

# xtdcce2: Estimating Dynamic Common Correlated Effects in Stata

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# Introduction

- Formerly `xtdcce`, but name was "too nice".
- Setting: Model with an unobserved common factor ( $f_t$ ) and a heterogeneous factor loading ( $\gamma_i$ ):

$$y_{i,t} = \beta_i x_{i,t} + u_{i,t},$$

$$u_{i,t} = \gamma_i' f_t + e_{i,t}$$

$$\beta_{MG} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \beta_i$$

$$i = 1, \dots, N \text{ and } t = 1, \dots, T$$

- Aim: consistent estimation of  $\beta_i$  and  $\beta_{MG}$ :
  - ▶ Large  $N^1$ ,  $T = 1$ : Cross Section;  $\hat{\beta} = \hat{\beta}_i, \forall i$
  - ▶  $N=1$ , Large  $T$ : Time Series;  $\hat{\beta}_i$
  - ▶ Large  $N$ , Small  $T$ : Micro-Panel;  $\hat{\beta} = \hat{\beta}_i, \forall i$
  - ▶ Large  $N$ , Large  $T$ : Panel Time Series;  $\hat{\beta}_i$  and  $\hat{\beta}_{MG}$

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<sup>1</sup>Large implies either fixed or going to infinity.

# Introduction

- Estimation of most economic models requires heterogeneous coefficients. Examples: growth models (Lee et al., 1997), development economics (McNabb and LeMay-Boucher, 2014), productivity analysis (Eberhardt et al., 2012), consumption models (Shin et al., 1999) ,...
- Vast econometric literature on heterogeneous coefficients models (Zellner, 1962; Pesaran and Smith, 1995; Shin et al., 1999).
- Estimation of these models possible due to data availability.
- Theoretical literature how to account for unobserved dependencies between countries evolved (Pesaran, 2006; Chudik and Pesaran, 2015).

# Common Correlated Effects

$$\begin{aligned}y_{i,t} &= \beta_i x_{i,t} + u_{i,t} \\ u_{i,t} &= \gamma_i' f_t + \epsilon_{i,t}\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

- The heterogeneous coefficients are randomly distributed around a common mean,  $\beta_i = \beta + v_i$ ,  $v_i \sim IID(0, \Omega_v)$ .
- $f_t$  is an unobserved common factor and  $\gamma_i$  a heterogeneous factor loading.
- Pesaran (2006) shows that equation 1 can be consistently estimated by approximating the unobserved common factors with cross section means  $\bar{x}_t$  and  $\bar{y}_t$  under strict exogeneity.
- Estimated Equation:

$$\begin{aligned}y_{i,t} &= \beta_i x_{i,t} + \delta_i \bar{x}_t + \eta_i \bar{y}_t + \epsilon_{i,t} \\ \bar{x}_t &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_{i,t}, \quad \bar{y}_t = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N y_{i,t}\end{aligned}$$

# Dynamic Common Correlated Effects

$$y_{i,t} = \lambda_i y_{i,t-1} + \beta_i x_{i,t} + u_{i,t}, \quad (2)$$
$$u_{i,t} = \gamma_i' f_t + e_{i,t}.$$

- The lagged dependent variable is not strictly exogenous and therefore the estimator becomes inconsistent.
- Chudik and Pesaran (2015) show that the estimator gains consistency if  $p_T = \sqrt[3]{T}$  cross section means are added.
- Estimated Equation:

$$y_{i,t} = \lambda_i y_{i,t-1} + \beta_i x_{i,t} + \sum_{l=0}^{p_T} \delta_{i,l}' \bar{z}_{t-l} + \epsilon_{i,t}$$
$$\bar{z}_t = (\bar{y}_t, \bar{y}_{t-1}, \bar{x}_t).$$

- The Mean Group Estimates are:  $\hat{\pi}_{MG} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{\pi}_i$  with  $\hat{\pi}_i = (\hat{\lambda}_i, \hat{\beta}_i)$ .

# Pooled Mean Group

- Intermediate between mean group and pooled mean group, introduced by Shin et al. (1999).
- Eq. (2) is written as an error correction model:

$$\Delta y_{i,t} = \phi_i(y_{i,t-1} - \theta_i x_{i,t}) + \delta_{0,i} + \delta_{1,i} \Delta x_{i,t} + \epsilon_{i,t},$$

- where  $\phi_i$  is the error correction speed of adjustment.
- Assumes long run effects ( $\theta_i$ ) to be homogeneous, short run effects ( $\delta$ ) heterogeneous.

# Estimation in Stata

`xtmg` (Eberhardt, 2012)

- Estimates common correlated effects, but does not allow for pooled coefficients or dynamic common correlated effects.

`xtpmg` (Blackburne and Frank, 2007)

- Estimates pooled mean group estimator, but does not account for cross sectional dependence.

`xtdcce2` (Ditzen, 2016)

- Estimates dynamic common correlated effects and allows homo- and heterogeneous coefficients.
- Calculates cross sectional dependence test (CD-Test).
- Allows for endogenous regressors.
- Supports balanced and unbalanced panels.
- Small sample time series bias correction.

# xtdcce2

## Syntax

Syntax:

```
xtdcce2 depvar [indepvars] [if] [, pooled(varlist)  
crosssectional(varlist) nocrosssectional cr_lags(#)  
exogenous_vars(varlist) endogenous_vars(varlist) ivreg2options(string)  
lr(varlist) lr_options(string) pooledconstant noconstant  
reportconstant trend pooledtrend residuals(string) jackknife  
recursive noomit nocd full lists noisily post_full]
```

```
xtcd2 [ varname(max=1) ] [, noestimation rho histogram  
name(string) ]
```

▶ More Details

▶ Stored in e()

▶ Bias Correction



$$y_{i,t} = \lambda_i y_{i,t-1} + \beta_i x_{i,t} + \sum_{l=0}^{p_T} \delta'_{i,l} \bar{z}_{t-l} + \epsilon_{i,t}$$

- `crosssectional(varlist)` specifies cross sectional means, i.e. variables in  $\bar{z}_t$ . These variables are partialled out.
- `cr_lags(#)` defines number of lags ( $p_T$ ) of the cross sectional averages.
- `pooled(varlist)` constraints coefficients to be homogeneous ( $\beta_i = \beta, \forall i \in N$ ).
- `reportonstant` reports constant and `pooledconstant` pools it.
- IV options:
  - ▶ `exogenous_vars(varlist)` and `endogenous_vars(varlist)` defines exogenous and endogenous variables.
  - ▶ `ivreg2options(string)` passes on further options to `ivreg2`.

# xtdcce2

## pmg-Options

- `lr(varlist)` defines the variables in the long run relationship.
- `xtdcce2` estimates internally

$$\Delta y_{i,t} = \phi_i y_{i,t-1} + \gamma_i x_{i,t} + \delta_{0,i} + \delta_{1,i} \Delta x_{i,t} + \sum_{l=0}^{p_T} \delta'_{i,l} \bar{z}_{t-l} + \epsilon_{i,t} \quad (3)$$

while `xtpmg` (with common factors) is based on:

$$\Delta y_{i,t} = \phi_i (y_{i,t-1} - \theta_{1,i} x_{i,t}) + \delta_{0,i} + \delta_{1,i} \Delta x_{i,t} + \sum_{l=0}^{p_T} \delta'_{i,l} \bar{z}_{t-l} + \epsilon_{i,t}.$$

- where  $\theta_i = -\frac{\gamma_i}{\phi_i}$ .  $\theta_i$  is calculated and the variances calculated using the Delta method.
- `lr_option(string)`
  - ▶ `nodivide`, coefficients are not divided by the error correction speed of adjustment vector (i.e. estimate (3)).
  - ▶ `xtpmgnames`, coefficients names in `e(b_p_mg)` and `e(V_p_mg)` match the name convention from `xtpmg`.

- xtdcce2 package includes the xtcd2 command, which tests for cross sectional dependence (Pesaran, 2015).
- Under the null hypothesis, the error terms are weakly cross sectional dependent.

$$H_0 : E(u_{i,t}u_{j,t}) = 0, \forall t \text{ and } i \neq j.$$

$$CD = \sqrt{\frac{2T}{N(N-1)}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^N \hat{\rho}_{ij} \right)$$

$$\hat{\rho}_{ij} = \hat{\rho}_{ji} = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T \hat{u}_{i,t} \hat{u}_{j,t}}{\left( \sum_{t=1}^T \hat{u}_{it}^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{t=1}^T \hat{u}_{jt}^2 \right)^{1/2}}.$$

- Under the null the CD test statistic is asymptotically  $CD \sim N(0, 1)$ .

# Empirical Example

## GDP Regression - Mean Group Estimates

```
. xtccce2 log_rgdpo L.log_rgdpo log_hc log_ck log_ngd , /*  
> */ cr(log_rgdpo L.log_rgdpo log_hc log_ck log_ngd) /*  
> */ cr_lags(3) res(residuals) jackknife
```

Dynamic Common Correlated Effects - Mean Group

Panel Variable (i): id	Number of obs	=	3906
Time Variable (t): year	Number of groups	=	93
	Obs per group (T)	=	42
	F( 372, 1673)	=	1.68
	Prob > F	=	0.00
	R-squared	=	0.69
	Adj. R-squared	=	0.69
	Root MSE	=	0.05
	CD Statistic	=	1.55
	p-value	=	0.1204

	log_rgdpo	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
Mean Group Estimates:							
	L.log_rgdpo	.359111	.035707	10.06	0.000	.2891259	.4290966
	log_hc	-1.00504	.467251	-2.15	0.031	-1.920835	-.0892454
	log_ck	.183464	.05775	3.18	0.001	.0702766	.2966517
	log_ngd	.066033	.116476	0.57	0.571	-.1622554	.2943215

Mean Group Variables: L.log\_rgdpo log\_hc log\_ck log\_ngd

Cross Sectional Averaged Variables: log\_rgdpo L.log\_rgdpo log\_hc log\_ck log\_ngd

Degrees of freedom per country:

in mean group estimation = 38  
with cross-sectional averages = 18

Number of

cross sectional lags = 3  
variables in mean group regression = 2233  
variables partialled out = 1861

Heterogenous constant partialled out. Jackknife bias correction used.

. xtcd2 residuals

Pesaran (2015) test for cross sectional dependence

Postestimation.

H0: errors are weakly cross sectional dependent.

CD = 1.5531389

p\_value = .12038994

# Empirical Example

## GDP Regression - Pooled Coefficients

```
. xtddce2 log_rgdpo L.log_rgdpo log_hc log_ck log_ngd , /*  
> */ p(L.log_rgdpo log_hc log_ck log_ngd) /*  
> */ cr(log_rgdpo L.log_rgdpo log_hc log_ck log_ngd) cr_lags(3) pooledc
```

Dynamic Common Correlated Effects - Pooled

Panel Variable (i): id	Number of obs	=	3906
Time Variable (t): year	Number of groups	=	93
	Obs per group (T)	=	42
	F( 4, 2042)	=	1.98
	Prob > F	=	0.09
	R-squared	=	0.64
	Adj. R-squared	=	0.64
	Root MSE	=	0.06
	CD Statistic	=	-0.19
	p-value	=	0.8464

log_rgdpo	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
Pooled Variables:						
L.log_rgdpo	.733953	.015036	48.81	0.000	.7044826	.7634228
log_hc	.103063	.102192	1.01	0.313	-.0972285	.3033553
log_ck	.136153	.013784	9.88	0.000	.1091362	.1631697
log_ngd	.001699	.022768	0.07	0.941	-.0429254	.0463232

Pooled Variables: L.log\_rgdpo log\_hc log\_ck log\_ngd

Cross Sectional Averaged Variables: log\_rgdpo L.log\_rgdpo log\_hc log\_ck log\_ngd

Degrees of freedom per country:

in mean group estimation	=	38
with cross-sectional averages	=	18
Number of		
cross sectional lags	=	3
variables in mean group regression	=	1864
variables partialled out	=	1860

Homogenous constant removed from model.

# Empirical Example

## Comparison to xtmg

```
. use manu_stata9.dta
. xtset nwrcode year
    panel variable:  nwrcode (strongly balanced)
    time variable:   year, 1970 to 2002
                   delta: 1 unit
. eststo xtmg95: qui xtmg ly lk, trend
. eststo xtmg06: qui xtmg ly lk, cce trend
. eststo xtdcce95: qui xtdcce2 ly lk , cr(ly lk) trend nocross reportc
. eststo xtdcce06: qui xtdcce2 ly lk , cr(ly lk) cr_lags(0) trend reportc
. estout xtmg95 xtdcce95 xtmg06 xtdcce06 , c(b(star fmt(4)) se(fmt(4) par)) /*
> */ mlabels("xtmg - mg" xtdcce2 "xtmg - cce" xtdcce2 ) s(N cd cdp , fmt(0 3 3 )) /*
> */ rename(_000007_t trend) collabels(,none) drop(*_ly *_lk)
```

	xtmg - mg	xtdcce2	xtmg - cce	xtdcce2
lk	0.1789* (0.0805)	0.1789* (0.0805)	0.3125*** (0.0849)	0.3125*** (0.0849)
trend	0.0174*** (0.0030)	0.0174*** (0.0030)	0.0108** (0.0035)	0.0108** (0.0035)
_cons	7.6528*** (0.8546)	7.6354*** (0.8531)	4.7860*** (1.3227)	4.7752*** (1.3202)
N	1194	1194	1194	1194
cd		6.686		-0.201
cdp		0.000		0.841

# Empirical Example

## Comparison to xtpmg

```
. use jasa2, clear
. tsset id year
    panel variable: id (unbalanced)
    time variable: year, 1960 to 1993
                delta: 1 unit

. eststo xtpmg: qui xtpmg d.c d.pi d.y if year>=1962, lr(l.c pi y) ec(ec) replace pmg
. eststo xtdcce2_mg: qui xtdcce2 d.c d.pi d.y if year >= 1962 , /*
> */ lr(l.c pi y) p(l.c pi y) nocross lr_options(xtpmgnames)
. eststo xtdcce2_mg2: qui xtdcce2 d.c d.pi d.y if year >= 1962 , /*
> */ lr(l.c pi y) p(l.c pi y) nocross lr_options(nodivide xtpmgnames)
. eststo xtdcce2_cce: qui xtdcce2 d.c d.pi d.y if year >= 1962 , /*
> */ lr(l.c pi y) p(l.c pi y) cr(d.c d.pi d.y) cr_lags(0) /*
> */ lr_options(xtpmgnames)

. esttab xtpmg xtdcce2_mg xtdcce2_mg2 xtdcce2_cce /*
> */ , mtitles("xtpmg - mg" "xtdcce2 - mg" "xtdcce2 - mg" "xtdcce2 - cce" ) /*
> */ modelwidth(13) se s(N cd cdp)
```

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	xtpmg - mg	xtdcce2 - mg	xtdcce2 - mg	xtdcce2 - cce
ec				
pi	-0.466*** (0.0567)	-0.194** (0.0690)	-0.0327** (0.0119)	-0.276*** (0.0686)
y	0.904*** (0.00868)	0.903*** (0.0160)	0.152*** (0.0142)	0.940*** (0.0167)
SR				
ec	-0.200*** (0.0322)	-0.168*** (0.0149)	-0.168*** (0.0149)	-0.184*** (0.0169)
D.pi	-0.0183 (0.0278)	-0.0548 (0.0299)	-0.0548 (0.0299)	0.0237 (0.0317)
D.y	0.327*** (0.0574)	0.380*** (0.0350)	0.380*** (0.0350)	0.384*** (0.0431)
_cons	0.154*** (0.0217)			
N	767	767	767	767
cd		4.101	4.101	0.671
cdp		0.0000410	0.0000410	0.502

Standard errors in parentheses

\* p<0.05, \*\* p<0.01, \*\*\* p<0.001

# Empirical Example

## Comparison to xtprgm - Hausman Test

```
. eststo mg: qui xtdc2 d.c d.pi d.y if year >= 1962 , /*
> */ lr(1.c pi y) nocross
. eststo pmg: qui xtdc2 d.c d.pi d.y if year >= 1962 , /*
> */ lr(1.c pi y) p(1.c pi y) nocross
. eststo pooled: qui xtdc2 d.c d.pi d.y if year >= 1962 , /*
> */ lr(1.c pi y) p(1.c pi y d.pi d.y) nocross
. hausman mg pooled, sigmamore
```

	Coefficients		(b-B)	sqrt(diag(V_b-V_B))
	(b)	(B)	Difference	S.E.
	mg	pooled		
pi				
D1.	-.0253642	-.0280826	.0027184	.0308165
y				
D1.	.2337588	.3811944	-.1474357	.0537059
c				
L1.	-.3063473	-.1794146	-.1269326	.0331055
pi	-.3529095	-.266343	-.0865666	.1240246
y	.9181344	.9120574	.0060771	.0290292

b = consistent under Ho and Ha; obtained from xtdc2

B = inconsistent under Ha, efficient under Ho; obtained from xtdc2

Test: Ho: difference in coefficients not systematic

$\chi^2(5) = (b-B)'[(V_b-V_B)^{-1}](b-B)$

= 17.77

Prob>chi2 = 0.0032

```
. hausman pmg pooled, sigmamore
```

	Coefficients		(b-B)	sqrt(diag(V_b-V_B))
	(b)	(B)	Difference	S.E.
	pmg	pooled		
c				
L1.	-.1683577	-.1794146	.0110569	.004927
pi	-.1941238	-.266343	.0722191	.0311994
y	.9025766	.9120574	-.0094807	.0073838
pi				
D1.	-.0548234	-.0280826	-.0267408	.0266521
y				
D1.	.3802491	.3811944	-.0009453	.0283331

b = consistent under Ho and Ha; obtained from xtdc2

B = inconsistent under Ha, efficient under Ho; obtained from xtdc2

Test: Ho: difference in coefficients not systematic

$\chi^2(5) = (b-B)'[(V_b-V_B)^{-1}](b-B)$

= 2.45

Prob>chi2 = 0.7845

(V\_b-V\_B is not positive definite)



# Conclusion

`xtdcce2...`

- introduces a new routine to estimate a heterogeneous panel model using dynamic common correlated effects.
- allows for mean group, pooled and pooled mean group estimations.
- supports instrumental variable regressions.
- small sample time series bias corrections using jackknife or recursive mean method.
- includes `xtcd2` to test for cross sectional dependence.
- works with balanced and unbalanced panels.
- available on SSC.

# Saved values [▶ back](#)

## Scalars

e(N) number of observations

e(T) number of time periods

e(N.partial) number of variables  
partialled out

e(N.pooled) number of pooled variables

e(rss) residual sum of squares

e(ll) log-likelihood (only IV)

e(df\_m) model degrees of freedom

e(r2) *R*-squared

e(cd) CD test statistic

Scalars (unbalanced panel)

e(minT) minimum time

e(avgT) average time

## Macros

e(tvar) name of time variable

e(depvar) name of dependent variable

e(omitted) name of omitted variables

e(pooled) name of pooled variables

e(cmd\_full) command line including options

e(insts) instruments (exogenous) variables

## Matrices

e(b) coefficient vector  
(mean group or individual)

e(b\_p\_mg) coefficient vector  
(mean group and pooled)

e(b\_full) coefficient vector  
(individual and pooled)

## Functions

e(sample) marks estimation sample

e(N\_g) number of groups

e(K) number of regressors

e(N.omitted) number of omitted variables

e(mss) model sum of square

e(F) *F* statistic

e(rmse) root mean squared error

e(df\_r) residual degree of freedom

e(r2\_a) *R*-squared adjusted

e(cdp) *p*-value of CD test statistic

e(maxT) maximum time

e(idvar) name of unit variable

e(indepvar) name of independent variables

e(lr) long run variables

e(cmd) command line

e(instd) instrumented (endogenous) variables

e(V) variance–covariance matrix  
(mean group or individual)

e(V\_p\_mg) variance–covariance matrix  
(mean group and pooled)

e(V\_full) variance–covariance matrix  
(individual and pooled)

# Options

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- pooled(*varlist*) specifies homogeneous coefficients. For these variables the estimated coefficients are constrained to be equal across all units ( $\beta_i = \beta \forall i$ ). Variable may occur in *indepvars*. Variables in `exogenous_vars()`, `endogenous_vars()` and `lr()` may be pooled as well.
- crosssectional(*varlist*) defines the variables which are included in  $z_t$  and added as cross sectional averages ( $\bar{z}_{t-l}$ ) to the equation. Variables in `crosssectional()` may be included in `pooled()`, `exogenous_vars()`, `endogenous_vars()` and `lr()`. Default option is to include all variables from *depvar*, *indepvars* and `endogenous_vars()` in  $z_t$ . Variables in `crosssectional()` are partialled out, the coefficients not estimated and reported.

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- `cr_lags(#)` specifies the number of lags of the cross sectional averages. If not defined but `crosssectional()` contains *varlist*, then only contemporaneous cross sectional averages are added, but no lags. `cr_lags(0)` is equivalent to omitting it.
- `nocrosssectional` prevents adding cross sectional averages. Results will be equivalent to the Pesaran and Smith (1995) Mean Group estimator, or if `lr(varlist)` specified to the Shin et al. (1999) Pooled Mean Group estimator.
- `xtdcce2` supports instrumental variable regression using `ivreg2` by Baum et al. (2003, 2007). Endogenous and exogenous variables are set by:
  - ▶ `endogenous_vars(varlist)` specifies the endogenous and
  - ▶ `exogenous_vars(varlist)` the exogenous variables. See for a further description `ivreg2`.

# Options II

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- `ivreg2options` passes further options on to `ivreg2`. See `ivreg2`, `options` for more information.
- `fulliv` posts all available results from `ivreg2` in `e()` with prefix `ivreg2_`.
- `noisily` shows the output of wrapped `ivreg2` regression command.
- `lr(varlist)`: Variables to be included in the long-run cointegration vector. The first variable is the error-correcting speed of adjustment term.
- `lr_options(string)` Options for the long run coefficients. Options may be:
  - ▶ `nodivide`, coefficients are not divided by the error correction speed of adjustment vector.
  - ▶ `xtpmgnames`, coefficients names in `e(b_p_mg)` and `e(V_p_mg)` match the name convention from `xtpmg`.
- `noconstant` suppress constant term.

# Options III

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- pooledconstant restricts the constant to be the same across all groups ( $\beta_{0,i} = \beta_0, \forall i$ ).
- reportconstant reports the constant. If not specified the constant is treated as a part of the cross sectional averages.
- trend adds a linear unit specific trend. May not be combined with pooledtrend.
- pooledtrend a linear common trend is added. May not be combined with trend.
- jackknife applies the jackknife bias correction for small sample time series bias. May not be combined with recursive.
- recursive applies recursive mean adjustment method to correct for small sample time series bias. May not be combined with jackknife.
- residuals(*varname*) saves residuals as new variable.
- nocd suppresses calculation of CD test statistic.

# Options IV

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- `cluster(varname)` clustered standard errors, where *varname* is the cluster identifier.
- `nomit` suppress checks for collinearity.
- `full` reports unit individual estimates in output.
- `lists` shows all variables names and lags of cross section means.
- `post_full` requests that the individual estimates, rather than the mean group estimates are saved in `e(b)` and `e(V)`. Mean group estimates are then saved in `e(b_p_mg)` and `e(V_p_mg)`.

## "half panel" jackknife

$$\hat{\pi}_{MG}^J = 2\hat{\pi}_{MG} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \hat{\pi}_{MG}^a + \hat{\pi}_{MG}^b \right)$$

- where  $\hat{\pi}_{MG}^a$  is the mean group estimate of the first half ( $t = 1, \dots, \frac{T}{2}$ ) of the panel and  $\hat{\pi}_{MG}^b$  of the second half ( $t = \frac{T}{2} + 1, \dots, T$ ) of the panel.

## Recursive mean adjustment

$$\tilde{w}_{i,t} = w_{i,t} - \frac{1}{t-1} \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} w_{i,s} \quad \text{with} \quad w_{i,t} = (y_{i,t}, X_{i,t}).$$

- Partial mean from all variables, except the constant, removed.
- Partial mean is lagged by one period to prevent it from being influenced by contemporaneous observations.



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