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	I then defined a range for the potential value of k, being between 1 and 20. Using a k value of 20 w likely have been unhelpful as it would have separated the data into too many clusters and may have picked up outliers or left some clusters empty. In the end 4 clusters were used to determine wheth countries were safe to visit (Figure 1). Cluster 1 was assigned the colour green, marking a location safe to visit, 2 was assigned to the colour red, marking a location as extremely unsafe to visit, 3 was assigned to orange, marking a location as relatively unsafe to visit, and 4 was assigned the colour vellow making a country as relatively safe to visit.	
	yellow, making a country as relatively safe to visit. Each location was then plotted on a map using the Map class of the folium library. This map would mark a circle in the colour assigned to each location by its cluster. The map was then rendered and saved in a html document called covid_map.html. Conclusion As the clustering results were based on Confirmed Cases and Deaths for each location, I would normally agree with the results. However as new data has come to light in recent days about the emergence of a new Covid-19 variant, and its mutations being likely to improve the virus' ability to spread, I must disagree with the results and affirm that the countries listed, including Namibia, Les and eSwatini which were not listed should not be within the green or yellow clusters but in the red cluster. In conclusion, using only data provided by Confirmed Cases and Deaths for each location may not the best solution for determining whether or not a country is safe to visit using the k-means cluste method. Adding other dimensions to the data like variants for each location, how easy each variant spreads and how lethal each variant is, might prove to produce better predictions.	
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