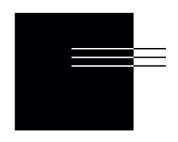


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# Impact of a player on team performance :

The case for Giannis Antetokounmpo being the best player in the NBA





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## Introduction

# Performances of the Milwaukee bucks and its superstar Giannis Antetokounmpo

The NBA (National Basketball Association) is a professional basketball league in North America and the biggest basketball league in the world. The league is composed of 30 teams (29 in the United States and 1 in Canada).

Unlike many team sports where each team has developed an identity of play, the style of play of NBA teams varies from year to year and mainly depends on the star player. It only takes one trade to make a champion team at the bottom of the standings the next year.

Passionate about basketball I am following the NBA and most particularly the Bucks, the team of Milwaukee city. Giannis Antetokounmpo is a Greek player who was drafted by the bucks in 2013, at the age of 18. He is now 28 and one of the best players in the NBA with two MVP (Most Valuable Trophies) in 2019 and 2020.

Having learnt the basic tools of data analysis I now want to do my own approach on analyzing data about the evolution of the Bucks

The goal of this project was to analyze the weight of Giannis Antetokounmpo performances on the results of the Milwaukee Bucks team by comparing the player individuals' statistics and the team statistics. I also want to show the evolution of the Milwaukee Bucks across the years team since Giannis started being in the team in 2013.

The plan of the project was to choose a data source that was able to provide all the game results and statistics of the Milwaukee bucks since 2013.

After export of the data into CSV files, imported the files into a new script of Python, to produce data cleaning (by managing with outliers, missing values, and features that were not relevant for the study) and visualizations, to perform a primary data analysis.

## DATA AND DATA SOURCES

#### The data sources are from

(<a href="https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/nathanlauga/nba-games?resource=download">https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/nathanlauga/nba-games?resource=download</a>)

It is composed of 5 CSV files: games.csv, games\_details.csv, players.csv, ranking.csv, teams.csv.

I have only used these three files: games.csv, games details.csv.

I needed to merge these two tables to compare games statistics with players statistics

file	Games.csv	Games_details.csv
Content	Every NBA game from 2003 to 2022 with stats of the two teams	Every NBA game from 2003 to 2022 with stats for each player of the two teams
shape	25 796 rows, 21 columns	645 953 rows, 29 columns

#### **Description of some not-explicit columns:**

#### Games.csv

'PTS\_home/away': Total points scored by the home/away team

'AST\_ home/away': Total assists (pass before a shot made) by the home/away team

'REB\_ home/away': Total rebound by the home/away team

'FG\_PCT\_ home/away': percentage (accuracy) of shot made by the home/away team

'FT\_PCT\_ home/away': percentage (accuracy) of free throws made by the home/away team

'FG3\_PCT\_ home/away': percentage (accuracy) of 3 points shots made by the home/away team

#### Games details.csv

'START\_POSITION': role of the player when he started the game

'MIN': total minutes played by a player during a game

'FGA': (Field goal attempts) number of shots attempts by a player

'FGM': (Field goal made) number of shots made by a player

'FG\_PCT':(Field goal percentage) = FGM / FGA

'OREB': offensive rebounds by a player

'DREB': defensive rebounds by a player

'REB': total rebounds by a player

'AST': total assists by a player

'STL': total steal by a player

'BLK': total block by a player

'TO': total turnover by a player

'PTS': total points by a player

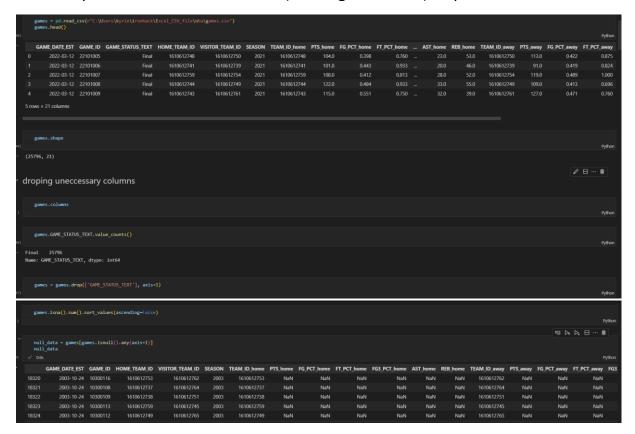
'PLUS\_MINUS': used to measure a player's impact on the game, represented by the difference between their team's total scoring versus their opponent's when the player is in the game.

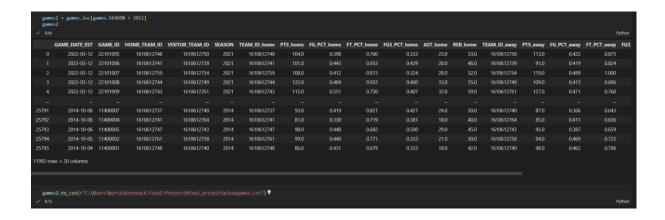
## Data cleaning and Exploratory data analysis

Python cleaning process (cleaning of the two files separately)

#### Games.csv

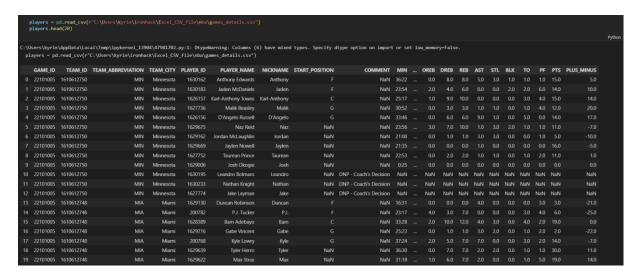
- Import of the libraries Pandas and NumPy
- Import files with pandas to read csv
- Listed the name of the columns to verifier
- Delete unnecessary columns (columns with one unique value and columns that I don't want to use)
- Look for missing values in the data frame: there only missing values for the 2003 season. We want to focus on the year where Giannis Antetokounmpo was playing (2013-2022)
- Look for outliers with boxplots visualization and drop the outliers
- Create a new data frame with the data from 2013 to 2022 only
- Export the data frame to csv ("cleangames.csv") to perform visualization

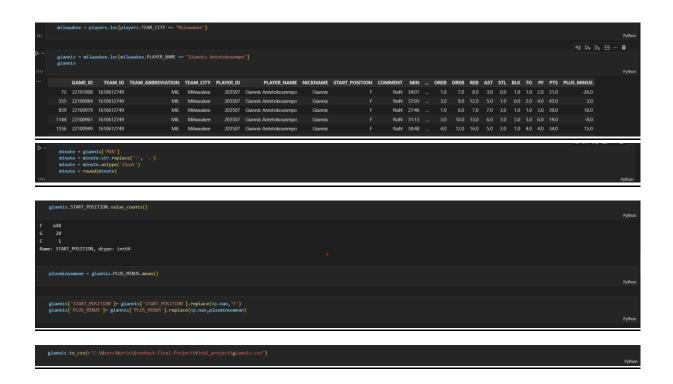




### **Gamesdetails.csv**

- Import of the libraries Pandas and NumPy
- Import files with pandas to read csv
- Listed the name of the columns to verifier
- Look for the columns type
- Delete unnecessary columns
- Look for and manage with the missing values
- Drop the rows with too many missing values
- Convert the 'MIN' column from object type to float type
- Had to replace Nan values by 'F' the "START\_POSITION" column because Giannis Antetokounmpo role is Forward
- Create a new data frame (called giannis) which focus on the game where the Milwaukee Bucks and Giannis Antetokounmpo were playing
- Export the giannis data frame to csv ("cleangames.csv") to perform visualization



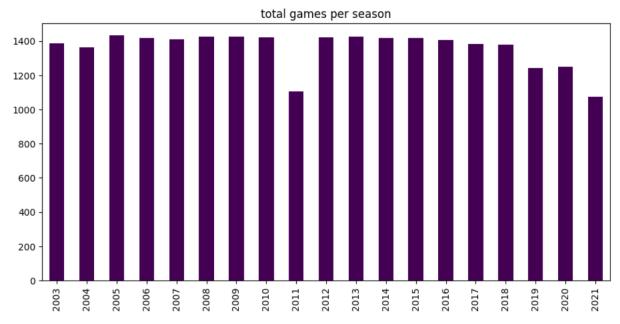


## Merge the two data frame and perform visualization

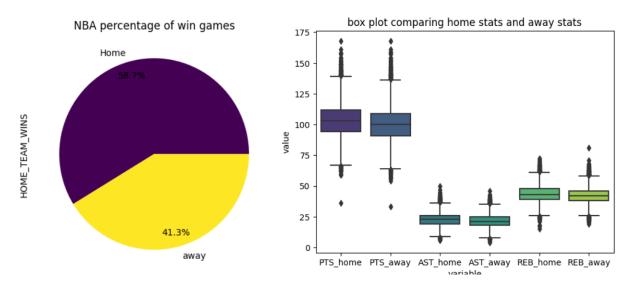


## Data visualization

## Visualization about the NBA League:

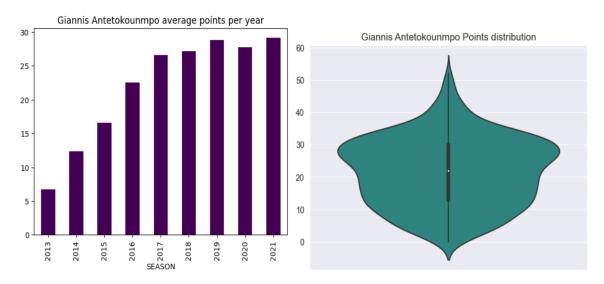


The previous lockout in 1998–99 had shortened the season to 50 games. During the lockout, teams could not trade, sign, or contact players.



We can see that when a team plays Home, its win rate is higher. And the main stats (points, rebound and assists) in the boxplot follow the tendency by being a little higher for home team.

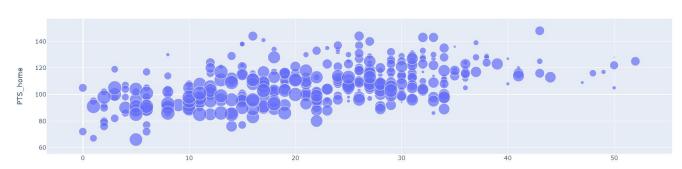
#### **Visualization about Giannis performances:**



Giannis was getting better and improving his game year by year until he become the best player in the league in 2019 and 2020.

## Giannis weight on the bucks' team:

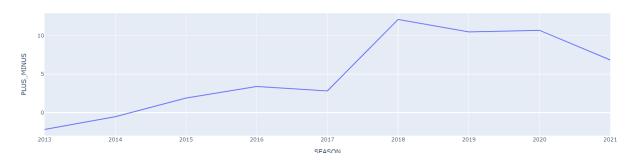
correlation between Giannis Points and Bucks points



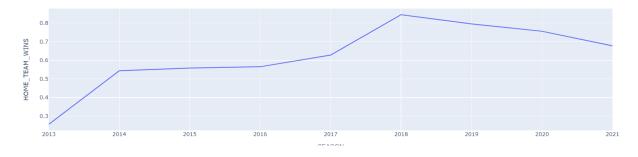
In the two graphs below, we compare Giannis' evolution as a player with the win rate of the Milwaukee bucks.

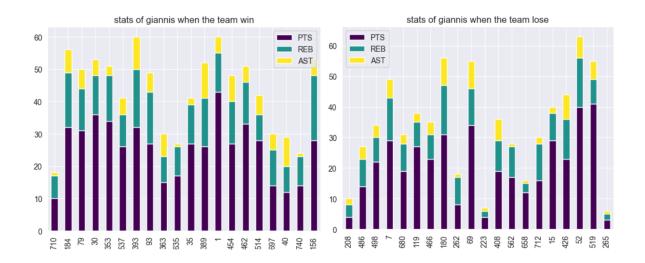
These two graphs almost have the same behavior. So, it shows that Giannis has a huge impact on his team. He is a 'game changer'

#### Giannis Plus\_Minus evolution



#### buck win percentage evolution





#### Database selection

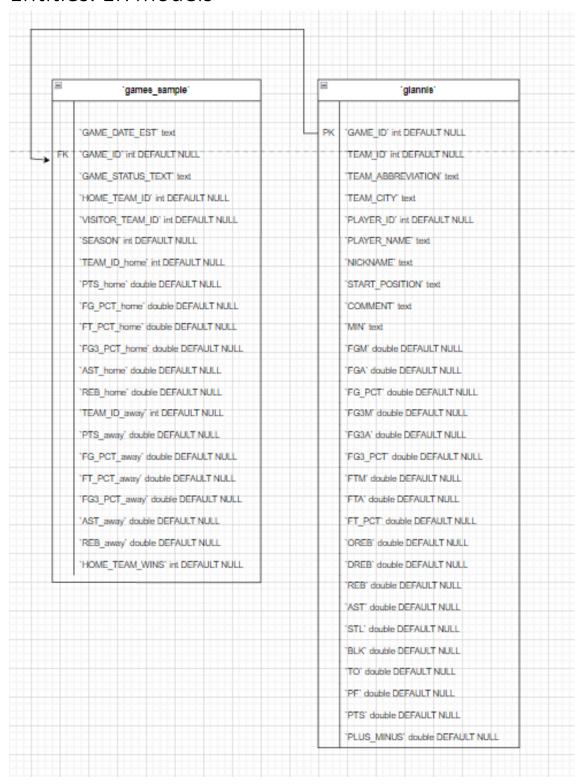
There are several reasons why one might choose to use a SQL database rather than a NoSQL database:

- 1. SQL databases are designed to store and manage structured data, that is, data organized into well-defined tables and columns. This makes SQL databases well suited for applications that require complex queries and transactions, such as online banking or e-commerce.
- 2. SQL databases are based on a relational model, which allows them to easily link data from different tables using primary and foreign keys. This makes it easy to query and update data in an SQL database, as well as enforce data integrity and consistency.
- 3. SQL databases are highly scalable, which means they can handle large amounts of data and concurrent users without sacrificing performance. This makes SQL databases a good choice for high traffic and high data volume applications.
- 4. SQL databases are supported by a wide range of tools and technologies, including various programming languages, frameworks, and libraries. This makes it easy to integrate SQL databases into existing applications and to develop new applications using SQL databases.

In summary, SQL databases are well suited for applications that require complex queries, transactions, scalability, and data integrity, and are supported by a wide range of tools and technologies.

SQL	NOSQL
Relation Database	Distributed Database
management system	management system
Vertically scalable	Horizontally scalable
Fixed or predefined Schema	Dynamic Schema
Not suitable for hierarchical	Best suitable for hierarchical
data storage	data storage
Can be used for complex	Not good for complex
queries	queries

#### Entities. ER models



## **SQL** Queries

#### According to the previous part, I decided to use SQL

I had some problems while importing my data in MySQL because the file was really big, so I used sample of my two data frame and export them as csv:

```
players_sample = players.head(1000)
players_sample.to_csv(r"C:\Users\kyrie\ironhack\final_project\players_sample.csv")

Python

games_sample = games.head(1000)
games_sample.to_csv(r"C:\Users\kyrie\ironhack\final_project\games_sample.csv")

Python
```

• Create database and locate the Milwaukee team id in the table 'players\_sample'.

- Display the game where Giannis Antetokounmpo has played
- Display the average points, assists, and rebound of Giannis Antetokounmpo
- Display the players who score more than 10 points, 10 assists, and 10 rebounds. In basketball its "called a triple double"

```
9 • SELECT * FROM games_sample

10 WHERE TEAM_ID_home = 1610612749 OR TEAM_ID_away = 1610612749;

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2 • SELECT * FROM players_sample AS players

13 WHERE PLAYER_NAME = "Giannis Antetokounmpo";

14 • SELECT avg(PTS), avg(REB), avg(AST) FROM players_sample AS players

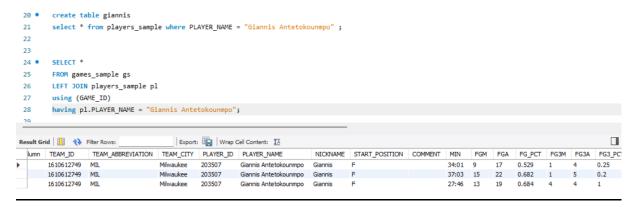
15 WHERE PLAYER_NAME = "Giannis Antetokounmpo";

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17 • SELECT * FROM players_sample

18 WHERE PTS >= 10 AND AST >=10 AND REB >= 10;
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- create a table which focus on Giannis Antetokounmpo statistics
- merge this table with the game-sample table to compare Giannis stats with the bucks team stats



## Conclusion

The data I collected for this project was quite comprehensive. Indeed, the NBA datasets are fed very seriously and regularly by the NBA and by the fan's associations. For my project I used one dataset about the history of all the NBA games since 2003 and my second dataset was about the players statistics for all these games.

I cleaned the data from both files step by step and one dataset after the other. The first step was to select the columns I wanted to deal with and to drop the not relevant ones. Then I had to manage with some missing values and to drop some outliers. In the end I merge my two data frames to do some charts who compare Giannis Antetokounmpo with the Milwaukee Bucks team.

The visualization was about to show some characteristics of an NBA season and then I tried to show the correlation with Giannis Antetokounmpo statistics in game with the performances of his team. Some charts are clear by showing graphs with a linear behavior.

Finally, we can conclude that Giannis Antetokounmpo had a huge impact on the Milwaukee Bucks dominations this last few years as well as the Milwaukee team had an impact on the Giannis Antetokounmpo