

z-Tree Cheat Sheet

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Operators

=	assignment	>=	greater or equal
+	addition	==	equals
-	subtraction	!=	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,y)	Maximum of x and y
min(x,y)	Minimum of x and y
mod(x,y)	Remainder of x/y
power(x,y)	x^y
random()	Uniform random between 0 and 1
randomgauss()	Normal random with avg 0 and s.d. 1
round(x,y)	Rounds x to a multiple of y
rounddown(x,y)	Rounds x down to a multiple of y
roundup(x,y)	Rounds x up to a multiple of y
same(x)	Equality check of x with higher scope (x==:x)
sqr(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
minimum(cond,x)	Minimum 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 (cond2) { exprs2 }	If cond1 is TRUE, exprs1 are executed; otherwise if cond2 is TRUE, exprs2 are executed.
if (cond) { exprs } else { otherexprs }	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
(!) Iterators are replaced with for loops from version 4+	
iterator(i,n)	i runs from 1 to n
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

Period	Current period
NumPeriods	Total number of periods
RepeatTreatment	Repeat treatment if > 0

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

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

<>	Process variables inside labels
<x layout>	Print the value of the variable x inside label
{\rtf ... }	RTF formatted text

RTF Codes

\fs18	font size 18pt	\b	start bold
\tab	tabulator	\b0	end bold
\line	new line	\i	start italic
\ql	aligned to left	\i0	end italic
\qr	aligned to right	\colortbl	define colors
\qc	aligned to center	\cf1	start color 1

RTF Example

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{\rtf \fs21 This is \i italic \i0 and this is \b bold \b0
text }
Result: This is italic and this is bold text.
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{\rtf {\colortbl;\red0 \green0
\blue0;\red255\green0\blue0;} \This is \cf2 red \cf1 and
the rest is black. }
Result: This is red and the rest is black
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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

Start treatment F5	Restart clock	Shift + F12
Stop clock F12	Break loop	Ctrl + Shift + F5

References

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