The most liveable city in the UK

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Finding the important/relevant factors that influence liveability of cities (citizens' happiness level)

Designing an interactive application to predict the most liveable city based on an individuals preferences of factors

IMPLEMENTATION

Data Collection

- 16 datasets in total: (weather, traffic, entertainment, infrastructure)
- UK Government data, Online Survey conducted, etc.
- Scrapy open source data

Data Cleansing

- Missing data handling- replace with average or zero
- Techniques Treating illegal characters, missing values by Python

Data Normalization

Z-score method

Data Management

MongoDB

ANALYSIS



Selecting Factors that determine the City Rank

- LASSO or Random Forest
- What do we need? Importance ranking of factors
- Why not LASSO? Linear/Ranking?/No selection
- Advantage of Random Forest: Non-linear/Ranking

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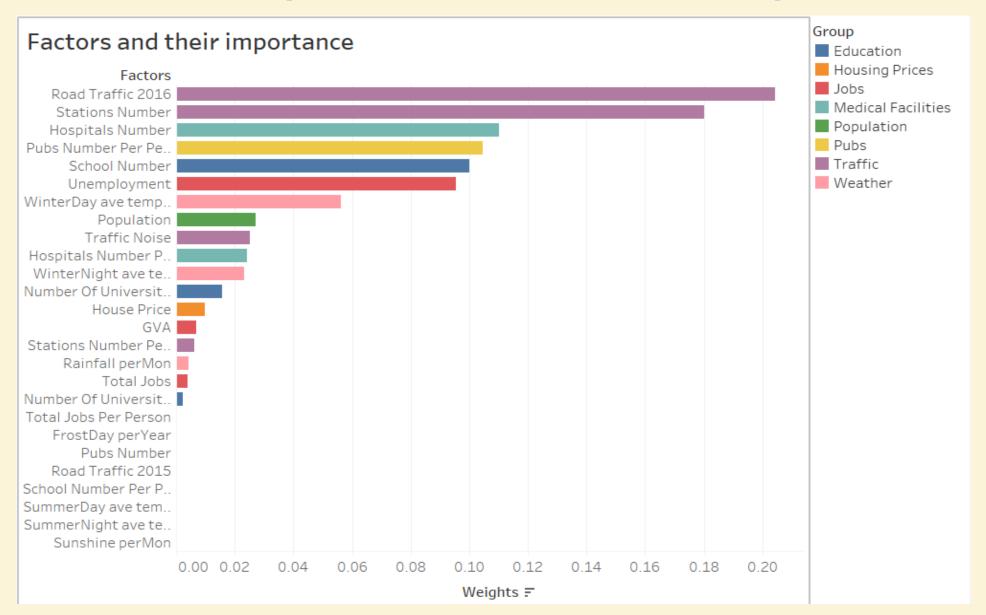
Correlation between two factors

- Pearson' s Correlation Coefficient
- E.g. strong correlation with population

Factors	Correlation Coefficient
School	0.810281
Hospital	0.726583
Stations	0.686357
University	0.662404

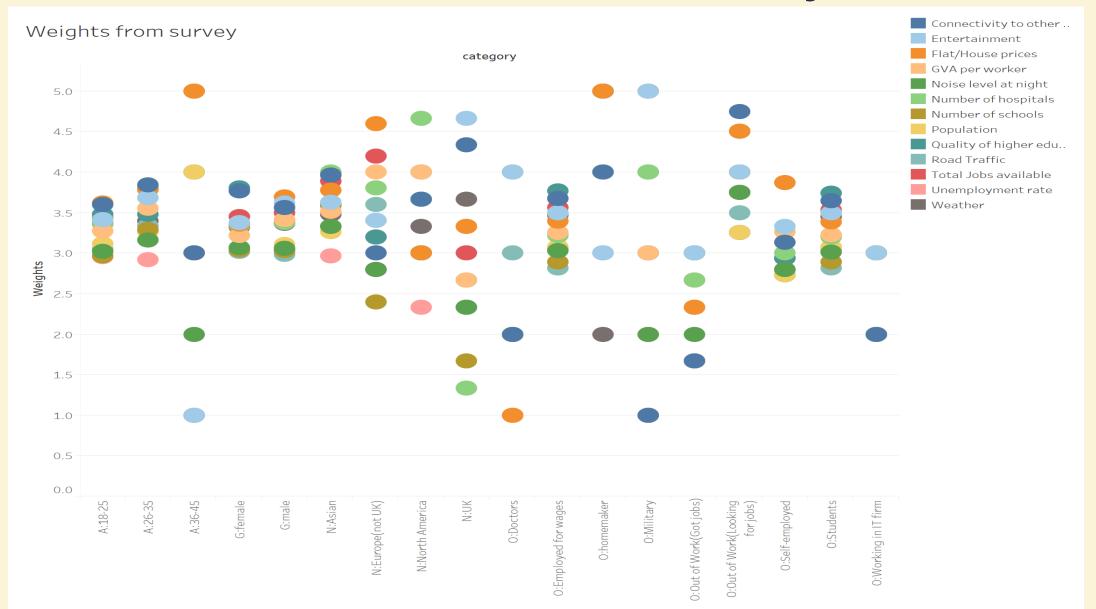


RESULTS (from the Model)





RESULTS (from the Survey)



APPLICATION

Web application

HTML, CSS and Python

User input

- The user enters age, gender, job, location and other factors and the results are displayed based on similar parameters obtained from the survey.
- User's factor ranking is also taken as an input

Algorithm

$$(Score_{city} = \sum_{i}^{k} r_i \cdot w1_i \cdot V_i)$$

Output

 Prediction of top-3 most liveable cities for person based on his/her preferences.

CONCLUSION

Survey Result: Spread of the weights for different factors is almost same across all categories

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Model Result: Road Traffic (2016) was the most important factor

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Comparison: The Weights for the Factors are similar across our model and survey.

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Application Result:
Calculated dynamically,
based on inputs by user.

LIMITATIONS

01

Limited datasets: data for some factors are available only for 2015 and 2016



Small data sample:

the number of cities considered is 84 and the survey responses are also a small sample size.



Application: Weightage of the Factors is not quantifiable



No specific rules for defining the weights



Questions?

Thank you for listening.

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