

Final Year Project: Evaluation and prediction of NBA players using advanced statistical methods

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Description: As a good practice, it can be interesting to apply your statistical knowledge to analyze the performance of NBA players. To conduct this final year project, you need to first collect the NBA player data from some publicly available webpages (e.g. <https://www.basketball-reference.com/players/>), and then apply some cutting-edge statistical methods to address the question(s) you are interested. For your reference, a few recent publications on analyzing NBA data are also listed as follows.

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