

# Part III

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Hint: use **parameters** to make your program more flexible.

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cooperate	r,r	s,t
defect	t,s	p,p

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See **prisoner\_dilemma.ztt**

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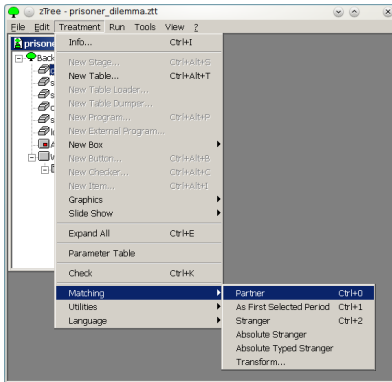
	S 1	S 2	S 3	S 4	S 5	S 6
1	1					
		1	2	2	3	3

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Then from the menu select Treatment → Matching → Partner.

A screenshot of the zTree software interface showing a table of subjects and their group assignments. The table has 6 columns labeled S 1, S 2, S 3, S 4, S 5, and S 6. The first row has values 1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 3. The second row has values 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3. The table is titled 'prisoner\_dilemma.ztt:2' and has a 'Take a New Snapshot' button in the top right corner.

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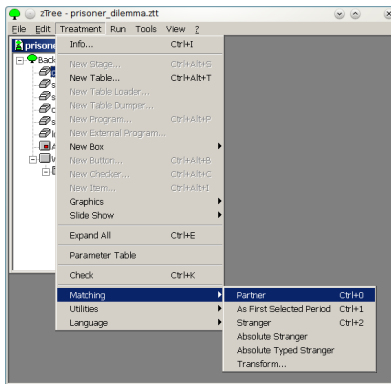


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To check the matching, from the menu select Treatment → Parameter table.

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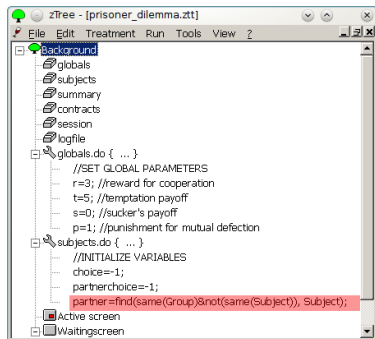
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## 2. and 3. Parameters and variables

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### Table functions

The function `find()` is a table function, i.e. a function which does not only refer to a single record of a table, but runs over the **whole table**.

A complete list of table functions can be found at page 46 of the Reference Manual.

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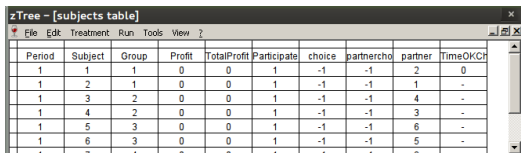
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# Find the partner

```
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The screenshot shows the zTree software interface with a table titled "zTree - [subjects table]". The table has the following columns: Period, Subject, Group, Profit, TotalProfit, Participate, choice, partnercho, partner, and TimeOK. The data is as follows:

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1	1	1	0	0	1	-1	-1	2	0
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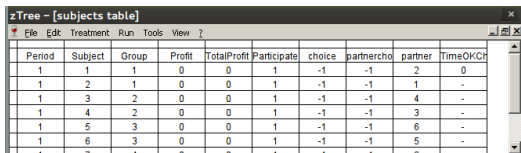
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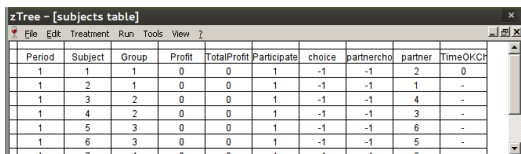
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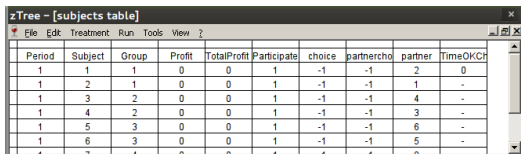
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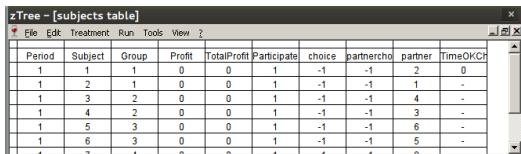
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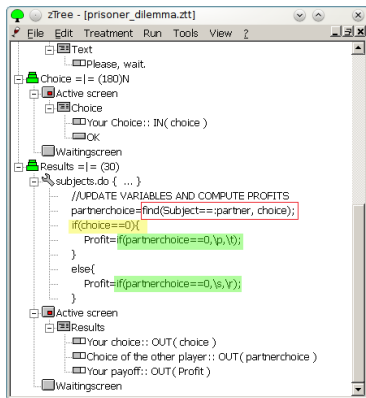


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## 4. 5. and 6. Choices and results



4. **subjects' choice:**  
with radiobuttons:  
`!radio:0="D";1="C";`
5. **profit calculation:**  
scope operator (`:`) and  
if as a function and as  
a statement. See page  
44 of the Reference  
manual.
6. **display results:**  
layout  
`!text:0="D";1="C";`

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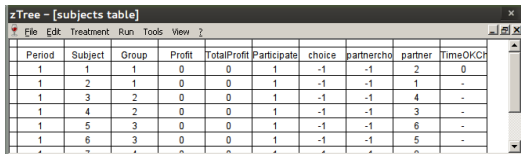


# The scope operator

*see page 27 of the z-Tree Tutorial*

```
partnerchoice=find(Subject==:partner, choice)
```

The scope operator ":" indicates that the variable `partner` belongs to the record in which the cell `partnerchoice` lies, not to the record where `Subject` lies.



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# if as function/as statement

```
if(condition a){c1}\\  
elseif(condition b1){c2}\\  
elseif(condition b2){c3}...\\  
else{c4}
```

## if as a statement

- ▶ If condition a is TRUE, then command(s) c1 is (are) executed;
- ▶ if condition a is FALSE and condition b1 is TRUE, then command(s) c2 is (are) executed; (etc.)
- ▶ if conditions a, b1 and b2 are FALSE, then command(s) c4 is (are) executed;

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## Exercise 2: the Traveler's dilemma

The Traveler's dilemma is a simple two-players game.

- ▶ each player can choose a number **between 2 and 100**
- ▶ the choice is simultaneous
- ▶ the player's **profit** is:
  - ▶ equal to the number he chose, if this number is *equal* to the number chosen by his partner
  - ▶ equal to the number he chose +2, if this number is *lower* than the number chosen by his partner
  - ▶ equal to the number he chose -2, if this number is *higher* than the number chosen by his partner