

# Homework 3

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TOTAL: 50p

Reminder: In football draw is a half win. Number of teams per season might change even within given league

Noll-Skully number

Your goal is to calculate Noll-Skully number for football Chose any 4 leagues from f\_data\_sm on your own  
\* Calculate Noll\_Skully Number as a whole for all the seasons for the given league. (2p)

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countries <- c("England","Germany","Spain","Italy")
top_4_data <- f_data_sm %>%
  filter(COUNTRY %in% countries)

final_tables <- function(data, country){
  result <- c()
  for(season in unique(data$SEASON)){
    season_table <- final_table(data, country, season)
    league <- data[data$SEASON == season &
      data$COUNTRY == country,]$LEAGUE[1]
    season_table$SEASON = season
    season_table$COUNTRY = country
    season_table$LEAGUE = league
    result <- rbind(result, season_table)
  }
  cols <- colnames(result)
  len <- length(cols)
  result <- result[c("SEASON", "COUNTRY", "LEAGUE", cols[1 : (len-3)])]
  return(as.data.frame(result))
}

countries_standings <- function(data){
  result <- c()
  for(country in unique(data$COUNTRY)){
    country_standings <- final_tables(data, country)
    result <- rbind(result, country_standings)
  }
  return(result)
}

top_4_standings <- countries_standings(top_4_data)
top_4_standings$TW = round(top_4_standings$W + (top_4_standings$D)/2)
top_4_standings$WR <- top_4_standings$TW / top_4_standings$M
#Win Ratio = number of wins / number of games
#Tunned wins = number of wins + (number of draws)/2
#As already mentioned in the description the number of games played
#each season in football can change even in the same league,
#so in order to have a general metric for summarizing let's take
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#the mean of the number of games played in each season as an approximation
#We will use the exact number of games later,
#when analyzing the CB using season based approaches

#Version 1 teams_count
#Number of teams = number of games / 2 + 1
# teams_count <- top_4_standings %>%
#   group_by(COUNTRY) %>%
#   summarise(MEAN.TC = round(mean( M/2 + 1 )))
# id_s <- 0.5 / sqrt(teams_count)

mean_t <- function(M) {
  return(round( mean( M/2 + 1 ) ))
}

top_4_nsc_v1 <- top_4_standings %>%
  group_by(COUNTRY) %>%
  summarise(NSC = sd(WR) / ( 0.5 / sqrt(mean_t(M)))) %>%
  mutate(V = "V1") %>%
  arrange(desc(NSC))
#Now let's use count three draws as one win
top_4_standings$TW_v2 <- round(top_4_standings$W + (top_4_standings$D)/3)
top_4_standings$WR_v2 <- top_4_standings$TW_v2 / top_4_standings$M
top_4_nsc_v2 <- top_4_standings %>%
  group_by(COUNTRY) %>%
  summarise(NSC = sd(WR_v2) / ( 0.5 / sqrt(mean_t(M)))) %>%
  mutate(V = "V2") %>%
  arrange(desc(NSC))

# As we can see the competitive balance increased for all the leagues
# when using this type of calculations.
# The increase in the competitive balance
# means that the role of luck gets less decisive.
# However the changes are very slight and
# not significant, so I am not sure,
# but I believe that having these facts we can conclude
# that the draws in general do slightly affect the all time CB for these leagues, as
# when we give them less importance(v1: 2 draws = 1 win, v2: 3 draws = 1 win)
# the CB is increasing which can be translated into
# the decrease of the importance of the luck. I find this connection logical
# as if the CB is getting higher when we discard more draws,
# as we count 3 of them as a win. However when the CB is close to
# being balanced we expect more draws in general.
# Now let's imagine two simple examples.
# Suppose team X won 1 game and tied 10 times.
# If we want to transform the draws into wins using half principle
# We would say that X won 6 of its games, using 1/3 principle
# we would say that the team won 4 of its games.
# According to our approach, in general the discard of that two "won" games leads to
# increase in CB(decrease in luck importance).
# Using 1/3 principle the teams with most wins will get the
# highest portion of wins, and the teams with more draws
# will get lower rates in comparison to the rates

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# they would get using half principle(6 vs 4) and
# this will lead to higher variance in skill(CB). So the teams
# with draws the lower will become this variance in skill,
# which will increase the luck's importance as in
# general there would be more equal teams and more expected draws.

# I hope I have written something logical :)

#Version 2 matches count
# Let's use the same approach as for version one,
# but considering the number of games played
# rather than the number of the teams.
mean_m <- function(M){
  return(round(mean(M)))
}

top_4_nsc_v3 <- top_4_standings %>%
  group_by(COUNTRY) %>%
  summarise(NSC = sd(WR_v2) / ( 0.5 / sqrt(mean_m(M)))) %>%
  mutate(V = "V3") %>%
  arrange(desc(NSC))

top_4_nsc <- rbind(top_4_nsc_v1,
                  top_4_nsc_v2,
                  top_4_nsc_v3)

# As we can see all the approaches identified the same ranking
# of the leagues in terms of CB over all time, so let's check
# the differences in CB for the leagues for all of the approaches

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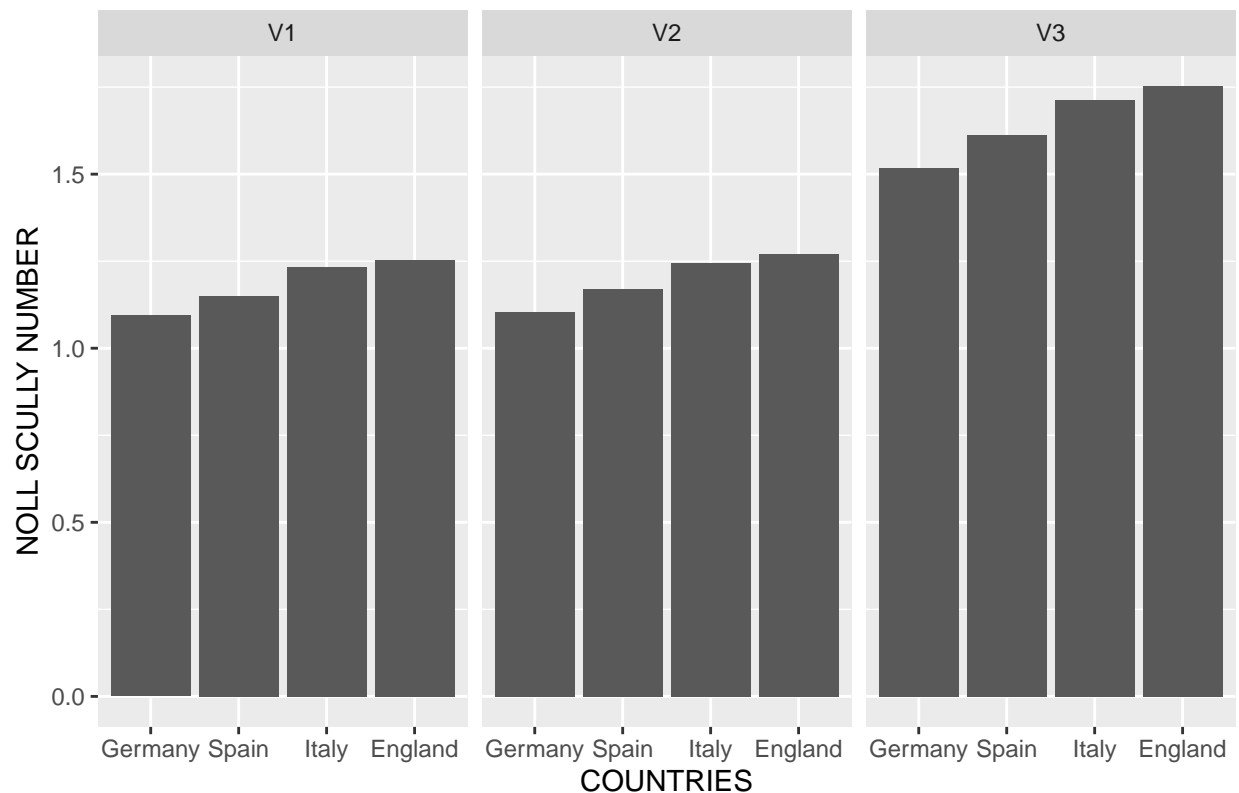
- Plot these numbers together and comment (6p)

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top_4_nsc %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = reorder(COUNTRY, NSC))) +
  geom_bar(aes(y = NSC), stat = "identity") +
  facet_grid(.~V) +
  labs(x = "COUNTRIES", y = "NOLL SCULLY NUMBER") +
  ggtitle("NOLL SCULLY NUMBER CALCULATIONS USING DIFFERENT APPROACHES")

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## NOLL SCULLY NUMBER CALCULATIONS USING DIFFERENT APPROACH



*# As we can see the differences in the leagues in terms of CB balances remain almost the same for V1 and V2, but become more sparse for V3. However this is mainly because of considering the number of matches instead of number of teams. I believe that using V3 is more relevant for football. As we know in general the Number of Games in a competition = (Number of teams - 1) \* 2, So addition of one team will lead to two more games, two teams = 4 more games and so on. In general, more the games, more the chances of change in CB. Supposing that we calculate ID\_S by the formula 0.5 / sqrt(FACTOR), where FACTOR is either 1) the number of games or 2) the number of teams. Unit increase in 1) leads to double of that increase in 2), the higher the denominator the lower the ID\_S which in case will lead to higher CB as  $CB = SD(WPCT) / ID_S$ . As number of games are derived from the number of teams (opposite is also true in general) and in general they are more important in CB as CB is more sensitive to it and becomes higher when regarding them as factor, In my opinion it is better to use number of games as a FACTOR for ID\_S*

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top_4_nsc %>%
  group_by(V) %>%
  summarise(SD = sd(NSC)) %>%
  arrange(desc(SD))
    
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## # A tibble: 3 x 2
##   V      SD
##   <chr> <dbl>
## 1 V3    0.106
## 2 V2    0.0757
## 3 V1    0.0740
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- Now do the same by season (6p)
- Plot and comment (8P)

Your goal is to find 2 leading and 2 lagging indicators for those leagues. Show correlation (on plot and calculating correlation coefficient) between these indicators and Noll-Skully number (or any other competitive balance metric on your choice). 20p

Explain why do you think these variables are leading or lagging. 10p