Some Common Commands

| Command | Explanation | Abbreviation |
|--------------------|---|--------------|
| help | access documentation | |
| list | lists the data points | |
| input | creates data for a new random variable | |
| summarize | shows summary statistics for all variables | sum |
| summarize x | shows summary statistics for variable x | sum x |
| tabulate x | gives frequencies for variable x | tab x |
| regress y x | explains variable y as a function of variable x | reg y x |
| correlate y x | shows correlation between variables y and x | corr x y |
| twoway | plots variable y as a function of variable x | tw |
| histogram x | creates histogram for variable x | hist x |
| graph pie, over(x) | creates a pie chart of variable x | |
| graph export | exports the preceding graph as a .png file | |
| generate | generates a new random variable | gen |
| log | creates a log of subsequent Stata output | |
| cls | clears the output window | |
| clear all | clears everything from Stata | |

Examples

help twoway

Opens a window explaining the twoway command and list its options.

twoway (scatter y x) (lfit y x)

Plots y as the dependent variable and x size as the independent variable as a scatterplot; and will also plot the line of best fit through the data.

graph export xyplot.png

Exports the graph as xyplot.png into the working directory.

graph pie, over(x) plabel(_all name) title("X")

Creates a pie chart for variable x labeled "X" with each slice labeled.

gen logx = log(x)

Creates a new random variable log x by taking the natural log of the random variable x.

log using xydata.txt, text replace

Logs output to xydata.txt (erasing the file if it exists already). End logging with log close.