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QUIZ #4

Instructions

1. Place your name and section at the top of this page.
2. Keep this side up until you are told to begin.
3. This is a closed-book quiz. You may use a calculator.
4. Circle the single best answer to each question.
5. You will have exactly 10 minutes to complete the quiz.

1. The vector `v` of length 100 contains logical values (TRUE/FALSE) with no NAs. What's the difference in terms of functionality between the two R expressions:

```
any(v)
and
sum(v) > 0
```

- A. The first expression is suitable as a condition for an "if" statement, whereas the second one is not.
B. The second expression will throw an error if there are any FALSE's in the vector `v`.
C. They are functionally equivalent.
D. The second expression will return a numeric value, whereas the first returns a logical value.
2. Below is a simple if/else code snippet. Which statement below is a valid comment on the code?

```
if(x > 10){
  print("This number is big")
}
else{
  print("This number is small")
}
```

- A. So long as `x` is numeric, there will be no problem with running the code.
B. It's going to throw an error when evaluated.
C. For the special case `x = NA`, the else block will always be evaluated.
D. The code will run, but neither block will be evaluated.
3. Which of the following commands will immediately exit from a `for` loop?
- A. `next`
B. `goto`
C. `jump`
D. `break`
4. In a Monte-Carlo simulation, what is a key difference between the use of a `while` loop and a `for` loop?
- A. `for` loops run faster.
B. `while` loops are less likely to get caught in an infinite loop.
C. You know the maximum number of iterations of a `for` loop, but you don't know the maximum number of iterations for a `while` loop.
D. `for` loops iterate over vectors, whereas `while` loops iterate over lists.

5. Which of the following three expressions always results in exactly the same answer each time it is run, even after having set a different random number seed? (The function `sort`, sorts a vector into ascending order.)

```
(i)    sort(sample(x = 10))  
(ii)   order(sample(x = 10))  
(iii)  sort(sample(x = 10, replace = TRUE))
```

- A. (i) Not that sample with a single argument returns a random permutation, but sorting that will always give the same answer, the numbers 1 through 10.
B. (i) and (iii)
C. (iii)
D. (ii)