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In-Video Quiz Questions for Unit 1: Part 1 – (1) Data basics

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- 1. What type of variable is ud_req (number of user data requests as part of a criminal investigation)?
 - (a) numerical, continuous
 - (b) numerical, discrete
 - (c) categorical
 - (d) categorical, ordinal

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- 2. What type of variable is hdi (human Development Index, combining indicators of life expectancy, educational attainment, and income, with levels very high, high, medium, and low human development)?
 - (a) numerical, continuous
 - (b) numerical, discrete
 - (c) categorical
 - (d) categorical, ordinal

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Answers:

1. b

Explanation: The number of data requests is a counted variable, that can only take on positive whole numbers. This falls into the definition of discrete numerical variables.

2. d

Explanation: There is an inherent ordering to the levels of this categorical variable (from very high to low), and hence this is an ordinal categorical variable.