Final Report for the IBM Capstone Project

1/ Introduction

- The idea of this project is to help people in making decision while selecting best places to relocate with required facilities.
- The location for the project is the disctrict of Scarborough Toronto city, Canada. It is one of the best directions for immigration in Canada nowadays.
- The main idea of the project is to analyze neighbouring information for people, such as schools, groceries, shops (medical shops), entertainment and so on, find many releted information and help to make the best choice. This information is usefull for people aiming to relocate to the new cities. The comparison of data will be produced with New Your city.
- The purpose of this Project is to help people in exploring better facilities around their neighborhood. It will help people making smart and efficient decision on selecting great neighborhood out of numbers of other neighborhoods in Scarborough, Toranto.
- While this project I did an analysis of features for a people migrating to Scarborough to search a best neighborhood as a comparative analysis between neighborhoods. The features include median housing price and better school according to ratings, crime rates of that particular area, road connectivity, weather conditions, good management for emergency, water resources both freash and waste water and excrement conveyed in sewers and recreational facilities.
- This information might help people to get awareness of the area and neighborhood before moving into new cities.

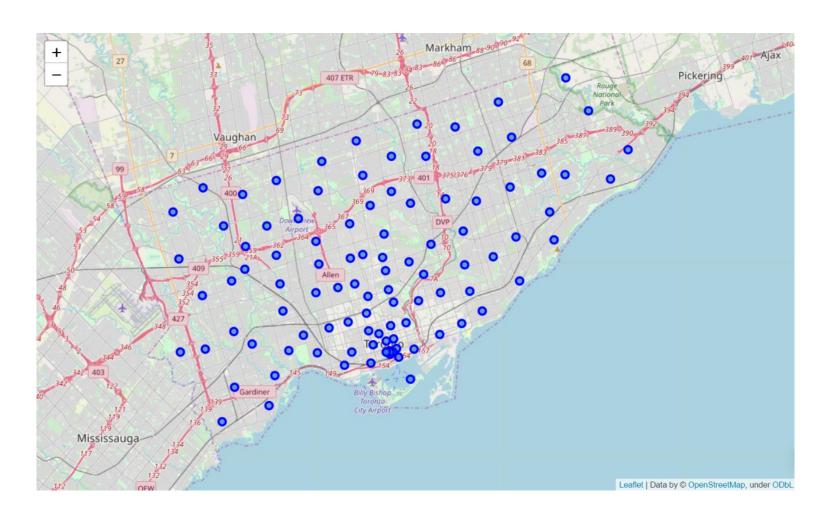
2/ Data

- Data Link: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_postal_codes_of_Canada:_M
- Using a data from wikipedia on Week 3. Dataset consisting of latitude and longitude, zip codes.

Foursquare API Data:

- I need data about different venues in different neighborhoods of that specific borough. In order to gain that information we will use "Foursquare" locational information. Foursquare is a location data provider with information about all manner of venues and events within an area of interest. Such information includes venue names, locations, menus and even photos. As such, the foursquare location platform will be used as the sole data source since all the stated required information can be obtained through the API.
- After finding the list of neighborhoods, we then connect to the Foursquare API to gather information about venues inside each and every neighborhood. For each neighborhood, we have chosen the radius to be 100 meter.
- The data retrieved from Foursquare contained information of venues within a specified distance of the longitude and latitude of the postcodes. The information obtained per venue as follows:
 - 1. Neighborhood
 - 2. Neighborhood Latitude
 - 3. Neighborhood Longitude
 - 4. Venue
 - 5. Name of the venue e.g. the name of a store or restaurant
 - 6. Venue Latitude
 - 7. Venue Longitude
 - 8. Venue Category

Scarborough map



3/ Methodology

 The clustering approach was chosen for the project. It means that I compared two cities (New York and Toronto), segmented the data, grouped it into clusters and neighborhoods. I used kmeans clustering algorithm.

rough	Neighborhood	Latitude	Longitude	Cluster Labels	1st Most Common Venue	2nd Most Common Venue	3rd Most Common Venue	4th Most Common Venue	5th Most Common Venue	6th Most Common Venue	7th Most Common Venue	8th Most Common Venue	9th Most Common Venue	10th Most Common Venue
orough	Rouge, Malvern	43.811525	-79.195517	0	Zoo Exhibit	Financial or Legal Service	Fast Food Restaurant	Construction & Landscaping	Fish & Chips Shop	Filipino Restaurant	Field	Fish Market	Farmers Market	Doner Restaurant
orough	Highland Creek, Rouge Hill, Port Union	43.785665	-79.158725	0	Bar	Falafel Restaurant	Donut Shop	Dumpling Restaurant	Eastern European Restaurant	Electronics Store	Elementary School	Ethiopian Restaurant	Event Space	Yoga Studio
orough	Guildwood, Morningside, West Hill	43.765815	-79.175193	2	Park	Gym / Fitness Center	Pool	Fried Chicken Joint	Indian Restaurant	Athletics & Sports	Ethiopian Restaurant	Donut Shop	Dumpling Restaurant	Eastern European Restaurant
orough	Woburn	43.768369	-79.217590	0	Coffee Shop	Fast Food Restaurant	Business Service	Park	Yoga Studio	Dumpling Restaurant	Eastern European Restaurant	Electronics Store	Elementary School	Ethiopian Restaurant
orough	Cedarbrae	43.769688	-79.239440	0	Flower Shop	Athletics & Sports	Thai Restaurant	Bank	Bakery	Caribbean Restaurant	Hakka Restaurant	Indian Restaurant	Eastern European Restaurant	Electronics Store
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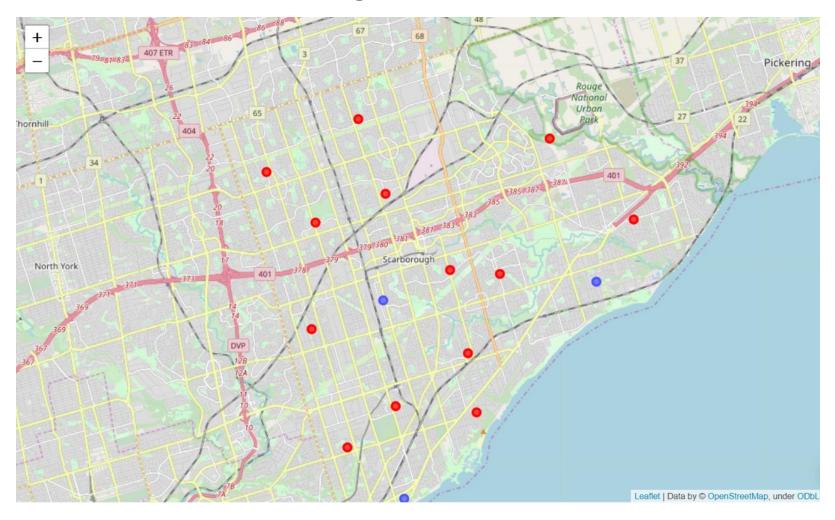
3/ Methodology (cont)

Common venues near the neighborhood

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0	Adelaide, King, Richmond	Coffee Shop	Café	Hotel	Gastropub	Burger Joint	Asian Restaurant	Bar	Restaurant	American Restaurant	Steakhouse
1	Agincourt	Chinese Restaurant	Shopping Mall	Pizza Place	Supermarket	Sushi Restaurant	Breakfast Spot	Print Shop	Mediterranean Restaurant	Coffee Shop	Pool
2	Agincourt North, L'Amoreaux East, Milliken, St	Pharmacy	Sandwich Place	Sushi Restaurant	Doner Restaurant	Donut Shop	Dumpling Restaurant	Eastern European Restaurant	Electronics Store	Elementary School	Ethiopian Restaurant
3	Albion Gardens, Beaumond Heights, Humbergate,	Grocery Store	Park	Sandwich Place	Discount Store	Japanese Restaurant	Fried Chicken Joint	Beer Store	Hardware Store	Pizza Place	Fast Food Restaurant
4	Alderwood, Long Branch	Convenience Store	Pub	Sandwich Place	Coffee Shop	Gas Station	Dance Studio	Gym	Pharmacy	Pizza Place	Falafel Restaurant

4/ Results

• Clusters in Scarborough



4/ Results (continue)

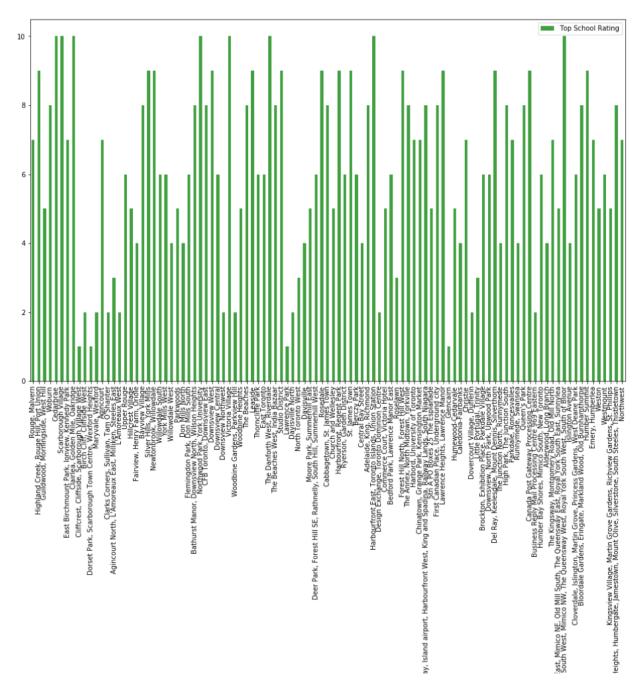
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• The Location:

Scarborough is a popular destination for new immigrants in Canada. As a result, it is one of the most diverse and multicultural areas in the Greater Toronto Area, being home to various religious groups and places of worship. Although immigration has become a hot topic over the past few years with more governments seeking more restrictions on immigrants and refugees, the general trend of immigration into Canada has been one of on the rise.

Foursquare API:

This project have used Four-square API as its prime data gathering source as it has a database of millions of places, especially their places API which provides the ability to perform location search, location sharing and details about a business.



5/ Discussion Section

Problem I tried to solve:

- I was trying to suggest a better neighborhood in a new city of Toronto for the person who is relocating there. There were considered: connectivity to the airport, bus stand, city center, markets and other daily needs things nearby.
 - 1. List of houses in terms of prices;
 - 2. List of schools in terms of location, fees, rating and reviews.

6/ Conclusion

Using k-means cluster algorithm I separated the neighborhood into 10 different clusters and for 103 different lattitude and logitude from dataset, which had very-similar neighborhoods around them. Using the charts above results presented to a particular neighborhood based on average house prices and school rating have been made.

I am feeling satisfied with the course and having the best whishes for the course developers. This project showed me a practical application to resolve a real situation that has impacting personal and financial impact using tools of data science. The mapping with Folium is a very powerful technique to consolidate information and make the analysis and decision better with confidence.

This project can be continued for making it more precise in terms to find best house in Scarborough. Best means on the basis of all required things(daily needs or things we need to live a better life) around and also in terms of cost effective.

Libraries Which are Used to Develope the Project:

- 1. Pandas: For creating and manipulating dataframes.
- 2. Folium: Python visualization library would be used to visualize the neighborhoods cluster distribution of using interactive leaflet map.
- 3. Scikit Learn: For importing k-means clustering.
- 4. JSON: Library to handle JSON files.
- 5. XML: To separate data from presentation and XML stores data in plain text format.
- 6. Geocoder: To retrieve Location Data.
- 7. Beautiful Soup and Requests: To scrap and library to handle http requests.
- 8. Matplotlib: Python Plotting Module.