

OLS Data Analysis in

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Introduction to R Outline

I. Data Description

II. Data Analysis

- i. Command functions
- ii. Hand-rolling

III. OLS Diagnostics & Graphing

IV. Functions and loops

V. Moving forward

Data Analysis: Descriptive Stats

- R has several built-in commands for describing data
- The `list()` command can output all elements of an object



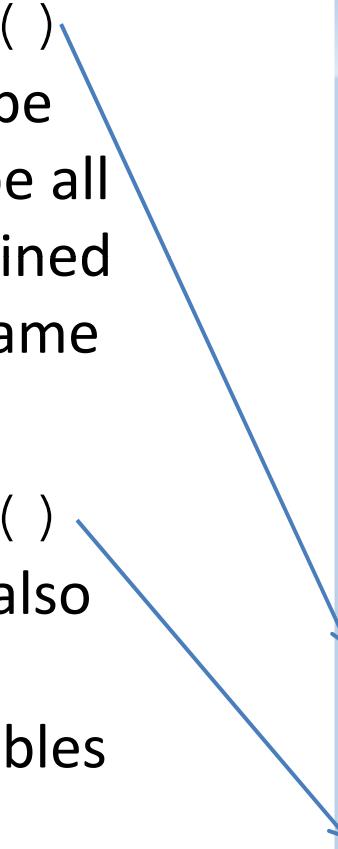
```
R Console
'help.start()' for an HTML browser interface to help.
Type 'q()' to quit R.

> #Load Libraries
> library(foreign)
>
>
> #Read in the Data
>
> data <- read.dta("Senate2002.dta")
> attach(data)
> #Descriptive Statistics - Examples
>
> list(data)
[[1]]
   repvshr income presvote pressup
1  59.52665  34135     56.0    88
2  88.14516  51571     59.0    95
3  52.55351  47203     51.0    96
4  41.20611  47381     42.0    77
5  53.46671  42433     55.0    90
6  66.68880  37572     67.0    95
7  38.65622  46590     43.0    67
8  44.69222  39469     48.0    69
9  64.67520  33672     57.0    96
10 48.29952  32566     53.0    84
11 58.43565  37240     44.0    88
12 38.46476  44667     46.0    66
13 33.58933  33024     58.0    88
14 84.97204  39250     62.0    98
15 65.04277  34133     47.8    96
16 61.21235  33400     60.0    96
17 58.66380  40916     46.5    91
18 21.57351  42090     32.0    66
19 55.13115  37082     57.0    82
20 49.92046  35282     60.0    68
21 36.88865  29696     52.0    71
22 56.77559  37892     68.0    93

>
```

Data Analysis: Descriptive Stats

- The `summary()` command can be used to describe all variables contained within a dataframe
- The `summary()` command can also be used with individual variables



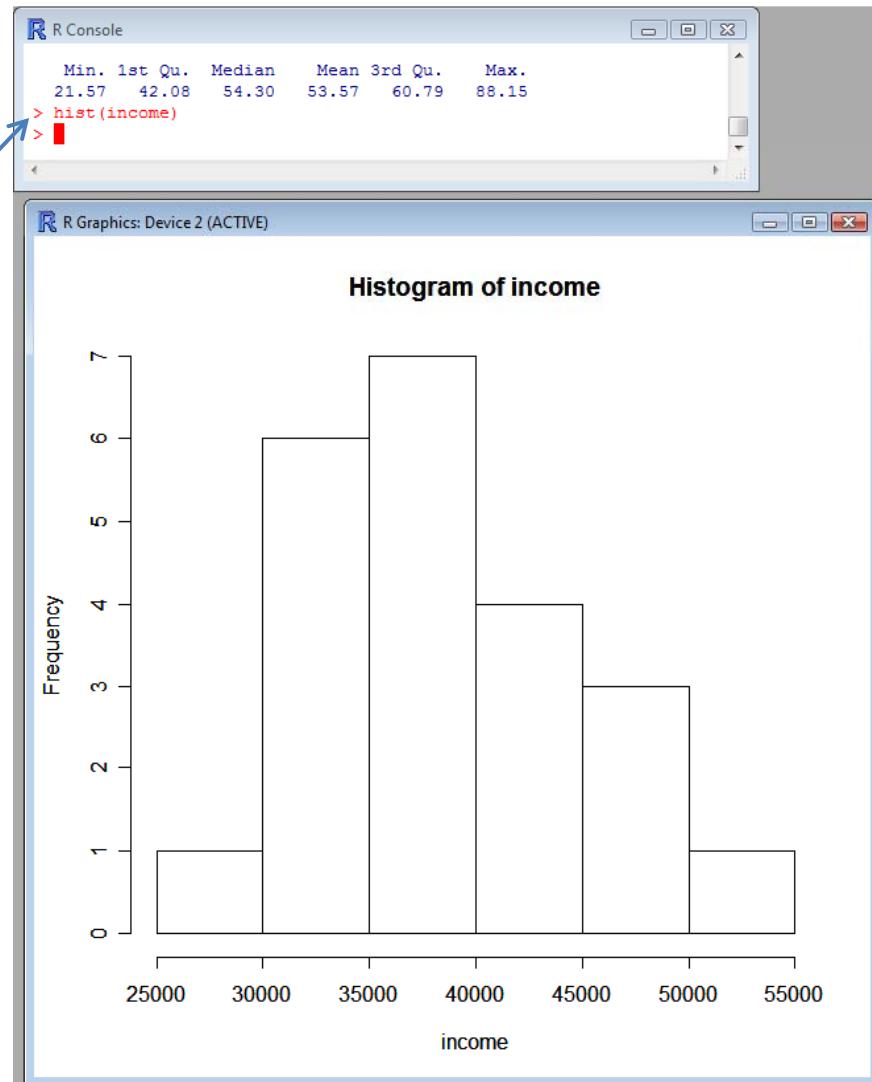
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>
> list(data)
[[1]]
  repvshr income presvote pressup
1  59.52665 34135    56.0     88
2  88.14516 51571    59.0     95
3  52.55351 47203    51.0     96
4  41.20611 47381    42.0     77
5  53.46671 42433    55.0     90
6  66.68880 37572    67.0     95
7  38.65622 46590    43.0     67
8  44.69222 39469    48.0     69
9  64.67520 33672    57.0     96
10 48.29952 32566    53.0     84
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19 55.13115 37082    57.0     82
20 49.92046 35282    60.0     68
21 36.88865 29696    52.0     71
22 56.77559 37892    68.0     93

> summary(data)
  repvshr      income      presvote      pressup 
Min.   :21.57  Min.   :29696  Min.   :32.00  Min.   :66.00 
1st Qu.:42.08  1st Qu.:34134  1st Qu.:46.82  1st Qu.:72.50 
Median :54.30  Median :37732  Median :54.00  Median :88.00 
Mean   :53.57  Mean   :38967  Mean   :52.92  Mean   :84.55 
3rd Qu.:60.79  3rd Qu.:42347  3rd Qu.:58.75  3rd Qu.:95.00 
Max.   :88.15  Max.   :51571  Max.   :68.00  Max.   :98.00 

> summary(repvshr)
  Min. 1st Qu. Median  Mean 3rd Qu.  Max. 
  21.57  42.08  54.30  53.57  60.79  88.15
```

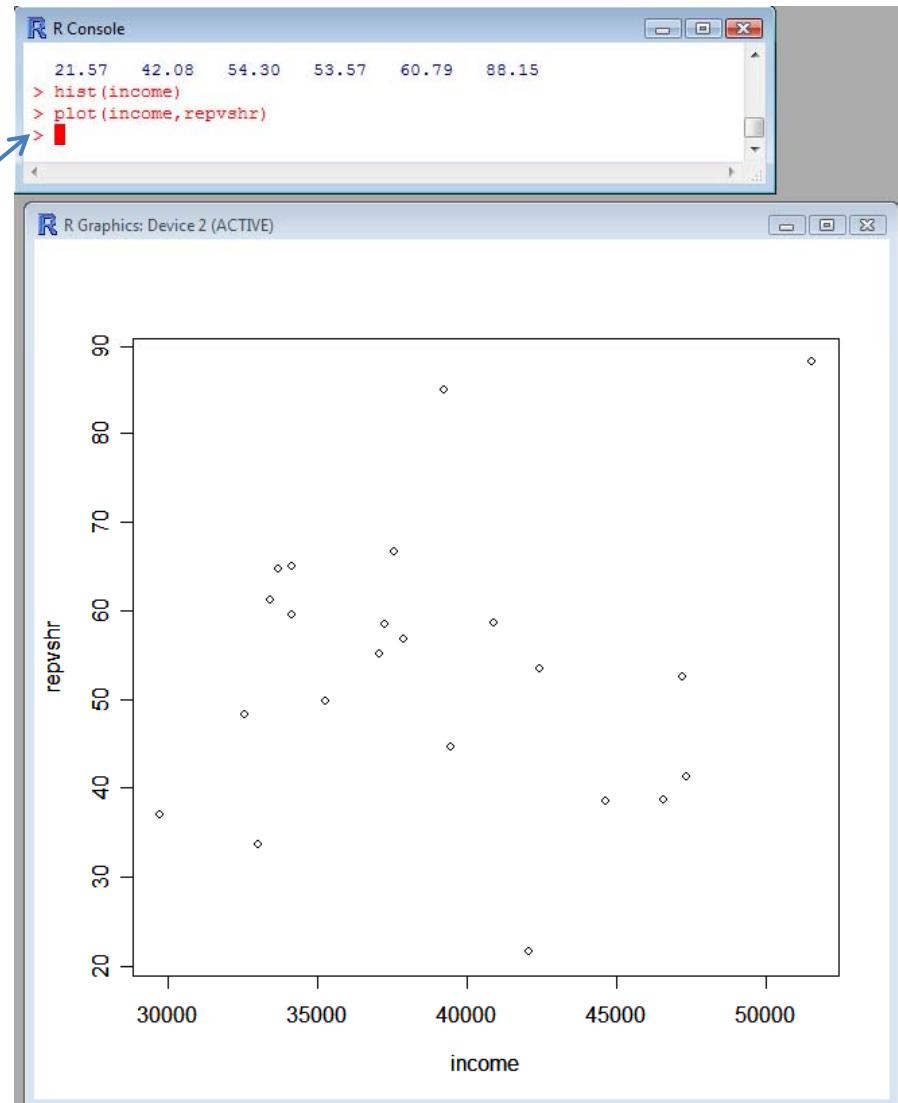
Data Analysis: Descriptive Stats

- Simple plots can also provide familiarity with the data
- The `hist()` command produces a histogram for any given data values



Data Analysis: Descriptive Stats

- Simple plots can also provide familiarity with the data
- The `plot()` command can produce both univariate and bivariate plots for any given objects



Data Analysis: Descriptive Stats

Other Useful Commands

- sum
- mean
- var
- sd
- range
- min
- max
- median
- cor
- summary

Data Analysis: Regression

- As mentioned above, one of the big perks of using R is flexibility.
- R comes with its own canned linear regression command:
`lm(y ~ x)`
- However, we're going to use R to make our own OLS estimator. Then we will compare with the canned procedure, as well as Stata.

Data Analysis: Regression

- First, let's take a look at our code for the hand-rolled OLS estimator
- The Holy Grail:
 $(X' X)^{-1} X' Y$
- We need a single matrix of independent variables
- The `cbind()` command takes the individual variable vectors and combines them into one x-variable matrix
- A “1” is included as the first element to account for the constant.



```
Rintro - Notepad
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#Hand-rolled OLS

x<-as.matrix(cbind(int=1,income,presvote,pressup))
y<-as.vector(repvshr)
i<-diag(1,nrow=nrow(x),ncol=ncol(x))

n<-length(y)
p<-ncol(x)-1

xy<-t(x)%%y
xxi<-solve(t(x)%%x)
h<-x%%xxi%%t(x)
i<-diag(1,nrow=n,ncol=n)
b<-as.vector(xxix%>xy)      #estimated coefficients
names(b)<-colnames(x)

yhat<-as.vector(x%%b)          #predicted values for y
res<-y-yhat                   #model residuals

sst<-sum((y-mean(y))^2)        #Total sum of squares
sse<-t(res)%*%res             # or sum(res^2) which is also t(res)%*%res
ssm<-sst-sse                  #sum of squares for model (regression)

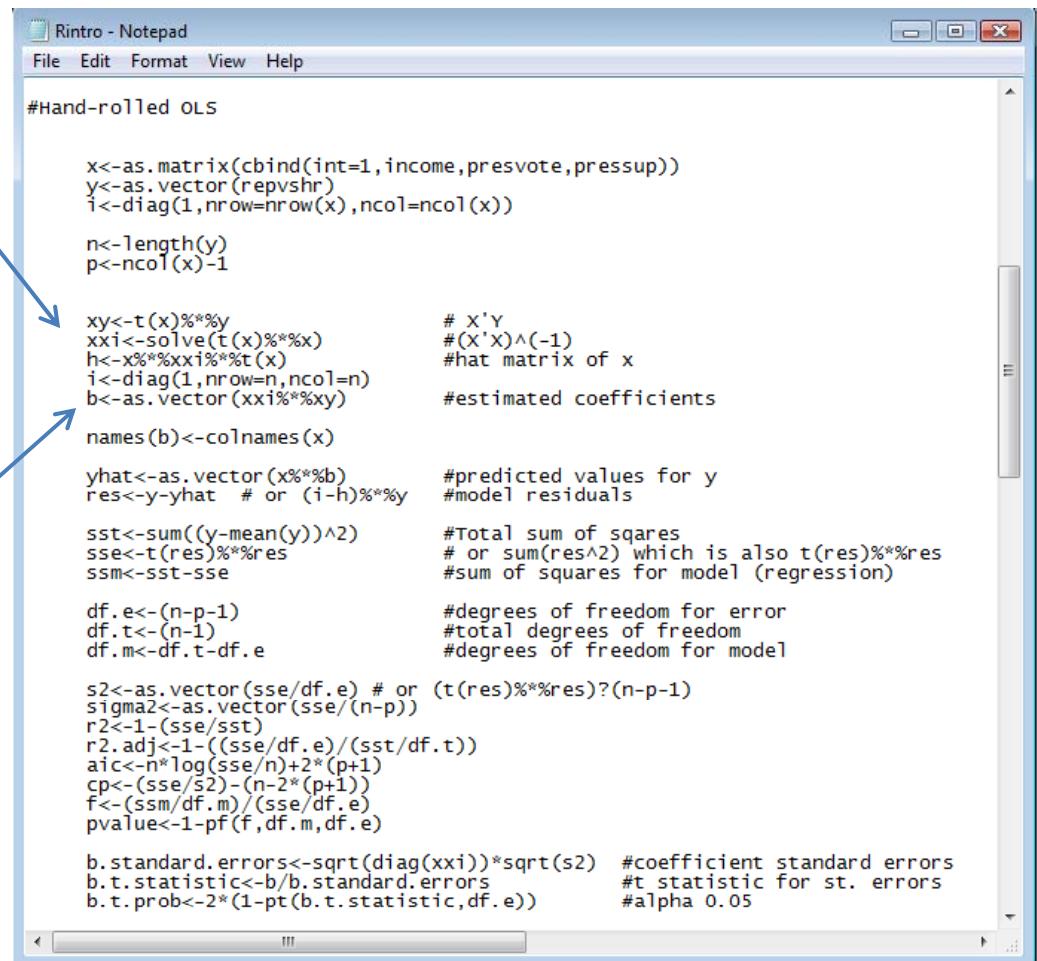
df.e<-(n-p-1)                 #degrees of freedom for error
df.t<-(n-1)                   #total degrees of freedom
df.m<-df.t-df.e               #degrees of freedom for model

s2<-as.vector(sse/df.e) # or (t(res)%*%res)?(n-p-1)
sigma2<-as.vector(sse/(n-p))
r2<-1-(sse/sst)
r2.adj<-1-((sse/df.e)/(sst/df.t))
aic<-n*log(sse/n)+2*(p+1)
cp<-(sse/s2)-(n-2*(p+1))
f<-(ssm/df.m)/(sse/df.e)
pvalue<-1-pt(f,df.m,df.e)

b.standard.errors<-sqrt(diag(xxix))*sqrt(s2) #coefficient standard errors
b.t.statistic<-b/b.standard.errors           #t statistic for st. errors
b.t.prob<-2*(1-pt(b.t.statistic,df.e))       #alpha 0.05
```

Data Analysis: Regression

- With the **x and y matrices complete**, we can now manipulate them to produce coefficients.
- After performing the **divine multiplication**, we can observe the estimates by entering the object name (in this case “**b**”).



The screenshot shows a Windows Notepad window titled "Rintro - Notepad" containing R code for performing a hand-rolled Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) regression. The code is annotated with comments explaining each step:

```
#Hand-rolled OLS

x<-as.matrix(cbind(int=1,income,presvote,presup))
y<-as.vector(repvsh)
i<-diag(1,nrow=nrow(x),ncol=ncol(x))

n<-length(y)
p<-ncol(x)-1

xy<-t(x)%*%y
xxi<-solve(t(x)%*%x)
h<-x%*%xxi%*%t(x)           # X'Y
i<-diag(1,nrow=n,ncol=n)      # (X'X)^(-1)
b<-as.vector(xxi%*%xy)        #hat matrix of x
                                #estimated coefficients

names(b)<-colnames(x)

yhat<-as.vector(x%*%b)        #predicted values for y
res<-y-yhat                  #model residuals

sst<-sum((y-mean(y))^2)        #Total sum of squares
sse<-t(res)%*%res            # or sum(res^2) which is also t(res)%*%res
ssm<-sst-sse                  #sum of squares for model (regression)

df.e<-(n-p-1)                 #degrees of freedom for error
df.t<-(n-1)                   #total degrees of freedom
df.m<-df.t-df.e               #degrees of freedom for model

s2<-as.vector(sse/df.e) # or (t(res)%*%res)?(n-p-1)
sigmaz<-as.vector(sse/(n-p))
r2<-1-(sse/sst)
r2.adj<-1-((sse/df.e)/(sst/df.t))
aic<-n*log(sse/n)+2*(p+1)
cp<-(sse/s2)-(n-2*(p+1))
f<-(ssm/df.m)/(sse/df.e)
pvalue<-1-pf(f,df.m,df.e)

b.standard.errors<-sqrt(diag(xxi))*sqrt(s2) #coefficient standard errors
b.t.statistic<-b/b.standard.errors           #t statistic for st. errors
b.t.prob<-2*(1-pt(b.t.statistic,df.e))       #alpha 0.05
```

Data Analysis: Regression

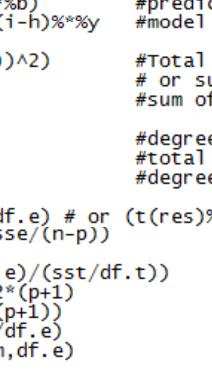
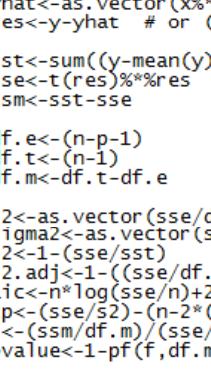
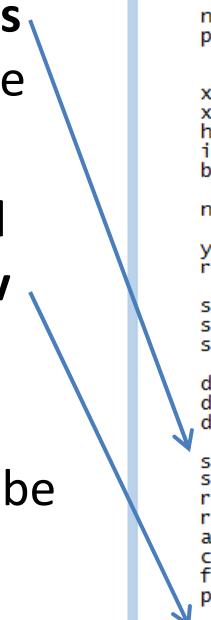
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R Console
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>
> names(b)<-colnames(x)
>
> yhat<-as.vector(x%*%b)      #predicted values for y
> res<-y-yhat  # or (i-h)%*%y #model residuals
>
> sst<-sum((y-mean(y))^2)      #Total sum of squares
> sse<-t(res)%*%res          # or sum(res^2) which is also t($
> ssm<-sst-sse                #sum of squares for model (regre$)
>
> df.e<-(n-p-1)                #degrees of freedom for error
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> pvalue<-1-pf(f,df.m,df.e)
>
> b.standard.errors<-sqrt(diag(xxi))*sqrt(s2)  #coefficient stan$
> b.t.statistic<-b/b.standard.errors            #t statistic for $
> b.t.prob<-2*(1-pt(b.t.statistic,df.e))       #alpha 0.05
> b
   int      income      presvote      pressup
-7.295361e+01  6.743087e-04  6.021832e-01  8.088049e-01
> 
```

Data Analysis: Regression

- To find the standard errors, we need to compute both the **variance of the residuals** and the cov matrix of the x's.
- The **sqrt of the diagonal elements of this var-cov matrix** will give us the standard errors.
- Other test statistics can be easily computed.
- View the standard errors.



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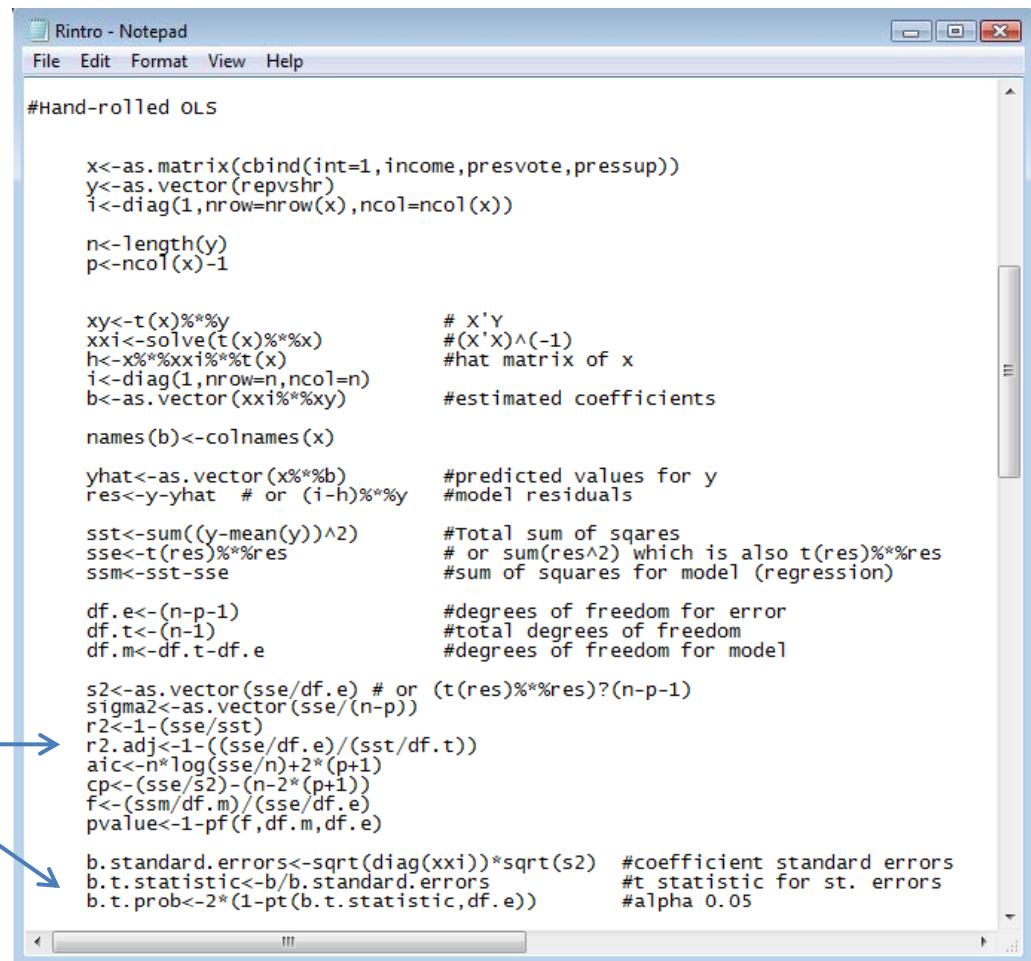
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pvalue<-1-pf(f,df.m,df.e)

b.standard.errors<-sqrt(diag(XX)) * sqrt(s2) # coefficient standard errors
b.t.statistic<-b/b.standard.errors           #t statistic for st. errors
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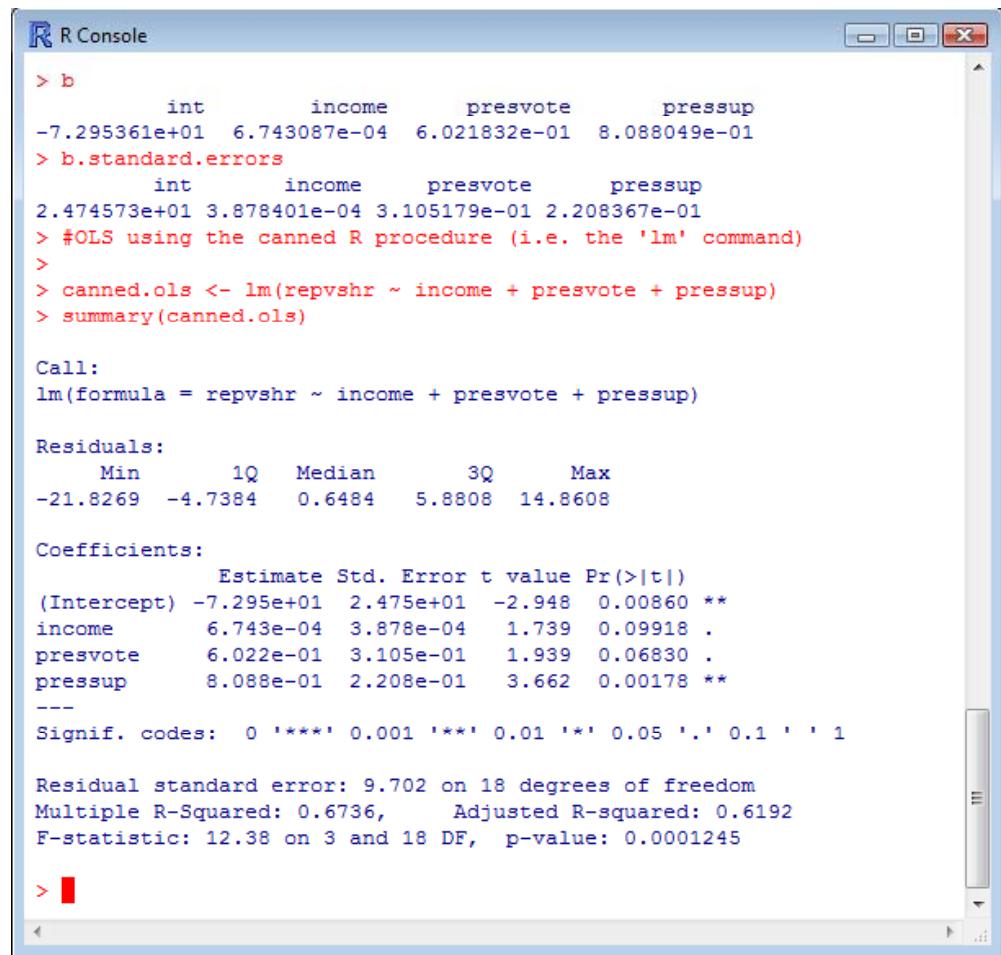


R Console

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>
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> res<-y-yhat    # or (i-h)%*%y   #model residuals
>
> sst<-sum((y-mean(y))^2)      #Total sum of squares
> sse<-t(res)%*%res           # or sum(res^2) which is also t($
> ssm<-sst-sse                #sum of squares for model (regre$#
>
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>
> s2<-as.vector(sse/df.e) # or (t(res)%*%res)?(n-p-1)
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> f<-(ssm/df.m)/(sse/df.e)
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> b.standard.errors<-sqrt(diag(xxi))*sqrt(s2)  #coefficient stan$#
> b.t.statistic<-b/b.standard.errors            #t statistic for $#
> b.t.prob<-2*(1-pt(b.t.statistic,df.e))        #alpha 0.05
> b
      int      income      presvote      pressup
-7.295361e+01 6.743087e-04 6.021832e-01 8.088049e-01
> b.standard.errors
      int      income      presvote      pressup
2.474573e+01 3.878401e-04 3.105179e-01 2.208367e-01
> 
```

Data Analysis: Regression

- Time to Compare
- Use the `lm()`  command to estimate the model using R's canned procedure
- As we can see, the estimates are very similar



R Console

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      int      income      presvote      pressup
-7.295361e+01  6.743087e-04  6.021832e-01  8.088049e-01
> b.standard.errors
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2.474573e+01 3.878401e-04 3.105179e-01 2.208367e-01
> #OLS using the canned R procedure (i.e. the 'lm' command)
>
> canned.ols <- lm(repvshr ~ income + presvote + pressup)
> summary(canned.ols)

Call:
lm(formula = repvshr ~ income + presvote + pressup)

Residuals:
    Min      1Q  Median      3Q     Max 
-21.8269 -4.7384  0.6484  5.8808 14.8608 

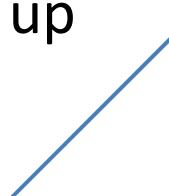
Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)    
(Intercept) -7.295e+01  2.475e+01 -2.948  0.00860 ** 
income       6.743e-04  3.878e-04   1.739  0.09918 .  
presvote     6.022e-01  3.105e-01   1.939  0.06830 .  
pressup      8.088e-01  2.208e-01   3.662  0.00178 ** 
---
Signif. codes:  0 '****' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 9.702 on 18 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-Squared:  0.6736,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.6192 
F-statistic: 12.38 on 3 and 18 DF,  p-value: 0.0001245

> █
```

Data Analysis: Regression

- Time to Compare
- We can also see how both the hand-rolled and canned OLS procedures stack up to Stata
- **Use the `reg` command to estimate the model**
- As we can see, the estimates are once again very similar



```
Results
pressup      .8088049   .2208367    3.66   0.002   .3448442   1.272766
_cons     -72.95361  24.74573   -2.95   0.009  -124.9425  -20.96476

. browse
. reg repvshr income presvote pressup

      source        ss          df          ms
      Model       3496.32969      3    1165.44323
      Residual    1694.1554      18    94.1197444
      Total       5190.48509     21    247.165956
                                         Number of obs =      22
                                         F( 3, 18) =    12.38
                                         Prob > F =    0.0001
                                         R-squared =   0.6736
                                         Adj R-squared =  0.6192
                                         Root MSE =    9.7015

      repvshr      coef.    std. Err.          t      P>|t| [95% Conf. Interval]
      income      .0006743   .0003878      1.74    0.099   -.0001405   .0014891
      presvote    .6021832   .3105179      1.94    0.068   -.0501908   1.254557
      pressup     .8088049   .2208367      3.66    0.002   .3448442   1.272766
      _cons     -72.95361  24.74573   -2.95    0.009  -124.9425  -20.96476
```

Data Analysis: Regression

The image shows two windows from an R environment. The left window is the R Console, and the right window is titled 'Results'.

R Console Output:

```
> b
      int     income    presvote    pressup
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> b.standard.errors
      int     income    presvote    pressup
2.474573e+01 3.878401e-04 3.105179e-01 2.208367e-01
> #OLS using the canned R procedure (i.e. the 'lm' command)
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> canned.ols <- lm(repvshr ~ income + presvote + pressup)
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Call:
lm(formula = repvshr ~ income + presvote + pressup)

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    Min      1Q      Median      3Q      Max 
-21.8269 -4.7384  0.6484  5.8808 14.8608 

Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)    
(Intercept) -7.295e+01 2.475e+01 -2.948 0.00860 ** 
income       6.743e-04 3.878e-04  1.739 0.09918 .    
presvote    6.022e-01 3.105e-01  1.939 0.06830 .    
pressup     8.088e-01 2.208e-01  3.662 0.00178 ** 
---
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 9.702 on 18 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-Squared:  0.6736,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.6192 
F-statistic: 12.38 on 3 and 18 DF,  p-value: 0.0001245

> 
```

Results Window Output:

	pressup	.8088049	.2208367	3.66	0.002	.3448442	1.272766
_cons	-72.95361	24.74573	-2.95	0.009	-124.9425	-20.96476	

	Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	22
Model	3496.32969	3	1165.44323	F(3, 18) =	12.38		
Residual	1694.1554	18	94.1197444	Prob > F =	0.0001		
Total	5190.48509	21	247.165956	R-squared =	0.6736		
				Adj R-squared =	0.6192		
				Root MSE	= 9.7015		

	repvshr	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
income	.0006743	.0003878	1.74	0.099	-.0001405	.0014891
presvote	.6021832	.3105179	1.94	0.068	-.0501908	1.254557
pressup	.8088049	.2208367	3.66	0.002	.3448442	1.272766
_cons	-72.95361	24.74573	-2.95	0.009	-124.9425	-20.96476

Data Analysis: Regression

Other Useful Commands

- **lm**
 - Linear Model
- **lme**
 - Mixed Effects
- **anova**
- **glm**
 - General lm
- **multinom**
 - Multinomial Logit
- **optim**
 - General Optimizer

OLS Diagnostics in R

- Post-estimation diagnostics are key to data analysis
 - We want to make sure we estimated the proper model
 - Besides, Irfan will hurt you if you neglect to do this
- Furthermore, diagnostics allow us the opportunity to show off some of R's graphs
 - R's real strength is that it has virtually unlimited graphing capabilities
 - Of course, such strengths on R's part is dependent on your knowledge of both R and statistics
 - Still, with just some basics we can do some cool graphs

OLS Diagnostics in R

- What could be *unjustifiably* driving our data?
 - Outlier: unusual observation
 - Leverage: ability to change the slope of the regression line
 - Influence: the combined impact of strong leverage and outlier status
 - According to John Fox, influence=leverage*outliers

OLS Diagnostics: Leverage

- Recall our ols model
 - `ols.model1<-lm(formula =
repvshr~income+presvote+pressup)`
- Our measure of leverage: is the h_i or “hat value”
 - It’s just the predicted values written in terms of h_i
 - Where, H_{ij} is the contribution of observation Y_i to the fitted value Y_j
 - If h_{ij} is large, then the i^{th} observation has a significant impact on the j^{th} fitted value
 - So, skipping the formulas, we know that the larger the hat value the greater the leverage of that observation

OLS Diagnostics: Leverage

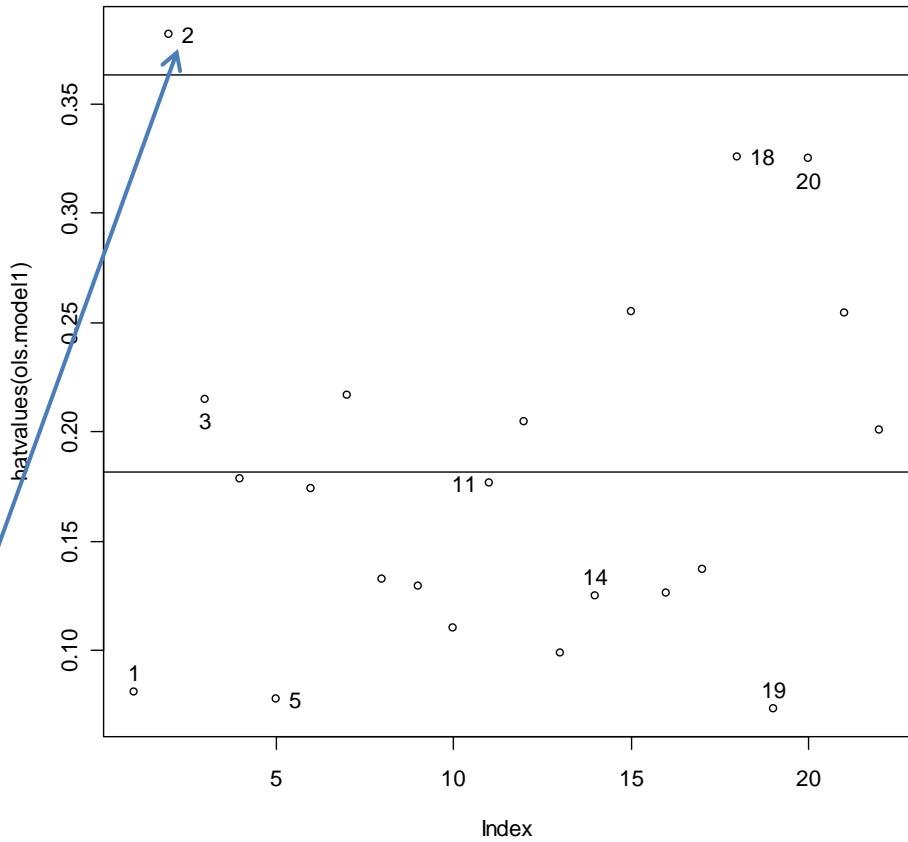
- Find the hat values
 - `hatvalues(ols.model1)`

```
> ##Leverage
> hatvalues(ols.model1)
     1      2      3      4      5      6      7
0.08058958 0.38217510 0.21508254 0.17839298 0.07791739 0.17390212 0.21652515
     8      9     10     11     12     13     14
0.13240657 0.12946990 0.11013685 0.17680240 0.20482571 0.09892587 0.12505991
    15     16     17     18     19     20     21
0.25521188 0.12628592 0.13708349 0.32578291 0.07297085 0.32496207 0.25453795
    22
0.20095287
>
> avg.mod1<-ncol(x)/nrow(x)
> avg.mod1
[1] 0.1818182
```

- Calculate the average hat value
 - `avg.mod1<-ncol(x)/nrow(x)`

OLS Diagnostics: Leverage

- But a picture is worth a hundred numbers?
- Graph the hat values with lines for the average, twice the avg (large samples) and three times the avg (small samples) hat values
 - `plot(hatvalues(ols.model1))`
 - `abline(h=1*(ncol(x))/nrow(x))`
 - `abline(h=2*(ncol(x))/nrow(x))`
 - `abline(h=3*(ncol(x))/nrow(x))`
 - `identify(hatvalues(ols.model1))`
 - `identify` lets us select the data points in the new graph
- State #2 is over twice the avg
- Nothing above three times



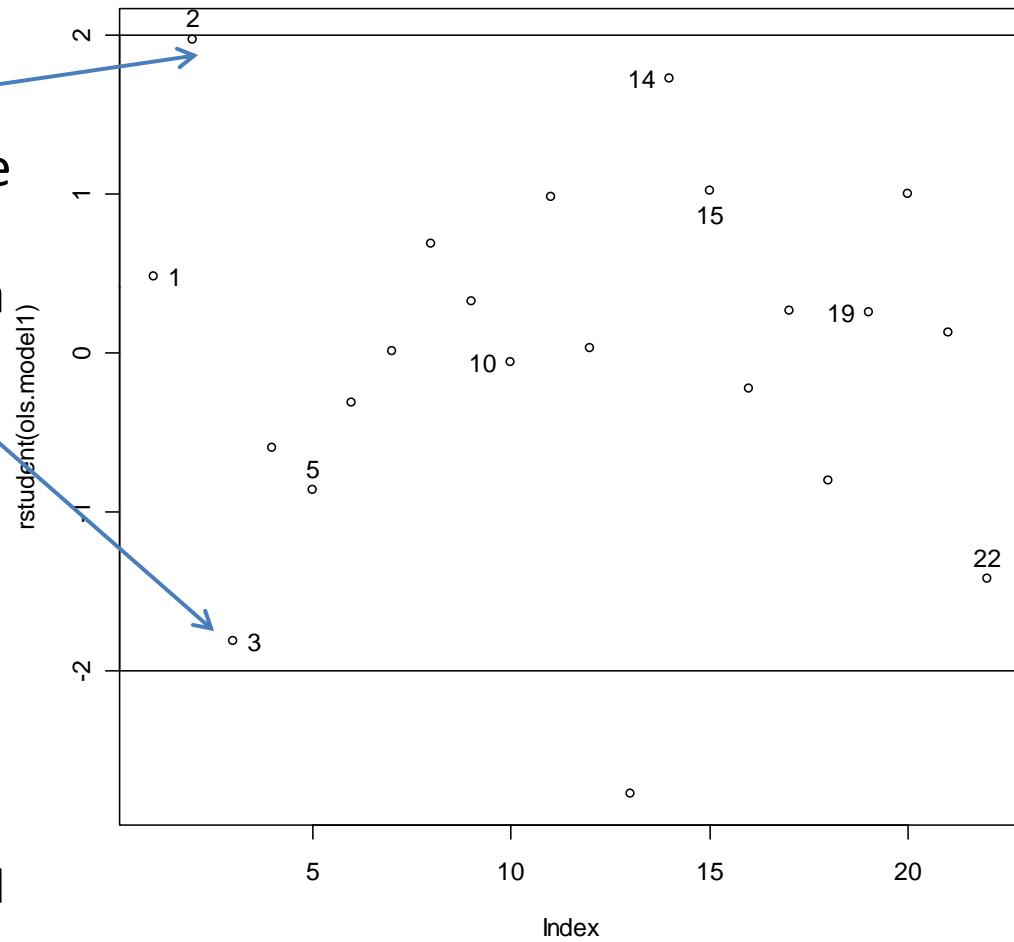
OLS Diagnostics: Outliers

- Can we find any data points that are unusual for Y given the Xs?
- Use studentized residuals $u_i^* = \frac{u_i}{\sigma_{u(-1)} \sqrt{1 - h_i}}$
 - We can see whether there is a significant change in the model
 - If their absolute values are larger than 2, then the corresponding observations are likely to be outliers)
 - `rstudent(ols.modell1)`

```
> rstudent(ols.modell1)
   1          2          3          4          5          6
0.48019795 1.97192270 -1.81307635 -0.59849094 -0.86387841 -0.31785263
   7          8          9         10         11         12
0.01244686 0.68902256 0.31806953 -0.05965655  0.97657494  0.02443043
   13         14         15         16         17         18
-2.77709792 1.72517421 1.02255885 -0.22885529  0.26198911 -0.80877619
   19         20         21         22
0.25367148 0.99768167 0.12528015 -1.42108584
> ■
```

OLS Diagnostics: Outliers

- Again, let's plot them with lines for 2 & -2
- States 2 and 3 appear to be outliers, or darn close
- We should definitely take a look at what makes these states unusual...
 - Perhaps there is a mistake in data entry
 - Perhaps the model is misspecified in terms of functional form (forthcoming) or omitted vars
 - Maybe you can throw out your bad observation
 - If you must include the bad observation, try robust regression

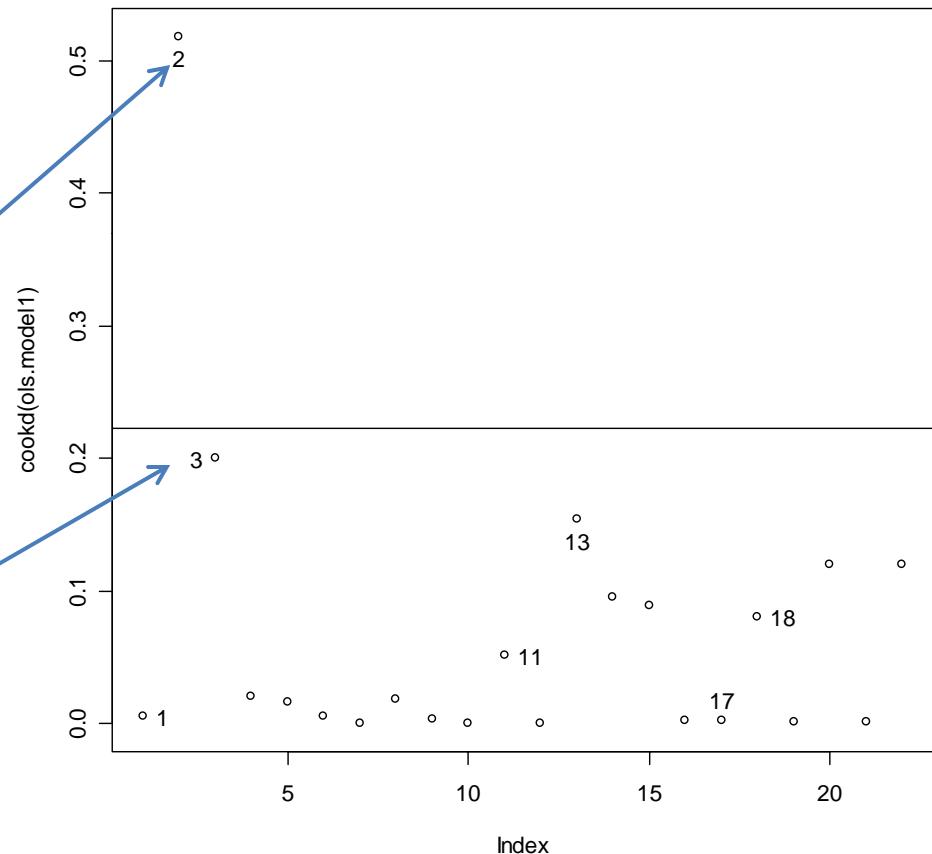


OLS Diagnostics: Influence

- Cook's D gives a kind of summary for each observation's influence

$$D_i = \frac{u_i^2}{k+1} * \frac{h_i}{1-h_i}$$

- If Cook's D is greater than $4/(n-k-1)$, then the observation is said to exert undue influence
- Let's just plot it
 - `plot(cookd(ols.model1))`
 - `abline(h=4/(nrow(x) - ncol(x)))`
 - `Identify(cookd(ols.model1))`
- States 2 and (maybe) 3 are in the trouble zone



OLS Diagnostics: Influence

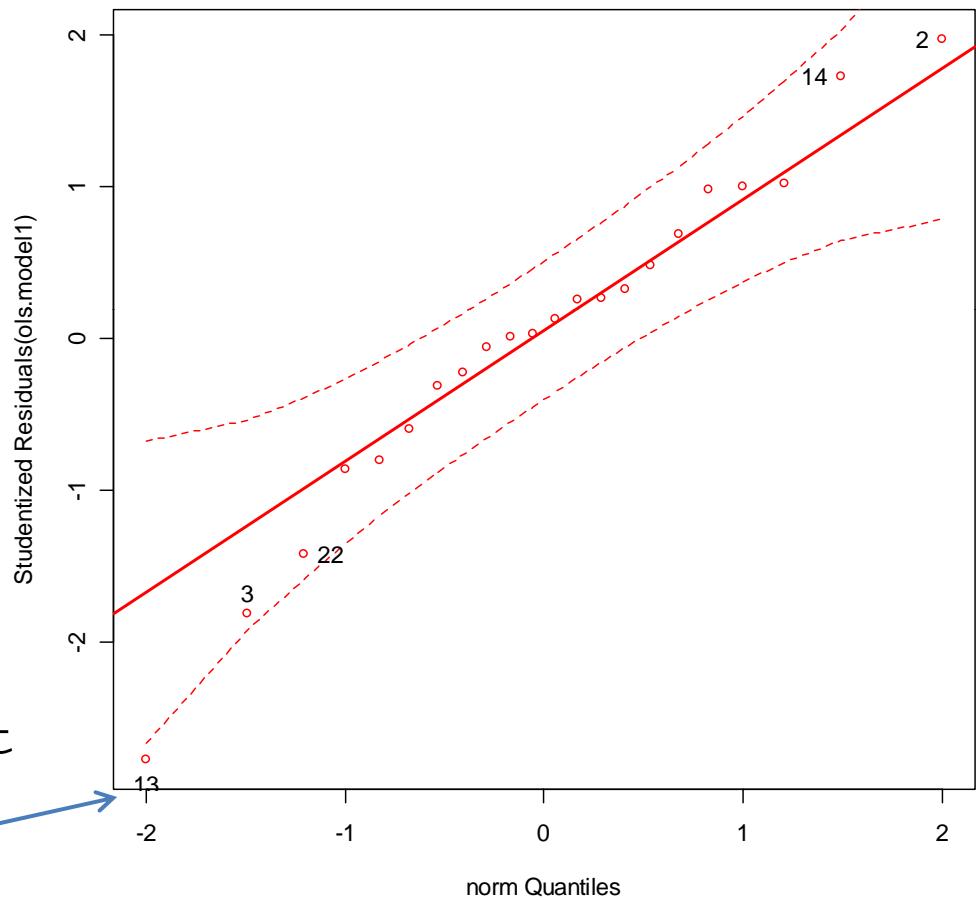
- For a host of measures of influence, including df betas and df fits
 - `influence.measures(ols.model1)`
- `dfbeta` gives the influence of an observation on the coefficients – or the change in iv's coefficient caused by deleting a single observation
- Simple commands for partial regression plots can be found on Fox's website...

```
## - - - - -
> ##Other measures of influence, including df-beta and df-fit
> influence.measures(ols.model1)
Influence measures of
lm(formula = repvshr ~ income + presvote + pressup) :

      dfb.1 dfb.incm dfb.prsv dfb.prss     dffit cov.r   cook.d    hat inf
1  0.047591 -0.08463 -3.65e-03  0.020468  0.14217 1.295 5.28e-03 0.0806 *
2 -1.312887  1.36488  5.54e-01  0.206512  1.55092 0.892 5.18e-01 0.3822 *
3  0.589635 -0.58486  2.12e-01 -0.542793 -0.94909 0.790 2.00e-01 0.2151
4  0.018551 -0.15898  9.62e-02  0.003785 -0.27888 1.407 2.02e-02 0.1784
5  0.140077 -0.13349 -3.66e-02 -0.066607 -0.25112 1.148 1.60e-02 0.0779
6  0.074461 -0.02307 -1.05e-01  0.003705 -0.14584 1.486 5.60e-03 0.1739
7  0.000784  0.00338  6.08e-05 -0.003494  0.00654 1.604 1.13e-05 0.2165
8  0.137543  0.00171  3.56e-02 -0.197503  0.26917 1.298 1.87e-02 0.1324
9  0.012258 -0.06613 -2.85e-02  0.070448  0.12266 1.410 3.96e-03 0.1295
10 -0.013501  0.01606  4.56e-03 -0.000609 -0.02099 1.411 1.17e-04 0.1101
11  0.181001 -0.17994 -3.79e-01  0.264511  0.45258 1.227 5.13e-02 0.1768
12  0.002175  0.00537  2.43e-03 -0.008720  0.01240 1.580 4.07e-05 0.2048
13 -0.294634  0.56467 -1.25e-01 -0.026032 -0.92017 0.312 1.54e-01 0.0989 *
14 -0.398730  0.13983  2.24e-01  0.261259  0.65223 0.753 9.58e-02 0.1251
15  0.177517 -0.31912 -4.41e-01  0.439292  0.59858 1.329 8.93e-02 0.2552
16 -0.000611  0.04267 -2.17e-03 -0.037603 -0.08701 1.421 2.00e-03 0.1263
17  0.000169 -0.00028 -7.43e-02  0.072067  0.10442 1.433 2.87e-03 0.1371
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19  0.009685 -0.00750  3.67e-02 -0.032806  0.07117 1.335 1.34e-03 0.0730
20  0.185511 -0.04938  4.76e-01 -0.595824  0.69222 1.483 1.20e-01 0.3250
21  0.059471 -0.05104  3.78e-03 -0.037402  0.07321 1.680 1.42e-03 0.2545
22  0.352385 -0.14803 -5.73e-01  0.119730 -0.71266 1.004 1.20e-01 0.2010 *
```

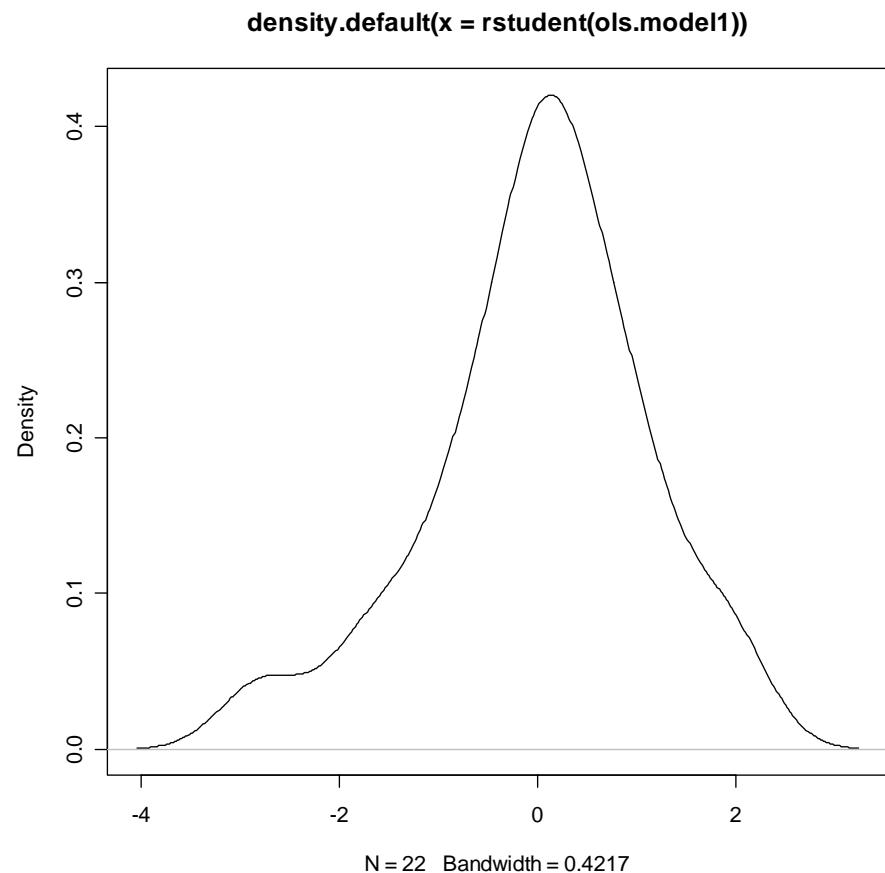
OLS Diagnostics: Normality

- Is our data distributed normally?
- Was it correct to use a linear model?
- Use a quantile plot (qq plot) to check
 - Plots empirical quantiles of a variable against studentized residuals
 - Looking for obs on a straight line
 - In R it is simple to plot the error bands as well
 - Deviation requires us to transform our variables
- `qq.plot(ols.model1,distribution="norm")`
- The problems are again 2 and 13, with 3, 22 and 14 bordering on trouble this time around



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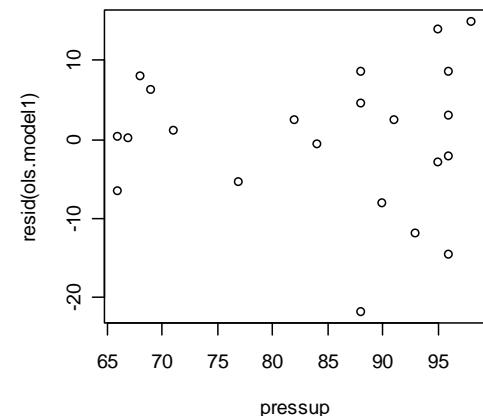
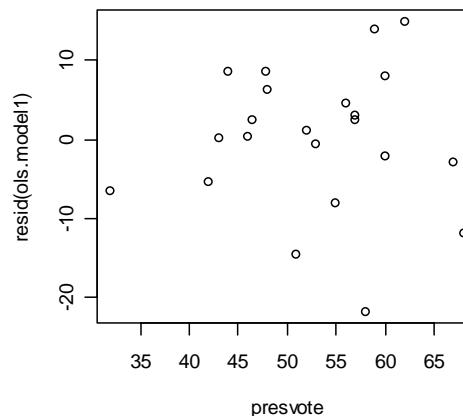
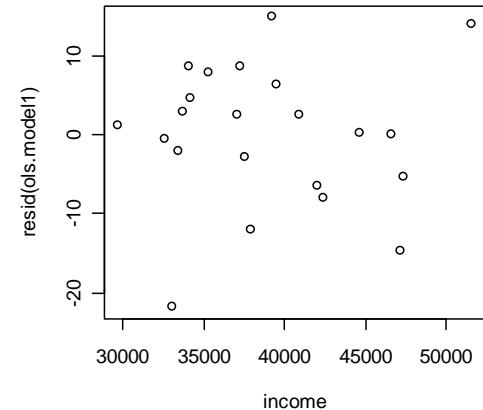
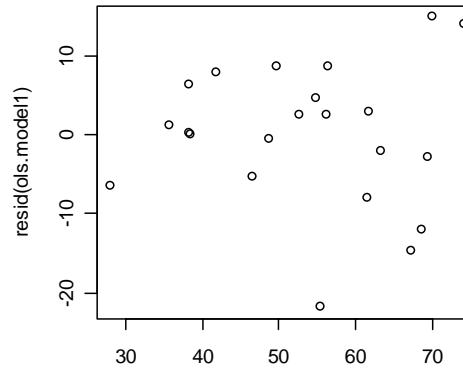
- A simple density plot of the studentized residuals helps to determine the nature of our data
- The apparent deviation from the normal curve is not severe, but there certainly seems to be a slight negative skew



OLS Diagnostics: Error Variance

- We can also easily look for heteroskedasticity
- Plotting the residuals against the fitted values and the continuous independent variables let's us examine our statistical model for the presence of unbalanced error variance

```
- par(mfrow=c(2,2))  
- plot(resid(ols.model1)  
      ~fitted.values(ols.mod  
      el1))  
- plot(resid(ols.model1)  
      ~income)  
- plot(resid(ols.model1)  
      ~presvote)  
- plot(resid(ols.model1)  
      ~pressup)
```



OLS Diagnostics: Error Variance

- Formal tests for heteroskedasticity are available from the `lmtest` library
 - `library(lmtest)`
 - `bptest(ols.model1)` will give you the Breusch-Pagan test stat
 - `gqtest(ols.model1)` will give you the Goldfeld-Quandttest stat
 - `hmctest(ols.model1)` will give you the Harrison-McCabe test stat

```
> ##Breusch-Pagan, Goldfeld-Quandt, and Harrison-McCabe tests
> bptest(ols.model1)

    studentized Breusch-Pagan test

data: ols.model1
BP = 3.2325, df = 3, p-value = 0.3571

> gqtest(ols.model1)

    Goldfeld-Quandt test

data: ols.model1
GQ = 1.6338, df1 = 7, df2 = 7, p-value = 0.2664

> hmctest(ols.model1)

    Harrison-McCabe test

data: ols.model1
HMC = 0.3878, p-value = 0.235
```

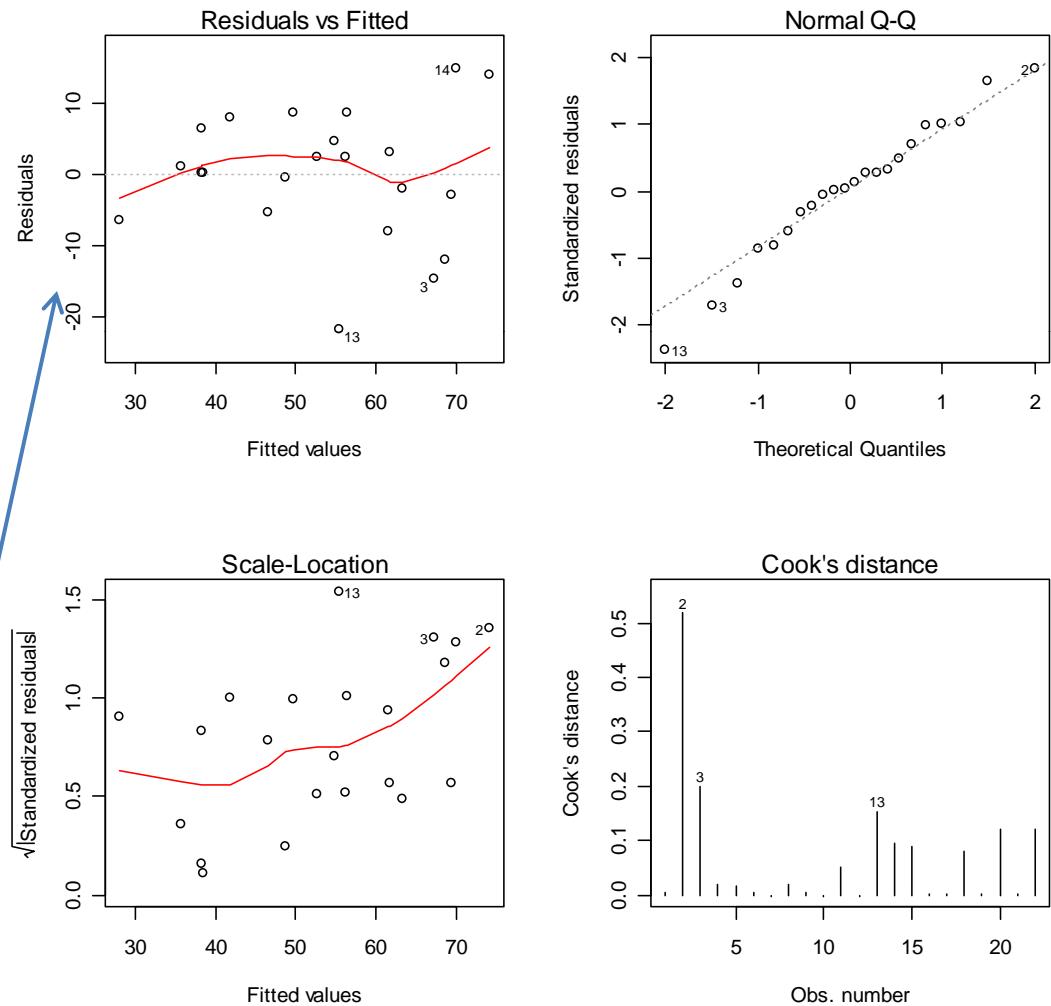
OLS Diagnostics: Collinearity

- Finally, let's look out for collinearity
- To get the variance inflation factors
 - `vif(ols.model1)`
- Let's look at the condition index from the `perturb` library
 - `library(perturb)`
 - `colldiag(ols.model1)`
- Issues here is the largest condition index
- If it is larger than 30, *Houston we have...*

```
>
> ##Variance inflation factors
> vif(ols.model1)
  income presvote  pressup
1.127017 1.636216 1.482685
>
>
> ##Obtain the condition index
> colldiag(ols.model1)
Condition
Index  Variance Decomposition Proportions
          intercept income presvote pressup
1   1.000 0.000    0.001  0.001  0.001
2 10.920 0.004    0.307  0.162  0.030
3 21.626 0.012    0.030  0.588  0.926
4 27.883 0.983    0.662  0.250  0.044
> █
```

OLS Diagnostics: Shortcut

- My favorite shortcut command to get you four essential diagnostic plots after you run your model
 - `plot(ols.model1, which=1:4)`
- Now you have no excuse not to run some diagnostics!
- Btw, look at the high residuals in the rvf plot for 14, 13 and 3 – suggesting outliers

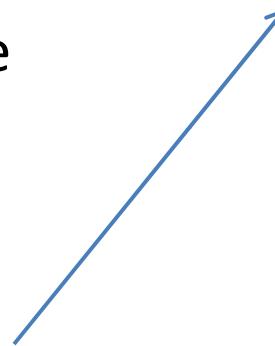


The Final Act: Loops and Functions

- As was mentioned above, R's biggest asset is its flexibility. Loops and functions directly utilize this asset.
- Loops can be implemented for a number of purposes, essentially when repeated actions are needed (i.e. simulations).
- Functions allow us to create our own commands. This is especially useful when a canned procedure does not exist. We will create our own OLS function with the hand-rolled code used earlier.

Loops

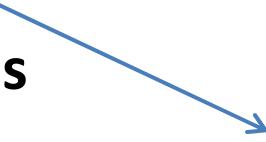
- `for` loops are the most common and the only type of loop we will look at today.
- The first loop command at the right shows simple loop iteration.



```
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>
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[1] 1
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[1] 3
[1] 4
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[1] 6
[1] 7
[1] 8
[1] 9
[1] 10
>
>
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>
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| avg <- sum/i
+ }
>
> #Output
> avg
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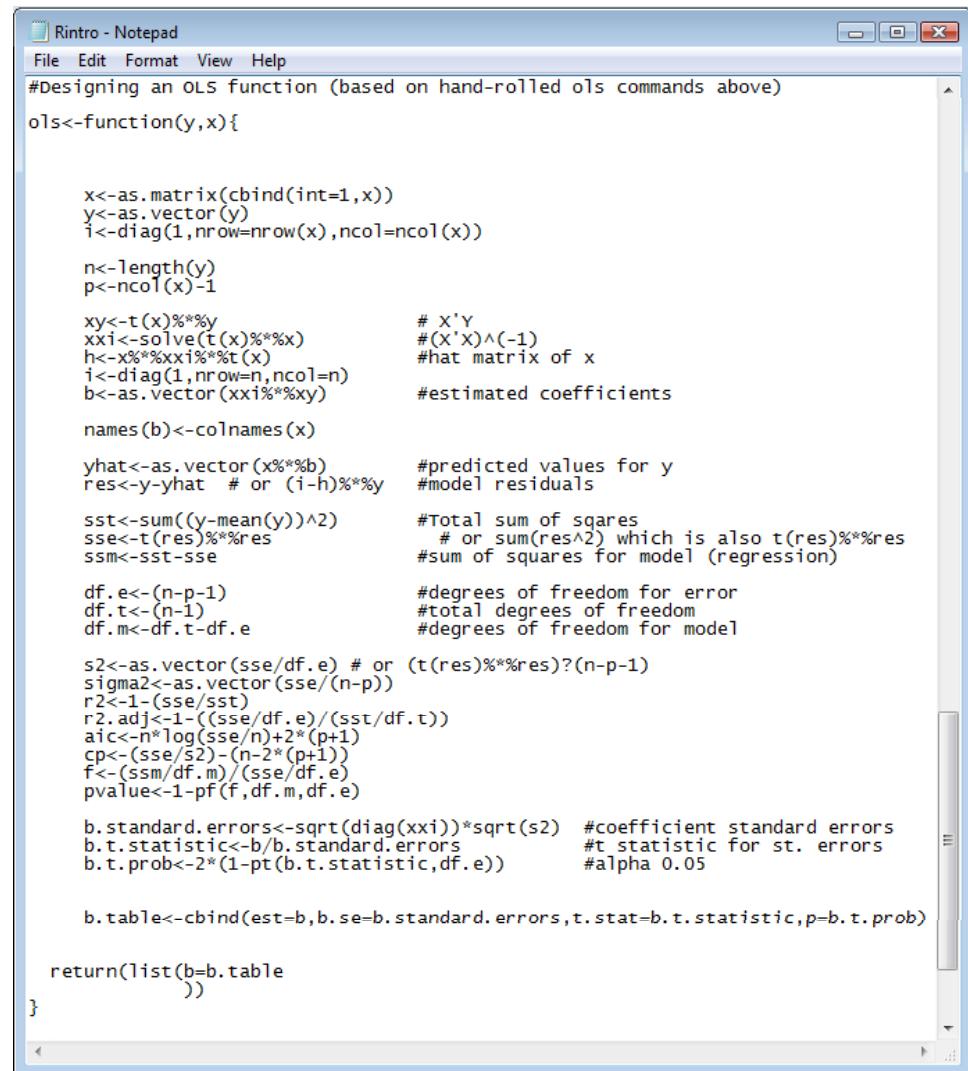
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Functions

- Now we will make our own linear regression function using our hand-rolled OLS code
- Functions require **inputs** (which are the objects to be utilized) and **arguments** (which are the commands that the function performs)
- The actual estimation procedure does not change. However, some changes are made.



The screenshot shows a Windows Notepad window titled "Rintro - Notepad". The window contains R code for a linear regression function named "ols". The code is well-commented, explaining each step of the OLS estimation process. It includes calculations for the hat matrix, estimated coefficients, predicted values, model residuals, total sum of squares, sum of squares for regression, degrees of freedom for error, total degrees of freedom, and degrees of freedom for model. It also calculates standard errors, t-statistics, p-values, and a summary table. The code concludes with a return statement that lists the estimated coefficients and their standard errors.

```
#Designing an OLS function (based on hand-rolled ols commands above)
ols<-function(y,x){

  x<-as.matrix(cbind(int=1,x))
  y<-as.vector(y)
  i<-diag(1,nrow=nrow(x),ncol=ncol(x))

  n<-length(y)
  p<-ncol(x)-1

  xy<-t(x)%*%y          # X'Y
  xxi<-solve(t(x)%*%x)   # (X'X)^(-1)
  h<-x%*%xxi%*%t(x)     #hat matrix of x
  i<-diag(1,nrow=n,ncol=n)
  b<-as.vector(xxi%*%xy) #estimated coefficients

  names(b)<-colnames(x)

  yhat<-as.vector(x%*%b) #predicted values for y
  res<-y-yhat # or (i-h)%*%y #model residuals

  sst<-sum((y-mean(y))^2) #Total sum of squares
  sse<-t(res)%*%res      # or sum(res^2) which is also t(res)%*%res
  ssm<-sst-sse            #sum of squares for model (regression)

  df.e<-(n-p-1)           #degrees of freedom for error
  df.t<-(n-1)              #total degrees of freedom
  df.m<-df.t-df.e          #degrees of freedom for model

  s2<-as.vector(sse/df.e) # or (t(res)%*%res)?(n-p-1)
  sigma2<-as.vector(sse/(n-p))
  r2<-1-(sse/sst)
  r2.adj<-1-((sse/df.e)/(sst/df.t))
  aic<-n*log(sse/n)+2*(p+1)
  cp<-(sse/s2)-(n-2*(p+1))
  f<-(ssm/df.m)/(sse/df.e)
  pvalue<-1-pf(f,df.m,df.e)

  b.standard.errors<-sqrt(diag(xxi))*sqrt(s2) #coefficient standard errors
  b.t.statistic<-b/b.standard.errors           #t statistic for st. errors
  b.t.prob<-2*(1-pt(b.t.statistic,df.e))       #alpha 0.05

  b.table<-cbind(est=b,b.se=b.standard.errors,t.stat=b.t.statistic,p=b.t.prob)

  return(list(b=b.table
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  b<-as.vector(xxi%%xy)
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  cp<-(sse/s2)-(n-2*(p+1))
  f<-(ssm/df.m)/(sse/df.e)
  pvalue<-1-pf(f,df.m,df.e)
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  b.t.statistic<-b/b.standard.errors #t statistic for st. errors
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  df.e<-(n-p-1)                  #degrees of freedom for error
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  s2<-as.vector(sse/df.e) # or (t(res)%*%res)?(n-p-1)
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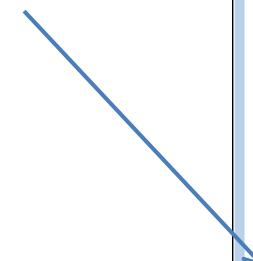
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  b.table<-cbind(est=b,b.se=b.standard.errors,t.stat=b.t.statistic,p=b.t.prob)

  return(list(b=b.table
            ))
}
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Functions

- First, we have to tell R that we are creating a function. We'll name it `ols`.
- This lets us generalize the procedure to multiple objects.
- **Second, we have to tell the function what we want “returned” or what we want the output to look like.**



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  xy<-t(x)%%y
  xxi<-solve(t(x)%%x)
  h<-x%*%xxi%*%t(x)
  i<-diag(1,nrow=n,ncol=n)
  b<-as.vector(xxi%%xy)
  names(b)<-colnames(x)

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OLS: Hand-rolled vs Function

```
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#Hand-rolled OLS

x<-as.matrix(cbind(int=1,income,presvote,presup))
y<-as.vector(repvsh)
i<-diag(1,nrow=nrow(x),ncol=ncol(x))

n<-length(y)
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xy<-t(x)%*%y
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h<-x%*%xxi%*%t(x)
i<-diag(1,nrow=n,ncol=n)
b<-as.vector(xx1%*%xy)
names(b)<-colnames(x)

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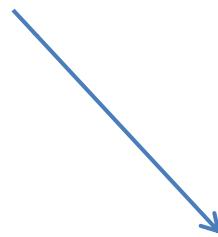
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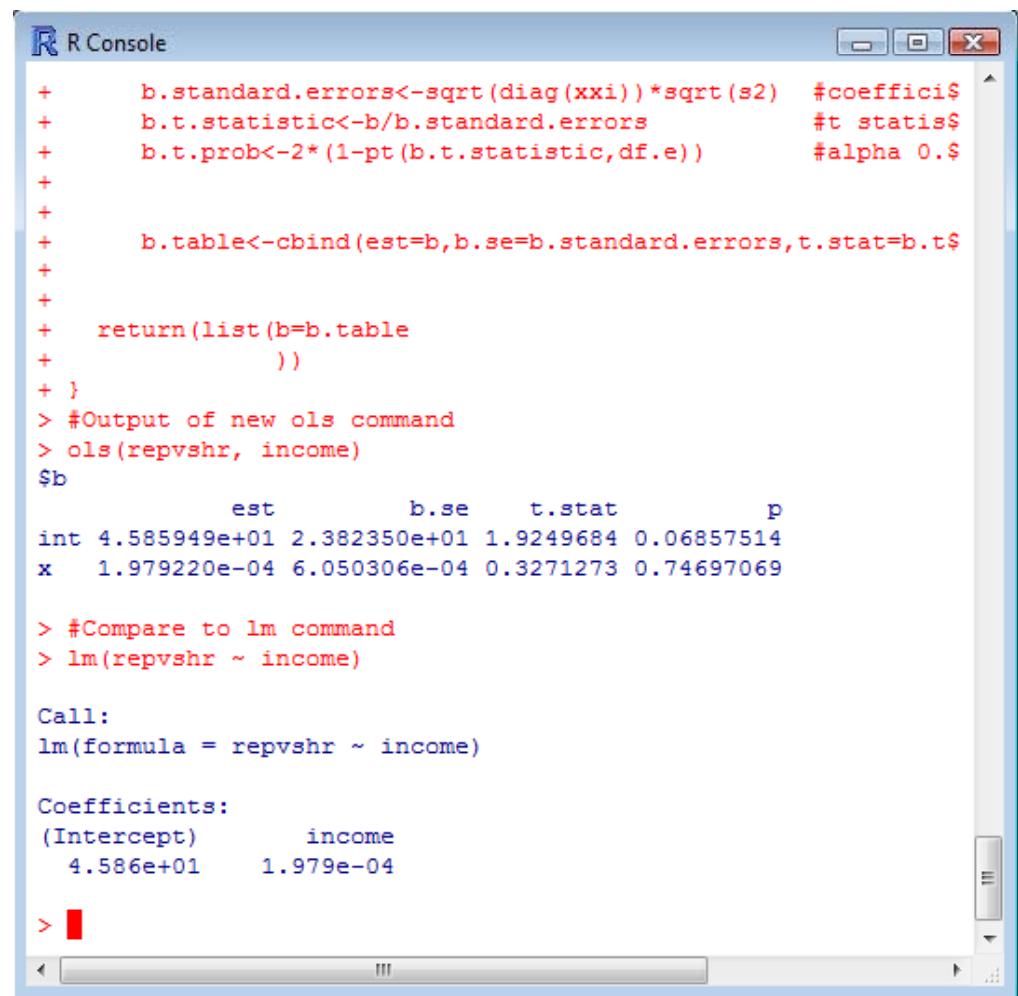
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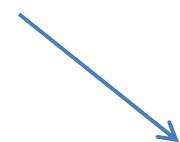
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 - Fox's slides <http://socscerv.mcmaster.ca/jfox/Courses/R-course/index.html>
 - Faraway's book
<http://cran.r-project.org/doc/contrib/Faraway-PRA.pdf>
 - Anderson's ICPSR lectures using R
<http://socscerv.mcmaster.ca/andersen/icpsr.html>
 - Arai's guide http://people.su.se/~ma/R_intro/
 - UCLA notes <http://www.ats.ucla.edu/stat/SPLUS/default.htm>
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