



# IBM DATA SCIENCE CAPSTONE

Battle of the Neighborhoods

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### ***Introduction/Business Problem:***

People are interested in investing in businesses. Surely that is great since it promotes the economic activity in a country. Investing definitely requires money and that is why one must make sure the investment will have a return of profits. If we take a major city like Toronto do you think that all investments are created equally?

Using data science we shall find out what really works in Toronto so that anyone who is interested in investing in Toronto has an idea of what is popular and common and therefore visited. This will give any investor an idea of the category of the investment they should do.

### ***Data:***

The data was gathered were used to create and visualize the end result and that is the most common venues in Toronto using mainly 2 sources:

- Wikipedia
- Foursquare API

### ***Methodology:***

Several Steps were conducted in order to create the desired data science results:

1. Importing Python libraries and packages
2. Scraping Wikipedia
3. Sorting and shaping the data frame
4. Creating a table for Toronto
5. Creating a map of Toronto containing the different neighborhoods
6. Calling Foursquare API in order get venues for a certain neighborhood (as an experiment)
7. Calling Foursquare API and getting top venues for the different neighborhoods
8. Using machine learning to cluster the neighborhoods
9. Creating a map showing the clusters
10. Creating a table showing the most common venues in different neighborhoods in Toronto

## Results:

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import pandas as pd
pd.set_option('display.max_columns', None)
pd.set_option('display.max_rows', None)
import numpy as np
import io
import requests
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
import urllib.request
import re
import json # Library to handle JSON files
!conda install -c conda-forge geopy --yes
from geopy.geocoders import Nominatim # convert an address into latitude and longitude values

from pandas.io.json import json_normalize # tranform JSON file into a pandas dataframe

# Matplotlib and associated plotting modules
import matplotlib.cm as cm
import matplotlib.colors as colors

# import k-means from clustering stage
from sklearn.cluster import KMeans

!conda install -c conda-forge folium=0.5.0 --yes # uncomment this line if you haven't completed the Foursquare
import folium # map rendering library

print('Libraries imported.')
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url = "https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_postal_codes_of_Canada:_M"
page = urllib.request.urlopen(url)
soup = BeautifulSoup(page, 'html.parser')

data = []
table = soup.find('table', attrs={'class': 'wikitable sortable'})
table_body = table.find('tbody')

rows = table_body.find_all('tr')
for row in rows:
    cols = row.find_all('td')
    cols = [ele.text.strip() for ele in cols]
    data.append([ele for ele in cols if ele])
cd = pd.DataFrame(data, columns=["PostalCode", "Borough", "Neighborhood"])
cd.drop(cd.index[0], inplace = True)
cd.tail(10)
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	PostalCode	Borough	Neighborhood
279	M4Z	Not assigned	Not assigned
280	M5Z	Not assigned	Not assigned
281	M6Z	Not assigned	Not assigned
282	M7Z	Not assigned	Not assigned

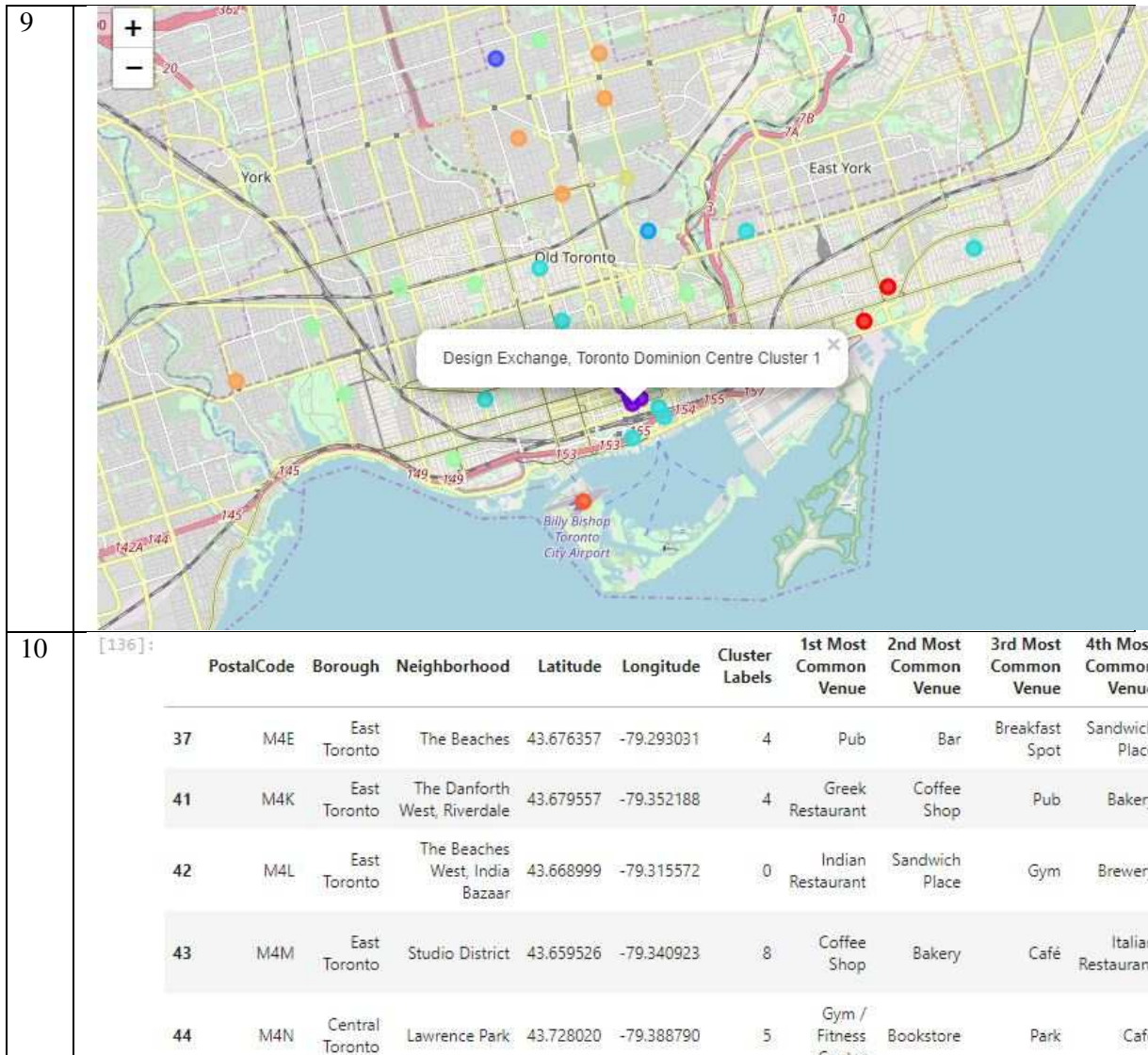
3		<b>PostalCode</b>	<b>Borough</b>	<b>Neighborhood</b>	<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>
	93	M9A	Etobicoke	Islington Avenue	43.667856	-79.532242
	94	M9B	Etobicoke	Cloverdale, Islington, Martin Grove, Princess ...	43.650943	-79.554724
	95	M9C	Etobicoke	Bloordale Gardens, Eringate, Markland Wood, Ol...	43.643515	-79.577201
	96	M9L	North York	Humber Summit	43.756303	-79.565963
	97	M9M	North York	Emery, Humberlea	43.724766	-79.532242
	98	M9N	York	Weston	43.706876	-79.518188
	99	M9P	Etobicoke	Westmount	43.696319	-79.532242
	100	M9R	Etobicoke	Kingsview Village, Martin Grove Gardens, Richv...	43.688905	-79.554724
	101	M9V	Etobicoke	Albion Gardens, Beaumont Heights, Humbergate, ...	43.739416	-79.588437
	102	M9W	Etobicoke	Northwest	43.706748	-79.594054
4	<pre>38]: Toronto=cd[cd['Borough'].str.contains('Toronto')] Toronto.tail(10)</pre>					
	38]:	<b>PostalCode</b>	<b>Borough</b>	<b>Neighborhood</b>	<b>Latitude</b>	<b>L</b>
	69	M5W	Downtown Toronto	Stn A PO Boxes 25 The Esplanade	43.646435	-7
	70	M5X	Downtown Toronto	First Canadian Place, Underground city	43.648429	-7
	75	M6G	Downtown Toronto	Christie	43.669542	-7
	76	M6H	West Toronto	Dovercourt Village, Dufferin	43.669005	-7
	77	M6J	West Toronto	Little Portugal, Trinity	43.647927	-7
	78	M6K	West Toronto	Brockton, Exhibition Place, Parkdale Village	43.636847	-7
	82	M6P	West Toronto	High Park, The Junction South	43.661608	-7
	83	M6R	West Toronto	Parkdale, Roncesvalles	43.648960	-7
	84	M6S	West Toronto	Runnymede, Swansea	43.651571	-7
	87	M7Y	East Toronto	Business Reply Mail Processing Centre 969 Eastern	43.662744	-7

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A map of the Greater Toronto Area, specifically focusing on the city of Toronto and its surrounding municipalities: York, Old Toronto, and East York. The map shows a grid of streets, major highways (like 404, 401, 403, 404, 401







### ***Analysis:***

As we can see from the dataset, the most popular venues include either food or beverages mainly and that should be a crucial idea who is considering what would work in a city like Toronto. After careful analysis, it would be wise to create an investment that is part of at least the first 5 most common venues as any other type of venue might not be able to create a return on the investment.

### ***Conclusion:***

As a conclusion, it was noticed that the nine courses we learned in the coursera IBM program all contributed to create a story. This is essentially what data science is about really.

***References:***

- Wikipedia
- Foursquare API
- Coursera/IBM lectures & labs