

Basketball Player Performance Analysis

My name is Adaora Onwumelu, a D1 women's basketball player. I wanted to connect it with algorithms and implement different tests. The goal of this project is to analyze basketball player performance using various algorithms such as clustering, classification, and regression.

Overview

This project aims to develop a comprehensive system for analyzing basketball player performance. The system incorporates various algorithms and techniques to predict player performance, categorize players into distinct classes, and cluster players based on their playing profiles. Additionally, the system includes modules for computing various performance metrics and visualizing the results to aid decision-making for coaches, scouts, and team management. The implemented algorithms include:

Features:

- **Regression Algorithm:** Utilizes regression analysis to predict player performance metrics, such as points per game (PTS), based on relevant features.
- **Classification Algorithm:** Categorizes players into distinct classes (e.g., Star Player, Average Player, Bench Player) based on their performance metrics using classification techniques.
- **Clustering Algorithm:** Groups players into clusters based on their performance metrics, such as minutes played (MIN) and points (PTS), to identify different player profiles or playing styles.
- **Performance Analysis Module:** Computes various performance metrics for each player, including PTS, rebounds (REB), assists (AST), steals (STL), blocks (BLK), and shooting percentages.

Implementation

The project is implemented in C programming language. Each algorithm has its own source code file:

```
- `clustering_algorithm.c`  
- `classification_algorithm.c`  
- `regression_algorithm.c`  
- `player_performance_analysis.c`
```

Each source code file loads input data from a file provided by the user, performs the respective analysis, and prints the results to the screen.

Usage

To run each algorithm:

1. Compile the source code file using a C compiler.

```
gcc classification_algorithm.c -o classification_algorithm
gcc clustering_algorithm.c -o clustering_algorithm
gcc regression_algorithm.c -o regression_algorithm
gcc player_performance_analysis.c -o player_performance_analysis
```

2. Execute the compiled program.

```
./classification_algorithm
./clustering_algorithm
./regression_algorithm
./player_performance_analysis
```

3. Follow the prompts to enter the name of the input data file.

Player_data.txt

Data Collection: Gather basketball player data from various sources, including publicly available datasets and proprietary team databases.

Data Preprocessing: Clean and preprocess the data to handle missing values, normalize features, and encode categorical variables.

Algorithm Implementation:

- Implement regression models for predicting player performance metrics.

- Develop classification algorithms for categorizing players into performance classes.

- Design clustering algorithms to group players based on their playing profiles.

Performance Analysis:

- Compute performance metrics for each player using the analysis module.

- Visualize the results using plots and charts to facilitate understanding and decision-making.

Efficiency Evaluation:

- Conduct experiments using both synthetic minimal data and real WNBA data to evaluate the efficiency and scalability of the algorithms.

- Measure runtime performance, monitor memory usage, and analyze scalability across varying problem sizes.

Input Data Screenshots

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The screenshot displays a C++ IDE with a project named 'FINALPROJECT'. The main file, 'clustering_algorithm.cpp', contains the implementation of a clustering algorithm. The code defines a 'Player' struct and a 'Cluster' struct. It reads data from 'player_data.txt' and 'player_performances.txt'. The algorithm iterates through players, calculating distances and updating centroids until convergence. The output is printed to the console.

```

// Clustering algorithm.cpp
// Player struct
// Cluster struct
// Read data from files
// Calculate distances
// Update centroids
// Print results

#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
#include <string>
#include <fstream>
#include <algorithm>
#include <cmath>
#include <limits>

using namespace std;

struct Player {
    string name;
    int team;
    double MIN;
    double PTS;
};

struct Cluster {
    string name;
    int num_players;
    double centroid_MIN;
    double centroid_PTS;
};

// Read data from files
vector<Player> read_players(const string& filename) {
    vector<Player> players;
    fstream file(filename, ios::in);
    if (!file.is_open()) {
        cout << "Error opening file: " << filename << endl;
        return players;
    }
    string line;
    while (getline(file, line)) {
        Player player;
        istringstream iss(line);
        iss >> player.name >> player.team >> player.MIN >> player.PTS;
        players.push_back(player);
    }
    file.close();
    return players;
}

// Read data from files
vector<Player> read_players(const string& filename) {
    vector<Player> players;
    fstream file(filename, ios::in);
    if (!file.is_open()) {
        cout << "Error opening file: " << filename << endl;
        return players;
    }
    string line;
    while (getline(file, line)) {
        Player player;
        istringstream iss(line);
        iss >> player.name >> player.team >> player.MIN >> player.PTS;
        players.push_back(player);
    }
    file.close();
    return players;
}

// Calculate distances
double euclidean_distance(const Player& p1, const Player& p2) {
    return sqrt((p1.MIN - p2.MIN) * (p1.MIN - p2.MIN) + (p1.PTS - p2.PTS) * (p1.PTS - p2.PTS));
}

// Update centroids
void update_centroids(vector<Player>& players, vector<Cluster>& clusters) {
    for (int i = 0; i < clusters.size(); i++) {
        Cluster& cluster = clusters[i];
        double sum_MIN = 0.0;
        double sum_PTS = 0.0;
        for (int j = 0; j < cluster.num_players; j++) {
            int player_index = cluster.players_indices[j];
            sum_MIN += players[player_index].MIN;
            sum_PTS += players[player_index].PTS;
        }
        cluster.centroid_MIN = sum_MIN / cluster.num_players;
        cluster.centroid_PTS = sum_PTS / cluster.num_players;
    }
}

// Print results
void print_clusters(vector<Player>& players, vector<Cluster>& clusters) {
    for (int i = 0; i < clusters.size(); i++) {
        Cluster& cluster = clusters[i];
        cout << "Cluster " << i << ": " << endl;
        cout << "Centroid: MIN = " << cluster.centroid_MIN << ", PTS = " << cluster.centroid_PTS << endl;
        cout << "Players: " << endl;
        for (int j = 0; j < cluster.num_players; j++) {
            int player_index = cluster.players_indices[j];
            Player& player = players[player_index];
            cout << player.name << " from " << player.team << " Aces: MIN = " << player.MIN << ", PTS = " << player.PTS << endl;
        }
    }
}

// Main function
int main() {
    string filename = "player_data.txt";
    string filename_performances = "player_performances.txt";
    vector<Player> players = read_players(filename);
    vector<Player> players_performances = read_players(filename_performances);
    // Merge players and performances
    for (int i = 0; i < players_performances.size(); i++) {
        Player& player_performances = players_performances[i];
        for (int j = 0; j < players.size(); j++) {
            Player& player = players[j];
            if (player.name == player_performances.name) {
                player.MIN = player_performances.MIN;
                player.PTS = player_performances.PTS;
            }
        }
    }
    // Initialize clusters
    vector<Cluster> clusters;
    for (int i = 0; i < players.size(); i++) {
        Cluster cluster;
        cluster.name = "Cluster " + to_string(i);
        cluster.num_players = 1;
        cluster.players_indices.push_back(i);
        clusters.push_back(cluster);
    }
    // Update centroids
    update_centroids(players, clusters);
    // Print results
    print_clusters(players, clusters);
    return 0;
}

```

The terminal output shows the results of the clustering algorithm:

```

Cluster 0:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 1:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 2:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 3:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 4:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 5:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 6:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 7:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 8:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 9:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 10:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 11:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 12:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 13:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 14:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 15:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 16:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 17:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 18:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 19:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 20:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 21:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 22:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 23:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 24:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 25:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 26:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 27:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 28:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 29:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 30:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 31:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 32:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 33:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 34:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 35:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 36:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 37:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 38:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 39:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 40:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 41:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 42:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 43:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 44:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 45:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 11.00, PTS = 3.70
Cluster 46:
Centroid: MIN = 32.10, PTS = 20.93
Players:
Kiersten Bell from Las Vegas Aces: MIN = 1
```

The image shows a VS Code editor with a C++ project. The main file, `classification_algorithm.c`, contains the following logic:

- File Reading:** It opens `player_data.txt` and reads player information into an array of `Player` structs. The struct fields are `name`, `team`, `pts`, `fgm`, `fga`, `threeP`, `threeP_Percentage`, `reb`, `ast`, `stl`, `blk`, `pf`, and `miss`.
- Classification:** It iterates through the array and classifies each player based on their `pts` value:
 - PTS >= 20.0: Star Player
 - PTS >= 10.0: Average Player
 - Otherwise: Bench Player
- Output:** The program prints the name, team, and PTS for each player, followed by their classification.

The terminal output shows the following results:

```

zsh: no such file or directory: ./classifying_algorithm
adornaxi@Adornax-MacBook-Air FinalProject % ./classification_algorithm
Enter the name of the input file: player_data.txt
File opened successfully.
Classification based on PTS:
Aja Wilson from Las Vegas Aces: PTS = 22.80
Classification: Star Player
Breanna Stewart from New York Liberty: PTS = 23.80
Classification: Star Player
Sabrina Ionescu from New York Liberty: PTS = 17.80
Classification: Average Player
Alicia Hall from Los Angeles Sparks: PTS = 3.78
Classification: Bench Player
adornaxi@Adornax-MacBook-Air FinalProject %
  
```