

# 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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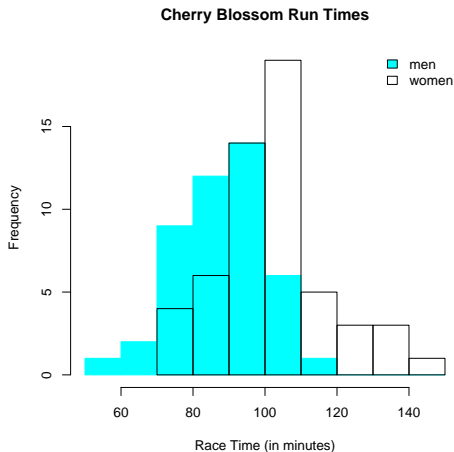
# General Outline

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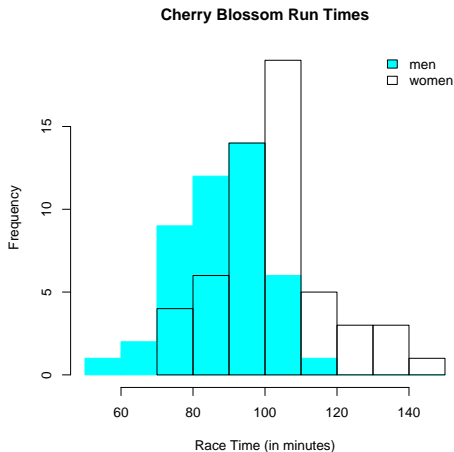
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|           | men   | women  |
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| $\bar{x}$ | 87.65 | 102.13 |
| $s$       | 12.5  | 15.2   |
| $n$       | 45    | 55     |

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# Confidence Interval

# Hypothesis Test

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$$[0.0005, 0.0015]$$

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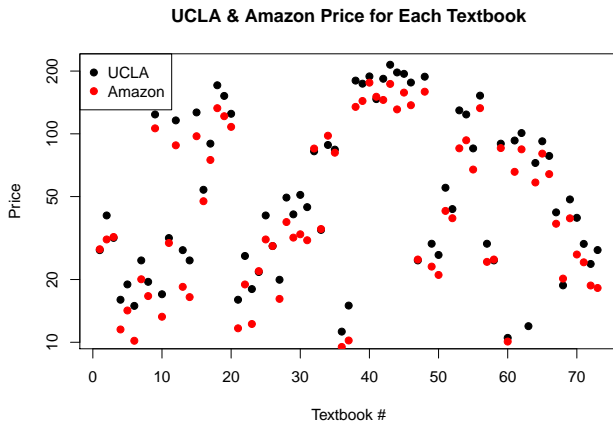
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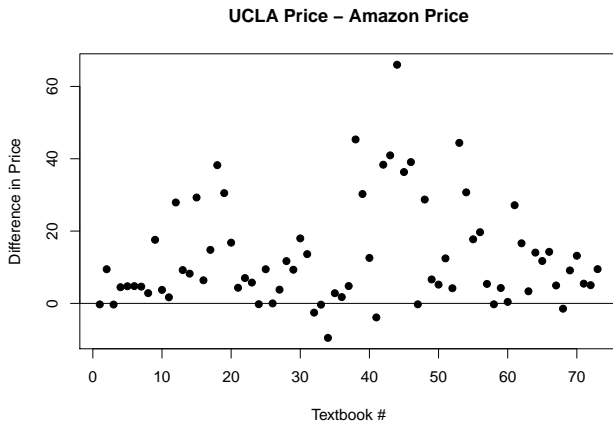
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- ▶ Check the conditions not on the original observations, but rather the **differences**.
- ▶ If met,  $\bar{x}_{diff}$  has a normal sampling distribution
  - ▶ mean  $\mu_{diff}$
  - ▶  $SE_{diff} = \frac{\sigma_{diff}}{\sqrt{n_{diff}}} \approx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

## Next Time

- ▶ t-test