

Use machine learning to predict All NBA Team, Data Collection

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1 Scraping all nba team member

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[221]: from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
import pandas as pd
import requests
import numpy as np

# Define a function to change the season name for a easier prediction
def change_season_name(row):
    if pd.notnull(row['Season']):
        return row['Season'][:4]
    return row['Season']

def change_tm(row):
    if row['Tm'] == '1st':
        return 1
    elif row['Tm'] == '2nd':
        return 2
    else:
        return 3

def change_name_C(row):
    return row['C'][:-2]

def change_name_PF(row):
    return row['PF'][:-2]

def change_name_SF(row):
    return row['SF'][:-2]

def change_name_SG(row):
    return row['SG'][:-2]

def change_name_PG(row):
    return row['PG'][:-2]
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[806]: # 1. Leave all non-null data
# 2. Select the data from 1988-1989 season, since it is the first season having
↳ 3 all nba team
# 3. Rename the column by position on the court
# 4. Change Season and Tm to int for future visualization
# 5. Delete the position of players after their names

def data_cleaning():
    html = requests.get("https://www.basketball-reference.com/awards/all_league.
↳ html")
    soup = BeautifulSoup(html.content, 'html.parser')
    t = soup.findAll('table')

    df1 = pd.read_html(str(t))[0][:99]

    df1 = df1.rename(columns = {'Unnamed: 3': "C", "Unnamed: 4": "PF", "Unnamed:
↳ 5": "SF", "Unnamed: 6": "SG", "Unnamed: 7": "PG"})
    df1['Season'] = df1.apply(change_season_name, axis = 1)
    df1['Tm'] = df1.apply(change_tm, axis = 1)
    df1 = df1[pd.notnull(df1.Season)][['Season', 'Tm', 'C', 'PF', 'SF', 'SG',
↳ 'PG']]
    df1['C'] = df1.apply(change_name_C, axis = 1)
    df1['PF'] = df1.apply(change_name_PF, axis = 1)
    df1['SF'] = df1.apply(change_name_SF, axis = 1)
    df1['SG'] = df1.apply(change_name_SG, axis = 1)
    df1['PG'] = df1.apply(change_name_PG, axis = 1)

    return df1

def put_in_dict1(season_player_dict, season, player_list):
    season = int(season)
    if season not in season_player_dict:
        season_player_dict[season] = player_list
    else:
        season_player_dict[season] = season_player_dict[season] + player_list

def put_in_dict2(team_dict, name, season):
    season = int(season)
    if name not in team_dict:
        team_dict[name] = [season]
    else:
        team_dict[name].append(season)

def load_nba_team():
    data = data_cleaning()
    nba_team_year_dict = {}

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season_nba_team_dict = {}

for i, row in data.iterrows():
    season = row['Season']
    team = row['Tm']
    C = row['C']
    PF = row['PF']
    SF = row['SF']
    SG = row['SG']
    PG = row['PG']
    season_player_list = [C, PF, SF, SG, PG]

    put_in_dict1(season_nba_team_dict, season, season_player_list)

    put_in_dict2(nba_team_year_dict, C, season)
    put_in_dict2(nba_team_year_dict, PF, season)
    put_in_dict2(nba_team_year_dict, SF, season)
    put_in_dict2(nba_team_year_dict, SG, season)
    put_in_dict2(nba_team_year_dict, PG, season)

return nba_team_year_dict, season_nba_team_dict

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[807]: if __name__ == '__main__':
        nba_team_year_dict, season_nba_team_dict = load_nba_team()

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2 Scraping statistics for these players

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[ ]: from selenium import webdriver
from selenium.webdriver.support.ui import Select
import pickle
import time

driver = webdriver.Chrome('/Users/yhschan/Desktop/Data Science Project/
↳chromedriver')

START_YEAR, END_YEAR = 1996, 2020

TIME_DELAY_TEAMS = 5
TIME_DELAY_PLAYERS = 12

team_mapper_dict = {
    'Atlanta Hawks' : 'ATL',
    'Boston Celtics' : 'BOS',
    'Charlotte Hornets Old' : 'CHH', # deprecated
    'Chicago Bulls' : 'CHI',
    'Cleveland Cavaliers' : 'CLE',

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'Dallas Mavericks' : 'DAL',
'Denver Nuggets' : 'DEN',
'Detroit Pistons' : 'DET',
'Golden State Warriors' : 'GSW',
'Houston Rockets' : 'HOU',
'Indiana Pacers' : 'IND',
'Los Angeles Clippers' : 'LAC', # deprecated
'LA Clippers' : 'LAC',
'Los Angeles Lakers' : 'LAL',
'Miami Heat' : 'MIA',
'Milwaukee Bucks' : 'MIL',
'Minnesota Timberwolves' : 'MIN',
'New Jersey Nets' : 'NJN', # deprecated
'New York Knicks' : 'NYK',
'Orlando Magic' : 'ORL',
'Philadelphia 76ers' : 'PHI',
'Phoenix Suns' : 'PHX',
'Portland Trail Blazers' : 'POR',
'Sacramento Kings' : 'SAC',
'San Antonio Spurs' : 'SAS',
'Seattle SuperSonics' : 'SEA', # deprecated
'Toronto Raptors' : 'TOR',
'Utah Jazz' : 'UTA',
'Vancouver Grizzlies' : 'VAN', # deprecated
'Washington Bullets' : 'WAS', # deprecated
'Washington Wizards' : 'WAS',
'Memphis Grizzlies' : 'MEM',
'New Orleans Hornets' : 'NOH', # deprecated
'Charlotte Bobcats' : 'CHA', # deprecated
'New Orleans/Oklahoma City Hornets' : 'NOK', # deprecated
'Oklahoma City Thunder' : 'OKC',
'Brooklyn Nets' : 'BKN',
'Charlotte Hornets New' : 'CHA',
'New Orleans Pelicans' : 'NOP'
}

def change_team(row):
    row['TEAM'] = team_mapper_dict[row['TEAM']]
    return row['TEAM']

def adjust_hornets(row):
    if row['TEAM'] == 'Charlotte Hornets':
        return 'Charlotte Hornets Old' if row['Year'] <= 2001 else 'Charlotte_
↪Hornets New'
    return row['TEAM']

def is_selected(row):

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    year = row['Year']
    player = row['PLAYER']
    if player in season_nba_team_dict[year]:
        return 1
    return 0

def is_selected_last_year(row):
    year = row['Year']-1
    player = row['PLAYER']
    if player in season_nba_team_dict[year]:
        return 1
    return 0

# maps year to average league pace
html = requests.get('https://www.basketball-reference.com/leagues/
↳NBA_stats_per_game.html')
s_space = BeautifulSoup(html.content, 'html.parser')
t_pace = s_space.find('table')
df_pace = pd.read_html(str(t_pace))[0]
df_pace.columns = df_pace.columns.droplevel()

pace_lookup = {}
for i, row in df_pace.iterrows():
    if pd.notnull(row['Season']) and row['Season'] != 'Season':
        year = int(row['Season'][:4])
        pace_lookup[year] = row['Pace']
    if year == START_YEAR:
        break

# collect training df
df_train_list = []

# Scraping url for each season
for year in range(START_YEAR, END_YEAR):

    season_label = str(year) + '-' + str(year+1)[2:]
    print('Scraping stats.nba.com for {}'.format(season_label))

    url_trad_stats = '''https://www.nba.com/stats/players/traditional/?
↳sort=PTS&dir=-1
                                &Season={}&SeasonType=Regular%20Season'''
    ↳format(season_label)

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url_adv_stats = '''https://www.nba.com/stats/players/advanced/?
↪sort=PTS&dir=-1
                                &Season={}&SeasonType=Regular%20Season'''.
↪format(season_label)

url_teams = '''https://www.nba.com/stats/teams/traditional/?
↪sort=W_PCT&dir=-1
                                &Season={}&SeasonType=Regular%20Season'''.
↪format(season_label)

# Get Team rank and name
driver.get(url_teams)

time.sleep(TIME_DELAY_TEAMS)

s_teams = BeautifulSoup(driver.page_source, 'html.parser').find('table')
df_teams = pd.read_html(str(s_teams))[0]
df_teams['Year'] = year
df_teams.rename(columns = {'Unnamed: 0': 'Rank'}, inplace = True)

df_teams['TEAM'] = df_teams[['TEAM', 'Year']].apply(adjust_hornets, axis =
↪1)
df_teams['TEAM'] = df_teams[['TEAM']].apply(change_team, axis = 1)

# Get Traditional Stats
driver.get(url_trad_stats)

time.sleep(TIME_DELAY_PLAYERS)

# By js, only 50 players are displayed per page. We need to change this
↪using the dropdown select element
select = Select(driver.find_elements_by_xpath('/html/body/main/div/div/
↪div[2]/div/div/nba-stat-table/div[1]/div/div/select')[0])
select.select_by_visible_text('All')

s_traditional = BeautifulSoup(driver.page_source, 'html.parser').
↪find('table')
df_traditional = pd.read_html(str(s_traditional))[0].
↪dropna(subset=['PLAYER'])
df_traditional = df_traditional.iloc[:, 1:30]

# Get Advanced stats
driver.get(url_adv_stats)

time.sleep(TIME_DELAY_PLAYERS)

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select = Select(driver.find_elements_by_xpath('/html/body/main/div/div/
↳div[2]/div/div/nba-stat-table/div[1]/div/div/select')[0])
select.select_by_visible_text('All')

s_advanced = BeautifulSoup(driver.page_source, 'html.parser').find('table')
df_advanced = pd.read_html(str(s_advanced))[0].dropna(subset=['PLAYER'])
df_advanced = df_advanced.iloc[:, 1:24]

# Merge
df = df_traditional.merge(df_advanced[['PLAYER', 'OFFRTG', 'DEFRTG', '
↳NETRTG', 'TS%', 'USG%', 'PIE']], on = 'PLAYER')

# stitching it all together
df['Year'] = year
df['Avg Pace'] = df['Year'].map(lambda x : pace_lookup[x])
df = df.merge(df_teams[['TEAM', 'Rank']], on = 'TEAM')
df['PLAYER'] = df['PLAYER'].map(lambda x : 'Ron Artest' if x == 'Metta
↳World Peace' else x)
df['Selected?'] = df.apply(is_selected, axis = 1)
df['Selected Last Year?'] = df.apply(is_selected_last_year, axis = 1)

if year != END_YEAR:
    df_train_list.append(df)

driver.quit()

# Export to csv
pd.concat(df_train_list).to_csv('All_NBA_TEAM_train.csv', index = False)
df.to_csv('ALL_NBA_TEAM_test.csv', index = False)

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