

Package ‘robomit’

January 25, 2021

Version 1.0.5

Date 2021-01-13

Title Robustness Checks for Omitted Variable Bias

Maintainer Sergei Schaub <seschaub@ethz.ch>

Description Robustness checks for omitted variable bias. The package includes robustness checks proposed by Oster (2019). robomit the estimate i) the bias-adjusted treatment correlation or effect and ii) the degree of selection on unobservables relative to observables (with respect to the treatment variable) that would be necessary to eliminate the result based on the framework by Oster (2019). Additionally, robomit offers a set of sensitivity analysis and visualization functions. See: Oster, E. 2019. <doi:10.1080/07350015.2016.1227711>.

License MIT + file LICENSE

Encoding UTF-8

LazyData true

RoxygenNote 7.1.1

Imports plm, dplyr, ggplot2, broom, tidyr, tibble, stats,

Suggests testthat

NeedsCompilation no

Author Sergei Schaub [aut, cre] (<<https://orcid.org/0000-0001-8477-3737>>),
ETH Zurich [cph]

Repository CRAN

Date/Publication 2021-01-25 16:00:02 UTC

R topics documented:

o_beta	2
o_beta_boot	3
o_beta_boot_inf	5
o_beta_boot_viz	6
o_beta_rsqr	8
o_beta_rsqr_viz	10
o_delta	11

o_delta_boot	12
o_delta_boot_inf	14
o_delta_boot_viz	16
o_delta_rsq	17
o_delta_rsq_viz	19

Index	21
--------------	-----------

o_beta	<i>beta*</i>
--------	--------------

Description

Estimates β^* , i.e. the bias-adjusted treatment effect (or correlation) (following Oster 2019).

Usage

```
o_beta(y, x, con, m = "none", id = "none", time = "none", delta = 1,
R2max, type, data)
```

Arguments

y	Name of the dependent variable (as string).
x	Name of the independent treatment variable (i.e. variable of interest; as string).
con	Name of the other control variables. Provided as string in the format: "w + z +...".
m	Name of unrelated control variables (m; see Oster 2019; as string; default m = "none").
id	Name of the individual id variable (e.g. firm or farm; as string). Only applicable for fixed effect panel models.
time	Name of the time variable (e.g. year or month; as string). Only applicable for fixed effect panel models.
delta	delta for which β^* should be estimated (default is delta = 1).
R2max	Maximum R-square for which β^* should be estimated.
type	Model type (either <i>lm</i> or <i>plm</i> ; as string).
data	Dataset.

Details

Estimates β^* , i.e. the bias-adjusted treatment effect (or correlation).

Value

Returns tibble object, which includes β^* and various other information.

References

Oster, E. (2019) Unobservable selection and coefficient stability: Theory and evidence. *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics*, 37, 187-204.

Examples

```
# load data, e.g. the in-build mtcars dataset
data("mtcars")
data_oster <- mtcars

# preview of data
head(data_oster)

# load robomit
require(robomit)

# estimate beta*
o_beta(y = "mpg",          # dependent variable
       x = "wt",          # independent treatment variable
       con = "hp + qsec", # other control variables
       delta = 1,         # delta
       R2max = 0.9,       # maximum R-square
       type = "lm",       # model type
       data = data_oster) # dataset
```

o_beta_boot	<i>Bootstrapped beta*s</i>
-------------	----------------------------

Description

Estimates bootstrapped beta*s, i.e. the bias-adjusted treatment effects (or correlations) (following Oster 2019).

Usage

```
o_beta_boot(y, x, con, m = "none", id = "none", time = "none", delta = 1, R2max, sim,
            obs, rep, type, useed = NA, data)
```

Arguments

y	Name of the dependent variable (as string).
x	Name of the independent treatment variable (i.e. variable of interest; as string).
con	Name of the other control variables. Provided as string in the format: "w + z +...".
m	Name of unrelated control variables (m; see Oster 2019; as string; default m = "none").

id	Name of the individual id variable (e.g. firm or farm; as string). Only applicable for fixed effect panel models.
time	Name of the time variable (e.g. year or month; as string). Only applicable for fixed effect panel models.
delta	delta for which beta* should be estimated (default is delta = 1).
R2max	Maximum R-square for which beta* should be estimated.
sim	Number of simulations.
obs	Number of draws per simulation.
rep	Bootstrapping either with (= TRUE) or without (= FALSE) replacement.
type	Model type (either <i>lm</i> or <i>plm</i> ; as string).
useed	User defined seed.
data	Dataset.

Details

Estimates bootstrapped beta*s, i.e. the bias-adjusted treatment effects (or correlations) (following Oster 2019). Bootstrapping can either be done with or without replacement. The function supports linear cross sectional (see *lm* objects in R) and fixed effect panel (see *plm* objects in R) models.

Value

Returns tibble object, which includes bootstrapped beta*s.

References

Oster, E. (2019). Unobservable selection and coefficient stability: Theory and evidence. *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics*, 37, 187-204.

Examples

```
# load data, e.g. the in-build mtcars dataset
data("mtcars")
data_oster <- mtcars

# preview of data
head(data_oster)

# load robomit
require(robomit)

# estimate bootstrapped beta*
o_beta_boot(y = "mpg",           # dependent variable
            x = "wt",           # independent treatment variable
            con = "hp + qsec",  # other control variables
            delta = 1,         # define beta. This is usually set to 1
            R2max = 0.9,      # maximum R-square
            sim = 100,       # number of simulations
            obs = 30,        # draws per simulation)
```

```

rep = FALSE,          # bootstrapping with or without replacement
type = "lm",         # model type
useed = 123,         # seed
data = data_oster)  # dataset

```

o_beta_boot_inf *Bootstrapped mean beta* and confidence intervals*

Description

Provides the mean and confidence intervals of estimated bootstrapped beta*s, i.e. the bias-adjusted treatment effects (or correlations) (following Oster 2019).

Usage

```
o_beta_boot_inf(y, x, con, m = "none", id = "none", time = "none", delta = 1, R2max,
sim, obs, rep, CI, type, useed = NA, data)
```

Arguments

y	Name of the dependent variable (as string).
x	Name of the independent treatment variable (i.e. variable of interest; as string).
con	Name of the other control variables. Provided as string in the format: "w + z +...".
m	Name of unrelated control variables (m; see Oster 2019; as string; default m = "none").
id	Name of the individual id variable (e.g. firm or farm; as string). Only applicable for fixed effect panel models.
time	Name of the time variable (e.g. year or month; as string). Only applicable for fixed effect panel models.
delta	delta for which beta* should be estimated (default is delta = 1).
R2max	Maximum R-square for which beta* should be estimated.
sim	Number of simulations.
obs	Number of draws per simulation.
rep	Bootstrapping either with (= TRUE) or without (= FALSE) replacement
CI	Confidence intervals, indicated as vector. Can be and/or 90, 95, 99.
type	Model type (either <i>lm</i> or <i>plm</i> ; as string).
useed	User defined seed.
data	Dataset.

Details

Provides the mean and confidence intervals of estimated bootstrapped beta*s, i.e. the bias-adjusted treatment effects (or correlations) (following Oster 2019). Bootstrapping can either be done with or without replacement. The function supports linear cross sectional (see *lm* objects in R) and fixed effect panel (see *plm* objects in R) models.

Value

Returns tibble object, which includes the mean and confidence intervals of estimated bootstrapped beta*s.

References

Oster, E. (2019). Unobservable selection and coefficient stability: Theory and evidence. *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics*, 37, 187-204.

Examples

```
# load data, e.g. the in-build mtcars dataset
data("mtcars")
data_oster <- mtcars

# preview of data
head(data_oster)

# load robomit
require(robomit)

# compute the mean and confidence intervals of estimated bootstrapped beta*s
o_beta_boot_inf(y = "mpg",           # dependent variable
               x = "wt",           # independent treatment variable
               con = "hp + qsec",   # other control variables
               delta = 1,          # delta
               R2max = 0.9,        # maximum R-square
               sim = 100,         # number of simulations
               obs = 30,          # draws per simulation
               rep = FALSE,        # bootstrapping with or without replacement
               CI = c(90,95,99),   # confidence intervals
               type = "lm",        # model type
               useed = 123,        # seed
               data = data_oster)  # dataset
```

o_beta_boot_viz

*Visualization of bootstrapped beta*s*

Description

Estimates and visualizes bootstrapped beta*s, i.e. the bias-adjusted treatment effects (or correlations) (following Oster 2019).

Usage

```
o_beta_boot_viz(y, x, con, m = "none", id = "none", time = "none", delta = 1, R2max,
sim, obs, rep, CI, type, norm = TRUE, bin, col = c("#08306b", "#4292c6", "#c6dbef"),
nL = TRUE, mL = TRUE, useed = NA, data)
```

Arguments

y	Name of the dependent variable (as string).
x	Name of the independent treatment variable (i.e. variable of interest; as string).
con	Name of the other control variables. Provided as string in the format: "w + z +...".
m	Name of unrelated control variables (m; see Oster 2019; as string; default m = "none").
id	Name of the individual id variable (e.g. firm or farm; as string). Only applicable for fixed effect panel models.
time	Name of the time variable (e.g. year or month; as string). Only applicable for fixed effect panel models.
delta	delta for which beta* should be estimated (default is delta = 1).
R2max	Maximum R-square for which beta* should be estimated.
sim	Number of simulations.
obs	Number of draws per simulation.
rep	Bootstrapping either with (= TRUE) or without (= FALSE) replacement
CI	Confidence intervals, indicated as vector. Can be and/or 90, 95, 99.
type	Model type (either <i>lm</i> or <i>plm</i> ; as string).
norm	Option to include a normal distribution in the plot (default is norm = TURE).
bin	Number of bins used in the histogram.
col	Colors used to indicate different confidence interval levels (indicated as vector). Needs to be the same length as the variable CI. The default is a blue color range.
nL	Option to include a red vertical line at 0 (default is nL = TRUE).
mL	Option to include a vertical line at mean of all beta*s (default is mL = TRUE).
useed	User defined seed.
data	Dataset.

Details

Estimates and visualizes bootstrapped beta*s, i.e. the bias-adjusted treatment effects (or correlations) (following Oster 2019). Bootstrapping can either be done with or without replacement. The function supports linear cross sectional (see *lm* objects in R) and fixed effect panel (see *plm* objects in R) models.

Value

Returns ggplot2 object, which depicts the bootstrapped beta*s.

References

Oster, E. (2019). Unobservable selection and coefficient stability: Theory and evidence. *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics*, 37, 187-204.

Examples

```
# load data, e.g. the in-build mtcars dataset
data("mtcars")
data_oster <- mtcars

# preview of data
head(data_oster)

# load robomit
require(robomit)

# estimate and visualize bootstrapped beta*s
o_beta_boot_viz(y = "mpg",           # dependent variable
               x = "wt",           # independent treatment variable
               con = "hp + qsec",   # other control variables
               delta = 1,          # delta
               R2max = 0.9,        # maximum R-square
               sim = 100,          # number of simulations
               obs = 30,           # draws per simulation
               rep = FALSE,        # bootstrapping with or without replacement
               CI = c(90,95,99),   # confidence intervals
               type = "lm",        # model type
               norm = TRUE,        # normal distribution
               bin = 200,          # number of bins
               useed = 123,        # seed
               data = data_oster)  # dataset
```

o_beta_rsq

*beta*s over a range of maximum R-squares*

Description

Estimates beta*s, i.e. the bias-adjusted treatment effects (or correlations) (following Oster 2019) over a range of maximum R-squares.

Usage

```
o_beta_rsq(y, x, con, m = "none", id = "none", time = "none", delta = 1, type, data)
```

Arguments

y Name of the dependent variable (as string).
x Name of the independent treatment variable (i.e. variable of interest; as string).

con	Name of the other control variables. Provided as string in the format: "w + z +...".
m	Name of unrelated control variables (m; see Oster 2019; as string; default m = "none").
id	Name of the individual id variable (e.g. firm or farm; as string). Only applicable for fixed effect panel models.
time	Name of the time variable (e.g. year or month; as string). Only applicable for fixed effect panel models.
delta	delta for which beta* should be estimated (default is delta = 1).
type	Model type (either <i>lm</i> or <i>plm</i> ; as string).
data	Dataset.

Details

Estimates beta*s, i.e. the bias-adjusted treatment effects (or correlations) (following Oster 2019) over a range of maximum R-squares. The range of maximum R-squares starts from the R-square of the controlled model rounded up to the next 1/100 to 1. The function supports linear cross sectional (see *lm* objects in R) and fixed effect panel (see *plm* objects in R) models.

Value

Returns tibble object, which includes beta*s over a range of maximum R-squares.

References

Oster, E. (2019). Unobservable selection and coefficient stability: Theory and evidence. *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics*, 37, 187-204.

Examples

```
# load data, e.g. the in-build mtcars dataset
data("mtcars")
data_oster <- mtcars

# preview of data
head(data_oster)

# load robomit
require(robomit)

# estimate delta*s over a range of maximum R-squares
o_beta_rsq(y = "mpg",          # dependent variable
           x = "wt",          # independent treatment variable
           con = "hp + qsec", # other control variables
           delta = 1,         # define beta. This is usually set to 1
           type = "lm",      # model type
           data = data_oster) # dataset
```

o_beta_rsqr_viz	<i>Visualization of beta*s over a range of maximum R-squares</i>
-----------------	--

Description

Estimates and visualizes beta*s, i.e. the bias-adjusted treatment effects (or correlations) (following Oster 2019) over a range of maximum R-squares.

Usage

```
o_beta_rsqr_viz(y, x, con, m = "none", id = "none", time = "none", delta = 1, type, data)
```

Arguments

<code>y</code>	Name of the dependent variable (as string).
<code>x</code>	Name of the independent treatment variable (i.e. variable of interest; as string).
<code>con</code>	Name of the other control variables. Provided as string in the format: "w + z +...".
<code>m</code>	Name of unrelated control variables (m; see Oster 2019; as string; default m = "none").
<code>id</code>	Name of the individual id variable (e.g. firm or farm; as string). Only applicable for fixed effect panel models.
<code>time</code>	Name of the time variable (e.g. year or month; as string). Only applicable for fixed effect panel models.
<code>delta</code>	delta for which beta* should be estimated (default is delta = 1).
<code>type</code>	Model type (either <i>lm</i> or <i>plm</i> ; as string).
<code>data</code>	Dataset.

Details

Estimates and visualizes beta*s, i.e. the bias-adjusted treatment effects (or correlations) (following Oster 2019) over a range of maximum R-squares. The range of maximum R-squares starts from the R-square of the controlled model rounded up to the next 1/100 to 1. The function supports linear cross sectional (see *lm* objects in R) and fixed effect panel (see *plm* objects in R) models.

Value

Returns `ggplot2` object, which depicts beta*s over a range of maximum R-squares.

References

Oster, E. (2019). Unobservable selection and coefficient stability: Theory and evidence. *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics*, 37, 187-204.

Examples

```

# load data, e.g. the in-build mtcars dataset
data("mtcars")
data_oster <- mtcars

# preview of data
head(data_oster)

# load robomit
require(robomit)

# estimate and visualize beta*s over a range of maximum R-squares
o_beta_rsqr_viz(y = "mpg",          # dependent variable
                x = "wt",          # independent treatment variable
                con = "hp + qsec",  # other control variables
                delta = 1,         # delta
                type = "lm",       # model type
                data = data_oster) # dataset

```

o_delta	<i>delta*</i>
---------	---------------

Description

Estimates δ^* , i.e. the degree of selection on unobservables relative to observables (with respect to the treatment variable) that would be necessary to eliminate the result (following Oster 2019).

Usage

```
o_delta(y, x, con, m = "none", id = "none", time = "none", beta = 0, R2max, type, data)
```

Arguments

<code>y</code>	Name of the dependent variable (as string).
<code>x</code>	Name of the independent treatment variable (i.e. variable of interest; as string).
<code>con</code>	Name of the other control variables. Provided as string in the format: "w + z +...".
<code>m</code>	Name of unrelated control variables (m; see Oster 2019; as string; default m = "none").
<code>id</code>	Name of the individual id variable (e.g. firm or farm; as string). Only applicable for fixed effect panel models.
<code>time</code>	Name of the time variable (e.g. year or month; as string). Only applicable for fixed effect panel models.
<code>beta</code>	beta for which δ^* should be estimated (default is beta = 0).
<code>R2max</code>	Maximum R-square for which δ^* should be estimated.
<code>type</code>	Model type (either <i>lm</i> or <i>plm</i> ; as string).
<code>data</code>	Dataset.

Details

Estimates δ^* , i.e. the degree of selection on unobservables relative to observables (with respect to the treatment variable) that would be necessary to eliminate the result (following Oster 2019). The function supports linear cross sectional (see *lm* objects in R) and fixed effect panel (see *plm* objects in R) models.

Value

Returns tibble object, which includes δ^* and various other information.

References

Oster, E. (2019). Unobservable selection and coefficient stability: Theory and evidence. *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics*, 37, 187-204.

Examples

```
# load data, e.g. the in-build mtcars dataset
data("mtcars")
data_oster <- mtcars

# preview of data
head(data_oster)

# load robomit
require(robomit)

# estimate delta*
o_delta(y = "mpg",           # dependent variable
        x = "wt",           # independent treatment variable
        con = "hp + qsec",  # other control variables
        beta = 0,          # beta
        R2max = 0.9,       # maximum R-square
        type = "lm",       # model type
        data = data_oster) # dataset
```

o_delta_boot

*Bootstrapped delta*s*

Description

Estimates bootstrapped δ^* s, i.e. the degree of selection on unobservables relative to observables (with respect to the treatment variable) that would be necessary to eliminate the result (following Oster 2019).

Usage

```
o_delta_boot(y, x, con, m = "none", id = "none", time = "none", beta = 0, R2max,
sim, obs, rep, type, used = NA, data)
```

Arguments

y	Name of the dependent variable (as string).
x	Name of the independent treatment variable (i.e. variable of interest; as string).
con	Name of the other control variables. Provided as string in the format: "w + z +...".
m	Name of unrelated control variables (m; see Oster 2019; as string; default m = "none").
id	Name of the individual id variable (e.g. firm or farm; as string). Only applicable for fixed effect panel models.
time	Name of the time variable (e.g. year or month; as string). Only applicable for fixed effect panel models.
beta	beta for which delta* should be estimated (default is beta = 0).
R2max	Maximum R-square for which beta* should be estimated.
sim	Number of simulations.
obs	Number of draws per simulation.
rep	Bootstrapping either with (= TRUE) or without (= FALSE) replacement.
type	Model type (either <i>lm</i> or <i>plm</i> ; as string).
useed	User defined seed.
data	Dataset.

Details

Estimates bootstrapped delta*s, i.e. the degree of selection on unobservables relative to observables (with respect to the treatment variable) that would be necessary to eliminate the result (following Oster 2019). Bootstrapping can either be done with or without replacement. The function supports linear cross sectional (see *lm* objects in R) and fixed effect panel (see *plm* objects in R) models.

Value

Returns tibble object, which includes bootstrapped delta*s.

References

Oster, E. (2019). Unobservable selection and coefficient stability: Theory and evidence. *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics*, 37, 187-204.

Examples

```
# load data, e.g. the in-build mtcars dataset
data("mtcars")
data_oster <- mtcars

# preview of data
head(data_oster)
```

```

# load robomit
require(robomit)

# estimate bootstrapped delta*s
o_delta_boot(y = "mpg",      # dependent variable
             x = "wt",      # independent treatment variable
             con = "hp + qsec", # other control variables
             beta = 0,      # beta
             R2max = 0.9,   # maximum R-square
             sim = 100,     # number of simulations
             obs = 30,      # draws per simulation
             rep = FALSE,   # bootstrapping with or without replacement
             type = "lm",   # model type
             useed = 123,   # seed
             data = data_oster) # dataset

```

o_delta_boot_inf *Bootstrapped mean delta* and confidence intervals*

Description

Provides the mean and confidence intervals of bootstrapped delta*s, i.e. the degree of selection on unobservables relative to observables (with respect to the treatment variable) that would be necessary to eliminate the result (following Oster 2019).

Usage

```

o_delta_boot_inf(y, x, con, m = "none", id = "none", time = "none",
                beta = 0, R2max, sim, obs, rep, CI, type, useed = NA, data)

```

Arguments

y	Name of the dependent variable (as string).
x	Name of the independent treatment variable (i.e. variable of interest; as string).
con	Name of the other control variables. Provided as string in the format: "w + z +...".
m	Name of unrelated control variables (m; see Oster 2019; as string; default m = "none").
id	Name of the individual id variable (e.g. firm or farm; as string). Only applicable for fixed effect panel models.
time	Name of the time variable (e.g. year or month; as string). Only applicable for fixed effect panel models.
beta	beta for which delta* should be estimated (default is beta = 0)..
R2max	Maximum R-square for which beta* should be estimated.
sim	Number of simulations.
obs	Number of draws per simulation.

rep	Bootstrapping either with (= TRUE) or without (= FALSE) replacement
CI	Confidence intervals, indicated as vector. Can be and/or 90, 95, 99.
type	Model type (either <i>lm</i> or <i>plm</i> ; as string).
useed	User defined seed.
data	Dataset.

Details

Provides the mean and confidence intervals of bootstrapped delta*s, i.e. the degree of selection on unobservables relative to observables (with respect to the treatment variable) that would be necessary to eliminate the result (following Oster 2019). Bootstrapping can either be done with or without replacement. The function supports linear cross sectional (see *lm* objects in R) and fixed effect panel (see *plm* objects in R) models.

Value

Returns tibble object, which includes the mean and confidence intervals of bootstrapped delta*s.

References

Oster, E. (2019). Unobservable selection and coefficient stability: Theory and evidence. *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics*, 37, 187-204.

Examples

```
# load data, e.g. the in-build mtcars dataset
data("mtcars")
data_oster <- mtcars

# preview of data
head(data_oster)

# load robomit
require(robomit)

# compute the mean and confidence intervals of estimated bootstrapped delta*s
o_delta_boot_inf(y = "mpg",           # dependent variable
                 x = "wt",           # independent treatment variable
                 con = "hp + qsec",  # other control variables
                 beta = 0,           # beta
                 R2max = 0.9,        # maximum R-square
                 sim = 100,          # number of simulations
                 obs = 30,           # draws per simulation
                 rep = FALSE,        # bootstrapping with or without replacement
                 CI = c(90,95,99),   # confidence intervals
                 type = "lm",        # model type
                 useed = 123,        # seed
                 data = data_oster)  # dataset
```

o_delta_boot_viz Visualization of bootstrapped delta*s

Description

Estimates and visualizes bootstrapped delta*s, i.e. the degree of selection on unobservables relative to observables (with respect to the treatment variable) that would be necessary to eliminate the result (following Oster 2019).

Usage

```
o_delta_boot_viz(y, x, con, m = "none", id = "none", time = "none", beta = 0, R2max,
sim, obs, rep, CI, type, norm = TRUE, bin, col = c("#08306b", "#4292c6", "#c6dbef"),
nL = TRUE, mL = TRUE, useed = NA, data)
```

Arguments

y	Name of the dependent variable (as string).
x	Name of the independent treatment variable (i.e. variable of interest; as string).
con	Name of the other control variables. Provided as string in the format: "w + z +...".
m	Name of unrelated control variables (m; see Oster 2019; as string; default m = "none").
id	Name of the individual id variable (e.g. firm or farm; as string). Only applicable for fixed effect panel models.
time	Name of the time variable (e.g. year or month; as string). Only applicable for fixed effect panel models.
beta	beta for which delta* should be estimated (default is beta = 0).
R2max	Maximum R-square for which beta* should be estimated.
sim	Number of simulations.
obs	Number of draws per simulation.
rep	Bootstrapping either with (= TRUE) or without (= FALSE) replacement
CI	Confidence intervals, indicated as vector. Can be and/or 90, 95, 99.
type	Model type (either <i>lm</i> or <i>plm</i> ; as string).
norm	Option to include a normal distribution in the plot (default is norm = TURE).
bin	Number of bins used in the histogram.
col	Colors used to indicate different confidence interval levels (indicated as vector). Needs to be the same length as the variable CI. The default is a blue color range.
nL	Option to include a red vertical line at 0 (default is nL = TRUE).
mL	Option to include a vertical line at beta* mean (default is mL = TRUE).
useed	User defined seed.
data	Dataset.

Details

Estimates and visualizes bootstrapped delta*s, i.e. the degree of selection on unobservables relative to observables (with respect to the treatment variable) that would be necessary to eliminate the result (following Oster 2019). Bootstrapping can either be done with or without replacement. The function supports linear cross sectional (see *lm* objects in R) and fixed effect panel (see *plm* objects in R) models.

Value

Returns ggplot2 object, which depicts the bootstrapped delta*s.

References

Oster, E. (2019). Unobservable selection and coefficient stability: Theory and evidence. *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics*, 37, 187-204.

Examples

```
# load data, e.g. the in-build mtcars dataset
data("mtcars")
data_oster <- mtcars

# preview of data
head(data_oster)

# load robomit
require(robomit)

# estimate and visualize bootstrapped delta*s
o_delta_boot_viz(y = "mpg",           # dependent variable
                 x = "wt",           # independent treatment variable
                 con = "hp + qsec",  # other control variables
                 beta = 0,           # beta
                 R2max = 0.9,        # maximum R-square
                 sim = 100,          # number of simulations
                 obs = 30,           # draws per simulation
                 rep = FALSE,        # bootstrapping with or without replacement
                 CI = c(90,95,99),  # confidence intervals
                 type = "lm",        # model type
                 norm = TRUE,        # normal distribution
                 bin = 200,          # number of bins
                 useed = 123,        # seed
                 data = data_oster)  # dataset
```

Description

Estimates δ^* s, i.e. the degree of selection on unobservables relative to observables (with respect to the treatment variable) that would be necessary to eliminate the result (following Oster 2019) over a range of maximum R-squares following Oster (2019).

Usage

```
o_delta_rsq(y, x, con, m = "none", id = "none", time = "none", beta = 0, type, data)
```

Arguments

y	Name of the dependent variable (as string).
x	Name of the independent treatment variable (i.e. variable of interest; as string).
con	Name of the other control variables. Provided as string in the format: "w + z +...".
m	Name of unrelated control variables (m; see Oster 2019; as string; default m = "none").
id	Name of the individual id variable (e.g. firm or farm; as string). Only applicable for fixed effect panel models.
time	Name of the time variable (e.g. year or month; as string). Only applicable for fixed effect panel models.
beta	beta for which δ^* should be estimated (default is beta = 0).
type	Model type (either <i>lm</i> or <i>plm</i> ; as string).
data	Dataset.

Details

Estimates δ^* s, i.e. the degree of selection on unobservables relative to observables (with respect to the treatment variable) that would be necessary to eliminate the result (following Oster 2019) over a range of maximum R-squares. The range of maximum R-squares starts from the R-square of the controlled model rounded up to the next 1/100 to 1. The function supports linear cross sectional (see *lm* objects in R) and fixed effect panel (see *plm* objects in R) models.

Value

Returns tibble object, which includes δ^* s over a range of maximum R-squares.

References

Oster, E. (2019). Unobservable selection and coefficient stability: Theory and evidence. *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics*, 37, 187-204.

Examples

```

# load data, e.g. the in-build mtcars dataset
data("mtcars")
data_oster <- mtcars

# preview of data
head(data_oster)

# load robomit
require(robomit)

# estimate delta*s over a range of maximum R-squares
o_delta_rsqr(y = "mpg",          # dependent variable
             x = "wt",          # independent treatment variable
             con = "hp + qsec",  # other control variables
             beta = 0,          # beta
             type = "lm",       # model type
             data = data_oster) # dataset

```

o_delta_rsqr_viz *Visualization of delta*s over a range of maximum R-squares*

Description

Estimates and visualizes delta*s, i.e. the degree of selection on unobservables relative to observables (with respect to the treatment variable) that would be necessary to eliminate the result (following Oster 2019) over a range of maximum R-squares.

Usage

```
o_delta_rsqr_viz(y, x, con, m = "none", id = "none", time = "none", beta = 0, type, data)
```

Arguments

y	Name of the dependent variable (as string).
x	Name of the independent treatment variable (i.e. variable of interest; as string).
con	Name of the other control variables. Provided as string in the format: "w + z +...".
m	Name of unrelated control variables (m; see Oster 2019; as string; default m = "none").
id	Name of the individual id variable (e.g. firm or farm; as string). Only applicable for fixed effect panel models.
time	Name of the time variable (e.g. year or month; as string). Only applicable for fixed effect panel models.
beta	beta for which delta* should be estimated (default is beta = 0).
type	Model type (either <i>lm</i> or <i>plm</i> ; as string).
data	Dataset.

Details

Estimates and visualizes delta*s, i.e. the degree of selection on unobservables relative to observables (with respect to the treatment variable) that would be necessary to eliminate the result (following Oster 2019) over a range of maximum R-squares. The range of maximum R-squares starts from the R-square of the controlled model rounded up to the next 1/100 to 1. The function supports linear cross sectional (see *lm* objects in R) and fixed effect panel (see *plm* objects in R) models.

Value

Returns `ggplot2` object, which depicts delta*s over a range of maximum R-squares.

References

Oster, E. (2019). Unobservable selection and coefficient stability: Theory and evidence. *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics*, 37, 187-204.

Examples

```
# load data, e.g. the in-build mtcars dataset
data("mtcars")
data_oster <- mtcars

# preview of data
head(data_oster)

# load robomit
require(robomit)

# estimate and visualize delta*s over a range of maximum R-squares
o_delta_rsq_viz(y = "mpg",           # dependent variable
               x = "wt",           # independent treatment variable
               con = "hp + qsec",   # other control variables
               beta = 0,           # beta
               type = "lm",        # model type
               data = data_oster)  # dataset
```

Index

[o_beta](#), [2](#)
[o_beta_boot](#), [3](#)
[o_beta_boot_inf](#), [5](#)
[o_beta_boot_viz](#), [6](#)
[o_beta_rsqr](#), [8](#)
[o_beta_rsqr_viz](#), [10](#)
[o_delta](#), [11](#)
[o_delta_boot](#), [12](#)
[o_delta_boot_inf](#), [14](#)
[o_delta_boot_viz](#), [16](#)
[o_delta_rsqr](#), [17](#)
[o_delta_rsqr_viz](#), [19](#)