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Description The standard Difference-in-Differences (DID) setup involves two periods and two groups -- a treated group and untreated group. Many applications of DID methods involve more than two periods and have individuals that are treated at different points in time. This package contains tools for computing average treatment effect parameters in Difference in Differences setups with more than two periods and with variation in treatment timing using the methods developed in Callaway and Sant'Anna (2021) <doi:10.1016/j.jeconom.2020.12.001>. The main parameters are group-time average treatment effects which are the average treatment effect for a particular group at a a particular time. These can be aggregated into a fewer number of treatment effect parameters, and the package deals with the cases where there is selective treatment timing, dynamic treatment effects, calendar time effects, or combinations of these. There are also functions for testing the Difference in Differences assumption, and plotting group-time average treatment effects.

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Aggregate Group-Time Average Treatment Effects

Description

A function to take group-time average treatment effects and aggregate them into a smaller number of parameters. There are several possible aggregations including "simple", "dynamic", "group", and "calendar."

Usage

```
aggte(
 MP,
  type = "group",
  balance_e = NULL,
 min_e = -Inf,
 max_e = Inf,
  na.rm = FALSE,
  bstrap = NULL,
  biters = NULL,
  cband = NULL,
  alp = NULL,
  clustervars = NULL
)
```

Arguments

MP an MP object (i.e., the results of the att_gt() method)

Which type of aggregated treatment effect parameter to compute. One option type is "simple" (this just computes a weighted average of all group-time average

treatment effects with weights proportional to group size). Other options are "dynamic" (this computes average effects across different lengths of exposure to the treatment and is similar to an "event study"; here the overall effect averages the effect of the treatment across all positive lengths of exposure); "group" (this is the default option and computes average treatment effects across different groups; here the overall effect averages the effect across different groups); and "calendar" (this computes average treatment effects across different time

periods; here the overall effect averages the effect across each time period).

balance_e If set (and if one computes dynamic effects), it balances the sample with respect to event time. For example, if balance.e=2, aggte will drop groups that are not exposed to treatment for at least three periods. (the initial period when e=0 as well as the next two periods when e=1 and the e=2). This ensures that the

composition of groups does not change when event time changes.

min_e For event studies, this is the smallest event time to compute dynamic effects for. By default, min_e = -Inf so that effects at all lengths of exposure are computed.

> For event studies, this is the largest event time to compute dynamic effects for. By default, max_e = Inf so that effects at all lengths of exposure are computed.

Logical value if we are to remove missing Values from analyses. Defaults is

FALSE.

Boolean for whether or not to compute standard errors using the multiplier bootstrap. If standard errors are clustered, then one must set bstrap=TRUE. Default

is value set in the MP object. If bstrap is FALSE, then analytical standard errors are reported.

The number of bootstrap iterations to use. The default is the value set in the MP object, and this is only applicable if bstrap=TRUE.

max_e

na.rm

bstrap

biters

cband Boolean for whether or not to compute a uniform confidence band that covers

all of the group-time average treatment effects with fixed probability 1-alp. In order to compute uniform confidence bands, bstrap must also be set to TRUE.

The default is the value set in the MP object

alp the significance level, default is value set in the MP object.

clustervars A vector of variables to cluster on. At most, there can be two variables (other-

wise will throw an error) and one of these must be the same as idname which allows for clustering at the individual level. Default is the variables set in the

MP object

Value

An AGGTEobj object that holds the results from the aggregation

Examples

You can aggregate the ATT(g,t) in many ways.

Overall ATT:

```
aggte(out, type = "simple")
#>
#> Call:
#> aggte(MP = out, type = "simple")
#>
#> Reference: Callaway, Brantly and Pedro H.C. Sant'Anna. "Difference-in-Differences with Multiple Tim
#>
#>
#>
      ATT
             Std. Error
                            [ 95% Conf. Int.]
#>
   -0.04
                0.0125
                           -0.0644
                                       -0.0155 *
#>
#>
#> ---
#> Signif. codes: `*' confidence band does not cover 0
```

Dynamic ATT (Event-Study):

#> Estimation Method: Doubly Robust

#> Control Group: Never Treated, Anticipation Periods: 0

```
aggte(out, type = "dynamic")
#>
#> Call:
#> aggte(MP = out, type = "dynamic")
#> Reference: Callaway, Brantly and Pedro H.C. Sant'Anna. "Difference-in-Differences with Multiple Tim
#>
#>
#> Overall summary of ATT's based on event-study/dynamic aggregation:
#>
        ATT
               Std. Error
                             [ 95% Conf. Int.]
#>
   -0.0772
                   0.0227
                             -0.1217
                                         -0.0328 *
#>
#>
#> Dynamic Effects:
#> Event time Estimate Std. Error [95% Simult. Conf. Band]
#>
            -3 0.0305
                            0.0148
                                         -0.0078
                                                      0.0688
#>
            -2 -0.0006
                            0.0137
                                         -0.0360
                                                      0.0349
            -1 -0.0245
                            0.0152
                                         -0.0638
                                                      0.0149
             0 -0.0199
#>
                            0.0123
                                         -0.0518
                                                      0.0120
#>
             1 -0.0510
                            0.0167
                                         -0.0944
                                                     -0.0076 *
#>
             2 -0.1373
                            0.0389
                                         -0.2381
                                                     -0.0364 *
#>
             3 -0.1008
                            0.0364
                                         -0.1953
                                                     -0.0063 *
#> ---
#> Signif. codes: `*' confidence band does not cover 0
#> Control Group: Never Treated, Anticipation Periods: 0
#> Estimation Method: Doubly Robust
ATT for each group:
aggte(out, type = "group")
#>
#> Call:
#> aggte(MP = out, type = "group")
#> Reference: Callaway, Brantly and Pedro H.C. Sant'Anna. "Difference-in-Differences with Multiple Tim
#>
#>
#> Overall summary of ATT's based on group/cohort aggregation:
                             [ 95% Conf. Int.]
#>
       ATT
              Std. Error
#>
   -0.031
                  0.0126
                            -0.0558
                                        -0.0062 *
#>
#>
#> Group Effects:
#> Group Estimate Std. Error [95% Simult. Conf. Band]
#>
   2004 -0.0797
                       0.0292
                                    -0.1428
                                                -0.0167 *
#>
     2006 -0.0229
                       0.0165
                                    -0.0585
                                                 0.0127
#>
     2007 -0.0261
                       0.0182
                                    -0.0653
                                                 0.0132
```

#> ---

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```
#> Signif. codes: `*' confidence band does not cover 0
 #>
 #> Control Group: Never Treated, Anticipation Periods: 0
 #> Estimation Method: Doubly Robust
 ATT for each calendar year:
 aggte(out, type = "calendar")
 #>
 #> Call:
 #> aggte(MP = out, type = "calendar")
 #> Reference: Callaway, Brantly and Pedro H.C. Sant'Anna. "Difference-in-Differences with Multiple Tim
 #>
 #>
 #> Overall summary of ATT's based on calendar time aggregation:
             Std. Error [ 95% Conf. Int.]
 #>
         ATT
 #>
     -0.0417
                   0.0162
                              -0.0735
                                         -0.0099 *
 #>
 #>
 #> Time Effects:
 #> Time Estimate Std. Error [95% Simult. Conf. Band]
 #> 2004 -0.0105 0.0228 -0.0623
                                                0.0413
 #> 2005 -0.0704
                      0.0333
                                   -0.1461
                                                0.0053
     2006 -0.0488
                      0.0210
                                    -0.0965
                                               -0.0011 *
 #> 2007 -0.0371
                      0.0137
                                   -0.0682
                                               -0.0059 *
 \#> Signif. codes: `*' confidence band does not cover 0
 #> Control Group: Never Treated, Anticipation Periods: 0
 #> Estimation Method: Doubly Robust
AGGTEobj
                      AGGTEobj
```

Description

Objects of this class hold results on aggregated group-time average treatment effects An object for holding aggregated treatment effect parameters.

Usage

```
AGGTEobj(

overall.att = NULL,

overall.se = NULL,

type = "simple",

egt = NULL,
```

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```
att.egt = NULL,
se.egt = NULL,
crit.val.egt = NULL,
inf.function = NULL,
min_e = NULL,
max_e = NULL,
balance_e = NULL,
call = NULL,
DIDparams = NULL
```

Arguments

overall.att The estimated overall ATT
overall.se Standard error for overall ATT

type Which type of aggregated treatment effect parameter to compute. One option

is "simple" (this just computes a weighted average of all group-time average treatment effects with weights proportional to group size). Other options are "dynamic" (this computes average effects across different lengths of exposure to the treatment and is similar to an "event study"; here the overall effect averages the effect of the treatment across all positive lengths of exposure); "group" (this is the default option and computes average treatment effects across different groups; here the overall effect averages the effect across different time periods; here the overall effect averages the effect across each time period).

egt Holds the length of exposure (for dynamic effects), the group (for selective treat-

ment timing), or the time period (for calendar time effects)

att.egt The ATT specific to egt

se.egt The standard error specific to egt

crit.val.egt A critical value for computing uniform confidence bands for dynamic effects,

selective treatment timing, or time period effects.

inf. function The influence function of the chosen aggregated parameters

min_e For event studies, this is the smallest event time to compute dynamic effects for.

By default, min_e = -Inf so that effects at all lengths of exposure are computed.

max_e For event studies, this is the largest event time to compute dynamic effects for.

By default, max_e = Inf so that effects at all lengths of exposure are computed.

balance_e If set (and if one computes dynamic effects), it balances the sample with respect

to event time. For example, if balance.e=2, aggte will drop groups that are not exposed to treatment for at least three periods. (the initial period when e=0 as well as the next two periods when e=1 and the e=2). This ensures that the

composition of groups does not change when event time changes.

call The function call to aggte

DIDparams A DIDparams object

Value

an AGGTEobj

att_gt

Group-Time Average Treatment Effects

Description

att_gt computes average treatment effects in DID setups where there are more than two periods of data and allowing for treatment to occur at different points in time and allowing for treatment effect heterogeneity and dynamics. See Callaway and Sant'Anna (2021) for a detailed description.

Usage

```
att_gt(
 yname,
  tname,
  idname = NULL,
  gname,
  xformla = NULL,
  data,
  panel = TRUE,
  allow_unbalanced_panel = FALSE,
  control_group = c("nevertreated", "notyettreated"),
  anticipation = 0,
 weightsname = NULL,
  alp = 0.05,
 bstrap = TRUE,
  cband = TRUE,
 biters = 1000,
  clustervars = NULL,
  est_method = "dr",
 base_period = "varying",
  print_details = FALSE,
 pl = FALSE,
  cores = 1
)
```

Arguments

yname The name of the outcome variable

tname The name of the column containing the time periods

idname The individual (cross-sectional unit) id name

gname The name of the variable in data that contains the first period when a particular

observation is treated. This should be a positive number for all observations in treated groups. It defines which "group" a unit belongs to. It should be 0 for

units in the untreated group.

xformla A formula for the covariates to include in the model. It should be of the form

 \sim X1 + X2. Default is NULL which is equivalent to xformla= \sim 1. This is used to create a matrix of covariates which is then passed to the 2x2 DID estimator

chosen in est_method.

data The name of the data frame that contains the data

panel Whether or not the data is a panel dataset. The panel dataset should be provided

in long format – that is, where each row corresponds to a unit observed at a particular point in time. The default is TRUE. When is using a panel dataset, the variable idname must be set. When panel=FALSE, the data is treated as repeated

cross sections.

allow_unbalanced_panel

Whether or not function should "balance" the panel with respect to time and id. The default values if FALSE which means that att_gt() will drop all units where data is not observed in all periods. The advantage of this is that the computations

are faster (sometimes substantially).

control_group Which units to use the control group. The default is "nevertreated" which sets

the control group to be the group of units that never participate in the treatment. This group does not change across groups or time periods. The other option is to set group="notyettreated". In this case, the control group is set to the group of units that have not yet participated in the treatment in that time period. This includes all never treated units, but it includes additional units that eventually

participate in the treatment, but have not participated yet.

anticipation The number of time periods before participating in the treatment where units can

anticipate participating in the treatment and therefore it can affect their untreated

potential outcomes

weightsname The name of the column containing the sampling weights. If not set, all obser-

vations have same weight.

alp the significance level, default is 0.05

bstrap Boolean for whether or not to compute standard errors using the multiplier boot-

strap. If standard errors are clustered, then one must set bstrap=TRUE. Default is TRUE (in addition, cband is also by default TRUE indicating that uniform confidence bands will be returned. If bstrap is FALSE, then analytical standard errors

are reported.

cband Boolean for whether or not to compute a uniform confidence band that covers

all of the group-time average treatment effects with fixed probability 1-alp. In order to compute uniform confidence bands, bstrap must also be set to TRUE.

The default is TRUE.

biters The number of bootstrap iterations to use. The default is 1000, and this is only

applicable if bstrap=TRUE.

clustervars A vector of variables names to cluster on. At most, there can be two variables

(otherwise will throw an error) and one of these must be the same as idname which allows for clustering at the individual level. By default, we cluster at

individual level (when bstrap=TRUE).

est_method the method to compute group-time average treatment effects. The default is "dr"

which uses the doubly robust approach in the DRDID package. Other built-in

methods include "ipw" for inverse probability weighting and "reg" for first step regression estimators. The user can also pass their own function for estimating group time average treatment effects. This should be a function f(Y1, Y0, treat, covariates) where Y1 is an n x 1 vector of outcomes in the post-treatment outcomes, Y0 is an n x 1 vector of pre-treatment outcomes, treat is a vector indicating whether or not an individual participates in the treatment, and covariates is an n x k matrix of covariates. The function should return a list that includes ATT (an estimated average treatment effect), and inf. func (an n x 1 influence function). The function can return other things as well, but these are the only two that are required. est_method is only used if covariates are included.

base_period

Whether to use a "varying" base period or a "universal" base period. Either choice results in the same post-treatment estimates of ATT(g,t)'s. In pre-treatment periods, using a varying base period amounts to computing a pseudo-ATT in each treatment period by comparing the change in outcomes for a particular group relative to its comparison group in the pre-treatment periods (i.e., in pre-treatment periods this setting computes changes from period t-1 to period t, but repeatedly changes the value of t)

A universal base period fixes the base period to always be (g-anticipation-1). This does not compute pseudo-ATT(g,t)'s in pre-treatment periods, but rather reports average changes in outcomes from period t to (g-anticipation-1) for a particular group relative to its comparison group. This is analogous to what is often reported in event study regressions.

Using a varying base period results in an estimate of ATT(g,t) being reported in the period immediately before treatment. Using a universal base period normalizes the estimate in the period right before treatment (or earlier when the user allows for anticipation) to be equal to 0, but one extra estimate in an earlier period.

print_details

Whether or not to show details/progress of computations. Default is FALSE.

pl

Whether or not to use parallel processing (not implemented yet)

cores

The number of cores to use for parallel processing (not implemented yet)

Value

an MP object containing all the results for group-time average treatment effects

Examples:

Basic att_gt() call:

```
summary(out1)
#>
#> Call:
#> att_gt(yname = "lemp", tname = "year", idname = "countyreal",
       gname = "first.treat", xformla = NULL, data = mpdta)
#>
#> Reference: Callaway, Brantly and Pedro H.C. Sant'Anna. "Difference-in-Differences with Multiple Tim
#>
#> Group-Time Average Treatment Effects:
   Group Time ATT(g,t) Std. Error [95% Simult. Conf. Band]
#>
     2004 2004 -0.0105
                            0.0247
                                          -0.0767
                                                       0.0557
#>
     2004 2005
               -0.0704
                            0.0306
                                          -0.1525
                                                       0.0117
#>
     2004 2006
               -0.1373
                            0.0383
                                          -0.2398
                                                      -0.0347 *
#>
     2004 2007
               -0.1008
                            0.0355
                                          -0.1960
                                                      -0.0056 *
#>
     2006 2004
                0.0065
                            0.0225
                                          -0.0537
                                                       0.0667
#>
     2006 2005
               -0.0028
                            0.0191
                                          -0.0540
                                                       0.0485
#>
     2006 2006
               -0.0046
                            0.0179
                                          -0.0526
                                                       0.0434
     2006 2007
               -0.0412
                            0.0197
                                          -0.0940
                                                       0.0115
#>
     2007 2004
                0.0305
                                          -0.0127
                                                       0.0737
                            0.0161
#>
     2007 2005
               -0.0027
                            0.0153
                                          -0.0436
                                                       0.0382
#>
     2007 2006 -0.0311
                            0.0177
                                          -0.0784
                                                       0.0162
#>
     2007 2007 -0.0261
                            0.0173
                                          -0.0723
                                                       0.0202
#> ---
#> Signif. codes: `*' confidence band does not cover 0
#> P-value for pre-test of parallel trends assumption: 0.16812
#> Control Group: Never Treated, Anticipation Periods: 0
#> Estimation Method: Doubly Robust
Using covariates:
out2 <- att_gt(yname="lemp",</pre>
               tname="year",
               idname="countyreal",
               gname="first.treat",
               xformla=~lpop,
               data=mpdta)
summary(out2)
#>
#> Call:
#> att_gt(yname = "lemp", tname = "year", idname = "countyreal",
#>
       gname = "first.treat", xformla = ~lpop, data = mpdta)
#>
#> Reference: Callaway, Brantly and Pedro H.C. Sant'Anna. "Difference-in-Differences with Multiple Tim
#>
#> Group-Time Average Treatment Effects:
#> Group Time ATT(g,t) Std. Error [95% Simult. Conf. Band]
#>
     2004 2004 -0.0145
                            0.0236
                                          -0.0771
                                                       0.0480
#>
     2004 2005 -0.0764
                            0.0297
                                          -0.1554
                                                       0.0026
```

```
#>
     2004 2006
                -0.1404
                             0.0353
                                           -0.2343
                                                       -0.0466 *
#>
     2004 2007
                -0.1069
                             0.0318
                                           -0.1915
                                                       -0.0223 *
#>
     2006 2004
                -0.0005
                             0.0244
                                           -0.0652
                                                        0.0643
                                                        0.0449
#>
     2006 2005
                -0.0062
                             0.0193
                                           -0.0573
#>
     2006 2006
                 0.0010
                             0.0198
                                           -0.0517
                                                        0.0536
#>
     2006 2007
                                                        0.0099
                -0.0413
                             0.0193
                                           -0.0925
     2007 2004
                 0.0267
                                           -0.0117
#>
                             0.0145
                                                        0.0651
#>
     2007 2005
                -0.0046
                                           -0.0474
                                                        0.0382
                             0.0161
                -0.0284
#>
     2007 2006
                             0.0189
                                           -0.0786
                                                        0.0217
#>
     2007 2007
               -0.0288
                             0.0163
                                           -0.0722
                                                        0.0146
#> ---
#> Signif. codes: `*' confidence band does not cover 0
#>
#> P-value for pre-test of parallel trends assumption: 0.23267
#> Control Group: Never Treated, Anticipation Periods: 0
#> Estimation Method: Doubly Robust
Specify comparison units:
out3 <- att_gt(yname="lemp",</pre>
                tname="year",
               idname="countyreal",
               gname="first.treat",
               xformla=~lpop,
               control_group = "notyettreated",
               data=mpdta)
summary(out3)
#>
#> Call:
#> att_gt(yname = "lemp", tname = "year", idname = "countyreal",
     gname = "first.treat", xformla = ~lpop, data = mpdta, control_group = "notyettreated")
#>
#> Reference: Callaway, Brantly and Pedro H.C. Sant'Anna. "Difference-in-Differences with Multiple Tim
#>
#> Group-Time Average Treatment Effects:
#>
    Group Time ATT(g,t) Std. Error [95% Simult.
                                                   Conf. Band]
#>
     2004 2004 -0.0212
                             0.0222
                                           -0.0799
                                                        0.0375
#>
     2004 2005
                -0.0816
                             0.0297
                                           -0.1599
                                                       -0.0033 *
#>
     2004 2006
                -0.1382
                             0.0343
                                           -0.2288
                                                       -0.0476 *
#>
     2004 2007
                -0.1069
                             0.0364
                                           -0.2028
                                                       -0.0110 *
                                                        0.0525
#>
     2006 2004
                -0.0075
                             0.0227
                                           -0.0674
#>
     2006 2005
                -0.0046
                             0.0180
                                           -0.0521
                                                        0.0430
#>
     2006 2006
                 0.0087
                             0.0170
                                           -0.0362
                                                        0.0535
#>
     2006 2007
                -0.0413
                             0.0188
                                           -0.0909
                                                        0.0083
#>
                 0.0269
     2007 2004
                             0.0142
                                           -0.0106
                                                        0.0645
#>
     2007 2005
                -0.0042
                             0.0159
                                           -0.0462
                                                        0.0378
#>
                                           -0.0774
     2007 2006
                -0.0284
                             0.0186
                                                        0.0205
```

#>

#> ---

2007 2007

-0.0288

0.0172

-0.0742

0.0167

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```
#> Signif. codes: `*' confidence band does not cover 0
#>
#> P-value for pre-test of parallel trends assumption: 0.23326
#> Control Group: Not Yet Treated, Anticipation Periods: 0
#> Estimation Method: Doubly Robust
```

References

Callaway, Brantly and Pedro H.C. Sant'Anna. \"Difference-in-Differences with Multiple Time Periods.\" Journal of Econometrics, Vol. 225, No. 2, pp. 200-230, 2021. doi: 10.1016/j.jeconom.2020.12.001, https://arxiv.org/abs/1803.09015

build_sim_dataset
build_sim_dataset

Description

A function for building simulated data

Usage

```
build_sim_dataset(sp_list, panel = TRUE)
```

Arguments

sp_list A list of simulation parameters. See reset.sim to generate some default values

for parameters

panel whether to construct panel data (the default) or repeated cross sections data

Value

a data.frame with the following columns

- G observations group
- X value of covariate
- id observation's id
- cluster observation's cluster (by construction there is no within-cluster correlation)
- period time period for current observation
- Y outcome
- treat whether or not this unit is ever treated

```
conditional_did_pretest
```

Pre-Test of Conditional Parallel Trends Assumption

Description

An integrated moments test for the conditional parallel trends assumption holding in all pre-treatment time periods for all groups

Usage

```
conditional_did_pretest(
  yname,
  tname,
  idname = NULL,
  gname,
  xformla = NULL,
  data,
  panel = TRUE,
  allow_unbalanced_panel = FALSE,
  control_group = c("nevertreated", "notyettreated"),
  weightsname = NULL,
  alp = 0.05,
  bstrap = TRUE,
  cband = TRUE,
  biters = 1000,
  clustervars = NULL,
  est_method = "ipw",
  print_details = FALSE,
  pl = FALSE,
  cores = 1
)
```

Arguments

yname The name of the outcome variable The name of the column containing the time periods tname The individual (cross-sectional unit) id name idname gname

The name of the variable in data that contains the first period when a particular observation is treated. This should be a positive number for all observations in treated groups. It defines which "group" a unit belongs to. It should be 0 for units in the untreated group.

A formula for the covariates to include in the model. It should be of the form xformla

> ~ X1 + X2. Default is NULL which is equivalent to xformla=~1. This is used to create a matrix of covariates which is then passed to the 2x2 DID estimator

chosen in est_method.

data The name of the data.frame that contains the data

Whether or not the data is a panel dataset. The panel dataset should be provided panel

> in long format - that is, where each row corresponds to a unit observed at a particular point in time. The default is TRUE. When is using a panel dataset, the variable idname must be set. When panel=FALSE, the data is treated as repeated

cross sections.

allow_unbalanced_panel

Whether or not function should "balance" the panel with respect to time and id. The default values if FALSE which means that att_gt() will drop all units where data is not observed in all periods. The advantage of this is that the computations

are faster (sometimes substantially).

Which units to use the control group. The default is "nevertreated" which sets control_group

> the control group to be the group of units that never participate in the treatment. This group does not change across groups or time periods. The other option is to set group="notyettreated". In this case, the control group is set to the group of units that have not yet participated in the treatment in that time period. This includes all never treated units, but it includes additional units that eventually

participate in the treatment, but have not participated yet.

weightsname The name of the column containing the sampling weights. If not set, all obser-

vations have same weight.

alp the significance level, default is 0.05

bstrap Boolean for whether or not to compute standard errors using the multiplier boot-

> strap. If standard errors are clustered, then one must set bstrap=TRUE. Default is TRUE (in addition, cband is also by default TRUE indicating that uniform confidence bands will be returned. If bstrap is FALSE, then analytical standard errors

are reported.

cband Boolean for whether or not to compute a uniform confidence band that covers

> all of the group-time average treatment effects with fixed probability 1-alp. In order to compute uniform confidence bands, bstrap must also be set to TRUE.

The default is TRUE.

biters The number of bootstrap iterations to use. The default is 1000, and this is only

applicable if bstrap=TRUE.

clustervars A vector of variables names to cluster on. At most, there can be two variables

> (otherwise will throw an error) and one of these must be the same as idname which allows for clustering at the individual level. By default, we cluster at

individual level (when bstrap=TRUE).

the method to compute group-time average treatment effects. The default is "dr" est_method

which uses the doubly robust approach in the DRDID package. Other built-in methods include "ipw" for inverse probability weighting and "reg" for first step regression estimators. The user can also pass their own function for estimating

group time average treatment effects. This should be a function f(Y1, Y0, treat, covariates)

where Y1 is an n x 1 vector of outcomes in the post-treatment outcomes, Y0 is an n x 1 vector of pre-treatment outcomes, treat is a vector indicating whether or not an individual participates in the treatment, and covariates is an n x k matrix of covariates. The function should return a list that includes ATT (an estimated average treatment effect), and inf. func (an n x 1 influence function).

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The function can return other things as well, but these are the only two that are required. est_method is only used if covariates are included.

print_details Whether or not to show details/progress of computations. Default is FALSE.

pl Whether or not to use parallel processing (not implemented yet)

cores The number of cores to use for parallel processing (not implemented yet)

Value

```
an MP. TEST object
```

References

Callaway, Brantly and Sant'Anna, Pedro H. C. "Difference-in-Differences with Multiple Time Periods and an Application on the Minimum Wage and Employment." Working Paper https://arxiv.org/abs/1803.09015v2 (2018).

Examples

did

Difference in Differences

Description

Difference in Differences with multiple periods and variation in treatment timing

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DIDparams

Description

Object to hold did parameters that are passed across functions

Usage

```
DIDparams(
  yname,
  tname,
  idname = NULL,
  gname,
  xformla = NULL,
  data,
  control_group,
  anticipation = 0,
 weightsname = NULL,
  alp = 0.05,
  bstrap = TRUE,
  biters = 1000,
  clustervars = NULL,
  cband = TRUE,
  print_details = TRUE,
  pl = FALSE,
  cores = 1,
  est_method = "dr",
  base_period = "varying",
  panel = TRUE,
  true_repeated_cross_sections,
  n = NULL,
  nG = NULL,
  nT = NULL,
  tlist = NULL,
  glist = NULL,
  call = NULL
)
```

Arguments

yname The name of the outcome variable

tname The name of the column containing the time periods

idname The individual (cross-sectional unit) id name

gname The name of the variable in data that contains the first period when a particular observation is treated. This should be a positive number for all observations in

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treated groups. It defines which "group" a unit belongs to. It should be 0 for units in the untreated group.

xformla A formula for the covariates to include in the model. It should be of the form

 \sim X1 + X2. Default is NULL which is equivalent to xformla= \sim 1. This is used to create a matrix of covariates which is then passed to the 2x2 DID estimator

chosen in est_method.

data The name of the data.frame that contains the data

control_group Which units to use the control group. The default is "nevertreated" which sets

the control group to be the group of units that never participate in the treatment. This group does not change across groups or time periods. The other option is to set group="notyettreated". In this case, the control group is set to the group of units that have not yet participated in the treatment in that time period. This includes all never treated units, but it includes additional units that eventually

participate in the treatment, but have not participated yet.

anticipation The number of time periods before participating in the treatment where units can

anticipate participating in the treatment and therefore it can affect their untreated

potential outcomes

weightsname The name of the column containing the sampling weights. If not set, all obser-

vations have same weight.

alp the significance level, default is 0.05

bstrap Boolean for whether or not to compute standard errors using the multiplier boot-

strap. If standard errors are clustered, then one must set bstrap=TRUE. Default is TRUE (in addition, cband is also by default TRUE indicating that uniform confidence bands will be returned. If bstrap is FALSE, then analytical standard errors

are reported.

biters The number of bootstrap iterations to use. The default is 1000, and this is only

applicable if bstrap=TRUE.

clustervars A vector of variables names to cluster on. At most, there can be two variables

(otherwise will throw an error) and one of these must be the same as idname which allows for clustering at the individual level. By default, we cluster at

individual level (when bstrap=TRUE).

cband Boolean for whether or not to compute a uniform confidence band that covers

all of the group-time average treatment effects with fixed probability 1-alp. In order to compute uniform confidence bands, bstrap must also be set to TRUE.

The default is TRUE.

print_details Whether or not to show details/progress of computations. Default is FALSE.

pl Whether or not to use parallel processing (not implemented yet)

cores The number of cores to use for parallel processing (not implemented yet)

est_method the method to compute group-time average treatment effects. The default is "dr"

which uses the doubly robust approach in the DRDID package. Other built-in methods include "ipw" for inverse probability weighting and "reg" for first step regression estimators. The user can also pass their own function for estimating

group time average treatment effects. This should be a function f(Y1, Y0, treat, covariates)

where Y1 is an n x 1 vector of outcomes in the post-treatment outcomes, Y0 is

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an n x 1 vector of pre-treatment outcomes, treat is a vector indicating whether or not an individual participates in the treatment, and covariates is an n x k matrix of covariates. The function should return a list that includes ATT (an estimated average treatment effect), and inf.func (an n x 1 influence function). The function can return other things as well, but these are the only two that are required. est_method is only used if covariates are included.

base_period

Whether to use a "varying" base period or a "universal" base period. Either choice results in the same post-treatment estimates of ATT(g,t)'s. In pre-treatment periods, using a varying base period amounts to computing a pseudo-ATT in each treatment period by comparing the change in outcomes for a particular group relative to its comparison group in the pre-treatment periods (i.e., in pre-treatment periods this setting computes changes from period t-1 to period t, but repeatedly changes the value of t)

A universal base period fixes the base period to always be (g-anticipation-1). This does not compute pseudo-ATT(g,t)'s in pre-treatment periods, but rather reports average changes in outcomes from period t to (g-anticipation-1) for a particular group relative to its comparison group. This is analogous to what is often reported in event study regressions.

Using a varying base period results in an estimate of ATT(g,t) being reported in the period immediately before treatment. Using a universal base period normalizes the estimate in the period right before treatment (or earlier when the user allows for anticipation) to be equal to 0, but one extra estimate in an earlier period.

panel

n

Whether or not the data is a panel dataset. The panel dataset should be provided in long format – that is, where each row corresponds to a unit observed at a particular point in time. The default is TRUE. When is using a panel dataset, the variable idname must be set. When panel=FALSE, the data is treated as repeated cross sections.

true_repeated_cross_sections

Whether or not the data really is repeated cross sections. (We include this because unbalanced panel code runs through the repeated cross sections code)

The number of observations. This is equal to the number of units (which may

be different from the number of rows in a panel dataset).

nG The number of groups

nT The number of time periods

tlist a vector containing each time period glist a vector containing each group

call Function call to att_gt

ggdid Plot did

Plot did objects using ggplot2

Description

Function to plot objects from the did package

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Usage

```
ggdid(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object either a MP object or AGGTEobj object. See help(ggdid.MP) and help(ggdid.AGGTEobj).
... other arguments

ggdid.AGGTEobj

Plot AGGTEobj objects

Description

A function to plot AGGTEobj objects

Usage

```
## $3 method for class 'AGGTEobj'
ggdid(
   object,
   ylim = NULL,
   xlab = NULL,
   ylab = NULL,
   title = "",
   xgap = 1,
   legend = TRUE,
   ref_line = 0,
   theming = TRUE,
   ...
)
```

Arguments

object	$either\ a\ MP\ object\ or\ AGGTEobj\ object.\ See\ help(ggdid.MP)\ and\ help(ggdid.AGGTEobj).$
ylim	optional y limits for the plot; setting here makes the y limits the same across different plots
xlab	optional x-axis label
ylab	optional y-axis label
title	optional plot title
xgap	optional gap between the labels on the x-axis. For example, xgap=3 indicates that the labels should show up for every third value on the x-axis. The default is 1.
legend	Whether or not to include a legend (which will indicate color of pre- and post-treatment estimates). Default is TRUE.

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	other arguments
theming	Set to FALSE to skip all theming so you can do it yourself.
ref_line	A reference line at this value, usually to compare confidence intervals to 0. Set to NULL to omit.

ggdid.MP

Plot MP objects using ggplot2

Description

A function to plot MP objects

Usage

```
## $3 method for class 'MP'
ggdid(
  object,
  ylim = NULL,
  xlab = NULL,
  ylab = NULL,
  title = "Group",
  xgap = 1,
  ncol = 1,
  legend = TRUE,
  group = NULL,
  ref_line = 0,
  theming = TRUE,
  grtitle = "Group",
  ...
)
```

Arguments

object	either a MP object or AGGTEobj object. See help(ggdid.MP) and help(ggdid.AGGTEobj).
ylim	optional y limits for the plot; setting here makes the y limits the same across different plots
xlab	optional x-axis label
ylab	optional y-axis label
title	optional plot title
xgap	optional gap between the labels on the x-axis. For example, xgap=3 indicates that the labels should show up for every third value on the x-axis. The default is 1.
ncol	The number of columns to include in the resulting plot. The default is 1.
legend	Whether or not to include a legend (which will indicate color of pre- and post-treatment estimates). Default is TRUE.

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group	Vector for which groups to include in the plots of ATT(g,t). Default is NULL, and, in this case, plots for all groups will be included (ggdid.MP only).
ref_line	A reference line at this value, usually to compare confidence intervals to 0. Set to NULL to omit.
theming	Set to FALSE to skip all theming so you can do it yourself.
grtitle	Title to append before each group name (ggdid.MP only).
• • •	other arguments

glance.AGGTEobj

glance model characteristics from AGGTEobj objects

Description

glance model characteristics from AGGTEobj objects

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'AGGTEobj'
glance(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x a model of class AGGTEobj produced by the aggte() function... other arguments passed to methods

glance.MP

glance model characteristics from MP objects

Description

glance model characteristics from MP objects

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'MP'
glance(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x a model of class MP produced by the att_gt() function

... other arguments passed to methods

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indicator

Description

indicator weighting function

Usage

```
indicator(X, u)
```

Arguments

X matrix of X's from the data

u a particular value to compare X's to

Value

numeric vector

Examples

```
data(mpdta)
dta <- subset(mpdta, year==2007)
X <- model.matrix(~lpop, data=dta)
X <- indicator(X, X[1,])</pre>
```

mboot

Multiplier Bootstrap

Description

A function to take an influence function and use the multiplier bootstrap to compute standard errors and critical values for uniform confidence bands.

Usage

```
mboot(inf.func, DIDparams)
```

Arguments

inf.func an influence function
DIDparams DIDparams object

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Value

list with elements

bres results from each bootstrap iteration

V variance matrix se standard errors

crit.val a critical value for computing uniform confidence bands

MP MP

Description

Multi-period objects that hold results for group-time average treatment effects

Usage

```
MP(
   group,
   t,
   att,
   V_analytical,
   se,
   c,
   inffunc,
   n = NULL,
   W = NULL,
   Wpval = NULL,
   aggte = NULL,
   alp = 0.05,
   DIDparams = NULL
)
```

Arguments

group	which group (defined by period first treated) an group-time average treatment effect is for
t	which time period a group-time average treatment effect is for
att	the group-average treatment effect for group group and time period t
V_analytical	Analytical estimator for the asymptotic variance-covariance matrix for group-time average treatment effects
se	standard errors for group-time average treatment effects. If bootstrap is set to TRUE, this provides bootstrap-based se.
С	simultaneous critical value if one is obtaining simultaneous confidence bands. Otherwise it reports the critical value based on pointwise normal approximation.

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inffunc the influence function for estimating group-time average treatment effects

the number of unique cross-sectional units (unique values of idname)

the Wald statistic for pre-testing the common trends assumption

the p-value of the Wald statistic for pre-testing the common trends assumption

aggte an aggregate treatment effects object

alp the significance level, default is 0.05

DIDparams

a DIDparams object. A way to optionally return the parameters of the call to att_gt() or conditional_did_pretest().

Value

MP object

MP.TEST MP.TEST

Description

An object that holds results from computing pre-test of the conditional parallel trends assumption

Usage

```
MP.TEST(
   CvM = NULL,
   CvMb = NULL,
   CvMcval = NULL,
   CvMpval = NULL,
   KS = NULL,
   KSb = NULL,
   KScval = NULL,
   KSpval = NULL,
   clustervars = NULL,
   xformla = NULL
)
```

Arguments

CvM Cramer von Mises test statistic

CvMb a vector of bootstrapped Cramer von Mises test statistics

CvMcval CvM critical value

CvMpval p-value for CvM test

KS Kolmogorov-Smirnov test statistic

KSb a vector of bootstrapped KS test statistics

KScval KS critical value

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KSpval p-value for KS test

clustervars vector of which variables were clustered on for the test

xformla for the X variables used in the test

mpdta County Teen Employment Dataset

Description

A dataset containing (the log of) teen employment in 500 counties in the U.S. from 2004 to 2007. This is a subset of the dataset used in Callaway and Sant'Anna (2021). See that paper for additional descriptions.

Usage

mpdta

Format

A data frame with 2000 rows and 5 variables:

year the year of the observation

countyreal a unique identifier for a particular county

lpop the log of 1000s of population for the county

lemp the log of teen employment in the county

first.treat the year that the state where the county is located raised its minimum wage, it is set equal to 0 for counties that have minimum wages equal to the federal minimum wage over the entire period.

treat whether or not a particular county is treated in that year

Source

Callaway and Sant'Anna (2020)

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pre_process_did

Process did Function Arguments

Description

Function to process arguments passed to the main methods in the did package as well as conducting some tests to make sure data is in proper format / try to throw helpful error messages.

Usage

```
pre_process_did(
  yname,
  tname,
  idname,
  gname,
 xformla = NULL,
  data,
  panel = TRUE,
  allow_unbalanced_panel,
  control_group = c("nevertreated", "notyettreated"),
  anticipation = 0,
 weightsname = NULL,
  alp = 0.05,
  bstrap = FALSE,
  cband = FALSE,
  biters = 1000,
  clustervars = NULL,
  est_method = "dr",
  base_period = "varying",
  print_details = TRUE,
 pl = FALSE,
  cores = 1,
  call = NULL
)
```

Arguments

yname The name of the outcome variable
tname The name of the column containing the time periods

idname The individual (cross-sectional unit) id name

gname The name of the variable in data that contains the first period when a particular observation is treated. This should be a positive number for all observations in

observation is treated. This should be a positive number for all observations in treated groups. It defines which "group" a unit belongs to. It should be 0 for

units in the untreated group.

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xformla A formula for the covariates to include in the model. It should be of the form

 \sim X1 + X2. Default is NULL which is equivalent to xformla= \sim 1. This is used to create a matrix of covariates which is then passed to the 2x2 DID estimator

chosen in est_method.

data The name of the data.frame that contains the data

panel Whether or not the data is a panel dataset. The panel dataset should be provided

in long format – that is, where each row corresponds to a unit observed at a particular point in time. The default is TRUE. When is using a panel dataset, the variable idname must be set. When panel=FALSE, the data is treated as repeated

cross sections.

allow_unbalanced_panel

Whether or not function should "balance" the panel with respect to time and id. The default values if FALSE which means that att_gt() will drop all units where data is not observed in all periods. The advantage of this is that the computations

are faster (sometimes substantially).

control_group Which units to use the control group. The default is "nevertreated" which sets

the control group to be the group of units that never participate in the treatment. This group does not change across groups or time periods. The other option is to set group="notyettreated". In this case, the control group is set to the group of units that have not yet participated in the treatment in that time period. This includes all never treated units, but it includes additional units that eventually

participate in the treatment, but have not participated yet.

anticipation The number of time periods before participating in the treatment where units can

anticipate participating in the treatment and therefore it can affect their untreated

potential outcomes

weightsname The name of the column containing the sampling weights. If not set, all obser-

vations have same weight.

alp the significance level, default is 0.05

bstrap Boolean for whether or not to compute standard errors using the multiplier boot-

strap. If standard errors are clustered, then one must set bstrap=TRUE. Default is TRUE (in addition, cband is also by default TRUE indicating that uniform confidence bands will be returned. If bstrap is FALSE, then analytical standard errors

are reported.

cband Boolean for whether or not to compute a uniform confidence band that covers

all of the group-time average treatment effects with fixed probability 1-alp. In order to compute uniform confidence bands, bstrap must also be set to TRUE.

The default is TRUE.

biters The number of bootstrap iterations to use. The default is 1000, and this is only

applicable if bstrap=TRUE.

clustervars A vector of variables names to cluster on. At most, there can be two variables

(otherwise will throw an error) and one of these must be the same as idname which allows for clustering at the individual level. By default, we cluster at

individual level (when bstrap=TRUE).

est_method the method to compute group-time average treatment effects. The default is "dr"

which uses the doubly robust approach in the DRDID package. Other built-in

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methods include "ipw" for inverse probability weighting and "reg" for first step regression estimators. The user can also pass their own function for estimating group time average treatment effects. This should be a function f(Y1,Y0,treat,covariates) where Y1 is an n x 1 vector of outcomes in the post-treatment outcomes, Y0 is an n x 1 vector of pre-treatment outcomes, treat is a vector indicating whether or not an individual participates in the treatment, and covariates is an n x k matrix of covariates. The function should return a list that includes ATT (an estimated average treatment effect), and inf.func (an n x 1 influence function). The function can return other things as well, but these are the only two that are required. est_method is only used if covariates are included.

base_period

Whether to use a "varying" base period or a "universal" base period. Either choice results in the same post-treatment estimates of ATT(g,t)'s. In pre-treatment periods, using a varying base period amounts to computing a pseudo-ATT in each treatment period by comparing the change in outcomes for a particular group relative to its comparison group in the pre-treatment periods (i.e., in pre-treatment periods this setting computes changes from period t-1 to period t, but repeatedly changes the value of t)

A universal base period fixes the base period to always be (g-anticipation-1). This does not compute pseudo-ATT(g,t)'s in pre-treatment periods, but rather reports average changes in outcomes from period t to (g-anticipation-1) for a particular group relative to its comparison group. This is analogous to what is often reported in event study regressions.

Using a varying base period results in an estimate of ATT(g,t) being reported in the period immediately before treatment. Using a universal base period normalizes the estimate in the period right before treatment (or earlier when the user allows for anticipation) to be equal to 0, but one extra estimate in an earlier period.

print_details

Whether or not to show details/progress of computations. Default is FALSE.

pl

Whether or not to use parallel processing (not implemented yet)

cores

The number of cores to use for parallel processing (not implemented yet)

call Function call to att gt

Value

a DIDparams object

print.AGGTEobj

print.AGGTEobj

Description

```
prints value of a AGGTEobj object
```

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'AGGTEobj'
print(x, ...)
```

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Arguments

x a AGGTEobj object ... extra arguments

print.MP

print.MP

Description

```
prints value of a MP object
```

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'MP' print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x a MP object ... extra arguments

process_attgt

Process Results from compute.att_gt()

Description

Process Results from compute.att_gt()

Usage

```
process_attgt(attgt.list)
```

Arguments

attgt.list list of results from compute.att_gt()

Value

list with elements:

group which group a set of results belongs to
 tt which time period a set of results belongs to
 att the group time average treatment effect

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Description

a function to create a "reasonable" set of parameters to create simulated panel data that obeys a parallel trends assumption. In particular, it provides parameters where the effect of participating in the treatment is equal to one in all post-treatment time periods.

After calling this function, the user can change particular values of the parameters in order to generate dynamics, heterogeneous effects across groups, etc.

Usage

```
reset.sim(time.periods = 4, n = 5000, ipw = TRUE, reg = TRUE)
```

Arguments

time.periods	The number of time periods to include
n	The total number of observations
ipw	If TRUE, sets parameters so that DGP is compatible with recovering ATT(g,t)'s using IPW (i.e., where logit that just includes a linear term in X works). If FALSE, sets parameters that will be incompatible with IPW. Either way, these parameters can be specified by the user if so desired.
reg	If TRUE, sets parameters so that DGP is compatible with recovering ATT(g,t)'s using regressions on untreated untreated potential outcomes. If FALSE, sets parameters that will be incompatible with using regressions (i.e., regressions that include only linear term in X). Either way, these parameters can be specified by the user if so desired.

Value

list of simulation parameters

sim

Description

An internal function that builds simulated data, computes ATT(g,t)'s and some aggregations. It is useful for testing the inference procedures in the did function.

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Usage

```
sim(
   sp_list,
   ret = NULL,
   bstrap = TRUE,
   cband = TRUE,
   control_group = "nevertreated",
   xformla = ~X,
   est_method = "dr",
   clustervars = NULL,
   panel = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

sp_list A list of simulation parameters. See reset.sim to generate some default values

for parameters

ret which type of results to return. The options are Wpval (returns 1 if the p-value

from a Wald test that all pre-treatment ATT(g,t)'s are equal is less than .05), cband (returns 1 if a uniform confidence band covers 0 for groups and times), simple (returns 1 if, using the simple treatment effect aggregation results in rejecting that this aggregated treatment effect parameter is equal to 0), dynamic (returns 1 if the uniform confidence band from the dynamic treatment effect aggregation covers 0 in all pre- and post-treatment periods). The default value is NULL, and in this case the function will just return the results from the call

to att_gt.

bstrap whether or not to use the bootstrap to conduct inference (default is TRUE)

cband whether or not to compute uniform confidence bands in the call to att_gt (the

default is TRUE)

control_group Whether to use the "nevertreated" comparison group (the default) or the "notyet-

treated" as the comparison group

xformla Formula for covariates in att_gt (default is ~X)

est_method Which estimation method to use in att_gt (default is "dr")

clustervars Any additional variables which should be clustered on

panel whether to simulate panel data (the default) or otherwise repeated cross sections

data

Value

When ret=NULL, returns the results of the call to att_gt, otherwise returns 1 if the specified test rejects or 0 if not.

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summary.AGGTEobj

Summary Aggregate Treatment Effect Parameter Objects

Description

A function to summarize aggregated treatment effect parameters.

Usage

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

Arguments

```
object an AGGTEobj object
... other arguments
```

summary.MP

summary.MP

Description

```
prints a summary of a MP object
```

Usage

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

Arguments

```
object an MP object ... extra arguments
```

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summary.MP.TEST

summary.MP.TEST

Description

print a summary of test results

Usage

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

Arguments

object an MP.TEST object other variables

test.mboot

Multiplier Bootstrap for Conditional Moment Test

Description

A slightly modified multiplier bootstrap procedure for the pre-test of the conditional parallel trends assumption

Usage

```
test.mboot(inf.func, DIDparams, cores = 1)
```

Arguments

inf.func an influence function
DIDparams DIDparams object

cores The number of cores to use to bootstrap the test statistic in parallel. Default is

cores=1 which corresponds to not running parallel.

Value

list

bres CvM test statistics for each bootstrap iteration

crit.val critical value for CvM test statistic

tidy.AGGTEobj 35

tidy.AGGTEobj

tidy results from AGGTEobj objects

Description

```
tidy results from AGGTEobj objects
```

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'AGGTEobj' tidy(x, ...)
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Arguments

x a model of class AGGTEobj produced by the aggte() function

... Additional arguments to tidying method.

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Usage

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## S3 method for class 'MP' tidy(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- x a model of class MP produced by the att_gt() function
- ... Additional arguments to tidying method.

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Description

A utility function to find observations that appear to violate support conditions. This function is not called anywhere in the code, but it is just useful for debugging some common issues that users run into.

Usage

```
trimmer(
   g,
   tname,
   idname,
   gname,
   xformla,
   data,
   control_group = "notyettreated",
   threshold = 0.999
)
```

Arguments

g is a particular group (below I pass in 2009)

tname The name of the column containing the time periods

idname The individual (cross-sectional unit) id name

gname The name of the variable in data that contains the first period when a particular

observation is treated. This should be a positive number for all observations in treated groups. It defines which "group" a unit belongs to. It should be 0 for

units in the untreated group.

xformla A formula for the covariates to include in the model. It should be of the form

~ X1 + X2. Default is NULL which is equivalent to xformla=~1. This is used to create a matrix of covariates which is then passed to the 2x2 DID estimator

 $chosen \ in \ \texttt{est_method}.$

data The name of the data.frame that contains the data

control_group Which units to use the control group. The default is "nevertreated" which sets

the control group to be the group of units that never participate in the treatment. This group does not change across groups or time periods. The other option is to set group="notyettreated". In this case, the control group is set to the group of units that have not yet participated in the treatment in that time period. This includes all never treated units, but it includes additional units that eventually

participate in the treatment, but have not participated yet.

threshold the cutoff for which observations are flagged as likely violators of the support

condition.

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Value

list of ids of observations that likely violate support conditions

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