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# Team CALL ME SALAD Final Report

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# **Summary**

As basketball fanatics, we wanted to focus on the APIs and websites that had NBA statistics. Our primary objective was to understand who the best teams are, who the best players in the league are, and the specific statistics behind it. The APIs we used are NBA Stats and balldontlie.io to find the data we were looking for. As for the websites, we only used ESPN for 2023 player statistics. The data we were hoping to gather from both the APIs and the websites was player points scored, assists by a specific team, and winners/losers for every team in the NBA. Luckily, we were able to use all of the APIs we planned on using with little issues. For the NBA Stats API, there were many different ways we could summon the data. One of the difficulties we had was deciding which statistics to use and what calculations to make. However, after we formulated a research question, it was much easier to pinpoint which data to use and which to disregard. We ultimately were able to get all the required information and answer the following research questions

# **Research Questions**

RQ1: The driving research question was as follows: How do certain basketball statistics such as assists impact the outcome of the game?

# Challenges

One of the biggest challenges we faced was combining our code into one working code. Each of us created databases in a slightly different way, making it difficult to create the two way integer table when it was time. Continually, since one group member had an HP and the other two had Apple computers, some code had to be formatted differently so it would work on the new interface. Finally, ensuring the database was loading 25 entries at a time was difficult to complete, especially considering each API/website had its own information that needed to be formatted slightly differently. Ultimately, we were able to overcome every challenge we faced but this was definitely a time consuming process.

#### **Documentations**

```
def combine_and_plot_data():
    df1 = pd.read_csv("gamestats_database_2022.csv")
    df2 = pd.read_csv("gamestats_database_2023.csv")

df1['year'] = '2022'
    df2['year'] = '2023'

df = pd.concat([df1, df2])

color_map = {'2022': 'hotpink', '2023': 'pink'}

grouped = df.groupby(['opponent', 'year'])['assists'].sum().unstack()

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
 grouped.plot(kind='bar', color=[color_map[year] for year in grouped.columns], figsize=(10, 6))
 plt.xlabel('opponent')
    plt.xlabel('Assists')
    plt.title('Number of assists the Lakers made in each game in the season')
    plt.xticks(rotation=90, fontsize = "x-small")

handles = [mpatches.Patch(color=color, label=year) for year, color in color_map.items()]
    plt.show()

desktop = os.path.join(os.path.join(os.path.expanduser('~')), 'Desktop')

# Save the DataFrame to a CSV file on the desktop
    df.to_csv(os.path.join(desktop, 'final_chart.csv'), index=False)

# Call the function
combine_and_plot_data()
```

This is the code used to create Visualization IV. The function fetch\_and\_plot\_data\_1 takes no arguments and sends a request to NBA Stats API to fetch game logs for a certain team depending on the parameters given (in this case, the Lakers). Then, it stores the game logs for the team selected in the team\_log variable. After, the function creates a CSV file named gamestats\_database\_2023.csv with the fields id, date, opponent, result, and assists. For each game log in team\_log, the id, date, opponent, result, and assist are extracted and written into the CSV file. Once this happens, the CSV file is written into a Dataframe where the x-axis is the opponents and the y-axis is the # of assists. Finally, a bar plot is created from that DataFrame.

This process is repeated twice under the functions fetch\_and\_plot\_data\_1() and fetch\_and\_plot\_data\_2(). Both create a bar plot for their respective years (in this case, 2022 and 2023). The function combine\_and\_plot then combines the two bar plots into one graph, depicted as Visualization iv. It does this by first reading in the two existing Data Frames and concatenating them into one. The new DataFrame is grouped by opponent and year and the sum of assists is calculated for each group. The bar plot is then created from this grouped DataFrame. Finally, a legend for the bar plot is created and then the whole thing is saved to a CSV file called final chart.csv. This is the code responsible for Visualization iv.

```
import requests
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
import sqlite3
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
 uport andeas as pd
mport pandas as pd
prl = "https://www.espn.com/nba/stats/player/_/season/2023/seasontype/2?limit=1000"
# Make a GET request to the URL with headers
response = requests.get(url, headers=headers)
 # Check if the request was successful (status code 200)
if response.status_code == 200:
       # Define anchor_links outside of the if block
anchor_links = soup.find_all('a', class_='AnchorLink')
      if table_body:

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              # Find all columns dynamically by inspecting the first row
header_row = rows[0]
columns = header_row.find_all('td')
              # Create lists to store all player details
all_player_details = []
              # Iterate through each row and extract all player details
for i, row in enumerate(rows):
                 # Append all player details to the list
player_details = {
    'PlayerName': player_name,
    'PTS': pts,
    # Add more columns as needed
                  # Print all player name and values from all columns
row_values = [player_name] + [cell.text.strip() for cell in row.find_all('td')]
print("\t".join(row_values))
Create SQLite database and table
onn = sqlite3.connect('basketball_data.db')
ursor = conn.cursor()
 Calculate the number of iterations needed to transfer all data in batches of 25 terations = len(all_player_details) // 25 + (len(all_player_details) % 25 > 0)
   in range(iterations):
start_index = i * 25
end_index = start_index + 25
batch_data = all_player_details[start_index:end_index]
```

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ursor = conn.cursor()
ursor.execute("SELECT * FROM basketball_data LIMIT 25")
op_25_data = cursor.fetchall()
onn.close()
# Plotting the graph for top 25 players with most points lt.figure(figsize=(10, 6)) lt.bar(top_25_player_names, top_25_pts_values, color='hotpink')
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# Close connection conn.close()
# Select top 25 players for plotting the graph
conn = sqlite3.connect('basketball_data.db')
cursor = conn.cursor()
cursor.execute("SELECT * FROM basketball_data LIMIT 25")
top_25_data = cursor.fetchall()
# Connect to the SQLite database
conn = sqlite3.connect('basketball_data.db')
# Read the table into a Pandas DataFrame
df = pd.read_sql_query("SELECT * FROM basketball_data", conn)
# Save the DataFrame to a CSV file
df.to_csv('basketball_data.csv', index=False)
conn.close()
# Select top 25 players for plotting the graph
top_25_player_names = [player['PlayerName'] for player in all_player_details][:25]
top_25_pts_values = [player['PTS'] for player in all_player_details][:25]
plt.bar(top_25_player_names, top_25_pts_values, color='hotpink')
plt.xlabel('Player')
plt.ylabel('Points (PTS)')
plt.title('Top 25 Players with Most Points')
plt.xticks(rotation=45, ha='right') # Rotate player names for better visibility
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

This script is a web scraping example that extracts NBA player statistics from the ESPN website, stores the data in an SQLite database, and then generates a bar graph using matplotlib to visualize the top 25 players with the most points.

Here's an overview of how the code works:

• Web Scraping:

- The script uses the requests library to make a GET request to the specified URL, simulating a web browser request.
- The BeautifulSoup library is used to parse the HTML content of the page.
- It identifies the table containing player statistics by selecting the appropriate HTML elements using CSS selectors.

## • Data Extraction:

- Player details, such as name and points (PTS), are extracted from the HTML table.
- The extracted data is stored in a list of dictionaries named all player details.

#### • Database Creation and Data Insertion:

- An SQLite database (player\_database\_y.db) is created, and a table (player\_database\_y) is defined to store player details.
- The script then calculates the number of iterations needed to insert data in batches of 25 (to avoid SQLite's maximum variable number constraint).
- It iterates through the data and inserts 25 records at a time into the SQLite database.

# • Data Retrieval for Plotting:

- The script connects to the SQLite database again to retrieve the top 25 players' data.
- It uses this data to create a Pandas DataFrame and saves it to a CSV file (player data y.csv).

## • Plotting:

- Finally, the script uses matplotlib to create a bar graph that visualizes the top 25 players with the most points.

# • Display Output:

- The graph is displayed using plt.show().

## Notes:

The script assumes that the structure of the HTML page and the class names used in the script remain unchanged. If the ESPN website structure changes, the script may need adjustments. The script may need to be adapted for different seasons or additional statistics. Also, if we want to grab something else from the website, another row the only we will have to do it's to go to the website count which column we want and change the number in this function: pts = float(row.select\_one('td:nth-child(4)').text.strip()) for the number of the column we want to print in the grab. This will be based on the top scoring players. As well we can change the graph to

print as many player with the most point we want by changing the value in top\_25\_players\_names= [player['Player\_Name'] for player in all\_player\_details][:25] we can change that for how many player we want the chart to present in the graph.

```
import requests
import datetime
import json
import csv
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from matplotlib.colors import LinearSegmentedColormap

def get_api_team_data(url):
    try:
        response = requests.get(url)
        response = requests.get(url)
        response.json()["data"] # If successful, return the data as a Python dictionary
    except requests.exceptions.HTTPError as err:
        print(""HTP error occurred: {err}")
    except requests.exceptions.RequestException as err:
        print(""Error occurred: {err}")
    return None

def game_data_by_year(year):

data_list = []
    page = 0
    new_dict = {}
    result_dict = {}
    while True:
        url = f"(base_url)&page=(page)"
        try:
        response = requests.get(url)
```

```
data = response.json()

# Stop if 'data' field is empty
    if not data['data']:
        break

data_list.append(data) # If successful, add the data to data list
    except requests.exceptions.HTPError as err:
    print(f"HTTP error occurred: {err}")
    except requests.exceptions.RequestException as err:
    print(f"Error occurred: {err}")

page += 1 # Go to next page
    return data_list

def write_to_csv(data, filename):
    # Extract the keys from the first dictionary and use them as the csv headers
    headers = list(data[0].keys())

with open(filename, 'w', newline='') as csvfile:
    # Create a CSV writer
    writer = csv.DictWriter(csvfile, fieldnames=headers)

# Write the header to the CSV file
    writer.writeheader()

# Write all the data to the CSV file
    for game in data:
        writer.writerow(game)

def write_to_csv_game(data, filename):
    # Extract the keys from the first dictionary and use them as the csv headers
    headers = ["id", "date", "period", "season", "status", "postseason", "home_team", "home_team_score",
    headers = ["id", "date", "period", "season", "status", "postseason", "home_team", "home_team_score",
    # Company of the compan
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with open(filename, 'w', newline='') as csvfile:
        writer = csv.DictWriter(csvfile, fieldnames=headers)
        writer.writeheader()
        for game in data:
            for dict_ in game["data"]:
                 writer.writerow(dict_)
ef convert_date_format(csv_file):
   df = pd.read_csv(csv_file)
   df.iloc[:,1] = pd.to_datetime(df.iloc[:,1]).dt.strftime('%m-%d-%Y')
   df.to_csv(csv_file, index=False)
def plot_from_data(filename):
   df = pd.read_csv(filename)
   # Parsing columns which hold JSON-like string but single quoted
df['home_team'] = df['home_team'].apply(eval)
df['visitor_team'] = df['visitor_team'].apply(eval)
   # Extracting rule team name 'I adf['home_team'].apply(lambda x: x['full_name'])
df['visitor_team_name'] = df['visitor_team'].apply(lambda x: x['full_name'])
   # Sum up scores for each team
   home_team_scores = df.groupby('home_team_name')['home_team_score'].sum()
   visitor_team_scores = df.groupby('visitor_team_name')['visitor_team_score'].sum()
```

```
score_sums = home_team_scores.add(visitor_team_scores, fill_value=0)
    # Sorting scores in ascending order so the color would correspond to the score
    score_sums = score_sums.sort_values(ascending=True)
    # Generate gradient of colors from pink to neon green
cmap = LinearSegmentedColormap.from_list(name='grad', colors=['#FF1493', '#39FF14'])
    colors = [cmap(i) for i in np.linspace(0, 1, len(score_sums))]
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 10))
    plt.pie(score_sums, labels=score_sums.index, autopct='%1.1f%%', colors=colors, textprops={'fontsize': 8}
    plt.title('Total points by team')
    plt.show()
vear = 2022
year_data = game_data_by_year(2022)
# Use the function with your URL
team_url = "https://www.balldontlie.io/api/v1/teams"
team_data = get_api_team_data(team_url)
write_to_csv(team_data, 'teams1.csv')
write to csv game(year data, "games2.csv")
 convert_date_format('games2.csv')
plot_from_data('games2.csv')
```

In this file, called "import requests.py" the game\_data\_by\_year function calls the balldontlie.api when it is passed a year, the code calls the api and collects every single game that was played in the season, and collects the teams' scores as well as whether or not the teams played at home or away and the date the games played and stores them in a list of dictionary. This code also calls the convert data format function which is passed that csv file that was previously collected. The

function converts the date format that the balldontlie.api returns to the american standard datetime format of month-day-year. The write\_to\_csv function writes the team details that are returned from the get\_api\_team\_data funcion, while the write\_to\_csv\_game function writes the games from the game\_data\_by\_year function to a spreadsheet. Finally this code section used the LinearSegmentationColorMap, the Matplotlib, and the numpy packages to graph the total percentage of points out of all points scored and find the correct gradient color.

That concludes the parts of this code that creates the data and graphs the majority of the data. The other part of the codebase creates the sql databases, as well as the combined database too. To achieve this uploading of data from the split databases, and have the code update the databases by 25 at a time it took a few different files (we discussed this part with our graders on our presentation day to confirm that this was a valid way to implement and get credit for this requirement.) The codebase 'main' file is the file named Runner Runner.py:

```
import subprocess
#call import requests.py which is the initializer for
subprocess.call(["python", "import requests.py"])
subprocess.call(["python", "CALL_ME_SALAD_projecttoshare.py"])
subprocess.call(["python", "Call_me_salad_chloe.py"])
subprocess.call(["python", "Database_runner.py"])
subprocess.call(["python", "Database_runner_y.py"])
subprocess.call(["python", "Database_runner_c.py"])
#subprocess.call(['python', 'Database_runner_c.py'])
```

Runner Runner.py calls the other files in the codebase to be run, it achieves this by first running main files, import requests.py, call\_me\_salad\_projecttoshare.py, and call\_me\_salad\_chloe.py, which create the graphs and spreadsheets, and then it runs a runner for each database called 'database runner.'

```
import subprocess
import sys
# initially set returncode to 0
returncode = 0:

vwhile returncode == 0:
    result = subprocess.run(['python', 'database_maker.py'], capture_output=True, text=True)
    print(result.stdout)

# update returncode with the current script process return code
returncode = result.returncode

# If the loop breaks, it means the returncode was not 0, print this message
print(f"The return code was: {returncode}, hence the script stopped.")
```

This is so that code "each time the code is run it updates 25 entries into the database." These runner files then run a while loop until their respective return code is changed from 0 to 1. In the loop the database\_maker.py is called which is what actually looks at the spreadsheet and the database to see which entry needs to be updated next (the database is given a separate page to mark its last entry for easy troubleshooting.)

```
import sqlite3
 import pandas as pd
def initialize_database(db_file):
   # Connect to the SOLite database
   conn = sqlite3.connect(db_file)
   # Create table
    create_table_query = '''
    CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS basketball_data (
       points INTEGER
    cur.execute(create_table_query)
   conn.commit()
   conn.close()
def update_db(csv_file, db_file):
   conn = sqlite3.connect(db_file)
   cur = conn.cursor()
    table_name = os.path.splitext(os.path.basename(csv_file))[0]
    progress_table = 'progress'
```

```
# Create table progress if it doesn't exis
cur.execute(f'''
   CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS {progress_table} (
        last_row_processed INTEGER
    'SELECT last_row_processed FROM progress WHERE table_name = ?',
    (table_name,)
result = cur.fetchone()
if result:
    last_row_processed = result[0]
   last_row_processed = 0
    cur.execute(
        (table_name, last_row_processed)
# Read the next batch of rows
batch size = 25
chunk = pd.read_csv(csv_file, skiprows=range(1, last_row_processed + 1), nrows=batch_size, header=0)
# Only process if there are rows
if not chunk.empty:
    # Write the data to a sqlite table
   chunk.to_sql(table_name, conn, if_exists='append', index=False)
    # Update the last processed row
    last_row_processed += len(chunk)
         'UPDATE progress SET last_row_processed=? WHERE table_name=?',
        (last_row_processed, table_name)
   sys.exit(1)
```

```
# Commit after each chunk has been written
conn.commit()

# Close connection
conn.close()

# Call function with your csv file and database file
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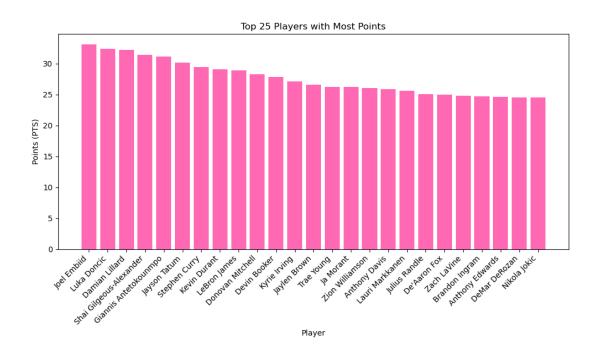
# Call the function with your csv file and database file
initialize_database('game_database_a.db')
update_db('games2.csv', 'game_database_a.db')
```

This is one of the database\_makers which call the initialize database function to make a blank database with these three headers, because all of the data has these three components. Then the update\_db function is passed the csv and the empty database and updates the next 25 entries until an empty chunk is found then it changes the return code and the database\_runner will stop running the file, and the next subprocess will then begin.

There are two final python script called Final\_CombinedDB\_Graph.py, that takes the database that is combined with the Database\_Linker on the key of the date which combines from the API BallDontlie.api and the FreeNBAStats API the points scored by the selected team with the number of assists scored by the selected team as well.

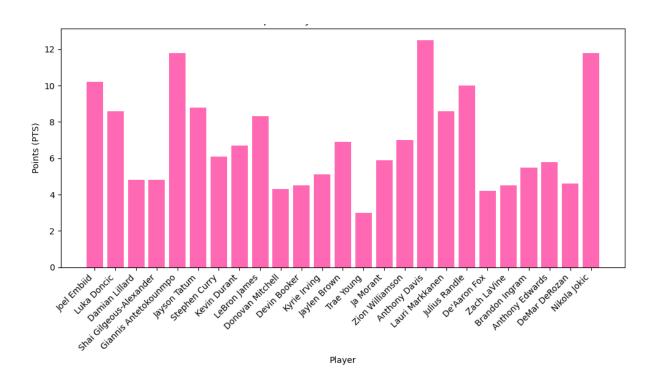
## **Visualizations**





**i.Visualization Impact:** This graph shows the top 25 players with most points from the 2022-23 season. The impact of such a visualization goes beyond mere data representation. It influences fan engagement, team strategies, player recognition, and various aspects of the broader sports ecosystem. Visualizations are powerful tools for conveying complex information in an accessible and meaningful way.

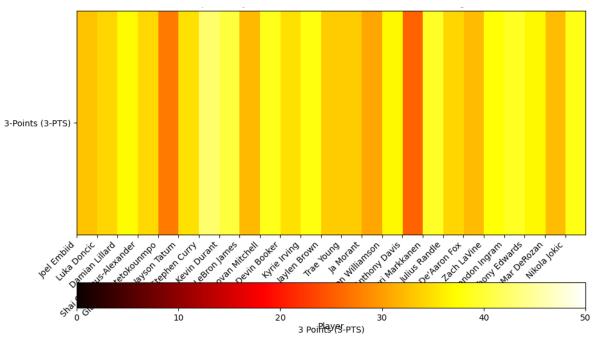
Top 25 Scoring Players' Rebounds from 2022-23 Season.



**ii. Visualization Impact:** Visualizing the rebounds of the top 25 scoring players enhances the depth of analysis and provides a more holistic perspective on player contributions. It influences various aspects of team strategy, fan engagement, fantasy sports, and media reporting within the basketball ecosystem.

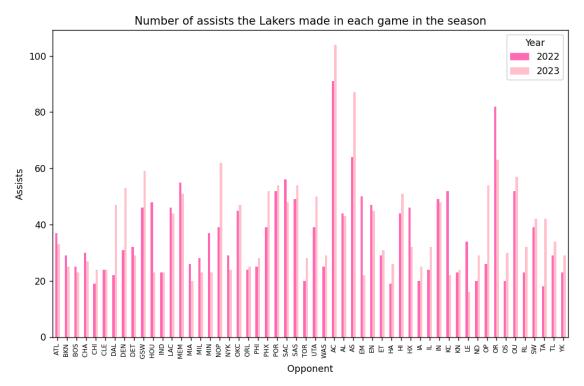
**Top 25 Scoring Players' 3-Points Percentage from 2022-23 Season** 

(From 0-50% made)



**iii. Visualization Impact:** This heat map illustrating the 3-Points Percentage of the Top 25 Scoring Players from the 2022-23 Season from 0-50%, this provides a multifaceted tool for coaches, fans, analysts, and fantasy basketball enthusiasts alike. Its visual impact extends beyond numerical data, offering strategic insights and enhancing the overall appreciation of player performances.

# Number of Assists the Lakers Made in Each Game in Season 2022-23



**iv. Visualization Impact:** This bar chart shows the amount of assists the Lakers made against each team in the regular season for both 2022 and 2023. It is interesting to note how the Lakers perform similarly against each team regardless of the year, with a few exceptions.

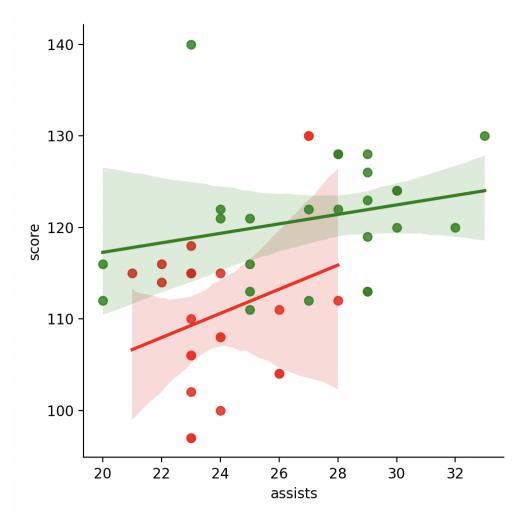
## **Calculations**

We ran several calculations with our data, such as plotting the assists and points regression, and finding every teams total percentage of points out of all points scored in a season and then graphing that on a pie chart. For the r-squared calculations we used scipy, and also used the seaborn to obtain a graph with standard error bands in the linear regression scatterplot visualizations.

In running our code with the Lakers, we found a result that showed a very weak correlation between assists and points, for home games where the team won the r-squared was only 0.06 while for games where they loss the r-squared was 0.08, while for away games there was a noticeably stronger correlation of 0.16 and when it was a loss the correlation was a little lower at 0.10.

```
R-squared for home games where result is 'Win': 0.06
R-squared for home games where result is 'Loss': 0.08
R-squared for away games where result is 'Win': 0.16
R-squared for away games where result is 'Loss': 0.10
```

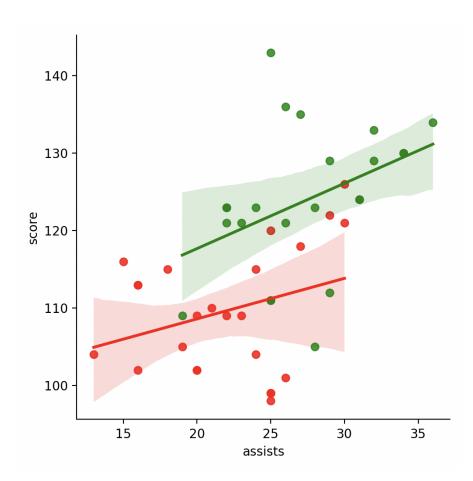
Total Team Assists and Total Team Points per Game, for Away Games, Sorted By Wins and Loses with Lines of Best Fit and Standard Error for the Lakers in Season 2023-24.



v. Visualization Impact: This graph shows the team assists against team points for away games and shows the very weak correlation that was found between team assists and team points. Also because the lines have different slopes it reveals an interesting feature of the data that the more points are scored the less assist's impact the score when the Lakers lose at away games, but for wins the more points are scored the assists aren't correlated with a higher score like they are for losses.

Total Team Assists and Total Team Points per Game, for Home Games, Sorted By Wins and Loses with Lines of Best Fit and Standard Error for the Lakers in Season 2023-24

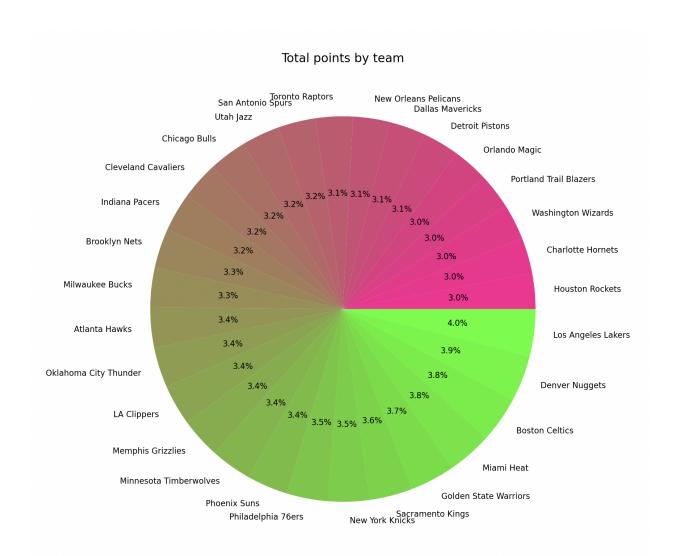
Total.



vi. Visualization Impact: This graph shows the team assists against team points for home games and shows the very weak correlation that was found between team assists and team points. Also because the graphs have different slopes it reveals an interesting feature, contrary to away games

the opposite is true for home games the correlations directions are swapped and a high number of assists impacts the score more for wins then it does for losses.

**Total Points Per Team in Season 2023-24** 



**vii. Visualization Impact:** This is a table that shows what percentage of points were scored by what teams in the most recent season of NBA. From the table, we can tell that the Los Angeles Lakers are winning with 4.0% of all points scored for that season.

#### Conclusion

Ultimately, for our report we knew we wanted to focus on Basketball Statistics. During our grading session, we received feedback that we needed a heavier focus on the calculations and to make sure we had two tables that share an integer key. Since then, we have created Visualizations V and VI that share an integer key and show what our calculations represent visually.

We also were able to answer our research question. It is clear there is a weak correlation between points and assists. However, it was fascinating to see how the correlation at away games was stronger than at home games. This means that the number of points scored is not heavily influenced by the number of assists and that there are other factors that influence the difference in points. Overall, although this project was very time consuming, it was super interesting to use real world applications with our code. Also, being able to see our result reflected into a graph was very satisfying.

#### Resources

As a group we presented on December 8th, by the time we did not have our project finished, thus the IA's guided us with how we should proceed for the next steps missing in our project. Also, I went back to the slides provided in class for clarification in the Beautiful Soup topic to be able to do web scraping and also the HTML slides for better understanding in order to be able to make the code part for the website.

For the function fetch\_and\_plot\_data1(), I used ChatGpt on December 10 to help me code the headers and subheaders (user-agent, referrers, and accept-language). I kept on getting odd request errors, and the addition of the header stopped these errors from continuing. It definitely helped me get my code to run properly.