### NFL

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### 1 Goal

Build one or more regression models to determine the scores for each team using the other columns as features

Predict the scores, predict the outcome of the game

Do feature engineering. Build a few regression models.

Citing Sources Along with the sources I sprinkled in, I used these sources below throughout the text to better attack this problem.

https://towards datascience.com/how-to-improve-sports-betting-odds-step-by-step-guide-in-python-94626b852f45

```
[1]: import numpy as np import pandas as pd
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```
[2]: data = pd.read_csv('~/Documents/EECS/EECS_731/HW/EECS731_4/data/nfl_games.csv')
```

I added the difference in score to see if that could introduce a relationship.

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[3]: data['score_diff'] = (data['score1'] - data['score2'])
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[4]: data['team1_win'] = np.where(data['score_diff'] > 0, 1, 0)
data['team2_win'] = np.where(data['score_diff'] < 0, 1, 0)
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[5]: #data['date'] = pd.to_datetime(data['date'], format='%Y-%m-%d')
data['elo_diff'] = (data['elo1'] - data['elo2'])
```

```
[6]: data.info()
```

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 16274 entries, 0 to 16273
Data columns (total 16 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	date	16274 non-null	object
1	season	16274 non-null	int64
2	neutral	16274 non-null	int64

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playoff
                 16274 non-null
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     team1
                 16274 non-null
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     team2
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     elo1
                 16274 non-null
                                 float64
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     elo2
                 16274 non-null
                                 float64
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     elo_prob1
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                                 float64
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     score1
                 16274 non-null
                                 int64
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     score2
                 16274 non-null
                                 int64
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    result1
                 16274 non-null
                                 float64
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     score_diff 16274 non-null
                                 int64
     team1_win
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                 16274 non-null
                                  int64
 14
     team2_win
                 16274 non-null
                                  int64
     elo_diff
                 16274 non-null float64
 15
dtypes: float64(5), int64(8), object(3)
memory usage: 2.0+ MB
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# [7]: data = data.dropna()

### [8]: data.describe()

[8]:		season	neutral	playoff	elo1	elo2	\
	count	16274.000000	16274.000000	16274.000000	16274.000000	16274.000000	
	mean	1982.437569	0.005223	0.034779	1502.458394	1498.918375	
	std	25.448049	0.072084	0.183226	105.015371	104.541271	
	min	1920.000000	0.000000	0.000000	1119.595000	1156.551000	
	25%	1967.000000	0.000000	0.000000	1429.242750	1425.864750	
	50%	1987.000000	0.000000	0.000000	1504.015000	1500.185000	
	75%	2003.000000	0.000000	0.000000	1578.071500	1575.753000	
	max	2018.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1839.663000	1849.484000	
		elo_prob1	score1	score2	result1	score_diff	\
	count	16274.000000	16274.000000	16274.000000	16274.000000	16274.000000	
	mean	0.584829	21.544058	18.578161	0.580681	2.965897	
	std	0.175302	11.289422	10.794566	0.488551	15.469792	
	min	0.070953	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	-73.000000	
	25%	0.461231	14.000000	10.000000	0.000000	-7.000000	
	50%	0.596354	21.000000	17.000000	1.000000	3.000000	
	75%	0.719930	28.000000	26.000000	1.000000	13.000000	
	max	0.970516	72.000000	73.000000	1.000000	66.000000	
		$team1\_win$	$team2\_win$	elo_diff			
	count	16274.000000	16274.000000	16274.000000			
	mean	0.571034	0.409672	3.540020			
	std	0.494944	0.491788	141.791884			
	min	0.000000	0.000000	-511.826000			
	25%	0.000000	0.000000	-91.493250			
	50%	1.000000	0.000000	3.203000			

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75% 1.000000 1.000000 99.353500 max 1.000000 1.000000 541.969000
```

There are 16,274 entries. The first season starting in 1920. I agree that some teams that were good in 1920 might still be good today, but I think I will only take into account the last 15 years. So I will drop any game before the 2005 season.

```
data = data[data['season'] >= 2005]
 [9]:
[10]:
      data.head(5)
[10]:
                                   neutral
                                             playoff team1 team2
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              elo_diff
      12536
               308.799
      12537
                23.133
      12538
               -13.593
                 4.734
      12539
                48.285
      12540
[11]:
     data.team1.unique()
[11]: array(['NE', 'CAR', 'KC', 'JAX', 'WSH', 'SF', 'CLE', 'BUF', 'LAC', 'MIN',
              'MIA', 'DET', 'PIT', 'BAL', 'NYG', 'ATL', 'CIN', 'TB', 'TEN',
              'OAK', 'CHI', 'NYJ', 'DEN', 'HOU', 'GB', 'IND', 'ARI', 'SEA',
              'PHI', 'DAL', 'LAR', 'NO'], dtype=object)
```

By dropping games before 2005, I now have a better idea of what teams are currently active.

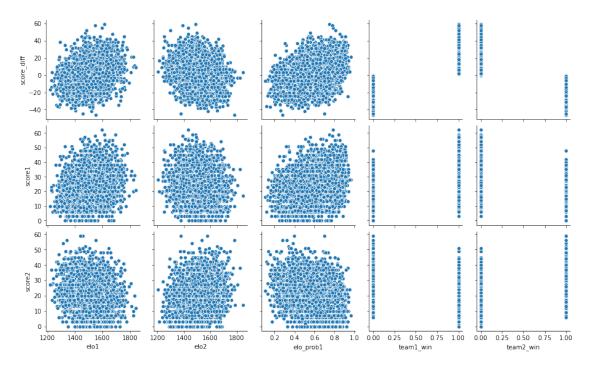
# 2 Faceting

I decided to try faceting to better understand the data.

Tips for faceting I found at https://www.kaggle.com/residentmario/faceting-with-seaborn I was interested in comparing scores and the teams that played.

#### [14]: <seaborn.axisgrid.PairGrid at 0x11ed350d0>

#hue = "team1")



It looks like there may be a linear correlation with score1 and elo1 and score2 and elo2. Although that seems intuitive.

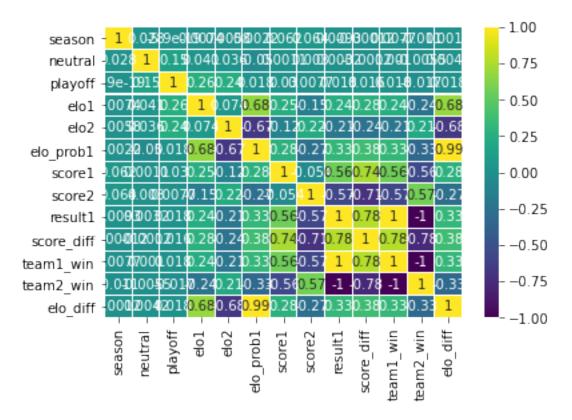
I didn't see any great correlations to use. So, I moved onto a heat map. The closer to 1 or -1 the value is on the map, the stronger the corelation. There isn't a great correlation between anything except maybe elo\_prob1 and result\_1. That seems like the highest non-trival value.

```
[15]: data_corr = data.corr()
data_corr
```

```
[15]:
                        season
                                 neutral
                                                playoff
                                                              elo1
                                                                        elo2
      season
                  1.000000e+00
                                0.028296 -5.931427e-19
                                                         0.007367
                                                                   0.005822
      neutral
                  2.829635e-02
                                1.000000
                                           1.499114e-01
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                                                                   0.036028
      playoff
                 -5.931427e-19
                                0.149911
                                           1.000000e+00
                                                         0.264268
                                                                   0.241292
                  7.366663e-03
      elo1
                                0.041492 2.642684e-01
                                                         1.000000
                                                                   0.074469
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5.821616e-03 0.036028 2.412920e-01 0.074469 1.000000
     elo2
                 2.189256e-03 -0.049735 1.789909e-02
                                                     0.675980 -0.673994
     elo_prob1
     score1
                 6.174932e-02 0.001141 3.029494e-02
                                                     0.250805 -0.124768
                 6.417428e-02 0.002981 7.697921e-03 -0.153109 0.219881
     score2
                 9.271437e-03 0.003245 1.784226e-02 0.237555 -0.209652
     result1
     score_diff -1.188288e-04 -0.001217 1.603222e-02 0.279407 -0.236212
                7.715245e-03 0.000999 1.826544e-02 0.237385 -0.209955
     team1 win
     team2 win -1.080838e-02 -0.005485 -1.737979e-02 -0.237205 0.208890
     elo diff
                 elo prob1
                             score1
                                       score2
                                               result1
                                                        score diff
                                                                   team1 win \
                 0.002189 0.061749 0.064174 0.009271
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                 -0.049735 0.001141 0.002981 0.003245
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     elo1
                 0.675980 0.250805 -0.153109 0.237555
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                                                                    0.237385
     elo2
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     score2
                 -0.271637 -0.053653 1.000000 -0.571707
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     result1
                 0.327205  0.557326  -0.571707  1.000000
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     score_diff
                 0.377132 0.737383 -0.714065 0.777466
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                 0.327480 0.556660 -0.571322 0.998908
     team1 win
                                                         0.776739
                                                                    1.000000
     team2_win
                 -0.326215 -0.556774 0.570843 -0.998907
                                                        -0.776495 -0.995632
     elo diff
                 0.379071
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                 team2 win elo diff
                 -0.010808 0.001163
     season
                 -0.005485 0.004179
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     elo1
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     elo2
                 0.208890 -0.677998
     elo_prob1
                 -0.326215 0.992235
     score1
                 -0.556774 0.276312
     score2
                 0.570843 -0.274007
     result1
                 -0.998907 0.328756
     score_diff -0.776495 0.379071
     team1 win
                -0.995632 0.328853
     team2 win
                 1.000000 -0.327940
                 -0.327940 1.000000
     elo diff
[16]: sns.heatmap(data corr, vmin=-1, vmax=1, cmap="viridis", annot=True, linewidth=0.
      \hookrightarrow 1)
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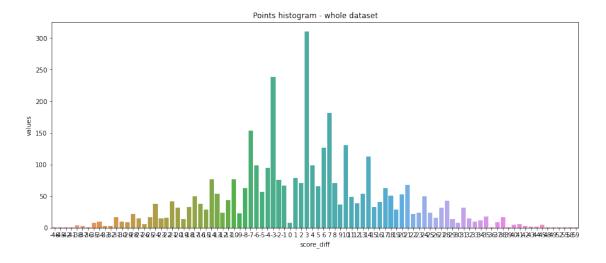
[16]: <matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x11af6b940>



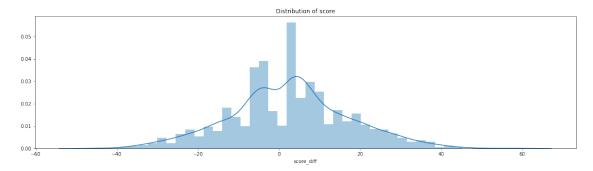
```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

def pastel_plot(data, x, y):
    plt.figure(figsize = (15,6))
    plt.title('Points histogram - whole dataset')
    sns.set_color_codes("pastel")
    sns.barplot(x = x, y=y, data=df)
    locs, labels = plt.xticks()
    plt.show()
```

I thought maybe a histogram would help to look at the distribution of the values for the difference in score. This revealed there were no crazy outliers.



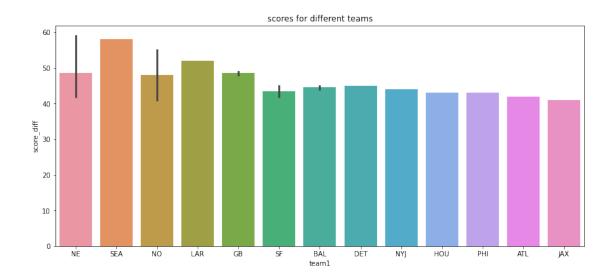
```
[19]: plt.figure(figsize=(20,5))
   plt.title("Distribution of score")
   ax = sns.distplot(data["score_diff"])
```



```
[20]: data=data.sort_values('score_diff', ascending=False)
```

The following bar graphs releaved the best teams in the team1 category and the worst teams in the team2 category.

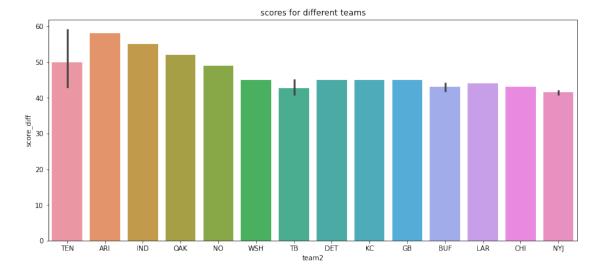
```
[21]: plt.figure(figsize = (14,6))
  plt.title('scores for different teams')
  sns.barplot(x = 'team1', y="score_diff", data=data.head(20))
  locs, labels = plt.xticks()
  plt.show()
```



NE has the greatest score difference. This means they win by the most amount of points. Still, I needed to figure out some way to interact the two teams.

Also, below TEN looses by the most amount of points.

```
[22]: plt.figure(figsize = (14,6))
   plt.title('scores for different teams')
   sns.barplot(x = 'team2', y="score_diff", data=data.head(20))
   locs, labels = plt.xticks()
   plt.show()
```



### 3 Feature Engineering

Before I could continue, I needed some way to get an interaction between the two teams. I started by making a one hot encoding of team1 and team2. I then combined the encodings. To maintain a sense of who won and who lost, I made the team2 values negative, ie -1, and the team1 values positive. Then, if the score difference was negative, team2 won and if the score difference was positive, team1 won.

```
[23]: from random import shuffle
       data = data.sample(frac = 1)
[24]: team1_oh = pd.get_dummies(data['team1'], dtype=np.int64)
       team2_oh = pd.get_dummies(data['team2'], dtype=np.int64)
[25]:
       team1_oh.head(5)
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Now, I need to fit the teams together.

```
[26]: teams_oh = team1_oh.sub(team2_oh)
      teams oh['score diff'] = data['score diff']
      teams_oh['elo_diff'] = data['elo_diff']
      teams_oh['date'] = data['date']
      teams_oh.head(5)
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SF TB TEN WSH score\_diff elo\_diff date

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[5 rows x 35 columns]

If the row has a 1, it was team1 and if the row has a -1, then it was team2.

If the score is positive, then team 1 won, and if the score was negative then team 2 won.

Encoding this way ensures I can know which team won and which team lost.

Later in the project, I realized I needed to predict the scores of each team, not their difference. So I made the data table scores to be able to predict the score of the teams.

```
[27]: scores = data[['score1', 'score2']]
scores.head()
```

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[27]:
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```

## 4 Regression

Regression is useful to determine the relationship between independent valiables (features) and dependent variables (target values).

In this problem, I tasked to predict the scores based on features. That is, the score is a function of the teams playing, and the elo predictions.

#### 4.1 Linear Regression

I used https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/linear-regression-python-implementation/ for help in implementing linear regression.

This was my first attempt at regression. I tried to fit the data to predict the score difference. The coefficients of the regression were the rating of each time. If the team was a good, then they had a high positive rating. If the team was loosing, then the had a high negative rating.

From the faceting before, TEN should have a low negative rating and NE should have a high positive rating. This is true below.

```
[28]: from sklearn import datasets, linear_model, metrics from sklearn.linear_model import Ridge, LinearRegression import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

```
[29]: data_train = teams_oh
      data_train = data_train.dropna(axis='columns')
      data_train.head(5)
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      [5 rows x 35 columns]
[30]: # defining feature matrix(X) and response vector(y)
      X = data train.drop(['score diff'], axis=1)
      X = data_train.drop(['date'], axis=1)
      \#X = np.array(data.elo1).reshape(-1, 1)
      y = data_train['score_diff']
[31]: # splitting X and y into training and testing sets
      from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
      X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2,_
       →random_state=1)
[32]: | lr = Ridge(alpha=0.001)
      lr.fit(X_train, y_train)
[32]: Ridge(alpha=0.001)
[33]: df_ratings = pd.DataFrame(data={'team': X.columns, 'rating': lr.coef_})
      df_ratings
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     print('Score: \n', lr.score(X_test, y_test))
[34]:
```

#### Score:

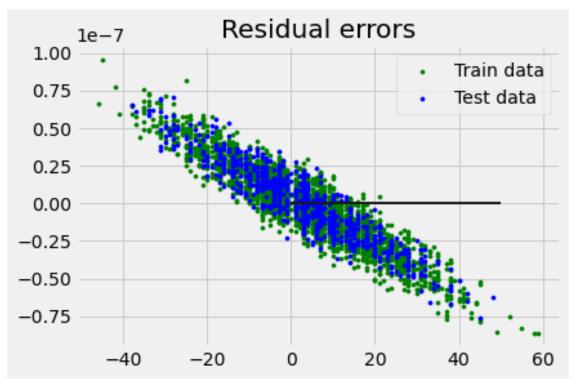
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As found here: https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/generated/sklearn.linear\_model.LinearRegression.html

The score is the R<sup>2</sup> coefficient for this fit. A model is "good" when the R<sup>2</sup> value is close to 1. A score of exactly 1 means the model is overfit. It's not a good representation of the data.

The graph below showing the residual errors also proves this is not a good model.

```
## plot title
plt.title("Residual errors")
## function to show plot
plt.show()
```



It is overfit.

[38]: X\_train

### 4.2 Random Forest

I tried again with Random Forest Regression. This time, instead of predicting the score difference, I predicted the scores of each team using the scores data set.

Here is where I got tips to do it https://towardsdatascience.com/random-forest-and-its-implementation-71824ced454f

```
[36]: #X = teams_oh.drop(['score_diff'], axis=1)

X = teams_oh.drop(['date'], axis=1)

y = scores

[37]: X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, □

→random_state=1)
```

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Number of estimators is equal to the number of trees.

```
[39]: from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor regressor = RandomForestRegressor(n_estimators = 10, random_state = 0) regressor.fit(X, y)
```

[39]: RandomForestRegressor(n\_estimators=10, random\_state=0)

```
[40]: pred = regressor.predict(X_test)
```

```
[41]: print(metrics.r2_score(y_test, pred))
```

#### 0.9058527703721649

This model has an R<sup>2</sup> value closer to 1. The value is 0.82. I am getting closer!

```
[42]: from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
  regressor1 = RandomForestRegressor(n_estimators = 100, random_state = 0)
  regressor1.fit(X, y)
  pred1 = regressor1.predict(X_test)
```

```
print(metrics.r2_score(y_test, pred1))
```

#### 0.928080229287205

It seems that more trees provide a better value for R<sup>2</sup>.

```
[43]: from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
  regressor = RandomForestRegressor(n_estimators = 500, random_state = 0)
  regressor.fit(X, y)
  pred = regressor.predict(X_test)
  print(metrics.r2_score(y_test, pred))
```

#### 0.9310127291918824

I needed to do cross-validation to test if the model was a good fit.

I learned how to do cross validation here: https://jamesrledoux.com/code/k\_fold\_cross\_validation

```
[44]: from sklearn.model_selection import cross_validate
    cv = cross_validate(regressor1, X_test, y_test, cv=5)
    print(cv['test_score'])
    print(cv['test_score'].mean())
```

```
[0.52270444 0.39376462 0.41070127 0.32560158 0.42161389]
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```

So, I see that this is not a good model at all. Ideally, you would want teh values close to 0.99 to get an accurate fit of the data. Nevertheless, I proceeded with this choice to predict scores.

### 5 Predicting Scores

Now that I have the test data, I used the model to predict the scores between some teams.

I first turned the data into a dataframe.

```
[45]: pred_scores = pd.DataFrame({'predscore_1': pred1[:, 0], 'predscore_2': pred1[:, □ →1]})
pred_scores
```

```
[45]:
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                  21.56
                                 29.39
```

747 53.91 5.98

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```
[46]: X_test['team1']=''
X_test['team2']=''
```

<ipython-input-46-aace447a7dd7>:1: SettingWithCopyWarning:
A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
Try using .loc[row\_indexer,col\_indexer] = value instead

See the caveats in the documentation: https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user\_guide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy X\_test['team1']=''

<ipython-input-46-aace447a7dd7>:2: SettingWithCopyWarning:
A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
Try using .loc[row\_indexer,col\_indexer] = value instead

See the caveats in the documentation: https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user\_guide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy X\_test['team2']=''

I readded which team is which.

```
[47]: for col_name in X_test.columns:
    #X_test.loc[X_test[col_name] == 1, 'team1'] = X_test['team1'] + ' '+col_name
    X_test.loc[X_test[col_name] == 1, 'team1'] = col_name
    X_test.loc[X_test[col_name] == -1, 'team2'] = col_name

X_test = X_test.reset_index()
    X_test = X_test.drop(columns='index')
    X_test
```

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See the caveats in the documentation: https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user\_guide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy self.obj[item] = s

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[48]: df_pred_scores = X_test[['team1','team2']]
      df_pred_scores = pd.merge(df_pred_scores, pred_scores, on=df_pred_scores.index)
      df_pred_scores['home_away'] = list(zip(df_pred_scores['team1'],__

df_pred_scores['team2']))
      df_pred_scores
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[49]: def predict (team1_in, team2_in):
           df = df_pred_scores[(df_pred_scores['team1'] == team1_in) &__

    df_pred_scores['team2'] == team2_in)]
```

```
print(team1_in, "score is predicted to be:", df[['predscore_1']])
print(team2_in, "score is predicted to be:", df[['predscore_2']])
```

# [50]: predict('PIT', 'KC')

PIT score is predicted to be: predscore\_1

351 40.83

KC score is predicted to be: predscore\_2

351 11.84

Here it gives you the predicted score of the game.