

Best Restaurant Locations in Manhattan



1- Introduction

Manhattan is one of the five boroughs that make up New York City, and is the center of the New York metropolitan area. It is also located over the same area as a county of New York state called New York County. Although it is the smallest borough, it is the most densely populated borough. Manhattan is an important commercial, financial, and cultural center of both the United States and the world, it has many famous landmarks, tourist attractions, museums, and universities. In this project we'll identify the best Neighborhoods in Manhattan to open a restaurant in Manhattan, this will be suitable for investors who are looking for the best place in Manhattan for a restaurant that will be with a high profit potentials.

2- Data

To check the best Neighborhoods in Manhattan for a restaurant, there are a lot of factors that will affect this purpose, but as we'll make a study for a general type restaurant, so we'll focus only on the following aspects: the competition and Parking availability. the datasets to be used are as following:

1- New York data : a dataset that contains New York's boroughs and neighborhood along with its coordinates, we'll slice the dataset on borough column, to get the related data to Manhattan only.

2- Manhattan venues : a dataset includes all venues in each neighborhood, latitude & longitude for each neighborhood, venue names and its category. we'll do some exploratory analysis on the dataset to get the most common venues in each neighborhood, then merge it to the Manhattan data that created from above.

3- Parking Meters GPS Coordinates and Status : a dataset that contains parking meters number, latitude & longitude, and borough, from "NYC opendata". we'll use Nominatim reverse geocoding service, to convert the coordinates to an address then to the corresponding Neighborhood from that address, then we'll group the Neighborhoods by the count of parking meters. then we'll merge it to the above Manhattan data, and then prepare it for the clustering model that we'll use to group the neighborhoods by their similarity to each other, and based on that we'll check the clusters and identify which groups are suitable for our purpose.

3- Methodology

Before we get the data and start exploring it, let's download all the dependencies that we will need.

Libraries imported.

Let's download Newyork data.

Data downloaded!

Now we load and explore the data

- Let's start by Newyork data

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	Borough	Neighborhood	Latitude	Longitude
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2	Bronx	Eastchester	40.887556	-73.827806
3	Bronx	Fieldston	40.895437	-73.905643
4	Bronx	Riverdale	40.890834	-73.912585

Let's slice the dataframe to include Manhattan boroughs only.

Manhattan has 40 Neighborhood

Out[5]:

	Borough	Neighborhood	Latitude	Longitude
0	Manhattan	Marble Hill	40.876551	-73.910660
1	Manhattan	Chinatown	40.715618	-73.994279
2	Manhattan	Washington Heights	40.851903	-73.936900
3	Manhattan	Inwood	40.867684	-73.921210
4	Manhattan	Hamilton Heights	40.823604	-73.949688

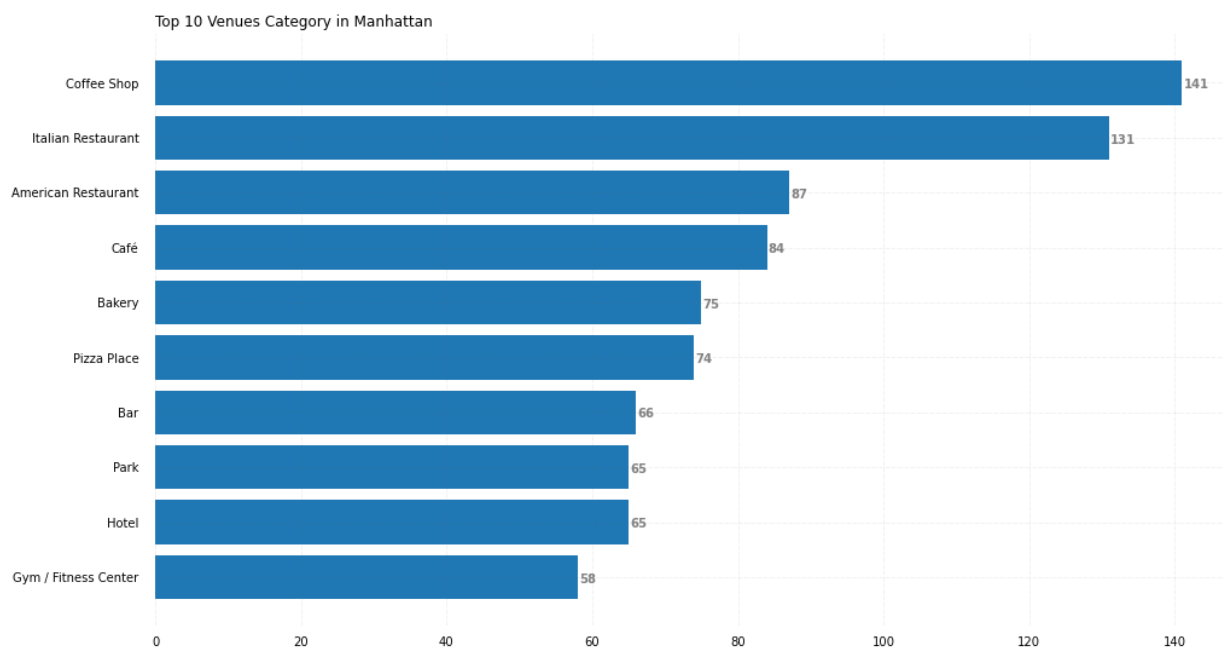
- Now let's download and explore Manhattan venues dataset.

Out[6]:

	Neighborhood	Neighborhood Latitude	Neighborhood Longitude	Venue	Venue Latitude	Venue Longitude	Venue Category
0	Marble Hill	40.876551	-73.91066	Arturo's	40.874412	-73.910271	Pizza Place
1	Marble Hill	40.876551	-73.91066	Bikram Yoga	40.876844	-73.906204	Yoga Studio
2	Marble Hill	40.876551	-73.91066	Tibbett Diner	40.880404	-73.908937	Diner
3	Marble Hill	40.876551	-73.91066	Dunkin'	40.877136	-73.906666	Donut Shop
4	Marble Hill	40.876551	-73.91066	Starbucks	40.877531	-73.905582	Coffee Shop

Manhattan has 40 Neighborhood with total 3240 venues

- we'll check the top 10 venues in Manhattan.



- Let's identify the nature of each Neighborhood by getting the top 5 most common venues in each neighborhood.

Out[9]:

	Neighborhood	Accessories Store	Adult Boutique	Afghan Restaurant	African Restaurant	American Restaurant	Antique Shop	Arepa Restaurant	Argen Resta
0	Marble Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1	Marble Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2	Marble Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3	Marble Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4	Marble Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

we'll group rows by neighborhood and by taking the mean of the frequency of occurrence of each category

Out[10]:

	Neighborhood	Accessories Store	Adult Boutique	Afghan Restaurant	African Restaurant	American Restaurant	Antique Shop	Arepa Restaurant	Argen Resta
0	Battery Park City	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.012987	0.0	0.0	0.0
1	Carnegie Hill	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.010526	0.0	0.0	0.0
2	Central Harlem	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.066667	0.044444	0.0	0.0	0.0
3	Chelsea	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.040000	0.0	0.0	0.0
4	Chinatown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.030000	0.0	0.0	0.0

Now let's create a new dataframe and display the top 5 venues for each neighborhood.

Out[11]:

	Neighborhood	1st Most Common Venue	2nd Most Common Venue	3rd Most Common Venue	4th Most Common Venue	5th Most Common Venue
0	Battery Park City	Park	Coffee Shop	Gym	Clothing Store	Hotel
1	Carnegie Hill	Coffee Shop	Café	Bar	Italian Restaurant	Pizza Place
2	Central Harlem	African Restaurant	Seafood Restaurant	Cosmetics Shop	Bar	French Restaurant
3	Chelsea	Coffee Shop	Art Gallery	Bakery	American Restaurant	Italian Restaurant
4	Chinatown	Chinese Restaurant	Bakery	Dessert Shop	Cocktail Bar	Hotpot Restaurant

- Now let's merge neighborhoods_venues_sorted data with Manhattan data.

Out[12]:

	Borough	Neighborhood	Latitude	Longitude	1st Most Common Venue	2nd Most Common Venue	3rd Most Common Venue	4th Most Common Venue	5th Most Common Venue
0	Manhattan	Marble Hill	40.876551	-73.910660	Gym	Discount Store	Coffee Shop	Sandwich Place	Yoga Studio
1	Manhattan	Chinatown	40.715618	-73.994279	Chinese Restaurant	Bakery	Dessert Shop	Cocktail Bar	Hotpot Restaurant
2	Manhattan	Washington Heights	40.851903	-73.936900	Café	Bakery	Mobile Phone Shop	Deli / Bodega	Gym
3	Manhattan	Inwood	40.867684	-73.921210	Mexican Restaurant	Café	Restaurant	Lounge	Chinese Restaurant
4	Manhattan	Hamilton Heights	40.823604	-73.949688	Pizza Place	Café	Coffee Shop	Deli / Bodega	Mexican Restaurant

- Next step is to get number of parkings available in each neighborhood.
- so let's download the Parking Meters GPS Coordinates and Status dataset and explore it.

As most of the Datasets, Parkint meters data contains only coordinates, so we had to convert those coordinates and get the Neighborhood. to do this we used reverse geocoding service from Nominatim. the following line of codes commented because the reverse geocoding takes some time with 5000 coordinates in our dataset.

- After we got the corresponding Neighborhood to each coordinate, we saved it to a new CSV file named "manhattan_parking", so let's load the file and start exploring it.

Out[15]:

	MeterNo	LAT	LONG	Neighborhood
0	1068277	40.863244	-73.925681	Fort George
1	1068276	40.862876	-73.925443	Fort George
2	1068275	40.862783	-73.925016	Fort George
3	1068274	40.862670	-73.924983	Fort George
4	1068273	40.862289	-73.925066	Fort George

- Let's check if there are empty values in Neighborhood column, and remove it if any.

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- removing empty values and check again.

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- Now we'll group the dataset by Neighborhood.

Out[19]:

	Neighborhood	Parking_No.
0	Alphabet City	3
1	Battery Park City	2
2	Brighton Beach	1
3	Bronx County	2
4	Carnegie Hill	79

- Let's merge the parking data with the manhattan merged data.

Out[20]:

	Borough	Neighborhood	Latitude	Longitude	1st Most Common Venue	2nd Most Common Venue	3rd Most Common Venue	4th Most Common Venue	5th Most Common Venue
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- Replace the Nan values in Parking_No. column with the mean value.

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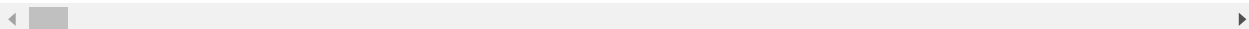
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- Merge the parking data to manhattan_grouped dataset, to prepare a data set for clustering model.

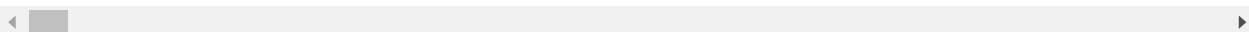
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	Neighborhood	Accessories Store	Adult Boutique	Afghan Restaurant	African Restaurant	American Restaurant	Antique Shop	Arepa Restaurant	Argentinian Restaurant
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1	Carnegie Hill	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.010526	0.0	0.0	0.0
2	Central Harlem	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.066667	0.044444	0.0	0.0	0.0
3	Chelsea	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.040000	0.0	0.0	0.0
4	Chinatown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.030000	0.0	0.0	0.0

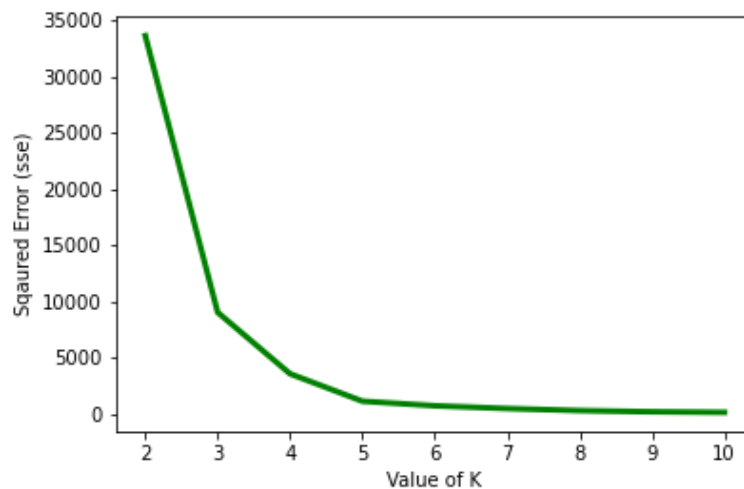


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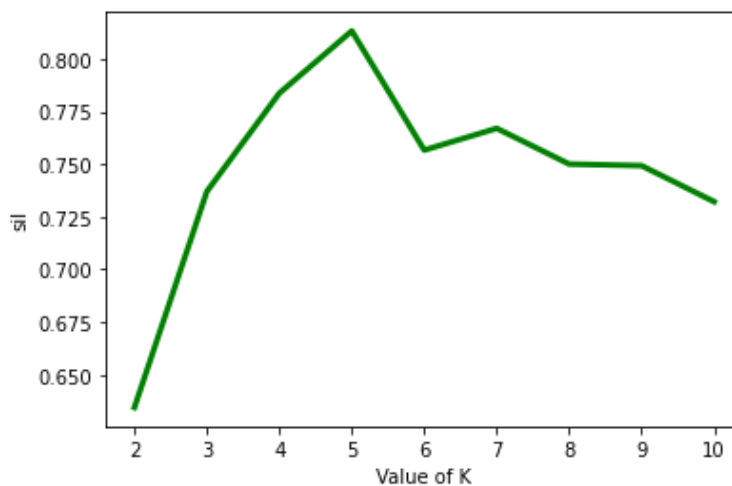
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0	Battery Park City	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.012987	0.0	0.0	0.0
1	Carnegie Hill	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.010526	0.0	0.0	0.0
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3	Chelsea	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.040000	0.0	0.0	0.0
4	Chinatown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.030000	0.0	0.0	0.0



- Now our dataset is ready, let's build a clustering model for Manhattan Neighborhoods.
- We'll use K-means to cluster the Neighborhoods, and to do that let's get the optimal value of K.
- Elbow method :



- Silhouette_score method :



From the two methods, the optimal value of K is 5, so let's run the model based on this value.

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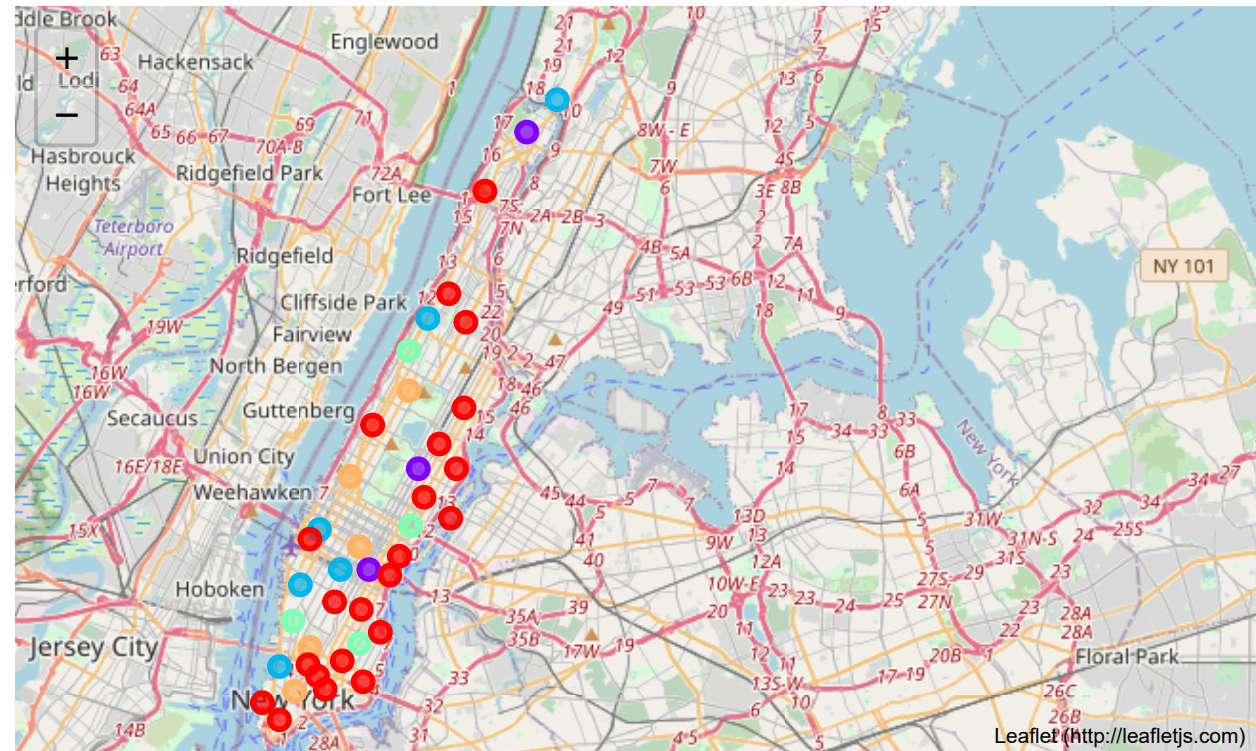
- Let's add the cluster labels to manhattan merged dataset.

Out[27]:

	Borough	Neighborhood	Latitude	Longitude	Cluster Labels	1st Most Common Venue	2nd Most Common Venue	3rd Most Common Venue	4th Most Common Venue
0	Manhattan	Marble Hill	40.876551	-73.910660	2	Gym	Discount Store	Coffee Shop	Sandwich Place
1	Manhattan	Chinatown	40.715618	-73.994279	0	Chinese Restaurant	Bakery	Dessert Shop	Cocktail Bar
2	Manhattan	Washington Heights	40.851903	-73.936900	0	Café	Bakery	Mobile Phone Shop	Deli / Bodega
3	Manhattan	Inwood	40.867684	-73.921210	1	Mexican Restaurant	Café	Restaurant	Lounge
4	Manhattan	Hamilton Heights	40.823604	-73.949688	0	Pizza Place	Café	Coffee Shop	Deli / Bodega

- Let's create a map to visualize the Clusters.

Out[28]:



- Examining each Cluster :

Cluster 1

Out[29]:

	Neighborhood	Cluster Labels	1st Most Common Venue	2nd Most Common Venue	3rd Most Common Venue	4th Most Common Venue	5th Most Common Venue	Parking_No.
1	Chinatown	0	Chinese Restaurant	Bakery	Dessert Shop	Cocktail Bar	Hotpot Restaurant	74.0
2	Washington Heights	0	Café	Bakery	Mobile Phone Shop	Deli / Bodega	Gym	72.0
4	Hamilton Heights	0	Pizza Place	Café	Coffee Shop	Deli / Bodega	Mexican Restaurant	44.0
6	Central Harlem	0	African Restaurant	Seafood Restaurant	Cosmetics Shop	Bar	French Restaurant	72.0
7	East Harlem	0	Mexican Restaurant	Bakery	Latin American Restaurant	Thai Restaurant	Sandwich Place	74.0
9	Yorkville	0	Italian Restaurant	Bar	Gym	Coffee Shop	Deli / Bodega	82.0
10	Lenox Hill	0	Italian Restaurant	Pizza Place	Sushi Restaurant	Cocktail Bar	Coffee Shop	192.0
11	Roosevelt Island	0	Park	Restaurant	Residential Building (Apartment / Condo)	Dry Cleaner	Metro Station	72.0
12	Upper West Side	0	Italian Restaurant	Mediterranean Restaurant	Bakery	Bar	Wine Bar	72.0
20	Lower East Side	0	Chinese Restaurant	Bakery	Café	Ramen Restaurant	Art Gallery	127.0
22	Little Italy	0	Bakery	Café	Italian Restaurant	Bubble Tea Shop	Hotel	42.0
23	Soho	0	Clothing Store	Italian Restaurant	Boutique	Mediterranean Restaurant	Coffee Shop	72.0
27	Gramercy	0	Bar	Bagel Shop	Italian Restaurant	American Restaurant	Pizza Place	85.0
28	Battery Park City	0	Park	Coffee Shop	Gym	Clothing Store	Hotel	2.0
29	Financial District	0	Coffee Shop	American Restaurant	Pizza Place	Gym	Cocktail Bar	88.0
30	Carnegie Hill	0	Coffee Shop	Café	Bar	Italian Restaurant	Pizza Place	79.0
31	Noho	0	Italian Restaurant	Coffee Shop	Mexican Restaurant	French Restaurant	Pizza Place	72.0
35	Turtle Bay	0	Coffee Shop	Italian Restaurant	Sushi Restaurant	Japanese Restaurant	Ramen Restaurant	109.0
36	Tudor City	0	Park	Mexican Restaurant	Café	Pizza Place	Coffee Shop	3.0
37	Stuyvesant Town	0	Bar	Park	Coffee Shop	Boat or Ferry	Pet Service	72.0
38	Flatiron	0	Gym / Fitness Center	Italian Restaurant	American Restaurant	New American Restaurant	Japanese Restaurant	72.0
39	Hudson Yards	0	American Restaurant	Gym / Fitness Center	Café	Hotel	Italian Restaurant	6.0

Cluster 2

Out[30]:

	Neighborhood	Cluster Labels	1st Most Common Venue	2nd Most Common Venue	3rd Most Common Venue	4th Most Common Venue	5th Most Common Venue	Parking_No.
3	Inwood	1	Mexican Restaurant	Café	Restaurant	Lounge	Chinese Restaurant	32.0
8	Upper East Side	1	Coffee Shop	Italian Restaurant	Bakery	Gym / Fitness Center	Exhibit	72.0
16	Murray Hill	1	Hotel	Coffee Shop	Japanese Restaurant	Sandwich Place	American Restaurant	110.0

Cluster 3

Out[31]:

	Neighborhood	Cluster Labels	1st Most Common Venue	2nd Most Common Venue	3rd Most Common Venue	4th Most Common Venue	5th Most Common Venue	Parking_No.
0	Marble Hill	2	Gym	Discount Store	Coffee Shop	Sandwich Place	Yoga Studio	72.0
5	Manhattanville	2	Seafood Restaurant	Coffee Shop	Deli / Bodega	Park	Sushi Restaurant	17.0
14	Clinton	2	Italian Restaurant	Gym / Fitness Center	Theater	American Restaurant	Coffee Shop	72.0
17	Chelsea	2	Coffee Shop	Art Gallery	Bakery	American Restaurant	Italian Restaurant	183.0
21	Tribeca	2	Park	American Restaurant	Italian Restaurant	Spa	Wine Bar	32.0
33	Midtown South	2	Korean Restaurant	Hotel	Hotel Bar	Japanese Restaurant	Cosmetics Shop	115.0

Cluster 4

Out[32]:

	Neighborhood	Cluster Labels	1st Most Common Venue	2nd Most Common Venue	3rd Most Common Venue	4th Most Common Venue	5th Most Common Venue	Parking_No.
19	East Village	3	Bar	Mexican Restaurant	Pizza Place	Vegetarian / Vegan Restaurant	Speakeasy	184.0
24	West Village	3	Italian Restaurant	American Restaurant	New American Restaurant	Cosmetics Shop	Cocktail Bar	81.0
26	Morningside Heights	3	Coffee Shop	Bookstore	Park	American Restaurant	Burger Joint	37.0
34	Sutton Place	3	Italian Restaurant	Pizza Place	Park	Gym / Fitness Center	Gym	72.0

Cluster 5

Out[33]:

	Neighborhood	Cluster Labels	1st Most Common Venue	2nd Most Common Venue	3rd Most Common Venue	4th Most Common Venue	5th Most Common Venue	Parking_No.
13	Lincoln Square	4	Plaza	Café	Concert Hall	Performing Arts Venue	Theater	16.0
15	Midtown	4	Hotel	Coffee Shop	Clothing Store	Theater	American Restaurant	72.0
18	Greenwich Village	4	Italian Restaurant	Clothing Store	Sushi Restaurant	Gym	Coffee Shop	76.0
25	Manhattan Valley	4	Mexican Restaurant	Bar	Thai Restaurant	Pizza Place	Coffee Shop	77.0
32	Civic Center	4	Coffee Shop	Cocktail Bar	Gym / Fitness Center	American Restaurant	French Restaurant	1.0

- Clusters Venues summary :

Out[34]:

	1st Most Common Venue	2nd Most Common Venue	3rd Most Common Venue	4th Most Common Venue	5th Most Common Venue
cluster 1	Italian Restaurant	Bakery	Café	Cocktail Bar	Pizza Place
cluster 2	Mexican Restaurant	Coffee Shop	Restaurant	Sandwich Place	American Restaurant
cluster 3	Seafood Restaurant	Hotel	Hotel Bar	American Restaurant	Cosmetics Shop
cluster 4	Italian Restaurant	Pizza Place	Park	American Restaurant	Speakeasy
cluster 5	Mexican Restaurant	Café	Gym / Fitness Center	Gym	Coffee Shop

4- Results & Discussion

- our analysis shows that Neighborhoods in cluster 1,2 & 4 represents a perfect location for a restaurant, the most common venues in these Neighborhoods are a variety of restaurants cuisine and coffe shops, with a fare numbers of parking spots.
- Other clusters can be choosed if you are willing to open a specific restaurant cuisine, based on the Neighborhoods that have the same type of restaurants.
- we choosed the neighborhoods that have a variety of restaurants and the competition is high because up to the 5th common venue there are restaurants and coffeshops, and there are a lot of parkings too. ofcourse if the restaurant cuisine is konwn, there will be more factors to consider while building the model, such as the distance from the suppliers, the population study of each neighborhood, is it a breakfast restaurant to check the traffic where people are heading to businees centers and work zones, and so on.

5- Conclusion

- Purpose of this project was to identify Manhattan Neighborhoods that have a high competition in restaurants and coffeshops in order to aid stakeholders in narrowing down the search for optimal location for a new restaurant, by using a cluster model to group Manhattan Neighborhoods to different clusters that have neighborhoods with similar charactarestics.
- Final decission on optimal restaurant location will be made by stakeholders based on specific characteristics in every recommended neighborhood, taking into consideration additional factors like attractiveness of each location (proximity to park or water), levels of noise / proximity to major roads, real estate availability, prices, social and economic dynamics of every neighborhood etc