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Opening a New Cafe in Mumbai, India

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Business Problem

- Objective: To analyze and select the best locations of Cafes in the city of Mumbai, India to open a new cafe
- Location of the cafes is one of the most important decisions that will determine whether the shop will be a success or a failure
- Business question
 - In the city of Mumbai, India, if a person is looking to open a new cafe, where would you recommend that they open it?

Data

- Data required
 - ► List of neighborhoods in Mumbai
 - ► Latitude and longitude coordinates of the neighborhoods
 - ► Venue data, particularly data related to cafes
- Sources of data
 - Wikipedia page for neighborhoods (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Suburbs_in_Mumbai)
 - ► Geocoder package for latitude and longitude coordinates
 - Foursquare API for venue data

Methodology

- Web scraping Wikipedia page for neighborhoods list
- Get latitude and longitude coordinates using Geocoder
- Use Foursquare API to get venue data
- Group data by neighborhood and taking the mean of the frequency of occurrence of each venue category
- Filter venue category by Café
- Perform clustering on the data by using k-means clustering
- Visualize the clusters in a map using Folium

Results

- ► Categorized into 5 neighborhood clusters:
 - ► Cluster 0: Neighborhoods with low number of Cafe
 - ▶ Cluster 1: Neighborhoods with moderate number to no existence of Cafe
 - ► Cluster 2: Neighborhoods with high concentration of Cafe
 - Cluster 3: Neighborhoods with highest concentration of Cafe
 - ▶ Cluster 4: Neighborhoods with moderate concentration of Cafe

Conclusion

- Cafes are concentrated in the southern and eastern area of Mumbai
- ▶ The highest number in cluster 2 and moderate number in cluster 4, cluster 0 has very low number to totally no Cafes in the neighborhoods.
- This represents a great opportunity and high potential areas to open new Cafes as there is very little to no competition from existing shops.
- Meanwhile, cafes in cluster 3 are likely suffering from intense competition due to oversupply and high concentration of cafes.
- This project recommends developers to capitalize on these findings to open new cafes in neighborhoods in cluster 0 with little to no competition.
- Developers with unique selling propositions to stand out from the competition can also open new cafes in neighborhoods in cluster 2 and cluster 4 with moderate competition.
- Lastly, developers are advised to avoid neighborhoods in cluster 3 which already has high concentration of cafes and is suffering from intense competition.

Thank You