

NFL Go For It!

In this project our goal is to help NFL coaches better determine when to attempt to go for a first down on a fourth down play.

Slide 2

Explain the data you chose to answer these questions and why it is relevant.

The Research Question

In football there are many decisions a team needs to make in order to win the game. In this project we focus on the decision that needs to be made on the 4th down of any given play. There are three decisions to be made on the fourth down.

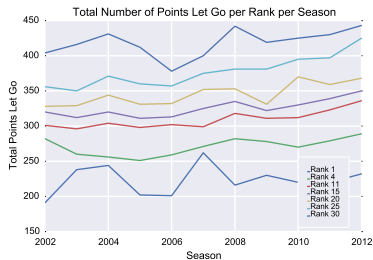
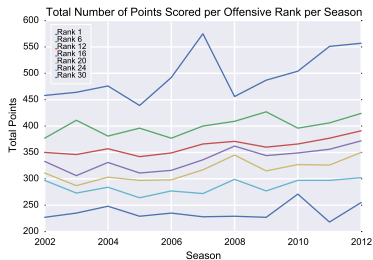
1. Punt
2. Kick a field goal
3. Go for a first down

In this project we try to determine which decision should be made under certain conditions. The following are the conditions which we take into account in determining the decision.

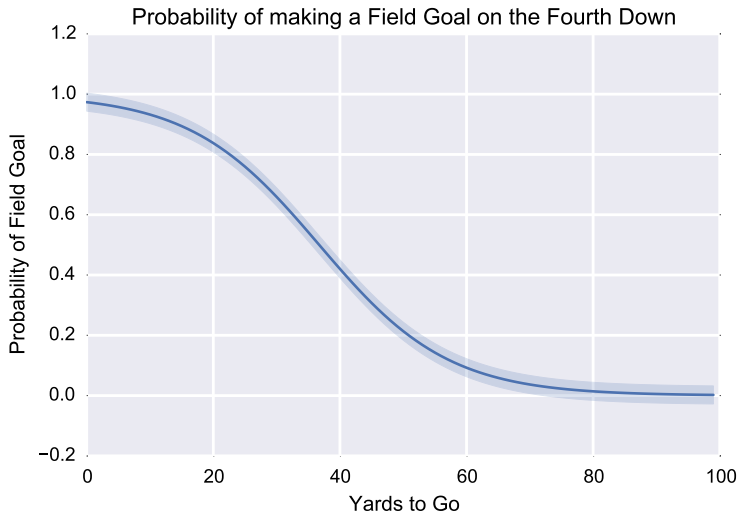
1. Offensive and defensive rank of the offensive team.
2. Offensive and defensive rank of the defensive team.
3. The number of yards to convert a first down.
4. The field position started from.

With this information from the data we were able to estimate the expected points scored for each of the of three decisions. Finally, with this information a decision can be made.

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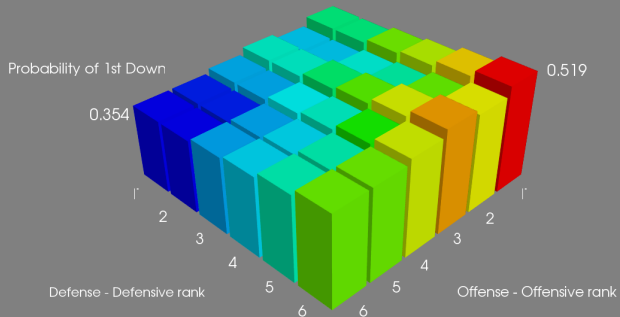


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Probability of Converting a First Down on the Fourth Down with 5-6 Yards to Go



*Note: 32 offensive and defensive ranks are binned into six groups, with 1 the best.

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