Capstone Project

Battle of neighborhoods



Find the right area to open a new French Restaurant in **Montreal**, Canada



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Introduction/Business Problem section

Introduction: my personal experience with Montreal

I came in 2014 in Montreal during 2 weeks for holydays.

As a European guy, It was the first time (and the only) I had the opportunity to visit Canada, and especially this beautiful city.

Montreal represents for me a real multicultural city, modern and dynamic, with a lot of spots for arts, restaurants and tourism. The openness of this city and its people made me think many times about the advisability of starting a business in this place. I will take the opportunity of this Capstone project to evaluate where this kind of project could be done in Montreal.

Business Problem section

Be able to find the right place to open a new business is not an easy thing. Competitors and locations are important variables which need to be taken account before to start such a project.

Data Science offers the possibility to make analysis and studies at the beginning of the project building; Open Data and algorithms can now help us to take the best decision. Our problematic is the following:

⇒ In which area of Montreal could be opened a French Restaurant?

Thanks to Foursquare API, to Open Data and to a clustering algorithm, the following study will propose acceptable areas to open a new burger restaurant (or American Restaurant) in Montreal.

Target Audience

The target of this analysis is potential investors or people who want to start a new Business. Due to my nationality and the French culture of Montreal, the choice was done on "French Restaurant".

Banks involved in the business plan of such a project could also be interested by this Data Science analysis.

Data Available

Open Data used come from the website https://donnees.montreal.ca

The geographical coordinates used from this website concern the police posts in Montreal. These Data allow us to identify the main areas of this city and give us a representative view of the split of this city in term of human activities: these coordinates will give us the opportunity to check the venues around all over the city.

In a second steps, thanks to the Foursquare API, we will associate the venues related to these areas.