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Description

The package fits an instrumental variables (IV) model of the following type. Let Y, D, X, and Z represent the outcome, endogenous variable, p dimensional exogenous covariates, and L dimensional instruments, respectively; note that the intercept can be considered as a vector of ones and a part of the exogenous covariates X. The package assumes the following IV model

$$Y = X\alpha + D\beta + \epsilon, E(\epsilon|X, Z) = 0$$

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It carries out several IV regressions, diagnostics, and tests associated with the parameter β in the IV model. Also, if there is only one instrument, the package runs a sensitivity analysis discussed in Jiang et al. (2015).

The package is robust to most data formats, including factor and character data, and can handle very large IV models efficiently using a sparse QR decomposition.

Details

Supply the outcome Y, the endogenous variable D, and a data frame and/or matrix of instruments Z, and a data frame and/or matrix of exogenous covariates X (optional) and run ivmodel. Alternatively, one can supply a formula. ivmodel will generate all the relevant statistics for the parameter β .

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Wang, X., Jiang, Y., Small, D. and Zhang, N. (2017), Sensitivity analysis and power for instrumental variable studies. *Biometrics* 74(4), 1150-1160.

AR.power

Examples

AR.power

Power of the Anderson-Rubin (1949) Test

Description

AR. power computes the power of Anderson-Rubin (1949) test based on the given values of parameters.

Usage

```
AR.power(n, k, l, beta, gamma, Zadj_sq, sigmau, sigmav, rho, alpha = 0.05)
```

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Arguments

n		Sample size.
k		Number of exogenous variables.
1		Number of instrumental variables.
be	eta	True causal effect minus null hypothesis causal effect.
ga	amma	Regression coefficient for effect of instruments on treatment.
Za	adj_sq	Variance of instruments after regressed on the observed variables.
si	gmau	Standard deviation of potential outcome under control. (structural error for y)
si	gmav	Standard deviation of error from regressing treatment on instruments.
rŀ	10	Correlation between u (potential outcome under control) and v (error from regressing treatment on instrument).
a]	lpha	Significance level.

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Value

Power of the Anderson-Rubin test based on the given values of parameters.

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References

Anderson, T.W. and Rubin, H. (1949). Estimation of the parameters of a single equation in a complete system of stochastic equations. Annals of Mathematical Statistics, 20, 46-63.

See Also

See also ivmodel for details on the instrumental variables model.

Examples

```
# Assume we calculate the power of AR test in a study with one IV (1=1)
# and the only one exogenous variable is the intercept (k=1).

# Suppose the difference between the null hypothesis and true causal
# effect is 1 (beta=1).

# The sample size is 250 (n=250), the IV variance is .25 (Zadj_sq = .25).

# The standard deviation of potential outcome is 1(sigmau= 1).

# The coefficient of regressing IV upon exposure is .5 (gamma= .5).

# The correlation between u and v is assumed to be .5 (rho=.5).

# The standard deviation of first stage error is .4 (sigmav=.4).

# The significance level for the study is alpha = .05.

# power of Anderson-Rubin test:

AR.power(n=250, k=1, l=1, beta=1, gamma=.5, Zadj_sq=.25, sigmau=1, sigmav=.4, rho=.5, alpha = 0.05)
```

AR.size

Sample Size Calculator for the Power of the Anderson-Rubin (1949) Test

Description

AR.size computes the minimum sample size required for achieving certain power of Anderson-Rubin (1949) test for giving value of parameters.

Usage

```
AR.size(power, k, l, beta, gamma, Zadj_sq, sigmau, sigmav, rho, alpha = 0.05)
```

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Arguments

power	The desired power over a constant.
k	Number of exogenous variables.
1	Number of instrumental variables.
beta	True causal effect minus null hypothesis causal effect.
gamma	Regression coefficient for the effect of instrument on treatment.
Zadj_sq	Variance of instruments after regressed on the observed variables.
sigmau	Standard deviation of potential outcome under control (structural error for y).
sigmav	Standard deviation of error from regressing treatment on instruments
rho	Correlation between u (potential outcome under control) and v (error from re-
	gressing treatment on instrument).
alpha	Significance level.

Value

Minimum sample size required for achieving certain power of Anderson-Rubin (1949) test.

Author(s)

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References

Anderson, T.W. and Rubin, H. (1949), Estimation of the parameters of a single equation in a complete system of stochastic equations, Annals of Mathematical Statistics, 20, 46-63.

See Also

See also ivmodel for details on the instrumental variables model.

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Description

AR. test computes the Anderson-Rubin (1949) test for the ivmodel object as well as the associated confidence interval.

Usage

```
AR.test(ivmodel, beta0 = 0, alpha = 0.05)
```

Arguments

ivmodel	ivmodel object
beta0	Null value β_0 for testing null hypothesis $H_0: \beta=\beta_0$ in ivmodel. Default is 0.
alpha	The significance level for hypothesis testing. Default is 0.05.

Value

AR. test returns a list containing the following components

Fstat	The value of the test statistic for testing the null hypothesis $H_0:\beta=\beta_0$ in ivmodel
df	degree of freedom for the test statistic
p.value	The p value of the test under the null hypothesis $H_0: eta=eta_0$ in ivmodel
ci	A matrix of two columns, each row contains an interval associated with the confidence interval
ci.info	A human-readable string describing the confidence interval

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References

Anderson, T.W. and Rubin, H. (1949), Estimation of the parameters of a single equation in a complete system of stochastic equations, Annals of Mathematical Statistics, 20, 46-63.

See Also

See also ivmodel for details on the instrumental variables model.

ARsens.power

Examples

ARsens.power

Power of the Anderson-Rubin (1949) Test with Sensitivity Analysis

Description

ARsens.power computes the power of sensitivity analysis, which is based on an extension of Anderson-Rubin (1949) test and allows IV be possibly invalid within a certain range.

Usage

```
ARsens.power(n, k, beta, gamma, Zadj_sq, sigmau, sigmav, rho, alpha = 0.05, deltarange = deltarange, delta = NULL)
```

Arguments

n	Sample size.
k	Number of exogenous variables.
beta	True causal effect minus null hypothesis causal effect.
gamma	Regression coefficient for effect of instruments on treatment.
Zadj_sq	Variance of instruments after regressed on the observed variables.
sigmau	Standard deviation of potential outcome under control (structural error for y).
sigmav	Standard deviation of error from regressing treatment on instruments.
rho	Correlation between u (potential outcome under control) and v (error from regressing treatment on instrument).
alpha	Significance level.
deltarange	Range of sensitivity allowance. A numeric vector of length 2.
delta	True value of sensitivity parameter when calculating the power. Usually take delta = 0 for the favorable situation or delta = NULL for unknown delta.

Value

Power of sensitivity analysis for the proposed study, which extends the Anderson-Rubin (1949) test with possibly invalid IV. The power formula is derived in Jiang, Small and Zhang (2015).

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Author(s)

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References

Anderson, T.W. and Rubin, H. (1949), Estimation of the parameters of a single equation in a complete system of stochastic equations, Annals of Mathematical Statistics, 20, 46-63.

Wang, X., Jiang, Y., Small, D. and Zhang, N (2017), Sensitivity analysis and power for instrumental variable studies, (under review of Biometrics).

See Also

See also ivmodel for details on the instrumental variables model.

Examples

```
# Assume we calculate the power of sensitivity analysis in a study with
\# one IV (l=1) and the only exogenous variable is the intercept (k=1).
# Suppose the difference between the null hypothesis and true causal
# effect is 1 (beta=1).
# The sample size is 250 (n=250), the IV variance is .25 (Zadj_sq = .25).
# The standard deviation of potential outcome is 1(sigmau= 1).
# The coefficient of regressing IV upon exposure is .5 (gamma= .5).
# The correlation between u and v is assumed to be .5 (rho=.5).
# The standard deviation of first stage error is .4 (sigmav=.4).
# The significance level for the study is alpha = .05.
# power of sensitivity analysis under the favorable situation,
# assuming the range of sensitivity allowance is (-0.1, 0.1)
ARsens.power(n=250, k=1, beta=1, gamma=.5, Zadj_sq=.25, sigmau=1,
     sigmav=.4, rho=.5, alpha = 0.05, deltarange=c(-0.1, 0.1), delta=0)
# power of sensitivity analysis with unknown delta,
# assuming the range of sensitivity allowance is (-0.1, 0.1)
ARsens.power(n=250, k=1, beta=1, gamma=.5, Zadj_sq=.25, sigmau=1,
     sigmav=.4, rho=.5, alpha = 0.05, deltarange=c(-0.1, 0.1))
```

ARsens.size

Sample Size Calculator for the Power of the Anderson-Rubin (1949) Test with Sensitivity Analysis

Description

ARsens.size computes the minimum sample size required for achieving certain power of sensitivity analysis, which is based on an extension of Anderson-Rubin (1949) test and allows IV be possibly invalid within a certain range.

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Usage

```
ARsens.size(power, k, beta, gamma, Zadj_sq, sigmau, sigmav, rho, alpha = 0.05, deltarange = deltarange, delta = NULL)
```

Arguments

power	The desired power over a constant.
k	Number of exogenous variables. =
beta	True causal effect minus null hypothesis causal effect.
gamma	Regression coefficient for effect of instruments on treatment.
Zadj_sq	Variance of instruments after regressed on the observed covariates.
sigmau	Standard deviation of potential outcome under control (structural error for y).
sigmav	Standard deviation of error from regressing treatment on instruments.
rho	Correlation between \boldsymbol{u} (potential outcome under control) and \boldsymbol{v} (error from regressing treatment on instruments).
alpha	Significance level.
deltarange	Range of sensitivity allowance. A numeric vector of length 2.
delta	True value of sensitivity parameter when calculating power. Usually take delta

Value

Minimum sample size required for achieving certain power of sensitivity analysis for the proposed study, which extends the Anderson-Rubin (1949) test with possibly invalid IV. The power formula is derived in Jiang, Small and Zhang (2015).

= 0 for the favorable situation or delta = NULL for unknown delta.

Author(s)

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Anderson, T.W. and Rubin, H. (1949), Estimation of the parameters of a single equation in a complete system of stochastic equations, Annals of Mathematical Statistics, 20, 46-63.

Wang, X., Jiang, Y., Small, D. and Zhang, N (2017), Sensitivity analysis and power for instrumental variable studies, (under review of Biometrics).

See Also

See also ivmodel for details on the instrumental variables model.

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Examples

```
# Assume we performed a sensitivity analysis in a study with one
\# IV (l=1) and the only exogenous variable is the intercept (k=1).
# We want to calculate the minimum sample size needed for this
# sensitivity analysis to have an at least 0.8 power.
# Suppose the difference between the null hypothesis and true causal
# effect is 1 (beta=1).
# The IV variance is .25 (Zadj_sq =.25).
# The standard deviation of potential outcome is 1(sigmau= 1).
# The coefficient of regressing IV upon exposure is .5 (gamma= .5).
# The correlation between u and v is assumed to be .5 (rho=.5).
# The standard deviation of first stage error is .4 (sigmav=.4).
# The significance level for the study is alpha = .05.
# minimum sample size for sensitivity analysis under the favorable
# situation, assuming the range of sensitivity allowance is (-0.1, 0.1)
ARsens.size(power=0.8, k=1, beta=1, gamma=.5, Zadj_sq=.25, sigmau=1,
    sigmav=.4, rho=.5, alpha = 0.05, deltarange=c(-0.1, 0.1), delta=0)
# minimum sample size for sensitivity analysis with unknown delta,
# assuming the range of sensitivity allowance is (-0.1, 0.1)
ARsens.size(power=0.8, k=1, beta=1, gamma=.5, Zadj_sq=.25, sigmau=1,
    sigmav=.4, rho=.5, alpha = 0.05, deltarange=c(-0.1, 0.1))
```

ARsens.test

Sensitivity Analysis for the Anderson-Rubin (1949) Test

Description

ARsens. test computes sensitivity analysis with possibly invalid instruments, which is an extension of the Anderson-Rubin (1949) test. The formula for sensitivity analysis is derived in Jiang, Small and Zhang (2015).

Range of sensitivity allowance. A numeric vector of length 2.

Usage

```
ARsens.test(ivmodel, beta0 = 0, alpha = 0.05, deltarange = NULL)
```

ivmodel object

Arguments

ivmodel

deltarange

11110001	1 model object.
beta0	Null value β_0 for testing null hypothesis $H_0: \beta = \beta_0$ in ivmodel
alpha	The significance level for hypothesis testing. Default is 0.05.

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Value

ARsens. test returns a list containing the following components

ncFstat	The value of the test statistic for testing the null hypothesis $H_0:\beta=\beta_0$ in ivmodel
df	degree of freedom for the test statistic
ncp	non-central parameter for the test statistic
p.value	The p value of the test under the null hypothesis $H_0: \beta = \beta_0$ in ivmodel
ci	A matrix of two columns, each row contains an interval associated with the confidence interval
ci.info	A human-readable string describing the confidence interval
deltarange	The inputted range of sensitivity allowance.

Author(s)

Yang Jiang, Hyunseung Kang, and Dylan Small

References

Anderson, T.W. and Rubin, H. (1949), Estimation of the parameters of a single equation in a complete system of stochastic equations, Annals of Mathematical Statistics, 20, 46-63.

Wang, X., Jiang, Y., Small, D. and Zhang, N. (2017), Sensitivity analysis and power for instrumental variable studies, (under review of Biometrics).

See Also

See also ivmodel for details on the instrumental variables model.

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balanceLovePlot Create Love plot of standardized covariate mean differences
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Description

balanceLovePlot creates a Love plot of the standardized covariate mean differences across the treatment and the instrument. Can also display the permutation quantiles for these quantities. This function is used to create Figure 3a in Branson and Keele (2020).

Usage

```
balanceLovePlot(X, D, Z, permQuantiles = FALSE, alpha = 0.05, perms = 1000)
```

Arguments

X	Covariate matrix (with units as rows and covariates as columns).
D	Indicator vector for a binary treatment (must contain 1 or 0 for each unit).
Z	Indicator vector for a binary instrument (must contain 1 or 0 for each unit).
permQuantiles	If TRUE, displays the permutation quantiles for the standardized covariate mean differences.
alpha	The significance level used for the permutation quantiles. For example, if alpha = 0.05, then the 2.5% and 97.5% permutation quantiles are displayed.
perms	Number of permutations used to approximate the permutation quantiles.

Value

Plot of the standardized covariate mean differences across the treatment and the instrument.

Author(s)

Zach Branson and Luke Keele

References

Branson, Z. and Keele, L. (2020). Evaluating a Key Instrumental Variable Assumption Using Randomization Tests. American Journal of Epidemiology. To appear.

```
#load the data
data(icu.data)
#the covariate matrix is
X = as.matrix(subset(icu.data, select = -c(open_bin, icu_bed)))
#the treatment
D = icu.data$icu_bed
#the instrument
Z = icu.data$open_bin
```

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```
#make the Love plot with permutation quantiles
## Not run: balanceLovePlot(X = X, D = D, Z = Z, permQuantiles = TRUE, perms = 500)
```

biasLovePlot

Create Love plot of treatment bias and instrument bias

Description

biasLovePlot creates a Love plot of the bias across the treatment and the instrument. Can also display the permutation quantiles for these quantities. Note that the bias is different for the treatment than for the instrument, as discussed in Equation (3) of Branson and Keele (2020). This function is used to create Figure 3b in Branson and Keele (2020).

Usage

```
biasLovePlot(X, D, Z, permQuantiles = FALSE, alpha = 0.05, perms = 1000)
```

Arguments

Χ	Covariate matrix (with units as rows and covariates as columns).
D	Indicator vector for a binary treatment (must contain 1 or 0 for each unit).
Z	Indicator vector for a binary instrument (must contain 1 or 0 for each unit).
permQuanti	iles If TRUE, displays the permutation quantiles for the biases.
alpha	The significance level used for the permutation quantiles. For example, if alpha = 0.05 , then the 2.5% and 97.5% permutation quantiles are displayed.
perms	Number of permutations used to approximate the permutation quantiles.

Value

Plot of the bias across the treatment and the instrument.

Author(s)

Zach Branson and Luke Keele

References

Branson, Z. and Keele, L. (2020). Evaluating a Key Instrumental Variable Assumption Using Randomization Tests. American Journal of Epidemiology. To appear.

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Examples

```
#load the data
data(icu.data)
#the covariate matrix is
X = as.matrix(subset(icu.data, select = -c(open_bin, icu_bed)))
#the treatment
D = icu.data$icu_bed
#the instrument
Z = icu.data$open_bin
#make the Love plot with permutation quantiles
## Not run: biasLovePlot(X = X, D = D, Z = Z, permQuantiles = TRUE, perms = 500)
```

card.data

Card (1995) Data

Description

Data from the National Longitudinal Survey of Young Men (NLSYM) that was used by Card (1995).

Usage

```
data(card.data)
```

id subject id

Format

A data frame with 3010 observations on the following 35 variables.

nearc2 indicator for whether a subject grew up near a two-year college nearc4 indicator for whether a subject grew up near a four-year college educ subject's years of education age subject's age at the time of the survey in 1976 fatheduc subject's father's years of education motheduc subject's mother's years of education

weight sampling weight

momdad14 indicator for whether subject lived with both mother and father at age 14

sinmom14 indicator for whether subject lived with single mom at age 14

step14 indicator for whehter subject lived with step-parent at age 14

reg661 indicator for whether subject lived in region 1 (New England) in 1966

reg662 indicator for whether subject lived in region 2 (Middle Atlantic) in 1966

reg663 indicator for whether subject lived in region 3 (East North Central) in 1966

reg664 indicator for whether subject lived in region 4 (West North Central) in 1966

reg665 indicator for whether subject lived in region 5 (South Atlantic) in 1966

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reg666 indicator for whether subject lived in region 6 (East South Central) in 1966
reg667 indicator for whether subject lived in region 7 (West South Central) in 1966
reg668 indicator for whether subject lived in region 8 (Mountain) in 1966
reg669 indicator for whether subject lived in region 9 (Pacific) in 1966
south66 indicator for whether subject lived in South in 1966
black indicator for whether subject's race is black
smsa indicator for whether subject lived in SMSA in 1976
south indicator for whether subject lived in the South in 1976
smsa66 indicator for whether subject lived in SMSA in 1966
wage subject's wage in cents per hour in 1976
enroll indicator for whether subject is enrolled in college in 1976
KWW subject's score on the Knowledge of the World of Work (KWW) test in 1966
IQ IQ-type test score collected from the high school of the subject.
married indicator for whether the subject was married in 1976.
libcrd14 indicator for whether subject had library card at age 14.
exper subject's years of labor force experience in 1976
lwage subject's log wage in 1976
expersq square of subject's years of labor force experience in 1976
region region in which subject lived in 1976
```

Source

Card, D. Using Geographic Variation in College Proximity to Estimate the Return to Schooling. In Aspects of Labor Market Behavior: Essays in Honor of John Vanderkamp, eds. L.N. Christophides, E.K. Grant and R. Swidinsky. 201-222. National Longitudinal Survey of Young Men: https://www.nlsinfo.org/investigator/pages/login.jsp

Examples

data(card.data)

CLR

Conditional Likelihood Ratio Test

Description

CLR computes the conditional likelihood ratio test (Moreira, 2003) for the ivmodel object as well as the associated confidence interval.

Usage

```
CLR(ivmodel, beta0 = 0, alpha = 0.05)
```

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Arguments

ivmodel	ivmodel object
beta0	Null value β_0 for testing null hypothesis $H_0: \beta = \beta_0$ in ivmodel. Default is 0
alpha	The significance level for hypothesis testing. Default is 0.05

Details

CLR.test computes the conditional likelihood ratio test for the instrumental variables model in ivmodel object, specifically for the parameter β . It also computes the $1-\alpha$ confidence interval associated with it by inverting the test. The test is fully robust to weak instruments (Moreira 2003). We use the approximation suggested in Andrews et al. (2006) to evaluate the p value and the confidence interval.

Value

CLR returns a list containing the following components

test.stat	The value of the test statistic for testing the null hypothesis $H_0:\beta=\beta_0$ in <code>ivmodel</code>
p.value	The p value of the test under the null hypothesis $H_0: \beta = \beta_0$ in ivmodel
ci	A matrix of two columns, each row contains an interval associated with the confidence interval
ci.info	A human-readable string describing the confidence interval

Author(s)

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References

Andrews, D. W. K., Moreira, M. J., and Stock, J. H. (2006). Optimal two-side invariant similar tests for instrumental variables regression. *Econometrica* 74, 715-752.

Moreira, M. J. (2003). A conditional likelihood ratio test for structural models. *Econometrica* 71, 1027-1048.

See Also

See also ivmodel for details on the instrumental variables model.

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```
card.model2IV = ivmodel(Y=Y,D=D,Z=Z,X=X)
CLR(card.model2IV,alpha=0.01)
```

coef.ivmodel

Coefficients of the Fitted Model in the ivmodel Object

Description

This coef methods returns the point estimation, standard error, test statistic and p value for all specified k-Class estimation from an ivmodel object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'ivmodel'
coef(object,...)
```

Arguments

object ivmodel object.

... Additional arguments to coef.

Value

A matrix summarizes all the k-Class estimations.

Author(s)

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See Also

See also ivmodel for details on the instrumental variables model.

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Exogenous Coefficients of the Fitted Model in the ivmodel Object

Description

This coefOther returns the point estimates, standard errors, test statistics and p values for the exogenous covariates associated with the outcome. It returns a list of matrices where each matrix is one of the k-Class estimates from an ivmodel object.

Usage

```
coefOther(ivmodel)
```

Arguments

ivmodel

ivmodel object.

Value

A list of matrices swhere each matrix summarizes the estimated coefficients from one of hte k-Class estimates.

Author(s)

Hyunseung Kang

See Also

See also ivmodel for details on the instrumental variables model.

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confint.ivmodel

Confidence Intervals for the Fitted Model in ivmodel Object

Description

This confint methods returns a matrix of two columns, each row represents a confident interval for different IV approaches, which include k-Class, AR (Anderson and Rubin 1949) and CLR (Moreira 2003) estimations.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'ivmodel'
confint(object,parm,level=NULL,...)
```

Arguments

object ivmodel object.

parm Ignored for our code.

level The confidence level.

... Additional argument(s) for methods.

Value

A matrix, each row represents a confidence interval for different IV approaches.

Author(s)

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References

Andrews, D. W. K., Moreira, M. J., and Stock, J. H. (2006). Optimal two-side invariant similar tests for instrumental variables regression. *Econometrica* 74, 715-752.

Moreira, M. J. (2003). A conditional likelihood ratio test for structural models. *Econometrica* 71, 1027-1048.

Fuller, W. (1977). Some properties of a modification of the limited information estimator. *Econometrica*, 45, 939-953.

Anderson, T.W. and Rubin, H. (1949), Estimation of the parameters of a single equation in a complete system of stochastic equations, Annals of Mathematical Statistics, 20, 46-63.

See Also

See also ivmodel for details on the instrumental variables model.

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Examples

distributionBalancePlot

Plot randomization distributions of the Mahalanobis distance

Description

distributionBalancePlot displays the randomization distribution of the square root of the Mahalanobis distance across the treatment and/or instrument for different assignment mechanisms. This function supports complete randomization (displayed in black), block randomization (displayed in green), and Bernoulli trials for exposure (displayed in red) and instrument (displayed in blue). This function is used to create Figure 4 of Branson and Keele (2020).

Usage

```
distributionBalancePlot(X, D = NULL, Z = NULL, subclass = NULL,
complete = FALSE, blocked = FALSE, bernoulli = FALSE, perms = 1000)
```

Arguments

X	Covariate matrix (with units as rows and covariates as columns).
D	Indicator vector for a binary treatment (must contain 1 or 0 for each unit).
Z	Indicator vector for a binary instrument (must contain 1 or 0 for each unit).
subclass	Vector of subclasses (one for each unit). Subclasses can be numbers or characters, as long as there is one specified for each unit. Only needed if blocked = TRUE.
complete	If TRUE, displays the randomization distribution of the Mahalanobis distance under complete randomization.
blocked	If TRUE, displays the randomization distribution of the Mahalanobis distance under block randomization. Needs subclass specified.
bernoulli	If TRUE, displays the randomization distribution of the Mahalanobis distance under Bernoulli trials for the treatment and for the instrument.
perms	Number of permutations used to approximate the randomization distributions.

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Value

Plot of randomization distributions of the square root of the Mahalanobis distance across the treatment and/or instrument for different assignment mechanisms.

Author(s)

Zach Branson and Luke Keele

References

Branson, Z. and Keele, L. (2020). Evaluating a Key Instrumental Variable Assumption Using Randomization Tests. American Journal of Epidemiology. To appear.

Examples

```
#load the data
data(icu.data)
#the covariate matrix is
X = as.matrix(subset(icu.data, select = -c(open_bin, icu_bed)))
#the treatment
D = icu.data$icu_bed
#the instrument
Z = icu.data$open_bin
#the subclass
subclass = icu.data$site
#make distribution plot of sqrt(MD) for
#complete randomization, block randomization, and bernoulli trials
#(just uncomment the code below)
#distributionBalancePlot(X = X, D = D, Z = Z, subclass = subclass,
#complete = TRUE, blocked = TRUE, bernoulli = TRUE, perms = 500)
```

fitted.ivmodel

Extract Model Fitted values in the ivmodel Object

Description

This fitted method returns the fitted values from k-Class estimators inside ivmodel.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'ivmodel'
fitted(object,...)
```

Arguments

```
object ivmodel object.... Additional arguments to fitted.
```

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Value

A matrix of fitted values from the k-Class estimations. Specifically, each column of the matrix represents predicted values of the outcome for each individual based on different estimates of the treatment effect from k-Class estimators. By default, one of the columns of the matrix is the predicted outcome when the treatment effect is estimated by ordinary least squares (OLS). Because OLS is generally biased in instrumental variables settings, the predictions will likely be biased. For consistent estimates, the predictions are estimates of $E[Y \mid D,X]$. In other words, they marginalize over the unmeasured confounder U and estimate the mean outcomes among all individuals with measured confounders X if they were to be assigned treatment value D. For example, in the Card study, if U represents the income of the study unit's parents which were not measured and X represents experience in years, the value of fitted for $E[Y \mid D = 16, X = 4]$ is what the average log income among individuals who had 4 years of experience would be if they were assigned 16 years of education.

Author(s)

Yang Jiang, Hyunseung Kang, and Dylan Small

See Also

See also ivmodel for details on the instrumental variables model.

Examples

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Fuller-k Estimator

Description

Fuller computes the Fuller-k (Fuller 1977) estimate for the ivmodel object.

Usage

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Arguments

ivmodel ivmodel object.

beta0 Null value β_0 for testing null hypothesis $H_0: \beta = \beta_0$ in ivmodel. Default is 0.

alpha The significance level for hypothesis testing. Default is 0.05.

b Positive constant b in Fuller-k estimator. Default is 1.

manyweakSE Should many weak instrument (and heteroscedastic-robust) asymptotics in Hansen,

Hausman and Newey (2008) be used to compute standard errors?

heteroSE Should heteroscedastic-robust standard errors be used? Default is FALSE.

clusterID If cluster-robust standard errors are desired, provide a vector of length that's

identical to the sample size. For example, if n = 6 and clusterID = c(1,1,1,2,2,2), there would be two clusters where the first cluster is formed by the first three observations and the second cluster is formed by the last three observations.

clusterID can be numeric, character, or factor.

Details

Fuller computes the Fuller-k estimate for the instrumental variables model in ivmodel, specifically for the parameter beta. The computation uses KClass with the value of $k=k_{LIML}-b/(n-L-p)$. It generates a point estimate, a standard error associated with the point estimate, a test statistic and a p value under the null hypothesis $H_0: \beta=\beta_0$ in ivmodel along with a $1-\alpha$ confidence interval.

Value

Fuller returns a list containing the following components

k The k value used when computing the Fuller estimate with the k-Class estimator.

point.est Point estimate of β .

std.err Standard error of the estimate.

test.stat The value of the test statistic for testing the null hypothesis $H_0: \beta = \beta_0$ in

ivmodel.

p.value The p value of the test under the null hypothesis $H_0: \beta = \beta_0$ in ivmodel.

ci A matrix of one row by two columns specifying the confidence interval associ-

ated with the Fuller estimator.

Author(s)

Yang Jiang, Hyunseung Kang, Dylan Small

References

Fuller, W. (1977). Some properties of a modification of the limited information estimator. *Econometrica*, 45, 939-953.

See Also

See also ivmodel for details on the instrumental variables model. See also KClass for more information about the k-Class estimator.

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Examples

getCovMeanDiffs

Get Covariate Mean Differences

Description

getCovMeanDiffs returns the covariate mean differences between two groups.

Usage

```
getCovMeanDiffs(X, indicator)
```

Arguments

X Covariate matrix (with units as rows and covariates as columns).

indicator Binary indicator vector (must contain 1 or 0 for each unit). For example, could

be a binary treatment or instrument.

Value

Covariate mean differences between two groups.

Author(s)

Zach Branson and Luke Keele

References

Branson, Z. and Keele, L. (2020). Evaluating a Key Instrumental Variable Assumption Using Randomization Tests. American Journal of Epidemiology. To appear.

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Examples

```
#load the data
data(icu.data)
#the covariate matrix is
X = as.matrix(subset(icu.data, select = -c(open_bin, icu_bed)))
#covariate mean differences across the treatment
getCovMeanDiffs(X = X, indicator = icu.data$icu_bed)
#covariate mean differences across the instrument
getCovMeanDiffs(X = X, indicator = icu.data$open_bin)
```

getMD

Get Mahalanobis Distance

Description

getMD returns the Mahalanobis distance between two groups.

Usage

```
getMD(X, indicator, covX.inv = NULL)
```

Arguments

Χ Covariate matrix (with units as rows and covariates as columns).

indicator Binary indicator vector (must contain 1 or 0 for each unit). For example, could

be a binary treatment or instrument.

Inverse of the covariate covariance matrix. Usually this is left as NULL, because covX.inv

> getMD() will compute covX.inv for you. However, if getMD() is used many times (e.g., as in a permutation test), it can be computationally efficient to spec-

ify covX. inv beforehand.

Value

Mahalanobis distance between two groups.

Author(s)

Zach Branson and Luke Keele

References

Branson, Z. and Keele, L. (2020). Evaluating a Key Instrumental Variable Assumption Using Randomization Tests. American Journal of Epidemiology. To appear.

Examples

```
#load the data
data(icu.data)
#the covariate matrix is
X = as.matrix(subset(icu.data, select = -c(open_bin, icu_bed)))
#mahalanobis distance across the treatment
getMD(X = X, indicator = icu.data$icu_bed)
#mahalanobis distance across the instrument
getMD(X = X, indicator = icu.data$open_bin)
```

 ${\tt getStandardizedCovMeanDiffs}$

Get Standardized Covariate Mean Differences

Description

getStandardizedCovMeanDiffs returns the standardized covariate mean differences between two groups.

Usage

```
getStandardizedCovMeanDiffs(X, indicator)
```

Arguments

X Covariate matrix (with units as rows and covariates as columns).

indicator Binary indicator vector (must contain 1 or 0 for each unit). For example, could

be a binary treatment or instrument.

Value

Standardized covariate mean differences between two groups.

Author(s)

Zach Branson and Luke Keele

References

Branson, Z. and Keele, L. (2020). Evaluating a Key Instrumental Variable Assumption Using Randomization Tests. American Journal of Epidemiology. To appear.

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Examples

```
#load the data
data(icu.data)
#the covariate matrix is
X = as.matrix(subset(icu.data, select = -c(open_bin, icu_bed)))
#standardized covariate mean differences across the treatment
getStandardizedCovMeanDiffs(X = X, indicator = icu.data$icu_bed)
#standardized covariate mean differences across the instrument
getStandardizedCovMeanDiffs(X = X, indicator = icu.data$open_bin)
```

icu.data

Pseudo-data based on Branson and Keele (2020)

Description

Data sampled with replacement from the original data from the (SPOT)light study used in Branson and Keele (2020). Also see Keele et al. (2018) for more details about the variables in this dataset.

Usage

```
data(icu.data)
```

Format

A data frame with 13011 observations on the following 18 variables.

age Age of the patient in years.

male Whether or not the patient is male; 1 if male and 0 otherwise.

sepsis_dx Whether or not the patient is diagnosed with sepsis; 1 if so and 0 otherwise.

periarrest Whether or not the patient is diagnosed with peri-arrest; 1 if so and 0 otherwise.

icnarc_score The Intensive Care National Audit and Research Centre physiological score.

news_score The National Health Service national early warning score.

sofa_score The sequential organ failure assessment score.

v_cc1 Indicator for level of care at assessment (Level 0, normal ward care).

v_cc2 Indicator for level of care at assessment (Level 1, normal ward care).

v_cc4 Indicator for level of care at assessment (Level 2, care within a high dependency unit).

v_cc5 Indicator for level of care at assessment (Level 3, ICU care).

v_cc_r1 Indicator for recommended level of care at assessment (Level 0, normal ward care).

v_cc_r2 Indicator for recommended level of care after assessment (Level 1, normal ward care).

v_cc_r4 Indicator for recommended level of care after assessment (Level 2, care within a high dependency unit).

v_cc_r5 Indicator for recommended level of care after assessment (Level 3, ICU care).

open_bin Binary instrument; 1 if the available number of ICU beds was less than 4, and 0 otherwise.

icu_bed Binary treatment; 1 if admitted to an ICU bed.

site ID for the hospital that the patient attended.

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References

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Examples

```
data(icu.data)
```

iv.diagnosis

Diagnostics of instrumental variable analysis

Description

Diagnostics of instrumental variable analysis

Usage

```
iv.diagnosis(Y, D, Z, X)
iv.diagnosis.plot(output, bias.ratio = TRUE, base_size = 15,
   text_size = 5)
```

Arguments

Υ	A numeric vector of outcomes.
D	A vector of endogenous variables.
Z	A vector of instruments.
Χ	A vector, matrix or data frame of (exogenous) covariates.
output	Output from iv.diagnosis.
bias.ratio	Add bias ratios (text) to the plot?
base_size	size of the axis labels
text_size	size of the text (bias ratios)

Value

a list or data frame

```
x.mean1 Mean of X under Z = 1 (reported if Z is binary)
x.mean0 Mean of X under Z = 0 (reported if Z is binary)
coef OLS coefficient of X ~ Z (reported if Z is not binary)
se Standard error of OLS coefficient (reported if Z is not binary)
```

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p.val p-value of the independence of Z and X (Fisher's test if both are binary, logistic regression if Z is binary, linear regression if Z is continuous)

stand.diff Standardized difference (reported if Z is binary)

bias.ratio Bias ratio

bias.amplify Amplification of bias ratio

bias.ols Bias of OLS

bias.2sls Bias of two stage least squares)

Functions

• iv.diagnosis.plot: IV diagnostic plot

Author(s)

Qingyuan Zhao

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```
n <- 10000
Z <- rbinom(n, 1, 0.5)
X <- data.frame(matrix(c(rnorm(n), rbinom(n * 5, 1, 0.5)), n))
D <- rbinom(n, 1, plogis(Z + X[, 1] + X[, 2] + X[, 3]))
Y <- D + X[, 1] + X[, 2] + rnorm(n)
print(output <- iv.diagnosis(Y, D, Z, X))
iv.diagnosis.plot(output)

Z <- rnorm(n)
D <- rbinom(n, 1, plogis(Z + X[, 1] + X[, 2] + X[, 3]))
Y <- D + X[, 1] + X[, 2] + rnorm(n)
print(output <- iv.diagnosis(Y, D, Z, X)) ## stand.diff is not reported
iv.diagnosis.plot(output)</pre>
```

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Description

ivmodel fits an instrumental variables (IV) model with one endogenous variable and a continuous outcome. It carries out several IV regressions, diagnostics, and tests associated this IV model. It is robust to most data formats, including factor and character data, and can handle very large IV models efficiently.

Usage

```
ivmodel(Y, D, Z, X, intercept = TRUE,
    beta0 = 0, alpha = 0.05, k = c(0, 1),
    manyweakSE = FALSE, heteroSE = FALSE, clusterID = NULL,
    deltarange = NULL, na.action = na.omit)
```

Arguments

Υ	A numeric vector of outcomes.
D	A vector of endogenous variables.
Z	A matrix or data frame of instruments.
Χ	A matrix or data frame of (exogenous) covariates.
intercept	Should the intercept be included? Default is TRUE and if so, you do not need to add a column of 1s in X.
beta0	Null value β_0 for testing null hypothesis $H_0:\beta=\beta_0$ in ivmodel. Default is \$0\$.
alpha	The significance level for hypothesis testing. Default is 0.05.
k	A numeric vector of k values for k -class estimation. Default is 0 (OLS) and 1 (TSLS).
manyweakSE	Should many weak instrument (and heteroscedastic-robust) asymptotics in Hansen, Hausman and Newey (2008) be used to compute standard errors? (Not supported for k ==0)
heteroSE	Should heteroscedastic-robust standard errors be used? Default is FALSE.
clusterID	If cluster-robust standard errors are desired, provide a vector of length that's identical to the sample size. For example, if $n = 6$ and clusterID = $c(1,1,1,2,2,2)$, there would be two clusters where the first cluster is formed by the first three observations and the second cluster is formed by the last three observations. clusterID can be numeric, character, or factor.
deltarange	Range of δ for sensitivity analysis with the Anderson-Rubin (1949) test.
na.action	NA handling. There are na.fail, na.omit, na.exclude, na.pass available. Default is na.omit.

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Details

Let Y, D, X, and Z represent the outcome, endogenous variable, p dimensional exogenous covariates, and L dimensional instruments, respectively. Note that the intercept is a type of exogenous covariate and can be added to X by specifying intercept as TRUE (the default behavior); the user does not have to manually add an intercept column in X. ivmodel assumes the following IV model

$$Y = X\alpha + D\beta + \epsilon, E(\epsilon|X, Z) = 0$$

and produces statistics for β . In particular, ivmodel computes the OLS, TSLS, k-class, limited information maximum likelihood (LIML), and Fuller-k (Fuller 1977) estimates of β using KClass, LIML, and codeFuller. Also, ivmodel computes confidence intervals and hypothesis tests of the type $H_0: \beta = \beta_0$ versus $H_0: \beta \neq \beta_0$ for the said estimators as well as two weak-IV confidence intervals, Anderson and Rubin (Anderson and Rubin 1949) confidence interval (Anderson and Rubin 1949) and the conditional likelihood ratio confidence interval (Moreira 2003). Finally, the code also conducts a sensitivity analysis if Z is one-dimensional (i.e. there is only one instrument) using the method in Jiang et al. (2015).

Some procedures (e.g. conditional likelihood ratio test, sensitivity analysis with Anderson-Rubin) assume an additional linear model

$$D = Z\gamma + X\kappa + \xi, E(\xi|X,Z) = 0$$

Value

ivmodel returns an object of class "ivmodel".

An object class "ivmodel" is a list containing the following components

n	Sample size.
L	Number of instruments.
p	Number of exogenous covariates (including intercept).
Υ	Outcome, cleaned for use in future methods.
D	Treatment, cleaned for use in future methods.
Z	Instrument(s), cleaned for use in future methods.
Χ	Exogenous covariates (if provided), cleaned for use in future methods.
Yadj	Adjusted outcome, projecting out X.
Dadj	Adjusted treatment, projecting out X.
Zadj	Adjusted instrument(s), projecting out X.
ZadjQR	QR decomposition for adjusted instrument(s).
ZXQR	QR decomposition for concatenated matrix of Z and X.
alpha	Significance level for the hypothesis tests.
beta0	Null value of the hypothesis tests.
kClass	A list from KClass function.
LIML	A list from LIML function.
Fuller	A list from Fuller function.

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AR A list from AR. test.

CLR A list from CLR.

In addition, if there is only one instrument, ivreg will generate an "ARsens" list within "ivmodel" object.

Author(s)

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Wang, X., Jiang, Y., Small, D. and Zhang, N. (2017), Sensitivity analysis and power for instrumental variable studies. *Biometrics* 74(4), 1150-1160.

See Also

See also KClass, LIML, Fuller, AR. test, and CLR for individual methods associated with ivmodel. For extracting the estimated effect of the exogenous covariates on the outcome, see coefOther. For sensitivity analysis with the AR test, see ARsens.test.ivmodel has vcov.ivmodel,model.matrix.ivmodel,summary.ivmoconfint.ivmodel, fitted.ivmodel, residuals.ivmodel and coef.ivmodel methods associated with it.

```
data(card.data)
# One instrument #
Y=card.data[,"lwage"]
D=card.data[,"educ"]
```

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Fitting Instrumental Variables (IV) Models

Description

ivmodelFormula fits an instrumental variables (IV) model with one endogenous variable and a continuous outcome. It carries out several IV regressions, diagnostics, and tests associated this IV model. It is robust to most data formats, including factor and character data, and can handle very large IV models efficiently.

Usage

Arguments

formula

a formula describing the model to be fitted. For example, the formula $Y \sim D + X1 + X2 \mid Z1 + Z2 + X1 + X2$ describes the mode where

$$Y = \alpha_0 + D\beta + X_1\alpha_1 + X_2\alpha_2 + \epsilon$$

and

$$D = \gamma_0 + Z_1 \gamma_1 + Z_2 \gamma_2 + X_1 \kappa_1 + X_2 \kappa_2 + \xi$$

The outcome is Y, the endogenous variable is D. The exogenous covariates are X1 and X2. The instruments are Z1 and Z2. The formula environment follows the formula environment in the ivreg function in the AER package.

data

an optional data frame containing the variables in the model. By default the variables are taken from the environment which ivmodel is called from

subset

an index vector indicating which rows should be used.

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\$0\$.

alpha The significance level for hypothesis testing. Default is 0.05.

k A numeric vector of k values for k-class estimation. Default is 0 (OLS) and 1 (TSLS).

manyweakSE Should many weak instrument (and heteroscedastic-robust) asymptotics in Hansen, Hausman and Newey (2008) be used to compute standard errors? (Not supported for k ==0)

heteroSE Should heteroscedastic-robust standard errors be used? Default is FALSE.

Null value β_0 for testing null hypothesis $H_0: \beta = \beta_0$ in ivmodel. Default is

clusterID If cluster-robust standard errors are desired, provide a vector of length that's identical to the sample size. For example, if n = 6 and clusterID = c(1,1,1,2,2,2), there would be two clusters where the first cluster is formed by the first three observations and the second cluster is formed by the last three observations.

clusterID can be numeric, character, or factor.

deltarange Range of δ for sensitivity analysis with the Anderson-Rubin (1949) test.

na.action NA handling. There are na.fail, na.omit, na.exclude, na.pass available.

Default is na.omit.

Details

beta0

Let Y, D, X, and Z represent the outcome, endogenous variable, p dimensional exogenous covariates, and L dimensional instruments, respectively. ivmodel assumes the following IV model

$$Y = X\alpha + D\beta + \epsilon, E(\epsilon|X, Z) = 0$$

and produces statistics for β . In particular, ivmodel computes the OLS, TSLS, k-class, limited information maximum likelihood (LIML), and Fuller-k (Fuller 1977) estimates of β using KClass, LIML, and codeFuller. Also, ivmodel computes confidence intervals and hypothesis tests of the type $H_0: \beta = \beta_0$ versus $H_0: \beta \neq \beta_0$ for the said estimators as well as two weak-IV confidence intervals, Anderson and Rubin (Anderson and Rubin 1949) confidence interval (Anderson and Rubin 1949) and the conditional likelihood ratio confidence interval (Moreira 2003). Finally, the code also conducts a sensitivity analysis if Z is one-dimensional (i.e. there is only one instrument) using the method in Jiang et al. (2015).

Some procedures (e.g. conditional likelihood ratio test, sensitivity analysis with Anderson-Rubin) assume an additional linear model

$$D = Z\gamma + X\kappa + \xi, E(\xi|X,Z) = 0$$

Value

ivmodel returns an object of class "ivmodel".

An object class "ivmodel" is a list containing the following components

n Sample size.

L Number of instruments.

p Number of exogenous covariates (including intercept).

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Υ	Outcome, cleaned for use in future methods.
D	Treatment, cleaned for use in future methods.
Z	Instrument(s), cleaned for use in future methods.

X Exogenous covariates (if provided), cleaned for use in future methods.

Yadj Adjusted outcome, projecting out X.

Dadj Adjusted treatment, projecting out X.

Zadj Adjusted instrument(s), projecting out X.

ZadjQR QR decomposition for adjusted instrument(s).

ZXQR QR decomposition for concatenated matrix of Z and X.

alpha Significance level for the hypothesis tests.

beta0 Null value of the hypothesis tests.

kClass A list from KClass function.

LIML A list from LIML function.

Fuller A list from Fuller function.

AR A list from AR. test.
CLR A list from CLR.

In addition, if there is only one instrument, ivreg will generate an "ARsens" list within "ivmodel" object.

Author(s)

Yang Jiang, Hyunseung Kang, and Dylan Small

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See Also

See also KClass, LIML, Fuller, AR. test, and CLR for individual methods associated with ivmodel. For extracting the estimated effect of the exogenous covariates on the outcome, see coefOther. For sensitivity analysis with the AR test, see ARsens.test.ivmodel has vcov.ivmodel,model.matrix.ivmodel,summary.ivmoconfint.ivmodel, fitted.ivmodel, residuals.ivmodel and coef.ivmodel methods associated with it.

```
data(card.data)
# One instrument #
Y=card.data[,"lwage"]
D=card.data[,"educ"]
Z=card.data[,"nearc4"]
"reg668", "smsa66")
X=card.data[,Xname]
card.model1IV = ivmodelFormula(lwage ~ educ + exper + expersq + black +
                              south + smsa + reg661 +
                              reg662 + reg663 + reg664 +
                              reg665 + reg666 + reg667 +
                              reg668 + smsa66 | nearc4 +
                              exper + expersq + black +
                              south + smsa + reg661 +
                              reg662 + reg663 + reg664 +
                              reg665 + reg666 + reg667 +
                              reg668 + smsa66,data=card.data)
card.model1IV
# Multiple instruments
Z = card.data[,c("nearc4","nearc2")]
card.model2IV = ivmodelFormula(lwage ~ educ + exper + expersq + black +
                              south + smsa + reg661 +
                              reg662 + reg663 + reg664 +
                              reg665 + reg666 + reg667 +
                              reg668 + smsa66 | nearc4 + nearc2 +
                              exper + expersq + black +
                              south + smsa + reg661 +
                              reg662 + reg663 + reg664 +
                              reg665 + reg666 + reg667 +
                              reg668 + smsa66, data=card.data)
card.model2IV
```

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IVpower	Power calculation for IV models	

Description

IVpower computes the power for one of the following tests: two stage least square estimates; Anderson-Rubin (1949) test; Sensitivity analysis.

Usage

Arguments

ivmodel	ivmodel object.
n	number of sample size, if missing, will use the sample size from the input ivmodel object.
alpha	The significance level for hypothesis testing. Default is 0.05.
beta	True causal effect minus null hypothesis causal effect. If missing, will use the beta calculated from the input ivmodel object.
type	Determines which test will be used for power calculation. "TSLS" for two stage least square estimates; "AR" for Anderson-Rubin test; "ARsens" for sensitivity analysis.
deltarange	Range of sensitivity allowance. A numeric vector of length 2. If missing, will use the deltarange from the input ivmodel object.
delta	True value of sensitivity parameter when calculating the power. Usually take delta = 0 for the favorable situation or delta = NULL for unknown delta.

Details

IVpower computes the power for one of the following tests: two stage least square estimates; Anderson-Rubin (1949) test; Sensitivity analysis. The related value of parameters will be inferred from the input of ivmodel object.

Value

a power value for the specified type of test.

Author(s)

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See Also

See also ivmodel for details on the instrumental variables model. See also TSLS.power, AR.power, ARsens.power for details on the power calculation.

Examples

IVsize

Calculating minimum sample size for achieving a certain power

Description

IVsize calculates the minimum sample size needed for achieving a certain power in one of the following tests: two stage least square estimates; Anderson-Rubin (1949) test; Sensitivity analysis.

Usage

Arguments

ivmodel ivmodel object.

power The power threshold to achieve.

alpha The significance level for hypothesis testing. Default is 0.05.

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beta	True causal effect minus null hypothesis causal effect. If missing, will use the beta calculated from the input ivmodel object.
type	Determines which test will be used for power calculation. "TSLS" for two stage least square estimates; "AR" for Anderson-Rubin test; "ARsens" for sensitivity analysis.
deltarange	Range of sensitivity allowance. A numeric vector of length 2. If missing, will use the deltarange from the input ivmodel object.
delta	True value of sensitivity parameter when calculating the power. Usually take delta = 0 for the favorable situation or delta = NULL for unknown delta.

Details

IVsize calculates the minimum sample size needed for achieving a certain power for one of the following tests: two stage least square estimates; Anderson-Rubin (1949) test; Sensitivity analysis. The related value of parameters will be inferred from the input of ivmodel object.

Value

minimum sample size needed for achieving a certain power

Author(s)

Yang Jiang, Hyunseung Kang, Dylan Small

References

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See Also

See also ivmodel for details on the instrumental variables model. See also TSLS.size, AR.size, ARsens.size for calculation details.

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```
IVsize(card.model, power=0.8)
IVsize(card.model, power=0.8, type="AR")
IVsize(card.model, power=0.8, type="ARsens", deltarange=c(-0.01, 0.01))
```

KClass

k-Class Estimator

Description

KClass computes the k-Class estimate for the ivmodel object.

Usage

```
KClass(ivmodel,
    beta0 = 0, alpha = 0.05, k = c(0, 1),
    manyweakSE = FALSE, heteroSE = FALSE, clusterID = NULL)
```

Arguments

ivmodel	ivmodel object.
beta0	Null value β_0 for testing null hypothesis $H_0: \beta = \beta_0$ in ivmodel. Default is 0.
alpha	The significance level for hypothesis testing. Default is 0.05.
k	A vector of k values for the k-Class estimator. Default is 0 (OLS) and 1 (TSLS).
manyweakSE	Should many weak instrument (and heteroscedastic-robust) asymptotics in Hansen, Hausman and Newey (2008) be used to compute standard errors? (Not supported for k =0)
heteroSE	Should heteroscedastic-robust standard errors be used? Default is FALSE.
clusterID	If cluster-robust standard errors are desired, provide a vector of length that's identical to the sample size. For example, if $n = 6$ and clusterID = $c(1,1,1,2,2,2)$, there would be two clusters where the first cluster is formed by the first three observations and the second cluster is formed by the last three observations.

Details

KClass computes the k-Class estimate for the instrumental variables model in ivmodel, specifically for the parameter β . It generates a point estimate, a standard error associated with the point estimate, a test statistic and a p value under the null hypothesis $H_0: \beta = \beta_0$ in ivmodel along with a $1-\alpha$ confidence interval.

clusterID can be numeric, character, or factor.

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Value

KClass returns a list containing the following components

k	A row matrix of k values supplied to KClass.
point.est	A row matrix of point estimates of $\beta,$ with each row corresponding to the k values supplied.
std.err	A row matrix of standard errors of the estimates, with each row corresponding to the \boldsymbol{k} values supplied.
test.stat	A row matrix of test statistics for testing the null hypothesis $H_0:\beta=\beta_0$ in ivmodel, with each row corresponding to the k values supplied.
p.value	A row matrix of p value of the test under the null hypothesis $H_0: \beta=\beta_0$ in ivmode1, with each row corresponding to the k values supplied.
ci	A matrix of two columns specifying the confidence interval, with each row corresponding to the k values supplied.

Author(s)

Yang Jiang, Hyunseung Kang, and Dylan Small

See Also

See also ivmodel for details on the instrumental variables model.

```
data(card.data)
Y=card.data[,"lwage"]
D=card.data[,"educ"]
Z=card.data[,c("nearc4","nearc2")]
"reg668", "smsa66")
X=card.data[,Xname]
card.model2IV = ivmodel(Y=Y,D=D,Z=Z,X=X)
KClass(card.model2IV,
         k=c(0,1,0.5)
## Not run:
## The following code tests the mank weak IV standard error for LIML and Fuller.
example <- function(q = 10, rho1 = 0.5, n1 = 10000,
sigma.uv = 0.5, beta = 1, gamma = rep(1/sqrt(q), q)) {
   Sigma1 <- outer(1:q, 1:q, function(i, j) rho1^abs(i - j))</pre>
   library(MASS)
   Z1 <- mvrnorm(n1, rep(1, q), Sigma1)</pre>
   Z1 \leftarrow matrix(2 * as.numeric(Z1 > 0) - 1, nrow = n1)
   UV1 <- mvrnorm(n1, rep(0, 2), matrix(c(1, sigma.uv, sigma.uv, 1), 2))
   X1 <- Z1
```

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```
Y1 <- X1
list(Z1 = Z1, X1 = X1, Y1 = Y1)

one.sim <- function(manyweakSE) {
    data <- example(q = 100, n1 = 200)
    fit <- ivmodel(data$Y1, data$X1, data$Z1, manyweakSE = manyweakSE)
    1 > coef(fit)[, 2] - 1.96 * coef(fit)[, 3] & 1 < coef(fit)[, 2] + 1.96 * coef(fit)[, 3]
}

res <- replicate(200, one.sim(TRUE))
apply(res, 1, mean)

res <- replicate(200, one.sim(FALSE))
apply(res, 1, mean)</pre>
## End(Not run)
```

LIML

Limited Information Maximum Likelihood Ratio (LIML) Estimator

Description

LIML computes the LIML estimate for the ivmodel object.

ivmodel object.

Usage

```
LIML(ivmodel,
    beta0 = 0, alpha = 0.05,
    manyweakSE = FALSE, heteroSE = FALSE, clusterID = NULL)
```

Arguments

ivmodel

Null value β_0 for testing null hypothesis $H_0: \beta = \beta_0$ in ivmodel. Default is 0.

alpha The significance level for hypothesis testing. Default is 0.05.

manyweakSE Should many weak instrument (and heteroscedastic-robust) asymptotics in Hansen, Hausman and Newey (2008) be used to compute standard errors?

Hausman and Newey (2008) be used to compute standard errors?

heteroSE Should heteroscedastic-robust standard errors be used? Default is FALSE.

clusterID If cluster-robust standard errors are desired, provide a vector of length that's

identical to the sample size. For example, if n = 6 and clusterID = c(1,1,1,2,2,2), there would be two clusters where the first cluster is formed by the first three observations and the second cluster is formed by the last three observations.

clusterID can be numeric, character, or factor.

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Details

LIML computes the LIML estimate for the instrumental variables model in ivmodel, specifically for the parameter beta. The computation uses KClass with the value of $k=k_{LIML}$, which is the smallest root of the equation

 $det(L^TL - kL^TR_ZL) = 0$

where L is a matrix of two columns, the first column consisting of the outcome vector, Y, and the second column consisting of the endogenous variable, D, and $R_Z = I - Z(Z^TZ)^{-1}Z^T$ with Z being the matrix of instruments. LIML generates a point estimate, a standard error associated with the point estimate, a test statistic and a p value under the null hypothesis $H_0: \beta = \beta_0$ in ivmodel along with a $1-\alpha$ confidence interval.

Value

LIML returns a list containing the following components

k	The k value for LIML.
point.est	Point estimate of β .
std.err	Standard error of the estimate.
test.stat	The value of the test statistic for testing the null hypothesis $H_0:\beta=\beta_0$ in ivmodel.
p.value	The p value of the test under the null hypothesis $H_0: \beta = \beta_0$ in ivmodel.
ci	A matrix of one row by two columns specifying the confidence interval associated with the Fuller estimator.

Author(s)

Yang Jiang, Hyunseung Kang, Dylan Small

See Also

See also ivmodel for details on the instrumental variables model. See also KClass for more information about the k-Class estimator.

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Description

This method extracts the design matrix inside ivmodel.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'ivmodel'
model.matrix(object,...)
```

Arguments

```
object ivmodel object.... Additional arguments to fitted.
```

Value

A design matrix for the ivmodel object.

Author(s)

Yang Jiang, Hyunseung Kang, and Dylan Small

See Also

See also ivmodel for details on the instrumental variables model.

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Parameter Estimation from Ivmodel

Description

para computes the estimation of several parameters for the ivmodel object.

Usage

```
para(ivmodel)
```

Arguments

ivmodel

ivmodel object.

Details

para computes the coefficients of 1st and 2nd stage regression (gamma and beta). It also computes the covariance matrix of the error term of 1st and 2nd stage. (sigmau, sigmay, and rho)

Value

para returns a list containing the following components

gamma The coefficient of IV in first stage, calculated by linear regression beta The TSLS estimator of the exposure effect

sigmau Standard deviation of potential outcome under control (structural error for y).

sigmav Standard deviation of error from regressing treatment on instruments

rho Correlation between u (potential outcome under control) and v (error from re-

gressing treatment on instrument).

Author(s)

Yang Jiang, Hyunseung Kang, Dylan Small

See Also

See also ivmodel for details on the instrumental variables model.

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```
X=card.data[,Xname]
cardfit=ivmodel(Y=Y, D=D, Z=Z, X=X)
para(cardfit)
```

permTest.absBias

Perform a permutation test using the sum of absolute biases

Description

permTest.absBias performs a permutation test for complete randomization using the sum of absolute biases as a test statistic.

Usage

```
permTest.absBias(X, D = NULL, Z = NULL,
assignment = "complete",
perms = 1000, subclass = NULL)
```

Arguments

Χ	Covariate matrix (with units as rows and covariates as columns).	
D	Indicator vector for a binary treatment (must contain 1 or 0 for each unit).	
Z	Indicator vector for a binary instrument (must contain 1 or 0 for each unit).	
assignment	Must be "complete", "block", or "bernoulli". Designates whether to test for complete randomization, block randomization, or Bernoulli trials.	
subclass	Vector of subclasses (one for each unit). Subclasses can be numbers or characters, as long as there is one specified for each unit. Only needed if assignment = "block".	
perms	Number of permutations used to approximate the permutation test.	

Value

p-value testing whether or not an indicator (treatment or instrument) is as-if randomized under complete randomization (i.e., random permutations), block randomization (i.e., random permutations within subclasses), or Bernoulli trials.

Author(s)

Zach Branson and Luke Keele

References

Branson, Z. and Keele, L. (2020). Evaluating a Key Instrumental Variable Assumption Using Randomization Tests. American Journal of Epidemiology. To appear.

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Examples

```
#load the data
data(icu.data)
#the covariate matrix is
X = as.matrix(subset(icu.data, select = -c(open_bin, icu_bed)))
#the treatment
D = icu.data$icu_bed
#the instrument
Z = icu.data$open_bin
#the subclass
subclass = icu.data$site
#can uncomment the following code for examples
#permutation test for complete randomization (for the treatment)
\#permTest.absBias(X = X, D = D,
#assignment = "complete", perms = 500)
#permutation test for complete randomization (for the instrument)
\#permTest.absBias(X = X, D = D, Z = Z,
#assignment = "complete", perms = 500)
#permutation test for block randomization (for the treatment)
\#permTest.absBias(X = X, D = D,
#assignment = "block", subclass = subclass, perms = 500)
#permutation test for block randomization (for the instrument)
\#permTest.absBias(X = X, D = D, Z = Z,
#assignment = "block",
#subclass = subclass, perms = 500)
#permutation test for bernoulli trials (for the treatment)
\#permTest.absBias(X = X, D = D,
#assignment = "bernoulli", perms = 500)
#permutation test for bernoulli randomization (for the instrument)
\#permTest.absBias(X = X, D = D, Z = Z,
#assignment = "bernoulli", perms = 500)
```

permTest.md

Perform a permutation test using the Mahalanobis distance

Description

permTest.md performs a permutation test for complete randomization using the Mahalanobis distance as a test statistic.

Usage

```
permTest.md(X, indicator, assignment = "complete", perms = 1000, subclass = NULL)
```

Arguments

Χ

Covariate matrix (with units as rows and covariates as columns).

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Binary indicator vector (must contain 1 or 0 for each unit). For example, could be a binary treatment or instrument.

Must be "complete", "block", or "bernoulli". Designates whether to test for complete randomization, block randomization, or Bernoulli trials.

Vector of subclasses (one for each unit). Subclasses can be numbers or characters, as long as there is one specified for each unit. Only needed if assignment = "block".

Perms

Number of permutations used to approximate the permutation test.

Value

p-value testing whether or not an indicator (treatment or instrument) is as-if randomized under complete randomization (i.e., random permutations), block randomization (i.e., random permutations within subclasses), or Bernoulli trials.

Author(s)

Zach Branson and Luke Keele

References

Branson, Z. and Keele, L. (2020). Evaluating a Key Instrumental Variable Assumption Using Randomization Tests. American Journal of Epidemiology. To appear.

```
#load the data
data(icu.data)
#the covariate matrix is
X = as.matrix(subset(icu.data, select = -c(open_bin, icu_bed)))
#the treatment
D = icu.data$icu_bed
#the instrument
Z = icu.data$open_bin
#the subclass
subclass = icu.data$site
#can uncomment the following code for examples
#permutation test for complete randomization (for the treatment)
\#permTest.md(X = X, indicator = D,
#assignment = "complete", perms = 500)
#permutation test for complete randomization (for the instrument)
\#permTest.md(X = X, indicator = Z,
#assignment = "complete", perms = 500)
#permutation test for block randomization (for the treatment)
\#permTest.md(X = X, indicator = D,
#assignment = "block", subclass = subclass, perms = 500)
#permutation test for block randomization (for the instrument)
\#permTest.md(X = X, indicator = Z,
#assignment = "block", subclass = subclass, perms = 500)
```

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```
#permutation test for bernoulli trials (for the treatment)
#permTest.md(X = X, indicator = D,
#assignment = "bernoulli", perms = 500)
#permutation test for bernoulli randomization (for the instrument)
#permTest.md(X = X, indicator = Z,
#assignment = "bernoulli", perms = 500)
```

residuals.ivmodel

Residuals from the Fitted Model in the ivmodel Object

Description

This function returns the residuals from the k-Class estimators inside the ivmodel object.

Usage

```
## $3 method for class 'ivmodel'
residuals(object,...)
## $3 method for class 'ivmodel'
resid(object,...)
```

Arguments

object ivmodel object.

... Additional arguments to residuals or resid.

Value

A matrix of residuals for each k-Class estimator. Specifically, each column of the matrix represents residuals for each individual based on different estimates of the treatment effect from k-Class estimators. By default, one of the columns of the matrix is the residuals when the treatment effect is estimated by ordinarly least squares (OLS). Because OLS is generally biased in instrumental variables settings, the residuals will likely be biased.

Author(s)

Yang Jiang, Hyunseung Kang, and Dylan Small

See Also

See also ivmodel for details on the instrumental variables model.

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Examples

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Power of TSLS Estimator

Description

TSLS. power computes the power of the asymptotic t-test of TSLS estimator.

Usage

```
TSLS.power(n, beta, rho_ZD, sigmau, sigmaDsq, alpha = 0.05)
```

Arguments

n	Sample size.
beta	True causal effect minus null hypothesis causal effect.
rho_ZD	Correlation between the IV Z and the exposure D.
sigmau	Standard deviation of potential outcome under control. (structural error for y)
sigmaDsq	The variance of the exposure D.
alpha	Significance level.

Details

The power formula is given in Freeman (2013).

Value

Power of the asymptotic t-test of TSLS estimator basd on given values of parameters.

Author(s)

Yang Jiang, Hyunseung Kang, and Dylan Small

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References

Freeman G, Cowling BJ, Schooling CM (2013). Power and Sample Size Calculations for Mendelian Randomization Studies Using One Genetic Instrument. International journal of epidemiology, 42(4), 1157-1163.

See Also

See also ivmodel for details on the instrumental variables model.

Examples

```
# Assume we calculate the power of asymptotic t-test of TSLS estimator
# in a study with one IV (1=1) and the only one exogenous variable is
# the intercept (k=1).

# Suppose the difference between the null hypothesis and true causal
# effect is 1 (beta=1).

# The sample size is 250 (n=250).

# The correlation between the IV and exposure is .5 (rho_ZD= .5).

# The standard deviation of potential outcome is 1(sigmau= 1).

# The variance of the exposure is 1 (sigmaDsq=1).

# The significance level for the study is alpha = .05.

# power of asymptotic t-test of TSLS estimator
TSLS.power(n=250, beta=1, rho_ZD=.5, sigmau=1, sigmaDsq=1, alpha = 0.05)
```

TSLS.size

Sample Size Calculator for the Power of Asymptotic T-test

Description

TSLS. size computes the minimum sample size required for achieving certain power of asymptotic t-test of TSLS estimator.

Usage

```
TSLS.size(power, beta, rho_ZD, sigmau, sigmaDsq, alpha = 0.05)
```

Arguments

power	The desired power over a constant.
beta	True causal effect minus null hypothesis causal effect.
rho_ZD	Correlation between the IV Z and the exposure D.
sigmau	Standard deviation of potential outcome under control. (structural error for y)
sigmaDsq	The variance of the exposure D.
alpha	Significance level.

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Details

The calculation is based on inverting the power formula given in Freeman (2013).

Value

Minimum sample size required for achieving certain power of asymptotic t-test of TSLS estimator.

Author(s)

Yang Jiang, Hyunseung Kang, and Dylan Small

References

Freeman G, Cowling BJ, Schooling CM (2013). Power and Sample Size Calculations for Mendelian Randomization Studies Using One Genetic Instrument. International journal of epidemiology, 42(4), 1157-1163.

See Also

See also ivmodel for details on the instrumental variables model.

Examples

```
# Assume we performed an asymptotic t-test of TSLS estimator in a study
# with one IV (1=1) and the only one exogenous variable is the intercept
# (k=1). We want to calculate the minimum sample size needed for this
# test to have an at least 0.8 power.

# Suppose the null hypothesis causal effect is 0 and the true causal
# effect is 1 (beta=1-0=1).
# The correlation between the IV and exposure is .5 (rho_ZD= .5).
# The standard deviation of potential outcome is 1(sigmau= 1).
# The variance of the exposure is 1 (sigmaDsq=1).
# The significance level for the study is alpha = .05.

### minimum sample size required for aysmptotic t-test
TSLS.size(power=.8, beta=1, rho_ZD=.5, sigmau=1, sigmaDsq=1, alpha = .05)
```

vcov.ivmodel

Calculate Variance-Covariance Matrix (i.e. Standard Error) for k-Class Estimators in the ivmodel Object

Description

This vcov method returns the variance-covariance matrix for all specified k-Class estimation from an ivmodel object.

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Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'ivmodel'
vcov(object,...)
```

Arguments

object ivmodel object.

... Additional arguments to vcov.

Value

A matrix of standard error estimates for each k-Class estimator.

Author(s)

Yang Jiang, Hyunseung Kang, and Dylan Small

See Also

See also ivmodel for details on the instrumental variables model.

Examples

vcov0ther

Variance of Exogenous Coefficients of the Fitted Model in the ivmodel Object

Description

This vcovOther returns the estimated variances of the estimated coefficients for the exogenous covariates associated with the outcome. All the estimation is based on k-Class estimators.

Usage

```
vcovOther(ivmodel)
```

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Arguments

ivmodel ivmodel object.

Value

A matrix where each row represents a k-class estimator and each column represents one of the exogenous covariates. Each element is the estimated variance of the estimated coefficients.

Author(s)

Hyunseung Kang

See Also

See also ivmodel for details on the instrumental variables model.

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