ANALYSIS OF PANEL DATA

Fixed-Effect and Random-Effect Models

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Fixed-Effect Model

Remarks on Fixed-Effect Models

This is incorrect, because for each of the cross-sectional unit i, we lose one df when doing the time-demeaning: for each i, the demeaned errors ϵ_{it} add up to zero when summed across t, so one df is lost. This is taken care off in modern regression packages that have fixed effect estimation function. If, however, we do the time-demeaning and then pooled OLS manually, we will have to adjust the degree of freedom.

Consider one of the datasets that come with the plm package.

```
library(plm)
data("Grunfeld", package="plm")
head(Grunfeld)
```

```
firm year
                inv value capital
      1 1935 317.6 3078.5
                               2.8
             391.8 4661.7
      1 1936
                              52.6
      1 1937 410.6 5387.1
                            156.9
      1 1938
             257.7 2792.2
                            209.2
      1 1939 330.8 4313.2
                            203.4
      1 1940 461.2 4643.9
                            207.2
             512.0 4551.2
      1 1941
                            255.2
8
      1 1942 448.0 3244.1
                             303.7
             499.6 4053.7
                            264.1
      1 1943
10
             547.5 4379.3
      1 1944
                            201.6
11
      1 1945
             561.2 4840.9
                            265.0
12
      1 1946
             688.1 4900.9
                            402.2
13
                            761.5
      1 1947
              568.9 3526.5
14
             529.2 3254.7
                             922.4
      1 1948
15
             555.1 3700.2
      1 1949
                           1020.1
16
      1 1950 642.9 3755.6
                           1099.0
17
      1 1951 755.9 4833.0
                           1207.7
18
      1 1952
             891.2 4924.9
                           1430.5
19
      1 1953 1304.4 6241.7 1777.3
20
      1 1954 1486.7 5593.6 2226.3
21
     2 1935 209.9 1362.4
                             53.8
22
      2 1936 355.3 1807.1
                              50.5
23
      2 1937 469.9 2676.3
                             118.1
24
      2 1938
             262.3 1801.9
                             260.2
25
             230.4 1957.3
      2 1939
                             312.7
```

```
'data.frame':
              471 obs. of 30 variables:
$ year
          : int 1987 1988 1989 1987 1988 1989 1987 1988 1989 1987 ...
$ fcode
          : num 410032 410032 410032 410440 410440 ...
$ employ
         : int 100 131 123 12 13 14 20 25 24 200 ...
$ sales
               47000000 43000000 49000000 1560000 1970000 ...
         : num
$ avgsal
         : num
               35000 37000 39000 10500 11000 ...
$ scrap
               NA ...
          : num
$ rework : num
               NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
$ tothrs : int 12 8 8 12 12 10 50 50 50 0 ...
$ union
         : int 00000000000...
$ grant
         : int 0000000000 ...
$ d89
         : int 0010010010 ...
$ d88
         : int 0100100100...
$ totrain : int 100 50 50 12 13 14 15 10 20 0 ...
$ hrsemp : num 12 3.05 3.25 12 12 ...
$ lscrap : num NA ...
$ lemploy : num 4.61 4.88 4.81 2.48 2.56 ...
$ lsales : num 17.7 17.6 17.7 14.3 14.5 ...
$ lrework : num NA ...
$ lhrsemp : num 2.56 1.4 1.45 2.56 2.56 ...
$ lscrap_1: num NA ...
$ grant_1 : int 00000000000 ...
$ clscrap : num NA ...
$ cgrant : int 0000000000...
$ clemploy: num NA 0.27 -0.063 NA 0.08 ...
$ clsales : num NA -0.0889 0.1306 NA 0.2333 ...
$ lavgsal : num 10.46 10.52 10.57 9.26 9.31 ...
$ clavgsal: num NA 0.0556 0.0526 NA 0.0465 ...
$ cgrant_1: int NA 0 0 NA 0 0 NA 0 0 NA ...
$ chrsemp : num NA -8.947 0.199 NA 0 ...
$ clhrsemp: num NA -1.1654 0.0478 NA 0 ...
```

Tests of Poolability

Test for Serial Correlation

```
# Breusch-Godfrey and Durbin-Watson Test
# This test shares their OLS counterparts and allows for higher-order serial correlation

# As a function, it is simply a wrapper of the bgtest and dwtest. So, all the arguments from these two tests apply and may be passed on through `...` operator.

pbgtest(grun.fe,order=2)
```

```
> pbgtest(grun.fe,order=2)

Breusch-Godfrey/Wooldridge test for serial correlation in panel models

data: inv ~ value + capital
chisq = 42.587, df = 2, p-value = 5.655e-10
alternative hypothesis: serial correlation in idiosyncratic errors
```

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