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     4076(82)90105-1>,
     J.C. Escanciano (2006) <doi:10.1017/S0266466606060506>,
     P.L. Gozalo (1997) <doi:10.1016/S0304-4076(97)86571-2>,
     P. Lavergne and V. Patilea (2008) <doi:10.1016/j.jeconom.2007.08.014>,
     P. Lavergne and V. Patilea (2012) <doi:10.1198/jbes.2011.07152>,
     J.H. Stock and M.W. Watson (2006) <doi:10.1111/j.1538-4616.2007.00014.x>,
     C.F.J. Wu (1986) <doi:10.1214/aos/1176350142>,
     J. Yin, Z. Geng, R. Li, H. Wang (2010) <a href="https://www.jstor.org/stable/24309002">https://www.jstor.org/stable/24309002</a>
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Print a specification test STNP object

Description

Prints the test statistic and p-value of a specification test object of class STNP

Usage

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

Arguments

x An object of class STNP resulting from function SpeTest

... Additional print arguments

Value

No return value, prints the test statistic and p-value

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See Also

SpeTest is the function which performs a specification test and records it along with all its options in an object of class STNP

summary. STNP prints a summary of the specification test with all the options used

Examples

```
n <- 100
k <- 2
x <- matrix(rnorm(n*k),ncol=k)
y<-1+x%*%(1:k)+rnorm(n)
eq<-lm(y~x+0)
print(SpeTest(eq=eq,type="icm",nboot=50))</pre>
```

SpeTest

Nonparametric specification test

Description

SpeTest tests a parametric specification. It returns the test statistic and its p-value for five different heteroskedasticity-robust nonparametric specification tests

Usage

```
SpeTest(eq, type="icm", rejection="bootstrap", norma="no", boot="wild",
nboot=50, para=FALSE, ker="normal",knorm="sd", cch="default", hv="default",
nbeta="default", direct="default", alphan="default")
```

Arguments

eq A fitted model of class 1m or n1s

type Test type

If type = "icm" the test of Bierens (1982) is performed (default)

If type = "zheng" the test of Zheng (1996) is performed

If type = "esca" the test of Escanciano (2006) is performed, significantly in-

creases computing time

If type = "pala" the test of Lavergne and Patilea (2008) is performed

If type = "sicm" the test of Lavergne and Patilea (2012) is performed

rejection Rejection rule

If rejection = "bootstrap" the p-value of the test is based on the bootstrap

(default)

If rejection = "asymptotics" and type = "zheng" or type = "esca" or type = "sicm" the p-value of the test is based on asymptotic normality of the normal-

ized test statistic under the null hypothesis

If type = "icm" or type = "esca" the argument rejection is ignored and the

p-value is based on the bootstrap

norma Normalization of the test statistic

If norma = "no" the test statistic is not normalized (default)

If norma = "naive" the test statistic is normalized with a naive estimator of the variance of its components

If norma = "np" the test statistic is normalized with a nonparametric estimator of the variance of its components

boot Bootstrap method to compute the test p-value

If boot = "wild" the wild bootstrap of Wu (1986) is used (default)

If boot = "smooth" the smooth conditional moments bootstrap of Gozalo (1997)

Number of bootstraps used to compute the test p-value, by default nboot = 50

Parallel computing para

> If para = FALSE parallel computing is not used to generate the bootstrap samples to compute the test p-value (default)

> If para = TRUE parallel computing is used to generate the bootstrap samples to compute the test p-value, significantly decreases computing time, makes use of all CPU cores except one

Kernel function used in the central matrix and for the nonparametric covariance

If ker = "normal" the central matrix kernel function is the normal p.d.f (default) If ker = "triangle" the central matrix kernel function is the triangular p.d.f If ker = "logistic" the central matrix kernel function is the logistic p.d.f

If ker = "sinc" the central matrix kernel function is the sine cardinal function

knorm Normalization of the kernel function

> If knorm = "sd" then the standard deviation using the kernel function equals 1 (default)

If knorm = "sq" then the integral of the squared kernel function equals 1

Central matrix kernel bandwidth

If type = "icm" or type = "esca" then cch always equals 1

If type = "zheng" the "default" bandwidth is the scaled rule of thumb: cch = $1.06*n^{(-1/(4+k))}$ where k is the number of regressors

If type = "sicm" or type = "pala" the "default" bandwidth is the scaled rule of thumb: $cch = 1.06*n^{-1/5}$

The user may change the bandwidth when type = "zheng", type = "sicm" or type = "pala".

If norma = "np" or rejection = "bootstrap" and boot = "smooth", hv is the bandwidth of the nonparametric errors covariance estimator, by "default" the bandwidth is the scaled rule of thumb $hv = 1.06*n^{-1/(4+k)}$

If type = "pala" or type = "sicm", nbeta is the number of "betas" in the unit hypersphere used to compute the statistic, computing time increases as nbeta gets larger

By "default" it is equal to 20 times the square root of the number of exogenous control variables

nboot

ker

cch

hν

nbeta

direct If type = "pala", direct is the favored direction for beta, by "default" it is

the OLS estimator if class(eq) = "lm"

If type = "sicm", direct is the initial direction for beta. This direction should be a vector of 0 (for no direction), 1 (for positive direction) and -1 (for negative

direction)

For ex, c(1,-1,0) indicates that the user thinks that the first regressor has a positive effect on the dependent variable, that the second regressor has a negative effect on the dependent variable, and that he has no idea about the effect of the

third regressor

By "default" no direction is given to the hypersphere

alphan If type = "pala", alphan is the weight given to the favored direction for beta,

by "default" it is equal to $log(n)*n^{(-3/2)}$

Details

To perform a nonparametric specification test the only argument needed is a model eq of class lm or of class nls. But other options can and should be specified: the test type type, the rejection rule rejection, the normalization of the test statistic norm, the bootstrap type boot and the size of the vector being generated which is equal to the number of bootstrap samples nboot, whether the vector is generated using parallel computing para, the central matrix kernel function ker and its standardization ker, the bandwidths cch and hv. If the user has knowledge of the tests coined by Lavergne and Patilea he may choose a higher number of betas for the hypersphere (which may significantly increase computational time) and an initial "direction" to the hypersphere for the SICM test (none is given by "default") or a starting beta for the PALA test (which is the OLS estimator by "default" if class(eq) = "nls").

The statistic can be normalized with a naive estimator of the conditional covariance of its elements as in Zheng (1996), or with a nonparametric estimator of the conditional covariance of its elements as in Yin, Geng, Li, Wang (2010). The p-value is based either on the wild bootstrap of Wu (1986) or on the smooth conditional moments bootstrap of Gozalo (1997).

Value

SpeTest returns an object of class STNP.

summary and print can be used on objects of this class.

An object of class STNP is a list which contains the following elements:

stat The value of the test statistic used in the test

pval The test p-value

type The type of test which was used

The type of bootstrap which was used to compute the p-value

The number of bootstrap samples used to compute the p-value

ker The central matrix kernel function which was used

knorm The kernel matrix standardization: "sq" if the second moment equals 1 or "sd"

if the standard deviation equals 1

cch The central matrix kernel function bandwidth

hv The nonparametric covariance estimator bandwidth

nbeta The number of directions in the unit hypersphere used to compute the test statis-

tic if type = "pala" or type = "sicm"

direct The preferred / initial direction in the unit hypersphere if type = "pala" or type

= "sicm"

alphan The weight given to the preferred direction if type = "pala"

Note

The data used to obtain the fitted model eq should not contain factors, factor variables should be transformed into dummy variables a priori

Requires the packages stats (already installed and loaded by default in Rstudio), foreach, parallel and doParallel (if parallel computing is used to generate the test p-value) to be installed

For more information and to be able to use the package to its full potential see the references

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See Also

print and print. STNP applied to an object of class STNP print the specification test statistic and its p-value

summary and summary. STNP applied to an object of class STNP print a summary of the specification test with all the options used

SpeTest_Stat is the function which only returns the specification test statistic

SpeTest_Dist generates a vector drawn from the distribution of the test statistic under the null hypothesis using the bootstrap

Examples

```
n <- 100
k <- 2
x <- matrix(rnorm(n*k),ncol=k)
y<-1+x%*%(1:k)+rnorm(n)
eq<-lm(y~x+0)
summary(SpeTest(eq=eq,type="icm",norma="naive",boot="smooth"))
eq<-nls(out~expla1*a+b*expla2+c,start=list(a=0,b=4,c=2),
data=data.frame(out=y,expla1=x[,1],expla2=x[,2]))
print(SpeTest(eq=eq,type="icm",norma="naive",boot="smooth"))</pre>
```

SpeTest_Dist

Nonparametric specification test statistic distribution

Description

SpeTest_Dist generates a vector from the nonparametric specification test statistic distribution under the null hypothesis for one of five different tests using the bootstrap

Usage

```
SpeTest_Dist(eq, type="icm", norma="no", boot="wild", nboot=50, para=FALSE, ker="normal",
knorm="sd", cch="default", hv="default", nbeta="default", direct="default",
alphan="default")
```

Arguments

eq A fitted model of class 1m or n1s

type Test type

If type = "icm" the vector is generated from the distribution of the test of Bierens (1982) under the null hypothesis (default)

If type = "zheng" the vector is generated from the distribution of the test of Zheng (1996) under the null hypothesis

If type = "esca" the vector is generated from the distribution of the test of Escanciano (2006) under the null hypothesis, significantly increases computing time

If type = "pala" the vector is generated from the distribution of the test of Lavergne and Patilea (2008) under the null hypothesis

> If type = "sicm" the vector is generated from the distribution of the test of Lavergne and Patilea (2012) under the null hypothesis

norma Normalization of the test statistic

If norma = "no" the test statistic is not normalized (default)

If norma = "naive" the test statistic is normalized with a naive estimator of the variance of its components

If norma = "np" the test statistic is normalized with a nonparametric estimator of the variance of its components

boot Bootstrap type to generate the vector drawn from the distribution under the null hypothesis of the test statistic

If boot = "wild" the wild bootstrap of Wu (1986) is used

If boot = "smooth" the smooth conditional moments bootstrap of Gozalo (1997) is used

Size of the vector drawn from the test statistic distribution under the null using the bootstrap, by default nboot = 50

Parallel computing para

> If para = FALSE parallel computing is not used to generate the vector from the test statistic distribution under the null (default)

If para = TRUE parallel computing is used to generate the vector from the test statistic distribution under the null, significantly decreases computing time, makes use of all CPU cores except one

Kernel function used in the central matrix and for the nonparametric covariance estimator

If ker = "normal" the central matrix kernel function is the normal p.d.f (default) If ker = "triangle" the central matrix kernel function is the triangular p.d.f

If ker = "logistic" the central matrix kernel function is the logistic p.d.f If ker = "sinc" the central matrix kernel function is the sine cardinal function

Normalization of the kernel function

If knorm = "sd" then the standard deviation using the kernel function equals 1 (default)

If knorm = "sq" then the integral of the squared kernel function equals 1

cch Central matrix kernel bandwidth

If type = "icm" or type = "esca" then cch always equals 1

If type = "zheng" the "default" bandwidth is the scaled rule of thumb: cch = $1.06*n^{(-1/(4+k))}$ where k is the number of regressors

If type = "sicm" or type = "pala" the "default" bandwidth is the scaled rule of thumb: $cch = 1.06*n^{-1/5}$

The user may change the bandwidth when type = "zheng", type = "sicm" or type = "pala"

If norma = "np" or rejection = "bootstrap" and boot = "smooth", hv is the bandwidth of the nonparametric errors covariance estimator, by "default" the bandwidth is the scaled rule of thumb $hv = 1.06*n^{-1/(4+k)}$

nboot

ker

knorm

hν

nbeta If type = "pala" or type = "sicm", nbeta is the number of "betas" in the unit

hypersphere used to compute the statistic, computing time increases as nbeta

gets larger

By "default" it is equal to 20 times the square root of the number of exogenous

control variables

direct If type = "pala", direct is the favored direction for beta, by "default" it is

the OLS estimator if class(eq) = "lm"

If type = "sicm", direct is the initial direction for beta. This direction should be a vector of 0 (for no direction), 1 (for positive direction) and -1 (for negative

direction)

For ex, c(1,-1,0) indicates that the user thinks that the first regressor has a positive effect on the dependent variable, that the second regressor has a negative effect on the dependent variable, and that he has no idea about the effect of the

third regressor

By "default" no direction is given to the hypersphere

alphan If type = "pala", alphan is the weight given to the favored direction for beta,

by "default" it is equal to $log(n)*n^{(-3/2)}$

Details

To generate a vector from the specification test statistic distribution under the null using the bootstrap the only argument needed is a model eq of class 1m or of class nls. But other options can and should be specified: the test statistic type type, the normalization of the test statistic norma, the bootstrap type boot and the size of the vector being generated which is equal to the number of bootstrap samples nboot, whether the vector is generated using parallel computing para, the central matrix kernel function ker and its standardization knorm, the bandwidths cch and hv. If the user has knowledge of the tests coined by Lavergne and Patilea he may choose a higher number of betas for the hypersphere (which may significantly increase computational time) and an initial "direction" to the hypersphere for the SICM test (none is given by "default") or a starting beta for the PALA test (which is the OLS estimator by "default" if class(eq) = "nls").

The statistic can be normalized with a naive estimator of the conditional covariance of its elements as in Zheng (1996), or with a nonparametric estimator of the conditional covariance of its elements as in in Yin, Geng, Li, Wang (2010). The vector is generated either from the wild bootstrap of Wu (1986) or from the smooth conditional moments bootstrap of Gozalo (1997).

Value

SpeTest_Dist returns a vector of size nboot which is drawn from the distribution of the test statistic under the null hypothesis using the bootstrap

Note

The data used to obtain the fitted model eq should not contain factors, factor variables should be transformed into dummy variables a priori

Requires the packages stats (already installed and loaded by default in Rstudio), foreach, parallel and doParallel (if parallel computing is used to generate the vector) to be installed

For more information and to be able to use the package to its full potential see the references

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See Also

SpeTest is the function which performs a specification test and records it along with all its options in an object of class STNP

SpeTest_Stat is the function which only returns the specification test statistic

Examples

```
n <- 100
k <- 2
x <- matrix(rnorm(n*k),ncol=k)
y<-1+x%*%(1:k)+rnorm(n)
eq<-lm(y~x+0)
SpeTest_Dist(eq=eq,type="zheng",boot="wild",nboot=10)
eq<-nls(out~expla1*a+b*expla2+c,start=list(a=0,b=4,c=2),data=data.frame(out=y,expla1=x[,1],expla2=x[,2]))
SpeTest_Dist(eq=eq,type="zheng",boot="wild",nboot=20)</pre>
```

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SpeTest_Stat	Nonparametric specification test statistic

Description

SpeTest computes the nonparametric specification test statistic for one of five different tests

Usage

```
SpeTest_Stat(eq, type="icm", norma="no", ker="normal", knorm="sd",
cch="default", hv="default", nbeta="default", direct="default",
alphan="default")
```

Arguments

A fitted model of class 1m or n1s eq Test statistic type type If type = "icm" the test statistic of Bierens (1982) is returned (default) If type = "zheng" the test statistic of Zheng (1996) is returned If type = "esca" the test statistic of Escanciano (2006) is returned, significantly increases computing time If type = "pala" the test statistic of Lavergne and Patilea (2008) is returned If type = "sicm" the test statistic of Lavergne and Patilea (2012) is returned Normalization of the test statistic norma If norma = "no" the test statistic is not normalized (default) If norma = "naive" the test statistic is normalized with a naive estimator of the variance of its components If norma = "np" the test statistic is normalized with a nonparametric estimator of the variance of its components ker Kernel function used in the central matrix and for the nonparametric covariance estimator If ker = "normal" the central matrix kernel function is the normal p.d.f (default) If ker = "triangle" the central matrix kernel function is the triangular p.d.f If ker = "logistic" the central matrix kernel function is the logistic p.d.f If ker = "sinc" the central matrix kernel function is the sine cardinal function knorm Normalization of the kernel function If knorm = "sd" then the standard deviation using the kernel function equals 1 (default) If knorm = "sq" then the integral of the squared kernel function equals 1 cch Central matrix kernel bandwidth If type = "icm" or type = "esca" then cch always equals 1 If type = "zheng" the "default" bandwidth is the scaled rule of thumb: cch = $1.06*n^{(-1/(4+k))}$ where k is the number of regressors

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If type = "sicm" or type = "pala" the "default" bandwidth is the scaled rule of thumb: $cch = 1.06*n^{(-1/5)}$

The user may change the bandwidth when type = "zheng", type = "sicm" or type = "pala"

hv If norma = "np" or rejection = "bootstrap" and boot = "smooth", hv is the

bandwidth of the nonparametric errors covariance estimator, by "default" the

bandwidth is the scaled rule of thumb $hv = 1.06*n^{(-1/(4+k))}$

nbeta If type = "pala" or type = "sicm", nbeta is the number of "betas" in the unit

hypersphere used to compute the statistic, computing time increases as nbeta

gets larger

By "default" it is equal to 20 times the square root of the number of exogenous

control variables

direct If type = "pala", direct is the favored direction for beta, by "default" it is

the OLS estimator if class(eq) = "lm"

If type = "sicm", direct is the initial direction for beta. This direction should be a vector of 0 (for no direction), 1 (for positive direction) and -1 (for negative

direction)

For ex, c(1,-1,0) indicates that the user thinks that the first regressor has a positive effect on the dependent variable, that the second regressor has a negative effect on the dependent variable, and that he has no idea about the effect of the

third regressor

By "default" no direction is given to the hypersphere

alphan If type = "pala", alphan is the weight given to the favored direction for beta,

by "default" it is equal to $log(n)*n^{(-3/2)}$

Details

To compute the specification test statistic the only argument needed is a model eq of class lm or of class nls. But other options can and should be specified: the test statistic type type, the normalization of the test statistic norma, the central matrix kernel function ker and its standardization ker, the bandwidths cch and hv. If the user has knowledge of the tests coined by Lavergne and Patilea he may choose a higher number of betas for the hypersphere (which may significantly increase computational time) and an initial "direction" to the hypersphere for the SICM test (none is given by "default") or a starting beta for the PALA test (which is the OLS estimator by "default" if class(eq) = "nls").

The statistic can be normalized with a naive estimator of the conditional covariance of its elements as in Zheng (1996), or with a nonparametric estimator of the conditional covariance of its elements as in Yin, Geng, Li, Wang (2010).

Value

SpeTest_Stat returns the nonparametric specification test statistic

Note

The data used to obtain the fitted model eq should not contain factors, factor variables should be transformed into dummy variables a priori

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Requires the packages stats (already installed and loaded by default in Rstudio), foreach, parallel and doParallel (if parallel computing is used to generate the vector) to be installed

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See Also

SpeTest is the function which performs a specification test and records it along with all its options in an object of class STNP

SpeTest_Dist generates a vector drawn from the distribution of the test statistic under the null hypothesis using the bootstrap

Examples

```
n <- 100
k <- 2
x <- matrix(rnorm(n*k),ncol=k)
y<-1+x%*%(1:k)+rnorm(n)
eq<-lm(y~x+0)
SpeTest_Stat(eq=eq,type="icm")
eq<-nls(out~expla1*a+b*expla2+c,start=list(a=0,b=4,c=2),</pre>
```

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```
data=data.frame(out=y,expla1=x[,1],expla2=x[,2]))
SpeTest_Stat(eq=eq,type="icm")
```

summary.STNP

Summarize a specification test STNP object

Description

Prints a summary of a specification test object of class STNP with all the options used, including if options were "default"

Usage

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

Arguments

object An object of class STNP resulting from function SpeTest
... Additional summary arguments

Value

No return value, prints a summary of the test

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See Also

SpeTest is the function which performs a specification test and records it along with all its options in an object of class STNP

print. STNP prints the specification test statistic and p-value only

Examples

```
n <- 100
k <- 2
x <- matrix(rnorm(n*k),ncol=k)
y<-1+x%*%(1:k)+rnorm(n)
eq<-lm(y~x+0)
summary(SpeTest(eq=eq,type="icm",norma="np"))</pre>
```

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