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Introduction:

In this era, while many sports are played in different countries, a few have been liked and encouraged a little more than others. Similarly, cricket is one of the most picked and played sports of this modern era. Cricket was introduced in England in the sixteenth century. Initially, cricket was introduced and played in a test format only. After some time, and due to some conditions and policies, the international cricket council introduced additional formats such as the T20 and ODI format. There are three official formats in which cricket is played internationally with varying durations and standards. The one-day international (ODI) cricket is one of the most played and liked structures by everyone. In this format, 100 overs of play are designed. Given that there are 100 overs in a one-day game, each team plays 50 overs, with the aim to fight and win. The datasets are available on different electronic databases with the maximum available information.

The Role of Statistics in Cricket:

STATISTICS means the practice or science of collecting and analysing numerical data in large quantities. It is a branch of mathematics dealing with the collection, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of masses of numerical data.

Statistics have always had a significant role in sports. Sports analytics is on the rise and will continue to play a significant role in how teams operate, pick their players, how they play the game, etc.

Cricket is no different. The runs scored by a batsman, the wickets taken by a bowler, or the matches won by a cricket team – these are all examples of the most important numbers in the game of cricket. Maintaining a record of all such statistics has multiple benefits. The teams and the individual players can dig deep into this data and find areas of improvement. It can also be used to assess an opponent's strengths and weaknesses.

This record gives us quite a lot of useful information, such as:

- The batting average in different formats
- Number of times the batsman scored >= 100 runs
- Highest scores of the batsman
- Number of matches played, etc.

An extensive exploratory analysis of this well-structured data can be helpful in comparing multiple players.

Think about it — we can try to answer the age-old questions like who's the all-time best batsman? Who is better batsman the legend SACHIN TENDULKAR or the modern great VIRAT KOHLI? And so on.

This analysis would be based on their individual records. Imagine the amount of fun we can have using this data!

However, there are many crucial insights that are difficult and cumbersome to obtain by using only traditional data analysis techniques. Since cricket is a team game, it involves interaction among the players within a team as well as with those in the opposition team.

It is quite difficult to win matches if individuals focus on their respective performances only.

They have to support their fellow players as well.

In this study I will answer 3 question regarding cricket data analytics with the help of the statistics and using python programming language for calculation purpose. The questions are-

1. <u>SACHIN TENDULKAR vs. VIRAT KOHLI (IN ODI): Statistical comparison(batsman vs. batsman)</u>

- 2. MS DHONI vs. DALE STEYN (IN IPL): Statistical comparison(batsman vs. bowler match-up)
- 3. Whether MS DHONI is still fit to bat or not? (analyzing the performance of a player)

 LET'S MOVE FORWARD TO THE 1ST QUESTION

1. SACHIN TENDULKAR vs. VIRAT KOHLI (IN ODI): Statistical comparison(batsman vs. batsman)

It's clearly a batsman vs. batsman comparison of a same country (team). Of course, they from different generations. Sachin Tendulkar made his international debut on November 15, 1989 against Pakistan in Karachi and Virat Kohli made his international debut on 18 August, 2008 against Sri Lanka in Dambulla.

Master Blaster <u>Sachin Tendulkar</u> remains the greatest batter of all time in international cricket. Known as the 'God of Cricket', Tendulkar has plenty of monumental records to his name. Even matching them seems far-fetched. Among active cricketers, former Indian captain <u>Virat Kohli</u> is deemed the successor of Tendulkar.

The debate SACHIN vs. VIRAT happens over a long period of time. The current generation has seen more Virat than Sachin so they think Virat is better on the other hand many people think Sachin is better than Virat. Let compare these two great batsman analytically using the data. Let us see how we can compare 2 batsman of 2 different generations.

<u>APPROACH WE SHOULD TAKE TO COMPARE TWO BATSMAN OF DIFFERENT</u> <u>GENERATIONS:</u>

1.Developing idea of data to be used and shortlisting the parameters

2. Getting the data

3. Pre-processing the data

4. Calculating the required parameters

5.conclusion

1.Developing idea of data to be used and shortlisting the parameters



SACHIN TENDULKAR

PLAYING YEARS: 1989-2012

FIRST CENTURY IN 1994



VIRAT KOHLI

PLAYING YEARS: 2008-PRESENT

FIRST CENTURY IN 2009

We will consider their data from the year they are getting their 1st ODI century. We will compare them w.r.t 10 years data. It means Sachin's data from 1994 to 2004 and Virat's data from 2009 to 2019. Observe that Virat's debut 2008 so his records is not involved in Sachin's data. Again we take Sachin's data till 2004 so it not involve in Virat's data, because it is from the year 2009.

SACHIN'S DATA – 1994 TO 2004 (10 YEARS)

VIRAT'S DATA -- 2009 TO 2019 (10 YEARS)

PARAMETERS WE WILL USE FOR COMPARISON:

• BATTING RUNS PER INNINGS (RPI)

It's get the idea about the number of runs scored by the batsman per match (innings) on an average.

Runs per innings = Total Runs/Total Innings

• STRIKE RATE

It's give the idea about the number of runs scored by the batsman per 100 balls on an average. Percentage of strike rate indicates if the batsman 100 then how much he can score.

SR = 100*(Total Runs/Total Balls)

• 100'S PER MATCH

It indicates the no. of match required to the batsman to score a century or 100. Note that if the value of 100'S PER MATCH of one batsman is less than the other then he is better.

#100's per match= total number of (100's) / Total Innings

• 50'S PER MATCH

It indicates the no. of match required to the batsman to score a half-century or 50. Note that if the value of 50'S PER MATCH of one batsman is less than the other then he is better.

#50's per match= total number of (50's) / Total Innings

• TEAM CONTRIBUTION

It indicates how much the batsman contribute for his team

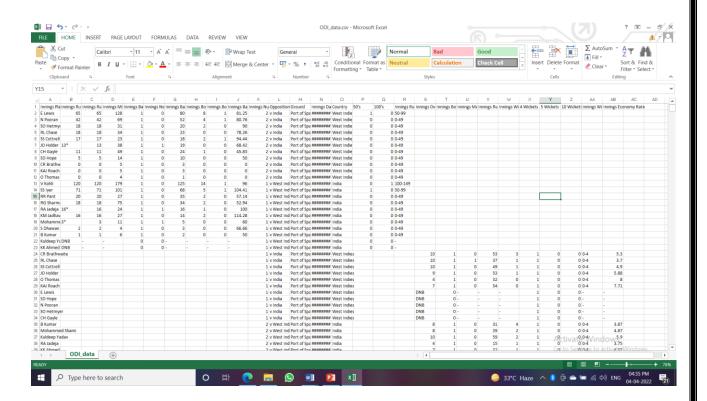
Team contribution = Player Runs/Team Runs without the player

The percentage of team contribution shows that if the team scores total 100 runs then how much the batsman contributed.

[ex: suppose player "x" scored 50 runs in a match and his team scored 200 runs, then his team contribution for that match is = runs scored by "x" / total runs scored by his team without "x" i.e. $\{50/(200-50)\}*100 = 33.33\%$

2. Getting the data

For this study I collected the raw data from Statsguru, Cricinfo's searchable cricket statistics database (https://stats.espncricinfo.com/ci/engine/stats/index.html). A small glimpse of the raw data is given below.



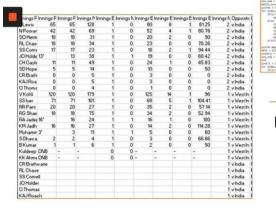
RAW DATA

3. Pre-processing the data

Now I am cleaning and pre-processing the raw data and extracting the required rows and columns. I use python to pre-processing the data.

Observe that for this study it is only required the data only for the time lines 1994 to 2004 and 2009 to 2019.

Then there are some missing values marked as "NAN" these are not required so, I remove them and the corresponding rows. Now removing the other unwanted data makes the innings level data to aggregated data.



INNINGS LEVEL DATA



using python

player	country	matches	runs	balls	not_out	average	50s	1009
V Kohli	India	216	10922	11636	0.17	60.68	51	
EJG Morga	England	179	6241	6576	0.14	40.53	38	
RG Sharm	India	172	7981	8838	0.13	53.21	38	
AD Mathe	Sri Lanka	168	5437	6492	0.27	44.57	37	
Mohamm	Pakistan	168	5740	7130	0.08	37.27	34	
MS Dhoni	India	161	5640	6574	0.3	50.36	39	
HM Amla	South Afri	157	7265	8152	0.07	49.76	33	
MJ Guptill	New Zeal	155	5888	6686	0.1	42.36	29	
TM Dilsha	Sri Lanka	155	6296	7234	0.09	44.65	31	
Mushfiqu	Banglades	151	5178	6226	0.16	40.77	33	
LRPL Taylo	New Zeal	145	6428	7692	0.18	54.02	39	
KS Willian	New Zeals	142	6132	7494	0.1	47.91	39	
WU Thara	Sri Lanka	140	4295	5502	0.11	34.64	24	
F du Pless	South Afri	136	5507	6215	0.15	47.47	35	
Tamim Iqi	Banglades	136	5028	6340	0.06	39.28	36	
JE Root	England	135	5856	6702	0.16	51.37	33	
KC Sangak	Sri Lanka	135	6356	7504	0.11	52.97	42	
IP Duminy	South Afri	132	3824	4467	0.22	37.13	21	
LD Chandi	Sri Lanka	132	3599	4855	0.16	32.42	22	
Mahmudu	Banglades	131	3431	4367	0.26	35.37	19	

Aggrigated information

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4 .Calculating the required parameter

PARAMETERS	SACHIN	VIRAT
	(1994-2004)	(2009-2019)
RUNS PER INNINGS	43.6	50.2
STRIKE RATE	88.21	93.56
100'S PER MATCH	0.13	0.18
50'S PER MATCH	0.21	0.23
TEAM CONTRIBUTION	16.9%	17.6%

From the above table we can say that Virat scores almost 43.6 runs per match while Sachin scores 50.2 runs per match. If Virat plays 100 balls then he will score 93.56 runs on an average and Sachin will score 88.21 runs on an average. Sachin needs less no. of matches to score a 100 and 50 compare to Virat. If the team scores total 100 runs then Virat contributes 17.6 runs and Sachin contributes 16.9 runs to the team.

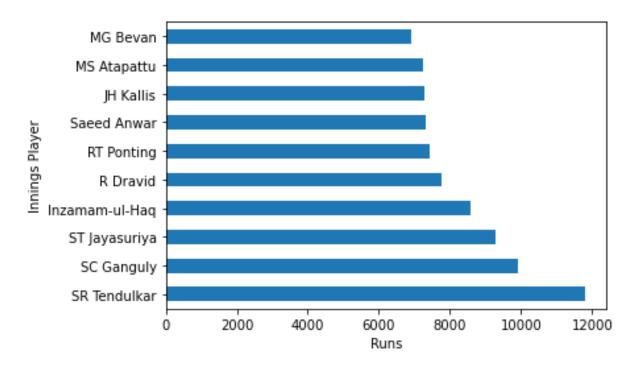
Now, we know that these two batsman are of different generations, so it's not fair if we only consider the above parameters to compare them. So we should consider the performance of top batsmen of their timeline and normalise the above parameters them on the basis of that.

Now, the top 10 run scorers in Sachin's timeline (1994-2004) are-----

Innings Player runs scored

- 1. SR Tendulkar 11818
- 2. SC Ganguly 9911
- 3. ST Jayasuriya 9297
- 4. Inzamam-ul-Haq 8561
- 5. R Dravid 7751
- 6. RT Ponting 7422
- 7. Saeed Anwar 7320
- 8. JH Kallis 7267
- 9. MS Atapattu 7253
- 10. MG Bevan 6912

Visualisation



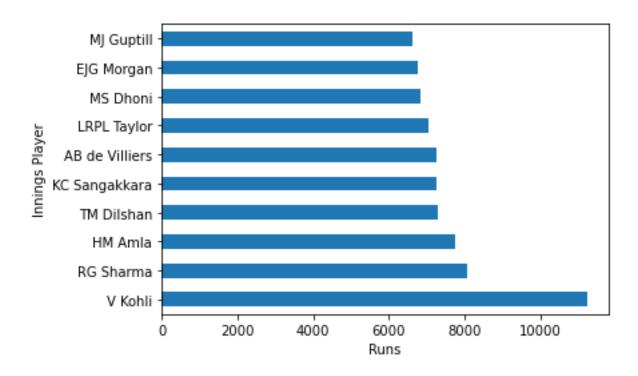
It shows that Sachin is the highest run scorer of his time period and almost 2000 runs ahead than the 2nd highest run scorer SOURAV GANGULY.

Now, the top 10 run scorers in Virat's timeline (1994-2004) are-----

Innings Player runs scored

- 1. V Kohli 11247
- 2. RG Sharma 8083
- 3. HM Amla 7745
- 4. TM Dilshan 7296
- 5. KC Sangakkara 7275
- 6. AB de Villiers 7247
- 7. LRPL Taylor 7059
- 8. MS Dhoni 6838
- 9. EJG Morgan 6748
- 10. MJ Guptill 6626

VISUALISATION:



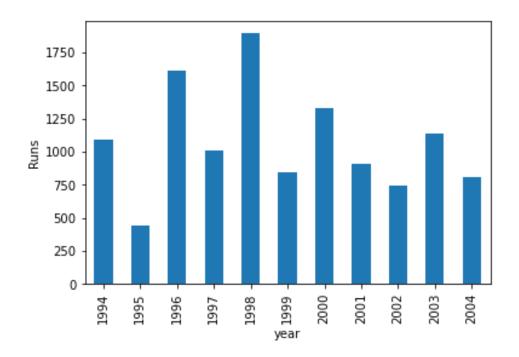
It highlights that Virat completely dominates the other top scorers of his timeline and he almost 4000 runs ahead than the 2^{nd} highest run scorer ROHIT SHARMA.

Another observation-

Runs scored by Sachin=11818	Avg. runs scored by scorers=7966	other 9 to	p Difference = 3852
Runs scored by Virat =11247	Avg. runs scored by scorers=7213	other 9 to	p Difference = 4034

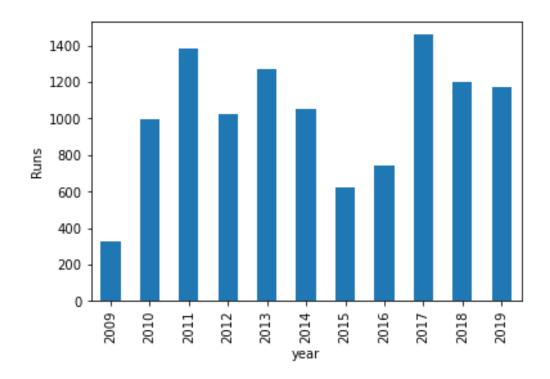
Observe that both Sachin and Virat dominate their competitors of their timeline but Virat is more dominating than Sachin.

Now compare the both players performance year wise and let's see which year is best for them and which is worst. Sachin's scored run year wise-



It's clear that 1988 is his best year and in 1995 he didn't get much runs.

Now, Virat's scored run year wise-



It's clear that 2017 is his best year and in 2009 he didn't get much runs.

NORMALIZATION:

Normalisation is a technique to change the values of numeric columns in the dataset to use a common scale. In the method of normalization we take ratio of the values of parameters of one player and his competitors of his timeline. For Sachin we take the values his parameters and divide them with the average of exactly those parameters of his competitors in the years 1994 - 2004. And same for Virat .

Normalized parameter =
$$\frac{original\ parameter}{avarage\ of\ competitors\ parameter}$$

Now we compare the normalised parameter of Virat and Sachin for best comparisons. The normalized parameters of both batsmen are given in the following table.

NORMALIZED PARAMETERS	SACHIN (1994-2004)	VIRAT (2009-2019)	WINNER
RUNS PER INNINGS	1.94	2.03	VIRAT
STRIKE RATE	1.22	1.12	SACHIN
100'S PER MATCH	0.15	0.18	SACHIN
50'S PER MATCH	0.57	0.55	VIRAT
TEAM CONTRIBUTION	16.9%	17.6%	VIRAT

5. Conclusion

On the light of the given data we can conclude that SACHIN wins the battle w.r.t 2 parameters "strike rate" and "100's per match". On the other hand VIRAT wins the battle w.r.t 3 parameters "RUNS PER INNINGS", "50'S PER MATCH" and "TEAM CONTRIBUTION".

Clearly VIRAT is the ultimate winner w.r.t to this analytical comparison. Although we take into account both kind of innings 1st or 2nd in these study, the outcome may be differ if we only consider 1st innings or 2nd innings one at a time.

Let's move to our 2nd question-

2. <u>MS DHONI vs. DALE STEYN (IN IPL): Statistical comparison(batsman vs. bowler</u> <u>match-up)</u>

It's clearly a batsman vs. bowler comparison, this type of comparison known as match-up.

"Matchups": pitting bowlers against the optimum batsmen to stifle run scoring and take cheap wickets. Match ups are very useful to visualise which bowler is more deadly to a specific batsman or vice versa. Match ups help to make decision such as who will bowl the next over or who will going to bat next etc.

The South African pacer DALE STEYN is one of the most valuable bowler in the death overs in IPL. On the other hand the ex-Indian captain MAHENDRA SINGH DHONI is one of the greatest finisher of all time.

In IPL many times these two legends face off each other. Let us see who is more dominated.

Let compare these two players analytically using the ball by ball IPL data.

APPROACH WE SHOULD TAKE TO OBTAIN MATCH UPS (BATSMAN VS. BOWLER COMPARISON)

1.Developing idea of data to be used and shortlisting the parameters

2.Getting the data

3. Pre-processing the data

4. Calculating the required parameters

5.conclusion

1. Developing idea of data to be used and shortlisting the parameters



DALE STEYN

DEBUT SEASON 2008

IPL TEAMS: RCB, DC, SRH, GL



MS DHONI

DEBUT SEASON 2008

IPL TEAMS: CSK, RPS

PARAMETERS WE WILL USE FOR COMPARISON:

- NUMBER OF RUNS SCORED
- NUMBER OF BALLS FACED
- NUMBER OF TIMES DISMISSED
- STRIKE RATE

It's give the idea about the number of runs scored by the batsman per 100 balls on an average. Percentage of strike rate indicates if the batsman 100 then how much he can score.

SR = 100*(Total Runs/Total Balls)

#METHODOLOGY:

We first need to find what are the numbers when MS DHONI faces DALE STEYN in IPL?
Then following the steps-

Step 1: Filter by player names

Step 2: Use these names & assign it to striker & bowler

Step 3: Get the required columns

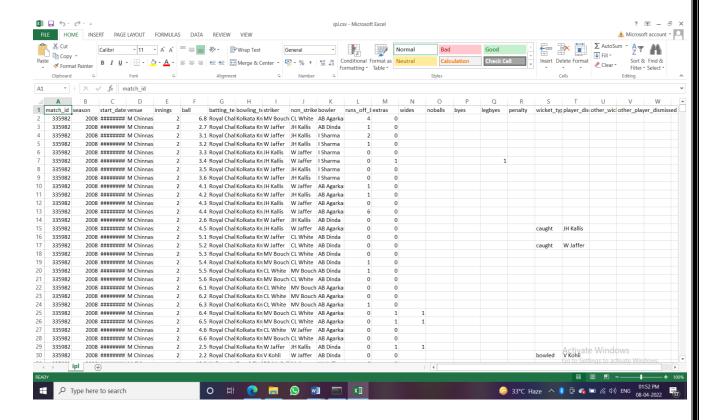
Step 4: conclusion

2. Getting the data

For this study I collected the raw data from cricksheet (Match data - Cricsheet) IPL ball-by-ball data. A small glimpse of the raw data is given below.

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IPL BALL BY BALL RAW DATA

3. Pre-processing the data

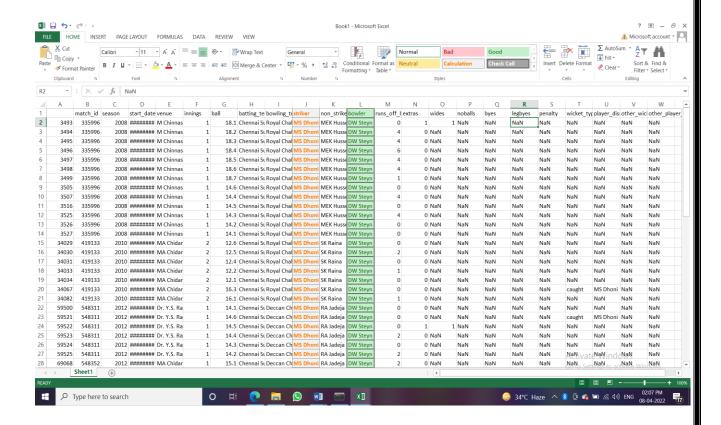
Now I am cleaning and pre-processing the raw data and extracting the required rows and columns. I use python to pre-processing the data.

Observe that for this study it is only required the data only for MS Dhoni as a batsman and Dale Steyn as a bowler. That means when the striker name is MS Dhoni and the bowler name is DW Steyn and sort the required data.

Then there are some missing values marked as "NAN" these are not required so, I remove them and the corresponding rows. A screenshot of the processed data is given below.

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PROCESSED DATA (WHERE STRIKER = MS DHONI AND BOWLER = D.STEYN)

4 .Calculating the required parameter

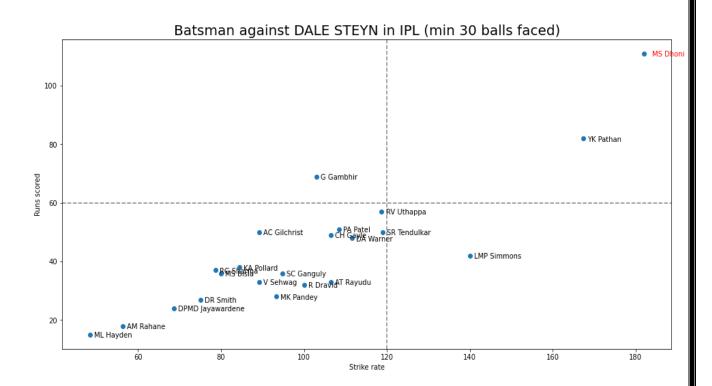
RUNS SCORED	111
BALLS FACED	61
NUMBER OF TIMES DISMISSED	2
STRIKE RATE	181.96

In IPL, MS Dhoni has managed to score 111 runs off 61 balls by Dale Steyn with the strike rate of 181.96, while Dale Steyn has dismissed him 2 times. Now this above information not enough to compare them. We should check the performance of STEYN against all other

batsman and similarly performance of DHONI against all other bowlers and then we can conclude who win this match up.

Visualisation

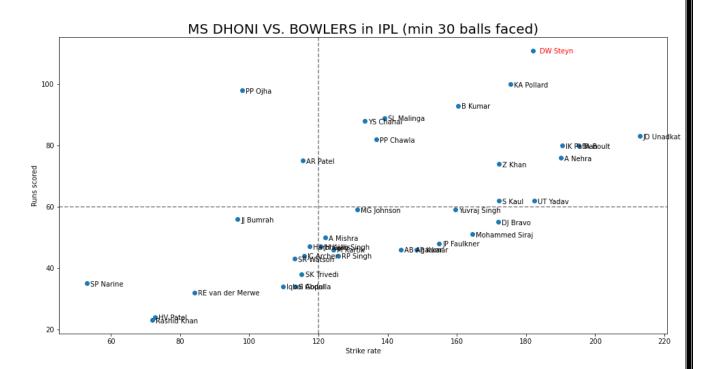
I use scatter plot to visualise the performance of batsmen against DALE STEYN, the x-axis represents the strike rate and y-axis represent the number of runs scored. I include only those batsmen who have played minimum 30 balls against STEYN for proper comparison.



Observe that batsman in 3rd quadrant are the favourite opponent of STEYN, they can't score much runs against him also with poor strike rate. The batsmen is 1st quadrant are least favourite opponent of STEYN, they scored so many runs with healthy strike rate against him.

The scatterplot clearly highlights that MS DHONI (marked in red colour) scored most number of runs as well as with highest strike rate against STEYN.

Similarly, I use scatter plot to visualise the performance of bowlers against MS DHONI, the x-axis represents the strike rate and y-axis represent the number of runs scored. I include only those bowlers who have bowled minimum 30 balls against DHONI for proper comparison.



Observe that the bowlers in the 1st quadrant are favourite bowlers of DHONI, he has scored most number of runs against them with high strike rate. DALE STEYN (marked in red colour) is in the 1st quadrant which indicates he is one of the favourite bowler of MS DHONI. That means DHONI scored many runs against STEYN with a healthy strike rate.

5. Conclusion

From the above calculated parameters we can see that MS DHONI has scored 111 runs out off 61 balls with a strike rate of 181.96 against DALE STEYN and only 2 times he get dismissed. Also from the above scatter plots it's also clear that MS DHONI plays STEYN really well and DHONI is the most run scorer against DALE STEYN with the highest strike rate. So, we can conclude that MS DHONI wins this match up against DALE STEYN.

Let's move to the 3rd question---

3 Whether MS DHONI is still fit to bat or not? (analyzing the performance of a player)



Mahendra Singh Dhoni, as known to millions of cricket fans worldwide by MSD, has been a stalwart and a true heavyweight in the game of cricket for so many years. A genuine gentleman & a man of integrity, MSD has been a great brand ambassador for cricket ever since the day he stepped foot inside the ropes. While no one can question his abilities as a skipper & his skills behind the wickets, doubts have started surfacing whether he can continue his mesmerising destruction with the willow in hand like he has been doing for so many years. We try to quantify his efforts and contribution with the bat in the Indian Premier League and analyse whether anyone should pay heed to the ever-growing and louder-by-the-day murmurs about his

supposed-drop in performance and whether he can still deliver with the bat. Since he is a finisher we are also interested in his performance in death overs.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- Dot ball percentage
- Is CSK better without MSD the batter?
- Strike rate
- Number of boundary smashed in the last overs

MSD'S STATS OVER THE YEARS

MSD has been playing for the Chennai Super Kings and Rising Pune Supergiants franchise ever since the dawn of the league called IPL. His numbers in the IPL, as shown below, are amongst the greatest of the greats.

Timeline	Innings	Runs	Balls Played	Strike Rate
2008-2021	220	4746	3604	131.69

However, if we delve deep into his stats, there's something that needs attention.

Timeline	Innings	Runs	Balls Played	Strike Rate
2008-2017	159	3561	2680	131.68
2018-2021	61	1185	924	131.68

So, clearly, there's a dip in his numbers over the last three years. This demands some further inspection and we proceed to do so.

1. DOT BALL PERCENTAGE

Dot ball percentage is defined as the percentage of dot balls played by a batter, defined over a certain timeframe. Here, we compare the average Dot ball percentage in IPL vs the same for MSD, over the two timeframes.

SEASONS	NO. OF BALLS PLAYED	NO. OF DOT BALLS	DOT BALL PERCENTAGE
2008-2017	2680	925	34.51%
2018-2021	924	353	38.2%

The above table clearly indicates that Dhoni played more dot balls in last 3 years compare to previous years. In 2008-2017 if he played 100 balls then he scored none or 0 in 34 balls on an average. Again in 2018-2021 if he played 100 balls then he scored none or 0 in 38 balls on an average. So we can say that he plays more dot balls in last 3 years.

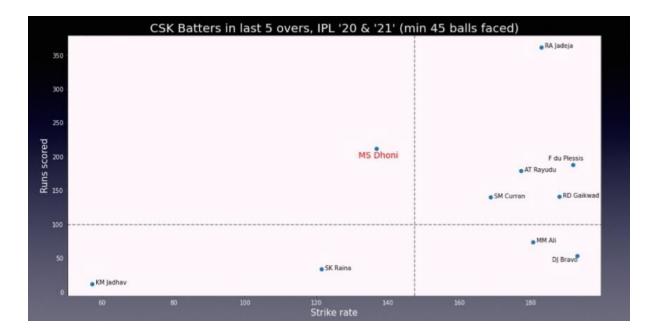
2. Is CSK better without MSD the batter?

So we need to check team contribution of DHONI. Since he is a finisher we are also interested in his performance in death overs.

Season	Team contribution(all over)	Team contribution in last 5 overs
2008-2017	19.2%	49%
2018-2021	13%	36%

The above table shows that DHONI contributed much more runs in last 5 overs for his team as he played the role of a finisher. But observe that in 2008-2017 if he contributed 49% runs in

last 5 overs whereas in last 3 years it reduced down 36%. But 36% runs in last 5 overs not a bad contribution at all. Though the overall team contribution also reduced in last 3 years.



The above plot shows runs vs. strike rate of CSK players (min 45 balls played) in last 5 overs of last 2 seasons. Here we can see that MSD (marked in red)get moderate runs in last 5 overs but strike rate is not very healthy.

3. Strike rate

Let's check MSD'S overall strike rate and that of last 3 years.

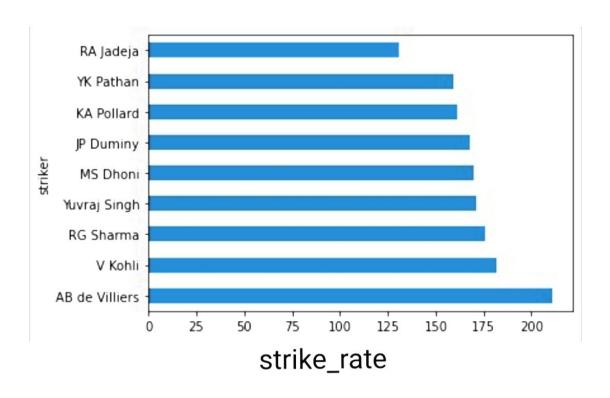
Season	Strike rate (all over)	Strike rate in last 5 overs
2008-2017	131.68%	169.6%
2018-2021	131.68%	162.2%

The table shows his strike rate is more all less same in both the time line. For better understanding compare his strike rate with other players. As we know MSD is the finisher, batted in death overs so we compare strike rates in last 5 overs.

TOP 9 BATSMAN WITH HIGHEST STRIKE RATE IN LAST 5 OVERS IN 2008-2017(minimum 500 balls played):-

	<u>Striker</u>	Strike rate
1.	AB de Villiers	211.052632
2.	V Kohli	181.868132
3.	RG Sharma	175.668449
4.	Yuvraj Singh	171.124031
5.	MS Dhoni	169.607843
6.	JP Duminy	167.760618
7.	KA Pollard	161.217184
8.	YK Pathan	159.246575
9.	RA Jadeja	130.729167

VISUALISATION:

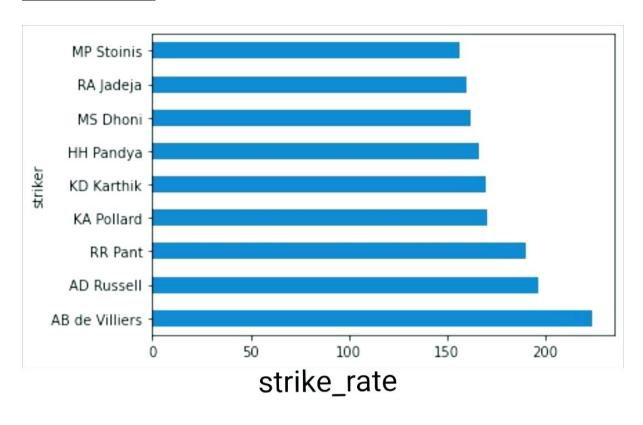


Clearly MS DHONI ranked no. 5 in terms of highest strike rate in death overs in 2008-2017 seasons. It shows how consistently he scored runs in death overs for his teams. Also if we consider more experience as more numbers of balls played (let minimum 1000 balls played) then MSD comes out to be in rank 1. So he is too good as a finisher in these years.

TOP 9 BATSMAN WITH HIGHEST STRIKE RATE IN LAST 5 OVERS IN 2018-2021(minimum 250 balls played):-

Striker			Strike rate	
	1.	AB de Villiers	223.905724	
	2.	AD Russell	196.060606	
	3.	RR Pant	190.332326	
	4.	KA Pollard	170.381232	
	5.	KD Karthik	169.428571	
	6.	HH Pandya	165.848214	
	7.	MS Dhoni	162.212944	
	8.	RA Jadeja	160.182371	
	9.	MP Stoinis	156.299213	

VISUALISATION:



Clearly MS DHONI ranked no. 7 in terms of highest strike rate in death overs in 2018-2021 seasons. It shows his performance lacked little bit in last 3 years. So he is still a good finisher but not as effective as vintage MSD.

4. Number of boundary smashed in the last overs

No. of boundaries smashed by DHONI in last 5 overs according to the seasons.

SEASON	NO. OF SIXES	NO. OF FOURS	TOTAL NO. OF BOUNDARIES	TOTAL NO. OF BALLS FACED
2008-2017	114	155	269	1703
2018-2021	50	52	102	777
Total	164	207	371	2480

In 2008-2017 MSD scored total 269 boundaries out of 1703 balls in last 5 overs, in this time period his boundaries per ball percentage was 15.8%. In 2018-2021 MSD scored total 102

boundaries out of 777 balls in last 5 overs, in this time period his boundaries per ball percentage was 13.1%. Which indicates that his boundaries hitting capability is also lacked in last 3 years compare to other seasons.

Let's compare MSD's boundary hitting capability with other players.

SEASONS	TOP 10 SIX HITTERS IN LAST 5 OVERS	TOP 10 FOUR HITTERS IN LAST 5 OVERS
2008-2017	1. 1.MS Dhoni 114 2. KA Pollard 92 3. AB de Villiers 86 4. RG Sharma 81 5. Yuvraj Singh 66 6. V Kohli 62 7. DA Miller 50 8. JP Duminy 47 9. YK Pathan 45 10. JA Morkel 39	1. MS Dhoni 155 2. RG Sharma 107 3. AB de Villiers 93 4. KA Pollard 90 5. YK Pathan 81 6. V Kohli 77 7. KD Karthik 63 8. Yuvraj Singh 61 9. IK Pathan 60 10. Harbhajan Singh 57
2018-2021	1. AD Russell 65 2. AB de Villiers 54 3. HH Pandya 51 4. MS Dhoni 50 5. KA Pollard 45 6. RR Pant 41 7. RA Jadeja 27 8. KD Karthik 27 9. KL Rahul 23 10. SV Samson 22	1. KD Karthik 59 2. RR Pant 58 3. HH Pandya 54 4. MS Dhoni 52 5. RA Jadeja 42 6. AB de Villiers 42 7. AD Russell 41 8. MP Stoinis 39 9. KL Rahul 36 10. KA Pollard 35
ALL SEASONS	1. MS Dhoni 164 2. AB de Villiers 140 3. KA Pollard 137 4. RG Sharma 90 5. AD Russell 86 6. V Kohli 78 7. HH Pandya 74 8. Yuvraj Singh 68 9. AT Rayudu 58 10. YK Pathan 56	1. MS Dhoni 207 2. AB de Villiers 135 3. KA Pollard 125 4. RG Sharma 123 5. KD Karthik 122 6. RA Jadeja 97 7. YK Pathan 93 8. V Kohli 92 9. AT Rayudu 80 10. HH Pandya 71

The above table shows that MS Dhoni is the most boundary hitter of all time in last 5 overs of IPL. From season 2008 to season 2017 he ranked no.1 in both highest number of 6 hitting and most number of 4 hitting in death overs. But in last 3 years he ranked no.4 in both highest number of 6 hitting and most number of 4 hitting in death overs.

CONCLUSION:

By comparing above parameters we can conclude that MS Dhoni's performance as a finisher lacked in last 3 years. But he is still good than many other players. As he carried his team in last overs for a very long time his finishing skill slightly lacked than his vintage version. But still he contributed almost 36% runs in crucial death overs. Definitely he is an asset for his team in death overs. So we conclude that though his performance lacked in last few years he is still fit to bat. Moreover we take into account both kind of innings 1st or 2nd in these study, the outcome may be differ if we only consider 1st innings or 2nd innings one at a time. By observing matches intuitively we can say that MS Dhoni playing a vital role when his team is chasing runs.

APPENDIX:

I use python programming language for this whole study.

Python code for SACHIN vs. VIRAT comparison:

```
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
#to display all rows columns
pd.set option('display.max rows', None)
pd.set_option('display.max_columns', None)
pd.set_option('display.expand_frame_repr', False)
pd.set_option('max_colwidth', -1)
SACHIN VS VIRAT
df = pd.read_csv('ODI_data.csv')
#METHODOLOGY:
# step 1: sortlisting the parameters
# step 2: pre-processing the data
# step 3: calculation of required parameters and visualisation
# step 4: conclusion
df.head(2)
len(df), len(df.columns)
(171968, 28)
#variables we are looking for:-
# Runs per innings
# SR
# 100's
# 50's
# Team contribution
df['Innings Runs Scored Num'].unique()
df = df[df['Innings Runs Scored Num'] != '-']
df['Innings Runs Scored Num'].unique()
df = df.dropna(subset = ['Innings Runs Scored Num'])
df['Innings Runs Scored Num'].unique()
```

```
df.head(1)
# convert to datetime
df['Innings Date'] = pd.to_datetime(df['Innings Date'])
df['year'] = df['Innings Date'].dt.year
df.tail(1)
df['Innings Runs Scored Num'] = df['Innings Runs Scored Num'].astype('int'
df['Innings Balls Faced'] = df['Innings Balls Faced'].astype('int')
df['Innings Not Out Flag'] = df['Innings Not Out Flag'].astype('int')
# Sachin 1994 - 2004
# Virat 2009 - 2019
sachin_df = df[(df.year >= 1994) & (df.year <= 2004)]
kohli_df = df[(df.year >= 2009) & (df.year <= 2019)]
sachin_df.head(2)
kohli_df.head(2)
 # Runs per innings = Total Runs/Total Innings
# SR = 100*(Total Runs/Total Balls)
# 100's = sum(100's)
# 50's = sum(50's)
# Team contribution = Player Runs/Team Runs (ex: Virat 50/ Team Ind 150 =>
50/150 : 33%)
# df.dtypes
# sachin df.to csv('sachin data.csv')
# what is the total runs scored by sachin in these time frames?
# sachin_df.head(20)
# SR Tendulkar
sdf = sachin_df[sachin_df['Innings Player'] == 'SR Tendulkar']
sdf.head()
sum(sdf['Innings Runs Scored Num'])
11818
kdf = kohli_df[kohli_df['Innings Player'] == 'V Kohli']
# kohli_df['Innings Player'].unique()
kdf.head()
```

```
sum(kdf['Innings Runs Scored Num'])
11247
len(kdf), len(sdf)
(224, 271)
# RPI - Sachin, Virat
sum(kdf['Innings Runs Scored Num'])/len(kdf), sum(sdf['Innings Runs Scored
Num'])/len(sdf)
(50.20982142857143, 43.608856088560884)
100*sum(kdf['Innings Runs Scored Num'])/sum(kdf['Innings Balls Faced']), 1
00*sum(sdf['Innings Runs Scored Num'])/sum(sdf['Innings Balls Faced'])
(93.56126778138258, 88.21377920429947)
# 100's
sum(kdf["100's"]), sum(sdf["100's"])
(42.0, 37.0)
# 50's
sum(kdf["50's"]), sum(sdf["50's"])
(53.0, 57.0)
# Team Contribution - Runs score by each player, Runs by team
sum(kdf['Innings Runs Scored Num']), sum(sdf['Innings Runs Scored Num'])
(11247, 11818)
# 1994 - 2004 = All players
sum(sachin df[sachin df.Country == 'India']['Innings Runs Scored Num'])
69715
# 2009 - 2019 = All players
sum(kohli_df[kohli_df.Country == 'India']['Innings Runs Scored Num'])
63867
100*sum(kdf['Innings Runs Scored Num'])/sum(kohli_df[kohli_df.Country == '
India']['Innings Runs Scored Num'])
17.610033350556627
100*sum(sdf['Innings Runs Scored Num'])/sum(sachin df[sachin df.Country ==
'India']['Innings Runs Scored Num'])
16.951875493078965
Visualizations:
sachin df.groupby(['Innings Player'])['Innings Runs Scored Num'].sum().sor
t_values(ascending = False).head(10)
```

```
sachin_df.groupby(['Innings Player'])['Innings Runs Scored Num'].sum().sor
t values(ascending = False).head(10).plot(kind = 'barh')
plt.xlabel('Runs')
plt.show()
kohli_df.groupby(['Innings Player'])['Innings Runs Scored Num'].sum().sort
values(ascending = False).head(10)
kohli df.groupby(['Innings Player'])['Innings Runs Scored Num'].sum().sort
_values(ascending = False).head(10).plot(kind = 'barh')
plt.xlabel('Runs')
plt.show()
sdf.head(1)
sdf.groupby(['year'])['Innings Runs Scored Num'].sum().plot(kind = 'bar')
plt.ylabel('Runs')
Text(0, 0.5, 'Runs')
kdf.groupby(['year'])['Innings Runs Scored Num'].sum().plot(kind = 'bar')
plt.ylabel('Runs')
Text(0, 0.5, 'Runs')
Normalization:
# RPI - Sachin, Virat
sum(kdf['Innings Runs Scored Num'])/len(kdf), sum(sdf['Innings Runs Scored
Num'])/len(sdf)
(50.20982142857143, 43.608856088560884)
# Kohli df = player runs with Kohli
# player runs excluding Kohli => not_kohli = kohli_df[kohli_df.player_name
!= 'V Kohli']
# RPI - Sachin, Virat
sum(kohli df['Innings Runs Scored Num'])/len(kohli df)
24.99673202614379
non kohli df = kohli df[kohli df['Innings Player'] != 'V Kohli']
non_sachin_df = sachin_df[sachin_df['Innings Player'] != 'SR Tendulkar']
\# Avg = 25 runs
# Kohli = 50
(sum(kdf['Innings Runs Scored Num'])/len(kdf))/(sum(non_kohli_df['Innings
Runs Scored Num'])/len(non kohli df))
2.029683688052565
```

```
(sum(sdf['Innings Runs Scored Num'])/len(sdf))/(sum(non_sachin_df['Innings
Runs Scored Num'])/len(non_sachin_df))
1.9437755485945407
# kohli => other
\# SR = V = 93, Other = 80, V/other, S/others
# 100s - Number of matches to score a 100
# 50s - Number of matches to score a 50
# Team contribution - V_cont/0_cont
200/40, 200/37
(5.0, 5.405405405405405)
Strike Rate:
# sr of sachin
sum(sdf['Innings Runs Scored Num'])/sum(sdf['Innings Balls Faced'])
0.8821377920429947
# sr of sachin's peers
sum(non_sachin_df['Innings Runs Scored Num'])/sum(non_sachin_df['Innings B
alls Faced'])
0.7233808936558636
# sr of kohli
sum(kdf['Innings Runs Scored Num'])/sum(kdf['Innings Balls Faced'])
0.9356126778138258
# sr of kohli's peers
sum(non kohli df['Innings Runs Scored Num'])/sum(non kohli df['Innings Bal
ls Faced'])
0.8342743413330611
# normalized sachin's value
sachin_sr = sum(sdf['Innings Runs Scored Num'])/sum(sdf['Innings Balls Fac
ed'])
sachin peer sr = sum(non sachin df['Innings Runs Scored Num'])/sum(non sac
hin_df['Innings Balls Faced'])
sachin sr/sachin peer sr
1.2194651528391862
# normalized kohli's value
kohli sr = sum(kdf['Innings Runs Scored Num'])/sum(kdf['Innings Balls Face
d'])
kohli peer sr = sum(non kohli df['Innings Runs Scored Num'])/sum(non kohli
_df['Innings Balls Faced'])
kohli sr/kohli peer sr
1.121468839996732
```

```
100's: Number of matches to score a 100
# sachin matches per 100
len(sdf)/sum(sdf["100's"])
7.324324324324325
# sachin peers - matches per 100
len(non_sachin_df)/sum(non_sachin_df["100's"])
47.377969762419006
# kohli matches per 100
len(kdf)/sum(kdf["100's"])
5.333333333333333
# kohli peers - matches per 100
len(non_kohli_df)/sum(non_kohli_df["100's"])
29.311827956989248
# normalized sachin value
sachin_mper_100 = len(sdf)/sum(sdf["100's"])
sachin_peers_mper_100 = len(non_sachin_df)/sum(non_sachin_df["100's"])
sachin mper 100/sachin peers mper 100
0.15459346107595562
# normalized virat value
kohli mper 100 = len(kdf)/sum(kdf["100's"])
kohli_peers_mper_100 = len(non_kohli_df)/sum(non_kohli_df["100's"])
kohli mper 100/kohli peers mper 100
0.18195157740278795
50's: Number of matches to score a 50
# sachin matches per 100
len(sdf)/sum(sdf["50's"])
4.754385964912281
# sachin peers - matches per 100
len(non_sachin_df)/sum(non_sachin_df["50's"])
8.33751425313569
# kohli matches per 100
len(kdf)/sum(kdf["50's"])
4.226415094339623
# kohli peers - matches per 100
len(non_kohli_df)/sum(non_kohli_df["50's"])
7.673469387755102
# normalized sachin value
sachin_mper_50 = len(sdf)/sum(sdf["50's"])
```

```
sachin peers mper 50 = len(non sachin df)/sum(non sachin df["50's"])
sachin_mper_50/sachin_peers_mper_50
0.5702402203539483
# normalized virat value
kohli mper 50 = len(kdf)/sum(kdf["50's"])
kohli_peers_mper_50 = len(non_kohli_df)/sum(non_kohli_df["50's"])
kohli mper 50/kohli peers mper 50
0.5507828181453231
Team Contribution: Here we are already comparing with peers, hence no need of a
normalization
# % of team runs by sachin
100*sum(sdf['Innings Runs Scored Num'])/(sum(non_sachin_df[non_sachin_df.C
ountry == 'India']['Innings Runs Scored Num'])+sum(sdf['Innings Runs Score
d Num']))
16.951875493078965
# % of team runs by kohli
100*sum(kdf['Innings Runs Scored Num'])/(sum(non_kohli_df[non_kohli_df.Cou
ntry == 'India']['Innings Runs Scored Num'])+sum(kdf['Innings Runs Scored
Num']))
17.610033350556627
```

Python code for DHONI vs. STEYN matchup:

```
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')

import pandas as pd
import numpy as np

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

#to display all rows columns
pd.set_option('display.max_rows', None)
pd.set_option('display.max_columns', None)
pd.set_option('display.expand_frame_repr', False)
pd.set_option('max_colwidth', -1)

MS DHONI VS. DALE STEYN MATCH-UP

# ipl_ball_by_ball_data

df = pd.read_csv('ipl.csv')

df.head(1)

df.innings.unique()
```

```
array([2, 1, 4, 3, 6, 5], dtype=int64)
df = df[(df.innings == 1) | (df.innings == 2)]
df.innings.unique()
array([2, 1], dtype=int64)
#METHODOLOGY:
# What are the numbers when MS DHONI faces DALE STEYN?
# step 1: Filter by player names
# step 2: Use these names & assign it to striker & bowler
# step 3: Get the required columns
# step 4: conclusion
df.bowling_team.unique()
df[df.bowling_team == 'Deccan Chargers']['bowler'].unique()
df[df.batting team == 'Chennai Super Kings']['striker'].unique()
# player 1: MS Dhoni
# player 2: DW Steyn
r_df=df[(df.striker == 'MS Dhoni') & (df.bowler == 'DW Steyn')]
r_df.head(100)
#required variables.
# No of runs scored? strike rate?
# No of balls faced?
# No of times dismissed?
# runs scored
sum(r_df.runs_off_bat)
111
# balls faced
len(r_df)
61
# outs
len(r_df[r_df.player_dismissed == 'MS Dhoni'])
2
# strike rate
100*sum(r_df.runs_off_bat)/len(r_df)
181.9672131147541
# Comparision against all batsman steyn has bowled to
```

```
# player 1:
              MS Dhoni
# player 2:
              DW Steyn
ds_df=df[df.bowler =='DW Steyn']
# runs scored by all batsman vs steyn
bdf1=pd.DataFrame(ds_df.groupby('striker')['runs_off_bat'].sum()).reset_in
dex()
bdf1.head()
bdf2 = pd.DataFrame(ds_df.groupby('striker')['ball'].count()).reset_index(
bdf2.head()
bdf3 = bdf1.merge(bdf2, on = 'striker', how = 'left')
bdf3.head(10)
bdf3['strike rate'] = 100*bdf3['runs off bat']/bdf3['ball']
bdf3.head()
# min criteria: 30 balls
bdf3 = bdf3[bdf3.ball >= 30]
bdf3.head()
ms_df=df[df.striker == 'MS Dhoni']
# runs scored by this dhoni vs all bowlers
adf1 = pd.DataFrame(ms_df.groupby('bowler')['runs_off_bat'].sum()).reset_i
ndex()
adf1.head()
# balls faced by dhoni
adf2 = pd.DataFrame(ms df.groupby('bowler')['ball'].count()).reset index()
adf2.head()
adf3 = adf1.merge(adf2, on = 'bowler', how = 'left')
adf3.head(10)
adf3['strike_rate'] = 100*adf3['runs_off_bat']/adf3['ball']
adf3.head()
# min criteria : 30 balls
adf3 = adf3[adf3.ball >= 30]
# bdf3, adf3
bdf3.reset_index(inplace = True, drop = True)
adf3.reset_index(inplace = True, drop = True)
```

```
bdf3.head()
# adf3.sort_values('strike_rate', ascending = False)
plt.figure(figsize = (16, 8))
plt.scatter(bdf3.strike rate, bdf3.runs off bat)
for i in range(len(bdf3)):
     plt.text(x, y, text)
    if bdf3.striker[i] == 'MS Dhoni':
        plt.text(bdf3.strike_rate[i] + 2, bdf3.runs_off_bat[i] - 1, bdf3.s
triker[i], color = 'red')
    else:plt.text(bdf3['strike_rate'][i] + 1, bdf3['runs_off_bat'][i] - 1,
bdf3['striker'][i] )
plt.axvline(120, ls = '--', color = 'grey')
plt.axhline(60, ls = '--', color = 'grey')
plt.title('Batsman against DALE STEYN in IPL (min 30 balls faced)', fontsi
ze = 20
plt.xlabel('Strike rate')
plt.ylabel('Runs scored')
plt.show()
plt.figure(figsize = (16, 8))
plt.scatter(adf3.strike_rate, adf3.runs_off_bat)
for i in range(len(adf3)):
    plt.text(x, y, text)
    if adf3.bowler[i] == 'DW Steyn':
        plt.text(adf3.strike_rate[i] + 2, adf3.runs_off_bat[i] - 1, adf3.b
owler[i], color = '')
    else:
        plt.text(adf3['strike rate'][i] + 1, adf3['runs off bat'][i] - 1,
adf3['bowler'][i] )
plt.axvline(120, ls = '--', color = 'grey')
plt.axhline(60, ls = '--', color = 'grey')
plt.title('MS DHONI VS. BOWLERS in IPL (min 30 balls faced)', fontsize = 2
plt.xlabel('Strike rate')
plt.ylabel('Runs scored')
plt.show()
```

Python code for DHONI'S performance analysis:

```
df=df[df.season >= 2018]
df.head()
msd_df = df[(df.striker == 'MS Dhoni')]
msd df.head(2)
sum(msd_df.runs_off_bat)
len(msd df)
sr msd=(4746/3604)*100
sr_msd
dot=msd_df[msd_df.runs_off_bat==0]
len(dot)
csk_df=df[(df.batting_team == 'Chennai Super Kings')]
#non dhoni_dataframe of csk
csk_df = csk_df[csk_df['striker'] != 'MS Dhoni']
csk df.head()
rps df=df[(df.batting team == 'Rising Pune Supergiants')]
#non dhoni dataframe for rps
rps_df = rps_df[rps_df['striker'] != 'MS Dhoni']
rps df.head(2)
sum(rps_df.runs_off_bat)+sum(csk_df.runs_off_bat)
#importence of mahi
sum(msd_df.runs_off_bat)
#team contribution of dhoni
(sum(msd_df.runs_off_bat)/(sum(rps_df.runs_off_bat)+sum(csk_df.runs_off_ba
t)))*100
df.head()
ldf = df[df.ball >= 15.0]
ldf.head()
msd2_df = ldf[(ldf.striker == 'MS Dhoni')]
msd2_df.head()
csk2_df=ldf[(ldf.batting_team == 'Chennai Super Kings')]
#non_dhoni_dataframe for csk in last 5 overs
csk2 df = csk2 df[csk2 df['striker'] != 'MS Dhoni']
```

```
csk2_df.head()
rps2_df=ldf[(ldf.batting_team == 'Rising Pune Supergiants')]
#non_dhoni_dataframe for rps in last 5 overs
rps2 df = rps2 df[rps2 df['striker'] != 'MS Dhoni']
rps2_df.head()
sum(msd2 df.runs off bat)
#team contribution of dhoni in last 5 overs
sum(msd2_df.runs_off_bat)/(sum(rps2_df.runs_off_bat)+sum(csk2_df.runs_off_
bat))*100
ldf['strike rate'] = 100*ldf['runs off bat']/ldf['ball']
ld=ldf['strike rate']
ld.sort_values(ascending = False).head()
# balls faced
ldf2 = pd.DataFrame(ldf.groupby('bowler')['ball'].count()).reset_index()
ldf2.head()
ldf.head()
ldf2 = pd.DataFrame(ldf.groupby('striker')['ball'].count()).reset_index()
ldf2.head()
ldf3 = pd.DataFrame(ldf.groupby('striker')['runs_off_bat'].sum()).reset_in
dex()
ldf3.head()
ldf4 = ldf2.merge(ldf3, on = 'striker', how = 'left')
ldf4.head()
ldf4['strike rate'] = 100*ldf4['runs off bat']/ldf4['ball']
1df4 = 1df4[1df4.ball >= 250]
ldf4.head(10)
ldf4.groupby(['striker'])['strike_rate'].sum().sort_values(ascending = Fal
se).head(10)
ldf4.groupby(['striker'])['strike_rate'].sum().sort_values(ascending = Fal
se).head(10).plot(kind = 'barh')
plt.xlabel('Strike rate')
plt.show()
df.head()
```

```
#number of sixes hit by all batsman in last 5 overs
x = 6.0
df6 = ldf[ldf.runs_off_bat==x]
df6.head()
df66 = pd.DataFrame(df6.groupby('striker')['runs_off_bat'].sum()).reset_in
dex()
df66.head()
df66['no._of_sixes'] = df66['runs_off_bat']/x
df66['no._of_sixes'] = df66['no._of_sixes'].astype('int')
df66.head()
df66.groupby(['striker'])['no._of_sixes'].sum().sort_values(ascending = Fa
lse).head(10)
#most no. of sixes in death overs(15 to 20)
#MS Dhoni
                   164
#AB de Villiers
                   140
#KA Pollard
                   137
#RG Sharma
                   90
#AD Russell
                   86
#V Kohli
                   78
```

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