

# Home advantage in the NBA

Visualizing data using python libraries



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### What is home advantage

- A phenomenon in which the home teams in sport win over 50% of games played under a balanced home and away schedule
- Observable in different sports
- Calculated using win percentages

## In real life

• On average, NBA teams won 59% of the games they played at home compared to 40% of the games they played away



Visualizing home advantage in the NBA teams

-Used Matplotlib to draw box plot -Used numpy to process data





### Looking beyond basic visualization

- Python has other packages for deeper analysis such as SciPy, Pandas, seaborn, sci-kit learn
- For instance:
  - 1. Compare home advantage during covid versus pre-pandemic
  - 2. Correlation between home advantage and other factors such as distance travelled by team, number of fans
  - Calculating t-tests, confidence intervals 3.

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