

ivpanel: IV estimation of panel-data models

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1 Introduction

This package estimates three variants of panel data models with instrumental variables, namely fixed-effects, the “between” model, and random effects (Generalized 2-Stage Least Squares or G2SLS). An extended discussion of these models can be found in chapter 7 of Baltagi (2005). The sample script provided with this package replicates results obtained by Baltagi using *Stata* for each of the three supported models.

The required arguments to the main public function `ivpanel()` are as follows:

1. `y` (series), the dependent variable
2. `X` (list), the regressors, both exogenous and endogenous
3. `Z` (list), the instruments, including any exogenous regressors

Note that exogenous variables in list `X` should be repeated in `Z`, as in *gretl*’s `tsls` command. The constant is automatically added to `X` and `Z` if it’s not already present.

An optional fourth argument, `case`, can be used to specify the type of model. The argument is an integer switch that takes values 1, 2 or 3 (this may be extended in future). A value of 1 means fixed effects, and is implicit if no fourth argument is given; a value of 2 means to use the between estimator; and a value of 3 means G2SLS. Leaving aside the constant, all the members of `X` and `Z` must be time-varying when the fixed effects case is selected.

An optional final boolean argument, `quiet`, controls the printing of output: if `quiet` is set to a non-zero value, printing is suppressed.

2 The ivpanel bundle

By way of return value, `ivpanel()` offers a *gretl* bundle containing the items shown in Table 1.

Some comments on the bundle members follow.

- The R^2 value, `rsq`, is calculated as the square of the correlation between the dependent variable and the fitted values.
- The `dims` vector, if present, contains three elements holding, respectively, the number of groups used and the minimum and maximum time-series spans.
- The `Fpool` statistic for fixed effects is calculated as per Wooldridge (1990), adjusted for the panel case. The formula is

$$\frac{SSR_r - SSR_u}{SSR_f} \times \frac{dfd}{dfn}$$

where `SSRf` is the sum of squared residuals from the fixed-effects IV model and the other two `SSR` values are calculated thus:

| <i>name</i> | <i>type</i> | <i>description</i> |
|---------------|-------------|---|
| case | scalar | the value of the <i>case</i> argument on input |
| nobs | scalar | the total number of observations used |
| coeff | matrix | column vector of coefficients |
| stderr | matrix | column vector of standard errors |
| vcv | matrix | the coefficient covariance matrix |
| uhat | matrix | the vector of residuals |
| yhat | matrix | the vector of fitted values |
| SSR | scalar | sum of squared residuals |
| sigma | scalar | standard error of the regression |
| df | scalar | degrees of the freedom for the regression |
| rsq | scalar | correlation-based R^2 |
| wald | scalar | Wald joint χ^2 test for all regressors |
| modstr | string | short description of the model |
| ystr | string | the name of the dependent variable |
| Estr | string | the names of the endogenous regressor(s) |
| Istr | string | the names of the (additional) instruments |
| dims | matrix | data dimensions (cases 1 and 3 only) |
| Fpool | scalar | F -test for joint significance of fixed effects (case 1 only) |

Table 1: Items in ivpanel bundle

1. We run the fixed-effects first-stage regressions and save the fitted values; we then use these to replace the endogenous regressors.
2. SSRr is then obtained via OLS, and SSRu from a fixed-effects regression. SSRu differs from SSRf in that it uses the “raw” residuals, without correction as one usually applies with two stage least squares (i.e. replacing the first-stage fitted values with the actual data for the endogenous regressors when computing the fitted values).

3 Sample script

The sample script estimates three models of the (log) crime rate across the counties of North Carolina over the years 1981 to 1987, using data from [Cornwell and Trumbull \(1994\)](#). The endogenous regressors are **lpolpc** (log of police per capita) and **lprbarr** (log of the estimated probability of arrest). The instruments (besides the exogenous regressors) are **ltaxpc** (log of tax revenue per capita), **lmix** (log of the offense “mix”, face-to-face versus other) and a set of year dummies.

It’s perhaps noteworthy that despite the IV approach, the coefficient on **lpolpc** is positive in all the models, the opposite of what would be expected if the estimator had succeeded in picking up a causal relationship. At least in the fixed effects specification the positive **lpolpc** coefficient is not statistically significant (P -value > 0.4).

4 Graphical interface

An entry-point for **ivpanel** can be found under the **Panel** sub-menu of **gretl’s Model** menu: the label is “Panel IV model.” See [Figure 1](#). The specification of the endogenous regressors is implicit: any variables that appear in the “regressors” list and not in the “instruments” list are taken to be endogenous.



Figure 1: Specify arguments for ivpanel

5 Auxiliary printing function

The auxiliary public function `ivp_print()` is provided to “pretty-print” the results contained in the bundle provided by `ivpanel()`; `ivp_print()` takes a pointer to the bundle as its sole argument.

6 Change log

2021-02-15: add guard against excessive collinearity.

2020-09-22: avoid use of deprecated `isnull` function.

2015-10-17: first release as addon.

References

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