

IBM Coursera Datascience – Capstone Project

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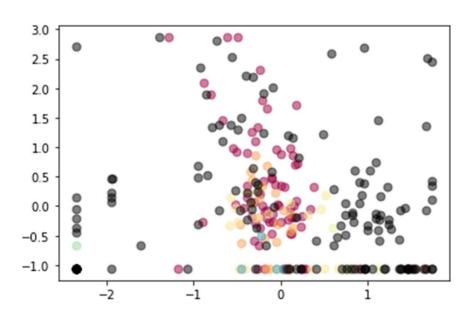
- A client has a successful business in Auckland, New Zealand
- They are looking to expand, but want to know the best cities to consider.
- Business success can be determined by comparing how similar other cities are to the clients current city.



- Two data sources are used for this analysis:
 - Quality-of-life database (Kaggle)
 - FourSquare Location Data
- Both data sources were modified to help with the machine learning investigations

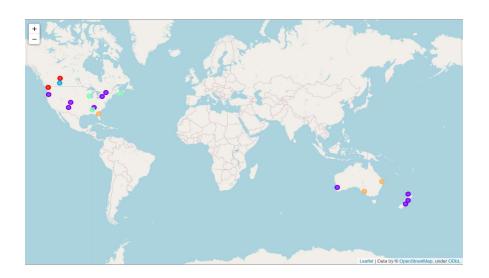
Data Relationships

- The relationships between cities have been investigated by unsupervised classification / clustering
- The quality-of-life results were assessed first, using DBSCAN unsupervised clustering.



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- The results of the DBSCAN analysis, were passed into FourSquare to gather location venue data.
- Finally a k-means method was used to further separate/group the cities.





- The final output is a list of cities that have both:
 - Similar quality-of-life indices
 - Similar city-centre venues
- For this example is appears the coffee shops, bars and food are the leading similarities in the selected cities.

	UA_Name	UA_Country	1st Most Common Venue	2nd Most Common Venue	3rd Most Common Venue
12	Auckland	New Zealand	Theater	Japanese Restaurant	Steakhouse
260	Wellington	New Zealand	Café	Coffee Shop	Bar
185	Perth	Australia	Coffee Shop	Sushi Restaurant	Korean Restaurant
67	Colorado Springs	Colorado	Coffee Shop	Hotel	Mexican Restaurant
57	Chattanooga	Tennessee	Bar	Coffee Shop	Music Venue
47	Buffalo	New York	Hotel	Coffee Shop	Pizza Place

Further Considerations

- As this is a fairly highlevel investigation, it is recommended more effort is put into determining quality-of-life data sets.
- The location data should be refined to represent the clients business (i.e. Pizza shops)
- The cities have also been chosen very coarsely, we would recommend refining the search to boroughs/neighbourhoods in each city.