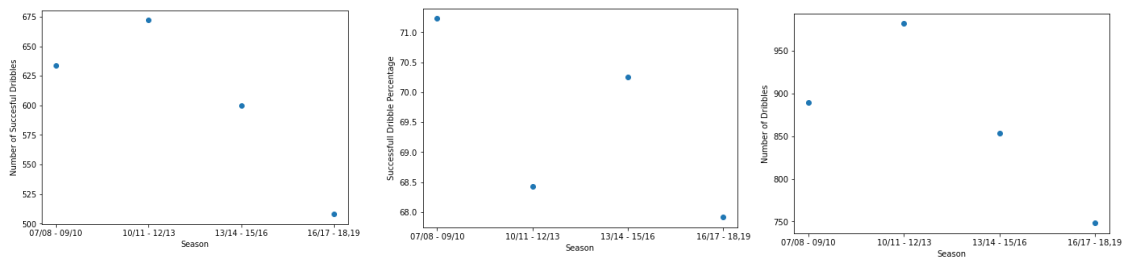
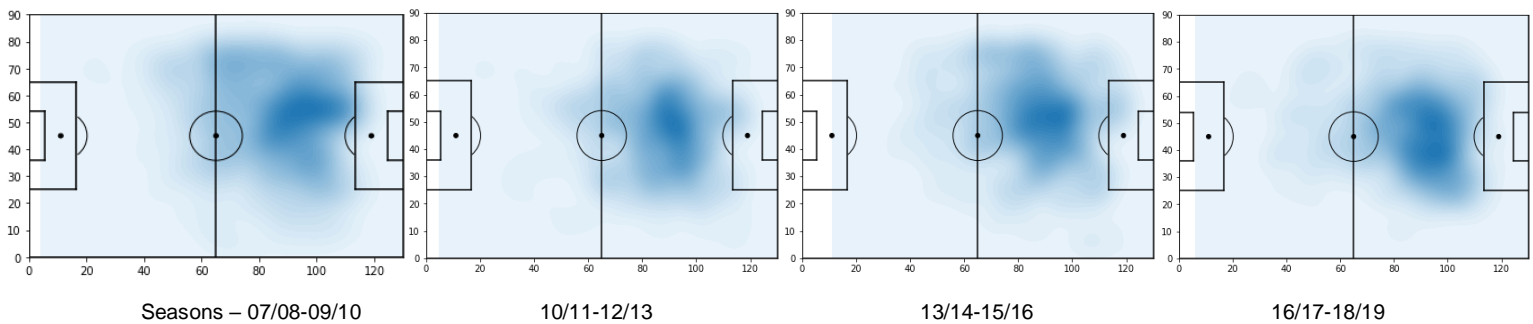


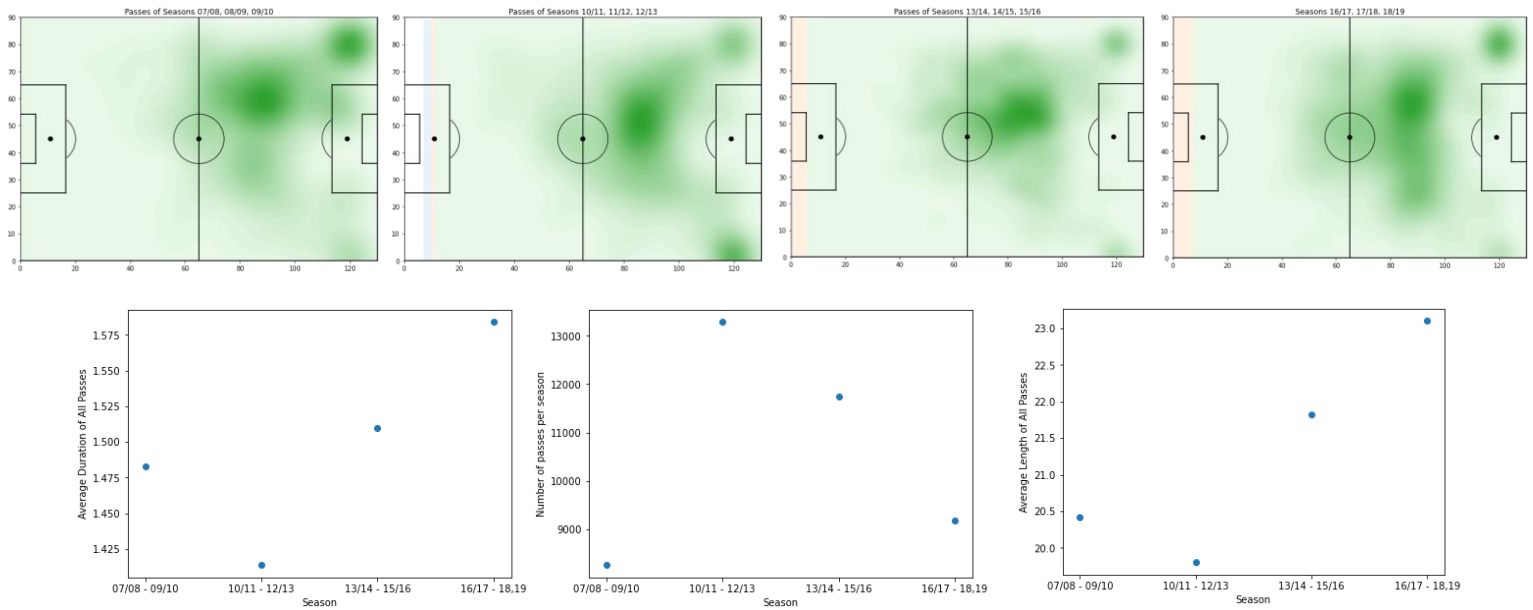
Messi Analysis

As an ardent fan of Lionel Messi and a Data Science enthusiast this is my first project stepping into Data Analysis/Visualisation based on free data by statsbomb. this analysis consists of comparison of 4 parts of his career of La Liga - Seasons 07/08-08/09-09/10, 10/11-11/12-12/13, 13/14-14/15-15/16, 16/17-17/18-18/19. I have analysed Messi's Dribbling, Passes, Passes Recieved and Goals and how these changed over the years.

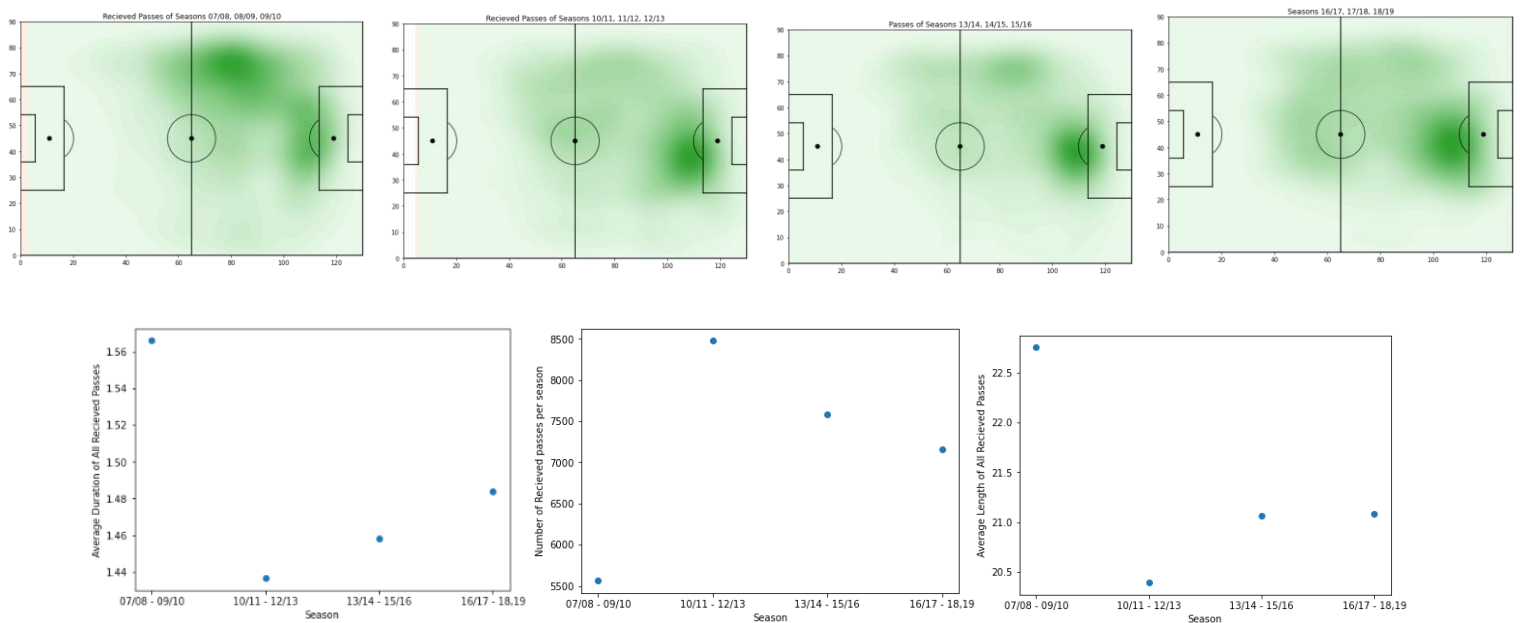
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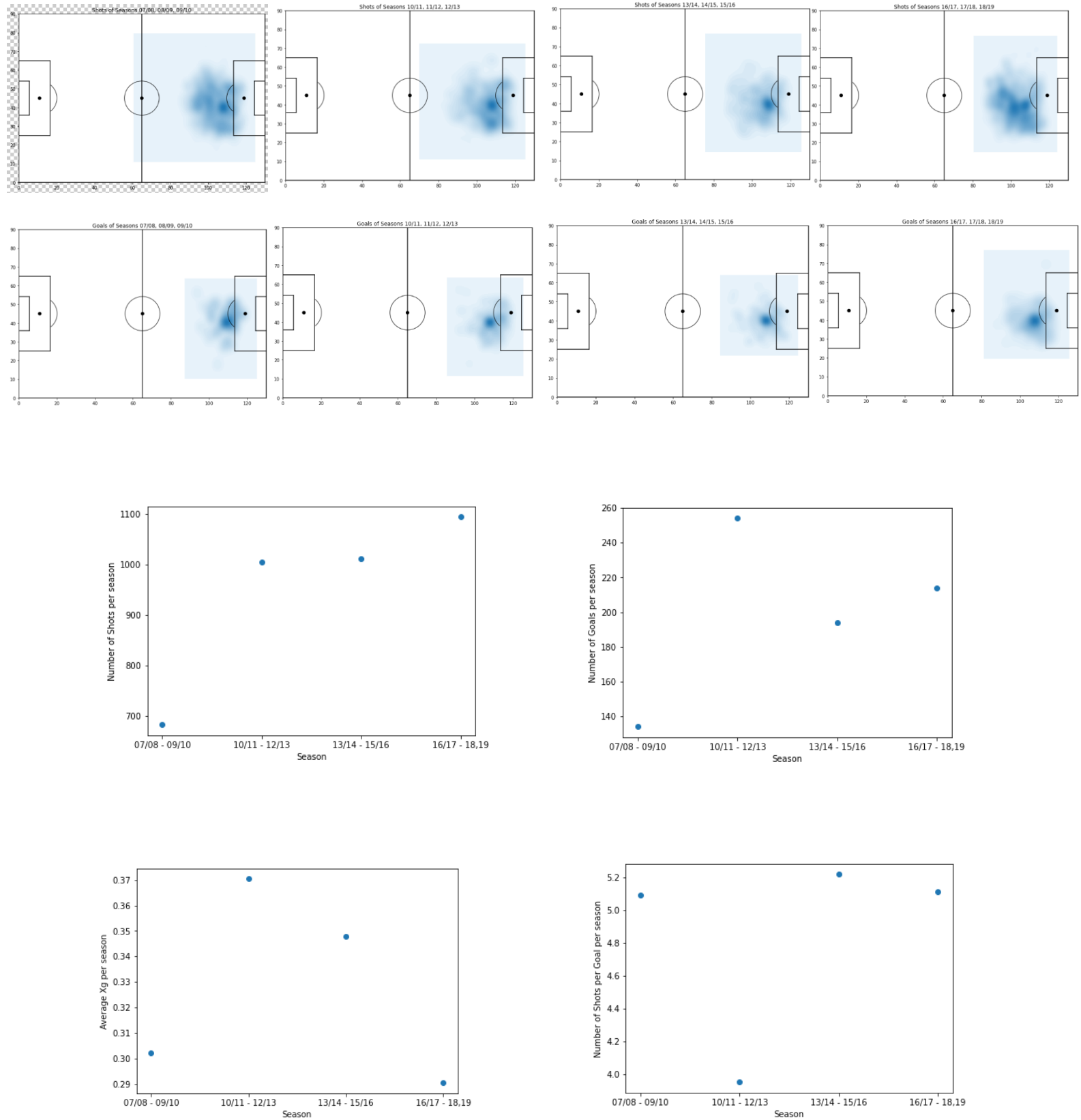
Passing Stats



Received Passes Stats



Shots and Goals Stats



Analysis

SEASONS - 07/08, 08/09, 09/10

As young Lionel being fast and pacy compared to his other years and having the highest Dribble successful percentage in his early days. Ronaldinho being the creative part of Barcelona, his through balls to Messi shows he has more goals shooting from the box. Messi has shots all over the attacking half, showing he was finding his right position and contributing to the team everywhere on the field as much as he can.

SEASONS - 10/11, 11/12, 12/13

Messi achieved the peak of his career here dominating in every stat possible. With Xavi and Iniesta dictating the midfield and famously known Tiki-Taka and with the more extraordinary mind of Pep Guardiola, Messi weaved magic in the field. With unbelievable shots to goal ratio and high XG shows us how clinical each shot was and his positioning to each shot. The very high number of passes and received passes show how Messi-Xavi-Iniesta combo constructed the attack of Barcelona. Messi being the target man and playing as false-9 to come back a little and dribble his way to the final third broke defences. Clocking highest number of goals in this period Messi owned football during these days.

SEASONS - 13/14, 14/15, 15/16

The beloved trio of Neymar-Suarez-Messi bromance constructed Barcelona attack in this period. Messi's transformation to playmaker more than a goalscorer started here. Neymar and Messi often shifting flanks and Suarez dragging the defenders, Messi explored the attacking third more and to give those assists to Suarez/Neymar to their attacking runs.

SEASONS - 16/17, 17/18, 18/19

With the departure of Neymar and Messi being the only creative lead in the team, he was more of a lone warrior. He fell back more to the midfield to collect the passes and carry on to attack. He started to dribble less and control the attack more. He has most shots during this period and significantly less XG showing the risk he is taking due to the lack of attacking prowess of Barcelona in this period.