Comprehensive Analysis of Premier League Transfer Market Trends

Description:

Delve into the Premier League transfer market to analyze how various factors influence player transfer fees. Use SQL for data management and Python for statistical analysis and visualization. This project aims to uncover trends and insights about the economics of football transfers.

Steps:

1. Data Collection:

- Primary Dataset: Utilize the Football Transfers dataset from Kaggle.
- Supplementary Data:
 - Player performance stats from sources like <u>Whoscored</u> or FBref.
 - Player age, position, and contract length information.
 - Economic indicators such as inflation rates to adjust historical transfer fees.

2. Data Preprocessing:

- Data Cleaning:
 - Address missing values and correct any inconsistencies.
 - Normalize data formats, especially monetary values and dates.

Data Integration:

- Merge datasets using player IDs or names.
- Use SQL joins and subqueries to enrich your main dataset with additional attributes.

3. **SQL Integration:**

Advanced Queries:

- Write SQL queries to calculate total spending by clubs over seasons.
- Use grouping and aggregation to analyze spending patterns by league or position.

Data Extraction:

 Extract data subsets for specific analyses, such as transfers involving players under 21.

4. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):

Statistical Analysis:

- Calculate correlations between transfer fees and variables like player age, goals scored, or international caps.
- Use regression analysis to understand relationships between variables without building predictive models.

Trend Analysis:

- Examine how transfer fees have evolved over time.
- Adjust fees for inflation to compare historical and current transfers accurately.

5. Data Visualization:

Static Visualizations:

- Create scatter plots to visualize relationships between transfer fees and player performance metrics.
- Use bar charts to display top spending clubs or most expensive transfers by season.

Interactive Visualizations:

- Build dashboards using tools like Tableau, Dash, or Streamlit.
- Allow users to interact with data, such as filtering by club, league, or position.

6. Reporting and Insights:

Summary Report:

- Document your analytical process and key findings.
- Discuss which factors most significantly impact transfer fees.

Recommendations:

- Provide insights that could help clubs make informed decisions in the transfer market.
- Suggest potential undervalued players based on your analysis.

Out-of-the-Box Thinking:

Social Media Influence:

- Analyze whether a player's social media following correlates with their transfer fee.
- o Explore if clubs pay premiums for players with high marketability.

• Managerial Impact:

- Investigate how changes in club management affect transfer spending and player acquisitions.
- Assess if certain managers have tendencies to spend more on transfers.