

Lecture 17: Paired Data and Difference of Two Means

Chapter 5.2, 5.1

Goals for Today

- ▶ Difference of means
- ▶ Note on Practical vs Statistical Significance
- ▶ Paired differences of means

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Today we look at 3 and 2.

General Outline

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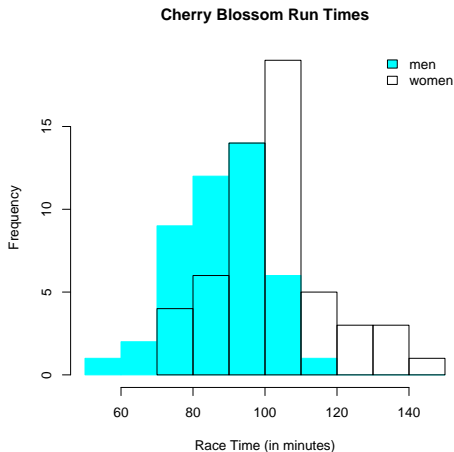
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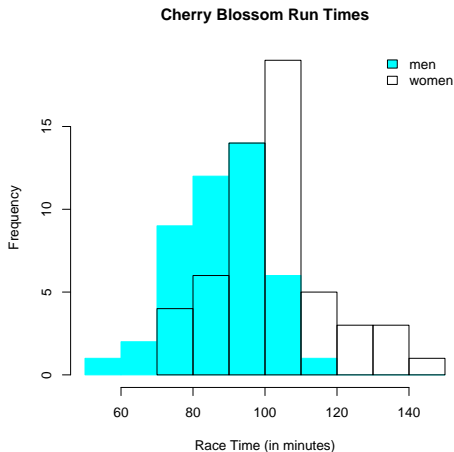
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	men	women
\bar{x}	87.65	102.13
s	12.5	15.2
n	45	55

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Confidence Interval

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However, the 95% CI might be:

$$[0.0005, 0.0015]$$

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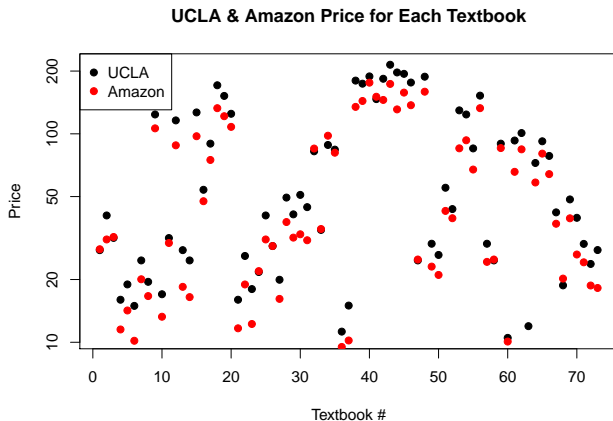
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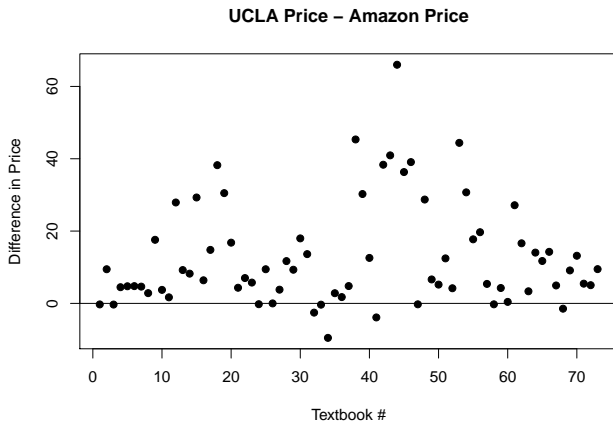
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- ▶ Check the conditions not on the original observations, but rather the **differences**.
- ▶ If met, \bar{x}_{diff} has a normal sampling distribution
 - ▶ mean μ_{diff}
 - ▶ $SE_{diff} = \frac{\sigma_{diff}}{\sqrt{n_{diff}}} \approx \frac{s_{diff}}{\sqrt{n_{diff}}}$

Next Time

- ▶ t-test