

Postestimation commands

The following postestimation commands are available after `mvreg`:

Command	Description
<code>contrast</code>	contrasts and ANOVA-style joint tests of parameters
<code>estat summarize</code>	summary statistics for the estimation sample
<code>estat vce</code>	variance–covariance matrix of the estimators (VCE)
<code>estimates</code>	cataloging estimation results
<code>etable</code>	table of estimation results
* <code>forecast</code>	dynamic forecasts and simulations
<code>hausman</code>	Hausman’s specification test
<code>lincom</code>	point estimates, standard errors, testing, and inference for linear combinations of parameters
<code>margins</code>	marginal means, predictive margins, marginal effects, and average marginal effects
<code>marginsplot</code>	graph the results from margins (profile plots, interaction plots, etc.)
<code>nlcom</code>	point estimates, standard errors, testing, and inference for nonlinear combinations of parameters
<code>predict</code>	predictions and their SEs, residuals, etc.
<code>predictnl</code>	point estimates, standard errors, testing, and inference for generalized predictions
<code>pwcompare</code>	pairwise comparisons of parameters
<code>test</code>	Wald tests of simple and composite linear hypotheses
<code>testnl</code>	Wald tests of nonlinear hypotheses

*`forecast` is not appropriate with `mi` estimation results.

predict

Description for predict

predict creates a new variable containing predictions such as linear predictions, standard errors, residuals, and differences between the linear predictions.

Menu for predict

Statistics > Postestimation

Syntax for predict

```
predict [type] newvar [if] [in] [ , equation(eqno[ , eqno]) statistic ]
```

statistic	Description
Main	
xb	linear prediction; the default
stdp	standard error of the linear prediction
residuals	residuals
difference	difference between the linear predictions of two equations
stddp	standard error of the difference in linear predictions

These statistics are available both in and out of sample; type predict ... if e(sample) ... if wanted only for the estimation sample.

Options for predict

Main

equation(eqno[, eqno]) specifies the equation to which you are referring.

equation() is filled in with one eqno for the xb, stdp, and residuals options. equation(#1) would mean the calculation is to be made for the first equation, equation(#2) would mean the second, and so on. You could also refer to the equations by their names. equation(income) would refer to the equation named income and equation(hours), to the equation named hours.

If you do not specify equation(), results are the same as if you specified equation(#1).

difference and stddp refer to between-equation concepts. To use these options, you must specify two equations, for example, equation(#1,#2) or equation(income,hours). When two equations must be specified, equation() is required. With equation(#1,#2), difference computes the prediction of equation(#1) minus the prediction of equation(#2).

xb, the default, calculates the fitted values—the prediction of $\mathbf{x}_j\mathbf{b}$ for the specified equation.

stdp calculates the standard error of the prediction for the specified equation (the standard error of the predicted expected value or mean for the observation’s covariate pattern). The standard error of the prediction is also referred to as the standard error of the fitted value.

residuals calculates the residuals.

difference calculates the difference between the linear predictions of two equations in the system.

stdp is allowed only after you have previously fit a multiple-equation model. The standard error of the difference in linear predictions ($\mathbf{x}_{1j}\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{x}_{2j}\mathbf{b}$) between equations 1 and 2 is calculated.

For more information on using `predict` after multiple-equation estimation commands, see [R] [predict](#).

margins

Description for margins

`margins` estimates margins of responses for linear predictions, fitted values, and differences between the linear predictions.

Menu for margins

Statistics > Postestimation

Syntax for margins

```
margins [marginlist] [, options]
```

```
margins [marginlist] , predict(statistic ...) [predict(statistic ...) ...] [options]
```

<i>statistic</i>	Description
default	linear predictions for each equation
xb	$\mathbf{x}_j\mathbf{b}$, fitted values
difference	difference between the linear predictions of two equations
stdp	not allowed with margins
residuals	not allowed with margins
stddp	not allowed with margins

xb defaults to the first equation.

Statistics not allowed with margins are functions of stochastic quantities other than $e(b)$.

For the full syntax, see [R] [margins](#).

Also see

[MV] [mvreg](#) — Multivariate regression

[U] [20 Estimation and postestimation commands](#)

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