## Predicting the 2021 Fantasy Football Draft ARIMA

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1 Who should be the first pick drafted in the 2021 NFL Fantasy Draft? This project aims to predict players total points for next season to provide an objective ranking.

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[1]: # Import Libraries
     import pandas as pd
     import numpy as np
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
     import seaborn as sns; sns.set()
     import sklearn
[2]: \# df_{2020} = pd.read_csv('2020NFLFantasyStats.csv', header = 1)
     \# df_2020['Player'] = df_2020['Player'].str.split('\\').str[0].str.
     →replace('[+,*]','')
     # df_2019 = pd.read_csv('2019NFLFantasyStats.csv',header = 1)
     \# df_2019['Player'] = df_2019['Player'].str.split('\\').str[0].str.
      →replace('[+,*]','')
[3]: # Load in the Data
     list_of_names =
     → ['2020NFLFantasyStats','2019NFLFantasyStats','2018NFLFantasyStats','2017NFLFantasyStats','2
     df list = []
     for i in range(len(list_of_names)):
         temp_df = pd.read_csv( list_of_names[i] + '.csv',header = 1)
         temp_df['Player'] = temp_df['Player'].str.split('\\').str[0].str.
      →replace('[+,*]','').str.strip()
         df_list.append(temp_df)
[4]: # Add the year column to each dataset
     for dataset in df_list:
         df_2020 = df_list[0]
         df_{2020['Year']} = 2020
         df_2019 = df_list[1]
         df_{2019['Year']} = 2019
         df_2018 = df_list[2]
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     df_2016 = df_list[4]
     df_2016['Year'] = 2016
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     df_{2014['Year']} = 2014
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     df 2013['Year'] = 2013
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     df_2011['Year'] = 2011
     display(dataset)
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[5]: # Concat 2011-19 dataframes for the training data set
     frames = [df_2019, ]
      \rightarrowdf_2018,df_2017,df_2016,df_2015,df_2014,df_2013,df_2012,df_2011]
     train_df_2011_2019 = pd.concat(frames,ignore_index = True)
     # Test data set will be the 2020 season
     test_df = df_2020
[6]: # Create Dataframes for each position
     RB df = train df 2011 2019[train df 2011 2019['FantPos'] == 'RB']
     TE_df = train_df_2011_2019[train_df_2011_2019['FantPos'] == 'TE']
     WR_df = train_df_2011_2019[train_df_2011_2019['FantPos'] == 'WR']
     QB_df = train_df_2011_2019[train_df_2011_2019['FantPos'] == 'QB']
[7]: # Enter a string of the player you want stats for
     def player(player):
         player_df = train_df_2011_2019[train_df_2011_2019['Player'] == player]
         return player df
[8]: # Tom Brady Example
     Tom_Brady_df = player('Tom Brady')
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[9]: # Plot Function
def plot_f(player_name):

    df = player(player_name)

    Age = df['Age']
    Points = df['FantPt']

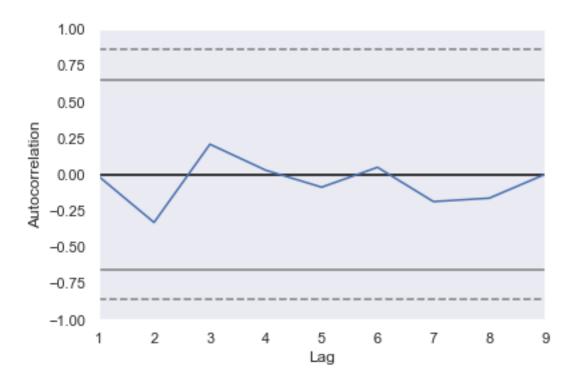
    plt.plot(Age, Points)
    plt.xlabel('Age')
    plt.ylabel('Fantasy Points Scored')
    plt.title(player_name + ' Career Fantasy Points Scored')
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[10]: plot_f('Tom Brady')
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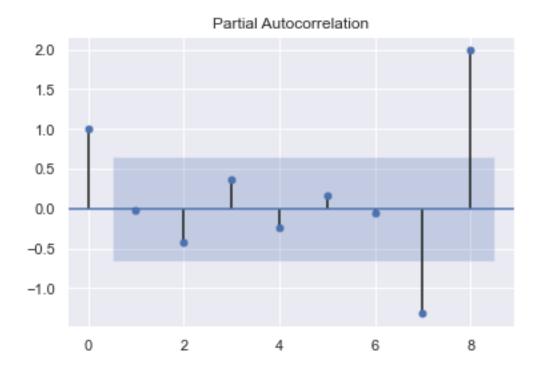
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[11]: from statsmodels.tsa.arima.model import ARIMA
  from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error
  from pandas.plotting import autocorrelation_plot

# ACF Plot Function
  def acf_plot_f(player_name):
     autocorrelation_plot(player(player_name).FantPt)
     plt.show()
[12]: acf_plot_f('Tom Brady')
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[13]: from statsmodels.graphics.tsaplots import plot_pacf
# Partial Autocorrelation Function
def pacf_plot_f(player_name):
    plot_pacf(player(player_name).FantPt)
    plt.show()
[14]: pacf_plot_f('Tom Brady')
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[15]: # ARIMA Model
# import warnings

# # Function to forecast number of fantasy points in a standard fantasy league

def forecast_f(player_name):
    qb_model = ARIMA(player(player_name).FantPt, order = (2,1,0))
    model_fit = qb_model.fit()
    forecast = model_fit.forecast(steps = 1)
return print(forecast)
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[16]: # # ARIMA Model
# import warnings

# Function to forecast number of fantasy points in a standard fantasy league

# def rb_forecast_f(player_name):
# rb_model = ARIMA(player(player_name).FantPt, order = (2,1,0))
# model_fit = rb_model.fit()
# forecast = model_fit.forecast(steps = 1)
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return print(forecast)
[17]: # ARIMA Model
      # import warnings
      # # Function to forecast number of fantasy points in a standard fantasy league
      # def wr_forecast_f(player_name):
            wr_model = ARIMA(player(player_name).FantPt, order = (2,1,0))
            model_fit = wr_model.fit()
            forecast = model_fit.forecast(steps = 1)
            return print(forecast)
[18]: import warnings
      warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
      forecast_f('Tom Brady')
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[19]: # Function to return players 2020 fantasy points
      def actual_f(player_name):
          df = test_df[test_df['Player'] == player_name]
          actual = df['FantPt'].iloc[0]
          return actual
[20]: # Function to evaluate the ARIMA model using mean absolute error as our error
      \hookrightarrowstatistic
      def evaluate_arima_model(player_name, arima_order):
          model = ARIMA(player(player_name).FantPt, order = arima_order)
          model_fit = model.fit()
          forecast = model_fit.forecast(steps = 1)
          mean_absolute_error = np.mean(abs((actual_f(player_name) - forecast.
       \rightarrowiloc[0])))
          return mean_absolute_error
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[21]: order = (10,1,1)
evaluate_arima_model('DeAndre Hopkins',order)
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## [21]: 40.94534203196821

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[23]: # Function we use to build a pipeline
      def evaluate_models1(player_name, p_values, d_values, q_values):
          \#dataset = dataset[:1420]
          best_score, best_cfg = float("inf"), None
          for p in p_values:
              for d in d_values:
                  for q in q_values:
                      order = (p,d,q)
                      try:
                           mae = evaluate_arima_model(player_name, order)
                           if mae < best_score:</pre>
                              best_score, best_cfg = mae, order
                           #print('ARIMA%s MAE=%.3f' % (order, mae))
                      except:
                           continue
          print('Player:%s MAE=%.3f' % (player_name, best_score))
          return best_cfg
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2 Player Forecast Function. enter player name and it will return the project fantasy points for the 2021 season. Optimizes ARIMA for each player as a QB's career trajectory is vastly different from a Running Back

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[30]: def forecast_f_2021(player_name):
    p_values = [0, 1, 2,3, 4,5]
    d_values = range(0, 3)
    q_values = range(0, 10)

best_cfg = evaluate_models1(player_name, p_values, d_values, q_values)
    rb_model = ARIMA(player(player_name).FantPt, order = best_cfg)
    model_fit = rb_model.fit()
    forecast = model_fit.forecast(steps = 2).iloc[1].round(decimals = 2)

return print(player_name + ' Is projected: ' + str(forecast) + ' Fantasy_
points for the 2021 season. ')
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[25]: # Forecast Function for the pipeline

def forecast_f_2021_actual(player_name):
    p_values = [0, 1, 2,3, 4,5]
    d_values = range(0, 3)
    q_values = range(0, 5)

best_cfg = evaluate_models1(player_name, p_values, d_values, q_values)
    rb_model = ARIMA(player(player_name).FantPt, order = best_cfg)
    model_fit = rb_model.fit()
    forecast = model_fit.forecast(steps = 2).iloc[1].round(decimals = 2)

return forecast
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[26]: # Projected top 8 picks according to FantasyPros.com

projected_top_8 = ['Christian McCaffrey','Dalvin Cook','Derrick Henry','Saquon_

Barkley','Alvin Kamara','Ezekiel Elliott','Aaron Jones','Nick Chubb']

# Empty DF

forecast_df = pd.DataFrame()

# Empty Forecast List we will use in the loop belw

forecast_list = []

#def rank_players(player_list):

for players in projected_top_8:
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# Obtain Forecast and Append to list
          player_forecast_2021 = forecast_f_2021_actual(players)
          forecast_list.append(player_forecast_2021)
      # Create name and Projected Fantasy Points DataFrame
      forecast_df['Name'] = projected_top_8
      forecast_df['Projected 2021 Fantasy Points'] = forecast_list
     Player: Christian McCaffrey MAE=15.180
     Player:Dalvin Cook MAE=55.717
     Player:Derrick Henry MAE=98.393
     Player: Saquon Barkley MAE=182.995
     Player: Alvin Kamara MAE=9.394
     Player: Ezekiel Elliott MAE=18.833
     Player: Aaron Jones MAE=2.512
     Player:Nick Chubb MAE=5.000
[27]: # View the DataFrame
      forecast_df
[27]:
                        Name Projected 2021 Fantasy Points
      O Christian McCaffrey
                                                      88.18
      1
                 Dalvin Cook
                                                      114.09
                                                      245.73
      2
              Derrick Henry
              Saquon Barkley
      3
                                                     295.00
      4
                Alvin Kamara
                                                      233.23
      5
            Ezekiel Elliott
                                                      234.64
      6
                 Aaron Jones
                                                      250.75
      7
                  Nick Chubb
                                                      197.00
[28]: # Sort DataFrame by Projected Fantasy Points
      forecast_df = forecast_df.sort_values('Projected 2021 Fantasy Points', u
       →ascending = False)
[29]: # Final Bar Plot showing project fantasy points
      font = {'fontname': 'Georgia'}
      plt.figure(figsize = (15,5))
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[29]: Text(0, 0.5, 'Projected Total Fantasy Points (Standard)')

