

## **Title**

rdmcplot - RD Plots for Regression Discontinuity Designs with Multiple Cutoffs.

#### Syntax

rdmcplot depvar runvar [if] [in], cvar(string) [ nbinsvar(string)
 nbinsrightvar(string) binselectvar(string) scalevar(string)
 scalerightvar(string) supportvar(string) supportrightvar(string) pvar(string)
 hvar(string) hrightvar(string) kernelvar(string) weightsvar(string)
 covsvar(string) covsevalvar(string) covsdropvar(string) binsoptvar(string)
 lineoptvar(string) xlineoptvar(string) ci(cilevel) nobins nopoly noxline
 nodraw genvars ]

## Description

rdmcplot plots estimated regression functions at each cutoff in regression
 discontinuity (RD) designs with multiple cutoffs. For methodological
 background see <u>Calonico</u>, <u>Cattaneo</u> and <u>Titiunik</u> (2015a), <u>Calonico</u>, <u>Cattaneo</u> and
 <u>Titiunik</u> (2015a), <u>Keele</u> and <u>Titiunik</u> (2015), <u>Cattaneo</u>, <u>Keele</u>, <u>Titiunik</u> and
 <u>Vazquez-Bare</u> (2016), and <u>Cattaneo</u>, <u>Keele</u>, <u>Titiunik</u> and <u>Vazquez-Bare</u> (2021).

Companion commands are:  $\underline{rdmc}$  for multi-cutoff RD estimation and inference, and  $\underline{rdms}$  for multi-score RD estimation and inference.

A detailed introduction to this command is given in  $\underline{\text{Cattaneo, Titiunik and }}$   $\underline{\text{Vazquez-Bare (2020)}}$ .

This command employs the Stata (and R) package <u>rdrobust</u> for underlying calculations. See <u>Calonico</u>, <u>Cattaneo and Titiunik</u> (2014), <u>Calonico</u>, <u>Cattaneo and Titiunik</u> (2015b), and <u>Calonico</u>, <u>Cattaneo</u>, <u>Farrell and Titiunik</u> (2017) for more details.

Related Stata and R packages useful for inference in RD designs are described in the following website:

https://rdpackages.github.io/

## Options

cvar(string) specifies the numeric variable containing the RD cutoff for indepvar for each unit in the sample.

Bin Selection

Rhinswar(string) a variable of length equal to the number of different cutoffs.

nbinsvar(string) a variable of length equal to the number of different cutoffs
 that specifies the number of bins for rdplot. When nbinsrightvar is
 specified, nbinsvar indicates the number of bins to the left of the cutoff.
 When nbinsrightvar is not specified, the same number of bins is used at each
 side. See rdplot for details.

nbinsrightvar(string) a variable of length equal to the number of different
 cutoffs that specifies the number of bins to the right of the cutoff for
 rdplot. When nbinsrightvar is not specified, the number of bins in nbinsvar
 is used at each side. See rdplot for details.

binselectvar(string) a variable of length equal to the number of different cutoffs
that specifies the bins selection method for rdplot. See rdplot for details.

scalevar(string) a variable of length equal to the number of different cutoffs
that specifies the scale for rdplot. When scalerightvar is specified,
nbinsvar indicates the scale to the left of the cutoff. When scalerightvar is
not specified, the same scale is used at each side. See rdplot for details.

- <u>scalerightvar(string)</u> a variable of length equal to the number of different cutoffs that specifies the scale to the right of the cutoff for **rdplot**. When **scalerightvar** is not specified, the scale in **scalevar** is used at each side. See <u>rdplot</u> for details.
- supportvar(string) a variable of length equal to the number of different cutoffs
  that specifies the support for rdplot. When supportrightvar is specified,
  supportvar indicates the support to the left of the cutoff. When
  supportrightvar is not specified, the same support is used at each side. See
  rdplot for details.
- supportrightvar(string) a variable of length equal to the number of different
  cutoffs that specifies the support to the right of the cutoff for rdplot.
  When supportrightvar is not specified, the support in supportvar are used at
  each side. See rdplot for details.

Polynomial Fit

- pvar(string) a variable of length equal to the number of different cutoffs that
   specifies the order of the polynomials for rplot. See rdplot for details.
- hvar(string) a variable of length equal to the number of different cutoffs that
   specifies the bandwidths for rdplot. When hrightvar is specified, hvar
   indicates the bandwidth to the left of the cutoff. When hrightvar is not
   specified, the same bandwidths are used at each side. See rdplot for details.
- hrightvar(string) a variable of length equal to the number of different cutoffs
   that specifies the bandwidths to the right of the cutoff for rdplot. When
   hrightvar is not specified, the bandwidths in hvar are used at each side. See
   rdplot for details.
- kernelvar(string) a variable of length equal to the number of different cutoffs
  that specifies the kernels for rdplot. See rdplot for details.
- weightsvar(string) a variable of length equal to the number of different cutoffs
  that specifies the weights for rdplot. See rdplot for details.
- covsvar(string) a variable of length equal to the number of different cutoffs that specifies the covariates for rdplot. See rdplot for details.
- covsevalvar(string) a variable of length equal to the number of different cutoffs
  that specifies the evaluation points for additional covariates. See rdplot
  for details.
- covsdropvar(string) a variable of length equal to the number of different cutoffs
  that specifies whether collinear covariates should be dropped. See rdplot for
  details.

— Plot

- binsoptvar(string) a variable of length equal to the number of different cutoffs
  that specifies options for the bins plots.
- lineoptvar(string) a variable of length equal to the number of different cutoffs
  that specifies options for the polynomial plots.
- xlineoptvar(string) a variable of length equal to the number of different cutoffs
  that specifies options for the vertical lines indicating the cutoffs.
- ci(cilevel) adds confidence intervals of level cilevel to the plot.

nobins omits the bins plot.

nopoly omits the polynomial curve plot.

noxline omits the vertical lines indicating the cutoffs.

nodraw omits the plot.

Generate Variables

genvars generates variables to replicate plots by hand. Variable labels indicate
 the corresponding cutoff.

 $rdmcplot\_hat\_y\_c$  predicted value of the outcome variable given by the global polynomial estimator in cutoff number c.

 $rdmcplot_mean_x_c$  sample mean of the running variable within the corresponding bin for each observation in cutoff number c.

 $rdmcplot_mean\_y\_c$  sample mean of the outcome variable within the corresponding bin for each observation in cutoff number c.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \bf rdmcplot\_ci\_l\_c \ lower end \ value \ of the confidence interval for the sample mean of the outcome variable within the corresponding bin for each observation in cutoff number $c$. \end{tabular}$ 

 ${\tt rdmcplot\_ci\_r\_c}$  upper end value of the confidence interval for the sample mean of the outcome variable within the corresponding bin for each observation in cutoff number c.

## **Examples**

Standard use of rdmcplot

. rdmcplot yvar xvar, c(cvar)

rdmcplot without bins plot

. rdmcplot yvar xvar, c(cvar) nobins

#### Saved results

rdmcplot saves the following in r():

Scalars

Macros

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