

Formula Logic

CIAS supports most mathematical, comparison, & logical operators in formulas. This logic can be used anywhere that you can apply a formula, including branching, reporting dashboard, reports, reflections, SMS & session scheduling.

Mathematical operators: +, -, *, /

Mathematical operator formulas will return a number (n)

- **Addition (+)**
 $[variable\ 1] + [variable\ 2] = n$
- **Subtraction (-)**
 $[variable\ 1] - [variable\ 2] = n$
- **Multiplication (*)**
 $[variable\ 1] * [variable\ 2] = n$
- **Division (/)**
 $[variable\ 1] / [variable\ 2] = n$

Comparison operators: <, >, <=, >=, <>, !=, =

Comparison operator formulas will return a boolean value (TRUE/FALSE)

- **Greater than (<), Less than (>)**
 $[variable\ 1] < n = TRUE$
- **Greater than or equal to (<=), Less than or equal to (>=)**
 $[variable\ 1] >= n = TRUE$
- **Different (<>)**
 $[variable\ 1] <> n = False$
- **Equal to (=), Not equal to (!=)**
 $[variable\ 1] != n = TRUE$

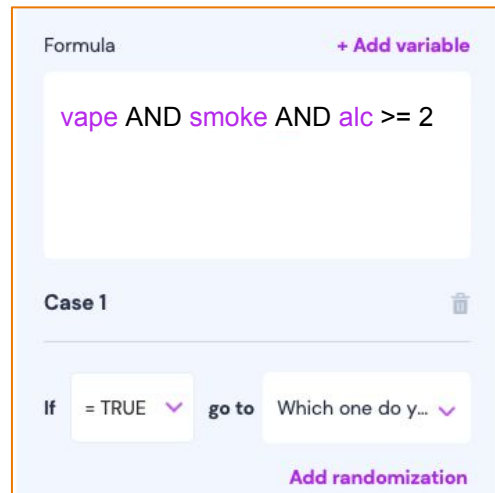
Logical operators: AND, OR

logical operator formulas will return a boolean value (TRUE/FALSE)

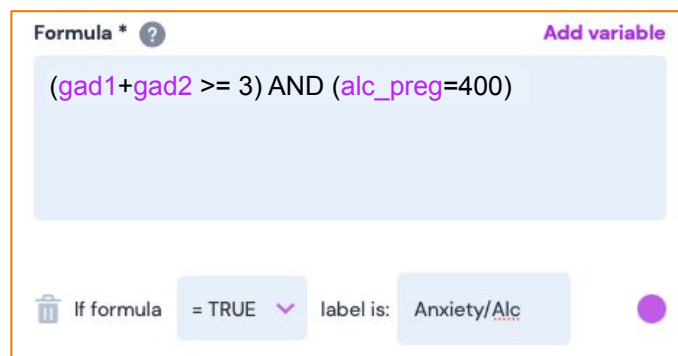
- **AND** (all conditions should be true)
 $([variable\ 1] > n) \text{ AND } ([variable\ 2] < n) = TRUE$
 $([variable\ 1] > n) \text{ AND } ([variable\ 2] < n) = FALSE$
- **OR** (at least one condition should be true)
 $([variable\ 1] > n) \text{ OR } ([variable\ 2] < n) = TRUE$
 $([variable\ 1] > \#) \text{ OR } ([variable\ 2] < \#) = FALSE$

Formula Logic Examples and Use Cases

If a participant endorses more than one item (vaping, smoking, and alcohol use), the logical operator, **AND**, can be used to branch to a screen that asks which topic they want to focus on.



To display information on the reporting dashboard for participants who screen positive on an abbreviated anxiety screener (gad1 and gad2), **AND** endorse alcohol use while pregnant (alc_preg).



The logical operator, **OR**, can be used in reports to display text for participants who indicated wanted to cut down on substance use (vape_concern, smoke_concern, alc_concern).

