> **graph twoway lfit** — Twoway linear prediction plots

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Syntax

> <u>two</u>way lfit *yvar* *xvar* [*if*] [*in*] [*weight*] [, *options*]

options	Description
<u>range</u>(*# #*)	range over which predictions calculated
n(*#*)	number of prediction points
atobs	calculate predictions at *xvar*
<u>est</u>opts(*regress_options*)	options for regress
<u>pred</u>opts(*predict_options*)	options for predict
cline_options	change look of predicted line
axis_choice_options	associate plot with alternative axis
twoway_options	titles, legends, axes, added lines and text, by, regions, name, aspect ratio, etc.

See [G-3] *cline_options*, [G-3] *axis_choice_options*, and [G-3] *twoway_options*.

All options are *rightmost*; see [G-4] **concept: repeated options**.

yvar and *xvar* may contain time-series operators; see [U] **11.4.4 Time-series varlists**.

aweights, fweights, and pweights are allowed. Weights, if specified, affect estimation but not how
the weighted results are plotted. See [U] **11.1.6 weight**.

Menu

Graphics > Twoway graph (scatter, line, etc.)

Description

twoway lfit calculates the prediction for *yvar* from a linear regression of *yvar* on *xvar* and plots
the resulting line.

Options

range(*# #*) specifies the x range over which predictions are to be calculated. The default is
range(. .), meaning the minimum and maximum values of *xvar*. range(0 10) would make the
range 0 to 10, range(. 10) would make the range the minimum to 10, and range(0 .) would
make the range 0 to the maximum.

n(*#*) specifies the number of points at which predictions over range() are to be calculated. The default is n(3).

atobs is an alternative to n(). It specifies that the predictions be calculated at the *xvar* values. atobs is the default if predopts() is specified and any statistic other than the xb is requested.

estopts(*regress_options*) specifies options to be passed along to regress to estimate the linear regression from which the line will be predicted; see [R] **regress**. If this option is specified, estopts(nocons) is also often specified.

predopts(*predict_options*) specifies options to be passed along to predict to obtain the predictions after estimation by regress; see [R] **regress postestimation**.

cline_options specify how the prediction line is rendered; see [G-3] *cline_options*.

axis_choice_options associate the plot with a particular y or x axis on the graph; see [G-3] *axis_choice_options*.

twoway_options are a set of common options supported by all twoway graphs. These options allow you to title graphs, name graphs, control axes and legends, add lines and text, set aspect ratios, create graphs over by() groups, and change some advanced settings. See [G-3] *twoway_options*.

Remarks and examples

Remarks are presented under the following headings:
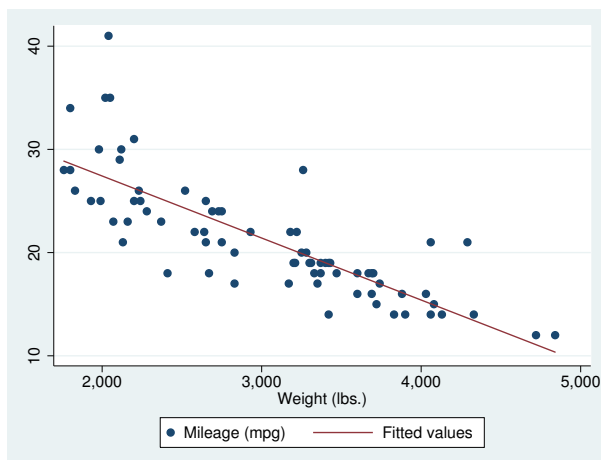
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> *Cautions*
> *Use with by( )*

Typical use

twoway lfit is nearly always used in conjunction with other twoway plottypes, such as

```
. use http://www.stata-press.com/data/r13/auto
(1978 Automobile Data)
. scatter mpg weight || lfit mpg weight
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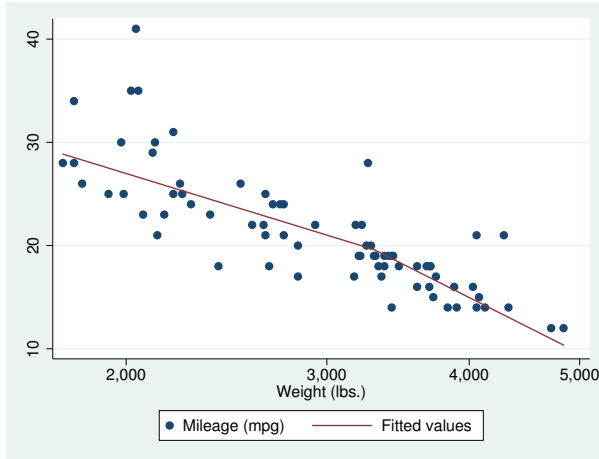
Results are visually the same as typing

```
. regress mpg weight
. predict fitted
. scatter mpg weight || line fitted weight
```

Cautions

Do not use twoway lfit when specifying the *axis_scale_options*
yscale(log) or xscale(log) to create log scales. Typing

```
. scatter mpg weight, xscale(log) || lfit mpg weight
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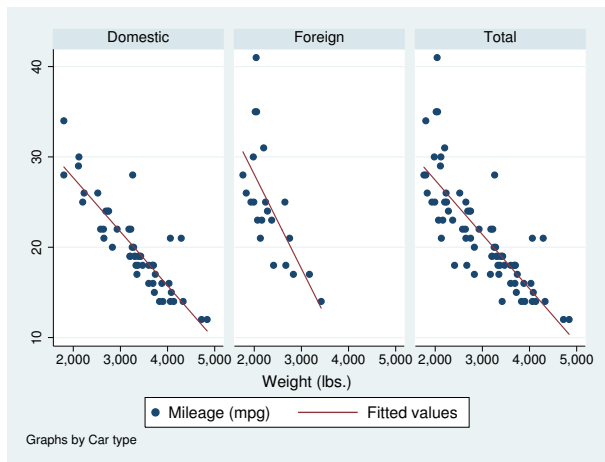

The line is not straight because the regression estimated for the prediction was for mpg on weight, not mpg on log(weight). (The default for n() is 3 so that, if you make this mistake, you will spot it.)

Use with by( )

lfit may be used with by() (as can all the twoway plot commands):

. scatter mpg weight || lfit mpg weight ||, by(foreign, total row(1))

Also see

[G-2] **graph twoway line** — Twoway line plots

[G-2] **graph twoway qfit** — Twoway quadratic prediction plots

[G-2] **graph twoway fpfit** — Twoway fractional-polynomial prediction plots

[G-2] **graph twoway mband** — Twoway median-band plots

[G-2] **graph twoway mspline** — Twoway median-spline plots

[G-2] **graph twoway lfitci** — Twoway linear prediction plots with CIs

[R] **regress** — Linear regression