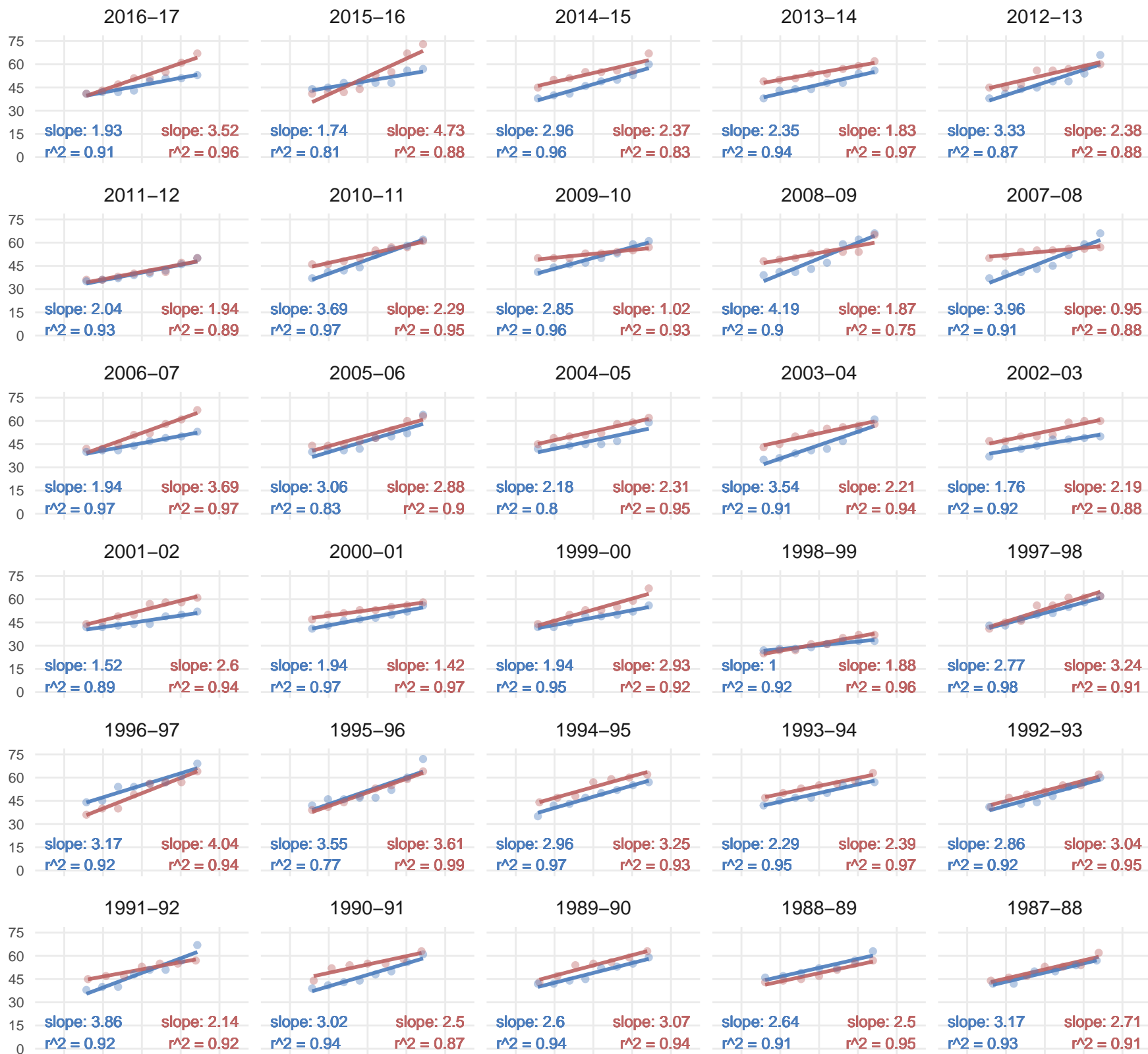


# "Top-Heaviness" and conference balance throughout NBA History

includes top 50% of teams from each conference, at each of the last 30 seasons (1987/88 – 2016/17)

conference — east — west



x axis: conference rank (flipped, so that further to the right = better team)

- >> a steep lines implies 'top-heaviness'
- >> a flat line implies 'competitive balance'
- >> a big difference between the east/west slopes implies a difference in top-heaviness
- >> a big difference between the east/west heights implies 'overall conference imbalance'