# FIFA 22 Player Clustering

## **Description**

This is notebook to build clustering model for FIFA players. The intention is use this clustering as classification for players position. Our aim is get classification model with the most accuracy possible.

#### What is FIFA 22?

FIFA 22 is this context is the football (soccer) games which have team and players based on the real world.

Football is my favorite sport and the most famous sport in the world. I think player's attributes from FIFA reflect real world attributes of each player in number properly. It's not perfect repersentation. But, I think this is good enough data. Since this is my first unsupervise learing porject, I might not get a good model compare to supervise model.

P.S. I chose FIFA 22 because it's latest version of FIFA games wich I able to find data.

### **Data Overview**

source: https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/stefanoleone992/fifa-22-complete-player-dataset

data type: CSV (110 columns)

data size: 19,239 rows (13.6 MB)

data include

- player's attributes
- URL of the scraped players
- URL of the uploaded player faces, club and nation logos
- Player positions, with the role in the club and in the national team
- Player attributes with statistics as Attacking, Skills, Defense, Mentality, GK Skills, etc.
- Player personal data like Nationality, Club, DateOfBirth, Wage, Salary, etc.

```
In [2]: import pandas as pd
import numpy as np

data = pd.read_csv('players_22.csv')
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y:4: DtypeWarning: Columns (25,108) have mixed types. Specify dtype option o
n import or set low\_memory=False.
data = pd.read\_csv('players\_22.csv')

#### In [3]: data.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 19239 entries, 0 to 19238

Columns: 110 entries, sofifa\_id to nation\_flag\_url

dtypes: float64(16), int64(44), object(50)

memory usage: 16.1+ MB

#### In [4]: data.head()

Out[4]:	sofifa_id		player_url	short_name	long_name	player_position	
	0	158023	https://sofifa.com/player/158023/lionel- messi/	L. Messi	Lionel Andrés Messi Cuccittini	RW, ST, (	
	1	188545	https://sofifa.com/player/188545/robert- lewand	R. Lewandowski	Robert Lewandowski	ξ	
	2	20801	https://sofifa.com/player/20801/c- ronaldo-dos	Cristiano Ronaldo	Cristiano Ronaldo dos Santos Aveiro	ST, L	
	3	190871	https://sofifa.com/player/190871/neymar- da-sil	Neymar Jr	Neymar da Silva Santos Júnior	LW, CA	
	4	192985	https://sofifa.com/player/192985/kevin- de-bruy	K. De Bruyne	Kevin De Bruyne	CM, CA	

 $5 \text{ rows} \times 110 \text{ columns}$ 

First, I want see all columns we have.

```
sofifa_id
player_url
short name
long_name
player_positions
overall
potential
value_eur
wage eur
age
dob
height_cm
weight_kg
club_team_id
club name
league_name
league_level
club_position
club_jersey_number
club_loaned_from
club_joined
club_contract_valid_until
nationality id
nationality_name
nation_team_id
nation_position
nation_jersey_number
preferred_foot
weak_foot
skill_moves
international_reputation
work rate
body type
real_face
release_clause_eur
player_tags
player_traits
pace
shooting
passing
dribbling
defending
physic
attacking_crossing
attacking_finishing
attacking_heading_accuracy
attacking_short_passing
attacking_volleys
skill_dribbling
skill curve
skill_fk_accuracy
skill_long_passing
skill_ball_control
movement_acceleration
movement_sprint_speed
movement_agility
movement_reactions
movement_balance
power_shot_power
power_jumping
power_stamina
power_strength
power_long_shots
mentality aggression
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mentality_interceptions
mentality_positioning
mentality_vision
mentality_penalties
mentality_composure
defending_marking_awareness
defending_standing_tackle
defending_sliding_tackle
goalkeeping_diving
goalkeeping_handling
goalkeeping_kicking
goalkeeping_positioning
goalkeeping_reflexes
goalkeeping_speed
ls
st
rs
lw
lf
cf
rf
rw
lam
cam
ram
lm
1cm
\mathtt{cm}
rcm
rm
lwb
ldm
cdm
rdm
rwb
1b
lcb
cb
rcb
rb
gk
player_face_url
club_logo_url
club_flag_url
nation_logo_url
nation_flag_url
```

This is official data https://www.ea.com/games/fifa/fifa-22/ratings/ratings-database. So, I want to check if it match our source (kaggle) or not.

```
In [6]: pd.concat([data.iloc[:,2:6], data.loc[:,'pace':'physic']], axis=1).head()
```

:		short_name	long_name	player_positions	overall	pace	shooting	passing	dribbling	(
	0	L. Messi	Lionel Andrés Messi Cuccittini	RW, ST, CF	93	85.0	92.0	91.0	95.0	
	1	R. Lewandowski	Robert Lewandowski	ST	92	78.0	92.0	79.0	86.0	
	2	Cristiano Ronaldo	Cristiano Ronaldo dos Santos Aveiro	ST, LW	91	87.0	94.0	80.0	88.0	
	3	Neymar Jr	Neymar da Silva Santos Júnior	LW, CAM	91	91.0	83.0	86.0	94.0	
	4	K. De Bruyne	Kevin De Bruyne	CM, CAM	91	76.0	86.0	93.0	88.0	

I manually check and it matchs. So, I assumed this source data is accurate.

In [7]: data.iloc[:,2:6].describe()

 count
 19239.000000

 mean
 65.772182

 std
 6.880232

 min
 47.000000

25%

Out[6]

**50**% 66.000000

61.000000

**75**% 70.000000 max 93.000000

In [8]: data.loc[:,['overall','age','height\_cm','weight\_kg','weak\_foot','skill\_moves

Out[8]: overall height\_cm weight\_kg weak\_foot skill\_mov age **count** 19239.000000 19239.000000 19239.000000 19239.000000 19239.000000 19239.0000 65.772182 25.210822 181.299704 74.943032 2.946151 2.3524 mean 6.880232 4.748235 6.863179 7.069434 0.671560 0.7676 std 47.000000 16.000000 155.000000 49.000000 1.000000 1.0000 min 25% 61.000000 21.000000 176.000000 70.000000 3.000000 2.0000 2.0000 50% 66.000000 25.000000 181.000000 75.000000 3.000000 75% 70.000000 29.000000 186.000000 80.000000 3.000000 3.0000 max 93.000000 54.000000 206.000000 110.000000 5.000000 5.0000

In [9]: data.loc[:,'attacking\_crossing':'defending\_sliding\_tackle'].describe()

attacking_short_	attacking_heading_accuracy	attacking_finishing	attacking_crossing	
19239	19239.000000	19239.000000	19239.000000	count
58	51.783877	45.894433	49.577421	mean
14	17.294183	19.721023	18.034661	std
-,	5.000000	2.000000	6.000000	min
54	44.000000	30.000000	38.000000	25%
62	55.000000	50.000000	54.000000	50%
68	64.000000	62.000000	63.000000	75%
94	93.000000	95.000000	94.000000	max

8 rows x 29 columns

Out [9]:

From tables above, data looks fine as well (player's attributes are between 0 and 100). But, there are some data missing (count less than rows) on pace, shooting, passing, dribbling, defending and physic. Therefore, we are checking it.

```
In [10]: nandf = data.loc[:,['short_name','player_positions','pace','shooting','passi
          nandf = nandf[nandf.isnull().any(axis=1)]
          nandf.head()
Out[10]:
                         player_positions
                                              shooting
                                                       passing
                                                               dribbling
                                                                        defending physic
              short_name
                                         pace
           5
                 J. Oblak
                                     GΚ
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7 M. Neuer GK NaN NaN NaN NaN NaN NaN M. ter 8 GK NaN NaN NaN NaN NaN NaN Stegen 12 T. Courtois GK NaN NaN NaN NaN NaN NaN 18 Ederson GK NaN NaN NaN NaN NaN NaN

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In [11]: nandf['player_positions'].unique()
Out[11]: array(['GK'], dtype=object)
```

As expected, players which have missing data are all GK (in FIFA they replace those attributes with goal keeper attributes).

## Clean Up

Remove column that we are not going to use and fill null data. And create new column which is most preferred position (pos). we will use it as responses.

First, add most preferred position column. (checked on offcial website, this first position on player\_positions column is most preferred position)

```
print(len(all_pos))
print(' '.join(data['pos'].unique()))
```

15

RW ST LW CM GK CDM CF LM CB CAM LB RB RM LWB RWB

I think 15 classes is too much. Therefore, I will merge into 4 classes FW for forward (RW ST LW CF), MF for midfield (CM CDM LM CAM RM), DE for defense (CB LB RB LWB RWB) and GK.

```
In [13]: data['pos'] = data['pos'].replace(['RW','ST','LW','CF'], 'FW')
    data['pos'] = data['pos'].replace(['CM','CDM','LM','CAM','RM'], 'MF')
    data['pos'] = data['pos'].replace(['CB','LB','RB','LWB','RWB'], 'DE')

    data['pos'].unique()

Out[13]: array(['FW', 'MF', 'GK', 'DE'], dtype=object)
```

Then, we remove useless columns.

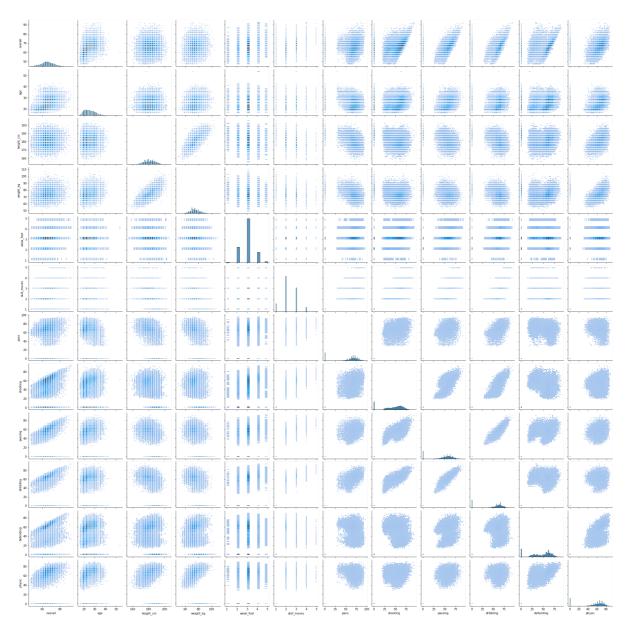
Out[14]:		pos	overall	age	height_cm	weight_kg	weak_foot	skill_moves	pace	shooting	passir
	0	FW	93	34	170	72	4	4	85.0	92.0	91
	1	FW	92	32	185	81	4	4	78.0	92.0	79
	2	FW	91	36	187	83	4	5	87.0	94.0	80
	3	FW	91	29	175	68	5	5	91.0	83.0	86
	4	MF	91	30	181	70	5	4	76.0	86.0	93

5 rows x 42 columns

Impute data, set missing player's attributes as 0

```
In [15]: data = data.fillna(0)
```

### **Visual Display**



I use histogram because we get more infor than normal scatter.

I filter out 0 becasue before compute correlation because data I impute will cause bias.

```
In [53]: for_corr = for_plot.replace(0, np.nan)
In [54]: corr_data = for_corr.corr()
    corr_data
```

Out[54]:		overall	age	height_cm	weight_kg	weak_foot	skill_moves	расє
	overall	1.000000	0.459451	0.042787	0.150324	0.223762	0.376226	0.174695
	age	0.459451	1.000000	0.083009	0.239444	0.082149	0.074076	-0.209383
	height_cm	0.042787	0.083009	1.000000	0.765465	-0.158167	-0.411341	-0.399614
	weight_kg	0.150324	0.239444	0.765465	1.000000	-0.115391	-0.336606	-0.360537
	weak_foot	0.223762	0.082149	-0.158167	-0.115391	1.000000	0.344650	0.144947
	skill_moves	0.376226	0.074076	-0.411341	-0.336606	0.344650	1.000000	0.389891
	pace	0.174695	-0.209383	-0.399614	-0.360537	0.144947	0.389891	1.000000
	shooting	0.489623	0.249207	-0.190318	-0.087062	0.323203	0.606717	0.327717
	passing	0.715001	0.346893	-0.259754	-0.154743	0.283897	0.577815	0.254596
	dribbling	0.666402	0.202410	-0.358324	-0.250922	0.314096	0.672223	0.496839
	defending	0.346760	0.247524	0.199484	0.197474	-0.110634	-0.214747	-0.300617

In [55]: sns.heatmap(corr\_data)

0.501150

0.586895

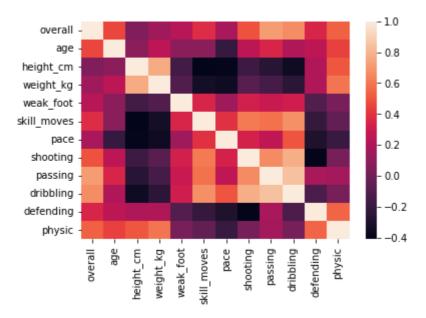
0.020740

-0.055771

-0.197067

Out[55]: <AxesSubplot:>

**physic** 0.529234



0.443169

```
In [56]: # listing feature pair that has strong correlation
for i in corr_data.columns:
    for j in corr_data.columns:
        if i< j and corr_data[i][j]>0.7:
            print(i,' ',j, corr_data[i][j])
```

overall passing 0.7150010326789458
height\_cm weight\_kg 0.7654649723878713
dribbling shooting 0.7774137418397219
dribbling passing 0.8454130913141136

## **Analysis**

From information above, we see 4 strong correlation between features (more than 0.7).

overall and passing is indeed correlate

- height\_cm and weight\_kg is indeed correlate
- · dribbling and shooting is new knowledge
- dribbling and passing is new knowledge

I expected weight\_kg and physic, shooting and passing, skill\_moves and dribbling have strong correlation (from my football knowledge). But, it doesn't. Also, I did not expected dribbling to have strong correlation with shooting and passing.

Since, those are features of football player and in reality lot of them able to play more than one position. I think we can cluster same position into same cluster. But, we would missing some.

## Clustering

I want to use k-means first as based line.

First, split data in to train and test (test for 20%).

In [20]: from sklearn.model\_selection import train\_test\_split

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X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(data.drop('pos', axis=1)
In [21]:
         X1_train = X_train.loc[:,['overall','age','height_cm','weight_kg','weak_foot
          X1_test = X_test.loc[:,['overall','age','height_cm','weight_kg','weak_foot',
In [22]:
         X1_train.head()
Out[22]:
                overall age
                            height_cm weight_kg weak_foot skill_moves pace
                                                                           shooting passing
          3482
                   72
                        26
                                  185
                                             71
                                                        3
                                                                       75.0
                                                                                72.0
                                                                                        71.0
          4694
                   70
                        31
                                  180
                                             77
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          9981
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          3770
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           227
                   82
                                             70
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                        28
                                  179
In [23]: from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
          kmeans = KMeans(n clusters=4, random state=1992).fit(X1 train)
In [24]:
          import itertools
          from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
          ppos = ['FW', 'MF', 'DE', 'GK']
          def label_permute_compare(ytdf,yp,n=4):
              perms = list(itertools.permutations(list(range(n))))
              acc=[]
              for i in range(len(perms)):
                  mapdict = dict(zip(list(ppos), list(perms[i])))
                  yt = ytdf.apply(lambda x: mapdict[x])
                  acc.append(accuracy_score(yt,yp))
              idx = np.argmax(acc)
              return perms[idx], acc[idx]
```

```
In [25]: # first model acc on training data
         labelorder, acc = label_permute_compare(y_train, kmeans.labels_)
         print(labelorder, acc)
         (3, 2, 0, 1) 0.6757845494119941
In [26]: ld = dict(zip(ppos,labelorder))
In [27]: # first model acc on test data
         y_pred1 = kmeans.predict(X1_test)
         accuracy_score(y_test.apply(lambda x: ld[x]), y_pred1)
         0.6798336798336798
Out[27]:
In [28]: # confusion matrix for test data
         from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix
         confusion_matrix(y_test.apply(lambda x: ld[x]), y_pred1, labels=labelorder)
         array([[650, 91, 4,
                                   0],
Out[28]:
                [524, 693, 217,
                                   0],
                [ 9, 387, 871,
                                   0],
                [ 0, 0,
                             0, 402]])
         Now, we have first classification model with K-Means using 13 features. As result, we got
```

Now, we have first classification model with K-Means using 13 features. As result, we got 0.6758 accuracy on training data and 0.6798 on test data. This will be our base line. I think this is already good base line. Becuase from confusion matrix above, we get all GK position corret.

For second model, I will use K-Means clustering with all features we have.

```
In [29]: # 2nd model acc on training data
         kmeans2 = KMeans(n_clusters=4, random_state=1992).fit(X_train)
         labelorder, acc = label_permute_compare(y_train, kmeans2.labels_)
         print(labelorder, acc)
         (3, 0, 1, 2) 0.7040478201546359
In [30]: # 2nd model acc on test data
         ld = dict(zip(ppos,labelorder))
         y_pred2 = kmeans2.predict(X_test)
         accuracy_score(y_test.apply(lambda x: ld[x]), y_pred2)
        0.7042619542619543
Out[30]:
In [31]: # confusion matrix for test data
         \verb|confusion_matrix(y_test.apply(lambda x: ld[x]), y_pred2, labels=labelorder)|\\
Out[31]: array([[689, 51, 5,
                                  0],
                [492, 736, 206,
                                  0],
                [ 2, 382, 883,
                                  0],
                   0, 0, 0, 402]])
```

As expected, our model get a bit more accuracy.

Since we have models from clustering technique which looks good for me. I will create new model using supervise technique which is k-nearest neighbors to compare wich our model to see which one is better.

```
In [32]:
         # knn acc on tarin data
          from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
          neigh = KNeighborsClassifier(n neighbors=3)
          neigh.fit(X train, y train)
         neigh.score(X_train, y_train)
         0.927749983756741
Out[32]:
In [33]: # knn acc on test data
         neigh.score(X_test, y_test)
         0.8700623700623701
Out[33]:
         KNN with all features has more accuracy than our k-means model (0.9277 on training
         data and 0.8701 on test data). So, I will try another model to see if I can create better
         model with clustering technique.
         I think Non-Negative Matrix Factorization would give us a better model. Let's find out.
In [34]: def get_prediction(w_matrix):
             sortedMatrix = np.argsort(w matrix)
             n_predictions, maxValue = sortedMatrix.shape
              re = sortedMatrix[:,3:].ravel()
              return re
In [35]: # first NMF acc on training data
          from sklearn.decomposition import NMF
          nmfm1 = NMF(n_components=4, init='random', random_state=1992, max_iter=20000
         W1 = nmfm1.fit_transform(X_train)
         H1 = nmfm1.components_
         yhat1 = get_prediction(W1)
          labelorder, acc = label_permute_compare(y_train, yhat1)
         print(labelorder, acc)
         (3, 2, 1, 0) 0.4867779871353388
In [36]: # 2nd NMF acc on training data
          nmfm2 = NMF(n_components=4, init='random', random_state=1992, max_iter=20000
         W2 = nmfm2.fit_transform(X_train)
         H2 = nmfm2.components_
         yhat2 = get_prediction(W2)
          labelorder, acc = label_permute_compare(y_train, yhat2)
         print(labelorder, acc)
          (0, 1, 3, 2) 0.7328958482229875
In [37]: def nmfx(a):
             nmfm = NMF(n_components=4, init='random', random_state=1992, max_iter=20
              W = nmfm.fit_transform(X_train)
              yhat = get_prediction(W)
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return label_permute_compare(y_train, yhat)
In [38]: bi = 0
         bacc = 0
         blabelorder = []
          for i in range(10):
              labelorder, acc = nmfx(i*0.01)
              if acc > bacc:
                  bacc = acc
                  blabelorder = labelorder
                  bi = i*0.01
         print(bi, bacc, blabelorder)
         0.02 0.7513481905009421 (0, 1, 3, 2)
In [39]: # NMF with best alpha_W acc on training data
          nmfmb = NMF(n_components=4, init='random', random_state=1992, max_iter=20000
         Wb = nmfmb.fit_transform(X_train)
         yhatb = get_prediction(Wb)
          labelorder, acc = label_permute_compare(y_train, yhatb)
         print(labelorder, acc)
          (0, 1, 3, 2) 0.7513481905009421
In [40]: # NMF with best alpha_W acc on test data
         test_yhat = get_prediction(nmfmb.transform(X_test))
          labelorder, acc = label_permute_compare(y_test, test_yhat)
         print(labelorder, acc)
          (0, 1, 3, 2) 0.7492203742203742
In [41]: # NMF with tol=0.00005 acc on train data
          nmfm4 = NMF(n_components=4, init='random', random_state=1992, max_iter=20000
         W4 = nmfm4.fit transform(X train)
         yhat4 = get_prediction(W4)
          labelorder, acc = label_permute_compare(y_train, yhat4)
         print(labelorder, acc)
          (0, 1, 3, 2) 0.7523877590799818
In [42]: # NMF with tol=0.00005 NMF acc on test data
          test_yhat4 = get_prediction(nmfm4.transform(X_test))
          labelorder, acc = label_permute_compare(y_test, test_yhat4)
         print(labelorder, acc)
          (0, 1, 3, 2) 0.7481808731808732
         So, best NMF model after tuning hyperparameter has accuracy 0.7513 on training data
         and 0.7482 on test data. You can see that actually NMF with tol=0.00005 have more
         accuracy on training data but it over-fitted. I think this is the best model with NMF I can
         build.
```

In [43]: # 3rd model acc on training data
kmeans3 = KMeans(n\_clusters=4, random\_state=1992, init='random', max\_iter=40

Next, I will try to tune hyperparameter for k-means.

```
labelorder, acc = label_permute_compare(y_train, kmeans3.labels_)
print(labelorder, acc)
```

```
(2, 0, 3, 1) 0.7040478201546359
```

From what I tried, tuning hyperparameter for k-means not gain any accuracy.

Last, I will try hierarchical clustering

```
In [57]: from sklearn.cluster import AgglomerativeClustering
    # 1st model acc on training data
    hi1 = AgglomerativeClustering(n_clusters=4, affinity='manhattan' , linkage='
    labelorder, acc = label_permute_compare(y_train, hi1.labels_)
    print(labelorder, acc)

(2, 0, 3, 1) 0.4761873822363719

In [45]: # 2nd model acc on training data
    hi2 = AgglomerativeClustering(n_clusters=4, affinity='manhattan' , linkage='
    labelorder, acc = label_permute_compare(y_train, hi2.labels_)
    print(labelorder, acc)

(3, 0, 2, 1) 0.47631732830875184
```

First hierarchical clustering not perform well. So, hyperparameter tuning would help.

```
In [46]:
         metrics = ["euclidean","11","12","manhattan","cosine"]
         linkages = ["complete", "average", "single"]
         maxx = 0
         mm = ""
         11 = ""
         for m in metrics:
             for 1 in linkages:
                 nmodel = AgglomerativeClustering(n_clusters=5, affinity=m , linkage=
                 nlabelorder, acc = label_permute_compare(y_train, nmodel.labels_)
                 print('matric =',m,' and linkage =',1,'acc =', acc)
                 if acc>maxx:
                      maxx=acc
                      mm=m
                      11=1
         print('best parameter :',mm,ll, 'acc =',maxx)
         # for affinity='euclidean' linkage='ward'
         model2 = AgglomerativeClustering(n_clusters=5, affinity='euclidean' , linkag
         labelorder, acc = label_permute_compare(y_train, model2.labels_)
         print('labelorder =',labelorder)
         print('accuracy =', acc)
```

```
matric = euclidean and linkage = complete acc = 0.48274965889156
matric = euclidean and linkage = average acc = 0.6270547722695081
matric = euclidean and linkage = single acc = 0.4761873822363719
matric = 11 and linkage = complete acc = 0.5110129296342018
matric = 11 and linkage = average acc = 0.6527840946007407
matric = 11 and linkage = single acc = 0.47631732830875184
matric = 12 and linkage = complete acc = 0.48274965889156
matric = 12 and linkage = average acc = 0.6270547722695081
matric = 12 and linkage = single acc = 0.4761873822363719
matric = manhattan and linkage = complete acc = 0.5110129296342018
matric = manhattan and linkage = average acc = 0.6527840946007407
matric = manhattan and linkage = single acc = 0.47631732830875184
matric = cosine and linkage = complete acc = 0.5572737314014684
matric = cosine and linkage = average acc = 0.6265999610161783
matric = cosine and linkage = single acc = 0.47599246312780197
best parameter : 11 average acc = 0.6527840946007407
labelorder = (1, 2, 0, 3)
accuracy = 0.5882008966278994
```

The best accuracy we can get from hierarchical clustering on training data is 0.6528 which is worst than NMF.

### Conclusion

For this problem first we look at overview of data we have. Then, we verify it with official site. After that we clean up data and run analysis. Since we have every thing ready, we build models with unsupervise and supervise techniques. So, we get best unsupervise model wich is using NMF which 0.7482 on test data and KNN wih 0.8701 on test data as supervise model. As result, for this problem KNN wihch is supervise have better accuracy than NMF wich is best unsupervise model about 0.12. In my opinion NMF is doing a good job because the model does not use label of the data on trainig. I think if I have more experience I might build better model. I think this can be improve. But this is the best for me currently.

github: https://github.com/Satjarporn/FIFA