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Operators

= assignment >= greater or equal

+ addition == equals
- substraction != unequal
* multiplication & and
/ division | or

< smaller: next higher scope> greater\ highest scope (globals)

<= smaller or equal

Functions

Variable Functions

abs(x) Absolute value gettime() Seconds since computer was started if(cond,x,y) If cond is true, x, otherwise y max(x,v)Maximum of x and v min(x,y)Minimum of x and y Remainder of x/y mod(x,y)power(x,y) random() Uniform random between 0 and 1 randomgauss() Normal random with avg 0 and sd1 round(x,y) Rounds x to a multiple of y rounddown(x,y) Rounds x down to a multiple of v Rounds x up to a multiple of y roundup(x,y) same(x)Equality check of x with higher scope

(x == : x)

sqrt(x) Square root of x

Table Functions

(cond is optional for all functions below)

 average(cond, x)
 Average of the numeric values

 count(cond)
 Number of (found) records

 find(cond, x)
 First (found) value

 maximum(cond, x)
 Maximum of the (found) values

 sum(cond, x)
 Sum of the (found) values

Arrays

array myarray[n] Creates an array with n elements myarray[i] Calls i^{th} element of the array myarray

Conditional Statements

if (cond) { exprs }

If cond is TRUE, exprs are executed

if (cond) { exprs1 } elseif If cond1 is TRUE, exprs1 are executed; otherwise if cond2 is TRUE, exprs2 are executed.

if (cond) { exprs } else { If cond is TRUE, exprs are executed; otherwise otherexprs are executed.

Loops and Iterators

while (cond) {exprs}

While cond is true, expr are executed

repeat {exprs} while (cond); expr are executed, then while cond is true expr are executed

later(x) do {exprs}

After x seconds, expr are executed

later(x) repeat {exprs}

Each x seconds, expr are executed

(I) Iterators are replaced with for loops from version 4.

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iterator(i,m,n) i runs from m to n in steps on 1 iterator(i,m,n,s) i runs from m to n in steps of s

Built-in Variables

Globals

 $\begin{array}{ll} {\tt Period} & {\tt Current\ period} \\ {\tt NumPeriods} & {\tt Total\ number\ of\ periods} \\ {\tt RepeatTreatment} & {\tt Repeat\ treatment\ if} > 0 \\ \end{array}$

Subjects

Period Current period
Subject Subject number
Group Group number
TotalProfit Total profit in treatment
Participate Enter stage if 1, do not if 0
Leave stage Leave active stage if 1

Session

FinalProfit Income without show-up fee
ShowUpFee Show-up fee
MoneyEarned FinalProfit + ShowUpFee
MoneyAdded Credit given to subject
MoneyToPay FinalProfit + ShowUpFee +
MoneyAdded

Layouts

!text: value1 = "Label 1"; value2 = "Label 2";
!button: value1 = "Label 1"; value2 = "Label 2";
!radio: value1 = "Label 1"; value2 = "Label 2";
!radiosequence: value1 = "Label 1"; value2 = "Label 2";

!radioline: leftvalue = "LabelLeft"; rightvalue =
"LabelRight"; numberofbuttons
!slider: leftvalue = "LabelLeft"; rightvalue =
"LabelRight"; numberofincrements
!scrollbar: leftvalue = LabelLeft"; rightvalue =
"LabelRight"; numberofincrements
!checkbox: 1 = "Label";

Text Formatting

RTF Codes

!string

font size 18pt \fs18 ****b start bold tabulator \ъ0 end bold \tab new line ۱ì start italic \line \q1 aligned to left \i0 end italic aligned to right \colortbl define colors \qr aligned to center \cf1 start color 1 \qc

RTF Example

 ${\bf his\ is\ his\ is\ hid\ hold\ hold\ hold\ hold\ }$

Result: This is *italic* and this is **bold** text.

 $\label{lem:colorb1} $$ \operatorname{\colorb1}\red0 \simeq0;\red255\green0\blue0;} $$ \cf2 red \cf1 and the rest is black. $$$

Result: This is red and the rest is black

Common Operations

Getting opponents' variable in two player games

Opponent_x = find(same(Group) & not(same(Subject)),x);

Rank according to a variable number within the group

Rank = count(same(Subject) & :x >= x);

Conditional participation to a stage Participate = if(x == 1,1,0);

Getting variable values from previous period x = OLDsubjects.find(same(Subject), x);

Keyboard Shortcuts

References

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