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Python for Psychologists



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Randomizing trials/conditions...

Often we are interested in randomizing the order of our trials or in assigning subjects to a condition in a randomized fashion.

random.shuffle(some_list)

shuffles the order of the elements contained in the list

random.choice(some_sequence)

- returns one random element from the sequence
- sequence could be list, tuple, ...

random.choices(some_sequence, k=numer_of_elements_to_draw)

- returns *k* random elements from the sequence
- sequence could be list, tuple, ...

random.seed(some_number)

- returns *k* random elements from the sequence
- sequence could be list, tuple, ...

What pseudo-random number generators do:

some algorithm \Longrightarrow do_this(number) \Longrightarrow do_than(number) \Longrightarrow ... number return random other number