

Robust Statistics in Stata

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The robustat command

- Computes various (robust) statistics of location, scale, skewness and kurtosis (classical, M, quantile-based, pairwise-based).
- Provides various generalized Jarque-Bera tests for normality as suggested by Brys et al. (2008).
- Variance estimation based on influence functions; full support for complex survey data.
- Simultaneous estimation of multiple statistics for multiple outcomes and multiple subpopulations (including full variance matrix).
- Using fast algorithms for the pairwise-based estimators (based on Johnson and Mizoguchi 1978; also see Croux and Rousseeuw 1992, Brys et al. 2004).

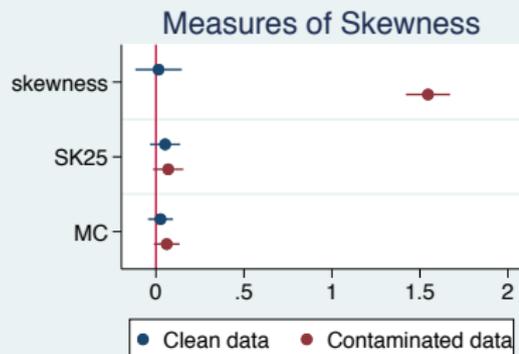
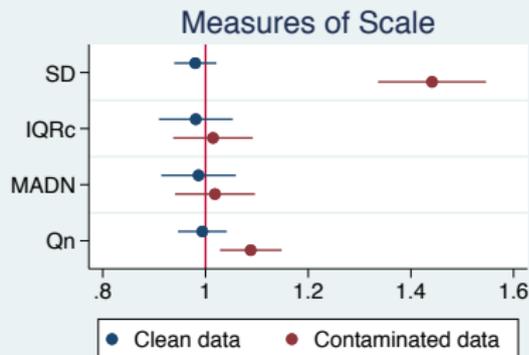
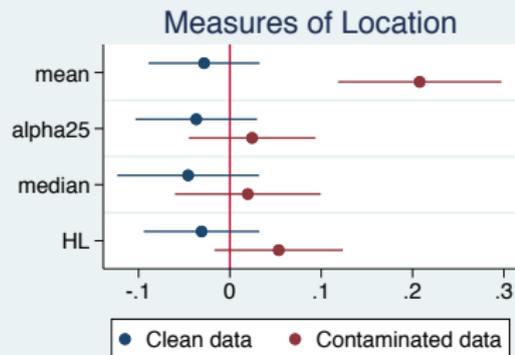
Examples for robstat

```
. // Generate some data
. clear all
. set seed 64334
. set obs 1000
number of observations (_N) was 0, now 1,000
. // Normally distributed variable (mean 0, standard deviation 1)
. generate z = rnormal(0, 1)
. // Contaminated data (5% point mass at value 5)
. generate zc = z
. replace zc = 5 if uniform()<.05
(48 real changes made)
```

```
. robstat z zc, statistics(/*Location:*/ mean alpha25 median HL ///  
> /*Scale: */ SD IQRc MADN Qn ///  
> /*Skewness:*/ skewness SK25 MC)
```

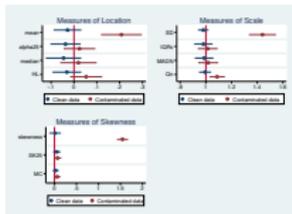
Robust Statistics Number of obs = 1,000

	Coef.	Std. Err.	[95% Conf. Interval]	
z				
mean	-.0282395	.0309938	-.0890599	.0325809
alpha25	-.0367917	.0338939	-.1033031	.0297196
median	-.0457205	.0395328	-.1232973	.0318563
HL	-.0309803	.0322082	-.0941838	.0322232
SD	.9801095	.0208968	.9391027	1.021116
IQRc	.9810724	.0366146	.9092221	1.052923
MADN	.9864664	.0370098	.9138406	1.059092
Qn	.9938275	.0242308	.9462783	1.041377
skewness	.0146799	.067181	-.1171522	.1465121
SK25	.0518805	.0434621	-.033407	.1371679
MC	.0257808	.0359978	-.0448592	.0964208
zc				
mean	.2078149	.0455753	.1183806	.2972493
alpha25	.0243169	.0353438	-.0450396	.0936735
median	.0196103	.0406538	-.0601664	.099387
HL	.0535221	.0358125	-.0167543	.1237984
SD	1.441218	.0535933	1.33605	1.546387
IQRc	1.014596	.0394691	.9371445	1.092048
MADN	1.018404	.0397156	.9404688	1.09634
Qn	1.088171	.0305887	1.028146	1.148197
skewness	1.546024	.0637939	1.420838	1.671209
SK25	.0694487	.0436647	-.0162363	.1551338
MC	.0609388	.0371472	-.0119568	.1338343



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└ The robstat command



```
. coefplot (., drop(zc:)) (., drop(z:)), keep(mean alpha25 median HL) ///
> xline(0) plotlabels("Clean data" "Contaminated data") ///
> title("Measures of Location") nodraw name(loc, replace)

. coefplot (., drop(zc:)) (., drop(z:)), keep(SD IQRc MADN Qn) ///
> xline(1) plotlabels("Clean data" "Contaminated data") ///
> title("Measures of Scale") nodraw name(sc, replace)

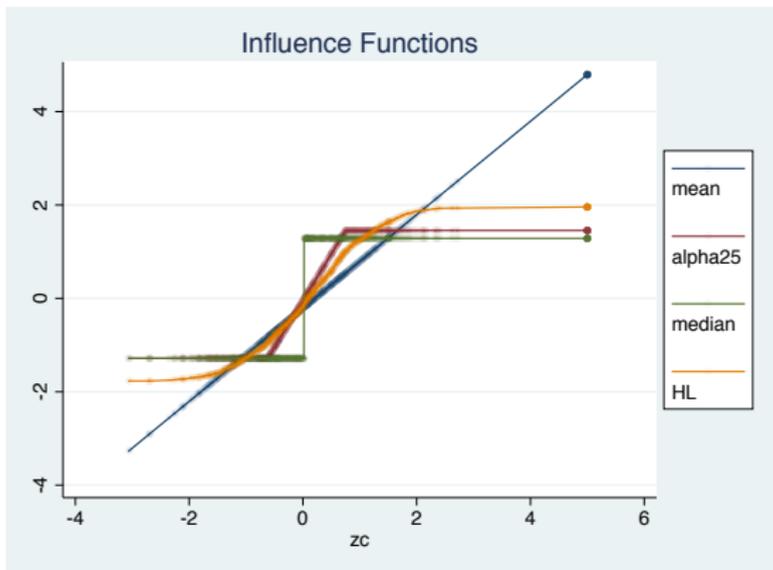
. coefplot (., drop(zc:)) (., drop(z:)), keep(skewness SK25 MC) ///
> xline(0) plotlabels("Clean data" "Contaminated data") ///
> title("Measures of Skewness") nodraw name(sk, replace)

. graph combine loc sc sk
```

```

. // May use -generate()- to store the estimated influence functions
. robstat zc, statistics(mean alpha25 median HL) generate
  (output omitted)
. two connect _IF* zc, sort ms(o ..) mc(%5 ..) mlc(%0 ..) ///
>   legend(order(1 "mean" 2 "alpha25" 3 "median" 4 "HL")) ///
>   cols(1) stack pos(3) keygap(0) rowgap(5)) ///
>   ti("Influence Functions")

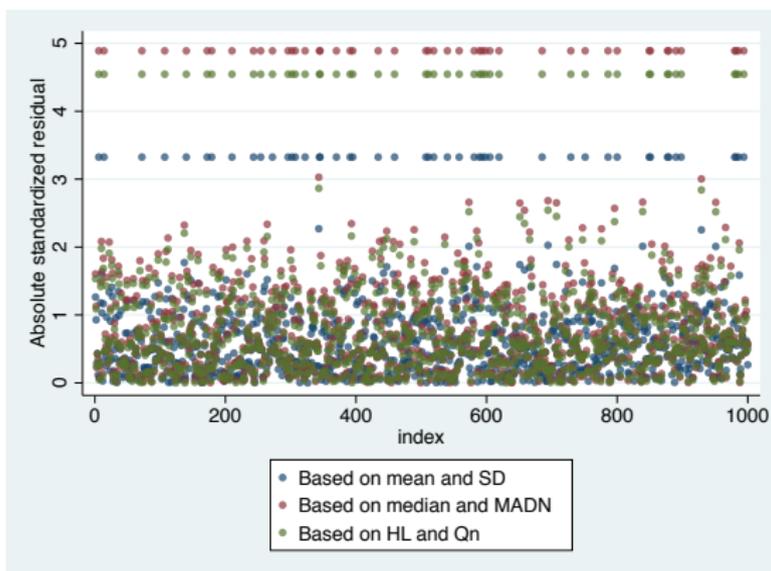
```



```

. // Identifying outliers
. robstat zc, statistics(mean SD median MADN HL QN)
  (output omitted)
. generate o_classic = abs((zc-_b[mean])/_b[SD])
. generate o_quantile = abs((zc-_b[median])/_b[MADN])
. generate o_pairwise = abs((zc-_b[HL])/_b[Qn])
. generate index = _n
. scatter o_classic o_quantile o_pairwise index, ///
>     ms(o ..) mc(%70 ..) mlc(%0 ..) yti("Absolute standardized residual") ///
>     legend(order(1 "Based on mean and SD" 2 "Based on median and MADN" 3 "Based on HL and Qn") cols(1))

```



```
. // Normality tests
. robstat z zc, jbtest
```

Robust Statistics Number of obs = 1,000

	Coef.	Std. Err.	[95% Conf. Interval]	
z				
skewness	.0146799	.067181	-.1171522	.1465121
kurtosis	2.820148	.1134951	2.597432	3.042865
SK25	.0518805	.0434621	-.033407	.1371679
QW25	1.263147	.0583604	1.148624	1.37767
MC	.0257808	.0359978	-.0448592	.0964208
LMC	.2686648	.0500956	.1703602	.3669694
RMC	.1773274	.0537777	.0717972	.2828577
zc				
skewness	1.546024	.0637939	1.420838	1.671209
kurtosis	6.536769	.3352475	5.8789	7.194639
SK25	.0694487	.0436647	-.0162363	.1551338
QW25	1.37593	.0644609	1.249435	1.502424
MC	.0609388	.0371472	-.0119568	.1338343
LMC	.317669	.0503196	.2189247	.4164133
RMC	.3022334	.0568872	.1906013	.4138655

Normality Tests

	chi2	df	Prob>chi2
z			
JB	1.38	2	0.5007
MOORS	1.81	2	0.4040
MC-LR	2.21	3	0.5304
zc			
JB	919.56	2	0.0000
MOORS	9.40	2	0.0091
MC-LR	12.46	3	0.0060

```

. // Survey estimation
. webuse nhanes2f, clear
. svyset psuid [pweight=finalwgt], strata(stratid)
    pweight: finalwgt
      VCE: linearized
Single unit: missing
  Strata 1: stratid
    SU 1: psuid
    FPC 1: <zero>

. robstat copper, statistics(mean median huber95 HL) svy

```

Survey: Robust Statistics

```

Number of strata =      31      Number of obs   =      9,118
Number of PSUs   =      62      Population size = 103,505,700
                                   Design df       =      31

```

copper	Linearized			
	Coef.	Std. Err.	[95% Conf. Interval]	
mean	124.7232	.6657517	123.3654	126.081
median	118	.5894837	116.7977	119.2023
Huber95	119.897	.5378589	118.8001	120.994
HL	120	.5502105	118.8778	121.1222

```
. robstat copper, statistics(mean median huber95 HL) svy over(sex) total
```

Survey: Robust Statistics

```
Number of strata =      31      Number of obs   =      9,118
Number of PSUs   =      62      Population size = 103,505,700
                                   Design df       =      31
```

```
1: sex = Male
2: sex = Female
```

copper	Linearized			
	Coef.	Std. Err.	[95% Conf. Interval]	
1				
mean	111.1328	.2743469	110.5733	111.6924
median	109	.2282107	108.5346	109.4654
Huber95	109.9958	.2613545	109.4627	110.5288
HL	110	.2574198	109.475	110.525
2				
mean	137.3958	.5440111	136.2863	138.5053
median	129	.4460584	128.0903	129.9097
Huber95	131.5431	.4857928	130.5523	132.5339
HL	131.5	.4789198	130.5232	132.4768
total				
mean	124.7232	.6657517	123.3654	126.081
median	118	.5894837	116.7977	119.2023
Huber95	119.897	.5378589	118.8001	120.994
HL	120	.5502105	118.8778	121.1222

The robreg command

- Supports various robust regression estimators (M, S, MM, and some other high breakdown estimators).
- Hausman-type tests (S against least-squares, MM against S).
- Robust standard errors (Croux et al. 2003).
- S-estimator: Fast subsampling algorithm (Salibián-Barrera and Yohai 2006) with speed improvements for categorical predictors (Koller 2012).

Examples for robstat

```
. // diabetes data from https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/data/countydata/countydataindicators.html
. set seed 312003
. use diabetes, clear
. drop county
. qui drop if percphys>=.
. qui drop if percob>=.
. qui sample 1000, count
. describe
```

Contains data from diabetes.dta

```
obs:      1,000
vars:      3                               7 Sep 2017 17:55
size:     12,000
```

variable name	storage type	display format	value label	variable label
perdiabet	float	%8.0g		Diabetes prevalence
percob	float	%8.0g		Obesity prevalence
percphys	float	%8.0g		Physical inactivity prevalence

Sorted by:

Note: Dataset has changed since last saved.

```
. // classic regression using clean data
. reg perdiabet percphys percob
```

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	1,000
Model	1675.80732	2	837.903662	F(2, 997)	=	985.85
Residual	847.376638	997	.849926417	Prob > F	=	0.0000
				R-squared	=	0.6642
				Adj R-squared	=	0.6635
Total	2523.18396	999	2.52570967	Root MSE	=	.92191

perdiabet	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
percphys	.1332684	.0076287	17.47	0.000	.1182982 .1482385
percob	.2196914	.0120911	18.17	0.000	.1959645 .2434182
_cons	-.7546425	.2251135	-3.35	0.001	-1.196393 -.3128918

```
. est sto CLEAN
```

```

. // robust regression using clean data (no significant difference)
. robreg s perdiabet percphys percob, hausman
enumerating 50 candidates (percent completed)
0 ----- 20 ----- 40 ----- 60 ----- 80 ----- 100
.....
refining 2 best candidates .. done
S-Regression (28.7% efficiency)          Number of obs   =       1,000
                                         Subsamples      =         50
                                         Breakdown point =         50
                                         Bisquare k      =    1.547645
                                         Scale estimate  =    .84987186

```

perdiabet	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
percphys	.1513016	.0163233	9.27	0.000	.1193085	.1832948
percob	.1907011	.02477	7.70	0.000	.1421528	.2392494
_cons	-.5645537	.5152196	-1.10	0.273	-1.574366	.4452581

```

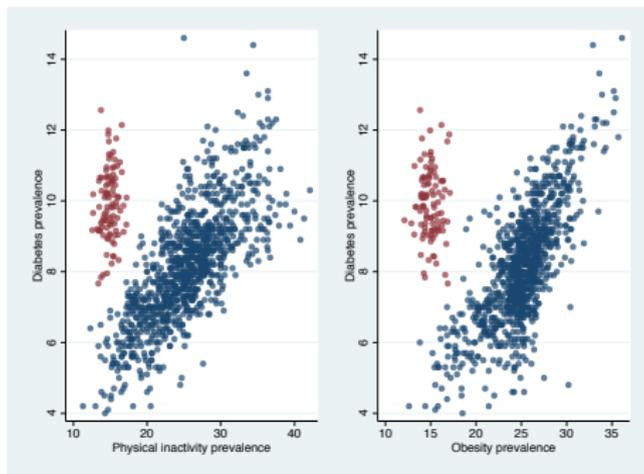
Hausman test of S against LS:    chi2(2) = 1.9259508    Prob > chi2 = 0.3818

```

```

. // contaminate the data
. set obs 1100
number of observations (_N) was 1,000, now 1,100
. gen byte clean = perdiabet<.
. replace perdiabet = rnormal(10,1) if perdiabet>=.
(100 real changes made)
. replace percphys = rnormal(15,1) if percphys>=.
(100 real changes made)
. replace percob = rnormal(15,1) if percob>=.
(100 real changes made)
. two (scatter perdiabet percphys if clean==1, mc(%70) mlc(%0)) ///
> (scatter perdiabet percphys if clean==0, mc(%70) mlc(%0)) ///
> , nodraw name(a, replace) legend(off)
. two (scatter perdiabet percob if clean==1, mc(%70) mlc(%0)) ///
> (scatter perdiabet percob if clean==0, mc(%70) mlc(%0)) ///
> , nodraw name(b, replace) legend(off)
. graph combine a b,

```



```

. // result using contaminated data contaminated data
. // - classic regression
. reg perdiabet percphys percob

```

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	1,100
Model	542.552632	2	271.276316	F(2, 1097)	=	125.71
Residual	2367.3518	1,097	2.15802351	Prob > F	=	0.0000
				R-squared	=	0.1865
				Adj R-squared	=	0.1850
Total	2909.90443	1,099	2.64777473	Root MSE	=	1.469

perdiabet	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
percphys	.1395938	.0120617	11.57	0.000	.1159271	.1632604
percob	-.0347372	.0163833	-2.12	0.034	-.0668833	-.0025911
_cons	5.728702	.2542869	22.53	0.000	5.229758	6.227646

```

. est sto OLS

```

```

. // - (semi-robust) M estimator
. robreg m perdiabet percphys percob
fitting initial LAV estimate ... done
iterating RWLS estimate ..... done

```

```

M-Regression (95% efficiency)
Number of obs      =      1,100
Huber k            =      1.3449975
Scale estimate     =      1.0614389
Robust R2 (w)     =      .34529835
Robust R2 (rho)   =      .19178653

```

perdiabet	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
percphys	.1404872	.0095426	14.72	0.000	.121784	.1591903
percob	.034564	.0343107	1.01	0.314	-.0326837	.1018116
_cons	3.825278	.7621694	5.02	0.000	2.331454	5.319103

```

. est sto M

```

```
. // - (fully robust) S estimator
. robreg s perdiabet percphys percob, hausman
enumerating 50 candidates (percent completed)
0 _____ 20 _____ 40 _____ 60 _____ 80 _____ 100
.....
refining 2 best candidates .. done
```

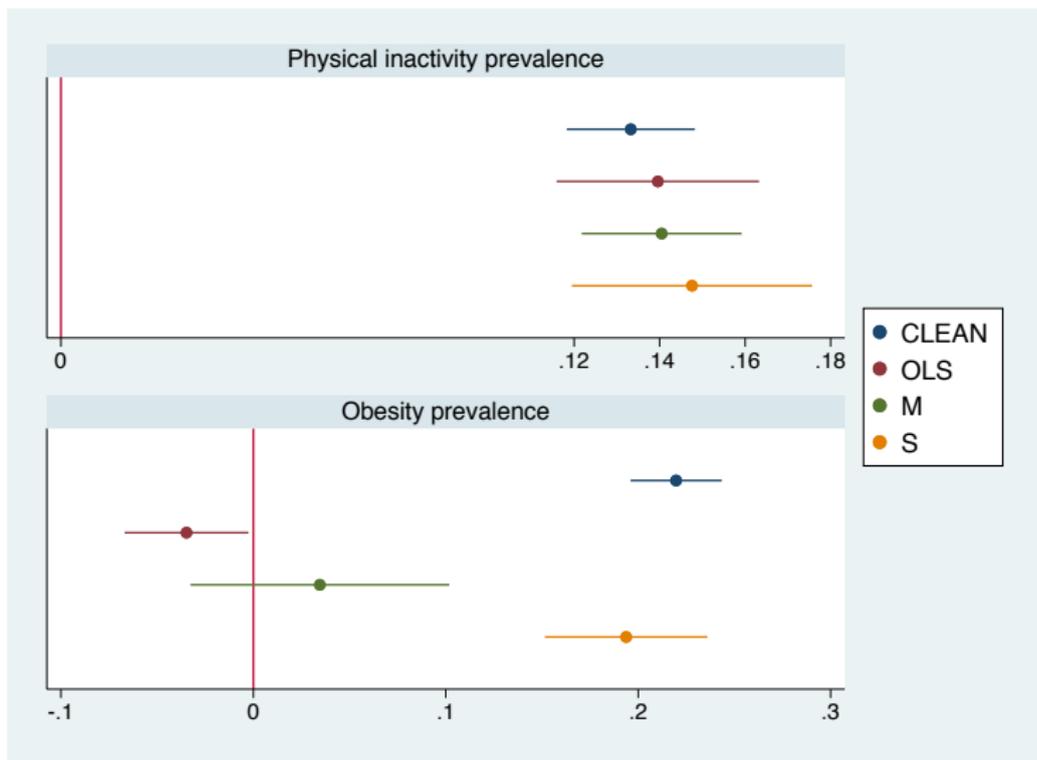
```
S-Regression (28.7% efficiency)      Number of obs      =      1,100
                                     Subsamples         =         50
                                     Breakdown point    =         50
                                     Bisquare k         =      1.547645
                                     Scale estimate     =      .97331348
```

perdiabet	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
percphys	.1475783	.0143318	10.30	0.000	.1194885	.1756681
percob	.1937171	.0215297	9.00	0.000	.1515196	.2359145
_cons	-.5402307	.4590932	-1.18	0.239	-1.440037	.3595755

```
Hausman test of S against LS:      chi2(2) = 102.56961      Prob > chi2 = 0.0000
```

```
. est sto S
```

```
. coefplot CLEAN OLS M S, drop(_cons) ///  
> bycoefs xlabel(0, add) xline(0) legend(cols(1)) ///  
> byopts(cols(1) noiylabel noiytick xrescale legend(pos(3)))
```



```
. // improving on the S-estimate as much as possible
. // - 85% efficiency (still ok)
. robreg mm perdiabet percphys percob, hausman
```

Step 1: fitting S-estimate

```
enumerating 50 candidates (percent completed)
0 ——— 20 ——— 40 ——— 60 ——— 80 ——— 100
.....
```

refining 2 best candidates .. done

Step 2: fitting redescending M-estimate

iterating RWLS estimate done

```
MM-Regression (85% efficiency)                Number of obs   =      1,100
                                                Subsamples      =         50
                                                Breakdown point =         50
                                                M-estimate: k  =    3.4436898
                                                S-estimate: k  =    1.547645
                                                Scale estimate =    .97331348
                                                Robust R2 (w)  =    .73742992
                                                Robust R2 (rho) =   .34644654
```

perdiabet	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
percphys	.1337519	.0087649	15.26	0.000	.1165731	.1509308
percob	.214233	.0135823	15.77	0.000	.1876121	.2408538
_cons	-.6563609	.2460445	-2.67	0.008	-1.138599	-.1741225

```
Hausman test of MM against S:      chi2(2) = 2.7984133      Prob > chi2 = 0.2468
```

```
. est sto MM85
```

```

. // - 95% efficiency (still ok)
. robreg mm perdiabet percphys percob, hausman eff(95)
Step 1: fitting S-estimate
enumerating 50 candidates (percent completed)
0 ----- 20 ----- 40 ----- 60 ----- 80 ----- 100
.....
refining 2 best candidates .. done
Step 2: fitting redescending M-estimate
iterating RWLS estimate ..... done
MM-Regression (95% efficiency)
Number of obs   =      1,100
Subsamples      =         50
Breakdown point =         50
M-estimate: k   =    4.6850649
S-estimate: k   =    1.547645
Scale estimate  =    .97331348
Robust R2 (w)   =    .69765832
Robust R2 (rho) =    .2958162

```

	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
perdiabet						
percphys	.1334119	.0083695	15.94	0.000	.117008	.1498157
percob	.2092841	.0144597	14.47	0.000	.1809436	.2376246
_cons	-.5044031	.2823584	-1.79	0.074	-1.057815	.0490091

```

Hausman test of MM against S:   chi2(2) = 1.8866681   Prob > chi2 = 0.3893
. est sto MM95

```

```

. // - 99% efficiency (no longer ok)
. robreg mm perdiabet percphys percob, hausman eff(99)
Step 1: fitting S-estimate
enumerating 50 candidates (percent completed)
0 ----- 20 ----- 40 ----- 60 ----- 80 ----- 100
.....
refining 2 best candidates .. done
Step 2: fitting redescending M-estimate
iterating RWLS estimate ..... done
MM-Regression (99% efficiency)
Number of obs      =      1,100
Subsamples         =         50
Breakdown point    =         50
M-estimate: k      =      7.0413916
S-estimate: k      =      1.547645
Scale estimate     =      .97331348
Robust R2 (w)      =      .29117091
Robust R2 (rho)    =      .18696675

```

	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
perdiabet						
percphys	.1443221	.0098078	14.71	0.000	.125099	.1635451
percob	.0012655	.0419327	0.03	0.976	-.080921	.083452
_cons	4.609422	.9643243	4.78	0.000	2.719381	6.499463

```

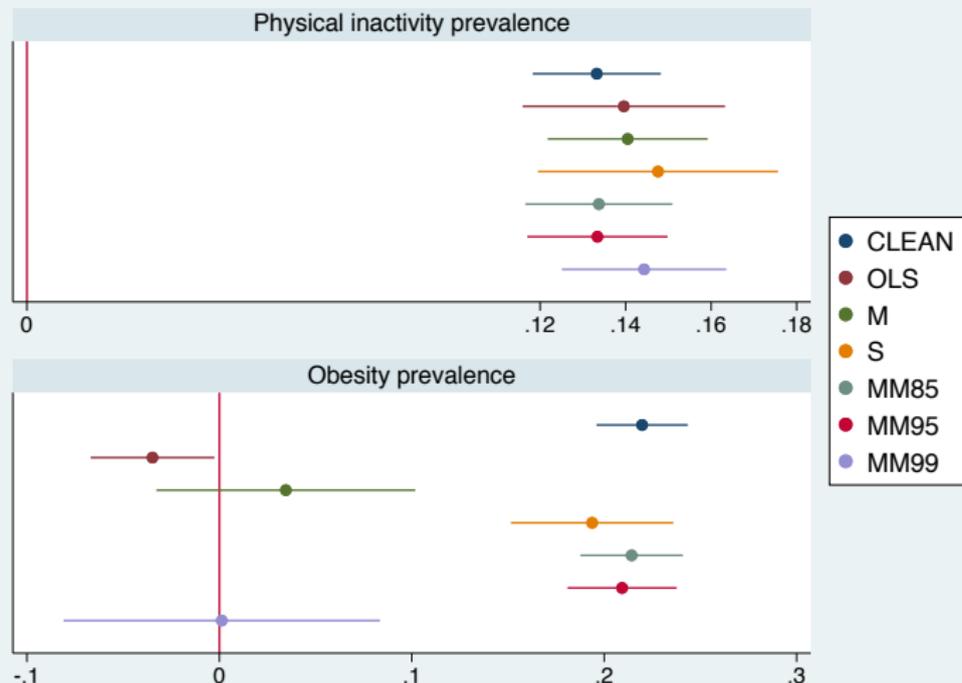
Hausman test of MM against S:   chi2(2) = 24.758765   Prob > chi2 = 0.0000
. est sto MM99

```

```

. coefplot CLEAN OLS M S MM*, drop(_cons) ///
> bycoefs xlabel(0, add) xline(0) legend(cols(1)) ///
> byopts(cols(1) noiylabel noiytick xrescale legend(pos(3)))

```



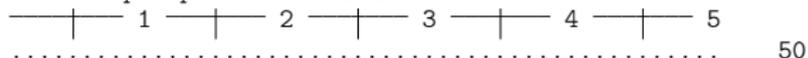
The robmv command

- Supports various robust estimators of location and covariance (M, MVE, MCD; S and SD yet to come).
- Efficiency-improving reweighting (Maronna et al. 2006) as well as small sample (Pison et al. 2002) and consistency correction (Croux and Haesbroeck 1999).
- Fast H-subset search algorithms (Rousseeuw and Van Driessen 1999).
- Postestimation computation of robust distances, outlier identification, etc.

Examples for robmv

```
. // classical estimate
. robmv m percphys percob, ptrim(0) vce(boot)
(running robmv on estimation sample)
```

Bootstrap replications (50)



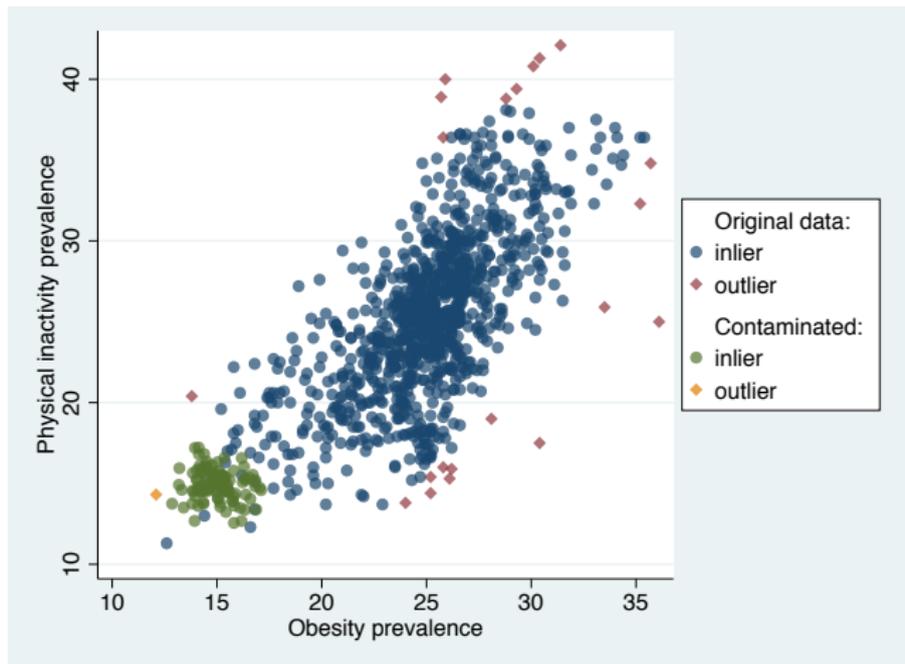
```
Huber M-estimate (.% BP)          Number of obs   =      1,100
                                   Replications       =         50
                                   Winsorizing (%)     =          0
                                   Tuning constant    =          .
```

Cov	Observed Coef.	Bootstrap Std. Err.	z	P> z	Normal-based [95% Conf. Interval]	
percphys						
percphys	33.79778	1.309019	25.82	0.000	31.23215	36.36341
percob	19.28447	.8406838	22.94	0.000	17.63676	20.93218
percob						
percob	18.31911	.7867742	23.28	0.000	16.77706	19.86116
_location						
percphys	24.44981	.1947152	125.57	0.000	24.06817	24.83144
percob	24.15853	.1362999	177.25	0.000	23.89139	24.42567

```

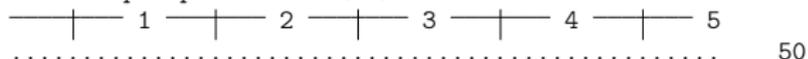
. predict _o, outlier
. two (scatter percphys percob if _o==0 & clean==1, mc(%70) mlc(%0)) ///
> (scatter percphys percob if _o==1 & clean==1, mc(%70) mlc(%0) ms(d)) ///
> (scatter percphys percob if _o==0 & clean==0, mc(%70) mlc(%0)) ///
> (scatter percphys percob if _o==1 & clean==0, mc(%70) mlc(%0) ms(d)) ///
> , legen(cols(1) pos(3) order(- "Original data:" 1 "inlier" 2 "outlier" ///
> - - "Contaminated:" 3 "inlier" 4 "outlier"))
. drop _o

```



```
. // M-estimate (with maximum breakdown of 33%)
. robmv m percphys percob, vce(boot)
(running robmv on estimation sample)
```

```
Bootstrap replications (50)
```



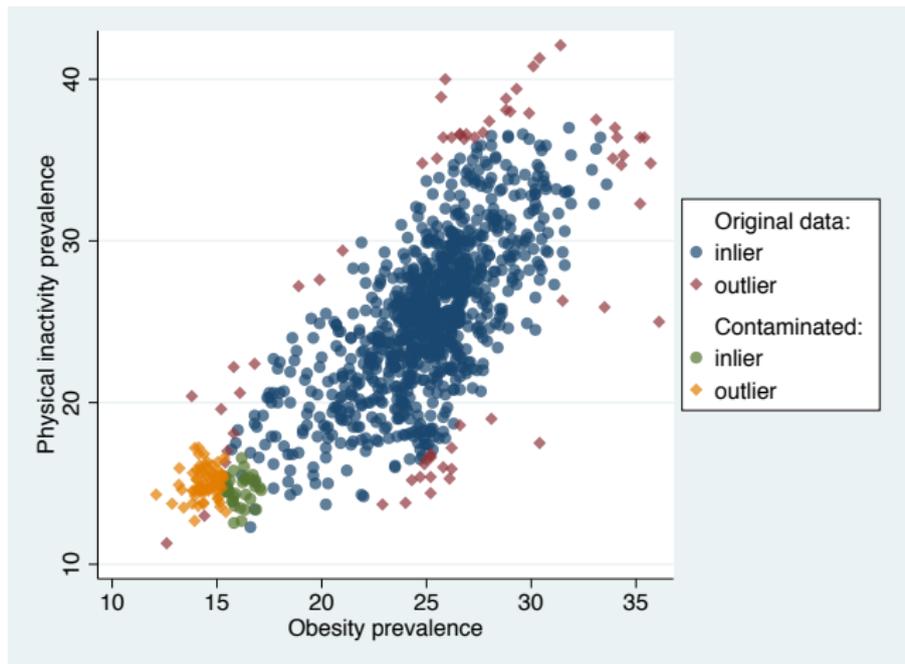
```
Huber M-estimate (33.3% BP)      Number of obs   =      1,100
                                Replications       =         50
                                Winsorizing (%)      = 22.313016
                                Tuning constant      = 1.7320508
```

Cov	Observed Coef.	Bootstrap Std. Err.	z	P> z	Normal-based [95% Conf. Interval]	
percphys						
percphys	24.26213	1.47271	16.47	0.000	21.37567	27.14859
percob	12.66472	.8738919	14.49	0.000	10.95192	14.37752
percob						
percob	11.46751	.8394741	13.66	0.000	9.822175	13.11285
_location						
percphys	24.81437	.1422826	174.40	0.000	24.5355	25.09324
percob	24.52607	.1078412	227.43	0.000	24.3147	24.73743

```

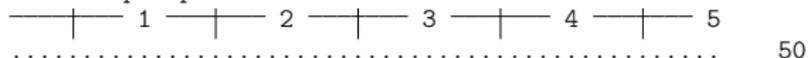
. predict _o, outlier
. two (scatter percphys percob if _o==0 & clean==1, mc(%70) mlc(%0)) ///
> (scatter percphys percob if _o==1 & clean==1, mc(%70) mlc(%0) ms(d)) ///
> (scatter percphys percob if _o==0 & clean==0, mc(%70) mlc(%0)) ///
> (scatter percphys percob if _o==1 & clean==0, mc(%70) mlc(%0) ms(d)) ///
> , legen(cols(1) pos(3) order(- "Original data:" 1 "inlier" 2 "outlier" ///
> - - "Contaminated:" 3 "inlier" 4 "outlier"))
. drop _o

```



```
. // Reweighted MCD-estimate (50% breakdown)
. robmvd mcd percphys percob, vce(boot)
(running robmvd on estimation sample)
```

```
Bootstrap replications (50)
```



```
MCD estimate (50% BP; 97.5% reweighting)      Number of obs   =      1,100
                                                Replications    =         50
                                                Size of H-subset =        551
                                                MCD (log)      =    2.1429965

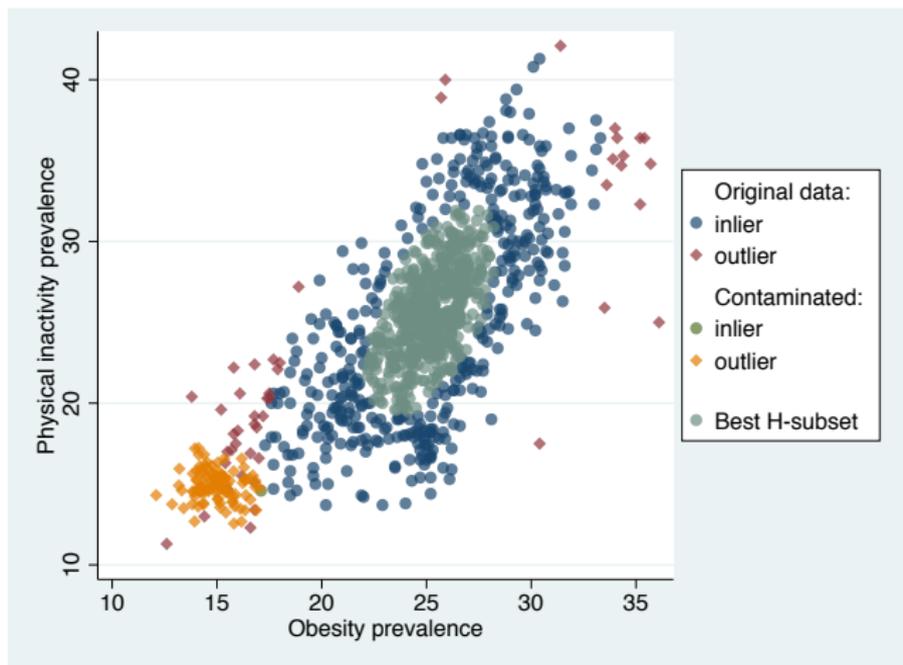
Algorithm = random      Candidates =      500      Candidate C-steps =         2
                        Final cand.  =        10      Final C-steps    =    converge
                        Subsamples   =         3      Merged subs. size =       1100
```

Cov	Observed Coef.	Bootstrap Std. Err.	z	P> z	Normal-based [95% Conf. Interval]	
percphys						
percphys	35.55331	2.246265	15.83	0.000	31.15071	39.95591
percob	11.62844	1.015272	11.45	0.000	9.638549	13.61834
percob						
percob	9.146134	.777975	11.76	0.000	7.621331	10.67094
_location						
percphys	25.53709	.2116731	120.64	0.000	25.12221	25.95196
percob	25.28146	.0950847	265.88	0.000	25.09509	25.46782

```

. predict _o, outlier
. predict _s, subset
. two (scatter percphys percob if _s==0 & _o==0 & clean==1, mc(%70) mlc(%0)) ///
> (scatter percphys percob if _s==0 & _o==1 & clean==1, mc(%70) mlc(%0) ms(d)) ///
> (scatter percphys percob if _s==0 & _o==0 & clean==0, mc(%70) mlc(%0)) ///
> (scatter percphys percob if _s==0 & _o==1 & clean==0, mc(%70) mlc(%0) ms(d)) ///
> (scatter percphys percob if _s==1 , mc(%70) mlc(%0)) ///
> , legen(cols(1) pos(3) order(- "Original data:" 1 "inlier" 2 "outlier" ///
> - - "Contaminated:" 3 "inlier" 4 "outlier" - - - 5 "Best H-subset"))
. drop _o _s

```



The roblogit command

- Implementation of several robust logistic regression estimators, relying on robust estimation of location and covariance (`robmv`) to identify high-leverage points.
 - ▶ Weighted maximum likelihood.
 - ▶ M-estimator as proposed by Bianco and Yohai (1996).
 - ▶ M-estimator as proposed by Croux and Haesbroeck (2003).

Examples for roblogit

```
. clear all
. use titanic.dta
. generate female = sex=="female" if inlist(sex,"male","female")
(1 missing value generated)
. tab pclass, gen(class) nofreq
. lab var class1 "first class"
. lab var class2 "second class"
. lab var class3 "third class"
. gen lnfare = ln(fare+1)
(2 missing values generated)
```

```
. // classic logit
. logit survived age female class1 class3 lnfare
```

```
Iteration 0:  log likelihood = -706.78527
Iteration 1:  log likelihood = -494.16661
Iteration 2:  log likelihood = -490.65117
Iteration 3:  log likelihood = -490.63585
Iteration 4:  log likelihood = -490.63585
```

```
Logistic regression                                Number of obs   =      1,045
                                                    LR chi2(5)      =      432.30
                                                    Prob > chi2     =      0.0000
Log likelihood = -490.63585                       Pseudo R2       =      0.3058
```

survived	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
age	-.0354682	.0064402	-5.51	0.000	-.0480908	-.0228457
female	2.532131	.1697653	14.92	0.000	2.199397	2.864864
class1	1.437476	.2712539	5.30	0.000	.9058277	1.969123
class3	-1.079723	.2102919	-5.13	0.000	-1.491887	-.6675583
lnfare	-.128688	.1221912	-1.05	0.292	-.3681783	.1108024
_cons	.1471451	.4536999	0.32	0.746	-.7420904	1.036381

```
. est sto logit
```

```
. // Weighted maximum likelihood
. roblogit survived age female class1 class3 lnfare, ml
determining leverage outliers for: age lnfare ... done
```

```
Iteration 0: Maximum-Likelihood f() = 643.14639
Iteration 1: Maximum-Likelihood f() = 459.38352
Iteration 2: Maximum-Likelihood f() = 455.67669
Iteration 3: Maximum-Likelihood f() = 455.67068
Iteration 4: Maximum-Likelihood f() = 455.67068
```

```
Maximum-likelihood logistic regression      Number of obs   =      1,045
                                           Wald chi2(5)    =      260.67
                                           Prob > chi2     =      0.0000
                                           Minimized f()  =      455.6707
                                           Weighting step =      mcd
                                           Cutoff p-value =      .975
                                           Leverage points =      85
```

survived	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
age	-.037228	.0073552	-5.06	0.000	-.051644	-.0228121
female	2.488124	.1731912	14.37	0.000	2.148675	2.827572
class1	1.559394	.2840594	5.49	0.000	1.002648	2.116141
class3	-1.13753	.2198864	-5.17	0.000	-1.5685	-.7065606
lnfare	-.2206801	.1785078	-1.24	0.216	-.570549	.1291888
_cons	.4938637	.6212811	0.79	0.427	-.7238249	1.711552

```
. est sto WML
```

```
. // Bianco-Yohai M-estimator
. roblogit survived age female class1 class3 lnfare, byohai
determining leverage outliers for: age lnfare ... done
```

```
Iteration 0: Bianco-Yohai f() = 400.58539
Iteration 1: Bianco-Yohai f() = 269.25704
Iteration 2: Bianco-Yohai f() = 260.31399
Iteration 3: Bianco-Yohai f() = 259.61052
Iteration 4: Bianco-Yohai f() = 259.59776
Iteration 5: Bianco-Yohai f() = 259.59771
Iteration 6: Bianco-Yohai f() = 259.59771
```

```
Bianco-Yohai logistic regression
```

	Number of obs	=	1,045
	Wald chi2(5)	=	147.79
	Prob > chi2	=	0.0000
	Tuning constant	=	3.506558
	Minimized f()	=	259.5977
	Weighting step	=	mcd
	Cutoff p-value	=	.975
	Leverage points	=	84

	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
age	-.0395028	.0086657	-4.56	0.000	-.0564873	-.0225182
female	2.628858	.256361	10.25	0.000	2.1264	3.131316
class1	1.566123	.3009247	5.20	0.000	.9763215	2.155925
class3	-1.48135	.3475514	-4.26	0.000	-2.162539	-.8001623
lnfare	-.3024237	.1955151	-1.55	0.122	-.6856262	.0807789
_cons	.7779488	.6697682	1.16	0.245	-.5347728	2.09067

```
. est sto BY
```

```
. // Croux-Haesbroeck M-estimator
. roblogit survived age female class1 class3 lnfare
determining leverage outliers for: age lnfare ... done
```

```
Iteration 0: Croux-Haesbroeck f() = 1082.5906
Iteration 1: Croux-Haesbroeck f() = 1020.5806
Iteration 2: Croux-Haesbroeck f() = 1018.1186
Iteration 3: Croux-Haesbroeck f() = 1007.8863
Iteration 4: Croux-Haesbroeck f() = 1007.5209
Iteration 5: Croux-Haesbroeck f() = 1007.5201
Iteration 6: Croux-Haesbroeck f() = 1007.5201
```

```
Croux-Haesbroeck logistic regression
```

Number of obs	=	1,045
Wald chi2(5)	=	235.72
Prob > chi2	=	0.0000
Tuning constant	=	.5
Minimized f()	=	1007.52
Weighting step	=	mcd
Cutoff p-value	=	.975
Leverage points	=	85

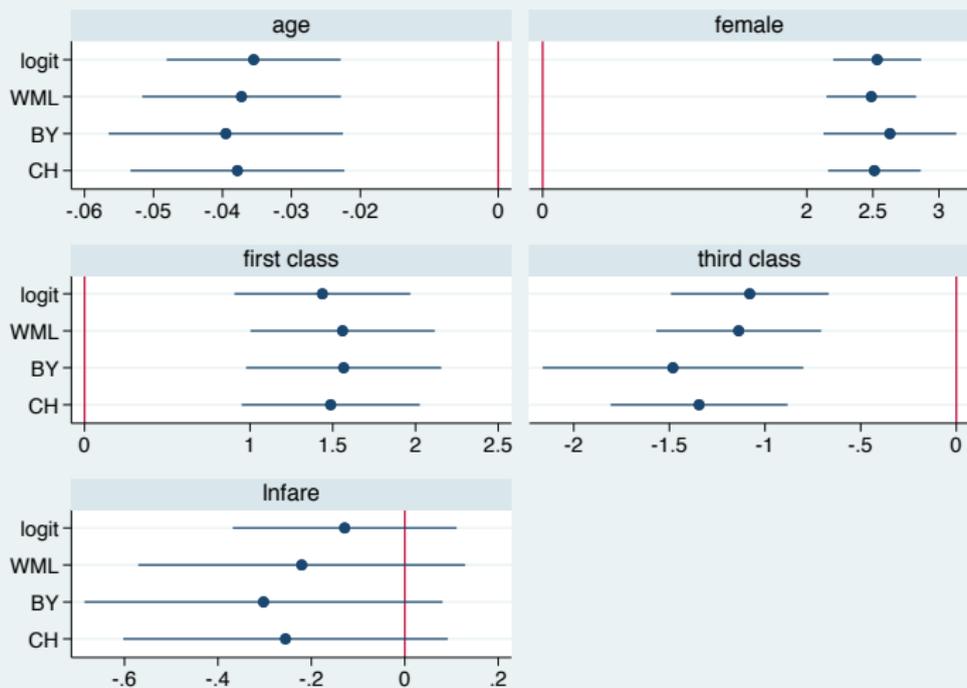
survived	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
age	-.0378282	.0079094	-4.78	0.000	-.0533303	-.022326
female	2.511185	.1787137	14.05	0.000	2.160913	2.861457
class1	1.487809	.2747335	5.42	0.000	.9493408	2.026276
class3	-1.34463	.2362298	-5.69	0.000	-1.807632	-.8816285
lnfare	-.2554476	.1771504	-1.44	0.149	-.6026559	.0917608
_cons	.6409812	.6052633	1.06	0.290	-.5453131	1.827275

```
. est sto CH
```

```

. // not much of a differenc between models; results are fairly robust
. coefplot logit || WML || BY || CH, drop(_cons) ///
> bycoefs byopts(xrescale cols(2)) xlabel(0, add) xline(0)

```



Still some work to do ...

- `robreg`: some housekeeping and cleaning up, support for `svy`
- `robmv`: S and Stahel-Donoho estimators, influence functions/standard errors
- `roblogit`: some housekeeping and cleaning up (e.g. factor variables), support for `svy`
- Additional commands that are in the pipeline:
 - ▶ Robust instrumental variables regression
 - ▶ Robust fixed-effects panel regression

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