

intro — Introduction to functions reference manual

Description

This manual describes the functions allowed by Stata. For information on Mata functions, see [\[M-4\] intro](#).

A quick note about missing values: Stata denotes a numeric missing value by `.`, `.a`, `.b`, `...`, or `.z`. A string missing value is denoted by `"` (the empty string). Here any one of these may be referred to by *missing*. If a numeric value x is missing, then $x \geq .$ is true. If a numeric value x is not missing, then $x < .$ is true.

See [\[U\] 12.2.1 Missing values](#) for details.

Reference

Cox, N. J. 2011. [Speaking Stata: Fun and fluency with functions](#). *Stata Journal* 11: 460–471.

Also see

[\[U\] 1.3 What's new](#)