Coursera Capstone

IBM Applied Data Science Capstone "The Battle of Neighbourhoods"

Finding a Neighbourhood for an Indian family to settle down in Queens, New York

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1. Introduction:

The United States of America is the country with one of the largest immigrant population in the world. After the IT boom , this immigration in recent times has been driven by IT workers from Asia coming into the states. A large number of them belong to India which due to its high population and educational system is able to provide one of the cheapest most talented manpower for IT firms. Indians flock by the 1000's to America chasing the American Dream. This along with the America's policy of helping the best brains of the world settle into this country has led to a large number of highly skilled immigrant population. New York has one of the largest Indian population . Out of all the Boroughs - Queens with 6.2 % Percent of Indian Americans in Municipality Population seems to be one that has welcomed the India community with open arms and is a popular location for Indians to settle down. Indians culturally have a strong sense of family and generally prefer to be around theirs . This means they generally come to America with their spouses and Children . While to settle down the future life of their Children influences a decision to a large extent . People prefer living in neighbourhoods that have schools and parks . The presence of Doctor's Offices is also a big influencer.

In this project we will try to find an optimal location for an India family to settle. Specifically, this report will be targeted to people interested in settling down in Queens, New York, USA.

Since there are lots of Neighbourhoods in Queens we will try and find a location that has:

- 1- Schools
- 2- Parks
- 3- Doctor's Office

We will also try and include neighbourhoods with Indian Restaurants (Although this will be an additional clincher not an influencer)

We will use our data science powers to generate a few most promising neighbourhoods based on this criteria. Advantages of each area will then be clearly expressed so that best possible final location can be chosen by stakeholders.

2. Problem Statement:

The objective of this capstone project will be to find a suitable neighbourhood for an Indian family with kids to settle down .This would be done by leveraging Data Science and Machine Learning (k - means). The main Business question that will be answered in the Capstone Project will be : "Which neighbourhoods in Queens New York are best suitable for an Indian Family with kids to settle down in ?"

3. Stakeholders/Target Audience

The Capstone Project will be particularly useful for people looking to move into new towns, cities or even countries. The project can also be modified to go beyond the current scope as it can be used to scope out other businesses in the area be it gyms, schools etc. The project can be used in an advisory capability by property consultants, realtors etc who can use the project to give their customer an overview of the area and allow them to make a better informed decision. With basic knowledge, customers themselves can use this project to better understand the option available with them to make informed decisions.

4. Foursquare API

The project largely relies on utilising the Foursquare API, mainly the Places API to gather data related to locations. Foursquare is a location technology platform that allows the user to access its upto date database through an API to provide details of location/venues the user might be interested in. The details include Name, Category, Location (latitude, longitude), Ratings, reviews, menu etc as per the customer needs. We will be leveraging the API in this project to find out the venues that are present in the Queens Area to look for a suitable neighbourhood for settling down.

5. Data

Data used in this project is the New York dataset and was sourced from: https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/IBMDeveloperSkillsNetwork-DS0701EN-SkillsNetwork/labs/newyork_data.json

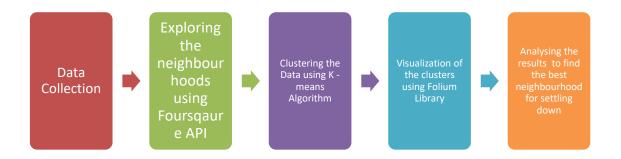
The coordinates of places if and when required can be sought by using geopy. Geopy is a Python client for several popular geocoding web services. Geopy makes it easy for Python developers to locate the coordinates of addresses, cities, countries, and landmarks across the globe using third-party geocoders and other data sources

Finally Foursquare API will be used for identifying and analysing areas of interests which basically involves using the API to gather the following details –

- a. Number of venues in a particular area based on the radius provided by the user based on neighbourhood details.
- b. Name of the venue
- c. Category of venues (Schools, Parks etc)

Location of the Venue.

6. Methodology



Data Collection

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The data set obtained is converted into a pandas dataframe to allow better access and manipulation of data.

```
In [6]: neighborhoods.head()

Out[6]: Borough Neighborhood Latitude Longitude

0 Bronx Wakefield 40.894705 -73.847201

1 Bronx Co-op City 40.874294 -73.829939

2 Bronx Eastchester 40.887556 -73.827806

3 Bronx Fieldston 40.895437 -73.905643

4 Bronx Riverdale 40.890834 -73.912585

In [7]: print('The dataframe has {} boroughs and {} neighborhoods.'.format(len(neighborhoods['Borough'].unique()), neighborhoods.shape[0]

)
)
```

The dataframe has 5 boroughs and 306 neighborhoods.

Exploring the Queens Borough

Since exploring the whole of New York will be unfeasible we limit our search for a place for a Neighbourhood to the Queens Area. We can visualize the Queens area using Folium Library

```
In [14]:    Queens_data = neighborhoods[neighborhoods['Borough'] == 'Queens'].reset_index(drop=True)
    queens_data.head()

address = 'Queens, NY'

geolocator = Nominatim(user_agent="ny_explorer")
    location = geolocator.geocode(address)
    latitude = location.longitude
    longitude = location.longitude
    print('The geograpical coordinate of Queens, NY are {}, {}.'.format(latitude, longitude))

The geograpical coordinate of Queens, NY are 40.7498243, -73.7976337.

In [15]:  # create map of Manhattan using latitude and longitude values
    map_Queens = folium.Map(location=[latitude, longitude], zoom_start=11)

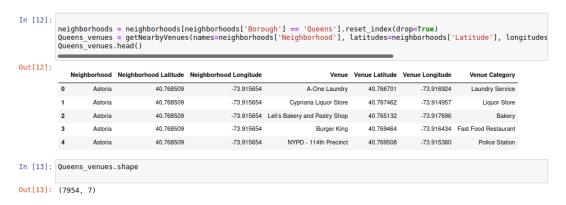
# add markers to map
for lat, lng, label in zip(Queens_data['Latitude'], Queens_data['Longitude'], Queens_data['Neighborhood']):
    label = folium.Popup(label, parse_html=True)
    folium.CircleMarker(
        [lat, lng],
        radius=5,
        popup=label,
        color='blue',
        fill_color='#3186cc',
        fill_color='#31
```



Exploring the Neighbourhood using Foursquare API

We then Initialize the Foursquare API to allow us to use Foursquare services to access venues etc according to the neighbourhood.

Collecting the date regarding the venues in the area of within 1000 meters in the Queens Borough using the Foursquare API.

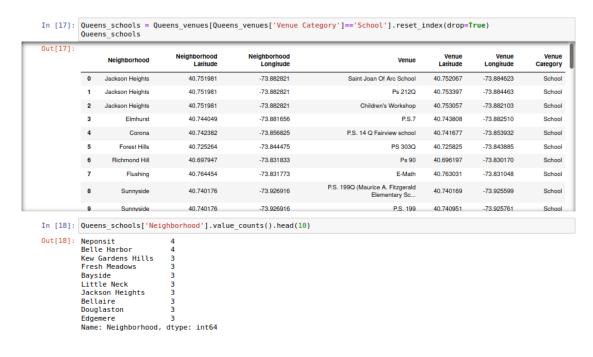


Exploring the most common venues according to the neighbourhood



We then start to look for our priorities in Queens

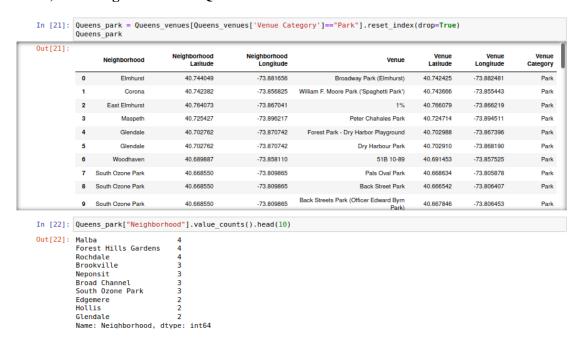
i) - Looking for schools in Queens



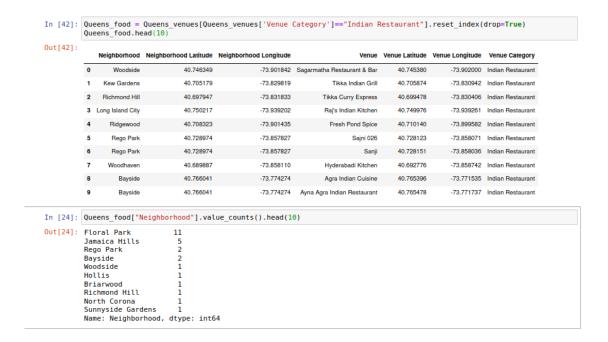
ii) - Looking for Doctors Offices in Queens

```
In [19]: Queens_doc = Queens_venues[Queens_venues['Venue Category']=="Doctor's Office"].reset_index(drop=True) Queens_doc
Out[19]
                                                                                                                                         Venue
Longitude
                                           Neighborhood
Latitude
               0
                             Astoria
                                              40.768509
                                                                    -73.915654
                                                                                                   Chirag V. Vasa, M.D.
                                                                                                                          40.767670
                                                                                                                                         -73.917000 Doctor's Office
                                               40.746349
                                                                    -73.901842
                                                                                                      Pediatric Eye MD
                                                                                                                                         -73.902658
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                          Woodside
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                                                                                            Dr. Eduard Shnaydman, M.D.
                                                                                                                          40.751873
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                    Jackson Heights
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                     Jackson Heights
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                                                                    -73.882821
                                                                                       Sleep Diagnostics Of New York Inc.
                                                                                                                          40.750172
                                                                                                                                         -73.884659 Doctor's Office
               6
                    Jackson Heights
                                              40.751981
                                                                    -73.882821
                                                                                                        Dr Elena King
                                                                                                                          40.750290
                                                                                                                                        -73.884468 Doctor's Office
                    Jackson Heights
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                                                                    -73.882821
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                    Jackson Heights
                                              40.751981
                                                                                                                          40.750000
                                                                                                                                         -73.884048 Doctor's Office
In [20]: Queens_doc["Neighborhood"].value_counts().head(10)
Out[20]: Rego Park
Lindenwood
Glendale
             Holliswood
             Bay Terrace
             Pomonok
             Bavside
             Jackson Heights
Cambria Heights
Richmond Hill
             Name: Neighborhood, dtype: int64
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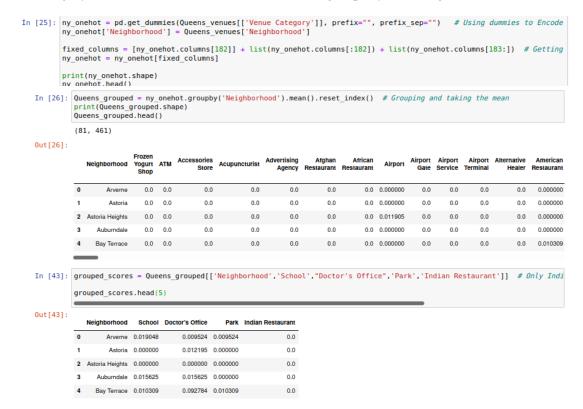
iii) - Looking for Parks in Queens



iv) - Looking for Indian Restaurants in Queens



Since there are 461 categories we proceed with one hot encoding for getting dummies of the venue category. We the calculate the mean of all venue groups by their neighbourhoods.



CLUSTERING USING K MEANS ALGORITHMS

The neighbourhoods are then clustered using k – means algorithm which is an unsupervised algorithm that will be used to cluster the neighbourhoods into clusters based on the respective venues in the neighbourhoods and their categories . But first we use the elbow method to find the value of k.

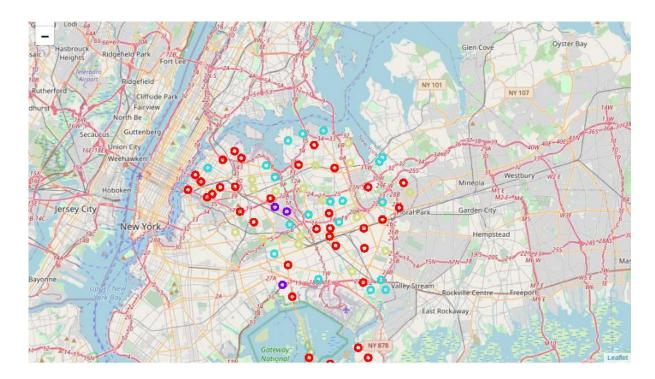
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In [31]: grouped = grouped_scores.copy(deep=True)
            grouped['Cluster Labels'] = kmeans.labels  # Adding the labels to the data
grouped['Cluster Labels'] = grouped['Cluster Labels'].astype(int)  # Float is sometimes returned
            print(grouped.shape)
            grouped.head(10)
            (81, 6)
Out[31]:
               Neighborhood School Doctor's Office
                     Arverne 0.019048
                                             0.009524 0.009524
                                                                        0.000000
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                      Astoria 0.000000
                                             0.012195 0.000000
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            2 Astoria Heights 0.000000
                                             0.000000 0.000000
                   Auburndale 0.015625
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                  Bay Terrace 0.010309
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                     Bayside 0.027027
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                   Bayswater 0.009804
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                   Beechhurst 0.019417
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                     Bellaire 0.028846
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                                             0.032609 0.010870
                 Belle Harbor 0.043478
                                                                        0.000000
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Visualization of Clusters using Folium

```
In [33]: map_clusters = folium.Map(location=[latitude,longitude], zoom_start=11)

# set color scheme for the clusters
x = np.arange(kclusters)
ys = [i+x+(i*x)**2 for i in range(kclusters)]
colors_array = cm.rainbow(np.linspace(0, 1, len(ys)))
rainbow = [colors.rgb2hex(i) for i in colors_array]

# add markers to the map
markers_colors = []
for lat, lon, poi, cluster in zip(to_merged['Neighborhood Latitude'], to_merged['Neighborhood Longitude'], to_merged
label = folium.Popup(str(poi) + ' - Cluster ' + str(cluster))
folium.CircleMarker(
    [lat, lon],
    radius=5,
    popup=label,
    color=rainbow[cluster-1],
    fill_color=rainbow[cluster-1],
    fill_opacity=0.7).add_to(map_clusters)
map_clusters
```



7. Results

We now take at the results of the clusters which were the output of the k – Means algorithm

```
In [38]: t = to_merged[to_merged['Cluster Labels']==0]
                rint('Number of Doctors Offices in Cluster 0: \{ \}'.format(t[t['Venue Category']=='School'].count()[0]))
print('Number of Doctors Offices in Cluster 0: \{ \}'.format(t[t['Venue Category']=='Doctor's Office"].count()[0]))
print('Number of Parks in Cluster 0: \t\t \{ \}'.format(t[t['Venue Category']=='Park'].count()[0]))
                 print('Number of Indian Restaurants in Cluster 0: {}\n\n'.format(t[t['Venue Category']=='Indian Restaurant'].count()
                t = to_merged[to_merged['Cluster Labels']==1]
                print('Number of Schools in Cluster 1: \t {}'.format(t[t['Venue Category']=='School'].count()[0]))
print('Number of Doctors Offices in Cluster 1: {}'.format(t[t['Venue Category']=="Doctor's Office
print('Number of Parks in Cluster 1:\t\t {}'.format(t[t['Venue Category']=='Park'].count()[0]))
                                                                                                                                                                                                 fice"].count()[θ]))
                 print('Number of Indian Restaurants in Cluster 1: {}\n\n'.format(t[t['Venue Category']=='Indian Restaurant'].count()
                 t = to_merged[to_merged['Cluster Labels']==2]
                print('Number of Schools in Cluster 2: \t {}'.format(t[t['Venue Category']=='School'].count()[0]))
print('Number of Doctors Offices in Cluster 2: {}'.format(t[t['Venue Category']=='Doctor's Office
print('Number of Parks in Cluster 2: \t\t {}'.format(t[t['Venue Category']=='Park'].count()[0]))
                                                                                                                                                                                            Office"[.count()[0]))
                 print('Number of Indian Restaurants in Cluster 2: {}\n\n'.format(t[t['Venue Category']=='Indian Restaurant'].count()
                 t = to merged[to merged['Cluster Labels']==3]
                r = to_merged(to_merged(tuster labels ]==3]
print('Number of Schools in Cluster 3: \t {}'.format(t[t['Venue Category']=='School'].count()[0]))
print('Number of Doctors Offices in Cluster 3: {}'.format(t[t['Venue Category']=='Doctor's Office"].count()[0]))
print('Number of Parks in Cluster 3:\t\t {}'.format(t[t['Venue Category']=='Park'].count()[0]))
print('Number of Indian Restaurants in Cluster 3: {}\n\n'.format(t[t['Venue Category']=='Indian Restaurant'].count()
                Number of Schools in Cluster θ:
Number of Doctors Offices in Cluster θ:
                 Number of Parks in Cluster θ:
                Number of Indian Restaurants in Cluster 0: 11
                Number of Schools in Cluster 1:
Number of Doctors Offices in Cluster 1:
Number of Parks in Cluster 1:
                 Number of Indian Restaurants in Cluster 1: 2
                Number of Schools in Cluster 2:
Number of Doctors Offices in Cluster 2:
Number of Parks in Cluster 2:
                 Number of Indian Restaurants in Cluster 2: 4
                Number of Schools in Cluster 3: 16
Number of Doctors Offices in Cluster 3 : 114
Number of Parks in Cluster 3: 14
                Number of Indian Restaurants in Cluster 3: 16
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We can see from the result that there are four clusters of which Cluster 2 has the most balanced mix of our priorities.

We then select cluster 2 to explore further as it is the most ideal.

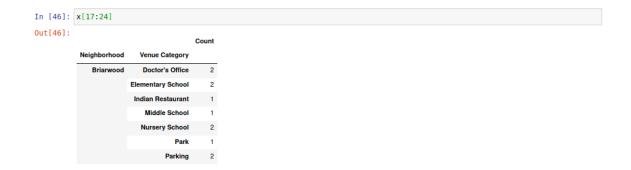
8. Discussion

We can see from the results above that cluster 2 has the most balanced combination of our priority list and is therefore best suited for shifting of a new family into the cluster

We now further explore the neighbourhoods in detail in the Cluster 2.



It is visible that the Neighbourhood of Briarwood is best suited for living for our new family. Briarwood has Elementary, Middle School, Doctors Offices, Parks and Indian restaurant which satisfies all conditions that we started out when looking for a neighbourhood.



9. Conclusion

This project while looking very simple utilises the power of data and more so machine learning to provide an in depth look into the neighbourhoods in our desired Geographical area . An informed decision can be taken after analysis done through the project. The same has been looked into , in the Discussion section of the project. The icing on the cake as far as the project goes is that the project is easily modifiable as per the whims and fancies of user which enhances its usability under different conditions.