

# DATA 101 Exam 1

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## Load packages and data

```
# load required packages here
library(tidyverse)

# read in the data here
nba <- read_csv("data/nba_salaries.csv")
```

## Questions

### Question 1

First, we will make a table to view the salaries of the NBA players in descending order by using the “select” and “arrange” functions to display the variables we want, in the order we want.

```
nba %>%
  select(player, salary) %>%
  arrange(desc(salary))
```

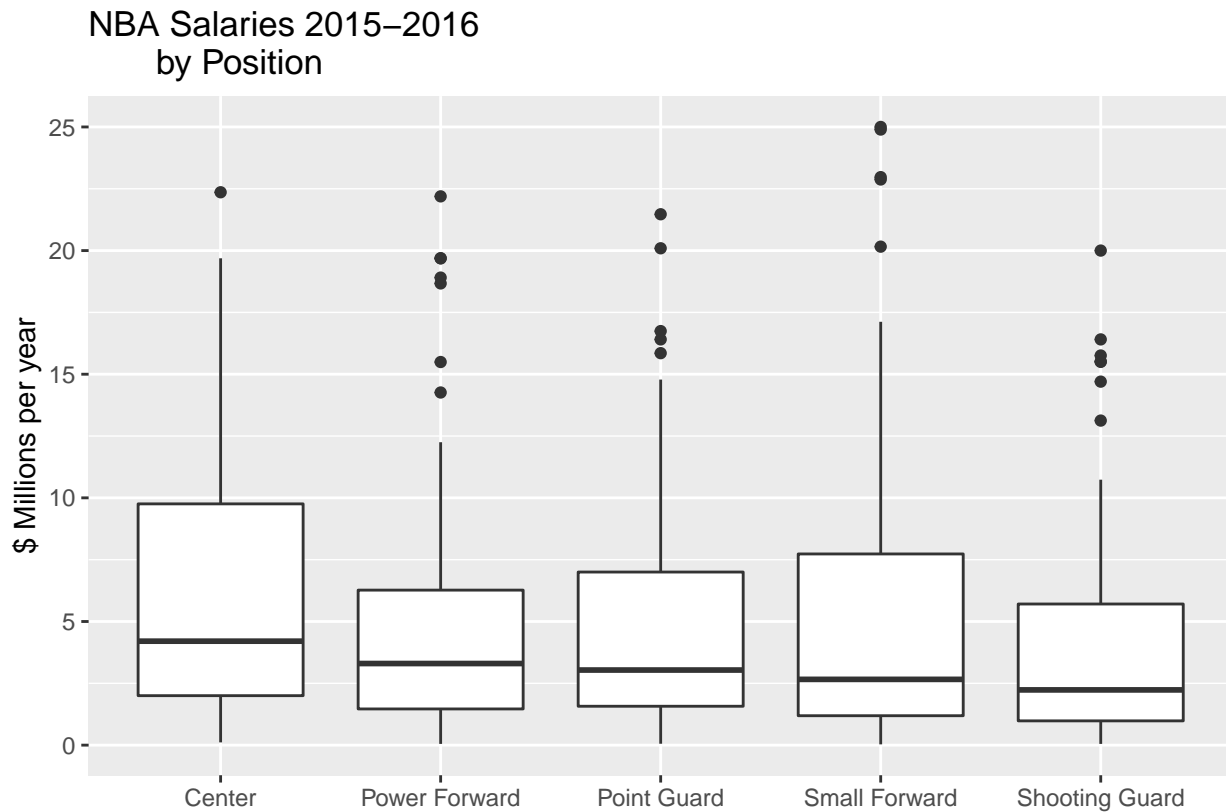
```
## # A tibble: 417 x 2
##   player      salary
##   <chr>      <dbl>
## 1 Kobe Bryant      25
## 2 Joe Johnson    24.9
## 3 LeBron James   23.0
## 4 Carmelo Anthony 22.9
## 5 Dwight Howard  22.4
## 6 Chris Bosh     22.2
## 7 Chris Paul     21.5
## 8 Kevin Durant   20.2
## 9 Derrick Rose   20.1
## 10 Dwyane Wade   20
## # ... with 407 more rows
```

From the table it is visible that Kobe Bryant has the highest salary of all the NBA players at \$25 million.

## Question 2

Now we will create a boxplot that compares the distribution of the players' salaries by position.

```
ggplot(data = nba) +  
  geom_boxplot(mapping = aes(x = position, y = salary)) +  
  labs(title = "NBA Salaries 2015-2016",  
        by = "Position",  
        x = "",  
        y = "$ Millions per year") +  
  scale_x_discrete(labels = c("Center", "Power Forward", "Point Guard", "Small Forward", "Shooting Guard"))
```



From this graph, we are able to see that the highest median salary is earned by players with the center position, while the lowest median comes from the shooting guard players. The ones who play center, however, also have a more even spread of their salaries, seeing as their interquartile range, or the middle 50%, is the largest of all the positions. There are also very little outliers in the center players' salaries, and there are several high outliers in all four of the other positions, so that is not to say that players playing a position other than center cannot earn a high salary.

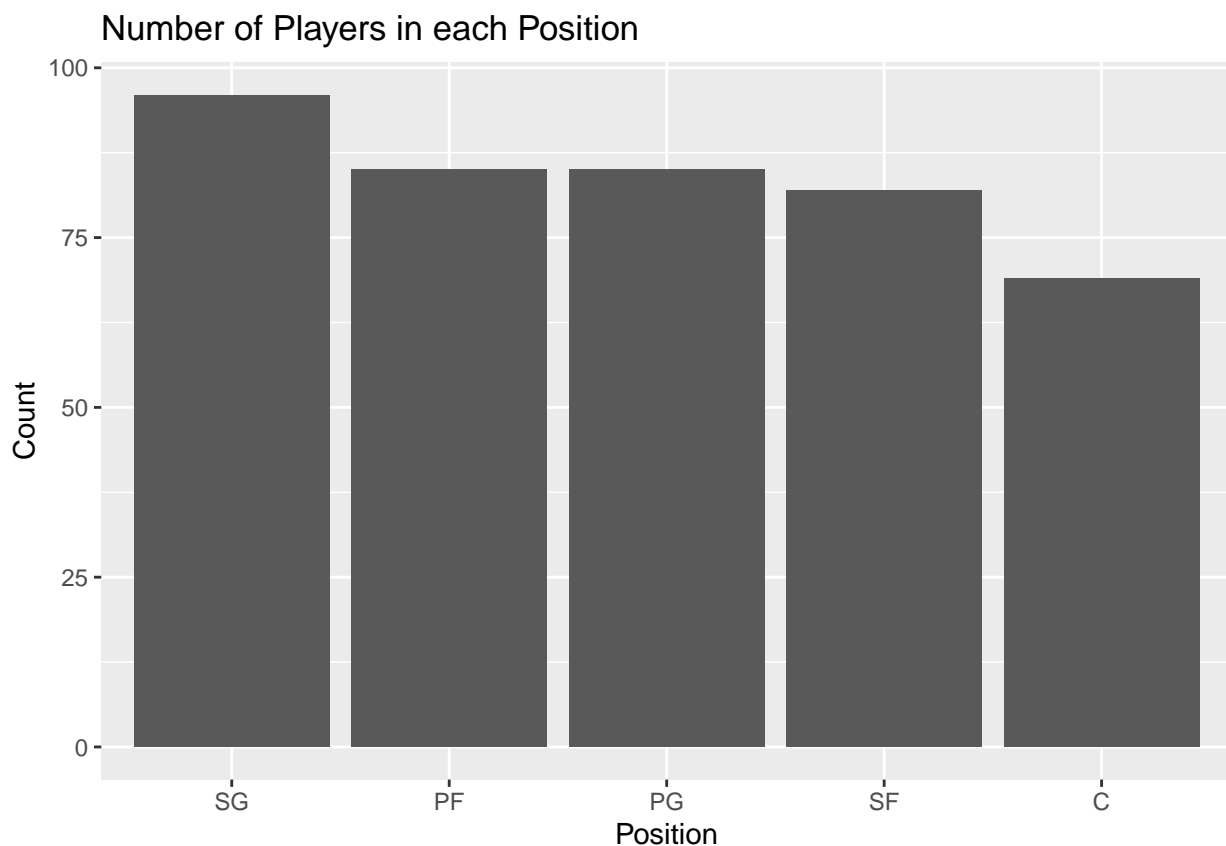
## Question 3

Now we will take a look at how many players there are in each position with “group\_by” and the “count” function.

```
nba %>%  
  group_by(position) %>%  
  count(position) %>%  
  arrange(desc(position))
```

```
## # A tibble: 5 x 2
## # Groups:   position [5]
##   position     n
##   <chr>    <int>
## 1 SG        96
## 2 SF        82
## 3 PG        85
## 4 PF        85
## 5 C         69
```

```
ggplot(data = nba, mapping = aes(x = fct_infreq(position))) +
  geom_bar() +
  labs(title = "Number of Players in each Position",
        x = "Position",
        y = "Count")
```



With this table and bar graph, it is visible that there are the most players in shooting guard at 96, while the center position has only 69, which is the least amount of players playing a certain position. Additionally, there are 82 playing small forward, 85 playing point guard, and 85 playing power forward.

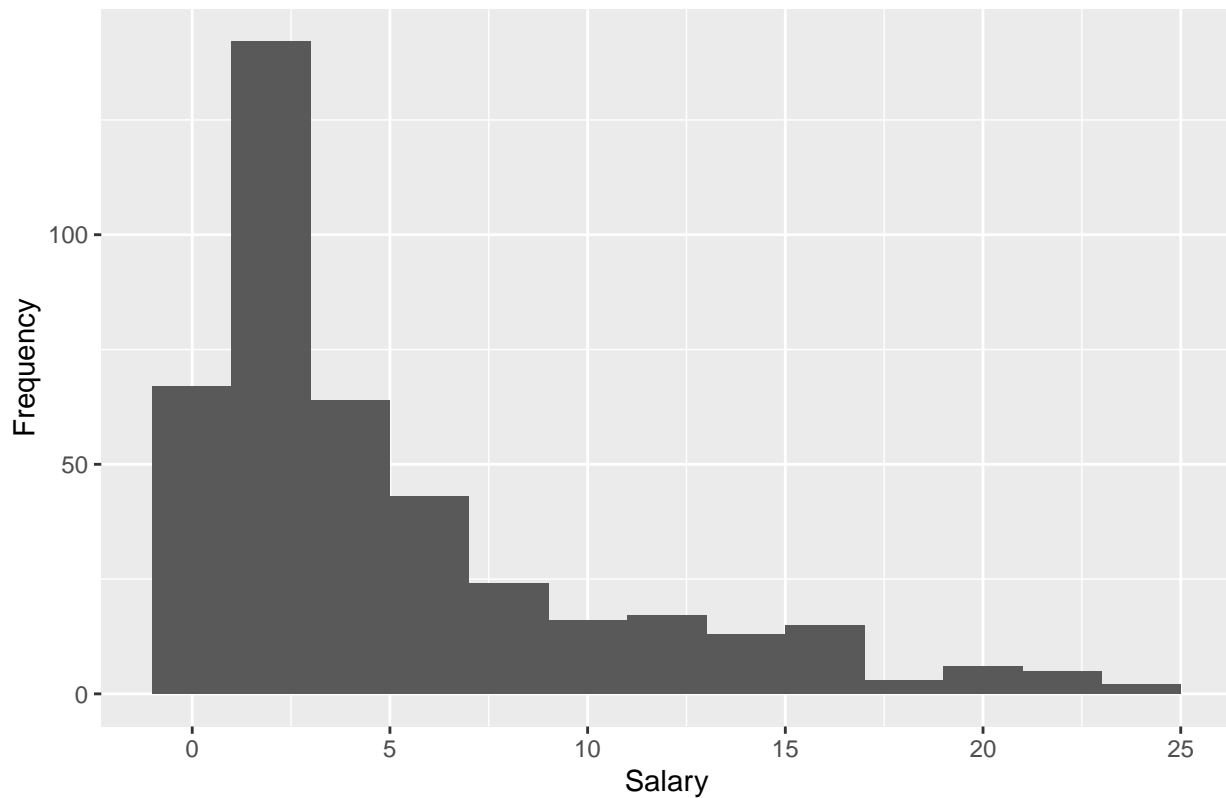
#### Question 4

Here a display is created in the form of a histogram to show the distribution of the salaries of the NBA players.

```
ggplot(data = nba) +
  geom_histogram(mapping = aes(x = salary), binwidth = 2) +
  labs(title = "Player Salary Distributions",
```

```
x = "Salary",
y = "Frequency")
```

### Player Salary Distributions



It is clear from this graph that a large number of players earned a salary between about \$1 million to \$3 million. It appears as though a large amount of players received a salary of up to \$10 million, but a minority of them receive more than that and very few reach \$20 million or more.

### Question 5

Here, the average salaries per player in each team will be displayed.

```
nba %>%
  group_by(team) %>%
  summarise(avg_salary = mean(salary)) %>%
  arrange(desc(avg_salary)) %>%
  top_n(10)
```

```
## `summarise()` ungrouping output (override with `.groups` argument)
```

```
## Selecting by avg_salary
```

```
## # A tibble: 10 x 2
```

```
##   team                avg_salary
##   <chr>                <dbl>
## 1 Cleveland Cavaliers    10.2
## 2 Houston Rockets        7.11
## 3 Miami Heat             6.79
## 4 Golden State Warriors  6.72
```

```
## 5 Chicago Bulls          6.57
## 6 San Antonio Spurs      6.51
## 7 Los Angeles Lakers     6.24
## 8 Sacramento Kings       6.22
## 9 Oklahoma City Thunder  6.05
## 10 Dallas Mavericks      5.98
```

As seen, the three top earning teams are the Cleveland Cavaliers earning \$10.2 million on average, Houston Rockets earning \$7.11 million on average, and Miami heat with \$6.79 million on average. The second and third highest earning teams do not have an extreme difference in average salaries per player, but the Cleveland Cavaliers have a high jump, with each player earning almost \$3 million more on average than the second highest earning team. It is possible that this may be due to the Cleveland Cavaliers having more famous basketball players that earn a salary that is considered to be an outlier.

## Question 6

Here we will create a new variable called “salary\_level” with three different levels regarding the salary a player makes: Low, Moderate, and High. Then, in a column called “proportion”, the proportion of players that fall within each salary level will be shown.

```
nba %>%
  mutate(salary_level = case_when(
    salary < 8 ~ "Low",
    salary >= 8 & salary <16 ~ "Moderate",
    salary >= 16 ~ "High"
  )) %>%
  count(salary_level) %>%
  mutate(proportion = n/sum(n)) %>%
  arrange(match(salary_level, "Low", "Moderate", "High"))

## Warning: Problem with `mutate()` input `^^--arrange_quosure_1`.
## i NAs introduced by coercion
## i Input `^^--arrange_quosure_1` is `match(salary_level, "Low", "Moderate", "High")`.

## Warning in match(salary_level, "Low", "Moderate", "High"): NAs introduced by
## coercion

## # A tibble: 3 x 3
##   salary_level    n proportion
##   <chr>      <int>      <dbl>
## 1 Low        326      0.782
## 2 High        22      0.0528
## 3 Moderate    69      0.165
```

As seen in the table above, there are 326 players that earn what we classify as a “low” salary, which is 0.782 of all players. Clearly, the majority of players (over 75%) earn what we call a “low” salary. There are 69 players that earn a “moderate” salary, making for 0.165 of all players, and only 22 players earn a “high” salary, which is 0.0528 of all players.

## Question 7

The following table will show the highest salary earned for each position in each team.

```
starters <- nba %>%
  group_by(team, position) %>%
  summarise(highest_salary = (max(salary)))
```

```
## `summarise()` regrouping output by 'team' (override with `.groups` argument)
print(starters)
```

```
## # A tibble: 147 x 3
## # Groups:   team [30]
##   team           position highest_salary
##   <chr>          <chr>          <dbl>
## 1 Atlanta Hawks   C              12
## 2 Atlanta Hawks   PF             18.7
## 3 Atlanta Hawks   PG              8
## 4 Atlanta Hawks   SF              4
## 5 Atlanta Hawks   SG             5.75
## 6 Boston Celtics  C              2.62
## 7 Boston Celtics  PF              5
## 8 Boston Celtics  PG             7.73
## 9 Boston Celtics  SF             6.80
## 10 Boston Celtics SG             3.43
## # ... with 137 more rows
```

I started this problem by creating a new dataframe with the new name and piping the nba dataset into the following functions. At first I started to use the select() function knowing that we would only display certain variables, but I later realized it was unnecessary. Since we are applying the maximum function in summarise to each position in each time, I grouped by the team and position. This gave me the new column that we needed, which I called highest\_salary. I had to use the print() function so that the table would actually display.

## Question 8

Now, the names will be shown for each player that corresponds to the highest earning salary for each position in each team.

```
starters <- left_join(starters, nba, by = c("highest_salary" = "salary", "position", "team"))
print(starters)
```

```
## # A tibble: 148 x 4
## # Groups:   team [30]
##   team           position highest_salary player
##   <chr>          <chr>          <dbl> <chr>
## 1 Atlanta Hawks   C              12    Al Horford
## 2 Atlanta Hawks   PF             18.7  Paul Millsap
## 3 Atlanta Hawks   PG              8    Jeff Teague
## 4 Atlanta Hawks   SF              4    Thabo Sefolosha
## 5 Atlanta Hawks   SG             5.75  Kyle Korver
## 6 Boston Celtics  C              2.62  Tyler Zeller
## 7 Boston Celtics  PF              5    Jonas Jerebko
## 8 Boston Celtics  PG             7.73  Avery Bradley
## 9 Boston Celtics  SF             6.80  Jae Crowder
## 10 Boston Celtics SG             3.43  Evan Turner
## # ... with 138 more rows
```

I approached this problem by thinking that I wanted to keep all the rows from the starters dataframe, and only add the players' names that corresponded to the highest salary. Therefore, I used a left\_join. I initially received many errors about the variable that I wanted to join by not existing, until I realized I needed to note that the "highest\_salary" in the starters dataframe contains the same information as the "salary" in the

nba dataframe. In addition, to have the players' names correspond to the correct team and position that they are a part of, I also had to join by the "position" and "team".

### Question 9

If we wanted to see in which instances there are multiple highest paid players within a position in a team, we can first group by the team and the position, since it is within those combinations that we are looking for multiple values. Then, we can simply count how many values of highest\_salary there are within a position in every team.

```
starters %>%
  count(highest_salary)

## # A tibble: 146 x 3
## # Groups:   team [30]
##   team          highest_salary     n
##   <chr>              <dbl> <int>
## 1 Atlanta Hawks           4         1
## 2 Atlanta Hawks          5.75         1
## 3 Atlanta Hawks           8         1
## 4 Atlanta Hawks          12         1
## 5 Atlanta Hawks          18.7         1
## 6 Boston Celtics          2.62         1
## 7 Boston Celtics          3.43         1
## 8 Boston Celtics           5         1
## 9 Boston Celtics          6.80         1
## 10 Boston Celtics          7.73         1
## # ... with 136 more rows
```

From the table produced, we can see that for example, the center position in Atlanta Hawks has three players that all have the same highest salary. There are multiple occasions where more than one player playing a certain position in a team earns the highest salary simultaneously, however, there are also many instances where there is only one player that has the highest salary.

### Question 10

```
starters_unique <- starters #[-c(Ian Mahinmi)]

#pivot_wider(names_from = position.x, values_from = player)

#values_fn = list
```