

-- PART 1: NUMERICAL COMPARING VS. NUMERICAL VARIABLES

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-- We can use tools such as the correlation index calculation

-- Is there a relationship between salary and the number of points per  
-- game?

-- We can calculate the correlation index between the "salary\_m" column and  
-- the "points\_per\_game" column

```
SELECT CORR(salary_m, points_per_game) AS corr_salary_ppgame
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```
FROM players_cleaned;
```

-- Observation:

-- - There is a positive correlation (close to 0.8) between salary and  
-- points obtained in each game. This definitely seems to be a factor  
-- associated at higher salaries

-- And we can "spun more finely" and see the correlation index between  
-- salary and variables like "field\_goals\_pctg", "three\_pt\_pctg",  
-- "two\_pt\_pctg", "free\_throws\_pctg"

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SELECT
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```
ROUND(CORR(salary_m, points_per_game):: numeric,2) AS corr_salary_ppgame,
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ROUND(CORR(salary_m, field_goals_pctg):: numeric,2) AS corr_salary_fieldgp,
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ROUND(CORR(salary_m, three_pt_pctg):: numeric,2) AS corr_salary_threegp,
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ROUND(CORR(salary_m, two_pt_pctg):: numeric,2) AS corr_salary_twogp,
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ROUND(CORR(salary_m, free_throws_pctg):: numeric,2) AS corr_salary_freetp
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```
FROM players_cleaned;
```

-- Note:

-- There is no real correlation between salary and percentage of points  
-- earned for different categories (1 point, 2 points, 3 points, or  
-- percentage of total points)

-- The most relevant factor is still the number of points per game

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-- Let's see what relationship exists between salary earned and player age
SELECT CORR(salary_m, age) AS corr_salary_age
FROM players_cleaned;
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-- Note:
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-- - The correlation index obtained is only 0.4, so there is no direct or
--   inverse relationship between the players' salaries and their age.
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-- And finally, let's see what relationship exists between the salary
-- earned and the number of games played.
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SELECT CORR(salary_m, games_played) AS corr_salary_gp
FROM players_cleaned;
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-- Note:
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-- - The correlation index is only 0.3, so there is no relationship between
--   salary and the number of games played.
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-- PART 2: CATEGORICAL COMPARING VS. NUMERICAL VARIABLES
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-- In this case, besides the name, we only have one categorical variable
-- ("position").
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-- Let's try to answer the question: which positions are associated with
-- the highest salaries?
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-- We can calculate the average salary for each position.
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```
SELECT position, ROUND(AVG(salary_m),1) AS average_salary
FROM players_cleaned
GROUP BY position
ORDER BY average_salary DESC;
```

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-- Observations:
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-- - It's clear that the PG-SG (point guard - shooting guard) position has
--   by far the highest average salary ($21.5 million), followed by the SG-
--   PG (shooting guard - point guard) position with an average of $16.7
--   million and by the PG (point guard) and SF-SG (small forward -
--   shooting guard) positions both with salaries around $12 million.

-- - The lowest-paid position is SF-PF (small forward - power forward) with
--   an average of $3 million.

-- - The best salaries definitely go to players with a more proficient
--   profile, distributing playmakers and scoring points for the team.
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### -- PART 3: MULTIVARIATE ANALYSIS

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-- We can combine categorical and numerical variables with different tools
-- learned so far to perform a more in-depth analysis.
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-- For example, for each position (categorical variable), let's analyze not
-- only the average salary but also the average points per game (which we -
-- saw in the first part was the most relevant variable for defining
-- salary)
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```
SELECT position,
ROUND( AVG( salary_m ),1) AS average_salary ,
ROUND( AVG( points_per_game ),1) AS average_ppg
FROM players_cleaned
GROUP BY position
ORDER BY average_salary DESC;
```

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-- Observations:
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-- - This analysis allows us to verify once again that the PG-SG position
--   is the one with the highest salary and that this is directly
--   associated with the average
--   points per game (which is 16.1 for these players)

-- - And again, the position with the lowest salary level is SF-PF, which
--   in turn has the lowest average number of points per game (3.0)
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-- And we can also add an analysis of the average age to the previous
-- variables.
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```
SELECT position,
ROUND( AVG( salary_m ),1) AS average_salary ,
ROUND( AVG( points_per_game ),1) AS average_ppg ,
ROUND( AVG( age),1) AS average_age
FROM players_cleaned
GROUP BY position
ORDER BY average_salary DESC;
```

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-- Observations:
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-- - And here's another interesting fact: not only are the highest-paid
--   players the most "veteran" (with an average age of 33), but also those
--   with the lowest salaries have the youngest average age (23).
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