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Project Report - Predicting Skill Level of Player based on Actions

Using Recorded Matches of Counter Strike: Global Offensive Games to Predict the Skill Level of New Players

- Business Understanding:

The goal of this project is to predict the skill level of a player in the online multiplayer game Counter-Strike: Global Offensive or CS:GO in short. This game is a round based first person shooter that is played on a 5 players against 5 players basis. When a player is looking for a new match, the game tries to find teammates that are of similar skill level to provide a fun and challenging experience.

Players that are new to the game don't have yet an assigned skill level. To provide the best gameplay for new players it is necessary to determine their rank quickly so that they are matched against opponents of equal skill. This is the problem that this analysis tries to tackle. A classification model should be created that allows to determine the rank of a player based only on a few actions.

The analysis is based on an open source dataset on Kaggle. The dataset contains over a million instances of gameplay actions from different players and their according rank. The dataset can be found here: https://www.kaggle.com/skihikingkevin/csgo-matchmaking-damage.

- Data Exploration:

The dataset is composed of about 1 million entries and 33 attributes, initially we are going to remove some of the attributes that are useless for our aim and then we are going to make some test to the remaining attributes to select the more significative ones.

```
import math
import pandas as pd
from sklearn import neighbors, datasets , preprocessing, svm
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy score , classification report,
confusion matrix
from sklearn.utils import shuffle
from sklearn.model_selection import StratifiedShuffleSplit,
cross val score, train test split
from sklearn.multiclass import OneVsRestClassifier
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sn
import numpy as np
df = pd.read csv('mm master demos.csv') # Read the DataSet
# Removing not used attributes
del df['Unnamed: 0']
del df['file']
del df['date']
del df['seconds']
del df['att_team']
del df['att side']
del df['vic_team']
del df['vic_side']
del df['winner team']
del df['winner_side']
del df['att_id']
del df['vic id']
del df['award']
del df['is bomb planted']
del df['bomb_site']
data=df.copy() # Creating a working copy of the original DataSet
data=shuffle(data) # Randomizing the DataSet
data # Printing the DataSet
```

	map	round	tick	hp_dmg	arm_dmg	hitb
618791	de_cache	17	107432	15	5	Chest

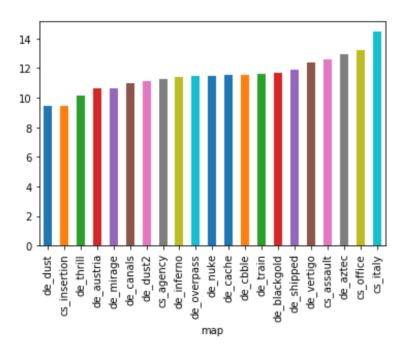
	map	round	tick	hp_dmg	arm_dmg	hitb
947890	de_cbble	15	92860	27	5	Stoma
160767	de_mirage	1	11603	13	7	Stoma
308813	de_dust2	13	99666	26	1	RightA
254760	de_mirage	5	30279	22	4	Chest
96578	de_cache	1	7555	100	0	Head
926397	de_dust2	20	113052	7	0	Generi
186785	de_cache	24	152884	9	0	LeftArr
412159	de_overpass	20	129543	16	8	Chest
93519	de_inferno	19	124392	21	4	Chest
597901	de_mirage	3	21498	24	5	Stoma
919729	de_inferno	21	137828	22	4	Chest
567154	de_mirage	1	10232	27	1	Chest
724635	de_cache	21	138582	100	15	Head
374476	de_inferno	11	78291	23	3	Chest
2769	de_cache	28	158554	22	4	RightA
58712	de_cache	25	152237	3	0	Generi
492441	de_dust2	16	102339	11	6	Chest
112031	de_mirage	3	17428	32	0	Stoma
146361	de_cache	18	110411	26	0	RightL
451382	de_inferno	3	21577	8	0	Generi
585141	de_mirage	19	140210	15	3	Chest
422676	cs_office	17	124168	25	0	Chest
558945	de_dust2	5	43554	22	4	Chest

	map	round	tick	hp_dmg	arm_dmg	hitb
345057	de_overpass	25	155607	14	5	Stoma
662354	de_mirage	22	144843	16	3	Chest
216958	de_mirage	5	42247	4	0	Generi
756218	de_inferno	21	144796	19	0	RightL
344564	de_overpass	9	51409	24	1	Chest
797119	de_inferno	4	27717	16	3	Chest
•••						
726125	de_dust2	19	117925	100	0	Head
354126	de_nuke	7	48376	20	0	Chest
362412	de_cache	17	86683	16	3	Chest

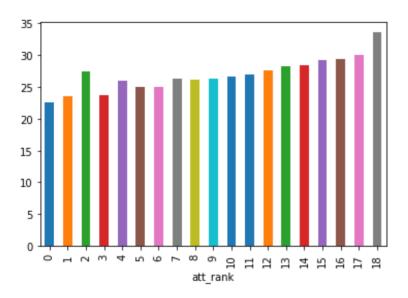
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We are now going to plot some graphs to understand the nature and distribution of our attributes and data.

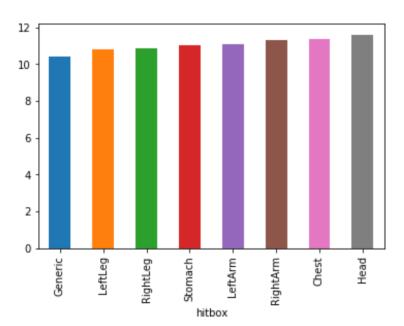
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# Plotting sorted played map based on average rank of the players
data.groupby('map')['att_rank'].mean().sort_values().plot(kind='bar')
```



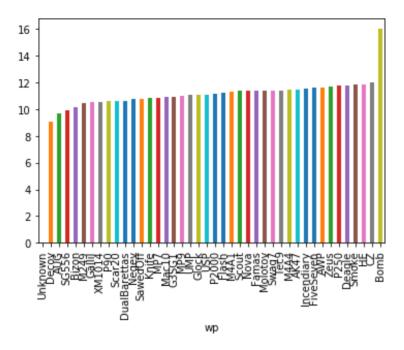
Plotting distribution of rank based on average damages inflicted to other
data.groupby('att_rank')['hp_dmg'].mean().plot(kind='bar')



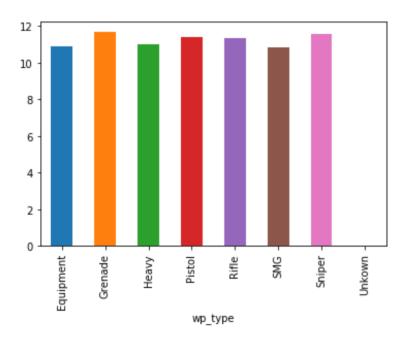
Plotting sorted hitbox based on average rank of the players
data.groupby('hitbox')['att_rank'].mean().sort_values().plot(kind='bar')



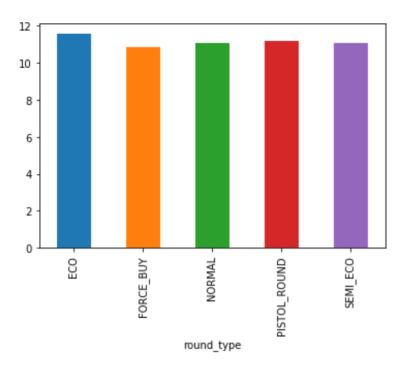
Plotting sorted weapon based on average rank of the players
data.groupby('wp')['att_rank'].mean().sort_values().plot(kind='bar')



Plotting weapon type based on average rank of the players
data.groupby('wp_type')['att_rank'].mean().plot(kind='bar')



Plotting type of round based on average rank of the players
data.groupby('round_type')['att_rank'].mean().plot(kind='bar')



data.dtypes # Printing the type of the attributes of the DataSet

object
int64
int64
int64
int64
object
object
object
int64
int64
float64
float64
float64
float64
object
int64
int64
float64

- Data Preparation

The data preparation process includes the conversion of categories that are text values to numerical values and the normalization of all values.

Convert Categories

- Hitbox

- Head and Chest --> UpperBody --> 0
- Stomach and Arms --> CenterBody --> 1
- Legs and Generic --> LowerBody --> 2

- Round Type

```
• ECO --> 0
```

```
    NORMAL, PISTOL, SEMI_ECO --> 1

• FORCE BUY --> 2
# Converting hitbox and round type text data to numerical data grouping the
numeric cats = {
    "hitbox": {"Head": 0, "Chest": 0, "Stomach": 1, "RightArm": 1,
    "LeftArm": 1, "Generic": 2, "RightLeg": 2, "LeftLeg": 2},
    "round_type": {"ECO": 0, "NORMAL": 1, "PISTOL_ROUND": 1, "SEMI_ECO": 1,
    "FORCE BUY": 2}
}
data.replace(numeric_cats, inplace=True)
# Applying one-hot-encoding to map, weapon and weapon type attributes
data = pd.get_dummies(data, columns=['map', 'wp_type', 'wp'])
data.dtypes
                     int64
round
tick
                     int64
hp dmg
                    int64
arm dmg
                    int64
hitbox
                    int64
att rank
                    int64
vic_rank
                    int64
                  float64
att_pos_x
                  float64
att_pos_y
                  float64
vic_pos_x
vic_pos_y
                  float64
round_type
                    int64
ct_eq_val
                    int64
                    int64
t eq val
avg_match_rank float64
map_cs_agency
                    uint8
map cs assault
                    uint8
map cs insertion
                    uint8
                    . . .
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wp_Unknown uint8
wp_XM1014 uint8
wp_Zeus uint8

```
# Data normalization for every attributes but the rank class
rankData = data['att_rank']
normalizedData = (data-data.min())/(data.max()-data.min())
normalizedData['att_rank']=rankData.values
normalizedData
```

	round	tick	hp_dmg	arm_dmg	hitbox	att_ran
618791	0.551724	0.458995	0.15	0.05	0.0	11
947890	0.482759	0.392974	0.27	0.05	0.5	12
160767	0.000000	0.024824	0.13	0.07	0.5	9
308813	0.413793	0.423810	0.26	0.01	0.5	14
254760	0.137931	0.109439	0.22	0.04	0.0	10
96578	0.000000	0.006483	1.00	0.00	0.0	12
926397	0.655172	0.484457	0.07	0.00	1.0	11
186785	0.793103	0.664924	0.09	0.00	0.5	9
412159	0.655172	0.559173	0.16	0.08	0.0	16
93519	0.620690	0.535835	0.21	0.04	0.0	12
597901	0.068966	0.069655	0.24	0.05	0.5	12
919729	0.689655	0.596710	0.22	0.04	0.0	7
567154	0.000000	0.018612	0.27	0.01	0.0	9
724635	0.689655	0.600126	1.00	0.15	0.0	13
374476	0.344828	0.326966	0.23	0.03	0.0	11
2769	0.931034	0.690613	0.22	0.04	0.5	11
58712	0.827586	0.661993	0.03	0.00	1.0	14
492441	0.517241	0.435920	0.11	0.06	0.0	14
112031	0.068966	0.051215	0.32	0.00	0.5	12

	round	tick	hp_dmg	arm_dmg	hitbox	att_ranl
146361	0.586207	0.472492	0.26	0.00	1.0	9
451382	0.068966	0.070013	0.08	0.00	1.0	6
585141	0.620690	0.607502	0.15	0.03	0.0	9
422676	0.551724	0.534821	0.25	0.00	0.0	11
558945	0.137931	0.169584	0.22	0.04	0.0	13
345057	0.827586	0.677261	0.14	0.05	0.5	14
662354	0.724138	0.628493	0.16	0.03	0.0	8
216958	0.137931	0.163662	0.04	0.00	1.0	9
756218	0.689655	0.628280	0.19	0.00	1.0	10
344564	0.275862	0.205172	0.24	0.01	0.0	12
797119	0.103448	0.097831	0.16	0.03	0.0	10
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726125	0.620690	0.506536	1.00	0.00	0.0	7
354126	0.206897	0.191431	0.20	0.00	0.0	9
362412	0.551724	0.364988	0.16	0.03	0.0	14

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Printing data correlation of attributes with the player rank
normalizedData.corr()['att_rank']

round	0.012081
tick	0.006935
hp_dmg	0.057941
arm_dmg	-0.035189
hitbox	-0.096196
att_rank	1.000000
vic_rank	0.645005
att_pos_x	0.027995
att_pos_y	0.043982
vic_pos_x	0.026662
vic_pos_y	0.044857

```
round type
                 -0.072260
ct eq val
                 0.020356
t eq val
                 0.010572
avg match rank
                 0.786182
map cs agency
                 0.001691
map cs assault
                 0.017514
map cs insertion -0.016428
wp Unknown
            -0.359904
wp XM1014
                 -0.016920
                 0.002330
wp Zeus
Name: att rank, Length: 86, dtype: float64
```

- Modeling:

Two approaches were taken to create a classifier for the player rank. The first approach uses a K-Nearest Neighbours algorithm to classify the instances and the second approach uses a neural network for the classification.

KNN:

We are going to try first to apply the KNN using all the 86 attributes but we also expect a low accuracy level cause of the large number of attributes and the low correlation between them.

As expected we have a really low accuracy level, now we are going to try to use just some significative attributes that are:

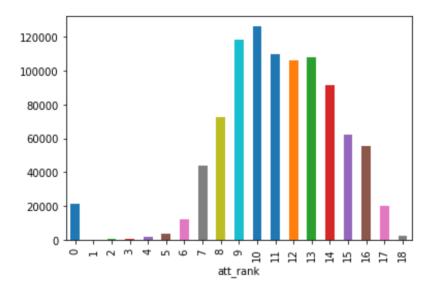
- hp_dmg
- hitbox
- att rank
- vic_rank
- avg_match_rank

```
data = normalizedData[['hp_dmg', 'hitbox','att_rank','vic_rank',
'avg match_rank']].copy()
# Creating new DataSet taking just the useful attributes
y = data['att_rank'] # Creating class array
X = data.copy()
del X['att_rank'] # Creating attributes matrix
X train, X test, y train, y test = train test split(X, y,
test_size=0.2,random_state=0)
# Splitting data in 80% for training and 20% for testing
print X_train.shape, y_train.shape # Printing number of training entries
print X test.shape, y test.shape # Printing number of testing entries
(764372, 4) (764372,)
(191094, 4) (191094,)
knn=neighbors.KNeighborsClassifier(n_jobs=-1,
n_neighbors=int(math.sqrt(len(X_train.index))))
# Creating an instance of KNN Classifier using as K the square root of the
knn.fit(X_train, y_train) # Training the KNN
y pred= knn.predict(X_test)
# Predicting the classes of testing entries
print accuracy_score(y_test,y_pred)
# Printing the accuracy comparing the true classes with the predicted ones
0.42515201942499503
```

Option for improvement --> reduce output classes

The accuracy is improved but is still not enough for our aim. Is not necessarry that we get the exact rank level, the important thing is that players could play with other players that have similar skill level, so we decided to reduce the number of ranks level to three (high, mid,low level) according to the following plotted graph. This decision drastically impove our model accuracy level and it will still being valid for the business case.

```
df.groupby('att_rank')['hp_dmg'].count().plot(kind='bar')
# Plotting the number of players for each rank
```



```
n_classes = 3 # Number of new total classes

# Grouping the classes
numeric_cats = {
    "att_rank": {0:"0", 1:"0", 2:"0", 3:"0", 4:"0", 5:"0", 6:"0", 7:"0",
    8:"0",
    9:"1", 10:"1", 11:"1", 12:"1",13:"1", 14:"1",
    15:"2", 16:"2", 17:"2", 18:"2"}
}
data.replace(numeric_cats, inplace=True)
data.head()
```

	hp_dmg	hitbox	att_rank	vic_rank	avg_match_rank
175379	0.28	0.0	1	0.55556	0.222222
903816	0.44	0.5	1	0.611111	0.444444
104196	0.13	0.0	2	0.833333	0.888889
33692	0.10	1.0	1	0.722222	0.666667

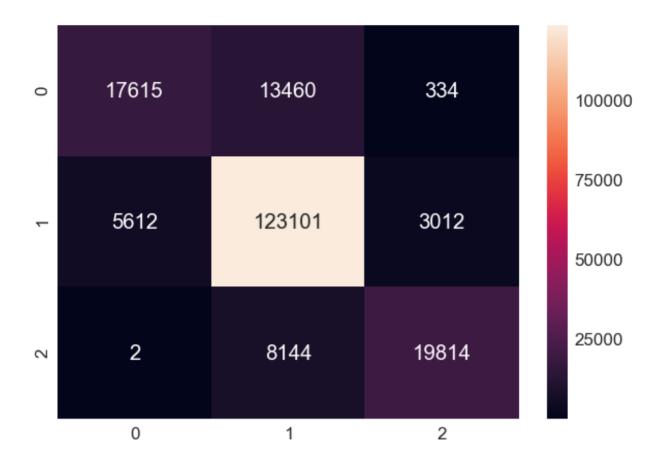
	hp_dmg	hitbox	att_rank	vic_rank	avg_match_rank
247244	0.15	0.0	2	0.888889	1.000000

```
y = data['att rank'] # Creating class array
X = data.copy()
del X['att rank'] # Creating attributes matrix using all the attributes
X train, X test, y train, y test = train test split(X, y, test size=0.2, rar
knn=neighbors.KNeighborsClassifier(n jobs=-1,
n neighbors=int(math.sqrt(len(X train.index))))
 # Creating an instance of KNN Classifier using as K the square root of the
knn.fit(X train, y train) # Training the KNN
y_pred= knn.predict(X_test) # Predicting the classes of testing entries
print accuracy score(y test,y pred)
# Printing the accuracy comparing the true classes with the predicted ones
```

0.8400577726145247

- Confusion Matrix:

```
print classification report(y test, y pred)
# Printing the accuracy comparing the true classes with the predicted ones
# Creating the confusion matrix and visualize it
cm=confusion matrix(y test, y pred)
df cm = pd.DataFrame(cm, range(n classes), range(n classes))
plt.figure(figsize = (10,7))
sn.set(font scale=1.7)
sn.heatmap(df_cm, annot=True, fmt='g')
                       recall f1-score support
            precision
         0
                 0.76
                          0.56
                                    0.64
                                            31409
         1
                 0.85
                           0.93
                                    0.89
                                           131725
         2
                           0.71
                                    0.78
                                            27960
                 0.86
avg / total
                         0.84 0.83 191094
                0.84
```



- Cross Validation:

```
clf = neighbors.KNeighborsClassifier(n_jobs=-1,
    n_neighbors=int(math.sqrt(len(X_train.index))))
# Creating an instance of KNN Classifier using as K the square root of the

sss = StratifiedShuffleSplit(n_splits=10)
# Provides train/test indices to split data in 10 train/test sets

scoresSSS = cross_val_score(clf, X, y, cv=sss, scoring='accuracy')
# Execute the cross validation

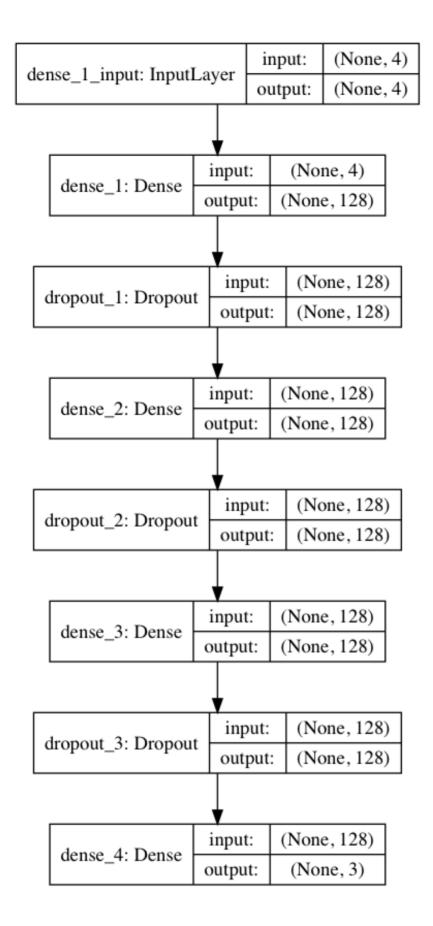
print(scoresSSS) # Print cross validation accuracy array

[0.84226611 0.84211959 0.84191026 0.84008917 0.84228704 0.84124044 0.839524 0.84009964 0.84067527 0.83962866]
```

Neural Network:

The Keras framework in combination with a TensorFlow backend was used to create the neural network. The architecture of the neural network is a feed forward network with 4 layers, one input and one output layer as well as 2 fully connected hidden layers. The network is trained using ~700'000 instances and validated using a 10-fold cross-validation.

```
import keras
import graphviz
import pydot ng as pydot
from keras.models import Sequential
from keras.utils import to_categorical, plot_model
from keras.layers import Dense, Dropout, Activation
from keras.optimizers import SGD
Using TensorFlow backend.
model = Sequential() # Initialazing new Keras sequential model
model.add(Dense(128, activation='relu', input_dim=4)) # Adding first layer
model.add(Dropout(0.5))
\# Adding Dropout layer by randomly selecting nodes to be dropped-out with \epsilon
for i in range(1,3):
   model.add(Dense(128, activation='relu')) # Adding two mid layer to the
    model.add(Dropout(0.5))
    # Adding Dropout layer by randomly selecting nodes to be dropped-out wi
model.add(Dense(3, activation='softmax'))
# Adding output layer to the Neural Network with 3 neurons
sgd = SGD(lr=0.001, decay=1e-6, momentum=0.9, nesterov=True)
# Initializing the optimizer for the model compiling
model.compile(loss='categorical_crossentropy', optimizer=sgd,
metrics=['accuracy']) # Compiling the model for a multi-class classification
pydot.find_graphviz()
plot model(model, to file='model.png',
show_shapes=True, show_layer_names=True) # Plotting neural network layers
```



```
y_trainBinary = to_categorical(y_train)
# Converting a class vector to binary class matrix.
hist = model.fit(X_train, y_trainBinary,validation_split=0.33,epochs=50,bat
# Training the Neural Network using 33% of training entries for validation
```

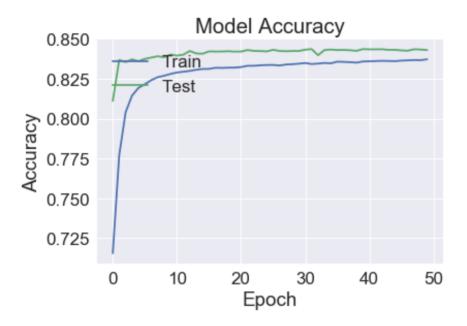
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Epoch 1/50
512129/512129 [===] - 15s 30us/step - loss: 0.6617 - acc: 0.7156 - val loss
Epoch 2/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.5094 - acc: 0.7771 - val loss
Epoch 3/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4748 - acc: 0.8040 - val loss
Epoch 4/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4611 - acc: 0.8144 - val loss
Epoch 5/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4524 - acc: 0.8193 - val loss
Epoch 6/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4467 - acc: 0.8215 - val loss
Epoch 7/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4422 - acc: 0.8241 - val loss
Epoch 8/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4400 - acc: 0.8260 - val loss
Epoch 9/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4370 - acc: 0.8269 - val_loss
Epoch 10/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4345 - acc: 0.8280 - val_loss
Epoch 11/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4333 - acc: 0.8289 - val loss
Epoch 12/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4317 - acc: 0.8294 - val loss
Epoch 13/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4304 - acc: 0.8299 - val loss
Epoch 14/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4295 - acc: 0.8306 - val loss
Epoch 15/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4283 - acc: 0.8311 - val loss
Epoch 16/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4278 - acc: 0.8312 - val loss
Epoch 17/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4276 - acc: 0.8319 - val loss
Epoch 18/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4263 - acc: 0.8318 - val loss
Epoch 19/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4257 - acc: 0.8319 - val loss
Epoch 20/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4257 - acc: 0.8320 - val_loss
Epoch 21/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4248 - acc: 0.8323 - val_loss
Epoch 22/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4242 - acc: 0.8331 - val_loss
Epoch 23/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4238 - acc: 0.8331 - val loss
Epoch 24/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4232 - acc: 0.8334 - val loss
Epoch 25/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4229 - acc: 0.8336 - val_loss
Epoch 26/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4229 - acc: 0.8336 - val_loss
Epoch 27/50
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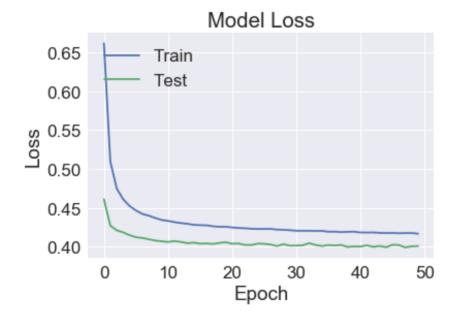
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512129/512129 [===] - 14s 27us/step - loss: 0.4230 - acc: 0.8333 - val lose
Epoch 28/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4221 - acc: 0.8339 - val loss
Epoch 29/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4218 - acc: 0.8341 - val loss
Epoch 30/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4213 - acc: 0.8344 - val loss
Epoch 31/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4206 - acc: 0.8349 - val loss
Epoch 32/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4205 - acc: 0.8342 - val loss
Epoch 33/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4205 - acc: 0.8345 - val loss
Epoch 34/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4203 - acc: 0.8349 - val_loss
Epoch 35/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4204 - acc: 0.8347 - val loss
Epoch 36/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4193 - acc: 0.8357 - val loss
Epoch 37/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4194 - acc: 0.8355 - val loss
Epoch 38/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4188 - acc: 0.8354 - val_loss
Epoch 39/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4192 - acc: 0.8351 - val_loss
Epoch 40/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 27us/step - loss: 0.4194 - acc: 0.8358 - val loss
Epoch 41/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4184 - acc: 0.8359 - val loss
Epoch 42/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4183 - acc: 0.8361 - val_loss
Epoch 43/50
512129/512129 [===] - 15s 29us/step - loss: 0.4184 - acc: 0.8362 - val loss
Epoch 44/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4179 - acc: 0.8361 - val lose
Epoch 45/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4176 - acc: 0.8360 - val_loss
Epoch 46/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4178 - acc: 0.8364 - val_loss
Epoch 47/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4174 - acc: 0.8365 - val loss
Epoch 48/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4177 - acc: 0.8367 - val loss
Epoch 49/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4176 - acc: 0.8366 - val_loss
Epoch 50/50
512129/512129 [===] - 14s 28us/step - loss: 0.4168 - acc: 0.8372 - val_loss
# Plotting history of training for accuracy
plt.plot(hist.history['acc'])
plt.plot(hist.history['val_acc'])
```

plt.title('Model Accuracy')

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plt.ylabel('Accuracy')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.legend(['Train', 'Test'], loc='upper left')
plt.show()

# Plotting history of training for loss
plt.plot(hist.history['loss'])
plt.plot(hist.history['val_loss'])
plt.title('Model Loss')
plt.ylabel('Loss')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.legend(['Train', 'Test'], loc='upper left')
plt.show()
```





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evals = model.evaluate(X_train, y_trainBinary,
batch_size=len(X_train.index)/10)
# Evaluating the training model
```

print evals # Printing the evaluation result

- Conclusion

In the beginning of the project it was found out that most of the attributes have no real correlation to the player rank. We decided to focus on those attributes that had a high correlation. Reducing the number of output classes from nineteen to three improved the accuracy of our model drastically while still being valid for the business case. The accuracy of the KNN and the neural network was comparable at around 84%. While it takes more time to train the neural network, the prediction is much faster than the KNN wich makes the neural network the better solution for this business case.

The model is now mostly based on how much damage a player does and what the rank of the victim player was. This could result in new players hunting the best player in a match to achieve a better skill rank and would interfere with the objective of this team based game. However as the rank of all opponents is hidden until the match is finished, this is only a hypothetical problem.