

# Reppeto530Final\_Project

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## 0.1 Final Project

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As it relates to NFL fantasy football, I would like to know if drafting a quarterback early in a fanstasy draft significantly contributes to improved fantasy football team performance compared to drafting quarterbacks later or other positions earlier.

#### Variables

The 6 variables that I will be using are:

1. FPTS (Fantasy Points):
2. FPTS.G (Fantasy Points Per Game):
3. TTL\_TD (Total Touchdowns):
4. Overall (Overall Draft Position):
5. G (Games Played):
6. Posit (Position):

#### Variables Definitions

1. FPTS (Fantasy Points): This column represents the total fantasy points scored by the player over the season. Fantasy points are a key measure of a player's contribution to a fantasy team's performance.
2. Posit (Position): This indicates the player's position (e.g., QB for quarterback, RB for running back, WR for wide receiver). Different positions can have different impacts on fantasy scoring, with quarterbacks often having a significant influence.
3. TTL\_TD (Total Touchdowns): Total touchdowns scored by the player, combining passing, rushing, and receiving touchdowns. Touchdowns are a major contributor to fantasy scoring, making this a crucial metric.
4. Overall (Overall Draft Position): This reflects the player's average draft position in fantasy drafts. Early draft picks are often expected to contribute more significantly to fantasy team performance.
5. G (Games Played): The number of games the player participated in during the season. Availability can impact a player's total fantasy contribution, as more games played offer more opportunities for scoring points.
6. Posit (Position): This variable represents the position a player occupies on the field (e.g., QB for quarterback, RB for running back, WR for wide receiver). The position is a critical factor in evaluating a player's fantasy value because scoring systems often vary significantly

based on positions, with quarterbacks generally scoring differently from running backs, wide receivers, and tight ends in most fantasy leagues.

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[164]: import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from scipy.stats import norm
from scipy.stats import gaussian_kde
import statsmodels.api as sm
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[64]: # import Draft results

draft19_df = pd.read_csv('DSC530_final/draft_adp_2019.csv')
draft20_df = pd.read_csv('DSC530_final/draft_adp_2020.csv')
draft21_df = pd.read_csv('DSC530_final/draft_adp_2021.csv')
draft22_df = pd.read_csv('DSC530_final/draft_adp_2022.csv')
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[65]: # append df's

drafted_df = pd.concat([draft19_df, draft20_df, draft21_df, draft22_df],
                        ignore_index=True)
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```
[66]: # head new draft df

drafted_df.head(15)
```

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[66]:
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	#	Pick	Name	Pos	Team	Overall	StdDev	High	Low	\
0	1	1.01	Saquon Barkley	RB	NYG	1.4	0.6	1.01	1.05	
1	2	1.03	Alvin Kamara	RB	NO	2.5	0.9	1.01	1.06	
2	3	1.03	Christian McCaffrey	RB	CAR	3.2	1.2	1.01	1.07	
3	4	1.04	Ezekiel Elliott	RB	DAL	3.9	1.2	1.01	1.08	
4	5	1.06	Davante Adams	WR	GB	6.4	1.5	1.01	2.01	
5	6	1.07	DeAndre Hopkins	WR	HOU	7.0	2.8	1.01	2.08	
6	7	1.07	James Conner	RB	PIT	7.1	1.9	1.01	1.12	
7	8	1.07	David Johnson	RB	ARI	7.1	2.0	1.03	2.04	
8	9	1.09	LeVeon Bell	RB	NYJ	8.8	2.2	1.02	2.05	
9	10	1.10	Julio Jones	WR	ATL	10.2	2.2	1.01	2.04	
10	11	1.10	Michael Thomas	WR	NO	10.4	2.0	1.02	2.05	
11	12	1.12	Nick Chubb	RB	CLE	11.7	2.4	1.03	2.05	
12	13	2.01	JuJu Smith-Schuster	WR	PIT	12.9	2.3	1.02	2.09	
13	14	2.02	Tyreek Hill	WR	KC	13.9	2.6	1.01	2.09	
14	15	2.03	Dalvin Cook	RB	MIN	14.6	2.8	1.05	2.11	

	TimesDrafted	Fantasy_yr	Bye
0	501	2019	NaN
1	507	2019	NaN
2	597	2019	NaN

3	270	2019	NaN
4	332	2019	NaN
5	735	2019	NaN
6	335	2019	NaN
7	366	2019	NaN
8	514	2019	NaN
9	598	2019	NaN
10	564	2019	NaN
11	502	2019	NaN
12	569	2019	NaN
13	474	2019	NaN
14	640	2019	NaN

```
[67]: # drop columns

drafted_df=drafted_df.drop(columns=['Bye'])
#drafted_df.drop(drafted_df.columns[1], axis=1, inplace=True)
```

```
[68]: # head new draft df

drafted_df.head(5)
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[68]:
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	#	Pick	Name	Pos	Team	Overall	StdDev	High	Low	\
0	1	1.01	Saquon Barkley	RB	NYG	1.4	0.6	1.01	1.05	
1	2	1.03	Alvin Kamara	RB	NO	2.5	0.9	1.01	1.06	
2	3	1.03	Christian McCaffrey	RB	CAR	3.2	1.2	1.01	1.07	
3	4	1.04	Ezekiel Elliott	RB	DAL	3.9	1.2	1.01	1.08	
4	5	1.06	Davante Adams	WR	GB	6.4	1.5	1.01	2.01	

	TimesDrafted	Fantasy_yr
0	501	2019
1	507	2019
2	597	2019
3	270	2019
4	332	2019

```
[69]: # import FF stats Dataset

qb_df = pd.read_csv('DSC530_final/QB_Merged_Fantasy_Football_Statistics.csv')
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```
[70]: # head new df

qb_df.head()
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[70]:
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	Rank	Player	CMP	ATT	PCT	YDS	Y.A	TD	INT	SACKS	\
0	41	Joe Flacco (FA)	110	191	57.6	1,051	5.5	5	3	10	
1	40	Tyler Huntley (BAL)	75	112	67.0	658	5.9	2	3	7	

2	39	Cooper Rush (DAL)	94	162	58.0	1,051	6.5	5	3	7
3	38	Mike White (MIA)	103	175	58.9	1,192	6.8	3	4	9
4	37	Mitch Trubisky (PIT)	117	180	65.0	1,252	7.0	4	5	11

	ATT.1	YDS.1	TD.1	FL	G	FPTS	FPTS.G	ROST	Fantasy_yr	Posit
0	3	6	0	4	5	51.4	10.3	1.00%	2022	QB
1	43	137	1	0	5	53.0	10.6	0.70%	2022	QB
2	9	6	0	0	8	59.6	7.5	0.20%	2022	QB
3	6	9	1	1	4	60.6	15.2	1.20%	2022	QB
4	19	38	2	0	7	79.0	11.3	0.60%	2022	QB

```
[71]: # extract team information and create a new 'Team' column
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qb_df['Team'] = qb_df['Player'].str.extract(r'\(((^)+)\)')
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```
# remove team information from the 'Player' column
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```
qb_df['Player'] = qb_df['Player'].str.replace(r'\s*\([^)]*\)\s*', '',  
↪ regex=True)
```

```
[72]: # head new df
```

```
qb_df.head()
```

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[72]:
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	Rank	Player	CMP	ATT	PCT	YDS	Y.A	TD	INT	SACKS	...	\
0	41	Joe Flacco	110	191	57.6	1,051	5.5	5	3	10	...	
1	40	Tyler Huntley	75	112	67.0	658	5.9	2	3	7	...	
2	39	Cooper Rush	94	162	58.0	1,051	6.5	5	3	7	...	
3	38	Mike White	103	175	58.9	1,192	6.8	3	4	9	...	
4	37	Mitch Trubisky	117	180	65.0	1,252	7.0	4	5	11	...	

	YDS.1	TD.1	FL	G	FPTS	FPTS.G	ROST	Fantasy_yr	Posit	Team
0	6	0	4	5	51.4	10.3	1.00%	2022	QB	FA
1	137	1	0	5	53.0	10.6	0.70%	2022	QB	BAL
2	6	0	0	8	59.6	7.5	0.20%	2022	QB	DAL
3	9	1	1	4	60.6	15.2	1.20%	2022	QB	MIA
4	38	2	0	7	79.0	11.3	0.60%	2022	QB	PIT

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[5 rows x 21 columns]
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[73]: # drop columns
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```
qb_df=qb_df.drop(columns=['CMP', 'ATT', 'PCT', 'YDS', 'Y.A', 'INT', 'SACKS', 'YDS.  
↪ 1', 'FL', 'ROST', 'ATT.1'])
```

```
[74]: # rename td.1 column to. rushing
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```
qb_df=qb_df.rename(columns={'TD': 'PASSING_TD', 'TD.1': 'RUSHING_TD'})
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```
[75]: # create column
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```
qb_df['REC_TD'] = np.nan
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```
[76]: # replace NaN values with 0 in the columns
```

```
qb_df['PASSING_TD'] = qb_df['PASSING_TD'].fillna(0)
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```
qb_df['RUSHING_TD'] = qb_df['RUSHING_TD'].fillna(0)
```

```
qb_df['REC_TD'] = qb_df['REC_TD'].fillna(0)
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```
# convert the columns to integer type
```

```
qb_df['PASSING_TD'] = qb_df['PASSING_TD'].astype(int)
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```
qb_df['RUSHING_TD'] = qb_df['RUSHING_TD'].astype(int)
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```
qb_df['REC_TD'] = qb_df['REC_TD'].astype(int)
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```
[77]: # summarize column
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```
qb_df['TTL_TD'] = qb_df['PASSING_TD'] + qb_df['RUSHING_TD'] + qb_df['REC_TD']
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```
[78]: # define the desired order of columns
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```
column_order = ['Rank', 'Player', 'Team', 'Posit', 'PASSING_TD', 'RUSHING_TD', 'REC_TD', 'TTL_TD', 'G', 'FPTS', 'FPTS.G', 'Fantasy_yr']
```

```
# reorder the columns
```

```
qb_df = qb_df[column_order]
```

```
[79]: # head new df
```

```
qb_df.head()
```

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[79]:
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	Rank	Player	Team	Posit	PASSING_TD	RUSHING_TD	REC_TD	TTL_TD	G	\
0	41	Joe Flacco	FA	QB	5	0	0	5	5	
1	40	Tyler Huntley	BAL	QB	2	1	0	3	5	
2	39	Cooper Rush	DAL	QB	5	0	0	5	8	
3	38	Mike White	MIA	QB	3	1	0	4	4	
4	37	Mitch Trubisky	PIT	QB	4	2	0	6	7	

	FPTS	FPTS.G	Fantasy_yr
0	51.4	10.3	2022
1	53.0	10.6	2022
2	59.6	7.5	2022
3	60.6	15.2	2022
4	79.0	11.3	2022

```
[80]: # import FF stats Dataset

rb_df = pd.read_csv('DSC530_final/RB_Merged_Fantasy_Football_Statistics.csv')
```

```
[81]: # head new df

rb_df.head()
```

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[81]:
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	Rank	Player	ATT	YDS	Y.A	LG	X20.	TD	REC	TGT	YDS.1	\
0	80	Justice Hill (BAL)	49	262	5.3	34	2	0	12	12	58	
1	79	DeeJay Dallas (SEA)	35	186	5.3	27	1	0	17	19	126	
2	78	Marlon Mack (FA)	16	84	5.3	17	0	1	8	10	99	
3	77	Ty Johnson (FA)	30	160	5.3	32	3	1	12	24	88	
4	76	Jordan Mason (SF)	43	258	6.0	55	4	1	0	0	0	

	Y.R	TD.1	FL	G	FPTS	FPTS.G	ROST	Fantasy_yr	Posit
0	4.8	0	1	15	30.0	2.0	0.30%	2022	RB
1	7.4	0	0	15	30.2	2.0	0.80%	2022	RB
2	12.4	1	0	8	30.3	3.8	6.00%	2022	RB
3	7.3	0	0	12	30.8	2.6	0.10%	2022	RB
4	0.0	0	0	12	31.8	2.7	0.70%	2022	RB

```
[82]: # extract team information and create a new 'Team' column

rb_df['Team'] = rb_df['Player'].str.extract(r'\(((\[^\]]+\))\s*\)')

# remove team information from the 'Player' column

rb_df['Player'] = rb_df['Player'].str.replace(r'\s*\([^\)]*\)\s*', ' ',
regex=True)
```

```
[83]: # head new df

rb_df.head()
```

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[83]:
```

	Rank	Player	ATT	YDS	Y.A	LG	X20.	TD	REC	TGT	...	Y.R	\
0	80	Justice Hill	49	262	5.3	34	2	0	12	12	...	4.8	
1	79	DeeJay Dallas	35	186	5.3	27	1	0	17	19	...	7.4	
2	78	Marlon Mack	16	84	5.3	17	0	1	8	10	...	12.4	
3	77	Ty Johnson	30	160	5.3	32	3	1	12	24	...	7.3	
4	76	Jordan Mason	43	258	6.0	55	4	1	0	0	...	0.0	

	TD.1	FL	G	FPTS	FPTS.G	ROST	Fantasy_yr	Posit	Team
0	0	1	15	30.0	2.0	0.30%	2022	RB	BAL
1	0	0	15	30.2	2.0	0.80%	2022	RB	SEA
2	1	0	8	30.3	3.8	6.00%	2022	RB	FA
3	0	0	12	30.8	2.6	0.10%	2022	RB	FA

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4      0      0  12  31.8      2.7  0.70%      2022      RB      SF
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[5 rows x 21 columns]
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```
[84]: # drop columns
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```
rb_df=rb_df.drop(columns=['X20.', 'ATT', 'REC', 'YDS', 'Y.A', 'YDS.
↳1', 'FL', 'ROST', 'LG', 'TGT', 'Y.R'])
```

```
[85]: # rename td.1 column to. rushing
```

```
rb_df=rb_df.rename(columns={'TD': 'RUSHING_TD', 'TD.1': 'REC_TD'})
```

```
[86]: # create column
```

```
rb_df['PASSING_TD']= np.nan
```

```
[87]: # replace NaN values with 0 in the columns
```

```
rb_df['PASSING_TD'] = rb_df['PASSING_TD'].fillna(0)
rb_df['RUSHING_TD'] = rb_df['RUSHING_TD'].fillna(0)
rb_df['REC_TD'] = rb_df['REC_TD'].fillna(0)
```

```
# convert the columns to integer type
```

```
rb_df['PASSING_TD'] = rb_df['PASSING_TD'].astype(int)
rb_df['RUSHING_TD'] = rb_df['RUSHING_TD'].astype(int)
rb_df['REC_TD'] = rb_df['REC_TD'].astype(int)
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[88]: # sumamrize column
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```
rb_df['TTL_TD'] = rb_df['PASSING_TD'] + rb_df['RUSHING_TD']+ rb_df['REC_TD']
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```
[89]: # define the desired order of columns
```

```
column_order_rb = ['Rank', 'Player', 'Team', 'Posit', 'PASSING_TD', 'RUSHING_TD', '
↳REC_TD', 'TTL_TD', 'G', 'FPTS', 'FPTS.G', 'Fantasy_yr']
```

```
# reorder the columns
```

```
rb_df = rb_df[column_order_rb]
```

```
[90]: # head new df
```

```
rb_df.head()
```

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[90]:      Rank      Player Team Posit  PASSING_TD  RUSHING_TD  REC_TD  TTL_TD  G  \
0      80    Justice Hill  BAL      RB           0           0         0         0  15
1      79   DeeJay Dallas  SEA      RB           0           0         0         0  15
```

2	78	Marlon Mack	FA	RB	0	1	1	2	8
3	77	Ty Johnson	FA	RB	0	1	0	1	12
4	76	Jordan Mason	SF	RB	0	1	0	1	12

	FPTS	FPTS.G	Fantasy_yr
0	30.0	2.0	2022
1	30.2	2.0	2022
2	30.3	3.8	2022
3	30.8	2.6	2022
4	31.8	2.7	2022

```
[91]: # import FF stats Dataset

wr_df = pd.read_csv('DSC530_final/WR_Merged_Fantasy_Football_Statistics.csv')
```

```
[92]: # head qb df

wr_df.head()
```

	Rank	Player	REC	TGT	YDS	Y.R	LG	X20.	TD	ATT	\
0	134	Keelan Cole Sr. (LV)	10	21	141	14.1	30	4	1	0	
1	133	Zach Pascal (ARI)	15	19	150	10.0	34	3	1	1	
2	130	David Bell (CLE)	24	35	214	8.9	20	1	0	0	
3	131	Sky Moore (KC)	22	33	250	11.4	30	3	0	3	
4	132	Sterling Shepard (NYG)	13	24	154	11.8	65	4	1	0	

	YDS.1	TD.1	FL	G	FPTS	FPTS.G	ROST	Fantasy_yr	Posit
0	0	0	0	12	20.1	1.7	0.00%	2022	WR
1	0	0	0	15	21.0	1.4	0.10%	2022	WR
2	0	0	0	15	21.4	1.4	0.70%	2022	WR
3	24	0	3	16	21.4	1.3	60.20%	2022	WR
4	0	0	0	3	21.4	7.1	1.00%	2022	WR

```
[93]: # extract team information and create a new 'Team' column

wr_df['Team'] = wr_df['Player'].str.extract(r'\(((^)+)\)')

# remove team information from the 'Player' column

wr_df['Player'] = wr_df['Player'].str.replace(r'\s*\([^)]*\)\s*', ' ',
↪ regex=True)
```

```
[94]: # head qb df

wr_df.head()
```



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[94]:
```

	Rank	Player	REC	TGT	YDS	Y.R	LG	X20.	TD	ATT	YDS.1	\
0	134	Keelan Cole Sr.	10	21	141	14.1	30	4	1	0	0	
1	133	Zach Pascal	15	19	150	10.0	34	3	1	1	0	
2	130	David Bell	24	35	214	8.9	20	1	0	0	0	
3	131	Sky Moore	22	33	250	11.4	30	3	0	3	24	
4	132	Sterling Shepard	13	24	154	11.8	65	4	1	0	0	

	TD.1	FL	G	FPTS	FPTS.G	ROST	Fantasy_yr	Posit	Team
0	0	0	12	20.1	1.7	0.00%	2022	WR	LV
1	0	0	15	21.0	1.4	0.10%	2022	WR	ARI
2	0	0	15	21.4	1.4	0.70%	2022	WR	CLE
3	0	3	16	21.4	1.3	60.20%	2022	WR	KC
4	0	0	3	21.4	7.1	1.00%	2022	WR	NYG

```
[95]: # drop columns
```

```
wr_df=wr_df.drop(columns=['X20.', 'ATT', 'REC', 'YDS', 'YDS.1', 'FL', 'ROST', 'LG', 'TGT', 'Y.R'])
```

```
[96]: # rename td.1 column to. rushing
```

```
wr_df=wr_df.rename(columns={'TD': 'REC_TD', 'TD.1': 'RUSHING_TD'})
```

```
[97]: # create column
```

```
wr_df['PASSING_TD']= np.nan
```

```
[98]: # replace NaN values with 0 in the columns
```

```
wr_df['PASSING_TD']=wr_df['PASSING_TD'].fillna(0)
wr_df['RUSHING_TD']=wr_df['RUSHING_TD'].fillna(0)
wr_df['REC_TD']=wr_df['REC_TD'].fillna(0)
```

```
# convert the columns to integer type
```

```
wr_df['PASSING_TD']=wr_df['PASSING_TD'].astype(int)
wr_df['RUSHING_TD']=wr_df['RUSHING_TD'].astype(int)
wr_df['REC_TD']=wr_df['REC_TD'].astype(int)
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```
[99]: # summarize column
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```
wr_df['TTL_TD'] = wr_df['PASSING_TD'] + wr_df['RUSHING_TD']+ wr_df['REC_TD']
```

```
[100]: # define the desired order of columns
```

```
column_order_wr = ['Rank', 'Player', 'Team', 'Posit', 'PASSING_TD', 'RUSHING_TD', 'REC_TD', 'TTL_TD', 'G', 'FPTS', 'FPTS.G', 'Fantasy_yr']
```

```
# reorder the columns
wr_df = wr_df[column_order_wr]
```

```
[101]: # head qb df
```

```
wr_df.head()
```

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[101]:
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	Rank	Player	Team	Posit	PASSING_TD	RUSHING_TD	REC_TD	TTL_TD	\
0	134	Keelan Cole Sr.	LV	WR	0	0	1	1	
1	133	Zach Pascal	ARI	WR	0	0	1	1	
2	130	David Bell	CLE	WR	0	0	0	0	
3	131	Skyy Moore	KC	WR	0	0	0	0	
4	132	Sterling Shepard	NYG	WR	0	0	1	1	

	G	FPTS	FPTS.G	Fantasy_yr
0	12	20.1	1.7	2022
1	15	21.0	1.4	2022
2	15	21.4	1.4	2022
3	16	21.4	1.3	2022
4	3	21.4	7.1	2022

```
[102]: # import FF stats Dataset
```

```
te_df = pd.read_csv('DSC530_final/TE_Merged_Fantasy_Football_Statistics.csv')
```

```
[103]: # head qb df
```

```
te_df.head()
```

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[103]:
```

	Rank	Player	REC	TGT	YDS	Y.R	LG	X20.	TD	ATT	YDS.1	\
0	80	Josiah Deguara (GB)	13	15	114	8.8	25	1	0	0	0	
1	79	Pharaoh Brown (IND)	12	20	117	9.8	30	2	0	0	0	
2	78	Geoff Swaim (ARI)	12	16	58	4.8	13	0	1	0	0	
3	77	Jack Stoll (PHI)	11	14	123	11.2	26	2	0	0	0	
4	76	Quintin Morris (BUF)	8	11	84	10.5	26	1	1	0	0	

	TD.1	FL	G	FPTS	FPTS.G	ROST	Fantasy_yr	Posit
0	0	0	9	11.4	1.3	0.10%	2022	TE
1	0	0	9	11.7	1.3	0.00%	2022	TE
2	0	0	12	11.8	1.0	0.00%	2022	TE
3	0	0	10	12.3	1.2	0.10%	2022	TE
4	0	1	9	12.4	1.4	0.10%	2022	TE

```
[104]: # extract team information and create a new 'Team' column
```

```
te_df['Team'] = te_df['Player'].str.extract(r'\(((\[^\]]+\))\)\')
```

```
# remove team information from the 'Player' column

te_df['Player'] = te_df['Player'].str.replace(r'\s*([~])*\\s*', ' ',
↪ regex=True)
```

```
[105]: # head qb df
```

```
te_df.head()
```

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[105]:
```

	Rank	Player	REC	TGT	YDS	Y.R	LG	X20.	TD	ATT	YDS.1	TD.1	\
0	80	Josiah Deguara	13	15	114	8.8	25	1	0	0	0	0	
1	79	Pharaoh Brown	12	20	117	9.8	30	2	0	0	0	0	
2	78	Geoff Swaim	12	16	58	4.8	13	0	1	0	0	0	
3	77	Jack Stoll	11	14	123	11.2	26	2	0	0	0	0	
4	76	Quintin Morris	8	11	84	10.5	26	1	1	0	0	0	

	FL	G	FPTS	FPTS.G	ROST	Fantasy_yr	Posit	Team
0	0	9	11.4	1.3	0.10%	2022	TE	GB
1	0	9	11.7	1.3	0.00%	2022	TE	IND
2	0	12	11.8	1.0	0.00%	2022	TE	ARI
3	0	10	12.3	1.2	0.10%	2022	TE	PHI
4	1	9	12.4	1.4	0.10%	2022	TE	BUF

```
[106]: # drop columns
```

```
te_df=te_df.drop(columns=['X20.', 'ATT', 'REC', 'YDS', 'YDS.
↪ 1', 'FL', 'ROST', 'LG', 'TGT', 'Y.R'])
```

```
[107]: # rename td.1 column to. rushing
```

```
te_df=te_df.rename(columns={'TD': 'REC_TD', 'TD.1': 'RUSHING_TD'})
```

```
[108]: # create column
```

```
te_df['PASSING_TD']= np.nan
```

```
[109]: # replace NaN values with 0 in the columns
```

```
te_df['PASSING_TD']=te_df['PASSING_TD'].fillna(0)
te_df['RUSHING_TD']=te_df['RUSHING_TD'].fillna(0)
te_df['REC_TD']=te_df['REC_TD'].fillna(0)

# convert the columns to integer type

te_df['PASSING_TD']=te_df['PASSING_TD'].astype(int)
te_df['RUSHING_TD']=te_df['RUSHING_TD'].astype(int)
te_df['REC_TD']=te_df['REC_TD'].astype(int)
```

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[110]: # sumamrize column

te_df['TTL_TD'] = te_df['PASSING_TD'] + te_df['RUSHING_TD']+ te_df['REC_TD']
```

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[111]: # define the desired order of columns
column_order_te = ['Rank', 'Player', 'Team', 'Posit', 'PASSING_TD', 'RUSHING_TD', 'REC_TD', 'TTL_TD', 'G', 'FPTS', 'FPTS.G', 'Fantasy_yr']

# reorder the columns
te_df = te_df[column_order_te]
```

```
[112]: # head qb df

te_df.head()
```

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[112]:
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	Rank	Player	Team	Posit	PASSING_TD	RUSHING_TD	REC_TD	TTL_TD	\
0	80	Josiah Deguara	GB	TE	0	0	0	0	
1	79	Pharaoh Brown	IND	TE	0	0	0	0	
2	78	Geoff Swaim	ARI	TE	0	0	1	1	
3	77	Jack Stoll	PHI	TE	0	0	0	0	
4	76	Quintin Morris	BUF	TE	0	0	1	1	

	G	FPTS	FPTS.G	Fantasy_yr
0	9	11.4	1.3	2022
1	9	11.7	1.3	2022
2	12	11.8	1.0	2022
3	10	12.3	1.2	2022
4	9	12.4	1.4	2022

```
[113]: # concat df vert

stats_df = pd.concat([qb_df, wr_df, rb_df, te_df], axis=0)
```

```
[114]: # head df

stats_df.head(30)
```

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[114]:
```

	Rank	Player	Team	Posit	PASSING_TD	RUSHING_TD	REC_TD	TTL_TD	\
0	41	Joe Flacco	FA	QB	5	0	0	5	
1	40	Tyler Huntley	BAL	QB	2	1	0	3	
2	39	Cooper Rush	DAL	QB	5	0	0	5	
3	38	Mike White	MIA	QB	3	1	0	4	
4	37	Mitch Trubisky	PIT	QB	4	2	0	6	
5	36	Sam Darnold	SF	QB	7	2	0	9	
6	35	Deshaun Watson	CLE	QB	7	1	0	8	
7	34	Zach Wilson	NYJ	QB	6	1	0	7	
8	33	Brock Purdy	SF	QB	13	1	0	14	

9	32	Matthew Stafford	LAR	QB	10	1	0	11
10	31	Carson Wentz	FA	QB	11	1	0	12
11	30	Taylor Heinicke	ATL	QB	12	1	0	13
12	29	Baker Mayfield	TB	QB	10	1	0	11
13	28	Kenny Pickett	PIT	QB	7	3	0	10
14	27	Ryan Tannehill	TEN	QB	13	2	0	15
15	26	Matt Ryan	FA	QB	14	1	0	15
16	25	Jimmy Garoppolo	LV	QB	16	2	0	18
17	24	Jacoby Brissett	WAS	QB	12	2	0	14
18	23	Mac Jones	NE	QB	14	1	0	15
19	22	Andy Dalton	CAR	QB	18	0	0	18
20	21	Davis Mills	HOU	QB	17	2	0	19
21	20	Marcus Mariota	PHI	QB	15	4	0	19
22	19	Kyler Murray	ARI	QB	14	3	0	17
23	18	Dak Prescott	DAL	QB	23	1	0	24
24	17	Derek Carr	NO	QB	24	0	0	24
25	16	Russell Wilson	DEN	QB	16	3	0	19
26	15	Tua Tagovailoa	MIA	QB	25	0	0	25
27	14	Lamar Jackson	BAL	QB	17	3	0	20
28	13	Aaron Rodgers	NYJ	QB	26	1	0	27
29	12	Tom Brady	FA	QB	25	1	0	26

	G	FPTS	FPTS.G	Fantasy_yr
0	5	51.4	10.3	2022
1	5	53.0	10.6	2022
2	8	59.6	7.5	2022
3	4	60.6	15.2	2022
4	7	79.0	11.3	2022
5	6	89.3	14.9	2022
6	6	90.5	15.1	2022
7	9	105.0	11.7	2022
8	9	110.3	12.3	2022
9	9	116.5	12.9	2022
10	8	121.8	15.2	2022
11	9	121.9	13.5	2022
12	12	129.4	10.8	2022
13	13	159.0	12.2	2022
14	12	167.2	13.9	2022
15	12	168.3	14.0	2022
16	11	168.7	15.3	2022
17	14	174.7	12.5	2022
18	14	181.1	12.9	2022
19	14	183.3	13.1	2022
20	15	196.6	13.1	2022
21	13	205.7	15.8	2022
22	11	207.6	18.9	2022
23	12	213.6	17.8	2022

24	15	233.0	15.5	2022
25	15	236.0	15.7	2022
26	13	239.0	18.4	2022
27	12	243.1	20.3	2022
28	17	251.3	14.8	2022
29	17	280.5	16.5	2022

```
[115]: # sort stats_df

stats_df = stats_df.sort_values(by=['Fantasy_yr', 'Player', 'FPTS'])

# sort drafted_df

drafted_df = drafted_df.sort_values(by=['Fantasy_yr', 'Name'])
```

```
[116]: # perform a left outer join

merged_df = pd.merge(stats_df, drafted_df, how='left', left_on=['Player', 'Fantasy_yr'], right_on=['Name', 'Fantasy_yr'])
```

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[120]: #merged_df.to_csv('merged_stats_data.csv', index=False)
```

```
[123]: # head df

merged_df.head(5)
```

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[123]:
```

	Rank	Player	Team_x	Posit	PASSING_TD	RUSHING_TD	REC_TD	TTL_TD	\
0	10	A.J. Brown	PHI	WR	0	1	8	9	
1	3	Aaron Jones	GB	RB	0	16	3	19	
2	10	Aaron Rodgers	NYJ	QB	26	1	0	27	
3	85	Adam Humphries	FA	WR	0	0	2	2	
4	56	Adam Thielen	CAR	WR	0	1	6	7	

	G	FPTS	...	#	Pick	Name	Pos	Team_y	Overall	StdDev	\
0	16	165.1	...	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	
1	16	265.8	...	30.0	3.05	Aaron Jones	RB	GB	29.2	3.4	
2	16	282.0	...	58.0	5.08	Aaron Rodgers	QB	GB	55.7	7.6	
3	12	49.5	...	192.0	14.11	Adam Humphries	WR	TEN	166.9	10.3	
4	10	84.4	...	23.0	2.11	Adam Thielen	WR	MIN	22.9	2.5	

	High	Low	TimesDrafted
0	NaN	NaN	NaN
1	2.01	4.04	515.0
2	1.01	6.09	249.0
3	12.08	16.02	50.0
4	1.12	3.09	440.0

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[126]: # drop NaN to clean undrafted
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merged_df=merged_df.dropna(subset=['Pos', 'Overall'])
```

```
[127]: # head df
```

```
merged_df.head(25)
```

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[127]:
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	Rank	Player	Team_x	Posit	PASSING_TD	RUSHING_TD	REC_TD	\
1	3	Aaron Jones	GB	RB	0	16	3	
2	10	Aaron Rodgers	NYJ	QB	26	1	0	
3	85	Adam Humphries	FA	WR	0	0	2	
4	56	Adam Thielen	CAR	WR	0	1	6	
5	28	Adrian Peterson	FA	RB	0	5	0	
8	55	Alexander Mattison	MIN	RB	0	1	0	
12	59	Alshon Jeffery	FA	WR	0	1	4	
13	16	Alvin Kamara	NO	RB	0	5	1	
14	7	Amari Cooper	CLE	WR	0	0	8	
19	63	Anthony Miller	FA	WR	0	0	2	
21	7	Austin Ekeler	LAC	RB	0	3	8	
22	7	Austin Hooper	LV	TE	0	0	6	
23	19	Baker Mayfield	TB	QB	22	3	0	
32	62	Brandin Cooks	DAL	WR	0	0	2	
38	23	Calvin Ridley	JAC	WR	0	0	7	
40	23	Carlos Hyde	FA	RB	0	6	0	
41	9	Carson Wentz	FA	QB	27	1	0	
46	9	Chris Carson	FA	RB	0	7	2	
48	2	Chris Godwin	TB	WR	0	0	9	
50	46	Christian Kirk	JAC	WR	0	0	3	
51	1	Christian McCaffrey	SF	RB	0	15	4	
53	35	Cole Beasley	NYG	WR	0	0	6	
54	4	Cooper Kupp	LAR	WR	0	0	10	
55	64	Corey Davis	NYJ	WR	0	0	2	
56	17	Courtland Sutton	DEN	WR	0	0	6	

	TTL_TD	G	FPTS	...	#	Pick	Name	Pos	Team_y	\
1	19	16	265.8	...	30.0	3.05	Aaron Jones	RB	GB	
2	27	16	282.0	...	58.0	5.08	Aaron Rodgers	QB	GB	
3	2	12	49.5	...	192.0	14.11	Adam Humphries	WR	TEN	
4	7	10	84.4	...	23.0	2.11	Adam Thielen	WR	MIN	
5	5	16	130.0	...	140.0	12.01	Adrian Peterson	RB	WAS	
8	1	13	58.4	...	134.0	11.07	Alexander Mattison	RB	MIN	
12	5	10	79.2	...	74.0	6.12	Alshon Jeffery	WR	PHI	
13	6	14	167.5	...	2.0	1.03	Alvin Kamara	RB	NO	
14	8	16	167.5	...	35.0	3.09	Amari Cooper	WR	DAL	

19	2	16	75.5	...	142.0	12.02	Anthony Miller	WR	CHI
21	11	16	217.0	...	63.0	6.02	Austin Ekeler	RB	LAC
22	6	13	116.7	...	99.0	8.11	Austin Hooper	TE	ATL
23	25	16	250.3	...	65.0	6.03	Baker Mayfield	QB	CLE
32	2	14	75.5	...	39.0	4.03	Brandin Cooks	WR	LAR
38	7	13	134.0	...	55.0	5.06	Calvin Ridley	WR	ATL
40	6	16	143.2	...	160.0	13.08	Carlos Hyde	RB	HOU
41	28	16	282.9	...	76.0	7.03	Carson Wentz	QB	PHI
46	9	15	195.6	...	27.0	3.02	Chris Carson	RB	SEA
48	9	14	190.1	...	41.0	4.04	Chris Godwin	WR	TB
50	3	13	100.2	...	92.0	8.06	Christian Kirk	WR	ARI
51	19	16	355.2	...	3.0	1.03	Christian McCaffrey	RB	CAR
53	6	15	117.8	...	178.0	14.04	Cole Beasley	WR	BUF
54	10	16	176.5	...	46.0	4.09	Cooper Kupp	WR	LAR
55	2	15	72.1	...	115.0	10.03	Corey Davis	WR	TEN
56	6	16	150.4	...	132.0	11.06	Courtland Sutton	WR	DEN

	Overall	StdDev	High	Low	TimesDrafted
1	29.2	3.4	2.01	4.04	515.0
2	55.7	7.6	1.01	6.09	249.0
3	166.9	10.3	12.08	16.02	50.0
4	22.9	2.5	1.12	3.09	440.0
5	133.1	12.1	8.08	14.12	218.0
8	127.3	12.1	5.03	13.05	273.0
12	71.9	6.9	4.12	8.10	392.0
13	2.5	0.9	1.01	1.06	507.0
14	33.1	4.3	2.03	4.08	555.0
19	134.4	7.5	10.01	13.05	139.0
21	61.7	6.7	3.08	7.10	756.0
22	95.4	13.3	5.05	11.11	138.0
23	63.2	9.3	1.01	7.08	219.0
32	39.1	3.8	2.12	4.11	484.0
38	53.5	5.2	4.01	6.08	346.0
40	151.9	17.8	8.03	16.03	349.0
41	74.6	6.4	4.01	8.06	249.0
46	26.5	3.7	1.09	4.01	520.0
48	39.9	3.9	2.11	5.01	465.0
50	89.9	7.9	6.01	10.03	373.0
51	3.2	1.2	1.01	1.07	597.0
53	159.6	14.8	10.01	15.12	94.0
54	45.2	3.7	3.01	5.08	382.0
55	110.8	8.2	7.12	11.08	234.0
56	126.2	11.8	3.01	13.04	151.0

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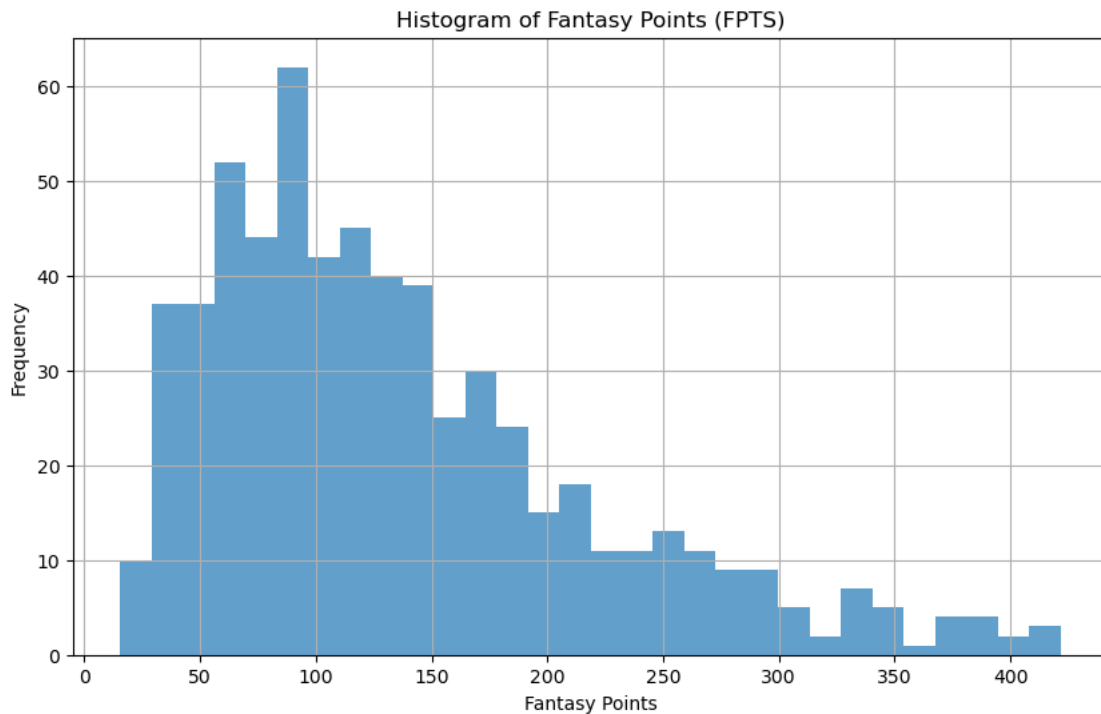
```
[128]: #merged_df.to_csv('merged_stats_data.csv', index=False)
```



## Histograms

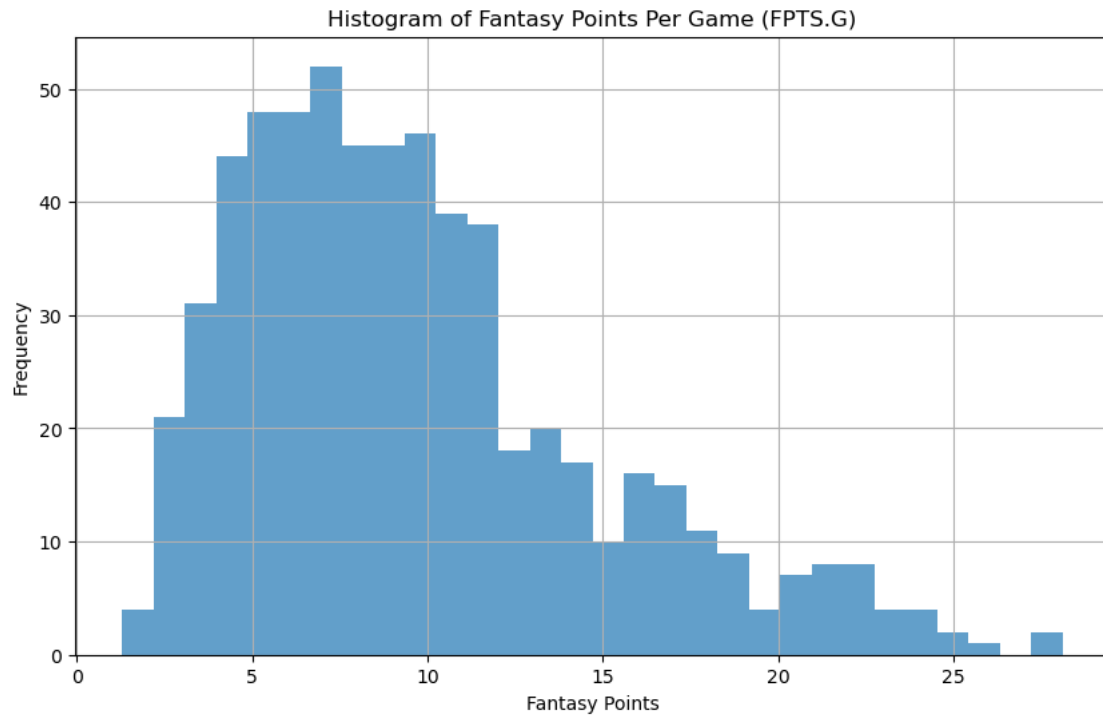
```
[130]: # histogram for FPTS (Fantasy Points)

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.hist(merged_df['FPTS'], bins=30, alpha=0.7)
plt.title('Histogram of Fantasy Points (FPTS)')
plt.xlabel('Fantasy Points')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```



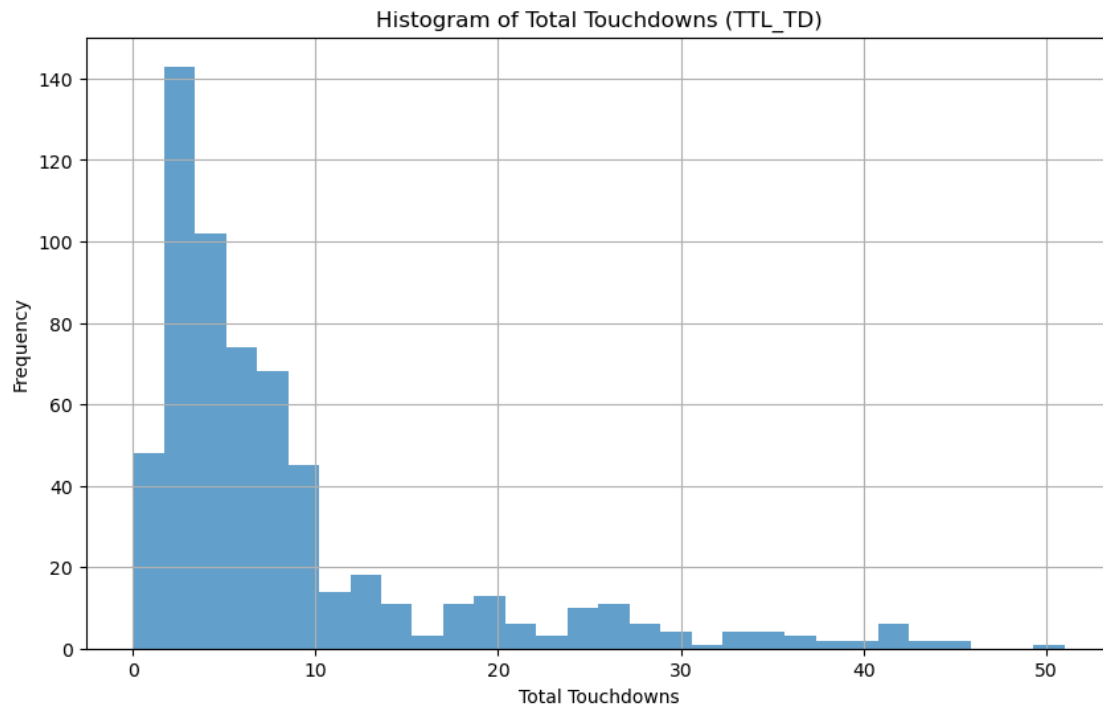
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[140]: # histogram for FPTS.G (Fantasy Points Per Game)

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.hist(merged_df['FPTS.G'], bins=30, alpha=0.7)
plt.title('Histogram of Fantasy Points Per Game (FPTS.G)')
plt.xlabel('Fantasy Points')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```



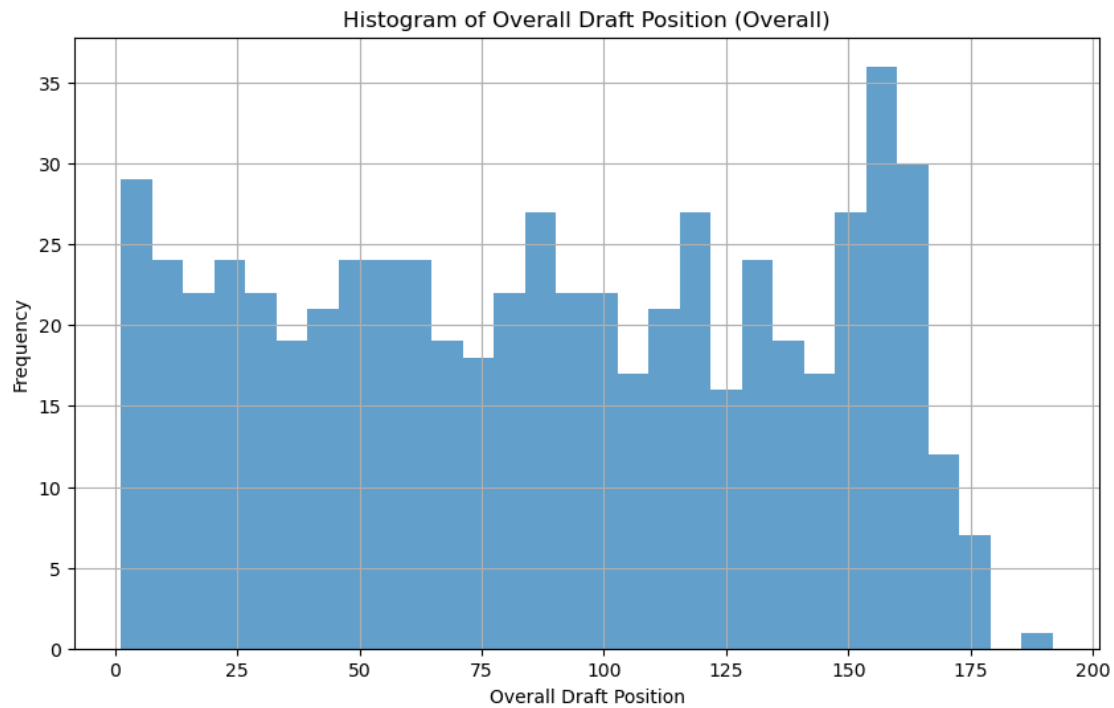
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[133]: # histogram for TTL_TD (Total Touchdowns)

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.hist(merged_df['TTL_TD'], bins=30, alpha=0.7)
plt.title('Histogram of Total Touchdowns (TTL_TD)')
plt.xlabel('Total Touchdowns')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```



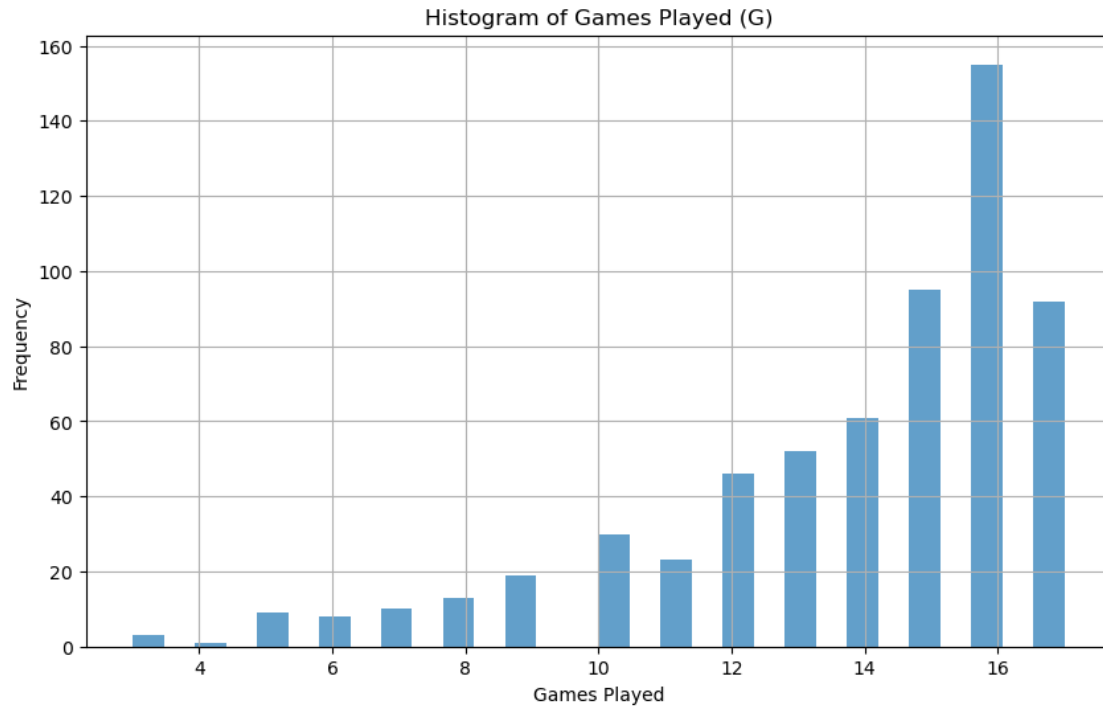
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[135]: # histogram for "Overall" (Overall Draft Position)

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.hist(merged_df['Overall'], bins=30, alpha=0.7)
plt.title('Histogram of Overall Draft Position (Overall)')
plt.xlabel('Overall Draft Position')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```



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[132]: # histogram for G (Games Played)

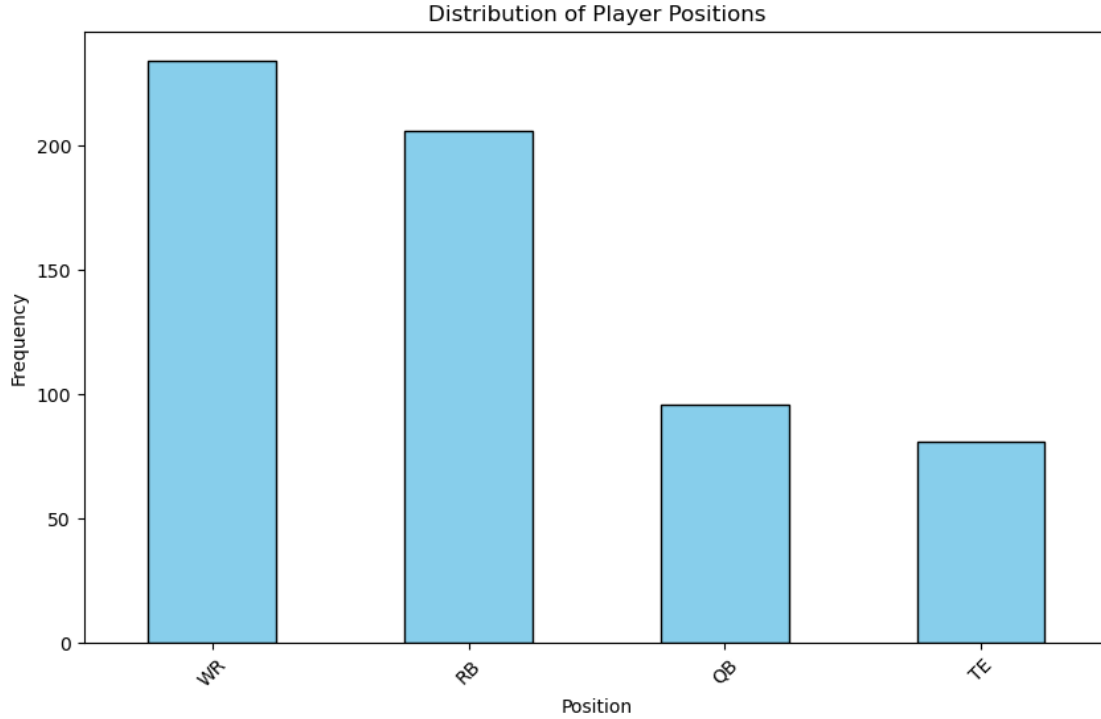
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.hist(merged_df['G'], bins=30, alpha=0.7)
plt.title('Histogram of Games Played (G)')
plt.xlabel('Games Played')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```



```
[153]: # plot the distribution of player positions

# examine the distribution of player positions
position_counts = merged_df['Posit'].value_counts()

# plot the distribution of player positions
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
position_counts.plot(kind='bar', color='skyblue', edgecolor='black')
plt.title('Distribution of Player Positions')
plt.xlabel('Position')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.show()
```



## Outliers

1. Fantasy Points (FPTS): The histogram for Fantasy Points (FPTS) shows a right-skewed distribution, indicating that most players score lower fantasy points, with a few outliers scoring significantly higher. This skewness is typical in fantasy sports, where a small number of players tend to outperform others by a large margin. These outliers represent top performers and should not be removed as they are critical for fantasy football analysis, especially when assessing the impact of drafting decisions.
2. Total Touchdowns (TTL\_TD): The histogram for Total Touchdowns (TTL\_TD) also exhibits a right-skewed distribution. Most players have a lower number of touchdowns, with a decrease in frequency as the number of touchdowns increases. There are fewer players with a high number of touchdowns, which is consistent with the nature of the game where scoring opportunities can vary significantly among players. The outliers in this distribution represent exceptional performers, and similar to FPTS, they are crucial for understanding the dynamics of player performance and should be retained for analysis.
3. Overall Draft Position (Overall) : The histogram for the Overall Draft Position (Overall) displays a somewhat uniform distribution across the range of draft positions, with slight variations. This suggests that players are spread relatively evenly across different draft positions. The presence of a mode at the lower end (indicating a higher frequency of players with lower draft numbers) could reflect the structure of the dataset or the drafting strategy, where certain positions or high-performing players are drafted earlier. The distribution does not indicate significant outliers in terms of draft positions, as all values fall within a plausible range for a fantasy draft.

4. Fantasy Points (FPTS): The histogram of Fantasy Points Per Game (FPTS.G) is similar to FPTS, and also is right-skewed, suggesting that while most players have lower fantasy points per game, a few exceptional players score significantly higher on a per-game basis.
5. Games Played (G): The histogram for Games Played (G) illustrates a left-skewed distribution, corroborating the skewness value of -1.26. This distribution indicates that a large number of players participate in many games, with the frequency tapering off for lower game counts. The mode at 16 games suggests that a significant portion of players are involved in the majority of the season's games, with fewer players participating in a reduced number of games due to reasons like injuries or being less frequently selected for play.
6. Posit (Position): The distribution of player positions indicates a variety of roles, with the following key insights:

Wide Receivers (WR) are the most common, with 234 instances. Running Backs (RB) follow closely, with 206 instances. Quarterbacks (QB) are less common, with 96 instances. Tight Ends (TE) are the least common, with 81 instances.

The distribution reflects typical fantasy football rosters, where WRs and RBs are often the most numerous due to their roles in both the running and passing games, providing multiple opportunities to score fantasy points. QBs, while fewer in number, are pivotal players because of their potential for high scoring through passing yards and touchdowns. TEs, though the least common, can be crucial in fantasy leagues, especially those that award points for receptions (PPR leagues), due to their roles in both the passing and blocking games.

Calculate descriptive statistics (Mean, Mode, Spread, and analysis of Tails)

```
[141]: # calc the descriptive char (Mean, Mode, Spread, and Tails) for the 5 variables:
# variables: 'Overall' (ADP), 'FPTS', 'G', 'TTL_TD', 'FPTS.G'

# prep data for mode calculation
mode_adp = merged_df['Overall'].mode().tolist()
mode_fpts = merged_df['FPTS'].mode().tolist()
mode_g = merged_df['G'].mode().tolist()
mode_ttl_td = merged_df['TTL_TD'].mode().tolist()
mode_fpts_g = merged_df['FPTS.G'].mode().tolist()

# calc descr stats

descriptive_stats = pd.DataFrame({
    'Variable': ['Overall (ADP)', 'FPTS', 'G', 'TTL_TD', 'FPTS.G'],
    'Mean': [
        merged_df['Overall'].mean(),
        merged_df['FPTS'].mean(),
        merged_df['G'].mean(),
        merged_df['TTL_TD'].mean(),
        merged_df['FPTS.G'].mean()
    ],
    'Mode': [mode_adp, mode_fpts, mode_g, mode_ttl_td, mode_fpts_g],
    'Spread (StdDev)': [
```

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merged_df['Overall'].std(),
merged_df['FPTS'].std(),
merged_df['G'].std(),
merged_df['TTL_TD'].std(),
merged_df['FPTS.G'].std()
],
'Tails (Skewness)': [
merged_df['Overall'].skew(),
merged_df['FPTS'].skew(),
merged_df['G'].skew(),
merged_df['TTL_TD'].skew(),
merged_df['FPTS.G'].skew()
]
})

descriptive_stats

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[141]:
Variable      Mean      Mode \
0 Overall (ADP)  87.947488 [1.2, 28.5, 42.4, 72.2, 152.3, 163.9]
1      FPTS  136.789465 [41.4, 47.7, 72.6, 73.9, 114.3]
2      G    13.865478 [16]
3    TTL_TD  8.612642 [6]
4    FPTS.G  9.736791 [10.5]

Spread (StdDev)  Tails (Skewness)
0      51.410783      -0.005989
1      83.114983      1.098594
2       3.012914     -1.259256
3       9.057753      2.082407
4       5.134546      0.975509

```

Compare two scenarios in your data using a PMF

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[159]: # create two scenarios based on Overall Draft Position: Early (Overall <= 30)
        ↪vs Late (Overall > 30)

# calc the avg number of games played
average_games_played = merged_df['G'].mean()

# split the dataset into two groups: Above Average Games Played and Below
        ↪Average Games Played
above_avg_games = merged_df[merged_df['G'] > average_games_played]['FPTS.G'].
        ↪dropna()
below_avg_games = merged_df[merged_df['G'] <= average_games_played]['FPTS.G'].
        ↪dropna()

# calc the PMF for each group

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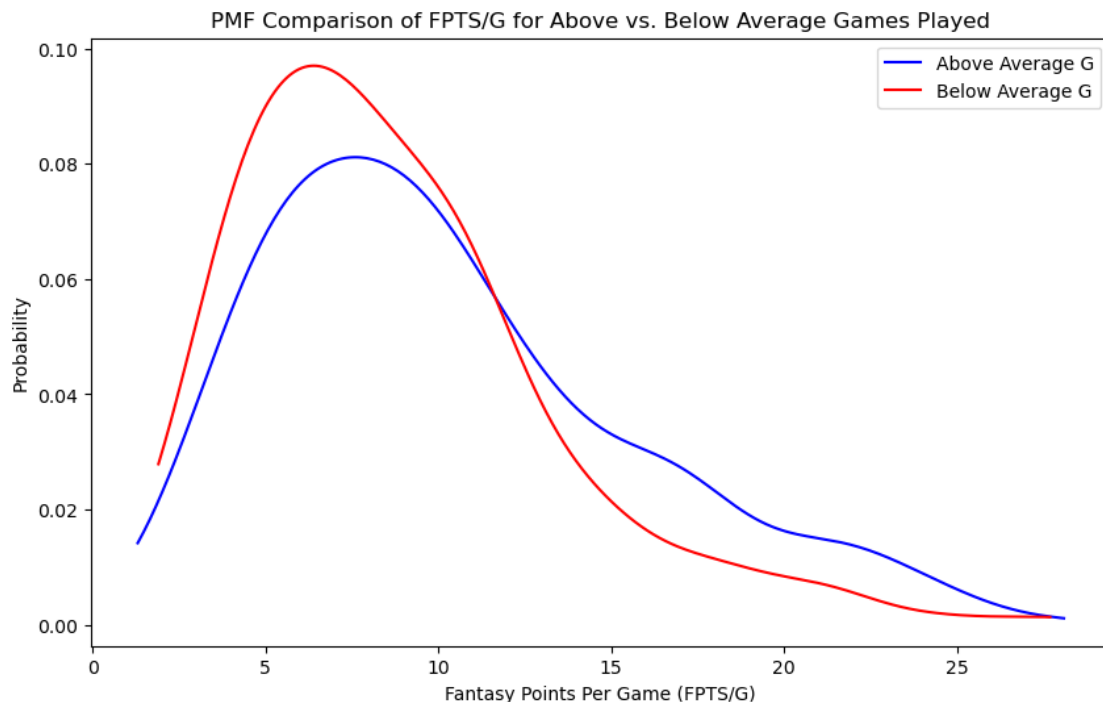
above_avg_games_pmf = above_avg_games.value_counts(normalize=True)
below_avg_games_pmf = below_avg_games.value_counts(normalize=True)

# generate a smooth density estimation for each PMF
x_above_avg = np.linspace(above_avg_games.min(), above_avg_games.max(), 300)
density_above_avg = gaussian_kde(above_avg_games)(x_above_avg)

x_below_avg = np.linspace(below_avg_games.min(), below_avg_games.max(), 300)
density_below_avg = gaussian_kde(below_avg_games)(x_below_avg)

# plot the PMF
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.plot(x_above_avg, density_above_avg, label='Above Average G', color='blue')
plt.plot(x_below_avg, density_below_avg, label='Below Average G', color='red')
plt.title('PMF Comparison of FPTS/G for Above vs. Below Average Games Played')
plt.xlabel('Fantasy Points Per Game (FPTS/G)')
plt.ylabel('Probability')
plt.legend()
plt.show()

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Players with Above Average Games Played show a distribution that suggests a steadier or potentially higher performance on a per-game basis. This could indicate that players who are available more often, possibly due to fewer injuries or consistent selection, tend to maintain or exceed their performance levels across more games.

The distribution for players with Below Average Games Played is also noteworthy but might display a bit more variability. This variability could suggest that players who participate in fewer games (due to injuries, rotations, or other factors) have a wider range of performance outcomes when they do play.

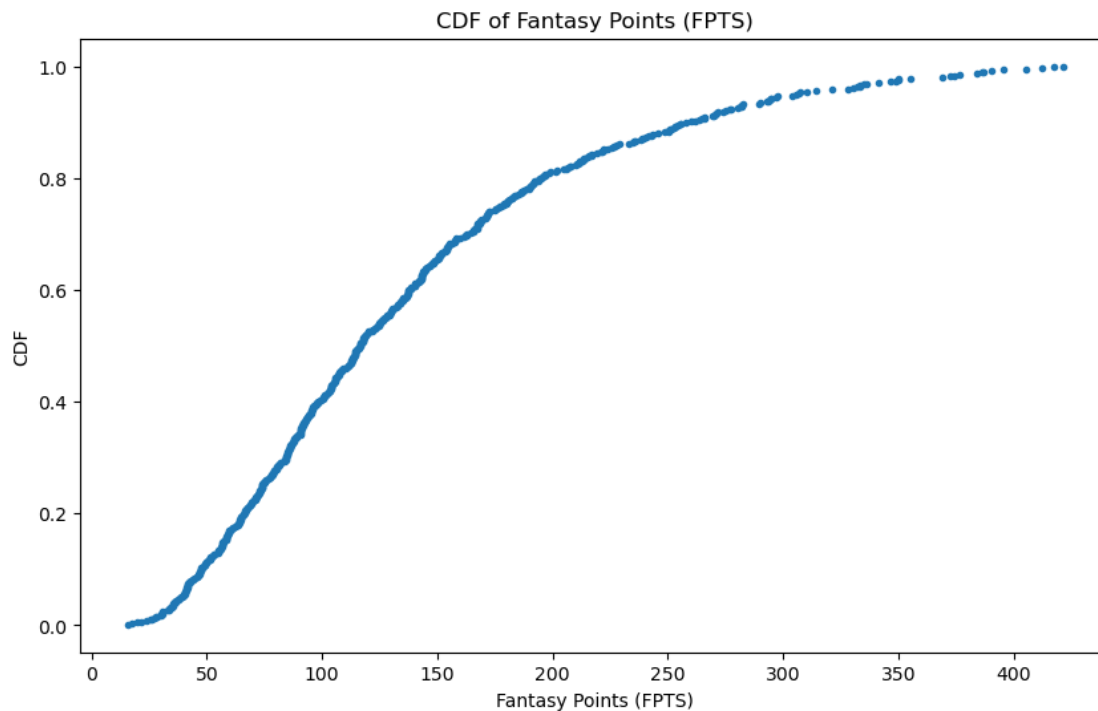
Create 1 CDF with one of your variables

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[146]: # create a CDF using FPTs

sorted_fpts = np.sort(merged_df['FPTS'])
cdf = np.arange(1, len(sorted_fpts)+1) / len(sorted_fpts)

# plot CDF

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.plot(sorted_fpts, cdf, marker='.', linestyle='none')
plt.title('CDF of Fantasy Points (FPTS)')
plt.xlabel('Fantasy Points (FPTS)')
plt.ylabel('CDF')
plt.show()
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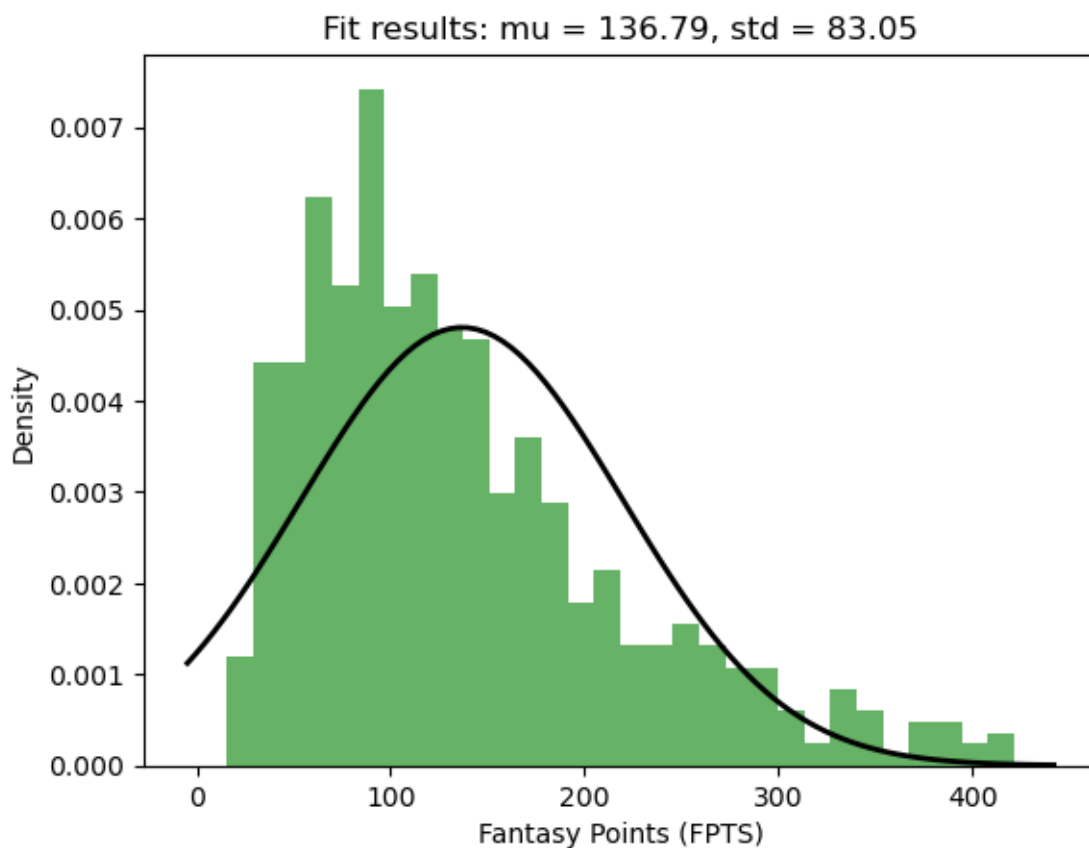


Plot 1 analytical distribution and provide your analysis on how it applies to the dataset you have chosen

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[149]: # plot an analytical distribution for FPTs
mu, std = norm.fit(merged_df['FPTS']) # fit a normal distribution to the FPTs
↳ data

# plot the histogram
plt.hist(merged_df['FPTS'], bins=30, density=True, alpha=0.6, color='g')

# plot the PDF of the fitted normal distribution
xmin, xmax = plt.xlim()
x = np.linspace(xmin, xmax, 100)
p = norm.pdf(x, mu, std)
plt.plot(x, p, 'k', linewidth=2)
title = "Fit results: mu = %.2f, std = %.2f" % (mu, std)
plt.title(title)
plt.xlabel('Fantasy Points (FPTS)')
plt.ylabel('Density')
plt.show()
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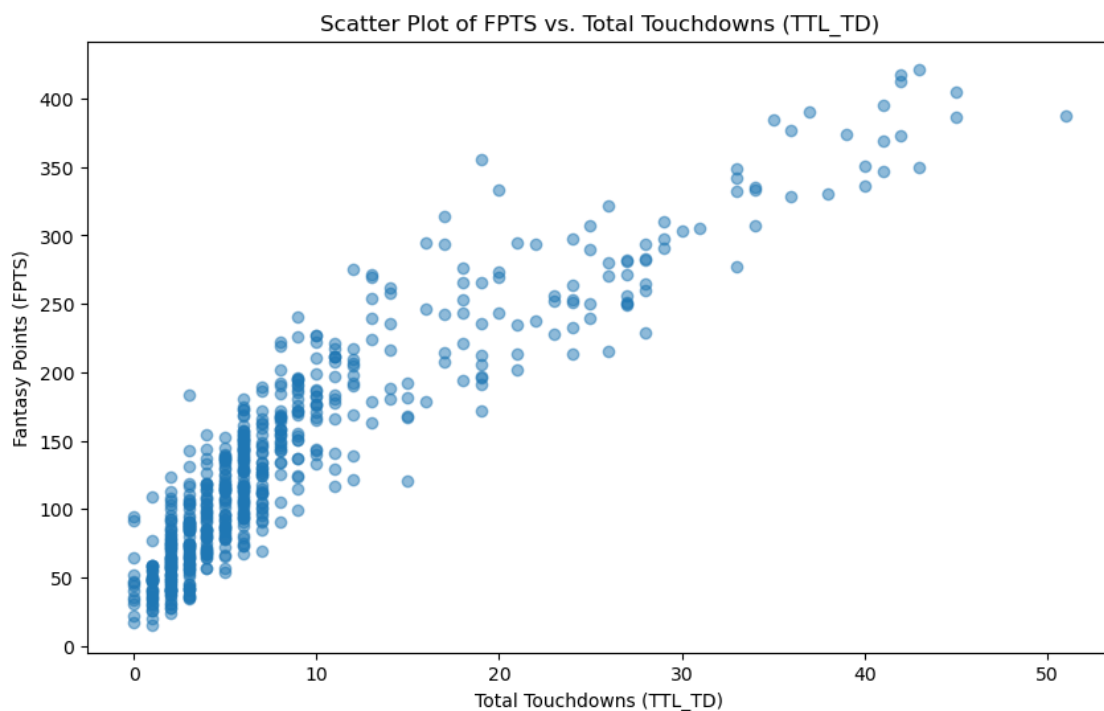
Create two scatter plots comparing two variables and provide your analysis on correlation and causation

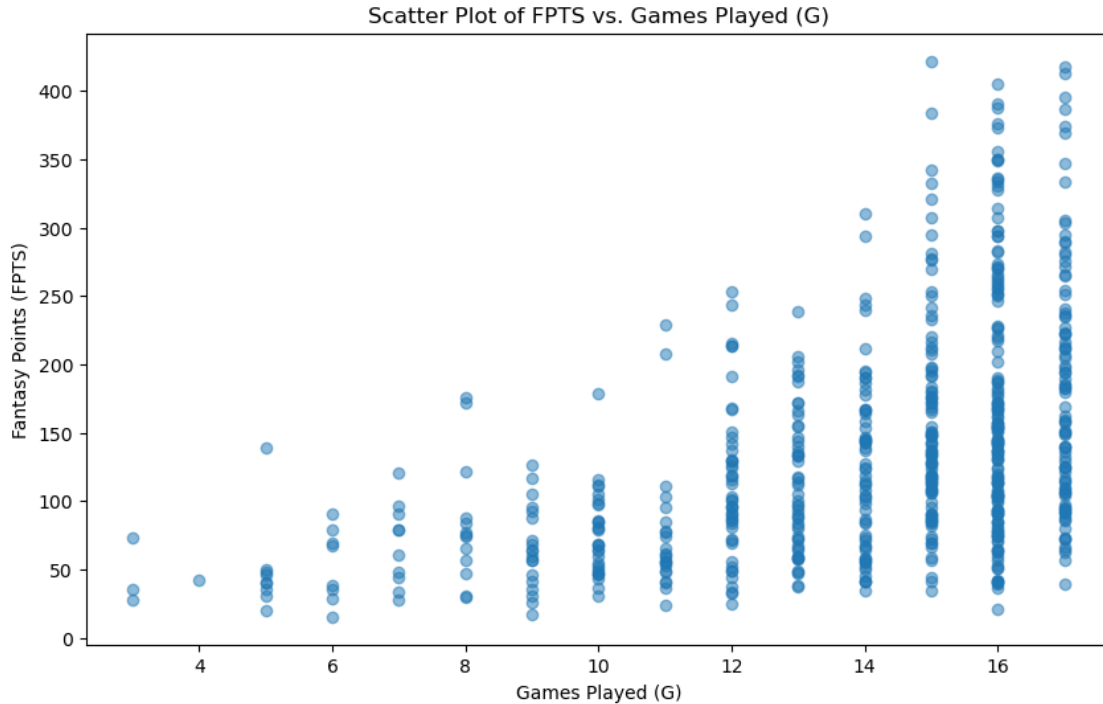
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[151]: # scatter plot 1: FPTS vs TTL_TD

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.scatter(merged_df['TTL_TD'], merged_df['FPTS'], alpha=0.5)
plt.title('Scatter Plot of FPTS vs. Total Touchdowns (TTL_TD)')
plt.xlabel('Total Touchdowns (TTL_TD)')
plt.ylabel('Fantasy Points (FPTS)')
plt.show()

# scatter plot 2: FPTS vs G

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.scatter(merged_df['G'], merged_df['FPTS'], alpha=0.5)
plt.title('Scatter Plot of FPTS vs. Games Played (G)')
plt.xlabel('Games Played (G)')
plt.ylabel('Fantasy Points (FPTS)')
plt.show()
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### Scatter Plot Analysis

#### Scatter Plot 1: FPTS vs TTL\_TD (Total Touchdowns)

There appears to be a positive relationship between Total Touchdowns and Fantasy Points. As the number of touchdowns increases, the fantasy points also tend to increase. This suggests a strong correlation, where players scoring more touchdowns are likely to accumulate more fantasy points, highlighting touchdowns as a critical factor in fantasy football performance. The distribution also suggests a potential non-linear relationship, as the increase in fantasy points seems to accelerate with touchdowns, indicating that players with high touchdown counts are exceptionally valuable in fantasy football.

#### Scatter Plot 2: FPTS vs G (Games Played)

The relationship between Games Played and Fantasy Points is less clear than with touchdowns. While there is a general trend that more games played can lead to higher fantasy points, the correlation appears weaker. This indicates that simply playing more games is not as direct a predictor of fantasy success as scoring touchdowns. There are instances where players have played many games but have not accumulated high fantasy points, suggesting that factors other than mere participation, such as performance metrics like touchdowns, play a significant role in determining fantasy points. Conclusions from Scatter Plots TTL\_TD vs FPTS: A strong positive correlation, suggesting touchdowns are a key performance indicator for fantasy football. G vs FPTS: A weaker correlation, indicating that while playing more games provides more opportunities for points, performance in those games is crucial. These analyses support the hypothesis that drafting players who are likely to score touchdowns (often quarterbacks or other key offensive positions) could significantly impact fantasy football team performance. It also underscores the importance of considering performance

metrics over merely participation metrics like games played.

## Hypothesis Testing

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[163]: # using permutation testing

# filter for quarterbacks (QBs) only
qbs_data = merged_df[merged_df['Posit'] == 'QB']

# cutoff for early draft picks (first 25% of the Overall picks)
cutoff = qbs_data['Overall'].quantile(0.25)

# early and late based on their Overall draft position

early_qbs_fpts = qbs_data[qbs_data['Overall'] <= cutoff]['FPTS'].dropna()
late_qbs_fpts = qbs_data[qbs_data['Overall'] > cutoff]['FPTS'].dropna()

# define the permutation test function

def permutation_test(data1, data2, n_permutations=10000):
    observed_diff = np.mean(data1) - np.mean(data2) # calc the observed difference in means
    combined_data = np.concatenate([data1, data2]) # combine all data points
    perm_diffs = [] # differences in means from permutations

    for _ in range(n_permutations):
        np.random.shuffle(combined_data)
        perm_data1 = combined_data[:len(data1)]
        perm_data2 = combined_data[len(data1):]
        perm_diff = np.mean(perm_data1) - np.mean(perm_data2)
        perm_diffs.append(perm_diff)

    p_value = np.mean(np.abs(perm_diffs) >= np.abs(observed_diff)) # calc p-value as the proportion of permuted difference

    return observed_diff, p_value, perm_diffs

# perform the permutation test

obs_diff, p_value, perm_diffs = permutation_test(early_qbs_fpts, late_qbs_fpts)

obs_diff, p_value
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[163]: (73.26527777777784, 0.0002)
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The permutation test yields an observed difference in mean fantasy points of approximately 73.27

between quarterbacks drafted early and those drafted later, with a p-value of 0.0002.

Given the p-value is significantly below the common threshold of 0.05, we reject the null hypothesis. This indicates a statistically significant difference in the mean fantasy points between quarterbacks drafted early and those drafted later in fantasy football drafts.

Thus, this analysis supports the hypothesis that drafting a quarterback early in a fantasy football draft can significantly contribute to improved team performance, compared to drafting quarterbacks later or prioritizing other positions earlier. This finding emphasizes the strategic advantage of selecting high-performing quarterbacks early in the draft process.

Conduct a regression analysis

[166]: *# conduct a regression analysis*

*# independent var, explanatory var*

X = merged\_df[['FPTS.G', 'TTL\_TD', 'Overall', 'G']]

X = sm.add\_constant(X)

*# dependent variable*

y = merged\_df['FPTS']

*# multiple linear regression model*

model = sm.OLS(y, X, missing='drop').fit()

*# summary of the regression model*

model\_summary = model.summary()

model\_summary

[166]:

<b>Dep. Variable:</b>	FPTS	<b>R-squared:</b>	0.974
<b>Model:</b>	OLS	<b>Adj. R-squared:</b>	0.974
<b>Method:</b>	Least Squares	<b>F-statistic:</b>	5730.
<b>Date:</b>	Tue, 27 Feb 2024	<b>Prob (F-statistic):</b>	0.00
<b>Time:</b>	18:05:49	<b>Log-Likelihood:</b>	-2476.4
<b>No. Observations:</b>	617	<b>AIC:</b>	4963.
<b>Df Residuals:</b>	612	<b>BIC:</b>	4985.
<b>Df Model:</b>	4		
<b>Covariance Type:</b>	nonrobust		

	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
<b>const</b>	-90.1466	4.189	-21.522	0.000	-98.372	-81.921
<b>FPTS.G</b>	10.0465	0.274	36.629	0.000	9.508	10.585
<b>TTL_TD</b>	2.5164	0.153	16.496	0.000	2.217	2.816
<b>Overall</b>	-0.0929	0.013	-7.212	0.000	-0.118	-0.068
<b>G</b>	8.3383	0.203	41.119	0.000	7.940	8.737

<b>Omnibus:</b>	393.917	<b>Durbin-Watson:</b>	2.019
<b>Prob(Omnibus):</b>	0.000	<b>Jarque-Bera (JB):</b>	11298.647
<b>Skew:</b>	-2.336	<b>Prob(JB):</b>	0.00
<b>Kurtosis:</b>	23.437	<b>Cond. No.</b>	799.

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Notes:

[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.

The analysis highlights the impact of performance (FPTS.G, TTL\_TD) and availability (G) on a player's total fantasy points. While draft position does have a statistically significant effect, its impact is relatively small compared to the other factors.

This paper summarizes the statistical analysis conducted on a dataset comprising various metrics related to NFL players performance. The purpose was to understand how different factors contribute to fantasy football team performance. The primary question guiding this analysis was whether drafting a quarterback early in a fantasy football draft significantly contributes to improved fantasy football team performance compared to drafting quarterbacks later or selecting other positions earlier.

Outcome of EDA: The exploratory data analysis (EDA) began with a selection of relevant variables: Fantasy Points (FPTS), Fantasy Points Per Game (FPTS.G), Total Touchdowns (TTL\_TD), Overall Draft Position (Overall), Games Played (G), and Player Position (Posit). Histograms for these variables highlighted their distributions, with notable outliers in FPTS and TTL\_TD indicating exceptional performances. Comparing scenarios using Probability Mass Functions (PMFs) for different player positions revealed distinct performance patterns, particularly between quarterbacks and other positions. The Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) of FPTS showed a steep curve, indicating a significant concentration of players with lower fantasy points and a long tail for high performers. A hypothesis test using the permutation method found a statistically significant difference in fantasy points between quarterbacks drafted early versus those drafted later, supporting the hypothesis that early-drafted quarterbacks tend to contribute more significantly to team performance.

Missed Analysis and Potential Variables: One limitation of the analysis was the incorporation of player injuries, or the strength of their team's schedule, which could significantly affect their fantasy output. Additionally, examining correlations between variables more closely could have provided deeper insights or interaction effects not captured by the initial analysis.

Assumptions and Challenges: The analysis assumed that the selected variables were independent predictors of fantasy performance, which might not account for the complex dynamics of NFL games and team strategies. For example, the impact of a team's offensive line quality on a quarterbacks performance was not considered, which could skew the analysis' conclusions.

The main challenge faced was determining the direct impact of specific variables on fantasy performance due to the multifaceted nature of football. Distinguishing between correlation and causation in the context of fantasy points was complex, requiring careful interpretation of statistical models and tests.

Conclusion: The analysis provides valuable insights into factors contributing to fantasy football performance, with significant findings supporting the strategy of drafting quarterbacks early. However, the limitations and challenges encountered highlight the need for a more robust approach. This could include additional variables which would test the interdependencies within football per-



formance metrics. Future analyses could also benefit from incorporating more comprehensive data, including team-level metrics, player injury reports, and more advanced statistical techniques to untangle the intricate web of factors that influence fantasy football success.

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