

Project 1 Interim

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Background

- With an aging population, car companies must keep the interests of the elderly in mind.
- One particular issue they face is simply getting in and out of the vehicle.

Background

- Dr. Galecki provided two specific aims for us to answer, but I also wanted to focus my analysis towards results we can implement.

Data Management

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- 1 Discarded shoe size variable completely from the first dataset.

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- 2 Took the **peak performance** of all repeated measurements
- Knee Extension Strength
 - Hip Abduction Strength
 - Hip Abduction Rate of Torque
 - Grip Strength
 - Timed Up and Go
 - One Leg Balancing

Data Management

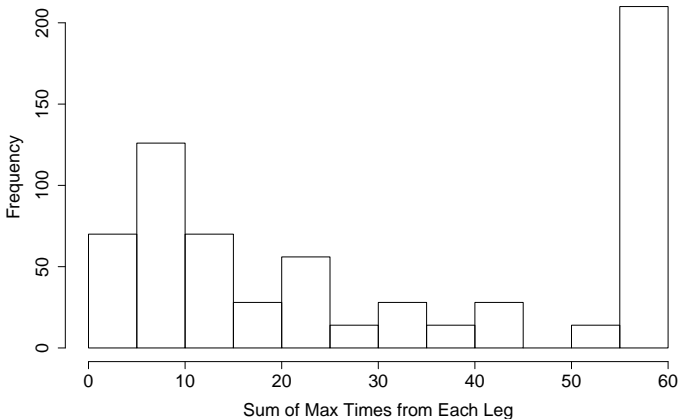
- ③ Kept track of number of missing measurements for each subject
 - Not worried about One Leg Balancing Measurements

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- ④ Created categorical One Leg Balancing variable
 - Sum of peak performance in each leg
 - Poor balance if less than 15

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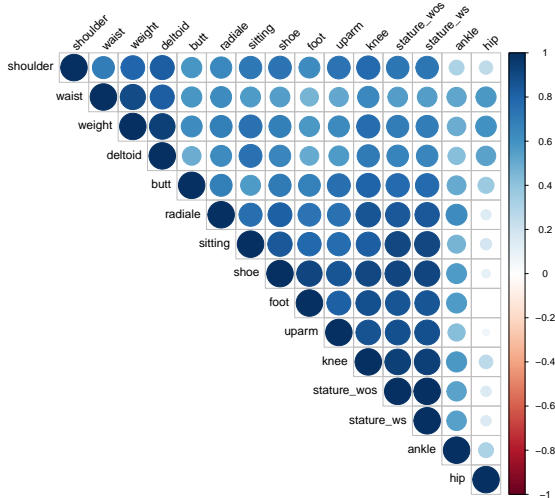
Distribution of Sum Times



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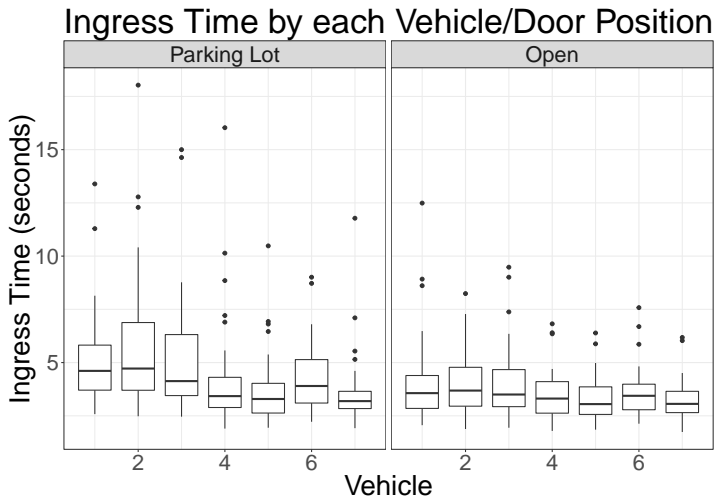
- 5 Analyzed correlation structures in each of the following categories to find a single representative variable
 - Anthropometric
 - Strength
 - Mobility

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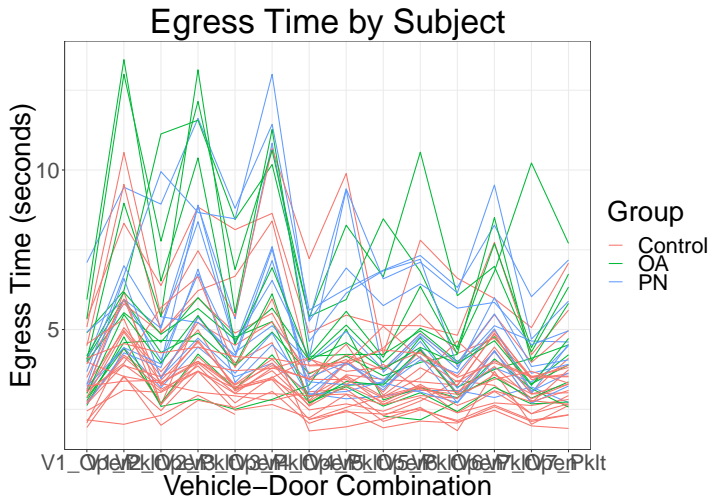


Exploratory Data Analysis

EDA



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EDA Summary

- Random effects appear to be appropriate for both vehicles and subjects
- What makes Vehicle #2 and Vehicle #7 different?

Main Aims and Preliminary Models

Aim #1

Does egress (ingress) strategy affect driver egress (ingress) time in the elderly?

Do mobility impairments affect driver egress (ingress) time in the elderly?

Aim #2

Identify the human capacities that best explain the variation in egress (ingress) time between drivers.

Preliminary Models

- Linear model adjusting for age, gender, vehicle, door position, weight, hip strength, poor balance, group, and strategy
 - ingress strategy nearly significant ($p=0.06$)
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Preliminary Models

- Linear mixed model with random intercepts for vehicle and subject
 - ingress strategy highly significant ($p < 0.01$)
 - egress strategy not significant ($p = 0.18$)

Preliminary Models

- Linear mixed model with random intercept for vehicle and random slope for door position by vehicle
 - Resulted in a singular fit
 - Too few random effect levels (7)
 - Indicates overfitting the model

Future Work

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- Identify the human capacities that best explain variation in ingress/egress times (Aim #2)

Future Work

- Identify which dimensions (if any) have a significant effect on ingress/egress times
 - An explanation to why drivers did better with certain vehicles
 - Give information to engineers so they can design “elderly-friendly” vehicles

Questions???