

Project 4: Understanding typing dynamics changes over time

Introduction:

Typing patterns vary significantly between individuals, making typing dynamics a promising biometric for enhancing password-based security systems. In their paper "*Comparing Anomaly-Detection Algorithms for Keystroke Dynamics*", Dr. Roy Maxion and colleagues demonstrate how keystroke dynamics can provide an additional layer of security by analyzing unique typing behaviors.

The goal of this project is to investigate whether individuals' typing dynamics remain **consistent over time**. Specifically, we analyze the typing patterns of study participants as they repeatedly enter the passcode **“.tie5Roanl”**.

For this study, **51 subjects** were recruited at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) by Dr. Maxion and his team. Each participant completed **8 data collection sessions**, with each session occurring one day apart. Within each session, participants typed the passcode **50 times**, resulting in a robust dataset for evaluating typing consistency over multiple days.

According to the authors, the subject group consisted of **30 males and 21 females**, including **8 left-handed** and **43 right-handed** individuals. The age distribution ranged from **18 to 70 years**, with the **median age group being 31–40 years** (*Maxion et al.*).

The passcode **“.tie5Roanl”** was designed to be representative of a typical strong password. The authors explain:

"To make a password that is representative of typical, strong passwords, we employed a publicly available password generator and password-strength checker. We generated a 10-character password containing letters, numbers, and punctuation, and then modified it slightly, interchanging some punctuation and casing to better conform with the general perception of a strong password."

The password-strength checker rated this password as **strong** because it meets key criteria: it includes **more than 7 characters**, a **capital letter**, a **number**, and **punctuation**. While the highest rating is reserved for passwords longer than 13 characters, the authors note that a **10-character password** is typical, as observed in prior studies (*Maxion et al.*).

Linear Mixed Effects Model for repeated measures data

Linear mixed models are an extension of simple linear models to allow for both fixed and random effects. This type of model is suitable for analyzing data with repeated measurements (subjects typing the password multiple times) because it accounts for the correlation between observations within the same subject.

Fixed Effects: A fixed effect is a parameter that does not vary. This is same as in linear regression where we assume that the data are random but parameters are fixed effect (coefficients). In our case, the fixed effect would be to check if typing speed changes across session for everyone.

Random Effects: It is parameter that are random variable themselves. This is where the individual differences come in, it is like recognizing each person have their own typing style and learning curve.

Random Intercept Models and Random Intercept and Slope Models are two commonly used Linear mixed effects model.

Random Intercept Models

Assumes that each subject has a different baseline typing speed (intercept), but they all change at the same rate across sessions. The model assumes that random effects and residuals are randomly distributed with mean zero and variance σ_u^2 . Let y_{ij} represents the observation made at time t_j on individual i , the random intercept model for y_{ij} is $y_{ij} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t_j + u_i + \varepsilon_{ij}$

Random Slope and Intercept Models: It capture the fact that individuals improve at different rates, i.e., allows for heterogeneity in both slope and intercept. In effect we are assuming that the repeated measures on each individual in our study can be characterized by their own individual regression model. Let y_{ij} represents the observation made at time t_j on individual i which has random slope v_i and random intercept u_i , the random intercept and slope model is given by, $y_{ij} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t_j + u_i + v_i t_j + \varepsilon_{ij}$

The two random effects are assumed to have a bivariate normal distribution with zero means for both variables and variances σ_u^2 and σ_v^2 with covariance σ_{uv} .

By accounting for random effects, the model provides a more accurate picture of how typing speed changes over time, while recognizing different individual patterns

Dataset Summary:

We began the project by **loading and summarizing the dataset** while performing checks for missing values. The dataset contains **20,400 observations** and **34 variables**, providing a robust foundation for analysis.

Dataset Variables were concluded as:

H.period: The amount of time that the "." is held down.

DD.period.t: The time between pressing down the "." key to the time to press down the "t" key.

UD.period.t: The time between the "." key coming up to the time to press down the "t" key.

H.t: The amount of time that the "t" is held down.

DD.t.i: The time between pressing down the "t" key to the time to press down the "i" key.

UD.t.i: The time between the "t" key coming up to the time to press down the "i" key.

H.i: The amount of time that the "i" is held down.

DD.i.e: The time between pressing down the "i" key to the time to press down the "e" key.

UD.i.e: The time between the "i" key coming up to the time to press down the "e" key.

H.e: The amount of time that the "e" is held down.

DD.e.five: The time between pressing down the "e" key to the time to press down the "5" key.

UD.e.five: The time between the "e" key coming up to the time to press down the "5" key.

H.five: The amount of time that the "5" is held down.

DD.five.Shift.r: The time between pressing down the "5" key to the time to press down the "shift+r" key combination.

UD.five.Shift.r: The time between the "5" key coming up to the time to press down the "shift+r" key combination.

H.Shift.r: The amount of time that the "shift+r" key combination is held down.

DD.Shift.r.o: The time between pressing down the "shift+r" key combination to the time to press down the "o" key.

UD.Shift.r.o: The time between the "shift+r" key combination coming up to the time to press down the "o" key.

H.o: The amount of time that the "o" is held down.

DD.o.a: The time between pressing down the "o" key to the time to press down the "a" key.

UD.o.a: The time between the "o" key coming up to the time to press down the "a" key.

H.a: The amount of time that the "a" is held down.

DD.a.n: The time between pressing down the "a" key to the time to press down the "n" key.

UD.a.n: The time between the "a" key coming up to the time to press down the "n" key.

H.n: The amount of time that the "n" is held down.

DD.n.l: The time between pressing down the "n" key to the time to press down the "l" key.

UD.n.l: The time between the "n" key coming up to the time to press down the "l" key.

H.l: The amount of time that the "l" is held down.

DD.l.Return: The time between pressing down the "l" key to the time to press down the "return" key.

UD.l.Return: The time between the "l" key coming up to the time to press down the "return" key.

H.Return: The amount of time that the "return" is held down.

During the summary review, we identified **outliers** in several variables. Notably:

- **DD.i.e** exhibited an outlier value of **25.9873**, which is **25.8279 above the mean**.
- **UD.i.e** exhibited an outlier value of **25.9158**, which is **25.8380 above the mean**.
- **DD.period.t** exhibited an outlier value of **12.5061**, which is **12.242 above the mean**.
- **UD.period.t** exhibited an outlier value of **12.4517**, which is **12.2809 above the mean**.
- **DD.five.Shift.r** exhibited an outlier value of **8.3702**, which is **7.9313 above the mean**.
- **UD.five.Shift.r** exhibited an outlier value of **8.2908**, which is **7.9288 above the mean**.

These and other outliers were carefully reviewed and addressed during the **Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)** process (See Table 1 below).

Additionally, we conducted a review of the **51 subjects** within the dataset. It was observed that some subjects may have been either **removed or renamed**, resulting in a discrepancy between the dataset and reported subject count (See Table 2 below).

EDA:

Our initial **Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)** involved calculating summary statistics for **three key response metrics**:

1. **Hold Times (H.*)**
2. **Down-Down Times (DD.*)**
3. **Up-Down Times (UD.*)**

We visualized the distributions of these metrics by creating corresponding **histograms** (See Tables 3-5 below).

To further understand the relationships between timing variables, we created a **correlation graph** for Down-Down Times (DD.*) and Up-Down Times (UD.*) (See **Table 6 below**). From this analysis, we observed that **most correlations are positive**, indicating that as one timing variable increases, the others tend to increase as well.

Response Variables:

We created two response variables: **TotalTypingTime** and **ud_sum**.

1. **TotalTypingTime:**
 - a. This variable represents the total time to type the passcode, calculated as the sum of all **H*** (hold times) and **UD*** (up-down times).
 - b. During our exploratory analysis, we noticed that the **DD*** (down-down) variables are equivalent to the combined total of **H*** and **UD***. To avoid redundancy, we focused on **H*** and **UD*** variables to calculate typing time more efficiently.

- c. We then created a streamlined dataset, named `passcode.total.dat`, containing only the relevant variables:
 - i. **subject** (participant ID)
 - ii. **sessionIndex** (session number)
 - iii. **rep** (trial within the session)
 - iv. **TotalTypingTime**
2. **ud_sum**:
 - a. This variable represents the sum of all **UD*** (up-down) variables for each participant across sessions.
 - b. The **UD*** times were isolated because they provide insights into the transitions between key presses, independent of hold times.

Modeling:

To analyze these response variables, we fit **Linear Mixed-Effects Models** (LMMs) to account for repeated measures across multiple sessions and subjects (See **Random Intersect Model: Table 7** and **Random Slope Model: Table 8** below):

1. **For TotalTypingTime (Comparison see Table 9 below):**
 - a. We modeled it as a function of `sessionIndex` to see how typing time changes across sessions.
 - b. Random effects for **subjects** were included to capture individual variability.
 - c. Checked for residuals (see **Table 10 below**)
 - d. Due to large outliers, we had used log transformation to normalize the data (see **Tables 11 and 12 below**)
2. **For ud_sum**:
 - a. Similarly, we examined how the sum of **UD*** values change across sessions while accounting for subject-level differences (See **Tables 13 and 14 below**).

Pairwise Comparison:

To complete the analysis, we converted `sessionIndex` into a categorical factor for the **Total Typing Time** variable. This ensured that the model treated sessions as distinct categories rather than numeric values. We then refitted the linear mixed-effects model and performed pairwise comparisons to evaluate differences in typing times across sessions. This allowed us to identify significant differences between sessions while accounting for multiple comparisons (See **Tables 15 and 16 below**). Additionally, we checked the data distribution for Total Typing Time to confirm consistency across sessions.

For the **ud_sum** variable, `sessionIndex` was left as a numeric variable, as its progression over time better reflects trends in the sum of **Up-Down (UD)** times (See **Tables 17 and 18 below**). This approach allowed us to analyze the relationship between sessions and `ud_sum` without categorizing sessions explicitly.

Conclusion:

This analysis explored typing dynamics by investigating how two response variables, `TotalTypingTime` and `ud_sum`, change over multiple sessions. The results show significant reductions in both total typing time and UD times as participants completed repeated sessions, highlighting consistent improvement in typing speed and efficiency. Linear Mixed-Effects Models revealed that improvements vary among participants, with those starting slower showing greater gains. These findings emphasize the potential of typing dynamics to provide reliable and measurable behavioral patterns over time, which could enhance biometric applications and authentication systems.

Table 1: Descriptive Summary Statistics

H.period	DD.period.t	UD.period.t	H.t	DD.t.i
Min. :0.00140	Min. : 0.0187	Min. : -0.2358	Min. :0.00930	Min. :0.0011
1st Qu.:0.07440	1st Qu.: 0.1469	1st Qu.: 0.0498	1st Qu.:0.06600	1st Qu.:0.1136
Median :0.08950	Median : 0.2059	Median : 0.1087	Median :0.08100	Median :0.1404
Mean :0.09338	Mean : 0.2641	Mean : 0.1708	Mean :0.08573	Mean :0.1691
3rd Qu.:0.10790	3rd Qu.: 0.3064	3rd Qu.: 0.2124	3rd Qu.:0.09980	3rd Qu.:0.1839
Max. :0.37610	Max. :12.5061	Max. :12.4517	Max. :0.24110	Max. :4.9197
UD.t.i	H.i	DD.i.e	UD.i.e	H.e
Min. : -0.16210	Min. :0.00320	Min. : 0.0014	Min. : -0.16000	Min. :0.00210
1st Qu.: 0.02720	1st Qu.:0.06200	1st Qu.: 0.0893	1st Qu.: 0.00740	1st Qu.:0.06860
Median : 0.05780	Median :0.07710	Median : 0.1209	Median : 0.04120	Median :0.08340
Mean : 0.08336	Mean :0.08157	Mean : 0.1594	Mean : 0.07781	Mean :0.08914
3rd Qu.: 0.09640	3rd Qu.:0.09690	3rd Qu.: 0.1731	3rd Qu.: 0.09340	3rd Qu.:0.10270
Max. : 4.79990	Max. :0.33120	Max. :25.9873	Max. :25.91580	Max. :0.32540
DD.e.five	UD.e.five	H.five	DD.five.Shift.r	UD.five.Shift.r
Min. :0.0013	Min. : -0.1505	Min. :0.0014	Min. :0.1694	Min. :0.0856
1st Qu.:0.2166	1st Qu.: 0.1332	1st Qu.:0.0610	1st Qu.:0.3079	1st Qu.:0.2297
Median :0.2890	Median : 0.2004	Median :0.0742	Median :0.3775	Median :0.3020
Mean :0.3774	Mean : 0.2883	Mean :0.0769	Mean :0.4389	Mean :0.3620
3rd Qu.:0.4568	3rd Qu.: 0.3694	3rd Qu.:0.0906	3rd Qu.:0.4860	3rd Qu.:0.4089
Max. :4.9618	Max. : 4.8827	Max. :0.1989	Max. :8.3702	Max. :8.2908
H.Shift.r	DD.Shift.r.o	UD.Shift.r.o	H.o	DD.o.a
Min. :0.00140	Min. :0.0494	Min. : -0.0865	Min. :0.00690	Min. :0.0012
1st Qu.:0.07020	1st Qu.:0.1565	1st Qu.: 0.0547	1st Qu.:0.07150	1st Qu.:0.1064
Median :0.09350	Median :0.2014	Median : 0.1022	Median :0.08630	Median :0.1316
Mean :0.09594	Mean :0.2509	Mean : 0.1550	Mean :0.08835	Mean :0.1569
3rd Qu.:0.11670	3rd Qu.:0.2834	3rd Qu.: 0.1910	3rd Qu.:0.10190	3rd Qu.:0.1676
Max. :0.28170	Max. :4.1523	Max. : 4.0120	Max. :0.68720	Max. :2.8567
UD.o.a	H.a	DD.a.n	UD.a.n	H.n
Min. : -0.22870	Min. :0.0040	Min. :0.0011	Min. : -0.23550	Min. :0.0037
1st Qu.: 0.01700	1st Qu.:0.0821	1st Qu.:0.0961	1st Qu.: -0.00900	1st Qu.:0.0673
Median : 0.04440	Median :0.1019	Median :0.1250	Median : 0.02270	Median :0.0853
Mean : 0.06858	Mean :0.1063	Mean :0.1507	Mean : 0.04441	Mean :0.0899
3rd Qu.: 0.08030	3rd Qu.:0.1223	3rd Qu.:0.1746	3rd Qu.: 0.06890	3rd Qu.:0.1079
Max. : 2.81520	Max. :2.0353	Max. :3.3278	Max. : 2.52420	Max. :0.3577
DD.n.l	UD.n.l	H.l	DD.l.Return	UD.l.Return
Min. :0.0013	Min. : -0.1758	Min. :0.00370	Min. :0.0083	Min. : -0.1245
1st Qu.:0.1276	1st Qu.: 0.0235	1st Qu.:0.07740	1st Qu.:0.2100	1st Qu.: 0.1141
Median :0.1725	Median : 0.0955	Median :0.09370	Median :0.2630	Median : 0.1603
Mean :0.2026	Mean : 0.1127	Mean :0.09559	Mean :0.3218	Mean : 0.2263
3rd Qu.:0.2288	3rd Qu.: 0.1457	3rd Qu.:0.11110	3rd Qu.:0.3502	3rd Qu.: 0.2551
Max. :4.0252	Max. : 3.9782	Max. :0.34070	Max. :5.8836	Max. : 5.8364
H.Return				
Min. :0.00290				
1st Qu.:0.06990				
Median :0.08550				
Mean :0.08831				
3rd Qu.:0.10370				
Max. :0.26510				

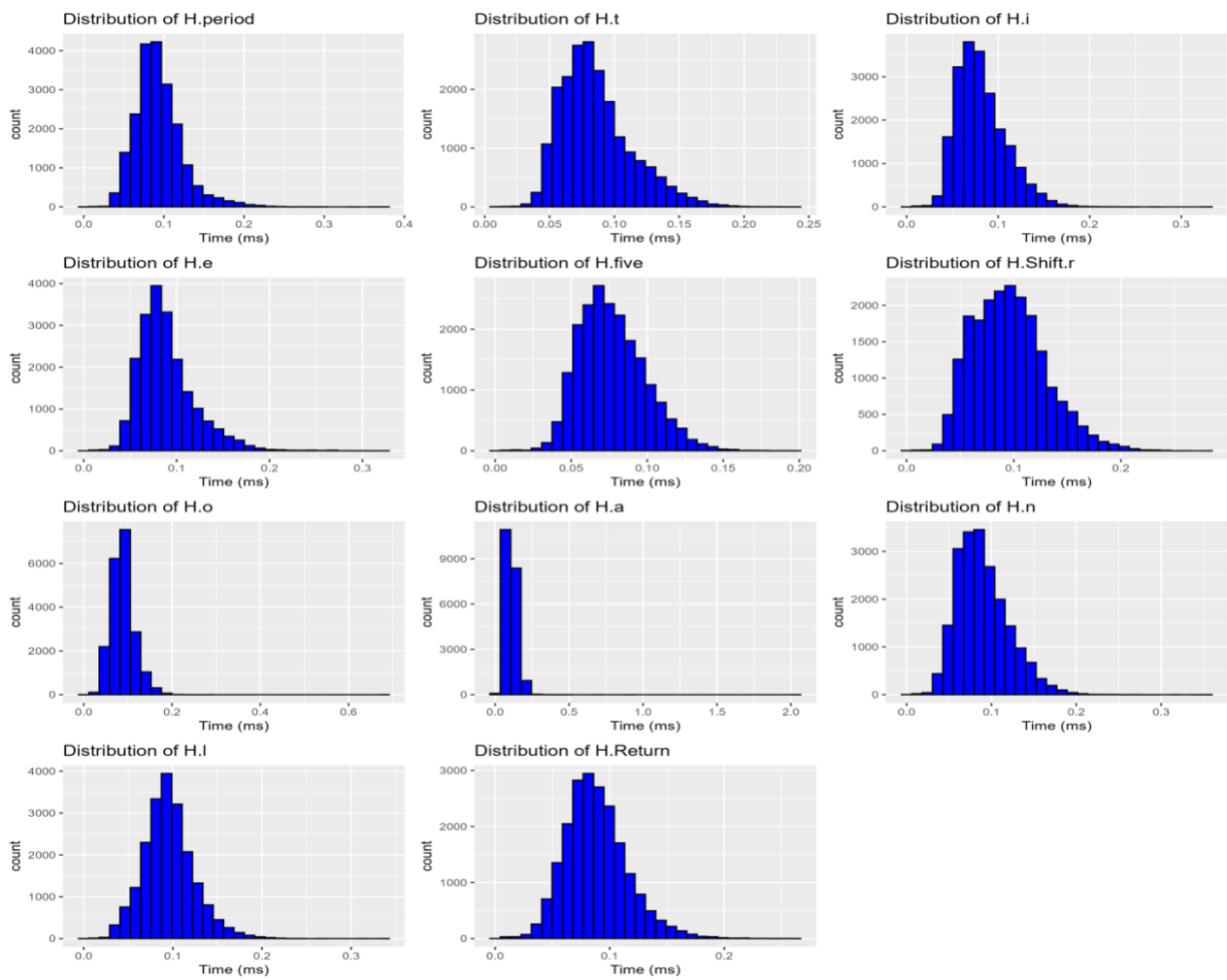
Table 2: List of subjects

Subjects:

s002, s003, s004, s005, s007, s008, s010, s011, s012, s013, s015, s016, s017, s018, s019, s020, s021, s022, s024, s025, s026, s027, s028, s029, s030, s031, s032, s033, s034, s035, s036, s037, s038, s039, s040, s041, s042, s043, s044, s046, s047, s048, s049, s050, s051, s052, s053, s054, s055, s056, s057

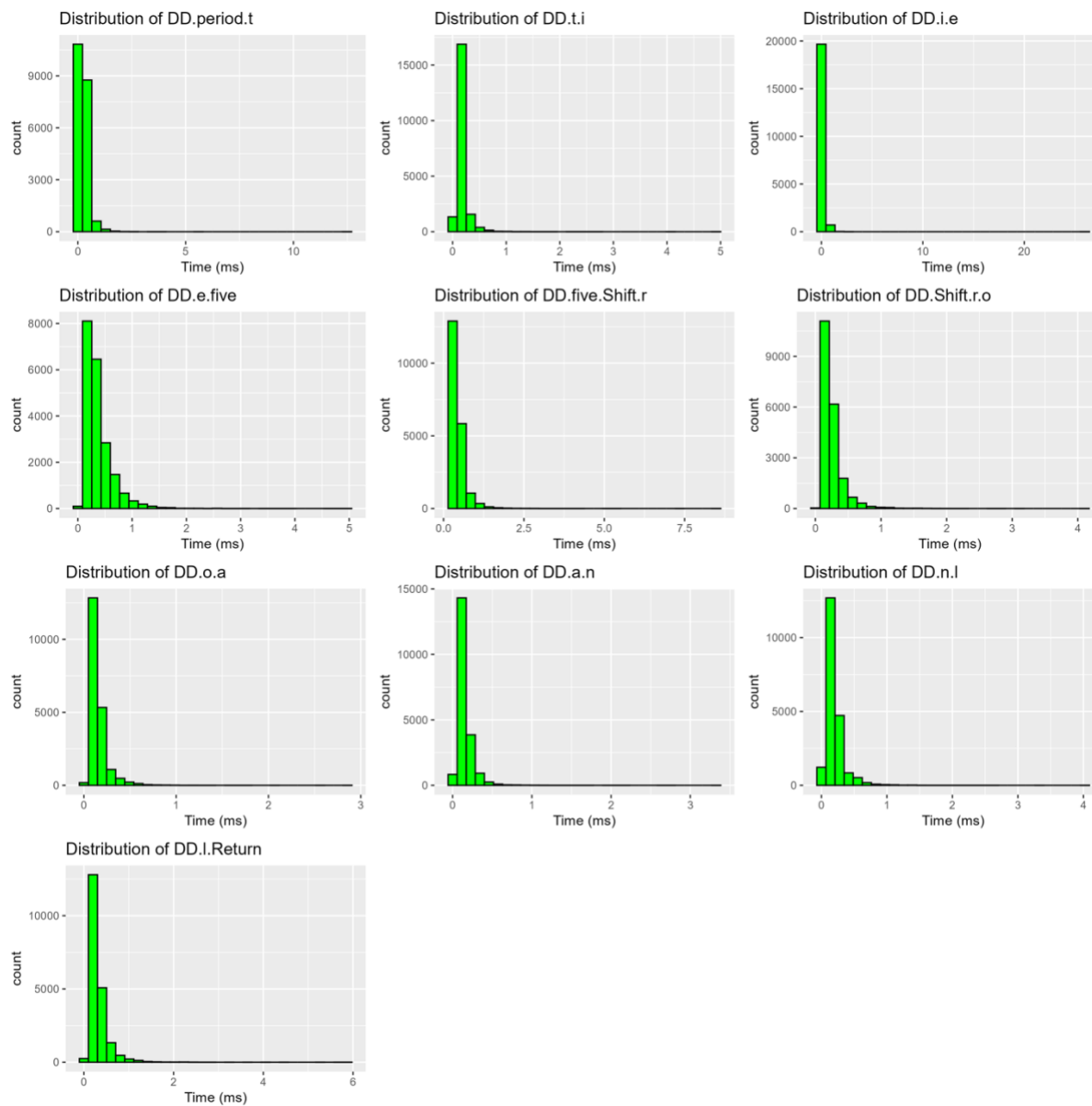
There are 51 total subjects.

Table 3: Histogram for Distribution of Hold time



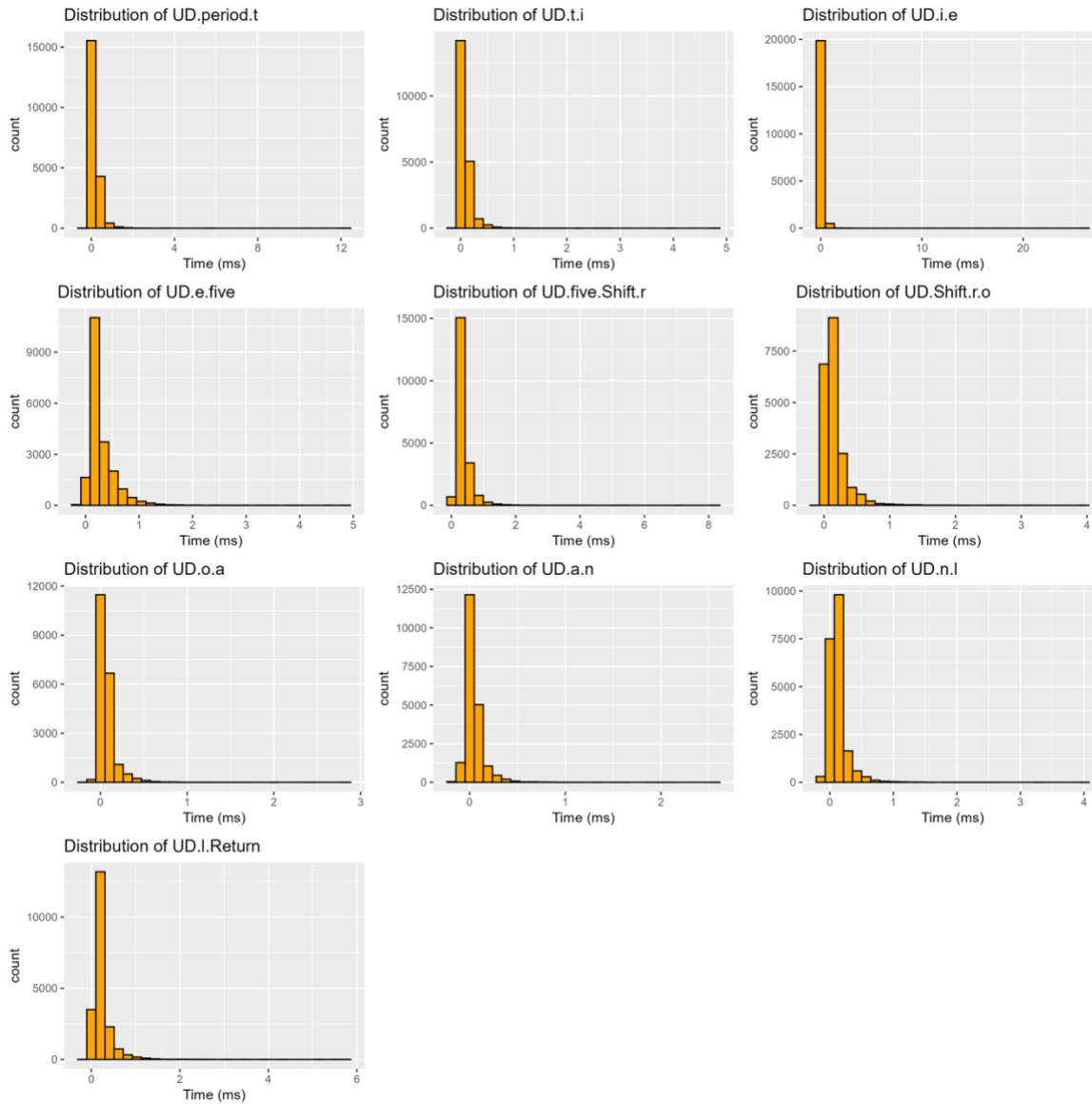
Comment on Histogram: The above histogram shows unimodal distribution of Hold time which are mostly skewed except for the H.Return and H.I which appears to be symmetric

Table 4: Histogram showing Distribution of Down-Down Key time



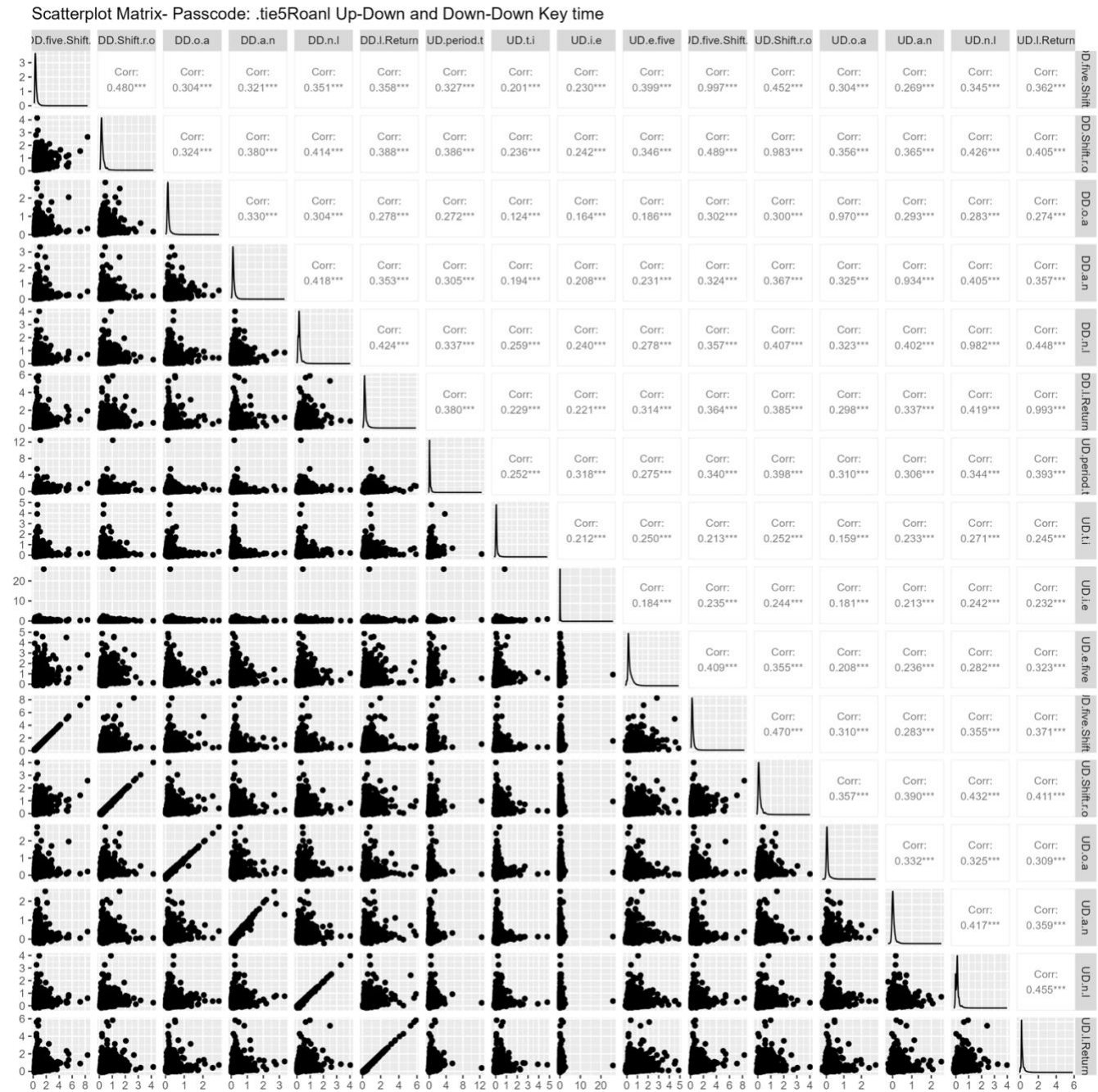
Comment on the histogram: The above histogram shows unimodal distribution of Down-Down time represents a skewed distribution with potential outliers.

Table 5: Histogram showing Distribution of Up-Down Key time



Comment on Histogram: The above histogram for all ten Up-Down variables is highly skewed to the right.

Table 6: Scatterplot Matrix- Passcode: Up-Down and Down-Down Key time



- Most of the UD time is highly correlated with DD time. Such as UD.five.Shift--DD.five.Shift, UD.Shift.r.o--DD.Shift.r.o, UD.o.a--DD.o.a and other are highly correlated with each other.
- Additionally, looking at the timing variable we found that Down-Down (DD) Key is the sum of Up-Down (UD) and Hold (H) Key.
 - DD is the measure of the time between pressing down a certain key to pressing down another subsequent key.
 - UD is the measure of the time a certain key is coming up to the time another subsequent key is pressed down.
 - H is the amount of the time a certain key is held down

This leads us to believe that 'Total Typing Time' can be calculated as the sum of all 'UDs' and 'Hs' and hence our response variable. Hence 'Total Typing Time' is our response variable which is calculated for each rep and session.

Total Typing Time (Sum of Hs and UD) as Response Variable

Table 7: Random Intercept Model for Total Typing Time

```
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Linear mixed model fit by REML. t-tests use Satterthwaite's method ['lmerModLmerTest']
Formula: TotalTypingTime ~ sessionIndex + (1 | subject)
Data: passcode.total.dat
```

REML criterion at convergence: 43284.8

Scaled residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-3.252	-0.466	-0.130	0.273	43.972

Random effects:

Groups	Name	Variance	Std.Dev.
subject	(Intercept)	0.7515	0.8669
Residual		0.4806	0.6933

Number of obs: 20400, groups: subject, 51

Fixed effects:

	Estimate	Std. Error	df	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	3.144e+00	1.219e-01	5.062e+01	25.80	<2e-16 ***
sessionIndex	-1.252e-01	2.118e-03	2.035e+04	-59.11	<2e-16 ***

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Correlation of Fixed Effects:

	(Intr)
sessionIndx	-0.078

Comment on Output for Random Intercept Model for Total Typing Time:

The model analyzes “TotalTypingTime” as the response variable which is the total time taken to type the given passcode. SessionIndex used as a predictor suggesting that the study looks at how typing time changes over multiple sessions. The result shows that on an average the total typing time is 3.144 seconds which significantly decreases by 0.12522 seconds per session.

Table 8: Random Slope and Intercept Model of Total Typing Time

```
Linear mixed model fit by REML. t-tests use Satterthwaite's method ['lmerModLmerTest']
Formula: TotalTypingTime ~ sessionIndex + (sessionIndex | subject)
Data: passcode.total.dat

REML criterion at convergence: 40789.2

Scaled residuals:
   Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-5.247 -0.466 -0.148  0.256 43.727

Random effects:
 Groups   Name      Variance Std.Dev. Corr
subject  (Intercept) 1.59117  1.2614
          sessionIndex 0.01142  0.1069  -0.88
Residual              0.42168  0.6494
Number of obs: 20400, groups:  subject, 51

Fixed effects:
              Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)   3.14373    0.17692 50.00290  17.769 < 2e-16 ***
sessionIndex -0.12522    0.01509 50.00389  -8.296 5.82e-11 ***
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Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Correlation of Fixed Effects:
      (Intr)
sessionIndx -0.880
```

The output shows that the average starting total time is 3.143 second which significantly decreases by 0.12522 seconds per session.

The Random effect variance, sessionIndex 0.01142 represents that the effect of sessionIndex is different for different subject. The Random Intercept Variance subject (Intercept) 1.59117 represents that subjects have different starting points (baseline) for total typing time.

Table 9: Model Comparison of Random Intercept and Random Slope Models

```
Data: passcode.total.dat
Models:
lmer_model: TotalTypingTime ~ sessionIndex + (1 | subject)
lmer_model_slope: TotalTypingTime ~ sessionIndex + (sessionIndex | subject)
              npar    AIC    BIC logLik deviance  Chisq Df Pr(>Chisq)
lmer_model      4 43280 43312 -21636    43272
lmer_model_slope 6 40791 40839 -20390    40779 2492.5  2 < 2.2e-16 ***
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Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

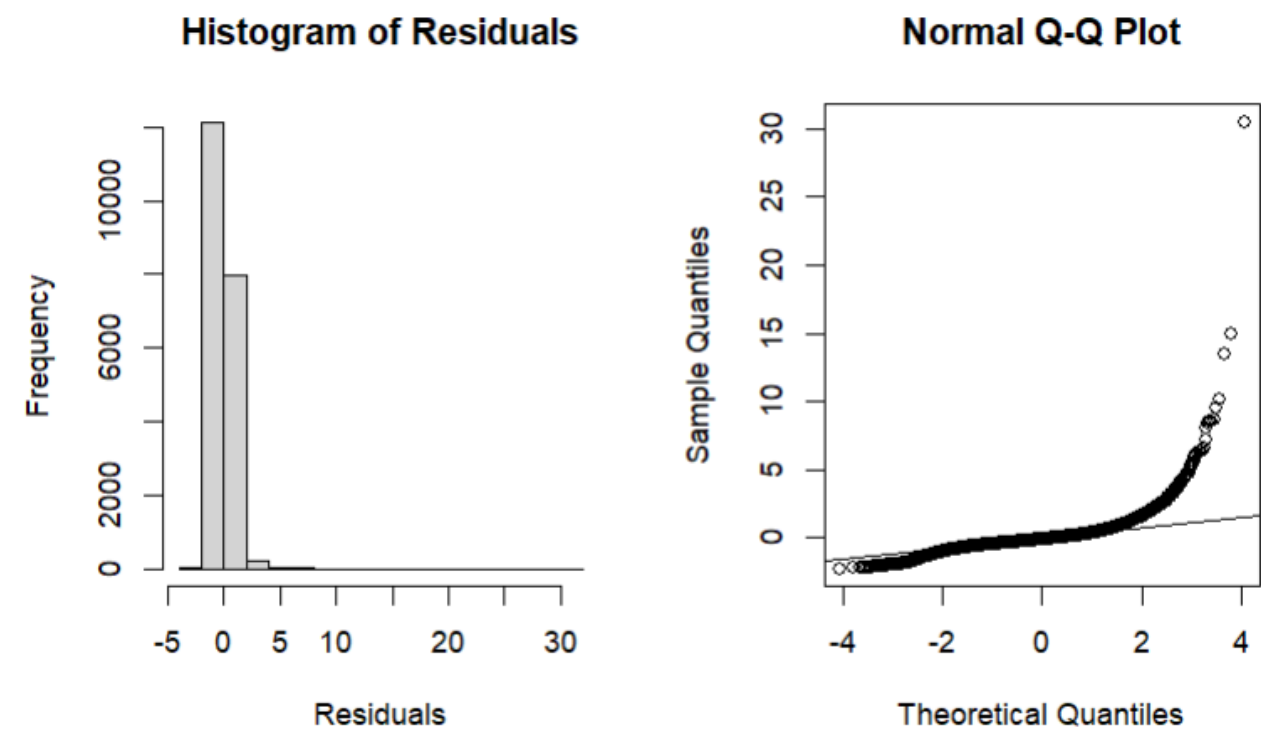
The results compare two models to see how Total Typing Time changes across sessions while accounting for differences between subjects. Both models show that typing time gets faster with each session. The simpler model assumes everyone improves at the same rate but starts at different typing times. The more flexible model allows each subject to have their own starting time and their own rate of improvement.

The results show this flexible model fits the data much better ($p\text{-value} < 2.2e-16$), meaning some people improve faster than others. There’s also a strong negative correlation (-0.88) between starting times and improvement rates, suggesting that people who started off slower tended to improve the most over time.

When we compare the model Random Slope and Intercept model has lower AIC and BIC and higher log likelihood, suggesting that `lmer_model_slope` fits better than the simpler `lmer_model`.

Post Hoc: Check Assumption of Normality

Table 10: Distribution of Residuals



Residuals don’t seem to follow normal distribution as they deviate far from normal line.

Log Transformation of Total Typing Time as Response Variable

The response variable Total typing time was transformed with log transformation. This address skewness in the data and stabilizes the variance and make the relationship between Total Typing Time and session Index more linear.

Table 11 Linear Slope and Intercept Model for Log transformed Total Typing Time

```
Linear mixed model fit by REML. t-tests use Satterthwaite's method ['lmerModLmerTest']
Formula: log_TotalTypingTime ~ sessionIndex + (sessionIndex | subject)
Data: passcode.total.dat
Control: lmerControl(optimizer = "nloptwrap", optCtrl = list(maxfun = 1e+05))

REML criterion at convergence: -12183.9

Scaled residuals:
    Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max 
-3.2723 -0.6507 -0.1763  0.4627  9.2367 

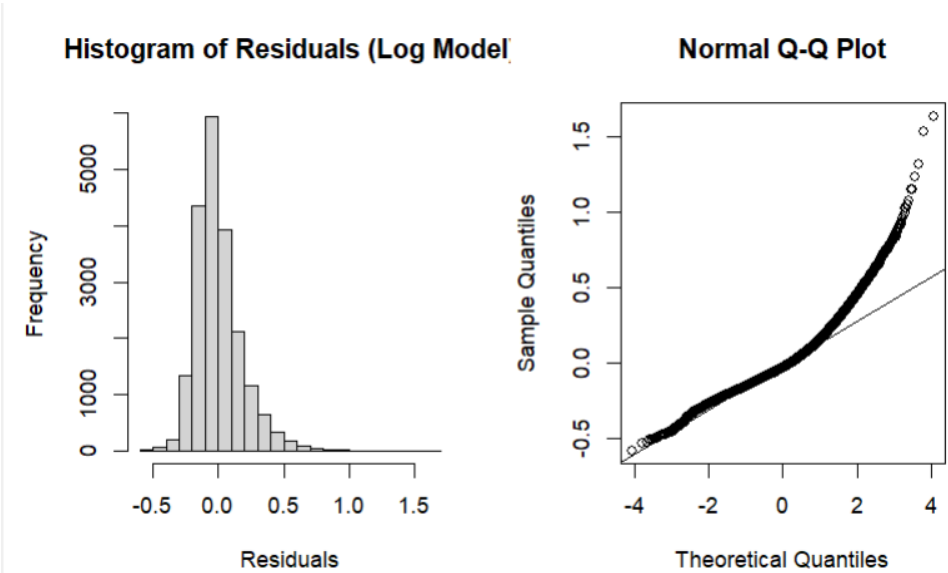
Random effects:
Groups   Name              Variance Std.Dev. Corr
subject (Intercept)    0.1013954  0.31843
        sessionIndex  0.0003607  0.01899  -0.47
Residual              0.0313951  0.17719
Number of obs: 20400, groups:  subject, 51

Fixed effects:
              Estimate Std. Error      df t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)   1.073962   0.044672  50.009895   24.04   <2e-16 ***
sessionIndex -0.043441   0.002714  49.997597  -16.01   <2e-16 ***
---
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Correlation of Fixed Effects:
      (Intr)
sessionIndx -0.469
optimizer (nloptwrap) convergence code: 0 (OK)
Model failed to converge with max|grad| = 0.00257757 (tol = 0.002, component 1)
```

The output shows that the average total typing time decreases over the session.

Table 12: Check Normality Assumption for lmer model log



The residual still appears to deviate from a normal distribution, as indicated by the tall, narrow peak in the histogram and deviation from the straight line in a normal Q-Q plot. This suggests the assumption of normality for the residuals is not met, indicating persistent issue with the model’s fit despite log transformation.

Table 12 Estimated Marginal Means (EMM) for lmer_model_log

```

$emmeans
sessionIndex emmean    SE df asymp.LCL asymp.UCL
1            1.093 0.0466 Inf    1.002    1.184
2            0.973 0.0403 Inf    0.894    1.052
3            0.924 0.0427 Inf    0.840    1.007
4            0.861 0.0430 Inf    0.777    0.945
5            0.831 0.0411 Inf    0.750    0.912
6            0.801 0.0397 Inf    0.723    0.879
7            0.777 0.0383 Inf    0.702    0.852
8            0.768 0.0412 Inf    0.687    0.849

Degrees-of-freedom method: asymptotic
Confidence level used: 0.95

$constrasts
contrast estimate    SE df z.ratio p.value
sessionIndex1 - sessionIndex2 0.12030 0.01620 Inf  7.438 <.0001
sessionIndex1 - sessionIndex3 0.16935 0.02030 Inf  8.331 <.0001
sessionIndex1 - sessionIndex4 0.23227 0.02100 Inf 11.080 <.0001
sessionIndex1 - sessionIndex5 0.26211 0.02080 Inf 12.618 <.0001
sessionIndex1 - sessionIndex6 0.29181 0.02290 Inf 12.749 <.0001
sessionIndex1 - sessionIndex7 0.31603 0.02180 Inf 14.488 <.0001
sessionIndex1 - sessionIndex8 0.32474 0.02470 Inf 13.139 <.0001
sessionIndex2 - sessionIndex3 0.04904 0.01150 Inf  4.248 0.0006
sessionIndex2 - sessionIndex4 0.11196 0.01200 Inf  9.327 <.0001
sessionIndex2 - sessionIndex5 0.14180 0.01220 Inf 11.613 <.0001
sessionIndex2 - sessionIndex6 0.17151 0.01280 Inf 13.382 <.0001
sessionIndex2 - sessionIndex7 0.19573 0.01410 Inf 13.889 <.0001
sessionIndex2 - sessionIndex8 0.20444 0.01580 Inf 12.970 <.0001
sessionIndex3 - sessionIndex4 0.06292 0.01220 Inf  5.141 <.0001
sessionIndex3 - sessionIndex5 0.09276 0.01370 Inf  6.764 <.0001
sessionIndex3 - sessionIndex6 0.12246 0.01260 Inf  9.711 <.0001
sessionIndex3 - sessionIndex7 0.14668 0.01450 Inf 10.135 <.0001
sessionIndex3 - sessionIndex8 0.15539 0.01430 Inf 10.890 <.0001
sessionIndex4 - sessionIndex5 0.02984 0.01060 Inf  2.802 0.1422
sessionIndex4 - sessionIndex6 0.05954 0.01100 Inf  5.401 <.0001
sessionIndex4 - sessionIndex7 0.08376 0.01390 Inf  6.012 <.0001
sessionIndex4 - sessionIndex8 0.09247 0.01420 Inf  6.513 <.0001
sessionIndex5 - sessionIndex6 0.02970 0.00987 Inf  3.008 0.0736
sessionIndex5 - sessionIndex7 0.05392 0.01340 Inf  4.039 0.0015
sessionIndex5 - sessionIndex8 0.06263 0.01610 Inf  3.890 0.0028
sessionIndex6 - sessionIndex7 0.02422 0.01110 Inf  2.184 0.8106
sessionIndex6 - sessionIndex8 0.03293 0.01420 Inf  2.322 0.5670
sessionIndex7 - sessionIndex8 0.00871 0.01150 Inf  0.756 1.0000

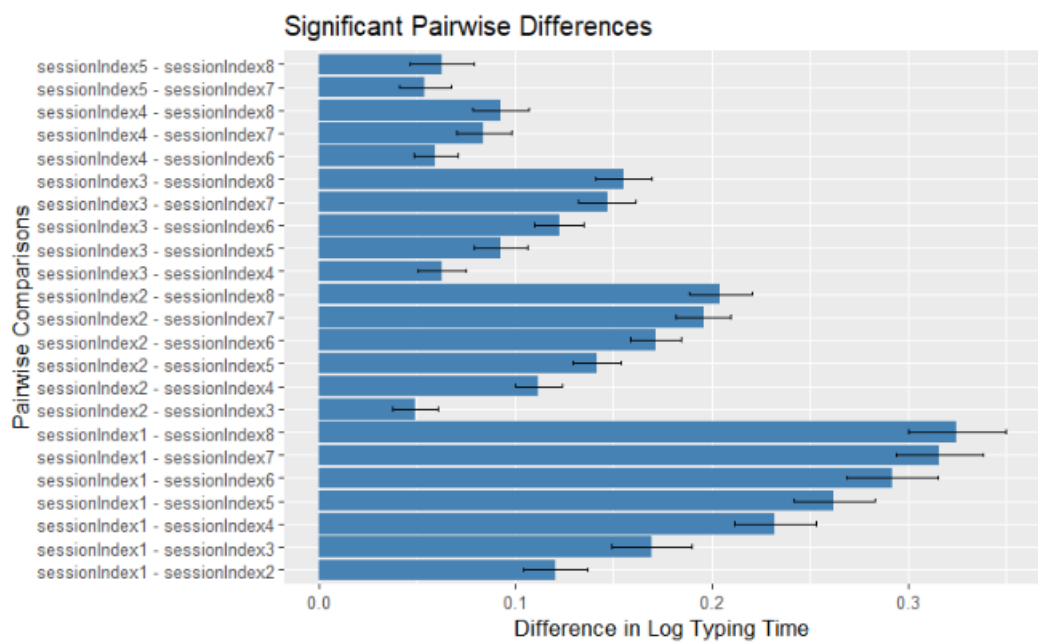
Degrees-of-freedom method: asymptotic
P value adjustment: bonferroni method for 28 tests

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Estimated marginal means is used to estimate the average value of a response variable at specific levels of a predictor variable, while accounting for other variables in the model. Here the EMM is the estimate of average of total typing time (log) at each session, while considering the individual differences captured by the random effects by the model lmer_model_log.

The output shows that the estimated mean for session 1 is 1.093 but it gradually decreases over the session. This shows that the typing time is not same as people progress through the session. The results show that the average log typing time decreases across sessions, starting at 1.093 in session 1 and dropping to 0.768 by session 8. Pairwise comparisons confirm significant differences between earlier sessions (e.g., session 1 - session 2 = 0.1203, $p < 0.0001$) but show smaller, insignificant differences between later sessions (e.g., session 7 - session 8 = 0.0087, $p = 1.0$). This indicates rapid initial improvement in typing speed that slows down over time.

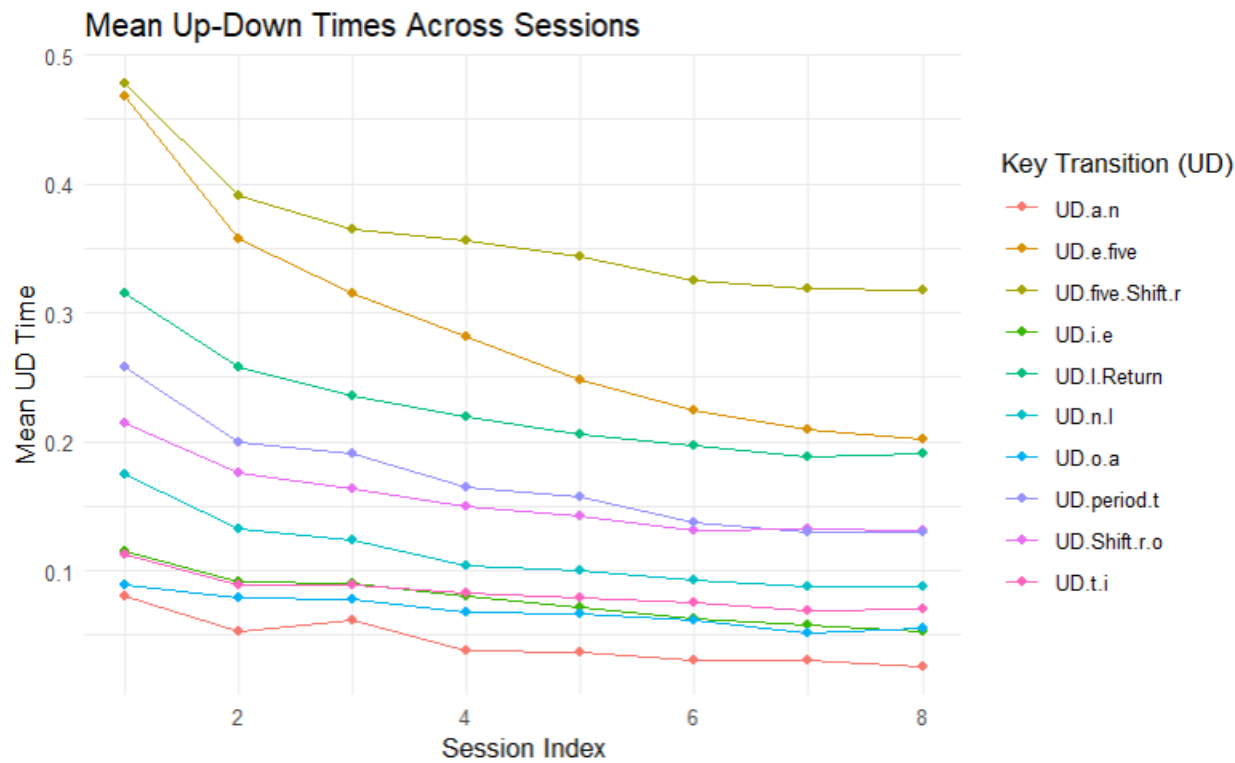
Table 13 Significant Pairwise Difference for lmer model log



The graph represents significant differences in typing behavior between each pair of session. The longest bar which is the comparison between session 1 and session 5 shows a substantial difference, suggesting significant improvement in typing speed from first to last session.

Mean Up Down Time as Response Variable

Table 14 Distribution of Mean Up-Down Time across Session



We tried to explore up-down time as the response variable as it represents the time that a typer would wait before pressing another key. The UD.five.Shift.r seems to be consuming the highest time out of all the up-down

key time. This can be mainly due to shift key and number key which may be place significantly apart from the normal letter keys.

Table 15: Random Intercept Model for Sum UD Values

Linear mixed model fit by REML. t-tests use Satterthwaite's method ['lmerModLmerTest']

Formula: Sum_UD_Value ~ sessionIndex + (1 | subject)

Data: ud_sum

Control: lmerControl(optimizer = "nloptwrap", optCtrl = list(maxfun = 1e+05))

REML criterion at convergence: 3671.8

Scaled residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-3.2165	-0.2891	0.0338	0.2721	12.1469

Random effects:

Groups	Name	Variance	Std.Dev.
subject	(Intercept)	2037.9	45.14
	Residual	320.3	17.90

Number of obs: 408, groups: subject, 51

Fixed effects:

	Estimate	Std. Error	df	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	115.206	6.800	64.230	16.942	< 2e-16	***
sessionIndex2	-23.783	3.544	350.000	-6.710	7.83e-11	***
sessionIndex3	-29.653	3.544	350.000	-8.367	1.43e-15	***
sessionIndex4	-38.054	3.544	350.000	-10.737	< 2e-16	***
sessionIndex5	-42.668	3.544	350.000	-12.039	< 2e-16	***
sessionIndex6	-48.262	3.544	350.000	-13.617	< 2e-16	***
sessionIndex7	-51.512	3.544	350.000	-14.534	< 2e-16	***
sessionIndex8	-52.045	3.544	350.000	-14.685	< 2e-16	***

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Correlation of Fixed Effects:

	(Intr)	sssnI2	sssnI3	sssnI4	sssnI5	sssnI6	sssnI7
sessinIndx2	-0.261						
sessinIndx3	-0.261	0.500					
sessinIndx4	-0.261	0.500	0.500				
sessinIndx5	-0.261	0.500	0.500	0.500			
sessinIndx6	-0.261	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500		
sessinIndx7	-0.261	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	
sessinIndx8	-0.261	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500

The model provides statistical evidence for a significant decrease in Sum_UD_Value across multiple sessions. The results show that the average sum of UD times decreases across sessions, starting at 115.2 in session 1 and dropping to 63.2 by session 8. Pairwise comparisons confirm significant differences between earlier sessions (e.g., session 1 - session 2 = 23.783, $p < 0.0001$) but show smaller, insignificant differences between later sessions (e.g., session 7 - session 8 = 0.534, $p = 1.0$). This suggests that improvements in UD times are substantial in the initial sessions but taper off as participants become more consistent over time.

Table 16 Estimated Marginal Means (EMM) for Sum UD Values

sessionIndex	emmean	SE	df	lower.CL	upper.CL
1	115.2	6.8	64.2	101.6	128.8
2	91.4	6.8	64.2	77.8	105.0
3	85.6	6.8	64.2	72.0	99.1
4	77.2	6.8	64.2	63.6	90.7
5	72.5	6.8	64.2	59.0	86.1
6	66.9	6.8	64.2	53.4	80.5
7	63.7	6.8	64.2	50.1	77.3
8	63.2	6.8	64.2	49.6	76.7

Degrees-of-freedom method: kenward-roger

Confidence level used: 0.95

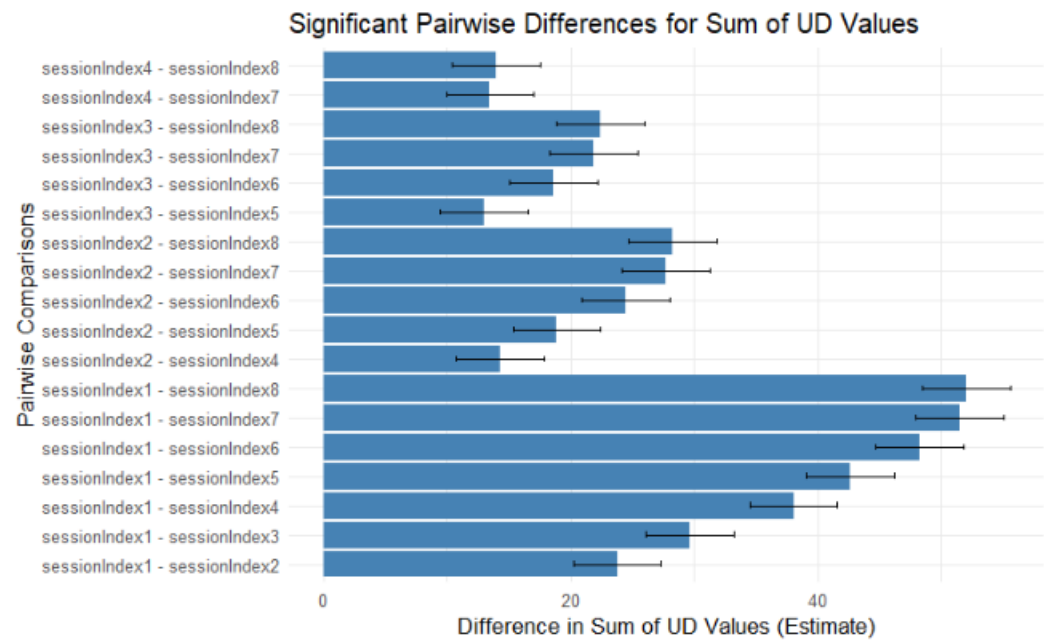
contrast	estimate	SE	df	t.ratio	p.value
sessionIndex1 - sessionIndex2	23.783	3.54	350	6.710	<.0001
sessionIndex1 - sessionIndex3	29.653	3.54	350	8.367	<.0001
sessionIndex1 - sessionIndex4	38.054	3.54	350	10.737	<.0001
sessionIndex1 - sessionIndex5	42.668	3.54	350	12.039	<.0001
sessionIndex1 - sessionIndex6	48.262	3.54	350	13.617	<.0001
sessionIndex1 - sessionIndex7	51.512	3.54	350	14.534	<.0001
sessionIndex1 - sessionIndex8	52.045	3.54	350	14.685	<.0001
sessionIndex2 - sessionIndex3	5.871	3.54	350	1.656	1.0000
sessionIndex2 - sessionIndex4	14.272	3.54	350	4.027	0.0019
sessionIndex2 - sessionIndex5	18.886	3.54	350	5.329	<.0001
sessionIndex2 - sessionIndex6	24.480	3.54	350	6.907	<.0001
sessionIndex2 - sessionIndex7	27.729	3.54	350	7.824	<.0001
sessionIndex2 - sessionIndex8	28.263	3.54	350	7.974	<.0001
sessionIndex3 - sessionIndex4	8.401	3.54	350	2.370	0.0126
sessionIndex3 - sessionIndex5	13.015	3.54	350	3.672	0.0078
sessionIndex3 - sessionIndex6	18.609	3.54	350	5.251	<.0001
sessionIndex3 - sessionIndex7	21.858	3.54	350	6.167	<.0001
sessionIndex3 - sessionIndex8	22.392	3.54	350	6.318	<.0001
sessionIndex4 - sessionIndex5	4.614	3.54	350	1.302	1.0000
sessionIndex4 - sessionIndex6	10.208	3.54	350	2.880	0.0181
sessionIndex4 - sessionIndex7	13.457	3.54	350	3.797	0.0048
sessionIndex4 - sessionIndex8	13.991	3.54	350	3.948	0.0027
sessionIndex5 - sessionIndex6	5.594	3.54	350	1.578	1.0000
sessionIndex5 - sessionIndex7	8.843	3.54	350	2.495	0.0353
sessionIndex5 - sessionIndex8	9.377	3.54	350	2.646	0.0385
sessionIndex6 - sessionIndex7	3.249	3.54	350	0.917	1.0000
sessionIndex6 - sessionIndex8	3.783	3.54	350	1.067	1.0000
sessionIndex7 - sessionIndex8	0.534	3.54	350	0.151	1.0000

Degrees-of-freedom method: kenward-roger

P value adjustment: bonferroni method for 28 tests

The results show that the average sum of UD times decreases across sessions, starting at 115.2 in session 1 and dropping to 63.2 by session 8. Pairwise comparisons confirm significant differences between earlier sessions (e.g., session 1 - session 2 = 23.783, $p < 0.0001$) but show smaller, insignificant differences between later sessions (e.g., session 7 - session 8 = 0.534, $p = 1.0$). This suggests that improvements in UD times are substantial in the initial sessions but taper off as participants become more consistent over time.

Table 17 Significant Pairwise Differences for Sum UD Values



The horizontal bars indicate the magnitude of the difference in the sum of UD values between the paired groups, with the direction of the difference also shown.

Conclusion

This analysis explored typing dynamics by investigating how two response variables, TotalTypingTime and ud_sum, change over multiple sessions. The results show significant reductions in both total typing time and UD times as participants completed repeated sessions, highlighting consistent improvement in typing speed and efficiency. Linear Mixed-Effects Models revealed that improvements vary among participants, with those starting slower showing greater gains.

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