

EFFICIENCY IN THE NBA

/2023-24 SEASON

Fundamentals of Probability and Statistics Exam



METHODOLOGY:

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Population

All players from the 2023–24 season

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Sample

4 main players, split between "bigs" (forwards/centers) and "smalls" (guards). 2 bigs and 2 smalls.

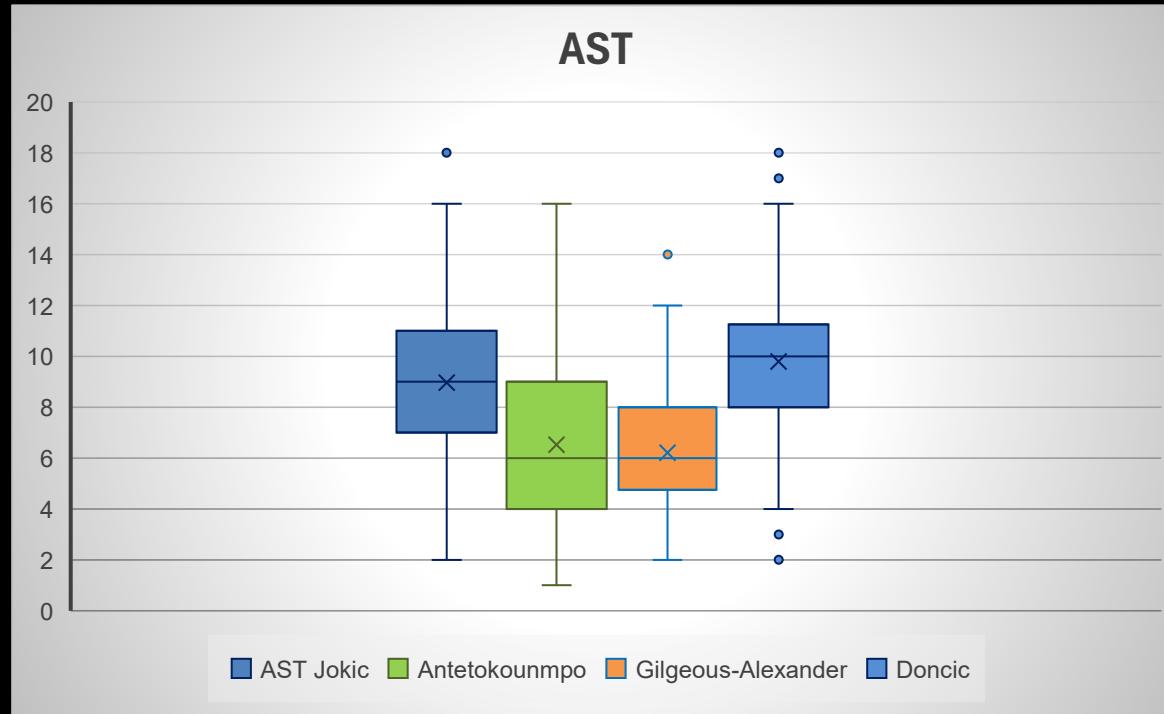
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Analyzed Variables

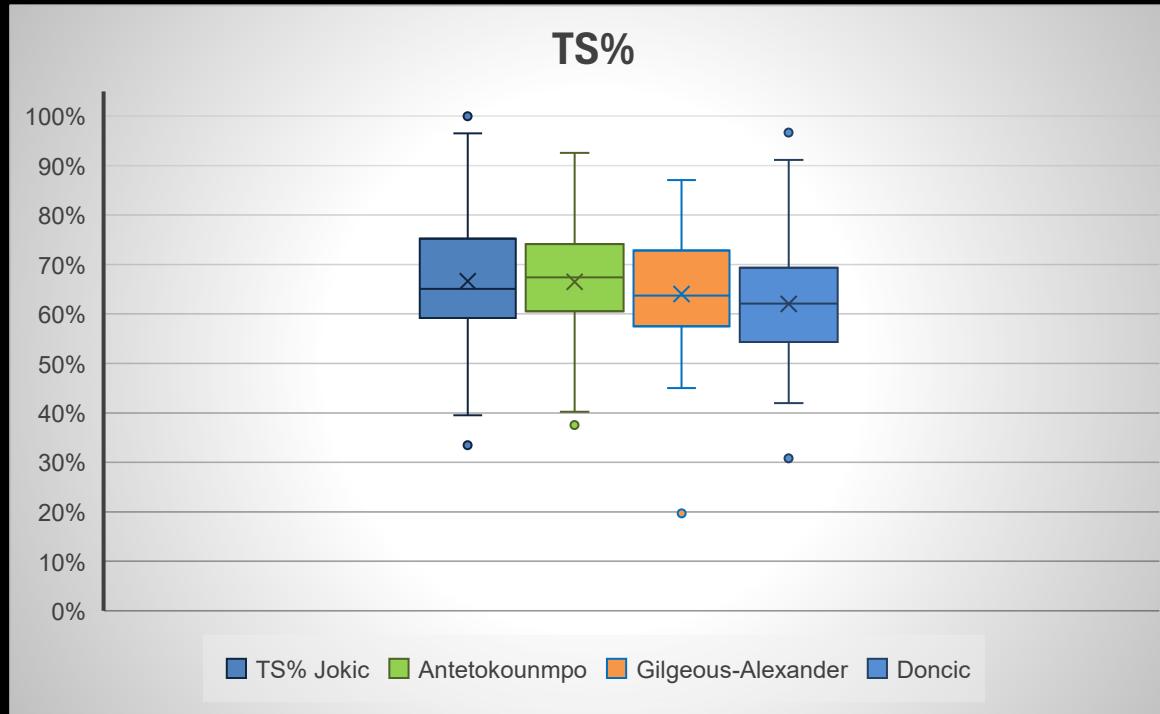
Both qualitative and quantitative

Player	Team	PER	WS	TS%	PPG	APG	RPG
 Jokić	DEN	31,0	55	65,0%	26,4	9,0	12
 Giannis	MIL	29,9	55	64,9%	30,4	6,5	6,5
 Dončić	DAL	23,3	44	61,7%	33,9	9,2	9,2
 SGA	OKC	28,1	46	63,6%	30,1	6,2	5,5

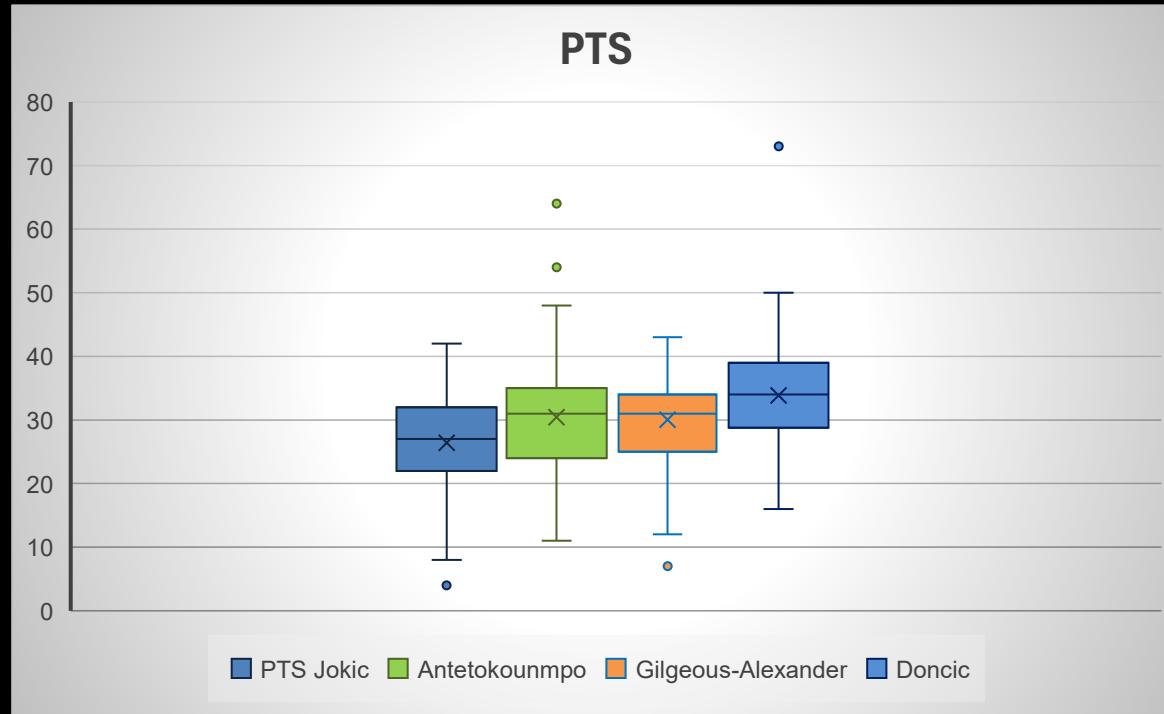
BOXPLOT AST:



BOXPLOT TS%:



BOXPLOT PTS:



PROBLEM 1:

In the 2023–24 season, SGA played 75 games with an average of 30 points. In four games, he scored at least 40 points, registering a probability of 5% of reaching this threshold in a single game. His team, the Oklahoma City Thunder, finished the season with a record of 57 – 25. Furthermore, every time SGA put up at least 40 points, the Thunder won 85% of the time.

- What is the probability that Shai scored 40pt given that the Thunder won?

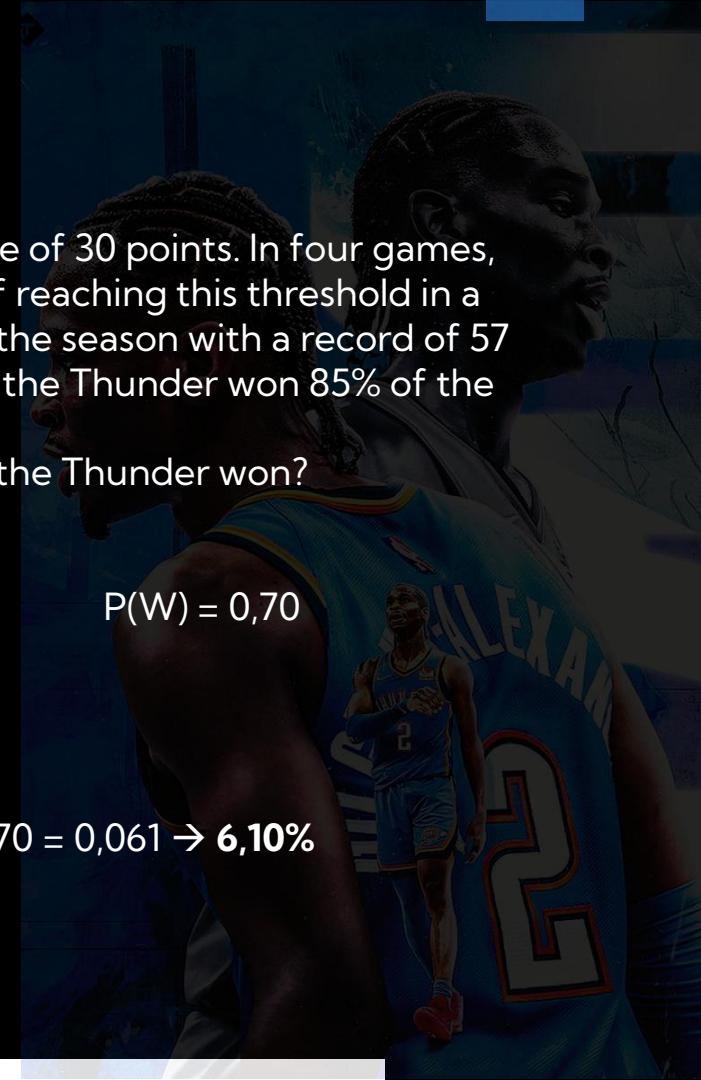
$$P(40\text{pt}) = 0,05$$
$$P(40\text{pt} | W) = ?$$

$$P(W | 40\text{pt}) = 0,85$$

$$P(W) = 0,70$$

Bayes' Theorem :

$$P(40\text{pt} | W) = [P(W | 40\text{pt}) * P(40\text{pt})] / P(W) = (0,85 * 0,05) / 0,70 = 0,061 \rightarrow \mathbf{6,10\%}$$



PROBLEM 2:

Luka Doncic scores at least 30 points in 60% of games, and the Dallas Mavericks win in 75% of these cases. Taking into account that the Mavericks have a seasonal record of 50 - 32.

- What is the probability that the team wins given that Doncic scored fewer than 30 points?

$$P(30\text{PT}): 0,60$$

$$P(W \mid 30\text{pt}): 0,75$$

$$P(W \mid 30\text{pt}^c): ?$$

$$P(30\text{pt}^c): 1 - 0,60 = 0,40 \text{ (Complementary probability)}$$

$$P(W): 0,61$$

Total Probability:

$$P(W \mid 30\text{pt}^c) = [0,61 - (0,75 * 60)] / 0,4 = 0,40 \rightarrow 40\%$$

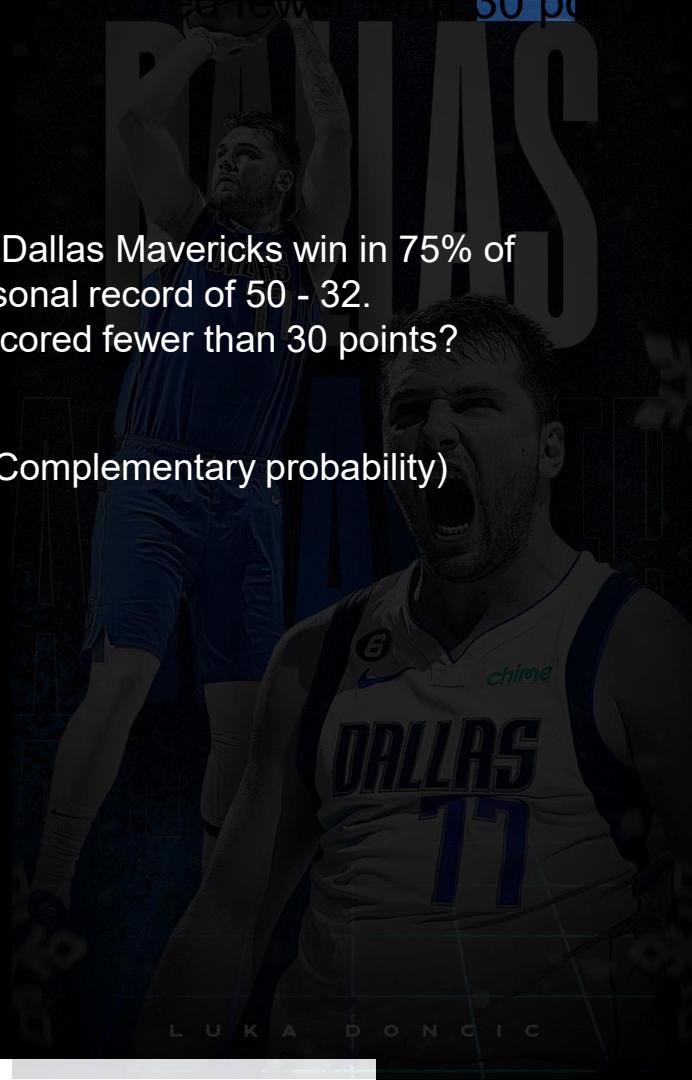
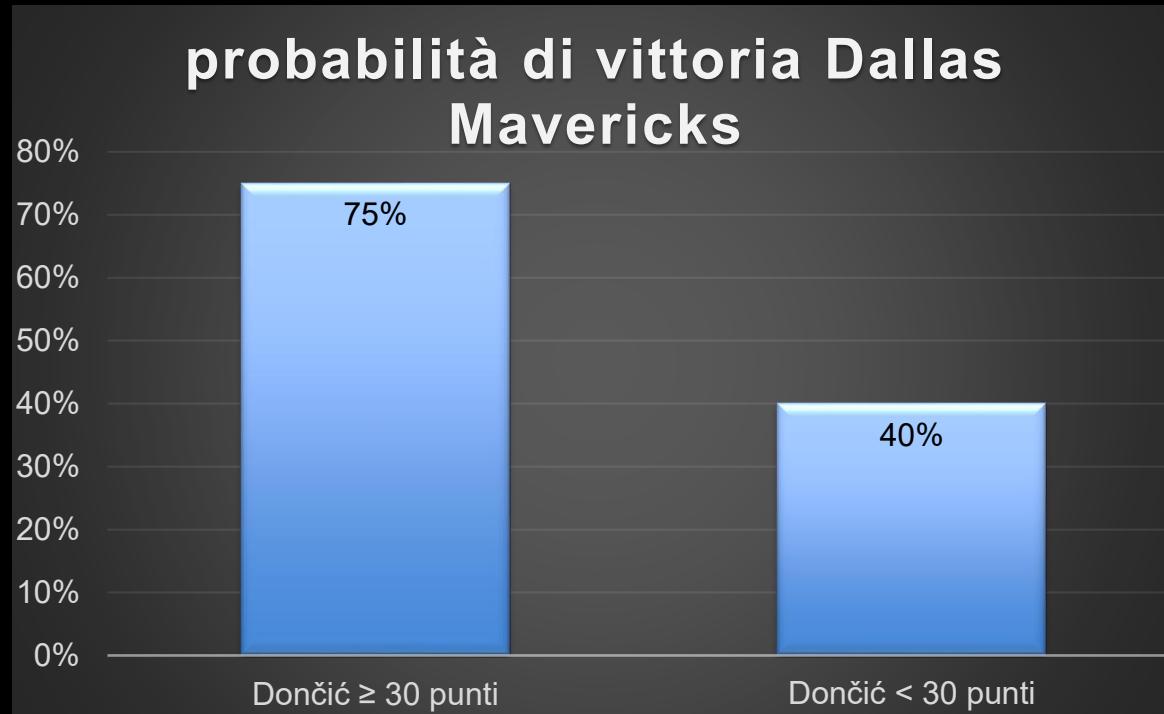


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PROBLEM 3:

Jokic has a 70% probability of recording at least 8 assists in a game. The probability that he scores at least 25 points is 50%.

- What is the probability that he records both 8 assists and at least 25 points?

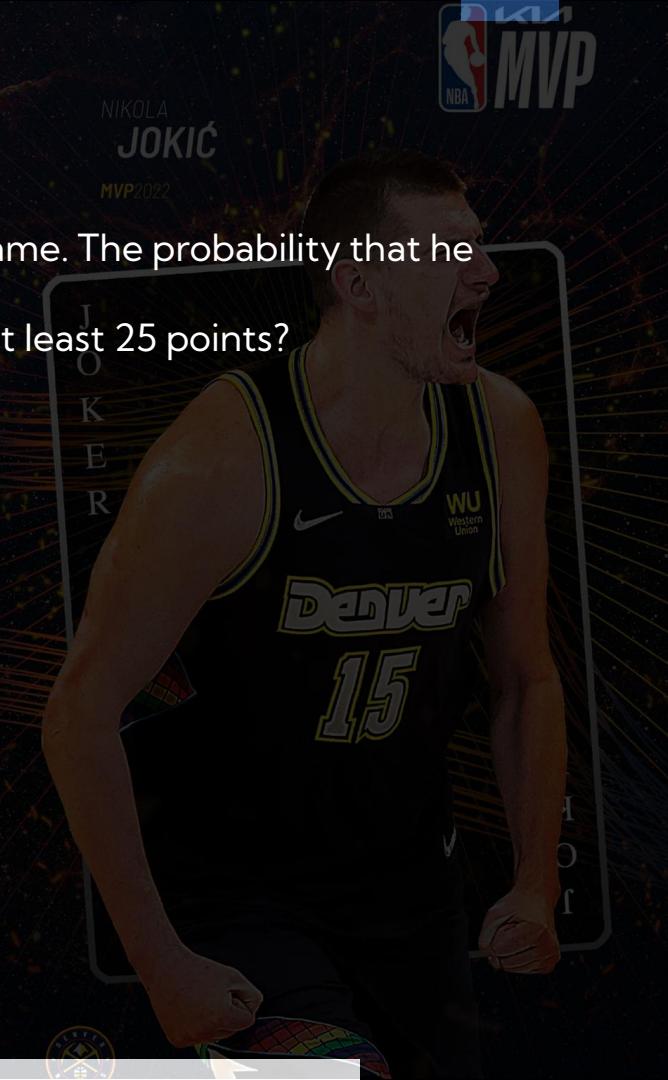
$$P(A) = 0,7$$

$$P(25pt) = 0,5$$

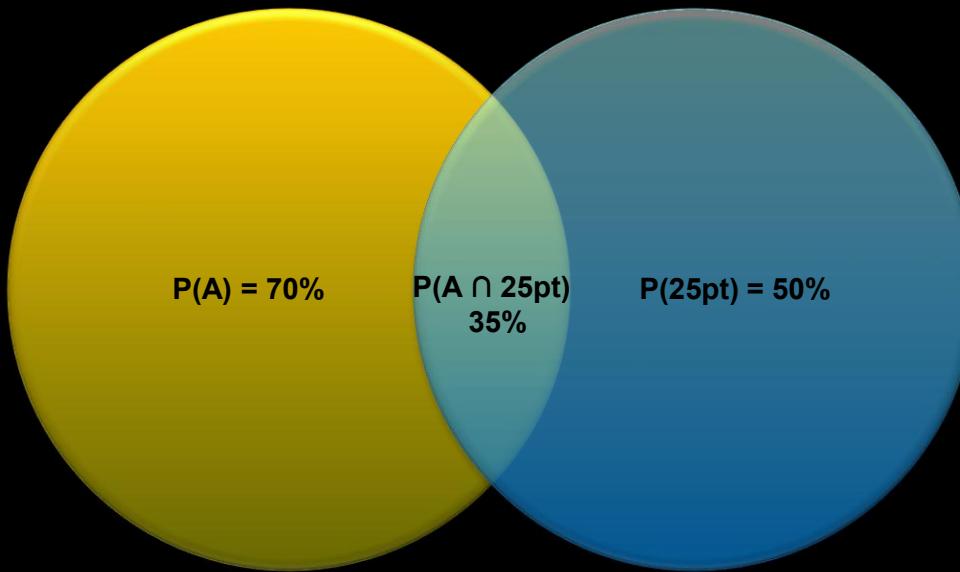
$$P(A \cap 25pt) = ?$$

Third Probability Theorem (Multiplication Rule):

$$P(A \cap 25pt) = P(A) * P(25pt | A) = 0,7 * 0,5 = 0,35 \rightarrow 35\%$$



VENN DIAGRAM:



THANKS

