

Artificial Intelligence and Human Creativity – Hypotheses and Analysis

Hypotheses:

H1: Overall scores for the observed matchstick designs are higher in the treatment condition than in the baseline.

H2: AI assistance will more strongly improve the overall scores for the observed matchstick designs among participants with low self-rated creativity than among participants with high self-rated creativity.

H3a: Among participants in the treatment condition, those who choose not to use AI assistance will create designs that are more original than those created by participants who use the AI2 (showing concrete but incomplete forms) assistance option.

H3b: Among participants in the treatment condition, those who choose the AI1 assistance option (showing only words) will create designs that are more original than those created by participants who use the AI2 assistance option.

H4: Participants who decline AI assistance in the treatment condition will receive on average a higher overall score for building their designs than participants in the baseline condition.

For publication purposes, the language, abbreviations, and sequence of hypotheses may undergo minor adjustments to enhance clarity.

We use the overall score (consisting of the simple sum of the single scores of the dimensions originality and elaboration) assigned by the judgment panel to participants' completed designs as main variable of interest. For answering Hypotheses H3a and H3b we use the single score of the dimension of originality.

To answer our hypotheses, we will use non-parametric tests, such as Mann-Whitney U-Tests, Chi² Tests etc. In addition we will use linear regression analysis such as OLS regressions to corroborate the findings of the non-parametric results.