

# Package ‘sovereign’

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covid\_volatility\_correction

*Lenza-Primiceri Covid Shock Correction*

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## Description

Implement the deterministic volatility correction method of Lenza, Michele and Giorgio Primiceri "How to Estimate a VAR after March 2020" (2020) [[NBER Working Paper](#)]. Correction factors are estimated via maximum likelihood.

## Usage

```
covid_volatility_correction(var, theta_initial = c(5, 2, 1.5, 0.8))
```

## Arguments

var	VAR object
theta_initial	double: four element vector with scaling parameters, theta in Lenza and Primiceri (2020)

## Value

var object

**See Also**

[VAR\(\)](#)  
[var\\_irf\(\)](#)  
[var\\_fevd\(\)](#)  
[var\\_hd\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# simple time series
AA = c(1:100) + rnorm(100)
BB = c(1:100) + rnorm(100)
CC = AA + BB + rnorm(100)
date = seq.Date(from = as.Date('2018-01-01'), by = 'month', length.out = 100)
Data = data.frame(date = date, AA, BB, CC)

# estimate VAR
var =
  sovereign::VAR(
    data = Data,
    horizon = 10,
    freq = 'month',
    lag.ic = 'BIC',
    lag.max = 4)

# correct VAR for COVID shock
var = sovereign::covid_volatility_correction(var)

# impulse response functions
var.irf = sovereign::var_irf(var)

# forecast error variance decomposition
var.fevd = sovereign::var_fevd(var)

# historical shock decomposition
var.hd = sovereign::var_hd(var)
```

**Description**

Estimate local projections

**Usage**

```

LP(
  data,
  horizons = 1,
  freq = "month",
  type = "const",
  p = 1,
  lag.ic = NULL,
  lag.max = NULL,
  NW = FALSE,
  NW_lags = NULL,
  NW_prewhite = NULL
)

```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	data.frame, matrix, ts, xts, zoo: Endogenous regressors
<code>horizons</code>	int: forecast horizons
<code>freq</code>	string: frequency of data ('day', 'week', 'month', 'quarter', or 'year')
<code>type</code>	string: type of deterministic terms to add ('none', 'const', 'trend', or 'both')
<code>p</code>	int: lags
<code>lag.ic</code>	string: information criterion to choose the optimal number of lags ('AIC' or 'BIC')
<code>lag.max</code>	int: maximum number of lags to test in lag selection
<code>NW</code>	boolean: Newey-West correction on variance-covariance matrix
<code>NW_lags</code>	int: number of lags to use in Newey-West correction
<code>NW_prewhite</code>	boolean: TRUE prewhite option for Newey-West correction (see <code>sandwich::NeweyWest</code> )

**Value**

list object with elements `data`, `model`, `forecasts`, `residuals`; if there is more than one forecast horizon estimated, then `model`, `forecasts`, `residuals` will each be a list where each element corresponds to a single horizon

**See Also**

[LP\(\)](#)  
[lp\\_irf\(\)](#)  
[RLP\(\)](#)  
[rlp\\_irf\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```

# simple time series
AA = c(1:100) + rnorm(100)
BB = c(1:100) + rnorm(100)
CC = AA + BB + rnorm(100)
date = seq.Date(from = as.Date('2000-01-01'), by = 'month', length.out = 100)
Data = data.frame(date = date, AA, BB, CC)

# local projection forecasts
lp =
  sovereign::LP(
    data = Data,
    horizon = c(1:10),
    lag.ic = 'AIC',
    lag.max = 4,
    type = 'both',
    freq = 'month')

# impulse response function
irf = sovereign::lp_irf(lp)

```

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lp\_irf

*Estimate impulse response functions*


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**Description**

Estimate impulse response functions

**Usage**

```
lp_irf(lp, CI = c(0.1, 0.9), regime = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

lp	LP output
CI	numeric vector: c(lower ci bound, upper ci bound)
regime	string: indicates regime index column of data

**Value**

long-form data.frame with one row per target-shock-horizon identifier

**See Also**

[LP\(\)](#)  
[lp\\_irf\(\)](#)  
[RLP\(\)](#)  
[rlp\\_irf\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```

# simple time series
AA = c(1:100) + rnorm(100)
BB = c(1:100) + rnorm(100)
CC = AA + BB + rnorm(100)
date = seq.Date(from = as.Date('2000-01-01'), by = 'month', length.out = 100)
Data = data.frame(date = date, AA, BB, CC)

# local projection forecasts
lp =
  sovereign::LP(
    data = Data,
    horizon = c(1:10),
    lag.ic = 'AIC',
    lag.max = 4,
    type = 'both',
    freq = 'month')

# impulse response function
irf = sovereign::lp_irf(lp)

```

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plot\_error

*Chart residuals*


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**Description**

Chart residuals

**Usage**

```
plot_error(residuals, series = NULL, verticle = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

residuals	data.frame: sovereign residuals object
series	string: series to plot (default to all series)
verticle	boolean: If true then stack all plots into one column

**Value**

grid of ggplot2 graphs

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plot\_fevd

*Chart FEVDs*

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**Description**

Chart FEVDs

**Usage**

```
plot_fevd(fevd, responses = NULL, verticle = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

fevd	fevd object
responses	string vector: responses to plot
verticle	boolean: If true then stack all plots into one column

**Value**

grid of ggplot2 graphs

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plot\_forecast

*Chart forecasts*

---

**Description**

Chart forecasts

**Usage**

```
plot_forecast(forecasts, series = NULL, verticle = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

forecasts	data.frame: sovereign forecast object
series	string: series to plot (default to all series)
verticle	boolean: If true then stack all plots into one column

**Value**

grid of ggplot2 graphs

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plot\_hd *Chart HDs*

---

**Description**

Chart HDs

**Usage**

```
plot_hd(hd, verticle = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

hd	hd object
verticle	boolean: If true then stack all plots into one column

**Value**

grid of ggplot2 graphs

---

plot\_individual\_error *Chart individual residuals*

---

**Description**

Chart individual residuals

**Usage**

```
plot_individual_error(
  data,
  target,
  title = NULL,
  ylab = NULL,
  freq = NULL,
  zeroline = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

data	data.frame: sovereign residuals object
target	string: series to plot
title	string: chart title
ylab	string: y-axis label
freq	string: frequency (acts as sub-title)
zeroline	boolean: if TRUE then add a horizontal line at zero



**Value**

ggplot2 chart

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`plot_individual_fevd` *Plot an individual FEVD*

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**Description**

Plot an individual FEVD

**Usage**

```
plot_individual_fevd(fevd, response.var, title, ylab)
```

**Arguments**

<code>fevd</code>	fevd object
<code>response.var</code>	string: name of variable to treat as the response
<code>title</code>	string: title of the chart
<code>ylab</code>	string: y-axis label

**Value**

ggplot2 graph

---

`plot_individual_forecast`  
*Chart individual forecast*

---

**Description**

Chart individual forecast

**Usage**

```
plot_individual_forecast(  
  data,  
  target,  
  title = NULL,  
  ylab = NULL,  
  freq = NULL,  
  zeroline = FALSE  
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	data.frame: sovereign model forecast
<code>target</code>	string: series to plot
<code>title</code>	string: chart title
<code>ylab</code>	string: y-axis label
<code>freq</code>	string: frequency (acts as sub-title)
<code>zeroline</code>	boolean: if TRUE then add a horizontal line at zero

**Value**

ggplot2 chart

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`plot_individual_hd`     *Plot an individual HD*

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**Description**

Plot an individual HD

**Usage**

```
plot_individual_hd(hd, target.var, title)
```

**Arguments**

<code>hd</code>	hd object
<code>target.var</code>	string: name of variable to decompose into shocks
<code>title</code>	string: title of the chart

**Value**

ggplot2 graph

---

plot\_individual\_irf     *Plot an individual IRF*

---

**Description**

Plot an individual IRF

**Usage**

```
plot_individual_irf(irf, shock.var, response.var, title, ylab)
```

**Arguments**

irf	irf object
shock.var	string: name of variable to treat as the shock
response.var	string: name of variable to treat as the response
title	string: title of the chart
ylab	string: y-axis label

**Value**

ggplot2 graph

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plot\_irf     *Chart IRFs*

---

**Description**

Chart IRFs

**Usage**

```
plot_irf(irf, shocks = NULL, responses = NULL, verticle = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

irf	irf object
shocks	string vector: shocks to plot
responses	string vector: responses to plot
verticle	boolean: If true then stack all plots into one column

**Value**

grid of ggplot2 graphs

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regimes

*Identify regimes via unsupervised ML algorithms*

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### Description

Regime assignment (clustering) methods available include the **unsupervised random forest**, **k-mean clustering**, **Fraley and Raftery Model-based clustering** **EM algorithm**, and the **Bai & Perron (2003)** method for simultaneous estimation of multiple breakpoints.

### Usage

```
regimes(data, method = "rf", regime.n = NULL)
```

### Arguments

data	data.frame, matrix, ts, xts, zoo: Endogenous regressors
method	string: regime assignment technique ('rf', 'kmeans', 'EM', or 'BP')
regime.n	int: number of regimes to estimate (applies to kmeans and EM)

### Value

data as a data.frame with a regime column assigning rows to mutually exclusive regimes

### Examples

```
# simple time series
AA = c(1:100) + rnorm(100)
BB = c(1:100) + rnorm(100)
CC = AA + BB + rnorm(100)
date = seq.Date(from = as.Date('2000-01-01'), by = 'month', length.out = 100)
Data = data.frame(date = date, AA, BB, CC)

# estimate regime
regime =
  sovereign::regimes(
    data = Data,
    method = 'kmeans',
    regime.n = 3)
```

**Description**

Estimate regime-dependent local projections

**Usage**

```
RLP(
  data,
  horizons = 1,
  freq = "month",
  type = "const",
  p = 1,
  lag.ic = NULL,
  lag.max = NULL,
  NW = FALSE,
  NW_lags = NULL,
  NW_prewhite = NULL,
  regime = NULL,
  regime.method = "rf",
  regime.n = 2
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	data.frame, matrix, ts, xts, zoo: Endogenous regressors
<code>horizons</code>	int: forecast horizons
<code>freq</code>	string: frequency of data ('day', 'week', 'month', 'quarter', or 'year')
<code>type</code>	string: type of deterministic terms to add ('none', 'const', 'trend', or 'both')
<code>p</code>	int: lags
<code>lag.ic</code>	string: information criterion to choose the optimal number of lags ('AIC' or 'BIC')
<code>lag.max</code>	int: maximum number of lags to test in lag selection
<code>NW</code>	boolean: Newey-West correction on variance-covariance matrix
<code>NW_lags</code>	int: number of lags to use in Newey-West correction
<code>NW_prewhite</code>	boolean: TRUE prewhite option for Newey-West correction (see <code>sandwich::NeweyWest</code> )
<code>regime</code>	string: name or regime assignment vector in the design matrix (data)
<code>regime.method</code>	string: regime assignment technique ('rf', 'kmeans', 'EM', 'BP')
<code>regime.n</code>	int: number of regimes to estimate (applies to kmeans and EM)

**Value**

list object with elements data, model, forecasts, residuals; if there is more than one forecast horizon estimated, then model, forecasts, residuals will each be a list where each element corresponds to a single horizon

**See Also**

[LP\(\)](#)  
[lp\\_irf\(\)](#)  
[RLP\(\)](#)  
[rlp\\_irf\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# simple time series
AA = c(1:100) + rnorm(100)
BB = c(1:100) + rnorm(100)
CC = AA + BB + rnorm(100)
date = seq.Date(from = as.Date('2000-01-01'), by = 'month', length.out = 100)
Data = data.frame(date = date, AA, BB, CC)
# add regime
Data = dplyr::mutate(Data, reg = dplyr::if_else(AA > median(AA), 1, 0))

# local projection forecasts
rlp =
  sovereign::RLP(
    data = Data,
    regime = 'reg',
    horizon = c(1:10),
    freq = 'month',
    p = 1,
    type = 'const',
    NW = TRUE,
    NW_lags = 1,
    NW_prewhite = FALSE)

# impulse response function
rurf = sovereign::rlp_irf(rlp)
```

**Description**

Estimate regime-dependent impulse response functions

**Usage**

```
rlp_irf(rlp, CI = c(0.1, 0.9))
```

**Arguments**

rlp	RLP output
CI	numeric vector: c(lower ci bound, upper ci bound)

**Value**

list of long-form data.frame with one row per target-shock-horizon identifier

**See Also**

[LP\(\)](#)  
[lp\\_irf\(\)](#)  
[RLP\(\)](#)  
[rlp\\_irf\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# simple time series
AA = c(1:100) + rnorm(100)
BB = c(1:100) + rnorm(100)
CC = AA + BB + rnorm(100)
date = seq.Date(from = as.Date('2000-01-01'), by = 'month', length.out = 100)
Data = data.frame(date = date, AA, BB, CC)
# add regime
Data = dplyr::mutate(Data, reg = dplyr::if_else(AA > median(AA), 1, 0))

# local projection forecasts
rlp =
  sovereign::RLP(
    data = Data,
    regime = 'reg',
    horizon = c(1:10),
    freq = 'month',
    p = 1,,
    type = 'const',
    NW = TRUE,
    NW_lags = 1,
    NW_prewhite = FALSE)

# impulse response function
```

```
rirf = sovereign::rlp_irf(rlp)
```

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RVAR

*Estimate regime-dependent VAR*


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### Description

Estimate a regime-dependent VAR (i.e. a state-dependent VAR), with an exogenous state indicator, of the specification:

$$Y_t = X\beta_s + \epsilon_t$$

where  $t$  is the time index,  $Y$  is the set of outcome vectors,  $X$  the design matrix (of  $p$  lagged values of  $Y$ ), and  $s$  is a mutually exclusive state of the world observed at time  $t-1$ . When the regime vector is not supplied by the user, then a two-state regime series is estimated via random forest.

### Usage

```
RVAR(
  data,
  horizon = 10,
  freq = "month",
  type = "const",
  p = 1,
  lag.ic = NULL,
  lag.max = NULL,
  regime = NULL,
  regime.method = "rf",
  regime.n = 2
)
```

### Arguments

<code>data</code>	data.frame, matrix, ts, xts, zoo: Endogenous regressors
<code>horizon</code>	int: forecast horizons
<code>freq</code>	string: frequency of data ('day', 'week', 'month', 'quarter', or 'year')
<code>type</code>	string: type of deterministic terms to add ('none', 'const', 'trend', or 'both')
<code>p</code>	int: lags
<code>lag.ic</code>	string: information criterion to choose the optimal number of lags ('AIC' or 'BIC')
<code>lag.max</code>	int: maximum number of lags to test in lag selection
<code>regime</code>	string: name or regime assignment vector in the design matrix (data)
<code>regime.method</code>	string: regime assignment technique ('rf', 'kmeans', 'EM', or 'BP')
<code>regime.n</code>	int: number of regimes to estimate (applies to kmeans and EM)



## Details

The regime-dependent VAR is a generalization of the popular threshold VAR - which trades off estimating a threshold value for an endogenous variable for accepting an exogenous regime that can be based on information from inside or outside of the system, with or without parametric assumptions, and with or without timing restrictions.

## Value

list of lists, each regime returns its own list with elements `data`, `model`, `forecasts`, `residuals`

## See Also

[VAR\(\)](#)  
[var\\_irf\(\)](#)  
[var\\_fevd\(\)](#)  
[var\\_hd\(\)](#)  
[RVAR\(\)](#)  
[rvar\\_irf\(\)](#)  
[rvar\\_fevd\(\)](#)  
[rvar\\_hd\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
# simple time series
AA = c(1:100) + rnorm(100)
BB = c(1:100) + rnorm(100)
CC = AA + BB + rnorm(100)
date = seq.Date(from = as.Date('2000-01-01'), by = 'month', length.out = 100)
Data = data.frame(date = date, AA, BB, CC)
Data = dplyr::mutate(Data, reg = dplyr::if_else(AA > median(AA), 1, 0))

# estimate regime-dependent VAR
rvar =
  sovereign::RVAR(
    data = Data,
    horizon = 10,
    freq = 'month',
    regime.method = 'rf',
    regime.n = 2,
    lag.ic = 'BIC',
    lag.max = 4)

# impulse response functions
rvar.irf = sovereign::rvar_irf(rvar)

# forecast error variance decomposition
```

```
rvar.fevd = sovereign::rvar_fevd(rvar)

# historical shock decomposition
rvar.hd = sovereign::rvar_hd(rvar)
```

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rvar_fevd	<i>Estimate regime-dependent forecast error variance decomposition</i>
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### Description

Estimate regime-dependent forecast error variance decomposition

### Usage

```
rvar_fevd(rvar, horizon = 10, scale = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

rvar	RVAR output
horizon	int: number of periods
scale	boolean: scale variable contribution as percent of total error

### Value

list, each regime returns its own long-form data.frame

### See Also

[VAR\(\)](#)  
[var\\_irf\(\)](#)  
[var\\_fevd\(\)](#)  
[var\\_hd\(\)](#)  
[RVAR\(\)](#)  
[rvar\\_irf\(\)](#)  
[rvar\\_fevd\(\)](#)  
[rvar\\_hd\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```

# simple time series
AA = c(1:100) + rnorm(100)
BB = c(1:100) + rnorm(100)
CC = AA + BB + rnorm(100)
date = seq.Date(from = as.Date('2000-01-01'), by = 'month', length.out = 100)
Data = data.frame(date = date, AA, BB, CC)
Data = dplyr::mutate(Data, reg = dplyr::if_else(AA > median(AA), 1, 0))

# estimate VAR
rvar =
  sovereign::RVAR(
    data = Data,
    horizon = 10,
    freq = 'month',
    regime.method = 'rf',
    regime.n = 2,
    lag.ic = 'BIC',
    lag.max = 4)

# impulse response functions
rvar.irf = sovereign::rvar_irf(rvar)

# forecast error variance decomposition
rvar.fevd = sovereign::rvar_fevd(rvar)

# historical shock decomposition
rvar.hd = sovereign::rvar_hd(rvar)

```

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rvar\_hd

*Estimate regime-dependent historical decomposition*


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**Description**

Estimate historical decomposition with contemporaneous impact restrictions via Cholesky decomposition - taking the variable ordering present in the RVAR object. Estimate one response function per unique state defined by the regime-dependent VAR.

**Usage**

```
rvar_hd(rvar)
```

**Arguments**

```
rvar          RVAR output
```

**Value**

long form data.frames

**See Also**

[VAR\(\)](#)  
[var\\_irf\(\)](#)  
[var\\_fevd\(\)](#)  
[var\\_hd\(\)](#)  
[RVAR\(\)](#)  
[rvar\\_irf\(\)](#)  
[rvar\\_fevd\(\)](#)  
[rvar\\_hd\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# simple time series
AA = c(1:100) + rnorm(100)
BB = c(1:100) + rnorm(100)
CC = AA + BB + rnorm(100)
date = seq.Date(from = as.Date('2000-01-01'), by = 'month', length.out = 100)
Data = data.frame(date = date, AA, BB, CC)
Data = dplyr::mutate(Data, reg = dplyr::if_else(AA > median(AA), 1, 0))

# estimate VAR
rvar =
  sovereign::RVAR(
    data = Data,
    horizon = 10,
    freq = 'month',
    regime.method = 'rf',
    regime.n = 2,
    lag.ic = 'BIC',
    lag.max = 4)

# impulse response functions
rvar.irf = sovereign::rvar_irf(rvar)

# forecast error variance decomposition
rvar.fevd = sovereign::rvar_fevd(rvar)

# historical shock decomposition
rvar.hd = sovereign::rvar_hd(rvar)
```

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rvar_irf	<i>Estimate regime-dependent impulse response functions</i>
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### Description

Estimate impulse responses with contemporaneous impact restrictions via Cholesky decomposition - taking the variable ordering present in the VAR object. Estimate one response function per unique state defined by the regime-dependent VAR.

### Usage

```
rvar_irf(rvar, horizon = 10, bootstraps.num = 100, CI = c(0.1, 0.9))
```

### Arguments

rvar	RVAR output
horizon	int: number of periods
bootstraps.num	int: number of bootstraps
CI	numeric vector: c(lower ci bound, upper ci bound)

### Value

list of lists, each regime returns its own list with elements `irfs`, `ci.lower`, and `ci.upper`; all elements are long-form data.frames

### See Also

[VAR\(\)](#)  
[var\\_irf\(\)](#)  
[var\\_fevd\(\)](#)  
[RVAR\(\)](#)  
[rvar\\_irf\(\)](#)  
[rvar\\_fevd\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
# simple time series
AA = c(1:100) + rnorm(100)
BB = c(1:100) + rnorm(100)
CC = AA + BB + rnorm(100)
date = seq.Date(from = as.Date('2000-01-01'), by = 'month', length.out = 100)
Data = data.frame(date = date, AA, BB, CC)
Data = dplyr::mutate(Data, reg = dplyr::if_else(AA > median(AA), 1, 0))
```

```

# estimate VAR
rvar =
  sovereign::RVAR(
    data = Data,
    horizon = 10,
    freq = 'month',
    regime.method = 'rf',
    regime.n = 2,
    lag.ic = 'BIC',
    lag.max = 4)

# impulse response functions
rvar.irf = sovereign::rvar_irf(rvar)

# forecast error variance decomposition
rvar.fevd = sovereign::rvar_fevd(rvar)

# historical shock decomposition
rvar.hd = sovereign::rvar_hd(rvar)

```

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VAR

*Estimate VAR*


---

## Description

Estimate VAR

## Usage

```

VAR(
  data,
  horizon = 10,
  freq = "month",
  type = "const",
  p = 1,
  lag.ic = NULL,
  lag.max = NULL
)

```

## Arguments

data	data.frame, matrix, ts, xts, zoo: Endogenous regressors
horizon	int: forecast horizons
freq	string: frequency of data ('day', 'week', 'month', 'quarter', or 'year')
type	string: type of deterministic terms to add ('none', 'const', 'trend', or 'both')

p	int: lags
lag.ic	string: information criterion to choose the optimal number of lags ('AIC' or 'BIC')
lag.max	int: maximum number of lags to test in lag selection

**Value**

list object with elements data, model, forecasts, residuals

**See Also**

[VAR\(\)](#)  
[var\\_irf\(\)](#)  
[var\\_fevd\(\)](#)  
[var\\_hd\(\)](#)  
[RVAR\(\)](#)  
[rvar\\_irf\(\)](#)  
[rvar\\_fevd\(\)](#)  
[rvar\\_hd\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# simple time series
AA = c(1:100) + rnorm(100)
BB = c(1:100) + rnorm(100)
CC = AA + BB + rnorm(100)
date = seq.Date(from = as.Date('2000-01-01'), by = 'month', length.out = 100)
Data = data.frame(date = date, AA, BB, CC)

# estimate VAR
var =
  sovereign::VAR(
    data = Data,
    horizon = 10,
    freq = 'month',
    lag.ic = 'BIC',
    lag.max = 4)

# impulse response functions
var.irf = sovereign::var_irf(var)

# forecast error variance decomposition
var.fevd = sovereign::var_fevd(var)

# historical shock decomposition
var.hd = sovereign::var_hd(var)
```

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var_fevd	<i>Estimate forecast error variance decomposition</i>
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**Description**

Estimate forecast error variance decomposition

**Usage**

```
var_fevd(var, horizon = 10, scale = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

var	VAR output
horizon	int: number of periods
scale	boolean: scale variable contribution as percent of total error

**Value**

long-form data.frame

**See Also**

[VAR\(\)](#)  
[var\\_irf\(\)](#)  
[var\\_fevd\(\)](#)  
[var\\_hd\(\)](#)  
[RVAR\(\)](#)  
[rvar\\_irf\(\)](#)  
[rvar\\_fevd\(\)](#)  
[rvar\\_hd\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# simple time series
AA = c(1:100) + rnorm(100)
BB = c(1:100) + rnorm(100)
CC = AA + BB + rnorm(100)
date = seq.Date(from = as.Date('2000-01-01'), by = 'month', length.out = 100)
Data = data.frame(date = date, AA, BB, CC)
```



```
# estimate VAR
var =
  sovereign::VAR(
    data = Data,
    horizon = 10,
    freq = 'month',
    lag.ic = 'BIC',
    lag.max = 4)

# impulse response functions
var.irf = sovereign::var_irf(var)

# forecast error variance decomposition
var.fevd = sovereign::var_fevd(var)

# historical shock decomposition
var.hd = sovereign::var_hd(var)
```

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var\_hd

*Estimate historical decomposition*

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## Description

Estimate historical decomposition with contemporaneous impact restrictions via Cholesky decomposition - taking the variable ordering present in the VAR object.

## Usage

```
var_hd(var)
```

## Arguments

var                    VAR output

## Value

long-from data.frame

## See Also

[VAR\(\)](#)  
[var\\_irf\(\)](#)  
[var\\_fevd\(\)](#)  
[var\\_hd\(\)](#)  
[RVAR\(\)](#)

```
rvar_irf()
rvar_fevd()
rvar_hd()
```

## Examples

```
# simple time series
AA = c(1:100) + rnorm(100)
BB = c(1:100) + rnorm(100)
CC = AA + BB + rnorm(100)
date = seq.Date(from = as.Date('2000-01-01'), by = 'month', length.out = 100)
Data = data.frame(date = date, AA, BB, CC)

# estimate VAR
var =
  sovereign::VAR(
    data = Data,
    horizon = 10,
    freq = 'month',
    lag.ic = 'BIC',
    lag.max = 4)

# impulse response functions
var.irf = sovereign::var_irf(var)

# forecast error variance decomposition
var.fevd = sovereign::var_fevd(var)

# historical shock decomposition
var.hd = sovereign::var_hd(var)
```

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var\_irf

*Estimate impulse response functions*

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## Description

Estimate impulse responses with contemporaneous impact restrictions via Cholesky decomposition - taking the variable ordering present in the VAR object.

## Usage

```
var_irf(var, horizon = 10, bootstraps.num = 100, CI = c(0.1, 0.9))
```

**Arguments**

var	VAR output
horizon	int: number of periods
bootstraps.num	int: number of bootstraps
CI	numeric vector: c(lower ci bound, upper ci bound)

**Value**

list object with elements `irfs`, `ci.lower`, and `ci.upper`; all elements are long-form data.frames

**See Also**

[VAR\(\)](#)  
[var\\_irf\(\)](#)  
[var\\_fevd\(\)](#)  
[var\\_hd\(\)](#)  
[RVAR\(\)](#)  
[rvar\\_irf\(\)](#)  
[rvar\\_fevd\(\)](#)  
[rvar\\_hd\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# simple time series
AA = c(1:100) + rnorm(100)
BB = c(1:100) + rnorm(100)
CC = AA + BB + rnorm(100)
date = seq.Date(from = as.Date('2000-01-01'), by = 'month', length.out = 100)
Data = data.frame(date = date, AA, BB, CC)

# estimate VAR
var =
  sovereign::VAR(
    data = Data,
    horizon = 10,
    freq = 'month',
    lag.ic = 'BIC',
    lag.max = 4)

# impulse response functions
var.irf = sovereign::var_irf(var)

# forecast error variance decomposition
var.fevd = sovereign::var_fevd(var)
```

```
# historical shock decomposition  
var.hd = sovereign::var_hd(var)
```

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