# Data 102 Final Project - NBA

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# Set Up

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In [14]: pip install pandas scikit—learn statsmodels
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        Note: you may need to restart the kernel to use updated packages.
In [31]: import pandas as pd
         import numpy as np
         from sklearn.model selection import train test split
         from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler, OneHotEncoder
         from sklearn.compose import ColumnTransformer
         import statsmodels.api as sm
         from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error, r2_score
         import seaborn as sns
         from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
```

from sklearn.metrics import accuracy\_score, classification\_report

## Load the Dataset

```
In [32]: # Load the dataset
          df = pd.read_csv('NBA_Player_Salary_2022_2023.csv')
          df = df[df['Salary'] > 1000000]
In [33]:
          df.head()
Out[33]:
             Unnamed:
                            Player
                                       Salary Position Age
                                                                 Team GP
                                                                            GS
                                                                                  MP
                                                                                       FG
                             Name
                           Stephen
          0
                      0
                                    48070014
                                                    PG
                                                          34
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           1
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                                    47345760
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                         Westbrook
                            LeBron
          3
                                    44474988
                                                    PF
                                                          38
                                                                   LAL
                                                                             54
                                                                                35.5
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                                                                                       11.1
```

PF

BRK/PHO

47

47

35.6 10.3

5 rows × 52 columns

4

4

# **Feature Engineering**

James

Kevin

Durant

44119845

```
In [34]: # Create new feature: Game Started / Game Played
    df['GS/GP'] = df['GS'] / df['GP']

# Handling missing values
    df.fillna(df.mean(), inplace=True)

# Handling infinite values
    df.replace([np.inf, -np.inf], np.nan, inplace=True)
    df.fillna(df.mean(), inplace=True)

df['Position'] = df['Position'].str.split('-').str[0]
```

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df.fillna(df.mean(), inplace=True)

/tmp/ipykernel\_267/3473210936.py:9: FutureWarning: Dropping of nuisance columns in DataFrame reductions (with 'numeric\_only=None') is deprecated; in a future version this will raise TypeError. Select only valid columns before calling the reduction.

df.fillna(df.mean(), inplace=True)

# **EDA**

### **Salary Distribution**

```
In [41]: # Salary Analysis
         # Distribution of salaries
         salary_distribution = df['Salary'].describe()
         # Comparison of salaries across positions
         salary_by_position = df.groupby('Position')['Salary'].describe()
         salary by age = df.groupby('Position')['Age'].describe()
         # Top 10 highest-paid players
         top paid players = df.sort values(by='Salary', ascending=False).head(10)[['F
In [42]: print("\nSalary Distribution:")
         print(salary_distribution)
        Salary Distribution:
        count
                 3.920000e+02
                 9.955994e+06
        mean
                 1.103874e+07
        std
        min
                 1.000001e+06
        25%
                 2.293039e+06
        50%
                 5.092736e+06
        75%
                 1.297000e+07
                 4.807001e+07
        max
        Name: Salary, dtype: float64
```

### Top 10 Highest-Paid Players

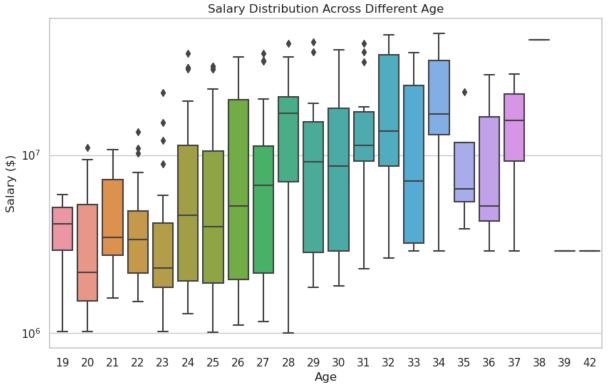
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In [43]: print("\nTop 10 Highest-Paid Players:")
         print(top_paid_players)
        Top 10 Highest-Paid Players:
                                               Team Position
                     Player Name
                                    Salary
        0
                   Stephen Curry 48070014
                                                GSW
                                                          PG
        1
                       John Wall 47345760
                                                LAC
                                                          PG
        2
               Russell Westbrook 47080179 LAL/LAC
                                                          PG
        3
                    LeBron James 44474988
                                                LAL
                                                          PF
                    Kevin Durant 44119845 BRK/PHO
                                                          PF
        5
                    Bradley Beal 43279250
                                                          SG
                                                WAS
        6
                                                LAC
                                                          SF
                   Kawhi Leonard 42492492
        7
                                                          SF
                     Paul George 42492492
                                                LAC
                                                          PF
        8 Giannis Antetokounmpo 42492492
                                                MIL
                  Damian Lillard 42492492
                                                P0R
                                                          PG
```

### Salary Distribution Across Different Age

```
In [44]: print("\nSalary_by_age:")
    print(salary_by_age)
```

```
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.boxplot(x='Age', y='Salary', data=df)
plt.title('Salary Distribution Across Different Age')
plt.ylabel('Salary ($)')
plt.xlabel('Age')
plt.yscale('log')
plt.yscale('log')
plt.show()
```

Salary_by_age:								
	count	mean	std	min	25%	50%	75%	max
Position								
C	81.0	26.506173	4.574723	19.0	23.0	25.0	29.0	42.0
PF	73.0	26.931507	5.006465	19.0	23.0	27.0	30.0	39.0
PG	67.0	26.582090	4.668233	19.0	23.0	26.0	30.0	37.0
SF	76.0	25.881579	3.808647	19.0	23.0	25.0	28.0	36.0
SG	95.0	25.084211	4.101539	19.0	22.0	24.0	28.0	36.0

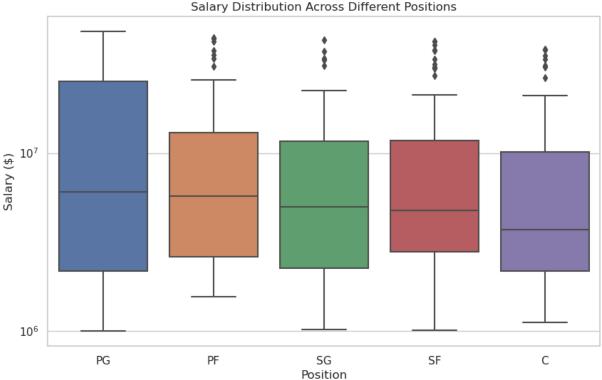


## Salaries by Position

```
In [45]: print("\nSalaries by Position:")
    print(salary_by_position)

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
    sns.boxplot(x='Position', y='Salary', data=df)
    plt.title('Salary Distribution Across Different Positions')
    plt.ylabel('Salary ($)')
    plt.xlabel('Position')
    plt.yscale('log') # Using a logarithmic scale due to wide range in salaries
    plt.show()
```

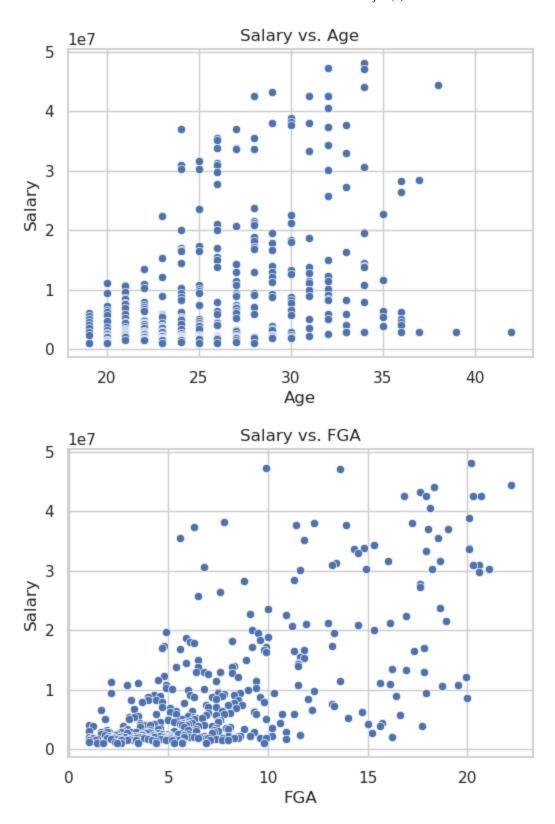
```
Salaries by Position:
          count
                                       std
                                                  min
                                                             25%
                                                                        50%
                        mean
Position
           81.0 8.119211e+06 9.183682e+06 1116112.0 2174880.0
                                                                  3722040.0
C
PF
           73.0
                1.040581e+07
                              1.116614e+07
                                            1563518.0
                                                       2617800.0
                                                                  5739840.0
PG
           67.0 1.389486e+07 1.434398e+07 1000001.0 2180760.0 6025000.0
SF
           76.0 9.996459e+06 1.146101e+07
                                            1013119.0
                                                       2798160.0 4753920.0
SG
           95.0 8.366136e+06 8.580999e+06 1017781.0 2260555.5 5000000.0
                 75%
                            max
Position
          10123457.0
                     38172414.0
C
PF
          13000000.0 44474988.0
PG
          25206666.0 48070014.0
SF
          11790000.0 42492492.0
          11605264.0 43279250.0
SG
                       Salary Distribution Across Different Positions
```

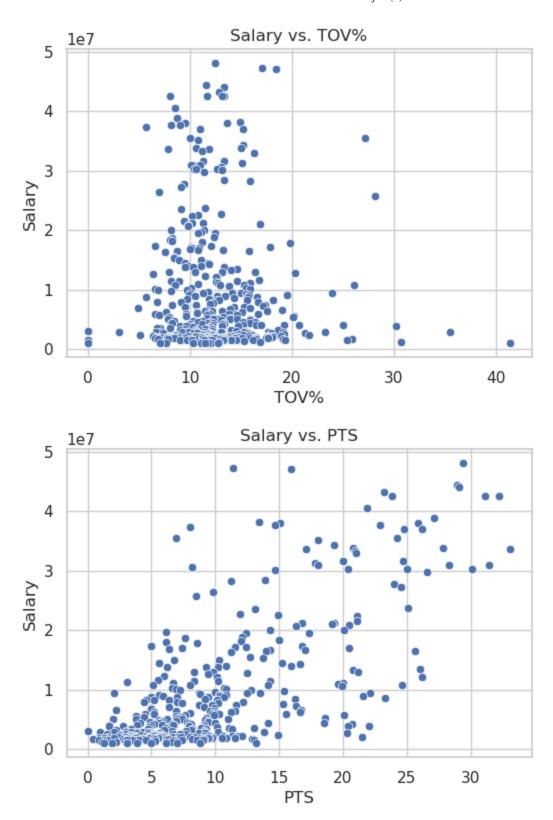


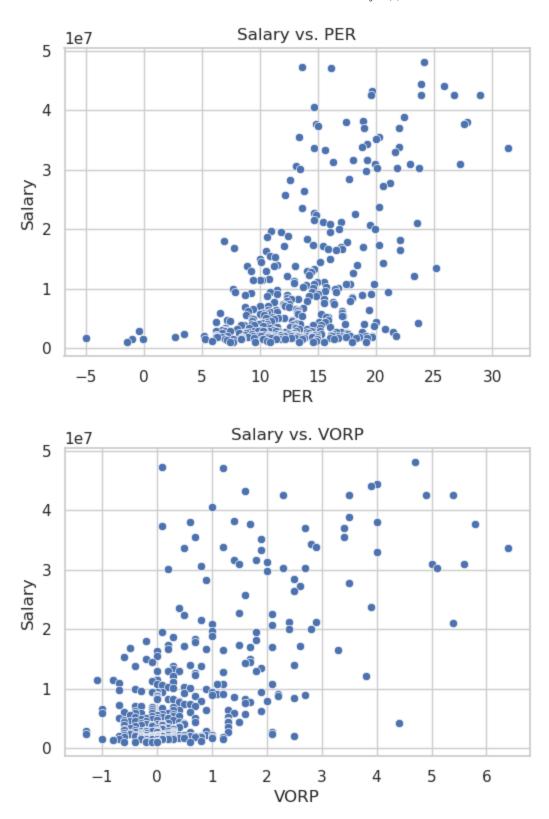
#### **Others**

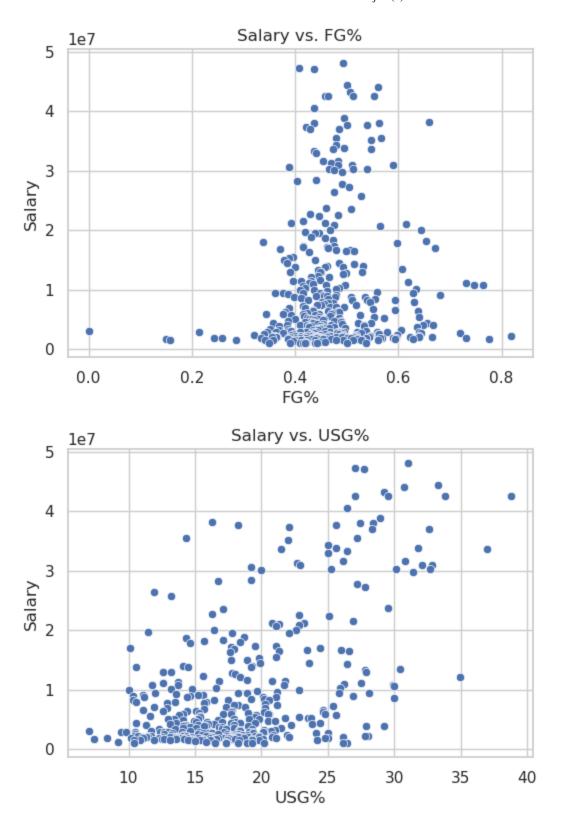
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In [46]:
    sns.set(style="whitegrid")

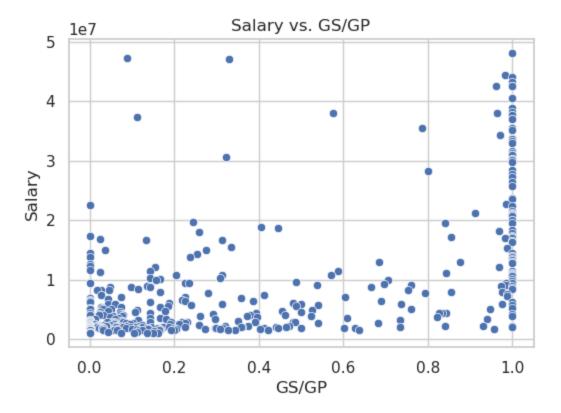
performance_metrics = ['Age', 'FGA', 'TOV%', 'PTS', 'PER', 'VORP', 'FG%', 'Union for metric in performance_metrics:
    plt.figure(figsize=(6, 4))
    sns.scatterplot(x=df[metric], y=df['Salary'])
    plt.title(f'Salary vs. {metric}')
    plt.xlabel(metric)
    plt.ylabel('Salary')
    plt.show()
```











# **Feature Selection**

```
In [5]: selected_features = ['Position', 'Age', 'FGA', 'TOV%', 'PTS', 'PER', 'VORP',
    X = df[selected_features]
    y = df['Salary']
```

# **Splitting Train and Test Set**

```
In [6]: X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(df[selected_features], y
```

# Applying preprocessor to the dataset

```
# Create a DataFrame from the transformed data with correct column names
one_hot_feature_names = preprocessor.named_transformers_['cat'].get_feature_
all_feature_names = np.concatenate([one_hot_feature_names, ['Age', 'FGA', 'T

X_train_df = pd.DataFrame(X_train_transformed, columns=all_feature_names)

X_test_df = pd.DataFrame(X_test_transformed, columns=all_feature_names)

X_train_df = X_train_df.reset_index(drop=True)

X_test_df = X_test_df.reset_index(drop=True)

y_train = y_train.reset_index(drop=True)

y_test = y_test.reset_index(drop=True)
```

## **GLM Model**

```
In [8]: # Fit the GLM model using the DataFrame with named columns
   glm_model = sm.GLM(y_train, sm.add_constant(X_train_df), family=sm.families.
   glm_results = glm_model.fit()

# Predict on the test set and evaluate
   y_pred = glm_results.predict(sm.add_constant(X_test_df))
   mse = mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred)
   r2 = r2_score(y_test, y_pred)

print("Mean Squared Error:", mse)
   print("R-squared:", r2)

# Print the model summary with original feature names
   print(glm_results.summary())
```

Mean Squared Error: 38244011656143.516

R-squared: 0.7315872068392756

Generalized Linear Model Regression Results

=========	========	lized Linear M =========	========	========	========	=======		
•	ep. Variable: Salary			No. Observations:				
74 Model:	del: GLM		l Df Resi	Df Residuals:				
60 Model Family:		Gaussian	Df Mode	Df Model:				
13 Link Function: 13		identity	Scale:	Scale:				
Method: 5.6	ethod:		Log-Lik	Log-Likelihood:				
Date:	ate: Thu, 07		Deviano	Deviance:				
Time:		19:48:26		Pearson chi2:				
	No. Iterations:		Pseudo	R-squ. (CS	5):	0.79		
Covariance T		nonrobust		.=======		=======		
===	coef	std err	Z	P> z	[0.025	0.9		
75] 								
 const	7.894e+06	3.37e+05	23.427	0.000	7.23e+06	8.55e		
+06 Position_C	8.31e+05	1.08e+06	0.768	0.443	-1.29e+06	2.95e		
+06 Position_PF	1.395e+06	8.26e+05	1.688	0.091	-2.24e+05	3.01e		
+06 Position_PG	2.994e+06	9.75e+05	3.071	0.002	1.08e+06	4.9e		
+06 Position_SF	2.528e+06	8.86e+05	2.855	0.004	7 <b>.</b> 93e+05	4.26e		
+06 Position_SG	1.46e+05	8.08e+05	0.181	0.857	-1.44e+06	1.73e		
+06 Age	3.781e+06	4.13e+05	9.164	0.000	2.97e+06	4.59e		
+06 FGA	-2.581e+05	3.23e+06	-0.080	0.936	-6.58e+06	6.07e		
+06 T0V%	5.37e+05	5.08e+05	1.057	0.290	-4.58e+05	1.53e		
+06 PTS	2.479e+06	3.5e+06	0.708	0.479	-4.39e+06	9.34e		
+06 PER	7 <b>.</b> 85e+05	1.27e+06	0.620	0.535	-1.7e+06	3.27e		
+06 VORP	1.063e+06	9.39e+05	1.132	0.258	-7.78e+05	2 <b>.</b> 9e		
+06 FG%	-5.134e+05	8.6e+05	-0.597	0.550	-2.2e+06	1.17e		
+06 USG% +06	2.016e+06	9.98e+05	2.020	0.043	5.96e+04	3.97e		

## Non-Parametric: Random Forest

```
In [10]: from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
    from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error, r2_score

# Create the Random Forest model
    rf_model = RandomForestRegressor(random_state=42)

# Fit the model to the training data
    rf_result = rf_model.fit(X_train_df, y_train)

# Predict on the test set
    y_pred_rf = rf_model.predict(X_test_df)

# Evaluate the model
    mse_rf = mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred_rf)
    r2_rf = r2_score(y_test, y_pred_rf)

print("Random Forest Mean Squared Error:", mse_rf)
    print("Random Forest R-squared:", r2_rf)
```

Random Forest Mean Squared Error: 28857100989525.09 Random Forest R-squared: 0.7974685514490141

## Feature Importance

```
In [21]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
         # Predict on the test set
         y_pred_rf = rf_model.predict(X_test_df)
         # Calculate performance metrics
         mse rf = mean squared error(y test, y pred rf)
         r2_rf = r2_score(y_test, y_pred_rf)
         print("Random Forest Model Summary Statistics")
         print("----")
         print("Mean Squared Error:", mse_rf)
         print("R-squared:", r2_rf)
         # Feature Importances
         feature_importances = rf_model.feature_importances_
         # Create a DataFrame to display feature importances
         features_df = pd.DataFrame({'Feature': X_train_df.columns, 'Importance': fea
         features_df = features_df.sort_values(by='Importance', ascending=False)
         print("\nFeature Importances")
```

```
# Plotting feature importances
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.title("Feature Importances in the Random Forest Model")
plt.barh(features_df['Feature'], features_df['Importance'])
plt.xlabel('Relative Importance')
plt.ylabel('Feature')
plt.gca().invert_yaxis() # Invert y-axis to have the most important feature
plt.show()
```

Random Forest Model Summary Statistics

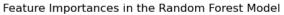
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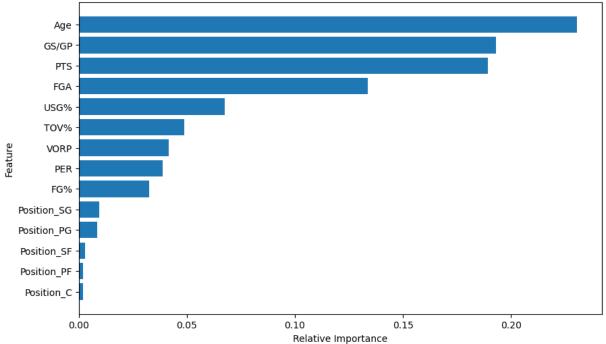
Mean Squared Error: 28857100989525.09

R-squared: 0.7974685514490141

#### Feature Importances

Feature	Importance
Age	0.230504
GS/GP	0.193022
PTS	0.189201
FGA	0.133569
USG%	0.067521
T0V%	0.048677
V0RP	0.041573
PER	0.038855
FG%	0.032613
Position_SG	0.009246
Position_PG	0.008444
Position_SF	0.002921
Position_PF	0.001984
Position_C	0.001870
	Age GS/GP PTS FGA USG% TOV% VORP PER FG% Position_SG Position_PG Position_FF





In []: