Hypothesis Testing on the European Soccer Database

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Database

European Soccer Database: https://www.kaggle.com/hugomathien/soccer

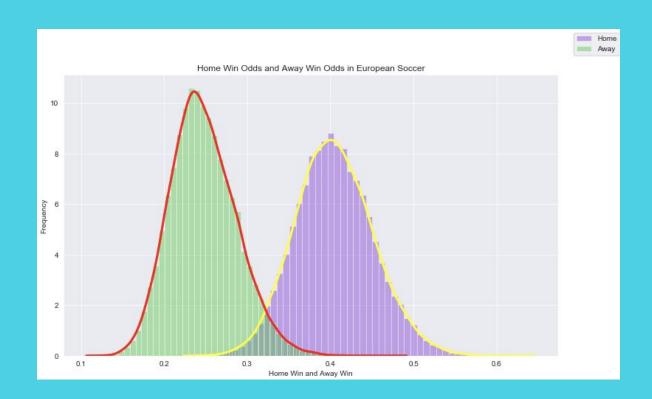


Hypothesis Testing

Three Questions asked during our Hypothesis Testing:

- Is there a statistical difference when a team plays in front of a home crowd?
- Is there a statistical significance in the odds of winning at home in England than in the rest of Europe?
- Is the higher away winning percentage in the Scottish Premier League statistically significant?

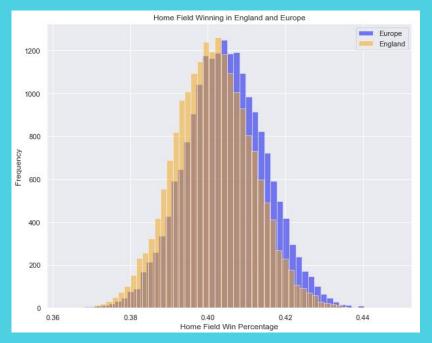
Do European Soccer Teams Win More at Home?



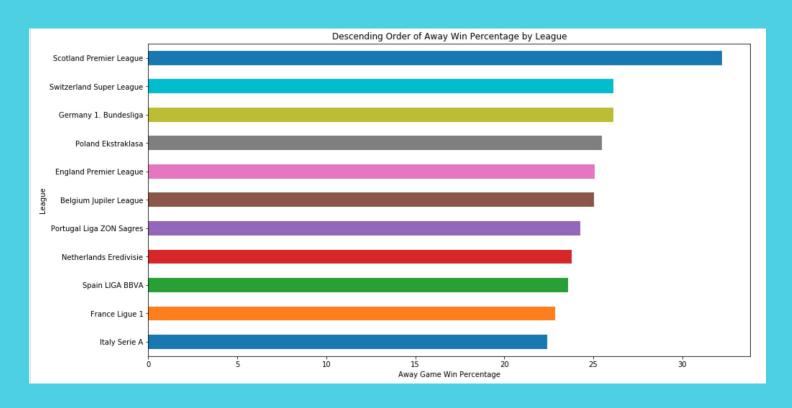
England Home Win %

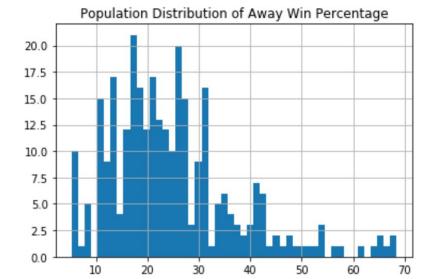
 H_0 : There is no difference in home win percentage between the English Premier League and the rest of Europe

 H_a : The English Premier League has a higher home win percentage than the rest of Europe

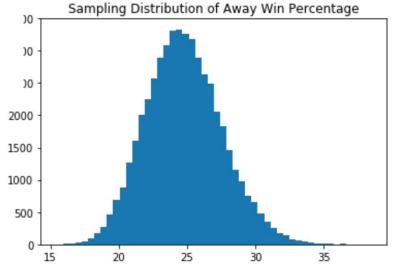


A Stark Difference in Away Win %





'Away_Win_%' Population Mean = 24.77 Standard Deviation = 12.42



p = 0.006725

Statistically significant at the 0.05 level

Conclusions

- There is indeed evidence for the proverbial 'home field advantage'
- There is a surprising amount of parity in European soccer
- Parity is even more pronounced in less renowned leagues

Future Improvements

- Spend more time with data
- Look into betting company data
- Create better predictors using Fifa data
- Spend more time with data