Problem Set 1

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1 Problem 1:

Use the stringr package and its str_length function to calculate the number of characters in each element of x.

```
library(stringr)
x <- c('economics', 'econometrics', 'ECON 4750')
str_length(x)</pre>
```

[1] 9 12 9

2 Problem 2:

Try three approaches to calculate the sum of the numbers 1 to n

2.1 Approach 1:

```
sum_one_to_n_1 <- function(n) {
    x <- seq(1:n)
    sum(x)
}
sum_one_to_n_1(100)</pre>
```

[1] 5050

2.2 Approach 2:

```
sum_one_to_n_2 <- function(n) {
    y <- (n*(n+1))/2
    y
}
sum_one_to_n_2(100)</pre>
```

[1] 5050

2.3 Approach 3:

```
sum_one_to_n_3 <- function(n) {
    sum <- 0
    for (x in 1:n) {
        sum <- sum + x
    }
    sum
}</pre>
```

[1] 5050

3 Problem 3:

3.1 Part A:

Write a function which computes the Fibonacci sequence.

```
fibonacci <- function(n) {
    a <- 0
    b <- 1
    for (i in 3:n) {
        c <- a+b
        a <- b
        b <- c
}</pre>
```

```
c
}
fibonacci(5)
```

[1] 3

3.2 Part B:

Write a function which computes the

```
alt_seq <- function(a,b,n) {
    for (i in 3:n) {
        c <- a+b
        a <- b
        b <- c
    }
    c
}
alt_seq(3,7,4)</pre>
```

[1] 17

4 Problem 4:

4.1 Part A:

Write a function which takes x as an argument and returns TRUE if prime or FALSE otherwise.

```
is_prime <- function(x) {
    if (x==2) {
        return(TRUE)
    }
    if (x <= 1) {
        return(FALSE)
    }
    for (i in 2:(x-1)) {
        if (x %% i ==0) {
            return(FALSE)
        }
    }
}</pre>
```

```
}
    return(TRUE)
}
a1 <- is_prime(7)
a2 <- is_prime(10)
print(c(a1,a2))</pre>
```

[1] TRUE FALSE

4.2 Part B:

Write a function to list all prime numbers 1-n

[1] 2 3 5 7 11 13 17 19 23 29 31 37 41 43 47 53 59 61 67 71 73 79 83 89 97

5 Problem 5:

5.1 Part A:

Counting observations in Iris

```
length(iris)
```

[1] 5

5.2 Part B:

Finding the mean sepal length in the dataset

```
mean(iris$Sepal.Length)
```

[1] 5.843333

5.3 Part C:

Calculate the average of the variable Sepal.Width. Package dplyr used but loading now shown.

5.4 Part D:

Sort the dataset by variable Petal.Length and print only the first ten rows

```
asc_pl <- sort(iris$Petal.Length)
print_pl <- asc_pl[1:10]
print_pl</pre>
```

```
[1] 1.0 1.1 1.2 1.2 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.3
```

6 Problem 6:

Create a function which solves the quadratic equation and provides two solutions.

```
quadratic_solver <- function(a,b,c) {
    p <- (-b + sqrt(b^2 - 4*a*c))/(2*a)
    m <- (-b - sqrt(b^2 - 4*a*c))/(2*a)
    print(c(p,m))
}
quadratic_solver(1,4,3)</pre>
```

[1] -1 -3