

Package ‘didimputation’

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state State that unit is in

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df_hom	<i>Simulated data with two treatment groups and homogenous effects Generated using the following call: did2s::gen_data(panel = c(1990, 2020), g1 = 2000, g2 = 2010, g3 = 0, te1 = 2, te2 = 2, te3 = 0, te_m1 = 0, te_m2 = 0, te_m3 = 0)</i>
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did_imputation *Borusyak, Jaravel, and Spiess (2021) Estimator*

Description

Treatment effect estimation and pre-trend testing in staggered adoption diff-in-diff designs with an imputation approach of Borusyak, Jaravel, and Spiess (2021)

Usage

```
did_imputation(
  data,
  yname,
  gname,
  tname,
  idname,
  first_stage = NULL,
  weights = NULL,
  wtr = NULL,
  horizon = NULL,
  pretrends = NULL
)
```

Arguments

data	A <code>data.frame</code>
yname	String. Variable name for outcome.
gname	String. Variable name for unit-specific date of treatment (never-treated should be zero or NA)
tname	String. Variable name for calendar period
idname	String. Variable name for unique unit id
first_stage	Formula for $Y(0)$. Formula following <code>fixest::feols</code> . Fixed effects specified after " ". If not specified, then just unit and time fixed effects will be used.
weights	String. Variable name for estimation weights of observations. This is used in estimating $Y(0)$ and also augments treatment effect weights.
wtr	Character vector of treatment weight names (see horizon for standard static and event-study weights)
horizon	Integer vector of event_time or TRUE. This only applies if wtr is left as NULL. If specified, weighted averages/sums of treatment effects will be reported for each of these horizons separately (i.e. tau0 for the treatment period, tau1 for one period after treatment, etc.). If TRUE, all horizons are used. If wtr and horizon are null, then the static treatment effect is calculated.
pretrends	Integer vector or TRUE. Which pretrends to estimate. If TRUE, all pretrends are used.

Details

The imputation-based estimator is a method of calculating treatment effects in a difference-in-differences framework. The method estimates a model for $Y(0)$ using untreated/not-yet-treated observations and predicts $Y(0)$ for the treated observations $\hat{Y}_{it}(0)$. The difference between treated and predicted untreated outcomes $Y_{it}(1) - \hat{Y}_{it}(0)$ serves as an estimate for the treatment effect for unit i in period t . These are then averaged to form average treatment effects for groups of it.

Value

A data.frame containing treatment effect term, estimate, standard error and confidence interval. This is in tidy format.

Examples

Load example dataset which has two treatment groups and homogeneous treatment effects

```
# Load Example Dataset
data("df_hom", package="did2s")
```

Static TWFE:

You can run a static TWFE fixed effect model for a simple treatment indicator

```
did_imputation(data = df_hom, yname = "dep_var", gname = "g",
               tname = "year", idname = "unit")
#> # A tibble: 1 × 5
#>   term estimate std.error conf.low conf.high
#>   <chr>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>
#> 1 treat      2.02     0.0324     1.96     2.09
```

Event Study:

Or you can use relative-treatment indicators to estimate an event study estimate

```
did_imputation(data = df_hom, yname = "dep_var", gname = "g",
               tname = "year", idname = "unit", horizon=TRUE)
#> # A tibble: 21 × 5
#>   term estimate std.error conf.low conf.high
#>   <chr>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>
#> 1 0         2.12     0.0737     1.97     2.26
#> 2 1         1.86     0.0841     1.69     2.02
#> 3 2         1.99     0.0810     1.83     2.15
#> 4 3         2.00     0.0855     1.84     2.17
#> 5 4         1.95     0.0856     1.78     2.12
#> 6 5         2.04     0.0835     1.87     2.20
#> 7 6         2.03     0.0807     1.87     2.19
#> 8 7         2.03     0.0865     1.86     2.19
#> 9 8         1.98     0.0826     1.81     2.14
#> 10 9        2.12     0.0842     1.96     2.29
#> # ... with 11 more rows
```

Example from Cheng and Hoekstra (2013):

Here's an example using data from Cheng and Hoekstra (2013)

```
# Castle Data
castle <- haven::read_dta("https://github.com/scunning1975/mixtape/raw/master/castle.dta")

did_imputation(data = castle, yname = "l_homicide", gname = "effyear",
               first_stage = ~ 0 | sid + year,
               tname = "year", idname = "sid")
#> # A tibble: 1 × 5
#>   term estimate std.error conf.low conf.high
#>   <chr>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>
#> 1 treat    0.0798    0.0531  -0.0243    0.184
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