

## **Synthetic Controls: Theory, Methods, and Applications**

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**Introduction.** Synthetic controls have become widely applied to the evaluation of policy interventions and treatment effects with observational data. Much of the recent widespread adoption of these methods among practitioners and policy-makers has outpaced the development of theoretical results justifying their correct use and limitations. Foundational work on synthetic controls as well as carefully designed extensions are needed to guide and facilitate empirical practice.

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