Week 6.1 - Understanding and Cleaning the NBA Shot Log Data

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We will use the 2016-2017 basketball shot log data to demonstrate how to test the hot hand.
library(tidyverse)
Import useful libraries and the shot log data
## -- Attaching packages ------ tidyverse 1.3.0 --
## v ggplot2 3.3.2
                     v purrr
                               0.3.4
## v tibble 3.0.3
                     v dplyr
                               1.0.0
## v tidyr
            1.1.0
                     v stringr 1.4.0
## v readr
            1.3.1
                     v forcats 0.5.0
## -- Conflicts -----
                                            ----- tidyverse_conflicts() --
## x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
                   masks stats::lag()
## x dplyr::lag()
library(lubridate)
##
## Attaching package: 'lubridate'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
##
      date, intersect, setdiff, union
Shotlog = read.csv("~/Google Drive/Sports Analytics Moocs/MOOC 1 - Foundations of sports analytics/Week
head(Shotlog)
    team_previous_shot player_position home_game location_x
## 1
                                           Yes
                                   SF
## 2
                MISSED
                                    С
                                            Yes
                                                       52
## 3
                SCORED
                                   SG
                                           Yes
                                                      239
## 4
                SCORED
                                   PG
                                           Yes
                                                      102
                SCORED
                                   PF
                                                      128
## 5
                                           Yes
## 6
                MISSED
                                   PG
                                                      210
##
    opponent_previous_shot home_team
                                              shot_type points away_team
## 1
                    SCORED
                                ATL
                                        Pullup Jump Shot
                                                                    WAS
## 2
                    SCORED
                                ATL
                                           Tip Dunk Shot
                                                             2
                                                                    WAS
```

```
##
     current_shot_outcome
## 1
                    MISSED
## 2
                    SCORED
## 3
                    SCORED
## 4
                    SCORED
## 5
                    MISSED
## 6
                    MISSED
dim(Shotlog)
## [1] 210072
                   16
```

Data Preparation

Missing Value

##

```
sapply(Shotlog, function(x) sum(is.na(x)))
##
       team_previous_shot
                                   player_position
                                                                   home_game
##
##
                location_x opponent_previous_shot
                                                                   home_team
##
                        397
##
                 shot_type
                                             points
                                                                   away_team
##
                          0
                                                   0
                                                                            0
##
                location y
                                               time
                                                                         date
##
                        397
                                                   0
                                                                            0
##
              shoot_player
                               time_from_last_shot
                                                                     quarter
##
                          0
                                              10000
##
     current_shot_outcome
```

Let's create some useful variables.

• Create dummy variables to indicate hit or miss of current shot and previous shot.

```
Shotlog$current_shot_hit = ifelse(Shotlog$current_shot_outcome =="SCORED", 1, 0)
head(Shotlog)
```

```
##
     team_previous_shot player_position home_game location_x
## 1
                                       SF
                                                 Yes
## 2
                  MISSED
                                        С
                                                 Yes
                                                              52
## 3
                  SCORED
                                       SG
                                                 Yes
                                                             239
                                       PG
                                                             102
## 4
                  SCORED
                                                 Yes
## 5
                                                             128
                  SCORED
                                                 Yes
## 6
                  MISSED
                                       PG
                                                 Yes
                                                             210
##
     opponent_previous_shot home_team
                                                    shot_type points away_team
## 1
                      SCORED
                                    ATL
                                             Pullup Jump Shot
                                                                    2
                                                                             WAS
## 2
                      SCORED
                                    ATL
                                                Tip Dunk Shot
                                                                    2
                                                                             WAS
## 3
                      MISSED
                                    ATL
                                                                    2
                                                    Jump Shot
                                                                             WAS
                                            Pullup Jump Shot
## 4
                      SCORED
                                    ATL
                                                                    2
                                                                             WAS
## 5
                      MISSED
                                    ATL Turnaround Jump Shot
                                                                    2
                                                                             WAS
## 6
                      SCORED
                                                                    2
                                    ATL
                                            Pullup Jump Shot
                                                                             WAS
##
                                     shoot_player time_from_last_shot quarter
     location_y time
                            date
## 1
            405 1:09 10/27/2016
                                    Kent Bazemore
                                                                     NA
                                                                               1
## 2
            250 1:11 10/27/2016
                                    Dwight Howard
                                                                      2
                                                                               1
## 3
            223 1:41 10/27/2016
                                                                     30
                                      Kyle Korver
                                                                               1
```

```
## 4
            385 2:16 10/27/2016 Dennis Schroder
                                                                     35
                                                                              1
## 5
            265 2:40 10/27/2016
                                                                     24
                                    Paul Millsap
                                                                              1
## 6
            267 3:07 10/27/2016 Dennis Schroder
                                                                     27
                                                                               1
     current_shot_outcome current_shot_hit
##
## 1
                    MISSED
## 2
                    SCORED
                                           1
## 3
                    SCORED
                                           1
## 4
                    SCORED
                                           1
## 5
                    MISSED
                                           0
## 6
                    MISSED
```

• Make sure the variable "date" is stored as a date type variable.

```
Shotlog$date = mdy(Shotlog$date)
```

• Convert the variable "time" to be datetime type variable We will use "hm" from the lubridate package to work with variable with only time information.

```
Shotlog$time = hm(Shotlog$time)
```

- Create lagged variable to indicate the result of the previous shot by the same player in the same game.
- 1. We will first sort the shot outcome by the time in the game;
- 2. We will group the data by player and game (date) and use the "lag" command to create a lag variable.

```
Shotlog = Shotlog %>% group_by(shoot_player, date) %>%
  mutate(lag_shot_hit = lag(current_shot_hit, order_by = time)) %>%
  ungroup()
head(Shotlog)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 18
##
     team_previous_s~ player_position home_game location_x opponent_previo~
##
     <chr>>
                      <chr>>
                                       <chr>
                                                      <int> <chr>
## 1 ""
                      SF
                                       Yes
                                                         97 SCORED
## 2 "MISSED"
                      С
                                                         52 SCORED
                                       Yes
## 3 "SCORED"
                      SG
                                       Yes
                                                        239 MISSED
## 4 "SCORED"
                      PG
                                       Yes
                                                        102 SCORED
## 5 "SCORED"
                      PF
                                       Yes
                                                        128 MISSED
## 6 "MISSED"
                      PG
                                                        210 SCORED
                                       Yes
## # ... with 13 more variables: home_team <chr>, shot_type <chr>, points <int>,
       away_team <chr>, location_y <int>, time <Period>, date <date>,
       shoot_player <chr>, time_from_last_shot <int>, quarter <int>,
## #
## #
       current_shot_outcome <chr>, current_shot_hit <dbl>, lag_shot_hit <dbl>
```

```
Shotlog = Shotlog %>% arrange(shoot_player, date, time)
```

We can sort the shot log data by player, game(date), and time of the shot. Notice that for the first shots of the game by the given players, the lagged outcome variable will have missing value.

Let's create a dataframe for average success rate of players over the season. Since the "current_shot_hit" variable is a dummy variable (=1 if hit, =0 if miss), the average of this variable would indicate the success rate of the player over the season.

```
Player_Stats = Shotlog %>% group_by(shoot_player) %>%
summarise(mean(current_shot_hit)) %>% ungroup()
```

'summarise()' ungrouping output (override with '.groups' argument)

head(Player_Stats) ## # A tibble: 6 x 2 ## shoot_player 'mean(current_shot_hit)'

• Let's rename the "current_shot_hit" variable in the newly created date frame as "average_hit".

```
Player_Stats = rename(Player_Stats, average_hit = 'mean(current_shot_hit)')
```

```
Shotlog = left_join(Shotlog, Player_Stats, by = 'shoot_player')
head(Shotlog)
```

We will use the player statistics to analyze the hot hand. So we will merge average player statistics dataframe back to the shot log dataframe.

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 19
##
     team_previous_s~ player_position home_game location_x opponent_previo~
##
     <chr>>
                      <chr>>
                                       <chr>
                                                       <int> <chr>
## 1 MISSED
                      C
                                       No
                                                         210 SCORED
## 2 SCORED
                      С
                                       No
                                                         308 SCORED
                      С
## 3 MISSED
                                       No
                                                         167 SCORED
                      С
## 4 SCORED
                                       No
                                                         131 MISSED
                      С
## 5 MISSED
                                       No
                                                          72 MISSED
                      С
## 6 SCORED
                                       Yes
                                                         882 SCORED
## # ... with 14 more variables: home_team <chr>, shot_type <chr>, points <int>,
       away_team <chr>, location_y <int>, time <Period>, date <date>,
       shoot_player <chr>, time_from_last_shot <int>, quarter <int>,
## #
       current_shot_outcome <chr>, current_shot_hit <dbl>, lag_shot_hit <dbl>,
## #
       average_hit <dbl>
```

• Create a variable to indicate the total number of shots recorded in the dataset for each player.

```
Player_Shots = Shotlog %>% count(shoot_player) %>% rename(shot_count = n) %>%
    arrange(desc(shot_count))
head(Player_Shots)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 2
##
     shoot_player
                        shot_count
##
     <chr>>
                             <int>
## 1 Russell Westbrook
                              1940
## 2 Andrew Wiggins
                              1568
## 3 DeMar DeRozan
                              1545
## 4 James Harden
                              1532
## 5 Anthony Davis
                              1525
## 6 Damian Lillard
                              1489
```

We should also note that players have different number of shots in each individual game. We will need to treat the data differently for a player who had only two shots in a game compared to those who had attempted 30 in a game.

• Create a variable to indicate the number of shots in each game for by each player.

```
Player_Game = Shotlog %>% count(shoot_player, date) %>% rename(shot_per_game = n)
head(Player_Game)
## # A tibble: 6 x 3
##
     shoot_player date
                             shot_per_game
##
     <chr>>
                  <date>
                                      <int>
## 1 A.J. Hammons 2016-11-09
## 2 A.J. Hammons 2016-11-23
                                          1
## 3 A.J. Hammons 2016-11-25
## 4 A.J. Hammons 2016-12-03
                                          2
## 5 A.J. Hammons 2016-12-07
                                          2
## 6 A.J. Hammons 2016-12-12
Shotlog = left_join(Shotlog, Player_Shots, by = 'shoot_player')
Shotlog = left_join(Shotlog, Player_Game,
                    by = c('shoot_player', 'date'))
head(Shotlog)
We will merge the shot count data frames back to the shot log dataframe.
## # A tibble: 6 x 21
     team_previous_s~ player_position home_game location_x opponent_previo~
##
                      <chr>
                                       <chr>
                                                      <int> <chr>
     <chr>>
                      С
## 1 MISSED
                                       No
                                                        210 SCORED
## 2 SCORED
                      C
                                       No
                                                        308 SCORED
                      С
## 3 MISSED
                                       No
                                                        167 SCORED
                      C
## 4 SCORED
                                       No
                                                        131 MISSED
## 5 MISSED
                      C
                                       No
                                                         72 MISSED
                      C
## 6 SCORED
                                                        882 SCORED
                                       Yes
## # ... with 16 more variables: home_team <chr>, shot_type <chr>, points <int>,
       away_team <chr>, location_y <int>, time <Period>, date <date>,
       shoot_player <chr>, time_from_last_shot <int>, quarter <int>,
       current_shot_outcome <chr>, current_shot_hit <dbl>, lag_shot_hit <dbl>,
       average_hit <dbl>, shot_count <int>, shot_per_game <int>
tail(Shotlog)
## # A tibble: 6 x 21
     team_previous_s~ player_position home_game location_x opponent_previo~
##
     <chr>
                      <chr>
                                       <chr>
                                                      <int> <chr>
## 1 MISSED
                                                        118 MISSED
                      C
                                       Yes
## 2 BLOCKED
                      С
                                       Yes
                                                        866 SCORED
## 3 SCORED
                      С
                                       Yes
                                                         58 MISSED
## 4 SCORED
                      С
                                                        239 SCORED
                                       Yes
## 5 MISSED
                      С
                                                         52 SCORED
                                       Yes
                      С
## 6 MISSED
                                       Yes
                                                        241 MISSED
## # ... with 16 more variables: home_team <chr>, shot_type <chr>, points <int>,
       away_team <chr>, location_y <int>, time <Period>, date <date>,
## #
       shoot_player <chr>, time_from_last_shot <int>, quarter <int>,
## #
       current_shot_outcome <chr>, current_shot_hit <dbl>, lag_shot_hit <dbl>,
## #
       average_hit <dbl>, shot_count <int>, shot_per_game <int>
```

```
Shotlog = Shotlog %>% arrange(shoot_player, date, time)
head(Shotlog)
```

We will sort the data again after merging.

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 21
##
    team_previous_s~ player_position home_game location_x opponent_previo~
##
     <chr>>
                      <chr>
                                      <chr> <int> <chr>
## 1 MISSED
                                                       210 SCORED
                      C
## 2 SCORED
                      С
                                                       308 SCORED
                                      No
                      C
## 3 MISSED
                                      No
                                                       167 SCORED
                      С
## 4 SCORED
                                      No
                                                       131 MISSED
                      С
## 5 MISSED
                                      No
                                                        72 MISSED
                      С
## 6 SCORED
                                      Yes
                                                       882 SCORED
## # ... with 16 more variables: home_team <chr>, shot_type <chr>, points <int>,
      away_team <chr>, location_y <int>, time <Period>, date <date>,
      shoot_player <chr>, time_from_last_shot <int>, quarter <int>,
## #
      current_shot_outcome <chr>, current_shot_hit <dbl>, lag_shot_hit <dbl>,
      average_hit <dbl>, shot_count <int>, shot_per_game <int>
## #
Shotlog$points = as.factor(Shotlog$points)
Shotlog$quarter = as.factor(Shotlog$quarter)
```

We will treat the "points" and "quarter" variables as factors.

Missing values

• Drop observations with missing value in lagged variable.

```
Shotlog = Shotlog %>% filter(!is.na(lag_shot_hit))
```

```
dim(Shotlog)
```

Let's take a quick look at the number of variables and the number of observations in our clean dataframe.

```
## [1] 185052 21
```

Save our updated data

```
write.csv(Shotlog, 'Shotlog1.csv', row.names=FALSE)
write.csv(Player_Stats, 'Player_Stats.csv', row.names=FALSE)
write.csv(Player_Shots, 'Player_Shots.csv', row.names=FALSE)
write.csv(Player_Game, 'Player_Game.csv', row.names=FALSE)
```