Feedback — Week 4 Quiz

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Question 1

What is produced at the end of this snippet of R code?

```
set.seed(1)
rpois(5, 2)
```

Your Answer		Score	Explanation
◯ A vector with the numbers 1, 4, 1, 1, 5			
◯ A vector with the numbers 3.3, 2.5, 0.5, 1.1, 1.7			
◉ A vector with the numbers 1, 1, 2, 4, 1	✔	1.00	Because the `set.seed()' function is used, `rpois()' will always output the same vector in this code.
◯ It is impossible to tell because the result is random			
Total		1.00 / 1.00	

Question 2

What R function can be used to generate standard Normal random variables?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
◯ dnorm		
◉ rnorm	✔ 1.00	Functions beginning with the `r' prefix are used to simulate random variates.
◯ qnorm		
◯ pnorm		
Total	1.00 / 1.00	

Question Explanation

Standard probability distributions in R have a set of four functions that can be used to simulate variates, evaluate the density, evaluate the cumulative density, and evaluate the quantile function.

Question 3

When simulating data, why is using the set.seed() function important?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
◯ It ensures that the random numbers generated are within specified boundaries.		
◉ It ensures that the sequence of random numbers starts in a specific place and is therefore reproducible.	✔ 1.00	
◯ It can be used to generate non-uniform random numbers.		
◯ It ensures that the sequence of random numbers is truly random.		

Total	1.00 / 1.00

Question 4

Which function can be used to evaluate the inverse cumulative distribution function for the Poisson distribution?

Your Answer		Score	Explanation
○ dpois			
○ rpois			
◉ qpois	✔	1.00	Probability distribution functions beginning with the `q' prefix are used to evaluate the quantile (inverse cumulative distribution) function.
○ ppois			
Total		1.00 / 1.00	

Question 5

What does the following code do?

```
set.seed(10)
x <- rbinom(10, 10, 0.5)
e <- rnorm(10, 0, 20)
y <- 0.5 + 2 * x + e
```

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
◯ Generate data from a Poisson generalized linear model		
◯ Generate uniformly distributed random data		
◯ Generate random exponentially distributed data		
⦿ Generate data from a Normal linear model	✔ 1.00	
Total	1.00 / 1.00	

Question 6

What R function can be used to generate Binomial random variables?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
⦿ rbinom	✔ 1.00	
◯ dbinom		
◯ pbinom		
◯ qbinom		
Total	1.00 / 1.00	

Question 7

What aspect of the R runtime does the profiler keep track of when an R expression is evaluated?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
◯ the working directory		

○ the global environment

◉ the function call stack   ✔   1.00

○ the package search list

Total   1.00 / 1.00

Question 8

Consider the following R code

```
library(datasets)
Rprof()
fit <- lm(y ~ x1 + x2)
Rprof(NULL)
```

(Assume that y, x1, and x2 are present in the workspace.) Without running the code, what percentage of the run time is spent in the 'lm' function, based on the 'by.total' method of normalization shown in 'summaryRprof()'?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
○ It is not possible to tell		
○ 23%		
○ 50%		
◉ 100%	✔ 1.00	When using `by.total' normalization, the top-level function (in this case, `lm()') always takes 100% of the time.
Total	1.00 / 1.00	

Question 9

When using 'system.time()', what is the user time?

Your Answer		Score	Explanation
◯ It is the time spent by the CPU waiting for other tasks to finish			
◉ It is the time spent by the CPU evaluating an expression	✔	1.00	
◯ It is the "wall-clock" time it takes to evaluate an expression			
◯ It is a measure of network latency			
Total		1.00 / 1.00	

Question 10

If a computer has more than one available processor and R is able to take advantage of that, then which of the following is true when using 'system.time()'?

Your Answer		Score	Explanation
◉ elapsed time may be smaller than user time	✔	1.00	
◯ user time is 0			
◯ user time is always smaller than elapsed time			
◯ elapsed time is 0			
Total		1.00 / 1.00	