CLASSIFICATION OF THE MRT STATIONS IN SINGAPORE

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MRT in Singapore

- 119 stations in operation and more than 60 under construction
- Train network serving as backbone of Singapore's public transport system
- Stations are well integrated with the local community
 - Interchange to busses, light rails
 - Shopping malls
 - Residential blocks
 - Offices

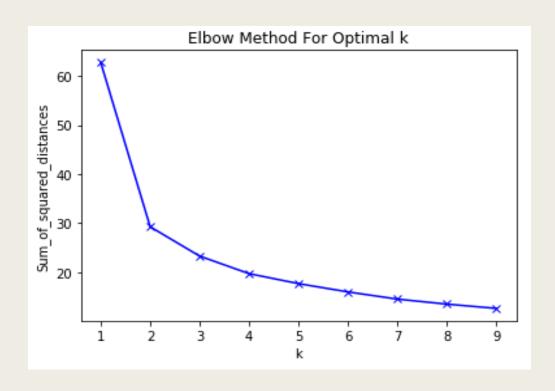
The problems...

- Any way to classify the MRT stations into a few clusters that sharing certain similarity?
- Which cluster of stations to open a snack bar or grocery store?

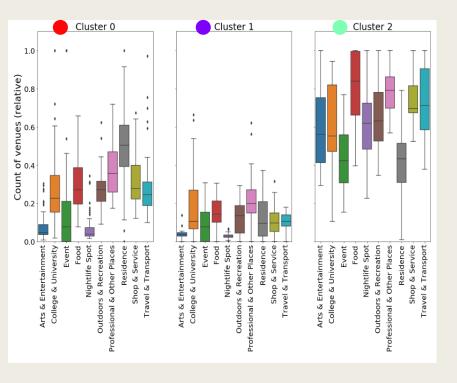
Group by the type of venues

- Classifying the stations according the similarity of the venue's count in each category:
 - 1. Arts & Entertainment
 - 2. College & University
 - 3. Event
 - 4. Food
 - 5. Nightlife Spot
 - 6. Outdoors & Recreation
 - 7. Professional & Other Places
 - 8. Residence
 - 9. Shop & Service
 - 10. Travel & Transport

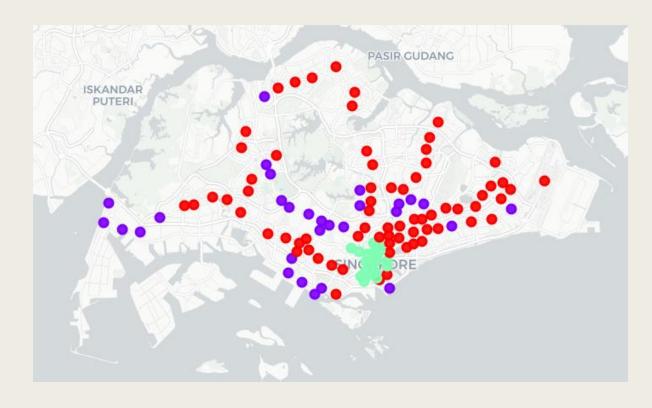
Optimal Number of Group = 3



Results: 3 Distinct Clusters







What are those cluster?



- Cluster 0: Belong to typical developed HDB estates (Singapore public housing), typically with one or more shopping malls.
- Cluster 1: Are mostly less populated areas and close to industrial parks or shipping ports.
- Cluster 2: Highly developed, fast-paced, Central Business District, with tourist attractions nearby

Where to open the snack bar or grocery store?

- Most of the Singaporean work in the Central Business District (CBD) (Cluster 2), live in the Housing Estates (Cluster 0).
- Recommendations:
 - Snack bar in Central Business District (CBD) (Cluster 2) – Targeting office workers in the morning peak.
 - Grocery stores at Housing Estates
 (Cluster O) Targeting the same group of people working in CBD who returning to their home at the evening.

