

Prediction of Football Games Results



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Motivation

Football statistic is the source of unlimited data with different quality as over the world, more than 100 official football games are played every day and a lot of different factors would impact each of those games, players, tactics, cards, injuries and etc.

Questions:

Can we predict future games results?

What data needed?

How efficient we can do this?




Problems

- As there is no data in correct format accessible by downloading or API connection, all of them should be collected manually
- Data for the current game, are correct only until the time, the game has started
- Bad data quality
- Some unpredictable games event (fans running to the field, injuries)
- Any two games will have their unique scenario

Example of input data

Example is following for the game Celta Vigo vs Granada

Page with statistics looks following:

Tournament	Apps	Goals	Shots pg	Discipline	Possession%	Pass%	AerialsWon	Rating
 LaLiga	7	5	8.1	28 0	38.1	68.7	16.6	6.43
 Copa del Rey	5	15	N/A	5 0	N/A	N/A	N/A	-
 Club Friendlies	5	6	N/A	0 0	N/A	N/A	N/A	-
Total / Average	17	26	8.1	33 0	38.1	68.7	16.6	6.43

Based on this statistic, we can have data in format:

Home team (Celta Vigo): 6.68,0,3,0,0,0,1,2,2,3,0,0,3,1,1,5,2,1,8,1,7,10,3,7,6,6,6,5,6,5,6,9,7,5,6,7,6,9,6,8,7,7,2

Away team (Granada): 6.87,2,0,2,0,0,2,1,0,2,1,2,0,1,4,5,5,6,8,1,7,10,3,6,8,6,7,7,1,6,9,7,6,8,7,6,6,7,7,6,2,6,5

Structure of model

Hidden layer 1 Consist of 56 units, with RELU activation.

Hidden layer 2 Consist of 28 units, with RELU activation.

Output layer Consist just of 2 units, with Linear activation.

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
dense_9 (Dense)	(None, 56)	3192
dense_10 (Dense)	(None, 28)	1596
dense_11 (Dense)	(None, 2)	58

Total params: 4,846
Trainable params: 4,846
Non-trainable params: 0

Validation

For this example, we will use data from 27.09.2021 games:

Crystal Palace vs Brighton

Celta Vigo vs Granada

Venezia vs Torino

Crystal Palace	Draw	Brighton
3,05	3,05	2,60
Exact scores:		
0-1		6,8
0-2		10,50
Celta Vigo		
Celta Vigo	Draw	Granada
1,66	3,95	5,60
Exact scores:		
1-0		6,9
1-1		7,20
Venezia		
Venezia	Draw	Torino
3,45	3,25	2,26
Exact scores:		
0-0		7,90
0-1		7,40

Validation

Teams		Model 1		Model 2		Model 3		Agenda:	
Crystal Palace	Brighton	0,02129224	0,16984874	0,016044421	0,10254879	0,041102193	0,14092396	Expected to win	
1	1	0,2129224	1,6984874	0,16044421	1,0254879	0,41102193	1,4092396	Expected to lose	
		0	2	0	1	0	1	Expected to drowe	
Celta Vigo	Granada	0,08358175	0,027207743	-0,09241221	-0,057339683	0,06111416	0,08069539	Predicted corrected result	
1	0	0,8358175	0,27207743	-0,9241221	-0,57339683	0,6111416	0,8069539	Predicted exact score	
		1	0	0	0	1	1		
Venezia	Torino	0,008526646	0,043268904	0,020941237	0,031503078	0,003891431	0,13276331		
1	1	0,08526646	0,43268904	0,20941237	0,31503078	0,038914313	1,3276331		
		0	0	0	0	0	1		
Models evaluation for 27.09.2021		Similar to odds:	2,00	Similar to odds:	1,00	Similar to odds:	2,00		
		Predicted:	2,00	Predicted:	1,00	Predicted:	0,00		
		Exact score:	1	Exact score:	0	Exact score:	0		
		Win:	11,81	Win:	3,25	Win:	0		
		Investment:	6	Investment:	6	Investment:	6		
		Benefit:	5,81	Benefit:	-2,75	Benefit:	-6		

Future development scenario

- Getting more data with better quality
- Updating model's structure
- Applying data from second categories tournaments

Extra example

England	Italy	0,20153251	0,22888476	0,10953673	0,08836879	0,18839952	0,1299682
1	1	2,0153251	2,2888476	1,0953673	0,8836879	1,8839952	1,299682
		2	2	1	1	2	1

Incoming data:

England: 6.84;1;0;0;0;1;0;2;0;4;0;2;1;1.79;57.8;87.7;12.8;6.6;6.8;6.9;7.7;7.5;6.7;6.7;6.5;7.4;7.6;7.8

Italy: 6.90;3;0;3;0;1;0;2;1;2;1;1;1;2.42;56.5;86.5;17.9;6.9;7;6.9;6.8;7.3;6.8;7.4;7.6;6.9;6.8;7.2

Outcome of 3 models: 0.20153251-0.22888476;0.10953673-0.08836879;0.18839952-0.1299682

Thank you!

Q/A