## 1. This week's Problem of the Week in Math is described as follows:

There are thirty positive integers less than 100 that share a certain property. Your friend, Blake, wrote them down in the table to the left. But Blake made a mistake! One of the numbers listed is wrong and should be replaced with another. Which number is incorrect, what should it be replaced with, and why?

The numbers are listed below.

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6
     10
          14
               15
                    21
22
     26
          33
               34
                    35
38
     39
          46
               51
                    55
57
          62
                    69
     58
               65
75
     77
          82
               85
                    86
87
     91
          93
               94
                    95
```

Use the fact that the "certain" property is that these numbers are all supposed to be the product of *unique* prime numbers to find and fix the mistake that Blake made.

 ${\bf Reminder:}\ {\bf Code}\ {\bf your}\ {\bf solution}\ {\bf in}\ {\bf an}\ {\bf R}\ {\bf script}\ {\bf and}\ {\bf copy}\ {\bf it}\ {\bf over}\ {\bf to}\ {\bf this}\ . {\bf Rnw}\ {\bf file}.$ 

Hint: You may find the %in% operator and the setdiff() function to be helpful.

Solution: Blake mistakenly wrote <u>75</u> in the list of numbers instead of the correct number, which is <u>74</u>. To solve this problem, we first need to find all the prime number products so that we can find which prime product was not included in the list and also need to find the wrong number in Blake's list. To find all the prime products under 100, we first need to use a nested for loop to iterate through all the numbers under 100 and find all the prime numbers under 100. Once, we have all the prime numbers under 100, we use another nested for loop to iterate through all the prime numbers to find all the unique prime products. We also use an if statement to make sure we don't save any products greater than 100 and any squares of a prime. To figure out the wrong number in Blake's list and the correct number to replace it with, we use setdiff() to compare the two vectors we have: under.hundred.prime.prods and blakes.nums. We first compare whether the elements of under.hundred.prime.prods are in blakes.nums, which results in <u>75</u> as the only number not in under.hundred.prime.prods. We flip the roles in the next setdiff(), checking for which elements of blakes.nums are not in under.hundred.prime.prods, which results in <u>74</u>.

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blakes.nums <- c(6, 10, 14, 15, 21,
                 22, 26, 33, 34, 35,
                 38, 39, 46, 51, 55,
                 57, 58, 62, 65, 69,
                 75, 77, 82, 85, 86,
                 87, 91, 93, 94, 95)
possible.nums <- 1:100
first.hundred.primes <- c()</pre>
#first find all the prime numbers up to 100
for(i in 1:length(possible.nums)){
  possible.nums.factors <- c()
  for(j in 1:i){
    if(i\%j == 0){ #checks for no remainder
      possible.nums.factors <- c(possible.nums.factors, j)
  if(length(possible.nums.factors) <= 2</pre>
     & !(i %in% first.hundred.primes)){ #checks possible factors to be 2
                                         #and for the number to not be in the
                                         #vector of the first hunderd numbers
    first.hundred.primes <- c(first.hundred.primes, i)</pre>
#find all the prime products up to 100 to compare with Blake's nums
under.hundred.prime.prods <- c()
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