# Battle of Neighbourhoods:IBM Capstone Project Introduction

As part of my capstone project, I decided to compare two neighbourhoods in New York in depth to find out how they compare to each other using location data from Foursquare API. The aim of this project is to find the ten most popular venues in each of the neighbourhoods then clustering them for future interested parties for examples data analysts, location data managers, tourists etc.

**New York City** often called the big Apple, comprises of 5 boroughs sitting where the Hudson River meets the Atlantic Ocean. It is the largest city in the United States with a long history of international immigration having a population of 8.149 million as of 2019. Its iconic sites include skyscrapers such as the Empire State building and sprawling Central Park. New York City's demographics show that it is a large and ethnically diverse metropolis, thus New York city is known worldwide as a cultural melting pot. While other states have had immigration surges, none have compared to the diversity and sheer number of immigrants that have made their way to the City. The varied cultures combined to create a great diversity for itself, the city is the world's Financial epicentre home to NYSE and NASDAQ, Communications, Real Estate, Insurance, Technology, Entertainment, Healthcare etc.

**Manhattan**: Originally the only borough in the city has the smallest land area with a population of 1.6mil diverse (example neighbourhoods of Soho and Harlem), rich culture, leading centre for performing arts and iconic landmarks: Central park, Skyscrapers, Empire State building, historic Cathedrals, Wallstreet, Grand Central station etc.

Travelling using the subway, walking or taxis etc it is divided into three grids: Uptown, Downtown and Midtown, roads are Avenues (north to south) and Streets (east to west).

**Bronx**: 4<sup>th</sup> largest, the northernmost and only borough on American mainland, population of 1.3mil largely residential, has vibrant neighbourhoods some areas became the symbol of urban decay that happened in the 1960s to 80s. Home of Hip Hop music, the Yankee Stadium, New York Botanical Gardens.

#### Data

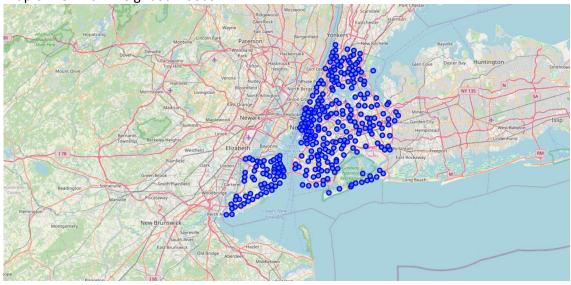
To accomplish the comparison between these two boroughs of Manhattan and Bronx in New York, Foursquare API will be used to gather data on the ten most popular venues in each of the neighbourhoods mentioned above. Data scrapping and cleaning by using python packages.

Neighbourhood and Borough data for New York was provided from the lab in week 3 of the course <a href="https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/IBMDeveloperSkillsNetwork-DS0701EN-Skillabs/newyork\_data.json">https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/IBMDeveloperSkillsNetwork-DS0701EN-Skillabs/newyork\_data.json</a>

### **Gathering the Data**

New York data on borough, neighbourhood is extracted using python packages to open the json file and create a python dataframe then adding the data to it.

#### Map of New York Neighbourhoods



As the Project is comparing two boroughs these are extracted from the New York data and then can be used to gathering venues data from the API and sorting the data.

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bronx_data = ny_df[ny_df['Borough'] == 'Bronx'].reset_index(drop=True)
bronx_data.head()
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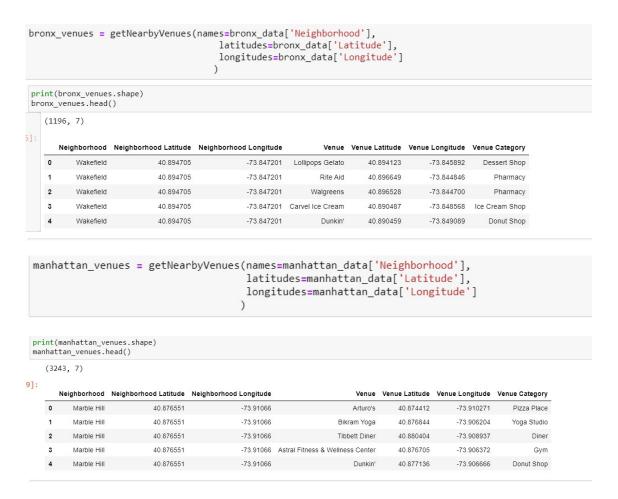
	Borough	Neighborhood	Latitude	Longitude
0	Bronx	Wakefield	40.894705	-73.847201
1	Bronx	Co-op City	40.874294	-73.829939
2	Bronx	Eastchester	40.887556	-73.827806
3	Bronx	Fieldston	40.895437	-73.905643
4	Bronx	Riverdale	40.890834	-73.912585

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manhattan_data = ny_df[ny_df['Borough'] == 'Manhattan'].reset_index(drop=True)
manhattan_data.head()
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	Borough	Neighborhood	Latitude	Longitude
0	Manhattan	Marble Hill	40.876551	-73.910660
1	Manhattan	Chinatown	40.715618	-73.994279
2	Manhattan	Washington Heights	40.851903	-73.936900
3	Manhattan	Inwood	40.867684	-73.921210
4	Manhattan	Hamilton Heights	40.823604	-73.949688

Foursquare API explore call to gather venues data and sort the data into a dataframe. The API call returned results across the boroughs; the Bronx results were a third of the Manhattan responses although having a larger land area indicates it isn't as densely populated as Manhattan.



#### **Bronx**

Sorting the data results and calculating the mean of the API call responses to get the 10 most popular venues in the Bronx neighbourhoods.

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num_top_venues = 10
   indicators = ['st', 'nd', 'rd']
               try:
    columns.append('{){} Most Common Venue'.format(ind+1, indicators[ind]))
                       columns.append('{}th Most Common Venue'.format(ind+1))
   neighborhoods_venues_sorted = pd.DataFrame(columns=columns)
neighborhoods_venues_sorted['Neighborhood'] = bronx_grouped['Neighborhood']
   for ind in np.arange(bronx_grouped.shape[0]):
    neighborhoods_venues_sorted.iloc[ind, 1:] = return_most_common_venues(bronx_grouped.iloc[ind, :], num_top_venues)
   neighborhoods_venues_sorted.head()
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                        Bronxdale Chinese Restaurant
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Then clustering Bronx neighbourhoods by most popular venues.

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9]: kclusters = 5
    bronx_grouped_clustering = bronx_grouped.drop('Neighborhood', 1)
    kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=kclusters, random_state=0).fit(bronx_grouped_clustering)
    kmeans.labels [0:10]
t[99]: array([2, 2, 2, 2, 0, 2, 2, 2, 0, 2], dtype=int32)
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    bronx_merged = bronx_data
bronx_merged = bronx_merged.join(neighborhoods_venues_sorted.set_index('Neighborhood'), on='Neighborhood')
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        3 Bronx Fieldston 40.895437 -73.905643
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        4 Bronx Riverdale 40.890834 -73.912585 1
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#### Manhattan

The same process is done with Manhattan neighbourhood data to get the 10 most popular venues.

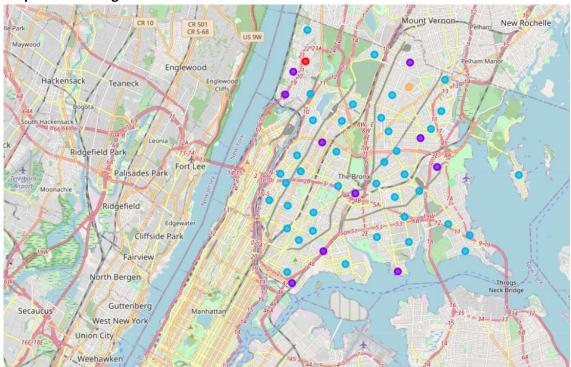
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num_top_venues = 10
indicators = ['st', 'nd', 'rd']
# create columns according to number of top venues
columns = ['Neighborhood']
for ind in np.arange(num_top_venues):
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    columns.append('{}{} Most Common Venue'.format(ind+1, indicators[ind]))
         except:
    columns.append('{}th Most Common Venue'.format(ind+1))
# create a new dataframe
neighborhoods_venues_sorted = pd.DataFrame(columns=columns)
neighborhoods_venues_sorted['Neighborhood'] = manhattan_grouped['Neighborhood']
for ind in np.arange(manhattan_grouped.shape[0]):
    neighborhoods_venues_sorted.iloc[ind, 1:] = return_most_common_venues(manhattan_grouped.iloc[ind, :], num_top_venues)
neighborhoods_venues_sorted.head()
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        4 Chinatown Chinese Restaurant Bakery Cocktall Bar American Restaurant Hotpot Restaurant Spa Dessert Shop Salon / Barbershop Boutique Sandwich Place
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Then Manhattan neighbourhoods are clustered by the most popular venues.

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kclusters = 5
manhattan_grouped_clustering = manhattan_grouped.drop('Neighborhood', 1)
kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=kclusters, random_state=0).fit(manhattan_grouped_clustering)
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neighborhoods_venues_sorted.insert(0, 'Cluster Labels', kmeans.labels_)
  manhattan_merged = manhattan_data
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manhattan_merged.head()
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# Results

## Map of Bronx neighbourhood clusters



Blue Cluster is the most dominant and spreads across the borough.it has different types of residential, tourist and sporting venues like banks, basketball court, marina, music venue, bowling alley, night clubs etc

	Neighborhood	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 Commo Venu
1	Co-op City	Pizza Place	Accessories Store	Basketball Court	Donut Shop	Restaurant	Fast Food Restaurant	Pharmacy	Park	Bus Station	Discount Stor
2	Eastchester	Bus Station	Caribbean Restaurant	Diner	Deli / Bodega	Seafood Restaurant	Platform	Bus Stop	Bowling Alley	Pizza Place	Chinese Restaurar
5	Kingsbridge	Pizza Place	Sandwich Place	Bar	Mexican Restaurant	Latin American Restaurant	Bakery	Supermarket	Burger Joint	Spanish Restaurant	Pharmac
6	Woodlawn	Pub	Deli / Bodega	Food & Drink Shop	Pizza Place	Bakery	Park	Grocery Store	Food Truck	Pharmacy	Ba
7	Norwood	Pizza Place	Park	Chinese Restaurant	Pharmacy	Bank	American Restaurant	Caribbean Restaurant	Bus Station	Spanish Restaurant	Fried Chicken Joi
8	Williamsbridge	Nightclub	Soup Place	Bar	Caribbean Restaurant	Accessories Store	Music Venue	Other Great Outdoors	Outlet Store	Paper / Office Supplies Store	Pa
9	Baychester	Donut Snop	Mexican Restaurant	Electronics Store	Discount Store	Fast Food Restaurant	Sandwich Place	Pizza Piace	Convenience Store	Pet Store	Fried Chicken Joi
10	Pelham Parkway	Italian Restaurant	Pizza Place	Sandwich Place	Food	Smoke Shop	Bus Station	Gourmet Shop	Donut Shop	Frozen Yogurt Shop	Chinese Restaura
11	City Island	Seafood Restaurant	Thrift / Vintage Store	Harbor / Marina	Bar	Spanish Restaurant	Café	Music Venue	Park	History Museum	French Restaura
12	Bedford Park	Diner	Pizza Place		Chinese Restaurant	Sandwich Place	Deli / Bodega	Baseball Field	Bus Station	Pub	Burger Join
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13	Heights	Pizza Place	Sandwich Place		Fried Chicken Joint	Grocery Store	Supermarket	Shoe Store	Pharmacy	History Museum	Ban
14	Morris Heights	Deli / Bodega	Recreation Center	IT Services	Pizza Place	Grocery Store	Pharmacy	Spanish Restaurant	Bank	Park	Nail Salo
16	East Tremont	Pizza Place	Puerto Rican Restaurant	Spanish Restaurant	Donut Shop	Breakfast Spot	Supermarket	Shoe Store	Mobile Phone Shop	Chinese Restaurant	Ban
18	High Bridge	Pharmacy	Pizza Place	Chinese Restaurant	Spanish Restaurant	Latin American Restaurant	Bus Station	Gym	Electronics Store	Dell / Bodega	Foo
19	Melrose	Pizza Place	Discount Store	Sandwich Place	Grocery Store	Department Store	Mexican Restaurant	Diner	Deli / Bodega	Clothing Store	Paper / Offic Supplies Sto
20	Mott Haven	Pizza Place	Donut Shop	Gym	Grocery Store	Latin American Restaurant	Spanish Restaurant	Burger Joint	Storage Facility	Pharmacy	Fish & Chips Sho
	Hunts Point	Bank	Farmers Market	Café	Gourmet Shop	Grocery Store	Home Service	BBQ Joint	Spanish Restaurant	Pizza Place	Juice Ba
	Morrisania	Bus Station	Discount Store	Donut Shop	Fast Food Restaurant	Pizza Place	Metro Station	Grocery Store	Bowling Alley	Deli / Bodega	Sandwich Plac
	Soundview (	Chinese Restaurant	Discount Store	Bus Station	Burger Joint	Fried Chicken Joint	Breakfast Spot	Grocery Store	Basketball Court	Pharmacy	Bus Sto
	Throgs Neck	Deli / Bodega	Asian Restaurant	Coffee Shop	Baseball Field	Bar	Liquor Store	Pizza Place	American Restaurant	Italian Restaurant	Juice Ba
	Parkchester	Supermarket	Pizza Place	Women's Store	Kids Store	Restaurant	Chinese Restaurant	Shipping Store	Sandwich Place	Deli / Bodega	Plaz
	Westchester Square	Fast Food Restaurant	Mexican Restaurant	Donut Shop	Baseball Field	Pharmacy	Sandwich Place	Pizza Place	Supermarket	Mobile Phone Shop	Health & Beau Service
	Van Nest	Pizza Place	Bus Station	BBQ Joint	Supermarket	Mobile Phone Shop	Board Shop	Coffee Shop	Hookah Bar	Bus Stop	Deli / Bodeg
	Morris Park	Pizza Place	Burger Joint	Bakery	Deli / Bodega	Fast Food Restaurant	Sandwich Place	Pharmacy	Coffee Shop	Grocery Store	Buffe
	Belmont	Italian Restaurant	Pizza Place	Deli / Bodega	Bakery	Sandwich Place	Dessert Shop	Grocery Store	Bank	Bar	Shoe Stor
No	rth Riverdale	Pizza Place	Bank	Chinese Restaurant	Italian Restaurant	Burger Joint	Bus Station	Coffee Shop	Donut Shop	Grocery Store	Gym / Fitness Cente
	Schuylerville	Diner	Pizza Place	Mexican Restaurant	Pharmacy	Bank	Italian Restaurant	Hookah Bar	American Restaurant	Japanese Restaurant	Donut Sho
	Edgewater Park	Italian Restaurant	Pizza Piace	Coffee Shop	Chinese Restaurant	Juice Bar	Ваг	Dell / Bodega	Park	Spa	Sports Ba
	Castle Hill	Bank	Diner	Park	Pizza Place	Pharmacy	Market	Accessories Store	Nightclub	Other Great Outdoors	Outlet Stor
	Olinville	Caribbean Restaurant	Deli / Bodega	Laundromat	Supermarket	Food	Chinese Restaurant	Bakery	Playground	Pool	Outlet Stor
	Concourse	Grocery Store	Spanish Restaurant	Fried Chicken Joint	Italian Restaurant	Bakery	Fast Food Restaurant	Caribbean Restaurant	Chinese Restaurant	Pharmacy	Foo
	Unionport	Latin American Restaurant	Donut Shop	Ice Cream Shop	Juice Bar	Mobile Phone Shop	Diner	Deli / Bodega	Dance Studio	Cuban Restaurant	Comfort Foo Restaura
	Claremont Village	Grocery Store	Bus Station	Bakery	Pizza Place	Discount Store	Food	Pharmacy	Gym	Caribbean Restaurant	Restaura
	Concourse Village	Sandwich Place	Pizza Place	Fried Chicken Joint	Pharmacy	Supermarket	Dell / Bodega	Mexican Restaurant	Donut Shop	Bus Station	Pai
	Mount Eden	Pharmacy	Fast Food Restaurant	Deli / Bodega	Supermarket	Grocery Store	Chinese Restaurant	Pizza Place	Food Truck	Intersection	Bus Statio
	Mount Hope	Grocery Store	Deli / Bodega	Donut Shop	Pizza Place	Sandwich Place	Chinese Restaurant	Spanish Restaurant	Supermarket	Mobile Phone Shop	Ice Cream Sho
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	Bronxdale (	Chinese Restaurant Pizza Place	Deli / Bodega Deli / Bodega	Pizza Place Supermarket	Breakfast Spot Discount Store	Supermarket Chinese Restaurant	Mexican Restaurant Electronics Store	Gym Spa	Venue Bus Station	Bank Gas Station	Spanish Restaurar Pharma

Purple Cluster is spread across the borough and the second most dominant cluster.it has mixed venues with notable places like recording studio, scenic lookout, intersection and storage facility which differentiate it from other clusters.

	Neighborhood	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
0	Wakefield	Pharmacy	Deli / Bodega	Laundromat	Donut Shop	Sandwich Place	Dessert Shop	Ice Cream Shop	Lake	Pizza Place	Paper / Office Supplies Store
4	Riverdale	Bus Station	Park	Plaza	Playground	Home Service	Gym	Medical Supply Store	Baseball Field	Bank	Accessories Store
15	Fordham	Fast Food Restaurant	Shoe Store	Donut Shop	Mobile Phone Shop	Clothing Store	Bank	Pharmacy	Supplement Shop	Supermarket	Spanish Restaurant
17	West Farms	Park	Bus Stop	Donut Shop	Bus Station	Convenience Store	Chinese Restaurant	Pizza Place	Basketball Court	Coffee Shop	Playground
21	Port Morris	Brewery	Restaurant	Furniture / Home Store	Storage Facility	Grocery Store	Peruvian Restaurant	Spanish Restaurant	Donut Shop	Distillery	Latin American Restaurant
22	Longwood	Dell / Bodega	Diner	Latin American Restaurant	Donut Shop	Sandwich Place	Mexican Restaurant	Grocery Store	Fast Food Restaurant	Pet Store	Outlet Store
26	Clason Point	Park	Recording Studio	South American Restaurant	Pool	Playground	Convenience Store	Bus Stop	Boat or Ferry	Home Service	Grocery Store
34	Spuyten Duyvil	Park	Scenic Lookout	Grocery Store	Tennis Court	Tennis Stadium	Thai Restaurant	Bank	Intersection	Pharmacy	Pet Store
36	Pelham Bay	Bank	Fast Food Restaurant	Diner	Italian Restaurant	Gym / Fitness Center	Donut Shop	Convenience Store	Latin American Restaurant	Asian Restaurant	Supermarket
41	Pelham Gardens	Pharmacy	Bus Station	Spanish Restaurant	Boat or Ferry	Grocery Store	Bank	Sandwich Place	Playground	Mobile Phone Shop	Locksmith

#### **Smaller Clusters (Red, Green, Orange)**

They only have one neighbourhood each which could mean these neighbourhoods are different from the rest of the borough if not then with a different cluster size they could have been included in different cluster results.

#### Red Cluster: Neighbourhood of Fieldston



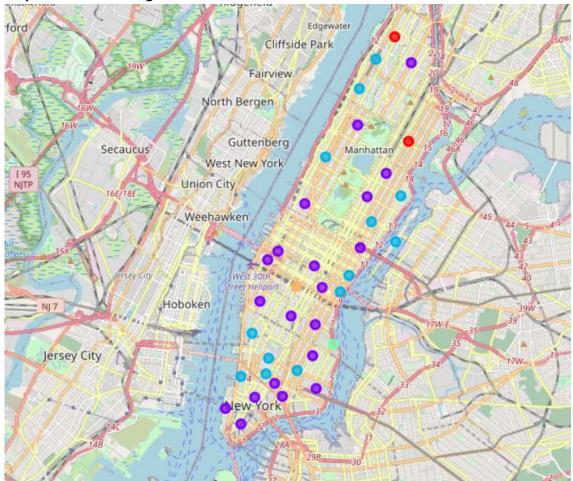
#### Green Cluster: Neighbourhood of Country Club



#### Orange Cluster: Neighbourhood of Edenwood



Map of Manhattan neighbourhood clusters



Purple Cluster is the most dominant and the central hub of the city with night life, art and culture venues example exhibit, public art, memorial site, theatre and night clubs. There are lots of coffee shops which indicates lots of tourists coming to the venues hence a high traffic area.



Blue Cluster is the second most dominant, this cluster is residential, and offices evidenced by coffee shops, gym, boutique, food truck, barbershop/salon. It has lots of different types of restaurants thus diverse.



#### Smaller Clusters (Red, Green, Orange)

Green and Orange are not as ethnically diverse as the red cluster, it could also be as only had one neighbourhood each, thus could have different results if the cluster size was different.

Red Cluster: Neighbourhoods of Washington Heights, Inwood, Hamilton Heights, East Harlem. This cluster has different type of restaurants such as Thai, Mexican, French, Chinese and Indian restaurants to mention a few clearly indicating that it's a mixed ethnic neighbourhood.



#### Green Cluster: Neighbourhood of Stuyvesant Town



#### Orange Cluster: Neighbourhood of Midtown South



Other limitations, the API results feature venues it does not cover office spaces which could highlight local foot traffic means it doesn't give a full picture of all the popular tourist attractions/venues in the area.

#### Conclusion:

Blue and purple clusters are the most dominant in both, most of the neighbourhoods in the two boroughs have similar popular venues like coffee shops, night clubs and varied restaurants.

Determinants of where venues are depends on industries and local services and government policies etc.

API limitations on results – data used to request venues, limits of API data, etc.