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# **Description**

att\_gt\_cdid computes average treatment effects. Our estimator accommodates (1) multiple time periods, (2) variation in treatment timing, (3) treatment effect heterogeneity, and (4) general missing data patterns. For more details on the methodology, see: Bellego, Benatia, and Dortet-Bernadet (2024), "The Chained Difference-in-Differences", Journal of Econometrics, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeconom.2023.11.002.

```
att_gt_cdid(
  yname,
  tname,
  idname = NULL,
  gname,
  xformla = NULL,
  data.
  panel = TRUE,
  allow_unbalanced_panel = TRUE,
  control_group,
  anticipation = 0,
 weightsname = NULL,
  alp = 0.05,
  bstrap = TRUE,
  cband = TRUE,
 biters = 1000,
  clustervars = NULL,
  est_method = "2-step",
  base_period = "varying",
  print_details = FALSE,
 pl = FALSE,
  cores = 1
)
```

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#### **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

~ 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. X's are assumed fixed across the time dimension in this version. Use different columns Xt, Xt+1 if time-varying covariates are needed.

data The name of the data frame that contains the data

panel (Not used) This is not used as balanced and unbalanced panel data is treated

similarly.

allow\_unbalanced\_panel

(Not used) This is not used as balanced and unbalanced panel data is treated

similarly.

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 (Not used) 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 weights. If not set, all observations 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. At the moment,

one can only use the IPW estimator with either "2-step" or "Identity" weighting matrix to aggregate Delta ATT into ATT. include "ipw" for inverse probability

weighting and "reg" for first step regression estimators.

base\_period (Not used) The cdid package only uses the g-1 base period for the moment.

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

cores The number of cores to use for parallel processing

#### Value

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

#### References

Bellego, Benatia, and Dortet-Bernadet (2024) \"The Chained Difference-in-Differences", Journal of Econometrics, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeconom.2023.11.002.

DIDparams DIDparams

#### **Description**

Creates a DIDparams object to hold parameters for difference-in-differences analysis, including data structure details and user-specified options. This object is designed to streamline parameter passing across functions in the cdid package.#'

#### 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 = "chained",
  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 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 est\_method. X's are assumed fixed across the time dimension in this version. Use different columns Xt, Xt+1 if time-varying covariates are needed.

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 (Not used) 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

cores The number of cores to use for parallel processing

est\_method the method to compute group-time average treatment effects. At the moment,

one can only use the IPW estimator with either "2-step" or "Identity" weighting matrix to aggregate Delta ATT into ATT. include "ipw" for inverse probability

weighting and "reg" for first step regression estimators.

base\_period (Not used) The cdid package only uses the g-1 base period for the moment.

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

(Not used) This is not used as balanced and unbalanced panel data is treated similarly.

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 (Not used) a call control var

#### Value

A DIDparams object, which is a list containing the following elements:

- yname: The name of the outcome variable.
- tname: The name of the time variable.
- idname: The name of the unit identifier variable (if applicable).
- gname: The name of the group variable (e.g., treatment group).
- xformla: A formula specifying covariates for the model.
- data: The dataset used for analysis.
- control\_group: The type of control group (e.g., "never treated" or "not yet treated").
- anticipation: The number of periods of anticipation before treatment.
- weightsname: The name of the variable containing sampling weights (if applicable).
- alp: The significance level (default is 0.05).
- bstrap: Logical. Indicates whether bootstrap is used for standard errors.
- biters: The number of bootstrap iterations (if bootstrap is enabled).
- clustervars: Variables used for clustering standard errors.
- cband: Logical. Indicates whether simultaneous confidence bands are computed.
- print\_details: Logical. Indicates whether detailed results should be printed.
- pl: Logical. Parallelization flag for computations.
- cores: The number of cores to use for parallelization (if enabled).

- est\_method: The estimation method (e.g., "chained").
- base\_period: The base period used for comparison (e.g., "varying").
- panel: Logical. Indicates whether the data is a panel dataset.
- true\_repeated\_cross\_sections: Logical. Indicates whether the data is truly repeated cross-sections.
- n: The number of observations (units).
- nG: The number of groups.
- nT: The number of time periods.
- tlist: A vector containing all time periods.
- glist: A vector containing all groups.
- call: The call that generated the DIDparams object.

#### See Also

```
pre_process_cdid
```

fonction\_simu\_attrition

Simulate Unbalanced Panel Data

# Description

This function generates a simulated dataset with treatment assignment, individual-level heterogeneity, and time-varying effects. It incorporates attrition based on individual characteristics and time periods. For more details on the methodology, see: Bellego, Benatia, and Dortet-Bernadet (2024), "The Chained Difference-in-Differences", Journal of Econometrics, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeconom.2023.11.002.

```
fonction_simu_attrition(
   N,
   TT,
   theta2_alpha_Gg,
   lambda1_alpha_St,
   sigma_alpha,
   sigma_epsilon,
   tprob
)
```

*gg* 

#### **Arguments**

N Number of units
TT Number of periods

theta2\_alpha\_Gg

Coefficient for interaction between individual heterogeneity and time in the propensity score.

lambda1\_alpha\_St

Coefficient for individual heterogeneity in the propensity score.

sigma\_alpha Standard deviation of individual heterogeneity (alpha).

sigma\_epsilon Standard deviation of the error term (epsilon).

tprob Probability target to get approximately NTTtprob observations

#### Value

A data frame containing simulated data.

#### **Examples**

```
data_sim <- fonction_simu_attrition(N=150,TT=9,theta2_alpha_Gg = 0.01,
lambda1_alpha_St = 0.5, sigma_alpha = 2, sigma_epsilon = 0.5, tprob=0.5)</pre>
```

gg gg

# Description

Function to simplify weight computations. For more details on the methodology, see: Bellego, Benatia, and Dortet-Bernadet (2024), "The Chained Difference-in-Differences", Journal of Econometrics, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeconom.2023.11.002.

#### Usage

```
gg(x, thet)
```

#### **Arguments**

x predictors thet parameters

#### Value

A numeric vector representing the computed weights based on the predictors and parameters.

#### **Examples**

```
predictors <- matrix(c(1, 2, 3, 4), ncol = 2)
parameters <- matrix(c(0.5, -0.5), ncol = 1)
gg(predictors, parameters)
```

# **Description**

Function to compute the delta ATT. For more details on the methodology, see: Bellego, Benatia, and Dortet-Bernadet (2024), "The Chained Difference-in-Differences", Journal of Econometrics, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeconom.2023.11.002.

#### Usage

```
gmm_compute_delta_att(dp)
```

#### **Arguments**

dp a dp object

#### Value

a DIDparams object

```
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```

# **Description**

Function to process arguments passed to the main methods in the cdid package to compute ATT from deltaATT. For more details on the methodology, see: Bellego, Benatia, and Dortet-Bernadet (2024), "The Chained Difference-in-Differences", Journal of Econometrics, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeconom.2023.11.002.

#### Usage

```
gmm_convert_delta_to_att(dp)
```

# **Arguments**

dp a dp object

#### Value

```
a DIDparams object
```

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# **Description**

Function to convert results so they can be used by the did package developed by Brantly Callaway. For more details on the methodology, see: Bellego, Benatia, and Dortet-Bernadet (2024), "The Chained Difference-in-Differences", Journal of Econometrics, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeconom.2023.11.002.

# Usage

```
gmm_convert_result(dp, type)
```

# **Arguments**

```
dp a dp object
type 1 for 2step weighting, 2 for identity weighting
```

#### Value

a DIDparams object

MP MP

# Description

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

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

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# 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.
inffunc	the influence function for estimating group-time average treatment effects
n	the number of unique cross-sectional units (unique values of idname)
W	the Wald statistic for pre-testing the common trends assumption
Wpval	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.

#### Value

MP object

debT

pre\_process\_cdid Process cdid Function Arguments

first time period

# Description

Function to process arguments passed to the main methods in the cdid package as well as conducting some tests to ensure data is in proper format and provides helpful error messages.

```
pre_process_cdid(
   yname,
   tname,
   idname,
   gname,
   xformla = NULL,
   data,
   panel = TRUE,
   allow_unbalanced_panel,
```

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```
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 = FALSE,
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 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 est\_method. X's are assumed fixed across the time dimension in this version. Use different columns Xt, Xt+1 if time-varying covariates are needed.

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

panel (Not used) This is not used as balanced and unbalanced panel data is treated

similarly.

allow\_unbalanced\_panel

(Not used) This is not used as balanced and unbalanced panel data is treated

similarly.

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 (Not used) 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

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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. At the moment,

one can only use the IPW estimator with either "2-step" or "Identity" weighting matrix to aggregate Delta ATT into ATT. include "ipw" for inverse probability

weighting and "reg" for first step regression estimators.

base\_period (Not used) The cdid package only uses the g-1 base period for the moment.

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

cores The number of cores to use for parallel processing

call (Not used) a call control var

print.MP

# Value

```
a DIDparams object
```

#### References

Bellego, Benatia, and Dortet-Bernadet (2024), "The Chained Difference-in-Differences", Journal of Econometrics, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeconom.2023.11.002.

print.MP print.MP

# Description

Prints a summary of the results contained in an MP object. This function calls summary. MP to display the details of the multi-period analysis results in a user-friendly format.

# Usage

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

#### **Arguments**

- x An MP object, representing the results of multi-period analysis.
- ... Additional arguments passed to summary.MP.

#### Value

No return value. This function is called for its side effects of printing the summary of the MP object to the console.

# See Also

```
summary.MP
```

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process\_attgt\_gmm

**Process Results** 

# **Description**

**Process Results** 

# Usage

```
process_attgt_gmm(attgt.list)
```

# **Arguments**

attgt.list list of results

#### Value

list with elements:

group which group a set of results belongs tott which time period a set of results belongs toatt the group time average treatment effect

summary.MP

summary.MP

# Description

Prints a detailed summary of an MP object. The function outputs key details of the group-time average treatment effects, such as estimation method, control group, and pre-test results for parallel trends.

# Usage

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

# **Arguments**

object An MP object, representing the results of a multi-period analysis.

. . . Additional arguments passed to the function.

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# Value

No return value. This function is called for its side effects of printing a summary of the MP object to the console, including:

- Call: The call used to create the MP object.
- Group-Time Average Treatment Effects: A table of estimates with confidence bands.
- Control Group: Information about the chosen control group (e.g., "Never Treated").
- Anticipation Periods: Number of periods used to account for anticipation effects.
- Estimation Method: Method used for treatment effect estimation.
- Pre-Test Results: p-values for the test of parallel trends assumption, if available.

# See Also

MP, print.MP

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