

Test a Perpetual Phenomenon

Q1. What is our independent variable? What is our dependent variable?.

Independent variable is the colour of the ink in which the word is printed and dependent variable is the time required to identify the colour of the ink in which the word is printed.

Q2. What is an appropriate set of hypotheses for this task? What kind of statistical test do you expect to perform? Justify your choices.

Since we do not know population parameters we can perform the t test. This is the case of repeated measure design where the same subject is given two different tests. We can perform the paired t tests. The difference between the times required to identify the congruent words and incongruent words can be calculated. The null hypothesis could be the difference is zero and the alternate hypothesis could be the difference is not equal to zero.

$$H_O : \mu_{Con} = \mu_{Incon}$$

$$H_A : \mu_{Con} \neq \mu_{Incon}$$

Q3. Report some descriptive statistics regarding this dataset. Include at least one measure of central tendency and at least one measure of variability..

Measure of the Centrality

##	Congruent	Incongruent
##	Min. : 8.63	Min. :15.69
##	1st Qu.:11.90	1st Qu.:18.72
##	Median :14.36	Median :21.02
##	Mean :14.05	Mean :22.02
##	3rd Qu.:16.20	3rd Qu.:24.05
##	Max. :22.33	Max. :35.26

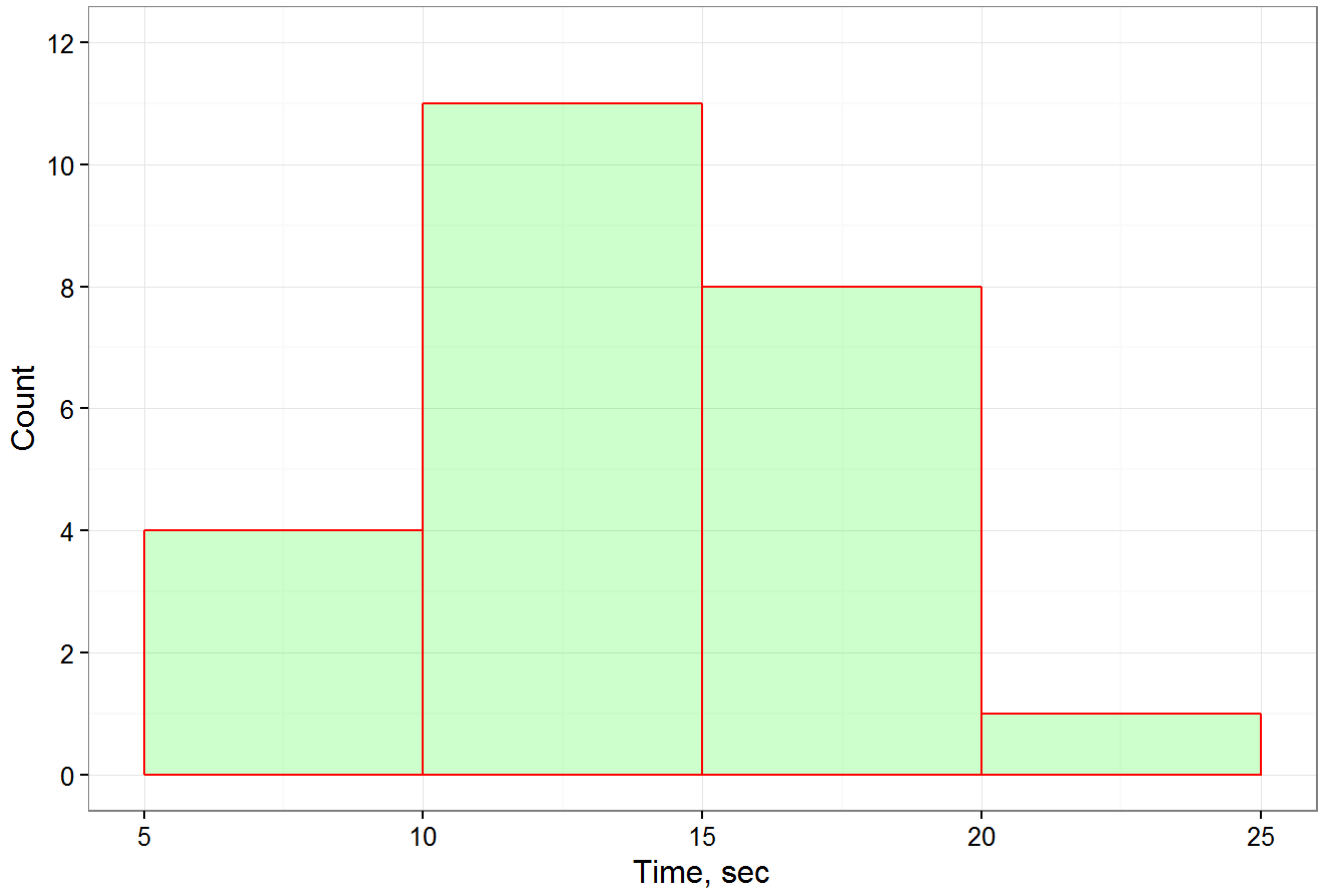
The above table shows the summary statistics of the data set provided which involves five number summary and the mean for the congruent and incongruent groups. The most important measure of the centrality is median. The median for the congruent group is 14.36 seconds and incongruent group is 21.02 seconds. This statistics clearly shows that incongruent group takes more time to read the color of incongruent words.

Measure of the Variability

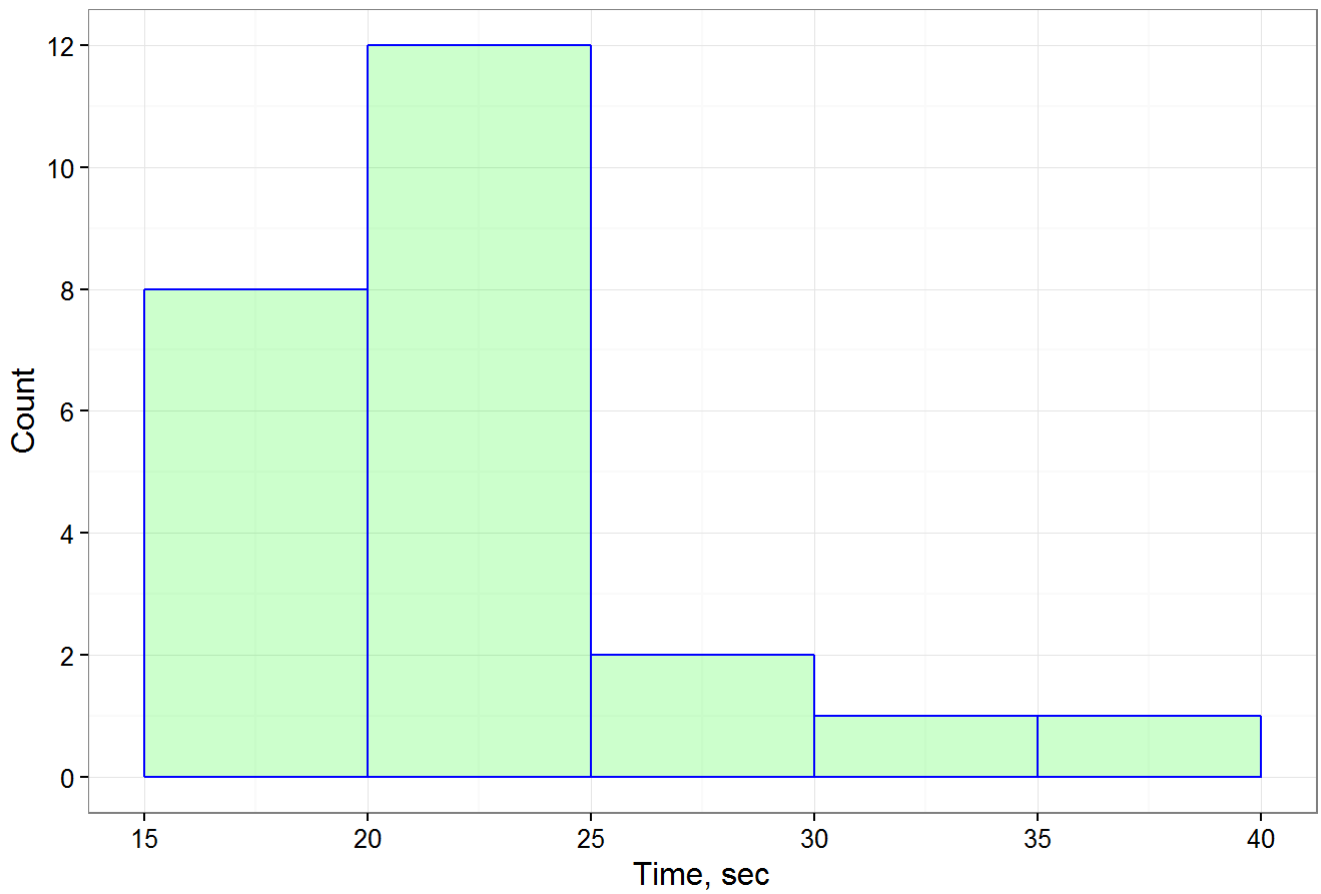
The most important measure of the variability is the standard deviation. This signifies the average distance from the mean. For congruent group of people the standard deviation is 3.56 seconds and for incongruent group the standard deviation is 4.8 seconds. The standard deviation is not robust measure of variability as it is affected by the outliers. The inter quartile range could be another measure of the variability as it is not affected by the outliers. The inter quartile range for congruent groups is 4.31 seconds and for incongruent group 5.33 seconds.

Q4. One or two visualizations have been created that show off the data, including comments on what can be observed in the plot or plots.

Histogram for Congruent Words



Histogram for Incongruent Words



Q5. A statistical test has been correctly performed and reported, including test statistic, p-value, and test result. The test results are interpreted in terms of the experimental task performed.

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##  
## Paired t-test  
##  
## data:  stroopdata$Congruent and stroopdata$Incongruent  
## t = -8.0207, df = 23, p-value = 4.103e-08  
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0  
## 95 percent confidence interval:  
## -10.019028 -5.910555  
## sample estimates:  
## mean of the differences  
## -7.964792
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Q6. Optional: What do you think is responsible for the effects observed? Can you think of an alternative or similar task that would result in a similar effect? Some research about the problem will be helpful for thinking about these two questions!.

The time required to name the color of the word is more for the incongruent word than congruent word this because of the confusion created in the mind. Incongruent words requires the more attention to be provided towards the color of the ink than the word itself. This kind of similar effect may be observed if two similar shapes but of different sizes written with “small” and “large” words.