

Remote Pull from Soccer Players' Stats Database

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I was tasked to retrieve soccer players stats from a remote MySQL database for a local soccer Facebook group. Once I acquired the data, I will take a look at the overall structure and convert it to DataFrames. When the data is in a DataFrame, it will be easier to perform some exploratory data analysis. During the analysis, I will look at the database and look for insights. I will use MySQL functions, such as JOIN and GROUP BY. I will also create data visualizations of comparing the different player's stats.

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In [9]: # Importing the needed libraries

import mysql.connector
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
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I used the mysql connector library to connect to the remote MySQL database. I also used pandas to convert MySQL to a DataFrame and matplotlib.pyplot to create charts.

Explortary Data Analysis

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In [2]: # Connecting to the remote MySQL database
# and convert it to a DataFrame
# Getting a overview of the DataFrame

mydb = mysql.connector.connect(
    host = "*****",
    user = "*****",
    password = "*****",
    database = "*****"
)

mycursor = mydb.cursor()

sql = """
    SELECT
        *
    FROM
        Player
    """

player_df = pd.read_sql(sql, con = mydb)
player_df.head(10)
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Out[2]:      id  player_api_id      player_name  player_fifa_api_id      birthday  height  weight
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	id	player_api_id	player_name	player_fifa_api_id	birthday	height	weight
0	1	505942	Aaron Appindangoye	218353	1992-02-29 00:00:00	182.88	187
1	2	155782	Aaron Cresswell	189615	1989-12-15 00:00:00	170.18	146
2	3	162549	Aaron Doran	186170	1991-05-13 00:00:00	170.18	163
3	4	30572	Aaron Galindo	140161	1982-05-08 00:00:00	182.88	198
4	5	23780	Aaron Hughes	17725	1979-11-08 00:00:00	182.88	154
5	6	27316	Aaron Hunt	158138	1986-09-04 00:00:00	182.88	161
6	7	564793	Aaron Kuhl	221280	1996-01-30 00:00:00	172.72	146
7	8	30895	Aaron Lennon	152747	1987-04-16 00:00:00	165.10	139
8	9	528212	Aaron Lennox	206592	1993-02-19 00:00:00	190.50	181

In [3]:

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# Looking for players that are taller
# than, equal to 180 cm

mycursor = mydb.cursor()

sql = """
    SELECT
        *
    FROM
        Player
    WHERE height >= 180
    """

playersheight_df = pd.read_sql(sql, con = mydb)

playersheight_df.head(10)
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Out[3]:

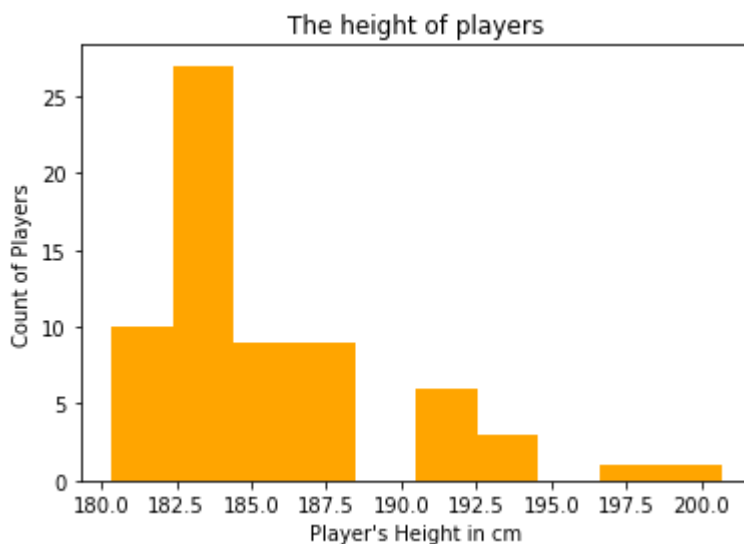
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4	9	528212	Aaron Lennox	206592	1993-02-19 00:00:00	190.50	181
5	11	23889	Aaron Mokoena	47189	1980-11-25 00:00:00	182.88	181
6	13	163222	Aaron Muirhead	213568	1990-08-30 00:00:00	187.96	168
7	17	161644	Aaron Taylor-Sinclair	213569	1991-04-08 00:00:00	182.88	176
8	18	23499	Aaron Wilbraham	2335	1979-10-21 00:00:00	190.50	159
9	20	46447	Abasse Ba	156626	1976-07-12 00:00:00	187.96	185

After performing a few primary exploratory data analyses. I want to dig a little deeper. I have noticed many players are taller than 180 cm (5 ft 10 inches).

Data Visualizations

I will perform the join function to combine two databases into one. Now I want to start creating some data visualizations. I will create a data visualization from the query about the player's height.

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In [4]: # Creating a histogram of players taller than and equal to 180 centimeters  
  
# data source  
height = playersheight_df["height"]  
  
# chart settings  
plt.subplots(figsize = (6, 4))  
plt.hist(height, color = "orange")  
plt.ylabel("Count of Players")  
plt.xlabel("Player's Height in cm")  
plt.title("The height of players")  
  
plt.show()
```



I will perform an inner join function to combine two tables into one. I will look at comparing the player's cumulative weight and height in an area chart.

In [5]:

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mycursor = mydb.cursor()

sql = """
    SELECT
        *
    FROM
        Player ply
    INNER JOIN Team t ON ply.id = t.id
    WHERE weight between 150 and 190
    """

playerweight_df = pd.read_sql(sql, con = mydb)

playerweight_df.head(10)
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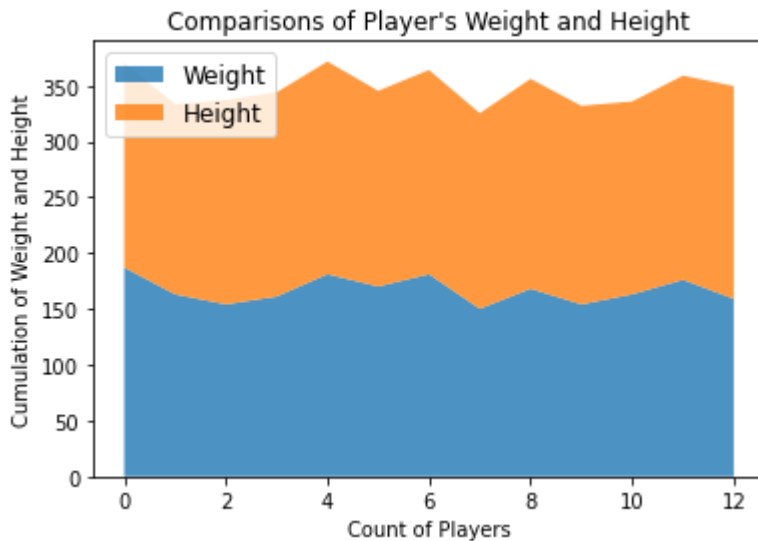
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	id	player_api_id	player_name	player_fifa_api_id	birthday	height	weight	id	team_api_id	t
0	1	505942	Aaron Appindangoye	218353	1992-02-29 00:00:00	182.88	187	1	9987	
1	3	162549	Aaron Doran	186170	1991-05-13 00:00:00	170.18	163	3	10000	
2	5	23780	Aaron Hughes	17725	1979-11-08 00:00:00	182.88	154	5	9984	
3	6	27316	Aaron Hunt	158138	1986-09-04 00:00:00	182.88	161	6	8635	
4	9	528212	Aaron Lennox	206592	1993-02-19 00:00:00	190.50	181	9	7947	
5	10	101042	Aaron Meijers	188621	1987-10-28 00:00:00	175.26	170	10	9985	
6	11	23889	Aaron Mokoena	47189	1980-11-25 00:00:00	182.88	181	11	8203	
7	12	231592	Aaron Mooy	194958	1990-09-15 00:00:00	175.26	150	12	8342	
8	13	163222	Aaron Muirhead	213568	1990-08-30 00:00:00	187.96	168	13	9999	
9	15	75489	Aaron Ramsey	186561	1990-12-26 00:00:00	177.80	154	15	4049	

```
In [6]: # Creating area chart of comparing player's weight & height

plt.stackplot(playerweight_df.index, playerweight_df["weight"],
              playerweight_df["height"], labels = ["Weight", "Height"],
              alpha = 0.8)
plt.legend(loc = 2, fontsize = "large")
plt.ylabel("Cumulation of Weight and Height")
plt.xlabel("Count of Players")
plt.title("Comparisons of Player's Weight and Height")

plt.show()
```



This area chart is interesting but, it is looking at the cumulative amount of the player's weight and height. I want to create a new table that has players with higher average ratings.

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In [7]: # Joining two tables into one of players name, overall rating and api ids
# Using aliases and group by

mycursor = mydb.cursor()

sql = """
SELECT
    patt.player_api_id,
    ply.player_name,
    AVG(patt.overall_rating) as rating
FROM
    Player_Attributes patt
INNER JOIN Player ply ON patt.player_api_id = ply.player_api_id
GROUP BY patt.player_api_id,
    ply.player_name
ORDER BY rating DESC
"""

newplayerlist_df = pd.read_sql(sql, con = mydb)

newplayerlist_df
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Out[7]:

	player_api_id	player_name	rating
0	23780	Aaron Hughes	71.692308
1	30572	Aaron Galindo	69.086957
2	162549	Aaron Doran	67.000000
3	155782	Aaron Cresswell	66.969697
4	505040	Aaron Appleton	62.000000

In [8]:

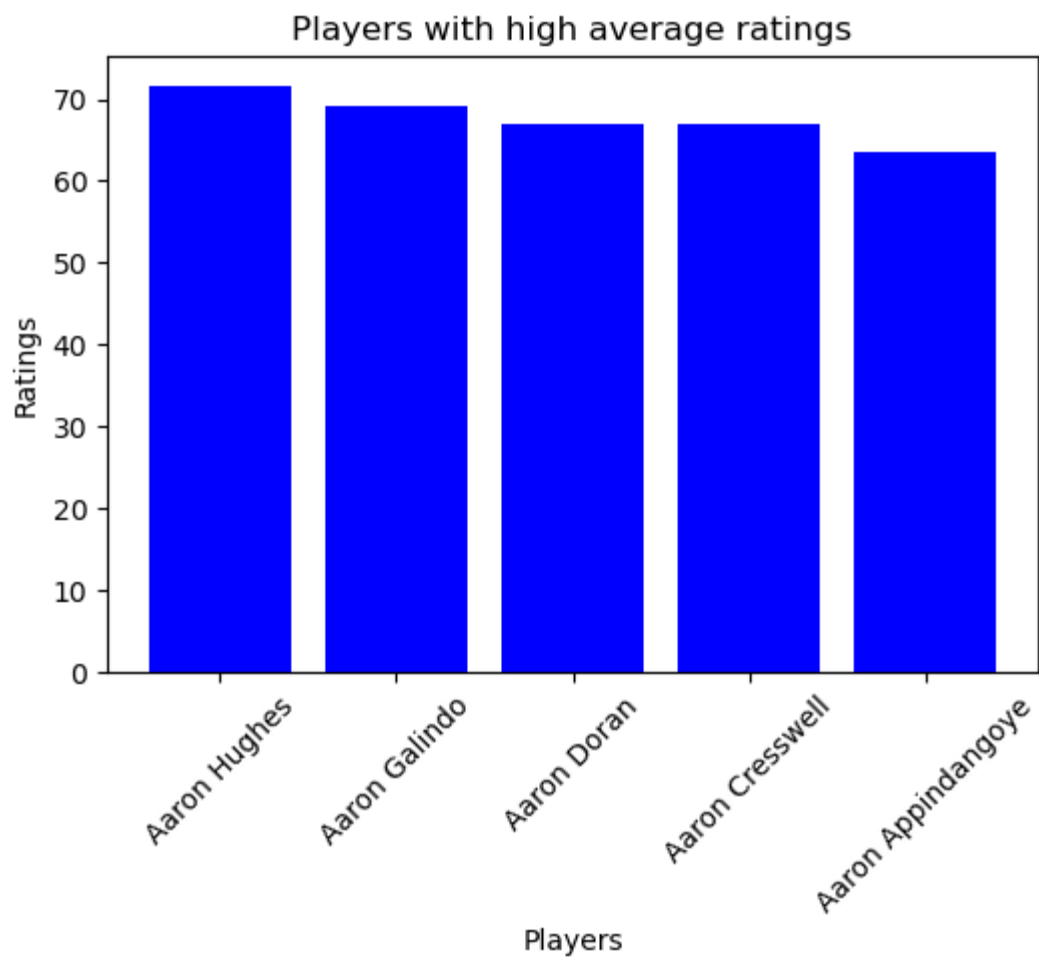
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# Creating a simple bar chart of players
# with high average ratings

plt.rcParams()
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize = (6, 4))

# data sources
players = newplayerlist_df["player_name"]
rates = newplayerlist_df["rating"]

# Chart settings
ax.bar(players, rates, color = "blue")
plt.xticks(rotation = 45)
ax.set_ylabel("Ratings")
ax.set_xlabel("Players")
ax.set_title("Players with high average ratings")

plt.show()
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