà, Ò. (2005). "Estimation and Inference of Impulse Responses by Local Projections." *American Economic Review*, 95 (1): 161-182.

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Schwarz, Gideon E. (1978). "Estimating the dimension of a model", *Annals of Statistics*, 6 (2): 461–464.

See Also

https://adaemmerp.github.io/lpirfs/README_docs.html

Examples

```
# This example replicates a result from the Supplementary Appendix
# by Ramey and Zubairy (2018) (RZ-18)
# Load data
ag_data
              <- ag_data
sample_start <- 7</pre>
              <- dim(ag_data)[1]
sample_end
# Endogenous data
endog_data
               <- ag_data[sample_start:sample_end,3:5]</pre>
# Variable to shock with. Here government spending due to
# Blanchard and Perotti (2002) framework
shock
               <- ag_data[sample_start:sample_end, 3]</pre>
# Estimate linear model
results_lin_iv <- lp_lin_iv(endog_data,</pre>
                               lags_endog_lin = 4,
                                        = shock,
                               shock
                               trend
                                              = 0,
                                             = 1.96,
                               confint
                                               = 20)
                               hor
# Show all impulse responses
plot(results_lin_iv)
# Make and save plots
iv_lin_plots <- plot_lin(results_lin_iv)</pre>
```

* The first element of 'iv_lin_plots' shows the response of the first

```
# variable (Gov) to the shock (Gov).
\# * The second element of 'iv_lin_plots' shows the response of the second
# variable (Tax) to the shock (Gov).
# * ...
# This plot replicates the left plot in the mid-panel of Figure 12 in the
# Supplementary Appendix by RZ-18.
iv_lin_plots[[1]]
# Show diagnostics. The first element shows the reaction of the first given endogenous variable.
summary(results_lin_iv)
## Add lags of the identified shock ##
# Endogenous data but now exclude government spending
endog_data
             <- ag_data[sample_start:sample_end, 4:5]</pre>
# Variable to shock with (government spending)
             <- ag_data[sample_start:sample_end, 3]</pre>
shock
# Add the shock variable to exogenous data
             <- shock
exog_data
# Estimate linear model with lagged shock variable
results_lin_iv <- lp_lin_iv(endog_data,</pre>
                            lags_endog_lin = 4,
                            shock
                                        = shock,
                            exog_data
                                         = exog_data,
                            lags_exog
                                         = 2,
                            trend
                                         = 0,
                            confint
                                         = 1.96,
                                         = 20)
                            hor
# Show all responses
plot(results_lin_iv)
# Show diagnostics. The first element shows the reaction of the first endogenous variable.
summary(results_lin_iv)
#####
                          Use 2SLS
                                                              #########
# Set seed
set.seed(007)
# Load data
ag_data
             <- ag_data
```

```
sample_start <- 7</pre>
               <- dim(ag_data)[1]
sample_end
# Endogenous data
endog_data
               <- ag_data[sample_start:sample_end,3:5]</pre>
# Variable to shock with (government spending)
               <- ag_data[sample_start:sample_end, 3]</pre>
# Generate instrument variable that is correlated with government spending
               <- as.data.frame(0.9*shock$Gov + rnorm(length(shock$Gov), 0, 0.02) )</pre>
instrum
# Estimate linear model via 2SLS
results_lin_iv <- lp_lin_iv(endog_data,</pre>
                             lags_endog_lin = 4,
                             shock
                                            = shock,
                             instrum
                                             = instrum,
                             use_twosls
                                            = TRUE,
                             trend
                                             = 0,
                             confint
                                             = 1.96,
                                             = 20)
                             hor
# Show all responses
plot(results_lin_iv)
```

lp_lin_panel

Compute linear impulse responses with local projections for panel data

Description

This function estimates impulse responses with local projections for panel data, either with an identified shock or by an instrument variable approach.

Usage

```
lp_lin_panel(data_set = NULL, data_sample = "Full",
  endog_data = NULL, cumul_mult = TRUE, shock = NULL,
  diff_shock = TRUE, iv_reg = FALSE, instrum = NULL,
  panel_model = "within", panel_effect = "individual",
  robust_cov = NULL, robust_method = NULL, robust_type = NULL,
  robust_cluster = NULL, robust_maxlag = NULL, use_gmm = FALSE,
  gmm_model = "onestep", gmm_effect = "twoways",
  gmm_transformation = "d", c_exog_data = NULL, l_exog_data = NULL,
  lags_exog_data = NaN, c_fd_exog_data = NULL, l_fd_exog_data = NULL,
  lags_fd_exog_data = NaN, confint = NULL, hor = NULL)
```

Arguments

data_set A data.frame, containing the panel data set. The first column has to be the

variable denoting the cross section. The second column has to be the variable

denoting the time section.

data_sample Character or numeric. To use the full sample set value to "Full" (default). To

estimate a subset, you have to provide a sequence of dates. This sequence has to

be in the same format as the second column (time-section).

endog_data Character. The column name of the endogenous variable. You can only provide

one endogenous variable at a time.

cumul_mult Boolean. Estimate cumulative multipliers? TRUE (default) or FALSE. If TRUE,

cumulative responses are estimated via:

$$y_{\ell}(t+h) - y_{\ell}(t-1),$$

where h = 0,..., H-1.

shock Character. The column name of the variable to shock with.

diff_shock Boolean. Take first differences of the shock variable? TRUE (default) or FALSE.

iv_reg Boolean. Use instrument variable approach? TRUE or FALSE.

instrum NULL or Character. The name(s) of the instrument variable(s) if iv_reg =

TRUE.

panel_model Character. Type of panel model. The default is "within" (fixed effects). Other

options are "random", "ht", "between", "pooling" or "fd". See vignette of the

plm package for details.

panel_effect Character. The effects introduced in the model. Options are "individual" (de-

fault), "time", "twoways", or "nested". See the vignette of the plm-package for

details.

robust_cov NULL or Character. The character specifies the method how to estimate ro-

bust standard errors: Options are "vcovBK", "vcovDC", "vcovG", "vcovHC", "vcovNW", "vcovSCC". For these options see vignette of plm package. Another option is "Vcxt". For details see Miller (2017) If "use_gmm = TRUE",

this option has to be NULL.

robust_method NULL (default) or Character. The character is an option when robust_cov =

"vcovHC". See vignette of the plm package for details.

robust_type NULL (default) or Character. The character is an option when robust_cov =

"vcovBK", "vcovDC", "vcovHC", "vcovNW" or "vcovSCC". See vignette of

the plm package for details.

robust_cluster NULL (default) or Character. The character is an option when robust_cov =

"vcovBK", "vcovG" or "vcovHC". See vignette of the plm package for details.

robust_maxlag NULL (default) or Character. The character is an option when robust_cov =

"vcovNW" or "vcovSCC". See vignette of the plm package for details.

use_gmm Boolean. Use GMM for estimation? TRUE or FALSE (default). See vignette

of plm package for details. If TRUE, the option "robust_cov" has to be set to

NULL.

gmm_model Character. Either "onestep" (default) or "twosteps". See vignette of the plm package for details.

gmm_effect Character. The effects introduced in the model: "twoways" (default) or "indi-

vidual". See vignette of the plm-package for details.

gmm_transformation

Character. Either "d" (default) for the "difference GMM" model or "ld" for the "system GMM". See vignette of the plm package for details.

ous impact.

lags_exog_data Integer. Lag length for the exogenous variable(s) with lagged impact.

c_fd_exog_data NULL or Character. Name(s) of the exogenous variable(s) with contemporane-

ous impact of first differences.

1_fd_exog_data NULL or Character. Name(s) of exogenous variable(s) with lagged impact of

first differences.

lags_fd_exog_data

NaN or Integer. Number of lags for variable(s) with impact of first differences.

confint Double. Width of confidence bands. 68% = 1;90% = 1.65;95% = 1.96.

hor Integer. Number of horizons for impulse responses.

Value

A list containing:

irf_lin_mean A matrix, containing the impulse responses. The columns are the horizons.

irf_lin_low A matrix, containing all lower confidence bands. The columns are the horizons.

A matrix, containing all upper confidence bands. The columns are the horizons.

reg_summaries Regression output for each horizon.

xy_data_sets Data sets with endogenous and exogenous variables for each horizon.

specs A list with data properties for e.g. the plot function.

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Examples

```
# This example is based on the STATA code 'LPs_basic_doall.do', provided on
# Òscar Jordà's website (https://sites.google.com/site/oscarjorda/home/local-projections)
# It estimates impulse reponses of the ratio of (mortgage lending/GDP) to a
# +1% change in the short term interest rate
# Load libraries to download and read excel file from the website
library(lpirfs)
library(httr)
library(readxl)
library(dplyr)
# Retrieve the JST Macrohistory Database
url_jst <-"http://www.macrohistory.net/JST/JSTdatasetR3.xlsx"</pre>
 GET(url_jst, write_disk(jst_link <- tempfile(fileext = ".xlsx")))</pre>
 jst_data <- read_excel(jst_link, 2L)</pre>
# Swap the first two columns so that 'country' is the first (cross section) and 'year' the
# second (time section) column
 jst_data <- jst_data</pre>
             dplyr::filter(year <= 2013) %>%
             dplyr::select(country, year, everything())
# Prepare variables. This is based on the 'data.do' file
 data_set <- jst_data %>%
                                                               %>%
              mutate(stir
                              = stir)
              mutate(mortgdp = 100*(tmort/gdp))
                                                               %>%
              mutate(hpreal = hpnom/cpi)
                                                               %>%
                                                               %>%
               group_by(country)
              mutate(hpreal = hpreal/hpreal[year==1990][1]) %>%
              mutate(lhpreal = log(hpreal))
                               = lhpreal - log(rgdppc))
               mutate(lhpv
               mutate(lhpv
                              = lhpy - lhpy[year == 1990][1]) %>%
               mutate(lhpreal = 100*lhpreal)
                                                               %>%
               mutate(lhpy
                              = 100*lhpy)
                                                               %>%
               ungroup()
                                                               %>%
               mutate(lrgdp = 100*log(rgdppc))
                                                               %>%
              mutate(lcpi
                              = 100*log(cpi))
                                                            %>%
                              = 100*log(iy*rgdppc))
              mutate(lriy
                                                               %>%
              mutate(cay
                               = 100*(ca/gdp))
                                                               %>%
               mutate(tnmort = tloans - tmort)
                                                               %>%
               mutate(nmortgdp = 100*(tnmort/gdp))
                                                               %>%
               dplyr::select(country, year, mortgdp, stir, ltrate,
                             lhpy, lrgdp, lcpi, lriy, cay, nmortgdp)
```

Use data from 1870 to 2013 and exclude observations during WWI and WWII data_sample <- seq(1870, 2013)[!(seq(1870, 2016) %in%

c(seq(1914, 1918), seq(1939, 1947)))] # Estimate panel model results_panel <- lp_lin_panel(data_set</pre> = data_set, data_sample = data_sample, endog_data = "mortgdp", cumul_mult = TRUE, = "stir", shock diff_shock = TRUE, panel_model = "within", = "individual", panel_effect = "vcovSCC", robust_cov c_exog_data = "cay", l_exog_data = "cay", lags_exog_data = 2, c_fd_exog_data = colnames(data_set)[c(seq(4,9),11)], $l_fd_exog_data = colnames(data_set)[c(seq(3,9),11)],$ lags_fd_exog_data = 2, = 1.67,confint hor = 5) # Plot irfs plot(results_panel) # Simulate and add instrument to data_set set.seed(123) data_set <- data_set %>% group_by(country) %>% mutate(instrument = 0.8*stir + rnorm(length(stir), 0, sd(na.omit(stir))/10)) %>% ungroup() # Estimate panel model with iv approach results_panel <- lp_lin_panel(data_set = data_set, data_sample = data_sample, = "mortgdp", endog_data cumul_mult = TRUE, shock = "stir", = TRUE, diff_shock iv_reg = TRUE, = "instrument", instrum panel_model = "within", panel_effect = "individual", = "vcovSCC", robust_cov

c_exog_data

l_exog_data

lags_exog_data

= "cay", = "cay",

= 2,

```
c_fd_exog_data = colnames(data_set)[c(seq(4,9),11)],
                          1_fd_exog_data = colnames(data_set)[c(seq(3,9),11)],
                          lags_fd_exog_data = 2,
                          confint
                                         = 1.67,
                          hor
                                         = 5)
# Create and plot irfs
plot(results_panel)
###
                         Use GMM
                                                                ###
# Use a much smaller sample to have fewer T than N
data_sample <- seq(2000, 2012)</pre>
# Estimate panel model with gmm
# This example gives a warning at each iteration. The data set is not well suited for
# GMM as GMM is based on N-asymptotics and the data set only contains 27 countries
results_panel <- lp_lin_panel(data_set
                                         = data_set,
                         data_sample
                                         = data_sample,
                                         = "mortgdp",
                         endog_data
                         cumul_mult
                                         = TRUE,
                         shock
                                         = "stir",
                         diff_shock
                                         = TRUE,
                         use_gmm
                                         = TRUE,
                                         = "onestep",
                         gmm_model
                                         = "twoways",
                         gmm_effect
                         gmm_transformation = "ld",
                                         = "mortgdp",
                         l_exog_data
                                         = 2,
                         lags_exog_data
                                         = colnames(data_set)[c(4, 6)],
                         1_fd_exog_data
                         lags_fd_exog_data = 1,
                         confint
                                         = 1.67,
                         hor
                                         = 5)
# Create and plot irfs
plot(results_panel)
```

Compute nonlinear impulse responses

Description

Compute nonlinear impulse responses with local projections by Jordà (2005). The data can be separated into two states by a smooth transition function as applied in Auerbach and Gorodnichenko (2012), or by a simple dummy approach.

Usage

```
lp_nl(endog_data, lags_endog_lin = NULL, lags_endog_nl = NULL,
    lags_criterion = NaN, max_lags = NaN, trend = NULL,
    shock_type = NULL, confint = NULL, use_nw = TRUE, nw_lag = NULL,
    nw_prewhite = FALSE, adjust_se = FALSE, hor = NULL,
    switching = NULL, lag_switching = TRUE, use_logistic = TRUE,
    use_hp = NULL, lambda = NULL, gamma = NULL, exog_data = NULL,
    lags_exog = NULL, contemp_data = NULL, num_cores = 1)
```

endog_data	A data.frame, containing all endogenous variables for the VAR. The Cholesky decomposition is based on the column order.
lags_endog_lin	NaN or integer. NaN if lag length criterion is used. Integer for number of lags for linear VAR to identify shock.
lags_endog_nl	NaN or integer. Number of lags for nonlinear VAR. NaN if lag length criterion is given.
lags_criterion	NaN or character. NaN (default) means that the number of lags will be given at <i>lags_endog_nl</i> and <i>lags_endog_lin</i> . The lag length criteria are 'AICc', 'AIC' and 'BIC'.
max_lags	NaN or integer. Maximum number of lags (if <i>lags_criterion</i> = 'AICc', 'AIC', 'BIC'). NaN (default) otherwise.
trend	Integer. Include no trend = 0 , include trend = 1 , include trend and quadratic trend = 2 .
shock_type	Integer. Standard deviation shock = 0 , unit shock = 1 .
confint	Double. Width of confidence bands. $68\% = 1$; $90\% = 1.65$; $95\% = 1.96$.
use_nw	Boolean. Use Newey-West (1987) standard errors for impulse responses? TRUE (default) or FALSE.
nw_lag	Integer. Specifies the maximum lag with positive weight for the Newey-West estimator. If set to NULL (default), the lag increases with with the number of horizon.
nw_prewhite	Boolean. Should the estimators be pre-whitened? TRUE of FALSE (default).
adjust_se	Boolen. Should a finite sample adjustment be made to the covariance matrix estimators? TRUE or FALSE (default).

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hor Integer. Number of horizons for impulse responses.

Numeric vector. A column vector with the same length as endog_data. If switching 'use_logistic = TRUE', this series can either be decomposed via the Hodrick-Prescott filter (see Auerbach and Gorodnichenko, 2013) or directly plugged into

the following logistic function:

$$F_{z_t} = \frac{exp(-\gamma z_t)}{1 + exp(-\gamma z_t)}.$$

Important: F_{z_t} will be lagged by one and then multiplied with the data. If the variable shall not be lagged, use 'lag_switching = FALSE':

Regime 1 = $(1-F(z_{t-1}))*y_{(t-p)}$, Regime $2 = F(z_{t-1}) * y_{(t-p)}$.

lag_switching Boolean. Use the first lag of the values of the transition function? TRUE (de-

fault) or FALSE.

Boolean. Use logistic function to separate states? TRUE (default) or FALSE. If use_logistic

FALSE, the values of the switching variable have to be binary (0/1).

Boolean. Use HP-filter? TRUE or FALSE. use_hp

lambda Double. Value of λ for the Hodrick-Prescott filter (if use hp = TRUE).

Double. Positive number which is used in the transition function. gamma

A data frame, containing exogenous variables for the VAR. The row length has exog_data

to be the same as *endog_data*. Lag lengths for exogenous variables have to be

given and will no be determined via a lag length criterion.

lags_exog Integer. Number of lags for the exogenous variables.

A data frame, containing exogenous data with contemporaneous impact. This contemp_data

data will not be lagged. The row length has to be the same as *endog data*.

Integer. The number of cores to use for the estimation. If NULL, the function num_cores

will use the maximum number of cores minus one.

Value

A list containing:

irf_s1_mean A three 3D array, containing all impulse responses for all endogenous variables

> of the first state. The last dimension denotes the shock variable. The row in each matrix denotes the responses of the ith variable, ordered as in endog_data. The columns are the horizons. For example, if the results are saved in *results_nl*, results_nl\sirf_s1_mean[, , 1] returns a KXH matrix, where K is the number of variables and H the number of horizons. '1' is the shock variable, corresponding

to the variable in the first column of *endog_data*.

irf_s1_low A three 3D array, containing all lower confidence bands of the impulse re-

sponses, based on robust standard errors by Newey and West (1987). Properties

are equal to irf_s1_mean.

irf_s1_up A three 3D array, containing all upper confidence bands of the impulse re-

sponses, based on robust standard errors by Newey and West (1987). Properties

are equal to irf_s1_mean.

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irf_s2_mean A three 3D array, containing all impulse responses for all endogenous variables of the second state. The last dimension denotes the shock variable. The row in each matrix denotes the responses of the *ith* variable, ordered as in endog data. The columns denote the horizon. For example, if the results are saved in results_nl, results_nl\sirf_s2_mean[, , 1] returns a KXH matrix, where K is the number of variables and H the number of horizons. '1' is the first shock variable corresponding to the variable in the first column of *endog data*. irf_s2_low A three 3D array, containing all lower confidence bands of the responses, based on robust standard errors by Newey and West (1987). Properties are equal to irf_s2_mean. irf_s2_up A three 3D array, containing all upper confidence bands of the responses, based on robust standard errors by Newey and West (1987). Properties are equal to irf_s2_mean. A list with properties of endog_data for the plot function. It also contains lagged specs data (y nl and x nl) used for the irf estimations, and the selected lag lengths when an information criterion has been used. fz A vector containing the values of the transition function F(z t-1).

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See Also

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Examples

```
## Example without exogenous variables ##
# Load package
 library(lpirfs)
 library(ggpubr)
 library(gridExtra)
# Load (endogenous) data
 endog_data <- interest_rules_var_data</pre>
# Choose data for switching variable (here Federal Funds Rate)
# Important: The switching variable does not have to be used within the VAR!
switching_data <- endog_data$Infl</pre>
# Estimate model and save results
 results_nl
              <- lp_nl(endog_data,
                                lags_endog_lin = 4,
                                lags_endog_nl = 3,
                                trend
                                                = 0,
                                shock_type
                                                = 1,
                                confint
                                                = 1.96,
                                hor
                                                = 24,
                                switching
                                               = switching_data,
                                                = TRUE,
                                use_hp
                                lambda
                                                = 1600,
                                gamma
                                                = 3)
# Show all plots
plot(results_nl)
# Make and save all plots
 nl_plots <- plot_nl(results_nl)</pre>
# Save plots based on states
 s1_plots <- sapply(nl_plots$gg_s1, ggplotGrob)</pre>
 s2_plots <- sapply(nl_plots$gg_s2, ggplotGrob)</pre>
# Show first irf of each state
 plot(s1_plots[[1]])
 plot(s2_plots[[1]])
# Show diagnostics. The first element correponds to the first shock variable.
 summary(results_nl)
                     ## Example with exogenous variables ##
# Load (endogenous) data
 endog_data <- interest_rules_var_data</pre>
```

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```
# Choose data for switching variable (here Federal Funds Rate)
# Important: The switching variable does not have to be used within the VAR!
switching_data <- endog_data$FF</pre>
# Create exogenous data and data with contemporaneous impact (for illustration purposes only)
exog_data <- endog_data$GDP_gap*endog_data$Infl*endog_data$FF + rnorm(dim(endog_data)[1])</pre>
contemp_data <- endog_data$GDP_gap*endog_data$Infl*endog_data$FF + rnorm(dim(endog_data)[1])</pre>
# Exogenous data has to be a data.frame
            <- data.frame(xx = exog_data)
exog_data
contemp_data <- data.frame(cc = contemp_data)</pre>
# Estimate model and save results
results_nl <- lp_nl(endog_data,</pre>
                          lags_endog_lin = 4,
                          lags_endog_nl = 3,
                          trend
                                          = 0,
                          shock_type
                                          = 1,
                          confint
                                          = 1.96,
                          hor
                                          = 24,
                          switching
                                          = switching_data,
                                          = TRUE,
                          use_hp
                          lambda
                                          = 1600, # Ravn and Uhlig (2002):
                                                   # Anuual data = 6.25
                                                   # Quarterly data = 1600
                                                   # Monthly data = 129 600
                                          = 3,
                          gamma
                                           = exog_data,
                          exog_data
                          lags_exog
                                          = 3)
# Show all plots
plot(results_nl)
# Show diagnostics. The first element correponds to the first shock variable.
summary(results_nl)
```

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Compute nonlinear impulse responses with identified shock

Description

Compute nonlinear impulse responses with local projections and identified shock. The data can be separated into two states by a smooth transition function as applied in Auerbach and Gorodnichenko (2012), or by a simple dummy approach.

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Usage

```
lp_nl_iv(endog_data, lags_endog_nl = NULL, shock = NULL,
  instr = NULL, exog_data = NULL, lags_exog = NULL,
  contemp_data = NULL, lags_criterion = NaN, max_lags = NaN,
  trend = NULL, confint = NULL, use_nw = TRUE, nw_lag = NULL,
  nw_prewhite = FALSE, adjust_se = FALSE, hor = NULL,
  switching = NULL, lag_switching = TRUE, use_logistic = TRUE,
  use_hp = NULL, lambda = NULL, gamma = NULL, num_cores = 1)
```

Arguments

endog_data A data.frame, containing all endogenous variables for the VAR.

lags_endog_nl NaN or integer. NaN if lags are chosen by a lag length criterion. Integer for

number of lags for endog_data.

shock One column data.frame, including the instrument to shock with. The row length

has to be the same as endog data.

instr Deprecated input name. Use *shock* instead. See *shock* for details.

exog_data A data.frame, containing exogenous variables. The row length has to be the

same as endog_data. Lag lengths for exogenous variables have to be given and

will no be determined via a lag length criterion.

lags_exog NULL or Integer. Integer for the number of lags for the exogenous data.

contemp_data A data.frame, containing exogenous data with contemporaneous impact. This

data will not be lagged. The row length has to be the same as *endog_data*.

lags_criterion NaN or character. NaN means that the number of lags will be given at lags_endog_nl.

Possible lag length criteria are 'AICc', 'AIC' or 'BIC'.

max_lags NaN or integer. Maximum number of lags (if lags criterion = 'AICc', 'AIC',

'BIC'). NaN otherwise.

trend Integer. Include no trend = 0, include trend = 1, include trend and quadratic

trend = 2.

confint Double. Width of confidence bands. 68% = 1; 90% = 1.65; 95% = 1.96.

use_nw Boolean. Use Newey-West (1987) standard errors for impulse responses? TRUE

(default) or FALSE.

nw_lag Integer. Specifies the maximum lag with positive weight for the Newey-West

estimator. If set to NULL (default), the lag increases with with the number of

horizon.

nw_prewhite Boolean. Should the estimators be pre-whitened? TRUE of FALSE (default).

adjust_se Boolen. Should a finite sample adjustment be made to the covariance matrix

estimators? TRUE or FALSE (default).

hor Integer. Number of horizons for impulse responses.

switching Numeric vector. A column vector with the same length as *endog_data*. This se-

ries can either be decomposed via the Hodrick-Prescott filter (see Auerbach and Gorodnichenko, 2013) or directly plugged into the following smooth transition

function:

$$F_{z_t} = \frac{exp(-\gamma z_t)}{1 + exp(-\gamma z_t)}.$$

Warning: F_{z_t} will be lagged by one and then multiplied with the data. If the variable shall not be lagged, the vector has to be given with a lead of one. The data for the two regimes are:

Regime 1 = $(1-F(z_{t-1}))*y_{(t-p)}$, Regime 2 = $F(z_{t-1})*y_{(t-p)}$.

lag_switching Boolean. Use the first lag of the values of the transition function? TRUE (de-

fault) or FALSE.

use_logistic Boolean. Use logistic function to separate states? TRUE (default) or FALSE. If

FALSE, the values of the switching variable have to be binary (0/1).

use_hp Boolean. Use HP-filter? TRUE or FALSE.

lambda Double. Value of λ for the Hodrick-Prescott filter (if use_hp = TRUE).

gamma Double. Positive number which is used in the transition function.

num_cores Integer. The number of cores to use for the estimation. If NULL, the function

will use the maximum number of cores minus one.

Value

A list containing:

A matrix, containing the impulse responses of the first regime. The row in each matrix denotes the responses of the *ith* variable to the shock. The columns are the horizons.

irf_s1_low A matrix, containing all lower confidence bands of the impulse responses, based on robust standard errors by Newey and West (1987). Properties are equal to *irf_s1_mean*.

ırj_s1_mean.

A matrix, containing all upper confidence bands of the impulse responses, based on robust standard errors by Newey and West (1987). Properties are equal to

irf_s1_mean.

irf_s2_mean A matrix, containing all impulse responses for the second regime. The row in

each matrix denotes the responses of the ith variable to the shock. The columns

denote the horizon.

irf_s2_low A matrix, containing all lower confidence bands of the responses, based on

robust standard errors by Newey and West (1987). Properties are equal to

irf_s2_mean.

irf_s2_up A matrix, containing all upper confidence bands of the responses, based on

robust standard errors by Newey and West (1987). Properties are equal to

irf s2 mean.

specs A list with properties of *endog_data* for the plot function. It also contains lagged

data (y_nl and x_nl) used for the estimations of the impulse responses, and the

selected lag lengths when an information criterion has been used.

fz A vector, containing the values of the transition function $F(z_t-1)$.

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See Also

https://adaemmerp.github.io/lpirfs/README_docs.html

Examples

```
# This example replicates results from the Supplementary Appendix
# by Ramey and Zubairy (2018) (RZ-18).
# Load and prepare data
ag_data
                   <- ag_data
                   <- 7
sample_start
                  <- dim(ag_data)[1]
sample_end
endog_data
                   <- ag_data[sample_start:sample_end, 3:5]</pre>
# The shock is estimated by RZ-18
                   <- ag_data[sample_start:sample_end, 7]</pre>
# Include four lags of the 7-quarter moving average growth rate of GDP
# as exogenous variables (see RZ-18)
exog_data
                  <- ag_data[sample_start:sample_end, 6]</pre>
```

```
# Use the 7-quarter moving average growth rate of GDP as switching variable
# and adjust it to have sufficently long recession periods.
switching_variable <- ag_data$GDP_MA[sample_start:sample_end] - 0.8</pre>
# Estimate local projections
results_nl_iv <- lp_nl_iv(endog_data,</pre>
                            lags_endog_nl
                                              = 3,
                            shock
                                              = shock,
                                              = exog_data,
                            exog_data
                                              = 4,
                            lags_exog
                                              = 0,
                            trend
                            confint
                                              = 1.96,
                            hor
                                              = 20,
                                              = switching_variable,
                            switching
                                              = FALSE,
                            use_hp
                                              = 3)
                            gamma
# Show all impulse responses
plot(results_nl_iv)
# Make and save individual plots
plots_nl_iv <- plot_nl(results_nl_iv)</pre>
# Show single impulse responses
# Compare with red line of left plot (lower panel) in Figure 12 in Supplementary Appendix of RZ-18.
plot(plots_nl_iv$gg_s1[[1]])
# Compare with blue line of left plot (lower panel) in Figure 12 in Supplementary Appendix of RZ-18.
plot(plots_nl_iv$gg_s2[[1]])
# Show diagnostics. The first element shows the reaction of the first endogenous variable.
summary(results_nl_iv)
```

lp_nl_panel

Compute nonlinear impulse responses for panel data

Description

This function estimates nonlinear impulse responses by using local projections for panel data with an identified shock. The data can be separated into two states by a smooth transition function as applied in Auerbach and Gorodnichenko (2012), or by a simple dummy approach.

Usage

```
lp_nl_panel(data_set = NULL, data_sample = "Full", endog_data = NULL,
    cumul_mult = TRUE, shock = NULL, diff_shock = TRUE,
    panel_model = "within", panel_effect = "individual",
    robust_cov = NULL, robust_method = NULL, robust_type = NULL,
    robust_cluster = NULL, robust_maxlag = NULL, use_gmm = FALSE,
```

```
gmm_model = "onestep", gmm_effect = "twoways",
gmm_transformation = "d", c_exog_data = NULL, l_exog_data = NULL,
lags_exog_data = NaN, c_fd_exog_data = NULL, l_fd_exog_data = NULL,
lags_fd_exog_data = NaN, switching = NULL, use_logistic = TRUE,
use_hp = FALSE, lag_switching = TRUE, lambda = NULL,
gamma = NULL, confint = NULL, hor = NULL)
```

Arguments

data_set A data frame, containing the panel data set. The first column has to be the variable denoting the cross section. The second column has to be the variable denoting the time section.

Character or numeric. To use the full sample set value to "Full" (default). To data_sample estimate a subset, you have to provide a sequence of dates. This sequence has to be in the same format as the second column (time-section).

endog_data Character. The column name of the endogenous variable. You can only provide one endogenous variable at a time.

cumul_mult Boolean. Estimate cumulative multipliers? TRUE (default) or FALSE. If TRUE, cumulative responses are estimated via:

$$y(t+h) - y(t-1),$$

where h = 0,..., H-1.

shock Character. The column name of the variable to shock with.

diff_shock Boolean. Take first differences of the shock variable? TRUE (default) or FALSE.

panel_model Character. Type of panel model. The default is "within" (fixed effects). Other options are "random", "ht", "between", "pooling" or "fd". See vignette of the plm package for details.

panel_effect Character. The effects introduced in the model. Options are "individual" (default), "time", "twoways", or "nested". See the vignette of the plm-package for details.

NULL or Character. The character specifies the method how to estimate rorobust_cov bust standard errors: Options are "vcovBK", "vcovDC", "vcovG", "vcovHC", "vcovNW", "vcovSCC". For these options see vignette of plm package. Another option is "Vcxt". For details see Miller (2017) If "use gmm = TRUE", this option has to be NULL.

NULL (default) or Character. The character is an option when robust_cov = robust_method "vcovHC". See vignette of the plm package for details.

NULL (default) or Character. The character is an option when robust cov = robust_type "vcovBK", "vcovDC", "vcovHC", "vcovNW" or "vcovSCC". See vignette of the plm package for details.

robust_cluster NULL (default) or Character. The character is an option when robust_cov = "vcovBK", "vcovG" or "vcovHC". See vignette of the plm package for details.

NULL (default) or Character. The character is an option when robust_cov = robust_maxlag "vcovNW" or "vcovSCC". See vignette of the plm package for details.

Boolean. Use GMM for estimation? TRUE or FALSE (default). See vignette of plm package for details. If TRUE, the option "robust_cov" has to be set to

NULL.

gmm_model Character. Either "onestep" (default) or "twosteps". See vignette of the plm

package for details.

gmm_effect Character. The effects introduced in the model: "twoways" (default) or "indi-

vidual". See vignette of the plm-package for details.

gmm_transformation

Character. Either "d" (default) for the "difference GMM" model or "ld" for the

"system GMM". See vignette of the plm package for details.

ous impact.

lags_exog_data Integer. Lag length for the exogenous variable(s) with lagged impact.

c_fd_exog_data NULL or Character. Name(s) of the exogenous variable(s) with contemporaneous impact of first differences.

1_fd_exog_data NULL or Character. Name(s) of exogenous variable(s) with lagged impact of first differences.

lags_fd_exog_data

NaN or Integer. Number of lags for variable(s) with impact of first differences.

switching Character. Column name of the switching variable. If "use_logistic = TRUE", this series can either be decomposed by the Hodrick-Prescott filter (see Auerbach and Gorodnichenko, 2013) or directly plugged into the following smooth

transition function:

$$F_{z_t} = \frac{exp(-\gamma z_t)}{1 + exp(-\gamma z_t)}.$$

The data for the two regimes are lagged by default:

Regime $1 = (1-F(z_{t-1}))*y_(t-p),$

Regime $2 = F(z_{t-1}) * y_{t-1}$. This option can be suppressed with "lag_switching

= FALSE".

use_logistic Boolean. Use logistic function to separate states? TRUE (default) or FALSE. If

FALSE, the values of the switching variable have to be binary (0/1).

use_hp Boolean. Use HP-filter? TRUE or FALSE (default).

lag_switching Boolean. Use the first lag of the values of the transition function? TRUE (de-

fault) or FALSE.

lambda Double. Value of λ for the Hodrick-Prescott filter (if "use_hp = TRUE").

gamma Double. Positive value for γ , used in the transition function.

confint Double. Width of confidence bands. 68% = 1,90% = 1.65,95% = 1.96.

hor Integer. Number of horizons for impulse responses.

Value

A list containing:

irf_lin_mean A matrix, containing the impulse responses. The columns are the horizons.

irf_lin_low A matrix, containing all lower confidence bands. The columns are the horizons.

irf_lin_up A matrix, containing all upper confidence bands. The columns are the horizons.

reg_summaries Regression output for each horizon.

xy_data_sets Data sets with endogenous and exogenous variables for each horizon.

A list with data properties for e.g., the plot function.

specs A list with data properties for e.g. the plot function.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
# This example is based on the STATA code 'LPs_basic_doall.do', provided on
# Oscar Jorda's website (https://sites.google.com/site/oscarjorda/home/local-projections)
# It estimates nonlinear impulse reponses of the ratio of (mortgage lending/GDP) to a
# +1% change in the short term interest rate

# Load libraries to download and read excel file from the website
library(lpirfs)
library(httr)
library(readxl)
library(dplyr)

# Retrieve the JST Macrohistory Database
url_jst <-"http://www.macrohistory.net/JST/JSTdatasetR3.xlsx"
GET(url_jst, write_disk(jst_link <- tempfile(fileext = ".xlsx")))
jst_data <- read_excel(jst_link, 2L)
# Swap the first two columns so that 'country' is the first (cross section) and 'year' the</pre>
```

```
# second (time section) column
jst_data <- jst_data</pre>
             dplyr::filter(year <= 2013) %>%
             dplyr::select(country, year, everything())
# Prepare variables. This is based on the 'data.do' file
 data_set <- jst_data %>%
              mutate(stir
                               = stir)
                                                               %>%
              mutate(mortgdp = 100*(tmort/gdp))
                                                               %>%
              mutate(hpreal = hpnom/cpi)
                                                               %>%
                                                               %>%
               group_by(country)
              mutate(hpreal = hpreal/hpreal[year==1990][1]) %>%
              mutate(lhpreal = log(hpreal))
               mutate(lhpy
                               = lhpreal - log(rgdppc))
               mutate(lhpy
                               = lhpy - lhpy[year == 1990][1]) %>%
               mutate(lhpreal = 100*lhpreal)
                                                               %>%
               mutate(lhpy
                              = 100*lhpy)
                                                               %>%
               ungroup()
                                                               %>%
               mutate(lrgdp = 100*log(rgdppc))
                                                               %>%
              mutate(lcpi
                              = 100*log(cpi))
                                                            %>%
                              = 100*log(iy*rgdppc))
                                                               %>%
              mutate(lriy
                               = 100*(ca/gdp))
                                                               %>%
               mutate(cay
               mutate(tnmort = tloans - tmort)
                                                               %>%
               mutate(nmortgdp = 100*(tnmort/gdp))
                                                               %>%
               dplyr::select(country, year, mortgdp, stir, ltrate, lhpy,
                             lrgdp, lcpi, lriy, cay, nmortgdp)
# Use data_sample from 1870 to 2013 and exclude observations from WWI and WWII
 data_sample <- seq(1870, 2016)[!(seq(1870, 2016) %in%
                                  c(seq(1914, 1918),
                                  seq(1939, 1947)))]
# Estimate panel model
results_panel <- lp_nl_panel(data_set</pre>
                                                 = data_set,
                               data_sample
                                                 = data_sample,
                               endog_data
                                                 = "mortgdp",
                               cumul_mult
                                                 = TRUE,
                               shock
                                                 = "stir",
                               diff_shock
                                                 = TRUE,
                               panel_model
                                                 = "within",
                                                 = "individual",
                               panel_effect
                               robust_cov
                                                 = "vcovSCC",
                               switching
                                                 = "lrgdp",
                               lag_switching
                                                 = TRUE,
                                                 = TRUE,
                               use_hp
                                                 = 6.25,
                               lambda
                                                 = 10,
                               gamma
```

```
= "cay",
                           c_exog_data
                           c_fd_exog_data = colnames(data_set)[c(seq(4,9),11)],
                           l_fd_exog_data = colnames(data_set)[c(seq(3,9),11)],
                           lags_fd_exog_data = 2,
                           confint
                                          = 1.67,
                           hor
                                          = 5)
# Plot irfs
plot(results_panel)
# Plot values of the transition function for USA between 1950 and 2016
library(ggplot2)
library(dplyr)
data set %>%
   mutate(fz = results_panel$fz$fz) %>%
   select(country, year, fz)
                           %>%
   filter(country == "USA" & year > 1950 & year <= 2016) %>%
   ggplot()+
   geom\_line(aes(x = year, y = fz)) +
   scale_x_continuous(breaks = seq(1950, 2016, 5))
# Use a much smaller sample to have fewer T than N
data_sample <- seq(2000, 2012)
# Estimate panel model with gmm
# This example gives a warning at each iteration. The data set is not well suited for
\# GMM as GMM is based on N-asymptotics and the data set only contains 27 countries
results_panel <- lp_nl_panel(data_set
                                          = data_set,
                           data_sample
                                          = data_sample,
                           endog_data
                                          = "mortgdp",
                           cumul_mult
                                          = TRUE,
                           shock
                                          = "stir",
                           diff_shock
                                          = TRUE,
                           use_gmm
                                           = TRUE,
                           gmm_model
                                          = "onestep",
                                           = "twoways",
                           gmm_effect
                           gmm_transformation = "ld",
                                          = "lrgdp",
                           switching
                                          = TRUE,
                           lag_switching
                                          = TRUE,
                           use_hp
```

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Create and plot irfs
plot(results_panel)

monetary_var_data

Data to estimate a standard monetary VAR

Description

A tibble, containing data to estimate a standard monetary VAR.

Usage

```
monetary_var_data
```

Format

A tibble with 494 monthly observations (rows) and 6 variables (columns):

EM Log of non-agricultural payroll employment.

P Log of personal consumption expenditures deflator (1996 = 100).

POCM Annual growth rate of the index of sensitive materials prices issued by the Conference Board.

FF Federal funds rate.

NBRX Ratio of nonborrowed reserves plus extended credit to total reserves.

M2 Annual growth rate of M2 stock.

Sample: 1960:01 - 2001:02.

Source

https://www.aeaweb.org/articles?id=10.1257/0002828053828518

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```
plot.lpirfs_lin_iv_obj
```

Base print() function to plot all impulse responses from linear lpirfs object

Description

Base print() function to plot all impulse responses from linear lpirfs object

Usage

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

Arguments

- x An object of type 'lpirfs_lin_obj
- ... Additional arguments to be consistent with S3 print() function

```
plot.lpirfs_lin_obj Base print() function to plot all impulse responses from linear lpirfs object
```

Description

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

- x An object of type 'lpirfs_lin_obj
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Description

Base print() function to plot all impulse responses from linear lpirfs object

Usage

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

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plot(x, ...)
```

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Base print() function to plot all impulse responses from nonlinear lpirfs object

Description

Base print() function to plot all impulse responses from nonlinear lpirfs object

Usage

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

Arguments

- x An object of type 'lpirfs_nl_obj'
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```
plot.lpirfs_nl_panel_obj
```

Base print() function to plot all impulse responses from linear lpirfs object

Description

Base print() function to plot all impulse responses from linear lpirfs object

Usage

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

- x An object of type 'lpirfs_lin_panel_obj'
- ... Additional arguments to be consistent with S3 print() function

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plot_lin

Compute and display plots of linear impulse responses

Description

Compute and display linear impulse responses, estimated with lp_lin() and lp_lin_iv().

Usage

```
plot_lin(results_lin)
```

Arguments

```
results_lin A list created with lp_lin() or lp_lin_iv().
```

Value

A list with (gg-)plots for linear impulse responses.

Author(s)

Philipp Adämmer

Examples

```
# See examples for lp_lin() and lp_lin_iv().
```

plot_nl

Compute and display plots of nonlinear impulse responses

Description

Compute and display (nonlinear) impulse responses, estimated with lp_nl() and lp_nl_iv().

Usage

```
plot_nl(results_nl)
```

```
results_nl A list created with lp_nl() or lp_nl_iv().
```

Value

A list with (gg-)plots for nonlinear impulse responses.

Author(s)

Philipp Adämmer

Examples

```
# Load package
# See examples for lp_nl() and lp_nl_iv().
```

```
\verb|summary.lpirfs_lin_iv_obj|
```

Summary for nonlinear lpirfs object

Description

Summary for nonlinear lpirfs object

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'lpirfs_lin_iv_obj'
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

```
object An object of type 'lpirfs_lin_iv_obj'
... Additional arguments to be consistent with S3 print() function
```

```
summary.lpirfs_lin_obj
```

Summary for linear lpirfs object

Description

Summary for linear lpirfs object

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'lpirfs_lin_obj'
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object An object of type 'lpirfs_lin_obj'

... Additional arguments to be consistent with S3 print() function

```
summary.lpirfs_lin_panel_obj
Summary for nonlinear lpirfs object
```

Description

Summary for nonlinear lpirfs object

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'lpirfs_lin_panel_obj'
summary(object, ...)
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Arguments

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... Additional arguments to be consistent with S3 print() function

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summary.lpirfs_nl_iv_obj
Summary for nonlinear lpirfs object
```

Description

Summary for nonlinear lpirfs object

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'lpirfs_nl_iv_obj'
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object An object of type 'lpirfs_nl_iv_obj'

... Additional arguments to be consistent with S3 print() function

summary.lpirfs_nl_obj

summary.lpirfs_nl_obj Summary for nonlinear lpirfs object

Description

Summary for nonlinear lpirfs object

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'lpirfs_nl_obj'
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object An object of type 'lpirfs_nl_obj'

... Additional arguments to be consistent with S3 print() function

```
summary.lpirfs_nl_panel_obj
```

Summary for nonlinear lpirfs object

Description

Summary for nonlinear lpirfs object

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'lpirfs_nl_panel_obj'
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object An object of type 'lpirfs_lin_panel_obj'

... Additional arguments to be consistent with S3 print() function

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