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`sfcr_baseline`  
*Simulate the baseline scenario of a stock-flow consistent model*

**Description**

The `sfcr_baseline()` function is used to simulate a SFC model.

**Usage**

```r
sfcr_baseline(
equations, 
external, 
periods, 
initial = NULL, 
hidden = NULL, 
max_iter = 350, 
.h.hidden_tol = 0.1, 
tol = 1e-08, 
method = "Broyden", 
rhtol = FALSE, 
...
)
```
**Arguments**

- **equations**  
  A `sfcr_set` containing all the equations of the model to be simulated. The equations must be written with the R formula syntax, with the left-hand side separated from the right-hand side by a twiddle `~`.

- **external, initial**  
  A `sfcr_set` of external variables (exogenous and parameters) or of initial values. They should be written as equations using the R syntax.

- **periods**  
  A number specifying the total number of periods of the model to be simulated.

- **hidden**  
  Named object that identify the two variables that make the hidden equality in the SFC model, e.g., `c("H_h" = "H_s")`. Defaults to NULL. If hidden is supplied, the model will evaluate if the hidden equation is satisfied.

- **max_iter**  
  Maximum iterations allowed per period.

- **.hidden_tol**  
  Error tolerance to accept the equality of the hidden equation. Defaults to 1. In growth models, computational errors might buildup in the hidden equation, which renders any absolute comparison inadequate. For such models, please turn `rhtol` to `TRUE`, and set the value of `.hidden_tol` accordingly. See details for further information.

- **tol**  
  Tolerance accepted to determine convergence.

- **method**  
  The method to use to find a solution. Defaults to "Broyden".

- **rhtol**  
  A logical argument that defines whether the a relative measure is used to evaluate the hidden equation or not. Defaults to `FALSE`, i.e., a absolute measure is used.

- **...**  
  Extra arguments to pass to `rootSolve::multiroot()` function if "Newton" method is selected.

**Details**

The output of a `sfcr_baseline()` is a `sfcr_tbl`. The only difference between a `sfcr_tbl` and a standard `tbl_df` is that the former has two extra attributes: `matrix` and `call`. The `matrix` attribute, for example, can be accessed by calling `attributes(sfcr_sim_object)$matrix`. It is possible to see, in the matrix, the number of iterations required to calculate each block of equations in the model. The `call` attribute shows the blocks of equations and preserve the call that are used internally.

The equations, exogenous, and parameters arguments must be written with the R formula syntax, i.e., the left-hand side of each item is separated to the right-hand side by a twiddle. Variables that represent lags of endogenous or exogenous variables must be followed by `[-1]`. See examples for details on the syntax.

Before solving the system of equations, two consecutive depth-first searches identify and order the blocks of independent equations in the system. The system is then solved sequentially, i.e., the variables that depend only on lagged or exogenous values are evaluated first, and then the variables that depends on these variables, etc. The solving algorithms are only applied to the blocks of mutually dependent equations. The great `igraph` package is used to implement the two consecutive depth-first searches.

- **Methods:**
The sfcr package provides three algorithms to solve the blocks of cyclical equations: the Gauss-Seidel algorithm, the Broyden algorithm, and the Newton-Raphson algorithm. The default method is "Broyden" as it tends to be fastest one.

See (Kinsella and OShea 2010) for details on the Gauss-Seidel algorithm and (Peressini et al. 1988) for details on the Broyden and Newton-Raphson algorithms.

The "Broyden" algorithm uses the rootSolve::jacobian.full() function to get the initial Jacobian matrix, and compiled code from RcppArmadillo to invert the Jacobians. See also https://www.math.usm.edu/lambers/mat419/lecture11.pdf.

The Gauss Seidel algorithm is implemented as described by (Kinsella and OShea 2010). Finally, the "Newton" method uses the rootSolve::multiroot() function to solve the system.

- Hidden equation:

One of the defining aspects of a SFC model is its water tight accounting. One way to check whether the model was correctly defined is to see if the hidden (redundant) equation is satisfied after the model is simulated. In stationary models, an absolute comparison should suffice as the model converges to a stationary state. However, growth models converge to a stable growth rate where stocks are perpetually increasing. It is inadequate to use a absolute comparison in such models. In these cases, the rhtol argument ("relative hidden tolerance") must be set to TRUE in order to perform a relative comparison. The relative comparison evaluates the numerical discrepancy in the hidden equation as a ratio of one of its elements. For example, if hidden = c("Bbs" = "Bbd"), the hidden equation will be evaluated according to the following steps:

1. \[ d = (Bbs - Bbd) \]
2. \[ \text{isTRUE}(d/Bbs < .hidden\_tol) \]

In general, the .hidden\_tol argument should be set to a small number (e.g. 1e-6). The function will check that this proportion remains the same for all simulated periods.

**Value**

A sfcr\_tbl.

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**References**


**Examples**

```r
eqs <- sfcr_set(
  TXs ~ TXd,
  YD ~ W * Ns - TXs,
  Cd ~ alpha1 * YD + alpha2 * Hh[-1],
)```
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Hh ~ YD - Cd + Hh[-1],
Ns ~ Nd,
Nd ~ Y / W,
Cs ~ Cd,
Gs ~ Gd,
Y ~ Cs + Gs,
TXd ~ theta * W * Ns,
Hs ~ Gd - TXd + Hs[-1]
)

external <- sfcr_set(Gd ~ 20, W ~ 1, alpha1 ~ 0.6, alpha2 ~ 0.4, theta ~ 0.2)

# Periods is set to 10 to run faster. A usual model should run at
# least 50 periods to find a steady state
sfcr_baseline(equations = eqs, external = external, periods = 10)

sfcr_dag_blocks Create a tbl_graph object blocks and cycles information

Description
Create a tbl_graph object blocks and cycles information

Usage
sfcr_dag_blocks(equations)

Arguments
equations A sfcr_set containing all the equations of the model to be simulated. The
equations must be written with the R formula syntax, with the left-hand side
separated from the right-hand side by a twiddle ~.

Details
This function creates a tbl_graph with information about the blocks and cycles attached to it. This
object can then be used to plot the DAG of the model.

Value
A tbl_graph

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**sfcr_dag_blocks_plot**  
*Plot the DAG with blocks and cycles information*

**Description**

Plot the DAG with blocks and cycles information

**Usage**

sfcr_dag_blocks_plot(equations, title = NULL, size = 10)

**Arguments**

- **equations**  
  A sfcr_set containing all the equations of the model to be simulated. The equations must be written with the R formula syntax, with the left-hand side separated from the right-hand side by a twiddle ~.

- **title**  
  Title of the plot.

- **size**  
  Size of the points.

**Details**

This function creates a tbl_graph with information about the cycles attached to it. This object can then be used to plot the DAG of the model.

**Value**

A tbl_graph

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**sfcr_dag_cycles**  
*Create a tbl_graph object with cycles information*

**Description**

Create a tbl_graph object with cycles information

**Usage**

sfcr_dag_cycles(equations)
**Arguments**

- **equations**: A `sfcr_set` containing all the equations of the model to be simulated. The equations must be written with the R formula syntax, with the left-hand side separated from the right-hand side by a twiddle `~`.

**Details**

This function creates a `tbl_graph` with information about the cycles attached to it. This object can then be used to plot the DAG of the model.

**Value**

A `tbl_graph`

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**sfcr_expand**

Expand variables to implement sensitivity analysis

Description

The `sfcr_expand()` function is a s3 **generic** that takes a list of external objects and returns an expanded set of these lists. It has methods for `sfcr_set` objects and for `sfcr_shock` objects.

Usage

```r
sfcr_expand(x, variable, values)
```

Arguments

- **x**: A external set created with `sfcr_set()` or a shock set created with `sfcr_shock()`
- **variable**: the name of variable to be expanded.
- **values**: a vector containing the new values of the external or shock variable.

Details

There are two available methods for the `sfcr_expand()` function:

- **sfcr_set**: Takes a `sfcr_set` object with **external** variables and creates a list of sets that inherits all the aspects of the x set supplied but set the values of the variable to the each element of value. The output is a `sfcr_mlt_set` object.

- **sfcr_shock**: Takes a `sfcr_shock` object and creates a list of shocks that inherits all the aspects of the x shock but set the values of the variable to each element of value. The output of this method is a `sfcr_mlt_shock` object.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
# 1. Expand a external set:
external <- sfcr_set(G_d ~ 20, W ~ 1, alpha1 ~ 0.6, alpha2 ~ 0.4, theta ~ 0.2)
sfcr_expand(external, alpha2, c(0.1, 0.2))

# 2. Expand a shock:
shock <- sfcr_shock(variables = sfcr_set(alpha1 ~ 0.8), start = 5, end = 50)
sfcr_expand(shock, alpha1, c(0.7, 0.8, 0.9))
```
**Description**

Get block structure of a `sfcr_tbl` object

**Usage**

```r
sfcr_get_blocks(sfcr_tbl)
```

**Arguments**

`sfcr_tbl`  
A `sfcr_tbl` object.

**Author(s)**

João Macalós

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**Description**

Get Matrix form of `sfcr_tbl` object

**Usage**

```r
sfcr_get_matrix(sfcr_tbl)
```

**Arguments**

`sfcr_tbl`  
A `sfcr_tbl` object.

**Author(s)**

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sfcr_matrix

Create balance-sheet or transactions-flow matrices

Description

Create balance-sheet or transactions-flow matrices

Usage

sfcr_matrix(columns, codes, ...)

Arguments

columns Vector containing the name of the columns in the matrix.
codes A vector containing the abbreviation of the column names that is going to be used as a reference to build the rows. They must be provided in the same order as the columns.
... Vectors that fill the rows of the matrix. The first element of each vector must be the name of the row in the respective matrix. The remaining elements of the vector must be name-value pairs that exactly matches the codes argument. See the examples for further details.

Note

This function can be used to generate a transactions-flow matrix as well as a balance-sheet matrix. If the user wishes to validate these matrices with the simulated data, please pay attention to the following details:

- Transactions-flow Matrix: In the transactions-flow matrix, the sum column is going to be generated automatically by the validation function. Please do not add it by hand.

- Balance-sheet Matrix: In the balance-sheet matrix, it might be the case that some rows do not sum to zero. Therefore, the user must supply by hand the non-zero values of the sum column. This column should always be the last column of the matrix and should always be named as "Sum". If there's no column named as "Sum", it will be generated automatically by the validation function with all entries equal to zero.

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Examples

# Balance-sheet matrix

bs_pc <- sfcr_matrix(
columns = c("Households", "Firms", "Government", "Central bank", "sum"),
codes = c("h", "f", "g", "cb", "s"),
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sfcr_matrix_display

Print matrix to screen

Description

Print matrix to screen

Usage

sfcr_matrix_display(matrix, which = "tfm")

Arguments

matrix A balance sheet or transactions-flow matrix

which A character string for the matrix. Is it a balance-sheet or a transactions-flow matrix? here are two options: "bs" for balance-sheet matrices, and "tfm" for transactions-flow matrices. The default is "tfm".

Details

This function takes a matrix as input and generate a kableExtra table with math symbols displayed in latex style.

Note

This function converts the math expressions used to build the sfcr_matrix into a latex format, but cannot add modifications to it. The user is invited to explore the source code and the kableExtra package in order to personalize his/her own matrices.
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Examples

# Balance-sheet matrix

bs_insout <- sfcr_matrix(
  columns = c("Households", "Firms", "Government", "Central bank", "Banks", "Sum"),
  codes = c("h", "f", "g", "cb", "b", "s"),
  r1 = c("Inventories", f = "+INV", s = "+INV"),
  r2 = c("HPM", h = "+Hhd", cb = "-Hs", b = "+Hbd"),
  r3 = c("Advances", cb = "+As", b = "-Ad"),
  r4 = c("Checking deposits", h = "+M1h", b = "-M1s"),
  r5 = c("Time deposits", h = "+M2h", b = "-M2s"),
  r6 = c("Bills", h = "+Bhh", g = "-Bs", cb = "+Bcb", b = "+Bbd"),
  r7 = c("Bonds", h = "+BLh * pbl", g = "-BLs * pbl"),
  r8 = c("Loans", f = "-Ld", b = "+Ls"),
  r9 = c("Balance", h = "-V", f = 0, g = "+GD", cb = 0, b = 0, s = "-INV")
)

sfcr_matrix_display(bs_insout, "bs")

sfcr_multis

Simulate multiple SFC models at the same time

Description

The sfcr_multis() function is used to simulate multiple models at the same time, returning a list of sfcr_tbls.

Usage

sfcr_multis(expanded, fixed, periods, ...)

Arguments

expanded A sfcr_mlt_set, sfcr_mlt_shock, or a sfcr_mlt object.
fixed A sfcr_set, sfcr_tbl, or sfcr_shock object.
periods A number specifying the total number of periods of the model to be simulated.
... Additional arguments to pass to the underlying implementation of the sfcr_baseline() or sfcr_scenario() functions.
The `sfcr_multis()` function takes an expanded object and a fixed to simulate multiple models that will share the content of fixed but vary on the expanded.

This function is a **generic**, which means that its implementation depends on the class of the expanded argument.

The available methods for the `sfcr_multis()` function depends on the expanded argument. There are three possible methods:

- **sfcr_mlt_set**: When the `sfcr_multis()` takes an `sfcr_mlt_set` class as the input of expanded, it must take a list of equations of the `sfcr_set` class as the fixed input. This method simulates many baseline models that accept the same set of equations and vary on the external variables supplied with the expanded argument.

- **sfcr_mlt_shock**: When the `sfcr_multis()` takes an `sfcr_mlt_shock` class as the input of expanded, it must also take an object of `sfcr_tbl` class as the input of fixed. It will simulate multiple scenario models that takes the same baseline model and diverge on the content of the multiple shocks provided with the expanded argument that are applied to it.

- **sfcr_mlt**: When the `sfcr_multis()` function takes a `sfcr_mlt` class object as the input of the expanded argument, a `sfcr_shock` object must be supplied with the fixed argument. This method simulates multiple scenario models that applies the same shock to a varying number of baseline models.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```r
eqs <- sfcr_set(
  TX_s ~ TX_d,
  YD ~ W * N_s - TX_s,
  C_d ~ alpha1 * YD + alpha2 * H_h[-1],
  H_h ~ YD - C_d + H_h[-1],
  N_s ~ N_d,
  N_d ~ Y / W,
  C_s ~ C_d,
  G_s ~ G_d,
  Y ~ C_s + G_s,
  TX_d ~ theta * W * N_s,
  H_s ~ G_d - TX_d + H_s[-1]
)

external <- sfcr_set(G_d ~ 20, W ~ 1, alpha1 ~ 0.6, alpha2 ~ 0.4, theta ~ 0.2)

shock <- sfcr_shock(
  variables = sfcr_set(
    alpha2 ~ 0.3
  ),
  start = 1,
  end = 3
)
```
baseline <- sfcr_baseline(eqs, external, periods = 5)

# Example 1: Many external sets, 1 set of equations:
expanded1 <- sfcr_expand(external, alpha1, c(0.7, 0.8))
multis1 <- sfcr_multis(expanded = expanded1, fixed = eqs, periods = 5)

# Example 2: Many shocks, 1 baseline model:
expanded2 <- sfcr_expand(shock, alpha2, c(0.1, 0.2))
multis2 <- sfcr_multis(expanded = expanded2, fixed = baseline, periods = 5)

# Example 3: Many baseline models, 1 shock:
multis3 <- sfcr_multis(expanded = multis1, fixed = shock, periods = 5)

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**sfcr_portfolio**  
Find a valid matrix of portfolio parameters

**Description**

The sfcr_portfolio() function calculates a valid matrix of portfolio parameters by applying the symmetry condition and then filling the missing rows accordingly to the vertical and horizontal adding-up constraints.

**Usage**

sfcr_portfolio(m, known)

**Arguments**

- **m**: A matrix of parameter names
- **known**: A named vector of known parameters. One entry for each symmetry condition is enough to find a valid matrix.

**Details**

This function calculates only the values of the rates of return matrix, i.e., the internal matrix. The adding-up constraint number 1, that calculates the share of assets in the net wealth and the impact of regular income to wealth ratio must be calculated separately.

If supplied with insufficient parameters, the function will return a matrix with NA values.

This function requires at least \( \frac{n^2 - n}{2} \) known parameters to find a valid portfolio matrix, where \( n \) is the number of rows/columns. This is achieved by setting known parameters outside the diagonal and not on symmetrical entries, i.e., not lambda12 and lambda21, for example.

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### Examples

```r
j1 <- matrix(paste0("lambda", c(11:14, 21:24, 31:34, 41:44)), ncol = 4, nrow = 4, byrow = TRUE)
j2 <- c(lambda12 = 0, lambda13 = 0, lambda14 = 0, lambda23 = -15, lambda24 = -15, lambda34 = -15)
sfcr_portfolio(j1, j2)
```

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### sfcr_random

**Generate random sequences inside sfcr_set()**

#### Description

This function can only be used inside `sfcr_set()` when generating variables. It smartly guesses the length of the `sfcr_baseline()` model or of the `sfcr_shock()` that it is inserted.

#### Usage

```r
sfcr_random(.f, ...)
```

#### Arguments

- `.f` - This argument accepts three options: "rnorm", "rbinom", and "runif", and implement the respective functions from the built-in `stats` package.
- `...` - Extra arguments to be passed to the `stats` generator functions

#### Author(s)

João Macalós

#### Examples

```r
# Create a random normal series to pass along an endogenous series
# Example taken from model PC EXT 2.
sfcr_set(
    Ra ~ sfcr_random("rnorm", mean=0, sd=0.05)
)
```
**sfcr_sankey**  
*Plot Sankey’s diagram representation of transactions-flow matrix*

**Description**
Plot Sankey’s diagram representation of transactions-flow matrix

**Usage**
sfcr_sankey(tfm, baseline, when = "start")

**Arguments**
- **tfm**: A transactions-flow matrix
- **baseline**: A baseline model
- **when**: When the Sankey’s diagram should be evaluated?
  - "start": Fifth and fourth periods.
  - "end": last two periods of the simulation (stationary state).

**Author(s)**
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**sfcr_scenario**  
*Add scenarios to a sfcr model.*

**Description**
Add scenarios to a sfcr model.

**Usage**
sfcr_scenario(
  baseline,
  scenario,
  periods,
  max_iter = 350,
  tol = 1e-10,
  method = "Broyden",
  ...
)

---
Arguments

- baseline: A model generated with the `sfcr_baseline()` function.
- scenario: Either a shock created with `sfcr_shock()`, a list of shocks, or NULL. If `scenario = NULL`, the model will just extend the baseline model.
- periods: A number specifying the total number of periods of the model to be simulated.
- max_iter: Maximum iterations allowed per period.
- tol: Tolerance accepted to determine convergence.
- method: The method to use to find a solution. Defaults to "Broyden".
- ...: Extra arguments to pass to `rootSolve::multiroot()` function if "Newton" method is selected.

Details

Add scenario(s) to a model generated with `sfcr_baseline()` functions.

This function inherits the block structure from the steady state model. See `sfcr_baseline` for further details on the algorithms.

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See Also

- `sfcr_baseline`

Examples

eqs <- sfcr_set(
  TX_s ~ TX_d,
  YD ~ W * N_s - TX_s,
  C_d ~ alpha1 * YD + alpha2 * H_h[-1],
  H_h ~ YD - C_d + H_h[-1],
  N_s ~ N_d,
  N_d ~ Y / W,
  C_s ~ C_d,
  G_s ~ G_d,
  Y ~ C_s + G_s,
  TX_d ~ theta * W * N_s,
  H_s ~ G_d - TX_d + H_s[-1]
)

external <- sfcr_set(G_d ~ 20, W ~ 1, alpha1 ~ 0.6, alpha2 ~ 0.4, theta ~ 0.2)

# t is set to 10 to run faster. A usual model should run at least 50 periods to find a steady state
steady_state <- sfcr_baseline(eqs, external, periods = 10)

# Increase G_d from 20 to 30 between periods 5 and 10
shock1 <- sfcr_shock(sfcr_set(G_d ~ 30), 5, 10)
sfcr_scenario(steady_state, scenario = list(shock1), 10)

# Increase W to 2, alpha2 to 0.5, and decrease theta to 0.15
shock2 <- sfcr_shock(
  variables = sfcr_set(
    W ~ 2,
    alpha2 ~ 0.5,
    theta ~ 0.15
  ),
  start = 5,
  end = 10)

sfcr_scenario(steady_state, list(shock2), 10)

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**sfcr_set**

*Define the formulas of the model*

**Description**

The `sfcr_set()` function is used to create the lists of equations, external variables, initial values, and also to modify the variables inside the `sfcr_shock()` function.

**Usage**

`sfcr_set(..., exclude = NULL)`

**Arguments**

- `...` The formulas used to define the equations and external values of the system
- `exclude` One or more indices of equations to be excluded. The correct indices can be found with `sfcr_set_index()`.

**Details**

This function is a S3 generic that applicable to only two inputs: `formula` and `sfcr_set`. It is used to create a new set of equations or to modify an existing one.

Therefore, the equations must be written using the R formula syntax, i.e., the left-hand side of each equation is separated from the right-hand side with a ~ ("twiddle") instead of a =.

Furthermore, the `sfcr_set()` function recognizes two symbols that are not native to R language: [-1], and d().

- If a variable defined with `sfcr_set()` is followed by [-1], it will be recognized as a lagged variable.
- If a variable is defined inside d(), the `sfcr` engines will transform them into a first difference equation. For example, d(Hh) is internally transformed into (Hh - Hh[-1]).
Random variables can be created using the `sfcr_random()` function. See `sfcr_random` for further details.

Author(s)

João Macalós

Examples

```r
# Endogenous set
equations <- sfcr_set(
  TXs ~ TXd,
  YD ~ W * Ns - TXs,
  Cd ~ alpha1 * YD + alpha2 * Hh[-1],
  Hh ~ YD - Cd + Hh[-1],
  Ns ~ Nd,
  Nd ~ Y / W,
  Cs ~ Cd,
  Gs ~ Gd,
  Y ~ Cs + Gs,
  TXd ~ theta * W * Ns,
  Hs ~ Gd - TXd + Hs[-1]
)

# Exogenous set
exogenous <- sfcr_set(alpha1 ~ 0.8, alpha2 ~ 0.15)

# Modify an existing set
equations2 <- sfcr_set(equations, Hh ~ Hh[-1] + d(Hs), exclude = 4)

# Add normal random variable
sfcr_set(Ra ~ sfcr_random("rnorm", mean=10, sd=2))
```

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**sfcr_set_index**

Get names of endogenous vars and their index

Description

The `sfcr_set_index()` function takes a list of equations as its input and returns a tibble containing the name of the variable on the left-hand side of the equations and their position in the equations list.

Usage

`sfcr_set_index(eqs)`

Arguments

- `eqs` A list of equations created with `sfcr_set()`
Details

This function aims to facilitate locating a specific equation in the list in order to modify the list of equations.

To add random variation to endogenous variables, use sfcr_random().

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sfcr_shock(variables, start, end)

Arguments

variables A sfcr_set() with formula(e) containing the name of the variable(s) that will be shocked on the left-hand side and their new values on the right-hand side. It is possible to add exogenous series a shock instead of constant variables. However, the length of such series must be exactly the same as the period of the shock (i.e., the difference between start and end).

start An integer indicating the period when the shock takes place.

end An integer indicating the period when the shock ends.

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Examples

sfcr_shock(
  variables = sfcr_set(G_d ~ 30, W ~ 1.5),
  start = 5,
  end = 66)

sfcr_shock(
  variables = sfcr_set(G_d ~ seq(30, 40, length.out=62)),
  start = 5,
  end = 66)
sfcr_validate  Validate a transactions-flow or balance-sheet matrix

Description
This function validates a transactions-flow or balance-sheet matrix with the simulated data obtained with sfcr_baseline() function.

Usage
sfcr_validate(matrix, baseline, which, tol = 1, rtol = FALSE)

Arguments
- matrix: A transactions-flow or balance sheet matrix.
- baseline: A baseline model.
- which: Either "bs" (balance-sheet matrix) or "tfm" (transactions-flow matrix).
- tol: A numerical value indicating the absolute accepted discrepancy accepted to validate whether the rows and columns are equal to their expected values.
- rtol: A logical value indicating whether relative discrepancies should be evaluated. It defaults to FALSE. Stationary models should pass the test using a absolute level while growth models might need a relative validation since computational discrepancies tend to get larger with the model. See details for further information.

Details
The relative discrepancy is calculated differently if we are dealing with a transactions-flow matrix or with a balance-sheet matrix. If which is set to tfm, the sum of the row/column is evaluated against the sum of the positive entries of that row/column.

For example, in a transactions-flow matrix with three entries in the "change in the stock of bills" row (-Delta (Bhd), + Delta (Bs), and + Delta (Bbd)), the discrepancy d = Delta Bs - Delta Bhd - Delta Bbd is evaluated against Delta Bs, i.e., the row is validated if d/Delta Bs < tol.

In a balance-sheet matrix, all the rows/columns that sum to zero are validated exactly as in a transactions-flow matrix. The exception to this rule is when there is a expected value. In this case, the discrepancy is evaluated as a proportion of the expected value.

To prevent unnecessary calculations, a absolute check with tolerance defined as 1e-3 is executed prior to this evaluation.

The absolute discrepancy set with tol should be enough to validate a stationary SFC Model.

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