Questions:

Can I use all the features in the data while testing? How will you test the result against testing data?

Data Analysis:

- 1. There is an extra referee feature in test data.
- 2. There are empty rows in between training data.
- 3. "Index" column is absent in train data
- 4. Number of unique home teams and unique away teams = 159
- 5. Number of unique 'HomeTeam AwayTeam' pairs = 4168
- 6. For now ignore 'league' column
- 7. Correlation between 14 features on average over all matches assumes all data points (matches) are independent which is not the case. Their performance may have a time series relation.
- 8. Scatter plot Visualization between every pair of the 14 features
 - a. From correlation matrix and scatter plot: strongest positive relation is found between AS-AST, HS-HST (~0.6), AS-AC, HS-HC(~0.45), AF-AY, HF-HY (~0.34). So I can choose to skip either AS or AST in the data while training.

Data Preprocessing:

- 1. Removed rows with no feature data expect "league" name
- 2. Kept the rows with fewer features (Home team, Away team and FTR)
- 3. Deleted the Referee col in Test data to match the number of features in train and test. Also referee col was null.
- Make a dictionary of {'team name': 1, 'team name': 2 ... 'FTR': np.asarray([1, 0, 0])
 Initialize 12786x16x159 nparray: all_train
 Initialize 12786x1x3 nparray: all_valid

For every row in df:

row 1: 1 on home team and 1 on away team and rest 0s

row 2: 1 on home team and rest 0s (special reference to home team)

For all 14 features(rows) except FTR: 159 cols each with corresponding number in home and away team and rest 0s.

all_valid will take [100], [010], [001] for (win, loose or draw) from df['FTR'].

Technique:

This is a 3 class classification problem: H, A, D being the three classes.

Model 1: Logistic regression

a) From the confusion matrix, most samples are classified as class 1 (H). That could be because of skewness in the training data between samples -

Training data: 4152, 2497, 2298 Validation data: 1779, 1071, 985

Precision: class 1: 84%, Class II: 21%, Class III: 6%

Average Precision: 37%

Recall: Class I: 49.8%, Class II: 37.7%, Class III: 28.6%

Recall: 38.7%

b) With class weights: accuracy of other classes significantly improved.

Weight for Home team = log(total_samples/count_hometeam_wins)

class weights = {1: 0.76, 2: 1.27, 3: 1.35}

Precision: Class 1: 48%, Class II: 45%, Class III: 27.7%

Average Precision: 40%

Recall: Class 1: 58%, Class II: 35.7%, Class III: 27.1%

Average Recall: 40.2%

Accuracy = 40%

Model 2: Random Forest

- a) With equal class weights, no_of_estimators = 700, max_features = sqrt (auto): Similar numbers as logistic regression
- b) With number of estimators trees = 100 (ditto)
- c) With max features = log2
- d) With class weights: {1: 1, 2: 2, 3: 2}

Precision: Class 1: 43%, Class 2: 37%, Class 3: 50%

Average Precision: 43.3%

Accuracy = **41.8%**

Model 3: XGBoost

- a) With equal class weights: Worser numbers than above
- b) After parameter turning also bad performance
- c) With sample weights: {1, 2, 2}

Precision: Class 1: 32%, Class 2: 41%, Class 3: 30%

Average Precision: 34.3%

d) {1.5, 2, 2.5}

51.1, 13.6, 43.4

Average Precision: 36%

Accuracy = 41%

e) {1.5, 2.5, 2.5}

45, 36, 19

Average precision: 33%

f) {1.5, 2.5, 3}

38, 22, 49

Average: 36.3

Model 4: SVM

a) Same as above

Model 5, 6, 7: Neural network models: SimpleRNN, LSTM, Bidirectional LSTM

Using Titan V and Geforce 1080. For all the three neural networks above, accuracy is ~46%