Quant II Recitation

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What is this?

- This presentation created using knitr + pandoc + reveal.js
- I have created a recitation repository on github: https://github.com/ddimmery/Quant-II-Recitation
- The recitation website will also be on github, at http://ddimmery.github. io/Quant-II-Recitation
- This presentation is available on the course website.
- The raw .Rmd file is available in the repository. You can create a handout version of it with the following commands (assuming knitr and pandoc are installed), first in R:

```
require(knitr)
knit(presentation.Rmd)
```

• And then on the command line:

```
pandoc presentation.md -o handout.pdf
```

Today's Topic

- Sharing is caring.
 - If you don't share your research (+ code and data) then what's the point of doing it?
- Today we will be discussing some necessary mechanics.
 - R and how to bend it to your will
 - Producing high quality tables / plots
 - If there's any time left, we can talk a little more about identification

Sharing

- All homework will be submitted to me (preferably in hard copy)
- All replication code will be posted to a gist on github, and submitted to me via email.
 - gist.github.com
 - Code should have a header with relevant information (name, date created, date modified, input files, output files, etc)
 - Code should be well commented
 - If you'd prefer to submit homework as some sort of knitr document, that is also fine. Just submit the .Rmd file.
- All tables and plots should be of very high quality.
- Yes, this will take a non-trivial amount of time.

Workflow

- Find an editor and learn everything about it:
 - **vim** (+ Vim-R-plugin)
 - emacs (+ ESS [Emacs Speaks Statistics])
 - Notepad++, Kate, Sublime, etc
 - Rstudio
 - Eclipse (+ StatET)
- Familiarize yourself with version control software
 - git (github or TortoiseGit)
 - or just Dropbox

When things break

- Documentation Ex: ?lm
- Google
- CRAN (Reference manuals, vignettes, etc) Ex: http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/AER/index.html
- JSS Ex: http://www.jstatsoft.org/v27/i02
- Stack Overflow http://stackoverflow.com/questions/tagged/r
- Listservs http://www.r-project.org/mail.html

Resources

- The Art of R Programming N. Matloff
- Modern Applied Statistics with S W. Venables and B. Ripley
- Advanced R Programming forthcoming, H. Wickham
- The R Inferno P. Burns
- Rdataviz a talk by P. Barberá on ggplot2

Reading R Documentation

• ?lm

CRAN documentation

• AER

JSS

• plm

Confusing Things

- At the prompt, > means you're good to go, + means a parenthesis or bracket is open.
- Case sensitive
- Use / in path names. Not \.
- R uses variables there is no "sheet" here, like in Stata
- R is a programming language
- More on errors later!

Using Third-party Code

- Relevant commands are: install.packages and library
- Find the appropriate packages and commands with Google and via searching in R:

```
?covariance
??covariance
install.packages("sandwich")
library("sandwich")
?vcovHC
```

Data types

- \bullet Character strings
- Double / Numeric numbers
- Logical true/false
- $\bullet~$ Factor unordered categorical variables
- Objects its complicated

Character

```
str <- "This is a string"

...

paste("This", "is", "a", "string", sep = " ")

## [1] "This is a string"

...

as.character(99)

## [1] "99"

class(str)

## [1] "character"</pre>
```

Numeric

2 == 4

```
num <- 99.867
class(num)
## [1] "numeric"
. . .
round(num, digits = 2)
## [1] 99.87
round(str, digits = 2)
## Error: non-numeric argument to mathematical function
. . .
рi
## [1] 3.142
exp(1)
## [1] 2.718
   - sin, exp, log, factorial, choose, BesselJ, {\rm etc}
Logical
   • The logical type allows us to make statements about truth
```

```
## [1] FALSE
class(2 == 4)
## [1] "logical"
str != num
## [1] TRUE
"34" == 34
## [1] TRUE
   • ==, !=, >, <, >=, <=, !, &, |, any, all, etc
Objects
   • Many functions will return objects rather than a single datatype.
. . .
X <- 1:100
Y <- rnorm(100, X)
out.lm <- lm(Y \sim X)
class(out.lm)
## [1] "lm"
   • Objects can have other data embedded inside them
. . .
out.lm$rank
## [1] 2
class(out.lm$rank)
```

[1] "integer"

Data Structures

- There are other ways to hold data, though:
 - Vectors
 - Lists
 - Matrices
 - Dataframes

Vectors

• Almost everything in R is a vector.

.. as.vec

as.vector(4)

[1] 4

4

[1] 4

. . .

 $\bullet~$ We can combine vectors with $c\colon$

. . .

```
vec <- c("a", "b", "c")
vec</pre>
```

[1] "a" "b" "c"

. . .

c(2, 3, vec)

[1] "2" "3" "a" "b" "c"

Vectors (cont.)

• Sometimes R does some weird stuff:

```
c(1, 2, 3, 4) + c(1, 2)

## [1] 2 4 4 6

• It "recycles" the shorter vector:

c(1, 2, 3, 4) + c(1, 2, 1, 2)

## [1] 2 4 4 6

...

c(1, 2, 3, 4) + c(1, 2, 3)

## Warning: longer object length is not a multiple of shorter object length

## [1] 2 4 6 5
```

More Vectors

• We can index vectors in several ways

```
vec[1]
## [1] "a"
....
names(vec) <- c("first", "second", "third")
vec</pre>
```

```
## first second third
## "a" "b" "c"
...
vec["first"]
## first
## "a"
```

Missingness

```
vec[1] <- NA
vec

## first second third
## NA "b" "c"

...

is.na(vec)

## first second third
## TRUE FALSE FALSE

...

vec[!is.na(vec)] # vec[complete.cases(vec)]

## second third
## "b" "c"</pre>
```

Lists

• Lists are similar to vectors, but they allow for arbitrary mixing of types and lengths.

```
listie <- list(first = vec, second = num)</pre>
listie
## $first
## first second third
                "c"
   NA "b"
##
##
## $second
## [1] 99.87
. . .
listie[[1]]
## first second third
## NA "b" "c"
listie$first
## first second third
## NA "b" "c"
```

Matrices

 $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ • $A_{1,2} = 3$ • $A_{1,\cdot} = (1,3)$...

A <- matrix(c(1, 2, 3, 4), nrow = 2, ncol = 2)

[,1] [,2]
[1,] 1 3
[2,] 2 4

```
## [1] 3
A[1, ]
## [1] 1 3
```

Matrix Operations

• Its very easy to manipulate matrices:

```
solve(A) #A^{-1}
## [,1] [,2]
## [1,] -2 1.5
## [2,] 1 -0.5
. . .
10 * A
## [,1] [,2]
## [1,] 10
            30
## [2,] 20
           40
. . .
B \leftarrow diag(c(1, 2))
## [,1] [,2]
## [1,] 1 0
## [2,] 0 2
. . .
A %*% B
## [,1] [,2]
## [1,] 1 6
## [2,] 2 8
```

More Matrix Ops.

```
. . .
A %*% diag(3)
## Error: non-conformable arguments
t(A) # A'
## [,1] [,2]
## [1,] 1 2
## [2,] 3 4
. . .
rbind(A, B)
## [,1] [,2]
## [1,] 1 3
## [2,] 2 4
## [3,]
       1 0
       0 2
## [4,]
cbind(A, B)
## [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
## [1,] 1 3 1 0
## [2,] 2 4 0 2
. . .
c(1, 2, 3) %x% c(1, 1) # Kronecker Product
## [1] 1 1 2 2 3 3
```

Naming Things

```
. . .
rownames(A)
## NULL
. . .
rownames(A) <- c("a", "b")
colnames(A) <- c("c", "d")</pre>
## c d
## a 1 3
## b 2 4
. . .
A[, "d"]
## a b
## 3 4
  • Matrices are vectors:
. . .
A[3]
## [1] 3
```

Dataframes

- $\bullet~$ The workhorse
- Basically just a matrix that allows mixing of types.

```
data(iris)
head(iris)
```

```
Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
##
## 1
              5.1
                          3.5
                                       1.4
                                                   0.2 setosa
## 2
              4.9
                          3.0
                                       1.4
                                                   0.2 setosa
                                                   0.2 setosa
## 3
              4.7
                          3.2
                                       1.3
## 4
              4.6
                          3.1
                                       1.5
                                                   0.2 setosa
## 5
              5.0
                          3.6
                                       1.4
                                                   0.2 setosa
## 6
              5.4
                          3.9
                                       1.7
                                                   0.4 setosa
```

Control Flow

- loops
- if/else
- functions
- useful stock functions to know

Loops

. . .

- for loops just a way to say "do this for each element of the index"
- "this" is defined in what follows the "for" expression

```
for (i in 1:5) {
    cat(i * 10, " ")
}
## 10 20 30 40 50
...

for (i in 1:length(vec)) {
    cat(vec[i], " ")
}
## NA b c
```

```
for (i in vec) {
    cat(i, " ")
}

## NA b c

If/Else
...

if (vec[2] == "b") print("Hello World!")

## [1] "Hello World!"

...

if (vec[3] == "a") {
    print("Hello World!")
} else {
    print("!dlroW olleH")
}

## [1] "!dlroW olleH"
```

Vectorized If/Else

• Conditional execution on each element of a vector

```
vec <- letters[1:3]
new <- vector(length = length(vec))
for (i in 1:length(vec)) {
    if (vec[i] == "b") {
        new[i] <- 13
    } else {
        new[i] <- 0
    }
}
new</pre>
```

```
## [1] 0 13 0
new <- ifelse(vec == "b", 13, 0)
## [1] 0 13 0
Functions
   • f: X \to Y
   • Functions in R are largely the same. ("Pure functions")
. . .
add3 <- function(X) {</pre>
    return(X + 3)
add3(2)
## [1] 5
makeGroups <- function(groups, members = 1) {</pre>
    return((1:groups) %x% rep(1, members))
makeGroups(5)
## [1] 1 2 3 4 5
makeGroups(5, 2)
```

[1] 1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4 5 5

Useful Functions

- Note: Most functions don't do complete case analysis by default (usually option na.rm=TRUE)
- print, cat, paste, with, length, sort, order, unique, rep, nrow, ncol, complete.cases, subset, merge, mean, sum, sd, var, lag,lm, model.matrix,coef, vcov, residuals, vcovHC (from sandwich), ivreg (from AER), countrycode (fromcountrycode),summary, pdf, plot, Tools from plm, and many more.

Distributional Functions

- ?Distributions
- They have a consistent naming scheme.
- rnorm, dnorm, qnorm, pnorm
- rdist generate random variable from dist
- ddist density function of dist
- qdist quantile function of dist
- pdist distribution function of dist
- look at documentation for parameterization

. . .

```
rnorm(16)
```

```
## [1] -0.64117 0.70015 -1.63510 0.14983 1.87219 -0.92128 0.98797
## [8] -0.05415 -0.44210 -0.43266 1.54751 1.61898 0.25466 -0.15255
## [15] -1.12422 -0.06607
```

Robust SEs

```
10 2,

11 function(x) tapply(x, cluster, sum)

12 )

13 rcse.cov <- dfc * sandwich(model,meat = crossprod(uj)/N)

14 rcse.se <- coeftest(model, rcse.cov)

15 return(list(rcse.cov, rcse.se))

16 }
```

Multiple Dispactch

• Sometimes functions will behave differently based on context:

```
summary(vec)
##
      Length
                 Class
##
           3 character character
summary(c(1, 2, 3, 4))
##
      Min. 1st Qu. Median
                              Mean 3rd Qu.
                                              Max.
      1.00
           1.75
                      2.50
                              2.50
                                      3.25
                                               4.00
##
summary(iris[, 1:4])
    Sepal.Length
                    Sepal.Width
                                   Petal.Length
                                                  Petal.Width
##
##
   Min.
           :4.30
                   Min.
                         :2.00
                                  Min. :1.00
                                                 Min.
                                                         :0.1
##
   1st Qu.:5.10
                   1st Qu.:2.80
                                  1st Qu.:1.60
                                                  1st Qu.:0.3
   Median:5.80
                   Median :3.00
                                  Median:4.35
                                                 Median:1.3
   Mean
           :5.84
                          :3.06
                                         :3.76
                                                         :1.2
                   Mean
                                  Mean
                                                 Mean
##
   3rd Qu.:6.40
                   3rd Qu.:3.30
                                  3rd Qu.:5.10
                                                  3rd Qu.:1.8
                                         :6.90
           :7.90
                          :4.40
                                                         :2.5
##
   Max.
                   Max.
                                  Max.
                                                  Max.
```

• Why? ?summary ?summary.lm

The *apply family

- These functions allow one to *efficiently* perform a large number of actions on data.
- apply performs actions on the rows or columns of a matrix/array (1 for rows, 2 for columns, 3 for ??)
- sapply performs actions on every element of a vector
- tapply performs actions on a vector by group
- replicate performs the same action a given number of times

apply

Α

```
## c d
## a 1 3
## b 2 4

apply(A, 1, sum)

## a b
## 4 6

apply(A, 2, mean)

## c d
## 1.5 3.5

sapply

vec

## [1] "a" "b" "c"

sapply(vec, function(x) paste0(x, ".vec"))

## a b c
## "a.vec" "b.vec" "c.vec"
```

• Can be accomplished more simply with:

. . .

```
paste0(vec, ".vec")
## [1] "a.vec" "b.vec" "c.vec"
```

- Why?
- replicate is basically just sapply(1:N,funct) where funct never uses the index.

tapply

```
tapply(1:10, makeGroups(5, 2), mean)
## 1 2 3 4 5
## 1.5 3.5 5.5 7.5 9.5
```

Working With Data

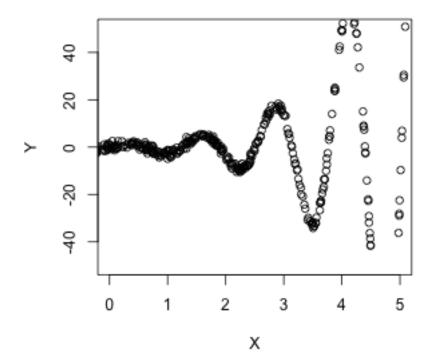
- Input
- Output

Input

- If data is, for instance, a Stata .dta file, use read.dta from the foreign package.
- Useful options for reading data: sep, na.strings, stringsAsFactors
- For different formats, Google it.

Simulate some Data

```
set.seed(1023) # Important for replication
X <- rnorm(1000, 0, 5)
Y <- sin(5 * X) * exp(abs(X)) + rnorm(1000)
dat <- data.frame(X, Y)
plot(X, Y, xlim = c(0, 5), ylim = c(-50, 50))</pre>
```



Regression Output

```
dat.lm <- lm(Y ~ X, data = dat)
dat.lm</pre>
```

##

Regression Output

```
summary(dat.lm)
##
## lm(formula = Y ~ X, data = dat)
## Residuals:
        Min
                   1Q
                        Median
                                      3Q
## -2.10e+08 -4.19e+05 2.01e+05 8.17e+05 9.08e+06
## Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) -216634
                          212126 -1.02 0.31
## X
                           43470
                                   4.23 2.6e-05 ***
               183687
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 6710000 on 998 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.0176, Adjusted R-squared: 0.0166
## F-statistic: 17.9 on 1 and 998 DF, p-value: 2.6e-05
```

Pretty Output

- How do we get LaTeX output?
- The xtable package:

```
require(xtable)
## Loading required package: xtable
xtable(dat.lm)
```

```
## \% latex table generated in R 3.0.2 by xtable 1.7-1 package
## % Tue Jan 28 23:25:52 2014
## \begin{table}[ht]
## \centering
## \begin{tabular}{rrrrr}
##
   \hline
## & Estimate & Std. Error & t value & Pr($>$$|$t$|$) \\
##
    \hline
## (Intercept) & -216633.6722 & 212125.4622 & -1.02 & 0.3074 \\
    X & 183687.1735 & 43469.5839 & 4.23 & 0.0000 \\
##
      \hline
## \end{tabular}
## \end{table}
```

xtable

• xtable works on any sort of matrix

```
. . .
```

```
xtable(A)
```

```
## \% latex table generated in R 3.0.2 by xtable 1.7-1 package
## % Tue Jan 28 23:25:52 2014
## \begin{table}[ht]
## \centering
## \begin{tabular}{rrr}
##
   \hline
## & c & d \\
##
   \hline
## a & 1.00 & 3.00 \\
## b & 2.00 & 4.00 \\
     \hline
##
## \end{tabular}
## \end{table}
```

xtable

• This is what xtable does with the lm object:

```
class(summary(dat.lm)$coefficients)
## [1] "matrix"
xtable(summary(dat.lm)$coefficients)
## \% latex table generated in R 3.0.2 by xtable 1.7-1 package
## % Tue Jan 28 23:25:52 2014
## \begin{table}[ht]
## \centering
## \begin{tabular}{rrrrr}
    \hline
## & Estimate & Std. Error & t value & Pr($>$$|$t$|$) \\
    \hline
## (Intercept) & -216633.67 & 212125.46 & -1.02 & 0.31 \\
    X & 183687.17 & 43469.58 & 4.23 & 0.00 \\
      \hline
##
## \end{tabular}
## \end{table}
```

• Note that this is the same as the output from xtable(dat.lm)

Pretty it up

• Now let's make some changes to what xtable spits out:

```
print(xtable(dat.lm, digits = 1), booktabs = TRUE)
## % latex table generated in R 3.0.2 by xtable 1.7-1 package
## % Tue Jan 28 23:25:52 2014
## \begin{table}[ht]
## \centering
## \begin{tabular}{rrrrr}
##
    \toprule
## & Estimate & Std. Error & t value & Pr($>$$|$t$|$) \\
##
    \midrule
## (Intercept) & -216633.7 & 212125.5 & -1.0 & 0.3 \\
    X & 183687.2 & 43469.6 & 4.2 & 0.0 \\
##
      \bottomrule
## \end{tabular}
## \end{table}
```

• Many more options, see ?xtable and ?print.xtable

apsrtable

library(grid)

grid.raster(img)

img <- readPNG("apsrtable.png")</pre>

• Read the documentation - there are many options.

```
require(apsrtable)
## Loading required package: apsrtable
dat.lm2 \leftarrow lm(Y \sim X + 0, data = dat)
apsrtable(dat.lm, dat.lm2)
## Note: no visible binding for global variable 'se'
## Note: no visible binding for global variable 'se'
## Note: no visible binding for global variable 'nmodels'
## Note: no visible binding for global variable 'lev'
## \begin{table}[!ht]
## \caption{}
## \label{}
## \begin{tabular}{ 1 D{.}{.}{2}D{.}{.}{2} }
## \hline
## %
               & Model 1
                             & Model 2
                                          //
## (Intercept) & -216633.67
                                          //
##
              & (212125.46) &
                                          11
## X
              & 183687.17 ^* & 182921.71 ^*\\
##
              & (43469.58)
                             & (43464.06)
                                          11
## $N$
              & 1000
                             & 1000
                                          11
                                          //
## $R^2$
                             & 0.02
              & 0.02
## adj. $R^2$ & 0.02
                             & 0.02
                                          //
                            & 6707143.05
                                         \\ \hline
## Resid. sd
              & 6706998.86
## \multicolumn{3}{1}{\footnotesize{Standard errors in parentheses}}\\
## \multicolumn{3}{1}{\footnotesize{$^*$ indicates significance at $p< 0.05 $}}</pre>
## \end{tabular}
## \end{table}
apsrtable
library(png)
```

	Model 1	Model 2
(Intercept)	-216633.67	
	(212125.46)	
X	183687.17^*	182921.71*
	(43469.58)	(43464.06)
N	1000	1000
R^2	0.02	0.02
adj. R^2	0.02	0.02
Resid. sd	6706998.86	6707143.05

Standard errors in parentheses

 $^{^{\}ast}$ indicates significance at p<0.05

stargazer

```
require(stargazer)
## Loading required package: stargazer
##
## Please cite as:
##
## Hlavac, Marek (2013). stargazer: LaTeX code and ASCII text for well-formatted regression
## R package version 4.5.3. http://CRAN.R-project.org/package=stargazer
stargazer(dat.lm, dat.lm2)
##
## % Table created by stargazer v.4.5.3 by Marek Hlavac, Harvard University. E-mail: hlavac
## % Date and time: Tue, Jan 28, 2014 - 23:26:00
## \begin{table}[!htbp] \centering
    \caption{}
##
    \label{}
## \begin{tabular}{@{\extracolsep{5pt}}lcc}
## \\[-1.8ex]\hline
## \hline \\[-1.8ex]
## & \multicolumn{2}{c}{\textit{Dependent variable:}} \\
## \cline{2-3}
## \\[-1.8ex] & \multicolumn{2}{c}{Y} \\
## \\[-1.8ex] & (1) & (2)\\
## \hline \\[-1.8ex]
## X & 183,687.000$^{***}$ & 182,922.000$^{***}$ \\
   & (43,470.000) & (43,464.000) \\
##
   & & \\
## Constant & $-$216,634.000 & \\
## & (212,125.000) & \\
## & & \\
## \hline \\[-1.8ex]
## Observations & 1,000 & 1,000 \\
## R$^{2}$ & 0.018 & 0.017 \\
## Adjusted R$^{2}$ & 0.017 & 0.016 \\
## Residual Std. Error & 6,706,999.000 (df = 998) & 6,707,143.000 (df = 999) \\
## F Statistic & 17.860$^{***}$ (df = 1; 998) & 17.710$^{***}$ (df = 1; 999) \\
## \hline
## \hline \\[-1.8ex]
## \textit{Note:} & \multicolumn{2}{r}{$^{*}$p$<$0.1; $^{**}$p$<$0.05; $^{***}$p$<$0.01} \
## \normalsize
## \end{tabular}
## \end{table}
```

stargazer

```
img <- readPNG("stargazer.png")
grid.raster(img)</pre>
```

	Dependent variable: Y	
	(1)	(2)
X	183,687.200***	182,921.700***
	(43,469.580)	(43,464.060)
Constant	-216,633.700	
	(212, 125.500)	
Observations	1,000	1,000
\mathbb{R}^2	0.018	0.017
Adjusted R ²	0.017	0.016
Residual Std. Error	6,706,999.000 (df = 998)	6,707,143.000 (df = 999)
F Statistic	$17.856^{***} (df = 1; 998)$	$17.712^{***} (df = 1; 999)$
Note:	*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01	

Both

- Both packages are good (and can be supplemented with xtable when it is easier)
- $\bullet\,$ Get pretty close to what you want with these packages, and then tweak the LaTeX directly.

Plotting

- It's all about coordinate pairs.
- plot(x,y) plots the pairs of points in x and y
- Notable options:

```
- type - determines whether you plot points, lines or whatnot
```

- pch determines plotting character
- xlim x limits of the plot (likewise for y)
- xlab label on the x-axis
- main main plot label
- col color
- A massive number of options. Read the docs.
- Some objects respond specially to plot. Try plot(dat.lm)

Tying it Together

```
x \leftarrow seq(-1, 1, 0.01)

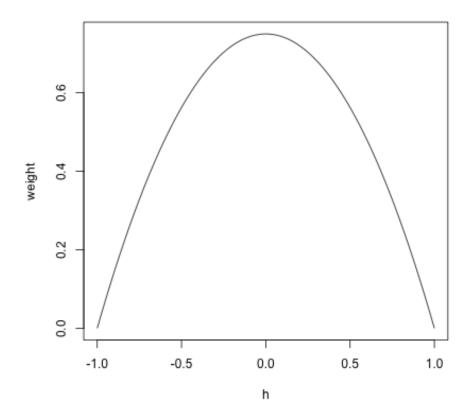
y \leftarrow 3/4 * (1 - x^2)

plot(x, y, type = "l", xlab = "h", ylab = "weight")
```

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- W is an $n \times p$ diagonal weighting matrix, h is a "bandwidth".
- Diagonal entries are $\frac{3}{4} \cdot (1-d^2) \cdot 1_{\{|d|<1\}}$ where $d=\frac{X-c}{b}$
- $\hat{\beta}_c = (X'WX)^{-1}X'WY$
- Covariance matrix is $s^2(X'WX)^{-1}$

```
loc.lin <- function(Y, X, c = 0, bw = sd(X)/2) {
    d <- (X - c)/bw
    W <- 3/4 * (1 - d^2) * (abs(d) < 1)
    W <- diag(W)
    X <- cbind(1, d)
    b <- solve(t(X) %*% W %*% X) %*% t(X) %*% W %*% Y
    sigma <- t(Y - X %*% b) %*% W %*% (Y - X %*% b)/(sum(diag(W) > 0) - 2)
    sigma <- solve(t(X) %*% W %*% X) * c(sigma)
    return(c(est = b[1], se = sqrt(diag(sigma))[1]))
}</pre>
```



Fit the Surface

```
X.est <- seq(0, 5, 0.1)
dat.llm <- sapply(X.est, function(x) loc.lin(Y, X, c = x, bw = 0.25))
plot(X, Y, xlim = c(0, 5), ylim = c(-50, 50), pch = 20)
lines(X.est, dat.llm[1, ], col = "red")
lines(X.est, dat.llm[1, ] + 1.96 * dat.llm[2, ], col = "pink")
lines(X.est, dat.llm[1, ] - 1.96 * dat.llm[2, ], col = "pink")</pre>
```

