

1. The independent variable is the conditions we choose: congruent or incongruent conditions. Because we choose one of them in the experiment.

The recorded time is a dependent variable. Because we measure it during the experiment.

2. I used two-tailed t-test: null hypothesis $H_0=0$ ($\mu_1=\mu_2$) and alternative $H_a\neq 0$ ($\mu_1\neq\mu_2$). Because:

- we do not know the mean and SD of the population
- our sample size is less than 30
- we assume that the distributions are normal
- we test the mean of the differences of two repeated measures

With null hypothesis $\mu_1=\mu_2$ we assume that the second time of reading will be approximately the same as the first time.

With alternative hypothesis $\mu_1\neq\mu_2$ we assume that the second time of reading will be significantly different than the first time.

3.

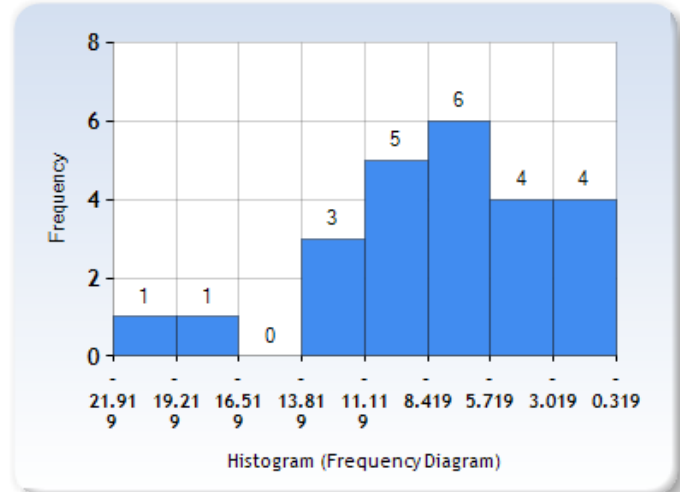
Mean	-7.96
Min	-21.919
Q1	-10.2585
Median	-7.6665
Q3	-3.6455
Max	-1.95

SD of Differences
4.86

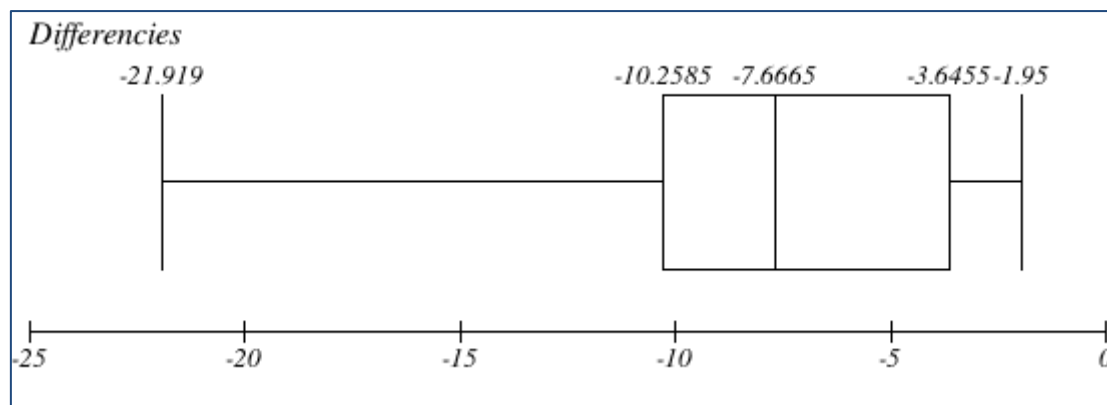
4. First is a histogram. Shows that we have negatively skewed distribution of the sample data. Also we can see that the mean is probably in the mode (-8.419; -5.719).

Frequency Table	
Class	Count
-21.919–-19.22	1
-19.219–-16.52	1
-16.519–-13.82	0
-13.819–-11.12	3
-11.119–-8.42	5
-8.419–-5.72	6
-5.719–-3.02	4
-3.019–-0.32	4

Your Histogram	
Lowest Score	-21.919
Highest Score	-1.95
Total Number of Scores	24
Number of Distinct Scores	24
Lowest Class Value	-21.919
Highest Class Value	-0.32
Number of Classes	8
Class Range	2.7



The second is a boxplot. Because it is a negatively skewed we assume that the mean is left of the median.



5. We have:

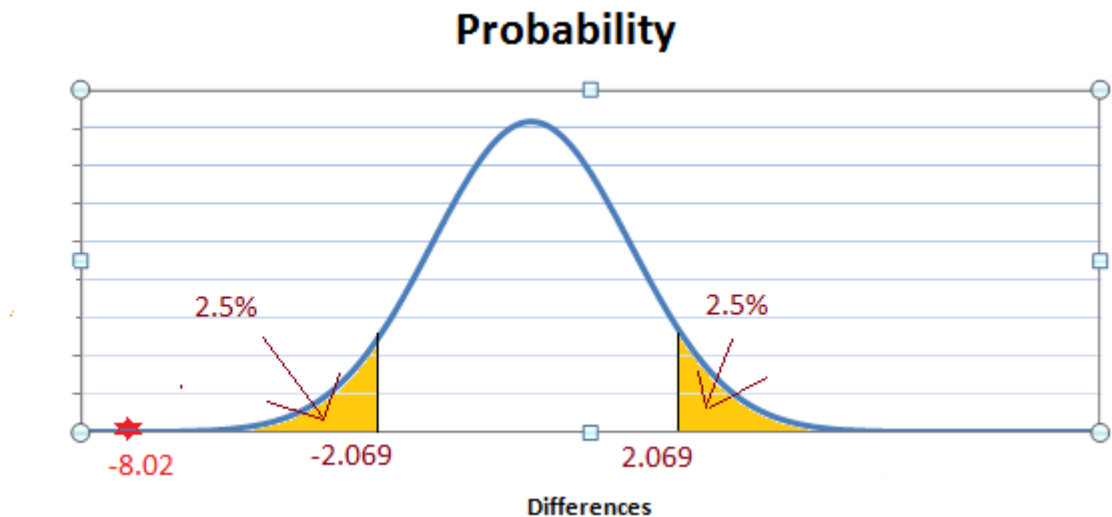
$n=24$
 $df=n-1=23$
 $\alpha=0.05$
 $t\text{-critical} = \pm 2.069$

 $H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2$
 $H_a: \mu_1 \neq \mu_2$

We got after the test:

Mean or Point Estimate or $\Delta\mu$
-7.96

SD of Differences	t-statistic	Cohen's d	CI	
4.86	-8.02	-1.64	-10.02	-5.91



Here we see that t-statistic (-8.02) is much less than left t-critical (-2.069). What means that the probability to get the mean of sample -7.96 is in the left yellow zone, $\mu_1 < \mu_2$.

So we **reject** the **H₀**.

Here we see that incongruent-condition task takes much more time than the congruent-condition task. The test showed us that there is a significant difference between the means of two conditions.

- My point is that the size of the list of colored words have the most effect to the measured time. A number of used colors has also significant effect. And off course it is critical that a participant has no idea about the Stroop effect.
There might be easier task: use only black, grey and white. I think it will show less differences of time.

7. The list of used resources:

- The Lesson 10 “t-tests” of the current project.
- PDF files from the resources tab of the project.
- <http://www.imathas.com/stattools/boxplot.html> for BoxPlot
- <http://www.socscistatistics.com/descriptive/histograms/> for Histogram
- MS Excel to draw the normal distribution of samples.