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Postestimation commands

The following standard postestimation commands are available after `churdle`:

Command	Description
<code>contrast</code>	contrasts and ANOVA-style joint tests of parameters
<code>estat ic</code>	Akaike's, consistent Akaike's, corrected Akaike's, and Schwarz's Bayesian information criteria (AIC, CAIC, AICc, and BIC, respectively)
<code>estat summarize</code>	summary statistics for the estimation sample
<code>estat vce</code>	variance–covariance matrix of the estimators (VCE)
<code>estat (svy)</code>	postestimation statistics for survey data
<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>lrtest</code>	likelihood-ratio test
<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>	conditional means, residuals, etc.
<code>predictnl</code>	point estimates, standard errors, testing, and inference for generalized predictions
<code>pwcompare</code>	pairwise comparisons of parameters
<code>suest</code>	seemingly unrelated estimation
<code>test</code>	Wald tests of simple and composite linear hypotheses
<code>testnl</code>	Wald tests of nonlinear hypotheses

*`forecast`, `hausman`, and `lrtest` are not appropriate with `svy` estimation results.

predict

Description for predict

`predict` creates a new variable containing predictions such as conditional expectation of *depvar*, residuals, linear predictions, standard errors, and probabilities.

Menu for predict

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Syntax for predict

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

<i>statistic</i>	Description
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Main

<code>ystar</code>	conditional expectation of <i>depvar</i> ; the default
<code>residuals</code>	residuals
<code>ystar(a,b)</code>	$E(y_j^*), y_j^* = \max\{a, \min(y_j, b)\}$
<code>xb</code>	linear prediction
<code>stdp</code>	standard error of the linear prediction
<code>pr(a,b)</code>	$\Pr(a < y_j < b)$
<code>e(a,b)</code>	$E(y_j a < y_j < b)$

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

where *a* and *b* may be numbers or variables; *a* missing ($a \geq .$) means $-\infty$, and *b* missing ($b \geq .$) means $+\infty$; see [U] 12.2.1 Missing values. For `churdle exponential`, *b* is . (missing).

Options for predict

Main

`ystar`, the default, calculates the conditional expectation of the dependent variable.

`residuals` calculates the residuals.

`ystar(a,b)` calculates $E(y_j^*)$. *a* and *b* are specified as they are for `pr()`. If *a* and *b* are equal to the lower and upper bounds specified in `churdle`, then $E(y_j^*)$ is equivalent to the predicted value of the dependent variable `ystar`.

`xb` calculates the linear prediction.

`stdp` calculates the standard error of the linear prediction.

`pr(a, b)` calculates $\Pr(a < y_j < b)$, the probability that $y_j | \mathbf{x}_i$ would be observed in the interval (a, b) .

a and b may be specified as numbers or variable names; lb and ub are variable names;

`pr(20, 30)` calculates $\Pr(20 < y_j < 30)$; `pr(lb, ub)` calculates $\Pr(lb < y_j < ub)$;

and `pr(20, ub)` calculates $\Pr(20 < y_j < ub)$.

a missing ($a \geq .$) means 11; `pr(., 30)` calculates $\Pr(11 < y_j < 30)$;

`pr(lb, 30)` calculates $\Pr(11 < y_j < 30)$ in observations for which $lb \geq .$ and calculates $\Pr(lb < y_j < 30)$ elsewhere.

b missing ($b \geq .$) means ∞ ; `pr(20, .)` calculates $\Pr(\infty > y_j > 20)$;

`pr(20, ub)` calculates $\Pr(\infty > y_j > 20)$ in observations for which $ub \geq .$ and calculates $\Pr(ub > y_j > 20)$ elsewhere. For churdle `linear`, ul is ∞ .

`e(a, b)` calculates $E(y_j | a < y_j < b)$, the expected value of $y_j | \mathbf{x}_j$ conditional on $y_j | \mathbf{x}_j$ being in the interval (a, b) , meaning that $y_j | \mathbf{x}_j$ is bounded. a and b are specified as they are for `pr()`.

`equation(eqno)` specifies the equation for which predictions are to be made for the `xb` and `stdp` options.

`equation()` should contain either one equation name or one of #1, #2, ... with #1 meaning the first equation, #2 meaning the second equation, etc.

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

`scores` calculates the equation-level score variables. If you specify one new variable, the scores for the latent-variable equation are computed. If you specify a variable list, the scores for each equation are calculated. The following scores may be obtained:

the first new variable will contain $\partial \ln L / \partial (\mathbf{x}_j \boldsymbol{\beta})$,

the second new variable will contain $\partial \ln L / \partial (\mathbf{z}_j \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{ul})$,

the third new variable will contain $\partial \ln L / \partial (\mathbf{z}_j \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{ul})$,

the fourth new variable will contain $\partial \ln L / \partial (\boldsymbol{\sigma})$,

the fifth new variable will contain $\partial \ln L / \partial (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{ul})$, and

the sixth new variable will contain $\partial \ln L / \partial (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{ul})$.

margins

Description for margins

`margins` estimates margins of response for conditional expectations, linear predictions, and probabilities.

Menu for margins

Statistics > Postestimation

Syntax for margins

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

<i>statistic</i>	Description
Main	
<code>ystar</code>	conditional expectation of <i>depvar</i> ; the default
<code>ystar(<i>a</i>, <i>b</i>)</code>	$E(y_j^*)$, $y_j^* = \max\{a, \min(y_j, b)\}$; for churdle exponential <i>b</i> is .
<code>xb</code>	linear prediction
<code>pr(<i>a</i>, <i>b</i>)</code>	$\Pr(a < y_j < b)$; for churdle exponential <i>b</i> is .
<code>e(<i>a</i>, <i>b</i>)</code>	$E(y_j a < y_j < b)$; for churdle exponential <i>b</i> is .
<code>residuals</code>	not allowed with margins
<code>stdp</code>	not allowed with margins

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

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

Remarks and examples

▷ Example 1: Predictions for depvar

Below, we use the parameters estimated in [example 1](#) of [R] `churdle` to calculate the average hours exercised given the covariates.

```
. use https://www.stata-press.com/data/r19/fitness
(Fictional fitness data)
. churdle linear hours age i.smoke distance i.single,
> select(commute whours age) ll(0)
(output omitted)
. predict hourshat
(statistic ystar assumed)
```

We might also be interested in estimating the average number of hours exercised given that an individual exercises. Below we estimate this quantity and compare it with the predicted and true values of the dependent variable for all the observations.

```
. predict exercises, e(0,.)
. summarize hours hourshat exercises
```

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. dev.	Min	Max
hours	19,831	.8800172	1.051221	0	5.308835
hourshat	19,831	.8786302	.4915214	.0754708	1.904694
exercises	19,831	1.580729	.3998335	.5630298	2.079012

As expected, we observe that the sample-average predictions are higher for those who exercise.



▷ Example 2: Marginal effects

Suppose we want to study whether single individuals exercise more on average than married individuals. Below, we use margins to estimate the average effect of being single on hours spent exercising in the population.

```
. margins, dydx(1.single)
Average marginal effects
Model VCE: OIM
Expression: Conditional mean estimates of dependent variable, predict()
dy/dx wrt: 1.single
```

	Delta-method				
	dy/dx	std. err.	z	P> z	[95% conf. interval]
single	.3858462	.0091398	42.22	0.000	.3679324 .4037599

Note: dy/dx for factor levels is the discrete change from the base level.

The average effect of moving each individual from not single to single is an increase in exercise of 0.39 hours, or about 23 minutes.



The statistics $pr(a, b)$, $e(a, b)$, and $ystar(a, b)$ produce counterfactual predictions.

These statistics predict what would be observed if the limits ll and ul were the specified a and b and the estimated parameters did not change, even though the parameters of the model were estimated using the limits ll and ul .

For example, suppose we model contributions to a retirement plan in a world where the government requires a minimum contribution of 2% so $ll = 2$. After estimating the model parameters, we could predict the average contribution, given the covariates, when the government raises the minimum contribution to 3% with the statistic $ystar(3, .)$.

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Let $\ell\ell$ refer to the lower limit and ul to the upper limit. Also let the probabilities of being at these limits be given by

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(y_i = \ell\ell | \mathbf{z}_i) &= \Phi(\ell\ell - \mathbf{z}'_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{\ell\ell}) \\ \Pr(y_i = ul | \mathbf{z}_i) &= \Phi(\mathbf{z}'_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{ul} - ul)\end{aligned}$$

where \mathbf{z}_i are the covariates of the selection model for individual i , which may be distinct from the covariates \mathbf{x}_i for the outcome model; Φ is the standard normal cumulative distribution function; $\boldsymbol{\gamma}_{\ell\ell}$ is the parameter vector for the lower-limit selection model; and $\boldsymbol{\gamma}_{ul}$ is the parameter vector for the upper-limit selection model.

We will limit the exposition below to the case with a lower and an upper limit.

In `churdle linear`, `ystar` is equivalent to $E(y_i | \mathbf{x}_i)$ and is given by

$$\begin{aligned}E(y_i | \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{z}_i) &= \Phi(\mathbf{z}'_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{ul} - ul) ul + \Phi(\ell\ell - \mathbf{z}'_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{\ell\ell}) \ell\ell \\ &+ \{ \Phi(ul - \mathbf{z}'_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}) - \Phi(\ell\ell - \mathbf{z}'_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}) \} \left\{ \mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta} + \sigma \frac{\phi\left(\frac{\ell\ell - \mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}}{\sigma}\right) - \phi\left(\frac{ul - \mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}}{\sigma}\right)}{\Phi\left(\frac{ul - \mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}}{\sigma}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{\ell\ell - \mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}}{\sigma}\right)} \right\}\end{aligned}$$

`pr(a, b)` is given by

$$\Pr(a < y_i < b | \mathbf{z}_i) = \Phi(b - \mathbf{z}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}) - \Phi(a - \mathbf{z}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta})$$

`e(a, b)` is given by

$$E(a < y_i < b | \mathbf{x}_i) = \mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta} + \sigma \frac{\phi\left(\frac{a - \mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}}{\sigma}\right) - \phi\left(\frac{b - \mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}}{\sigma}\right)}{\Phi\left(\frac{b - \mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}}{\sigma}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{a - \mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}}{\sigma}\right)}$$

and `ystar(a, b)` is given by

$$\begin{aligned}E(y^*) &= \Phi(\mathbf{z}'_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{ul} - b) b + \Phi(a - \mathbf{z}'_i \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{\ell\ell}) a \\ &+ \Pr(a < y_i < b | \mathbf{x}_i) E(a < y_i < b | \mathbf{x}_i)\end{aligned}$$

For churdle exponential, ystar is equivalent to

$$E(y_i|\mathbf{x}_i) = \Phi(\ell\ell - \mathbf{z}'_i\gamma_{\ell\ell})\ell\ell + \{1 - \Phi(\ell\ell - \mathbf{z}'_i\gamma)\} \exp(\mathbf{x}'_i\beta + \sigma^2/2) \left[\frac{1 - \Phi\left\{\frac{\ln(\ell\ell) - \mathbf{x}'_i\beta}{\sigma} - \sigma\right\}}{1 - \Phi\left\{\frac{\ln(\ell\ell) - \mathbf{x}'_i\beta}{\sigma}\right\}} \right]$$

$p(a, \cdot)$ is given by

$$\Pr(a < y_i|\mathbf{x}_i) = 1 - \Phi(a - \mathbf{z}'_i\gamma_{\ell\ell})$$

$e(a, \cdot)$ is given by

$$E(a < y_i|\mathbf{x}_i) = \exp(\mathbf{x}'_i\beta + \sigma^2/2) \left[\frac{1 - \Phi\left\{\frac{\ln(a) - \mathbf{x}'_i\beta}{\sigma} - \sigma\right\}}{1 - \Phi\left\{\frac{\ln(a) - \mathbf{x}'_i\beta}{\sigma}\right\}} \right]$$

and ystar(a, \cdot) is given by

$$E(y^*) = a\Phi(a - \mathbf{z}'_i\gamma_{\ell\ell}) + \Pr(a < y_i|\mathbf{x}_i) E(a < y_i|\mathbf{x}_i)$$

Also see

[R] **churdle** — Cragg hurdle regression

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