FINDING SUITABLE AND BEST LOCATION FOR ESTABLISHING EMERGENCY ROOMS

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1. Introduction

1.1. Business Problem

The route from accident zones to the medical or help centre might take long leading to more deaths due to shortage of time. This project aims to predict the highly dense accident zones in the state of **Toronto** and **establish** medical or **emergency rooms** in those areas, saving more lives and hopes.

1.2. Interest

Mainly the government of the state or country and the people who are prone to these kinds of accidents are of major concern here. The friends and families of those will be more happy and can lead a happy and joyful life.

2. Data acquisition and data cleaning

2.1. Data source

For solving this problem I need two different datas,

- 1. Locations of collisions or accidents that happened in previous years in Toronto.
 - 2. Locations of Hospitals and Emergency rooms in Toronto.

The first data is found in the **toronto public service data portal**. This has column like Most accident stats, date and time, visibility, traffic control, neighborhood district, and locations(latitude, longitude) of the accidents, etc.

The second data needed for this project is the hospital or medical centre datas. These are retrieved using **Foursquare API**. The data is

requested using the URL for the API. It sends back a JSON file from which we make a dataframe.

2.2. Data Cleaning

In the accident dataset only the latitude and longitude, and neighborhood district of the accident is required as this project only considers the density of the accident.

In the hospital dataset only the latitude and longitude of the hospital, venue name, and type of the venue(medical centre, emergency room, etc), venue id, are considered.

3. Methodology

3.1. Mapping the two datasets

The view on the collisions of the accident's locations and the emergency room's locations are made. These are viewed in the map called "collisions_map".

3.2. Removing the accident location records nearer to medical centres

The accidents near the hospitals at a distance of 1km are removed from the dataset as they can reach the hospitals in time. The distance of the locations is calculated using the haversine formula.

$$d = 2rsin^{-1} \left(\sqrt{sin^2 \left(\frac{\Phi_2 - \Phi_1}{2} \right) + cos(\Phi_1) cos(\Phi_2) sin^2 \left(\frac{\lambda_2 - \lambda_1}{2} \right)} \ \right)$$

3.3. Finding accident dense area using hierarchical dbscan

To find the density of the accident zones, the locations of the accidents are grouped together. Grouping is done using hierarchical density based spatial clustering of applications with noise clustering technique. This clustering is done with a minimal sample of 7. If we increase the sample size

the cluster becomes conservative so more outliers of cluster forms. The minimal number of clusters to be formed is given as 5. The HDBscan returns labels of each data which represents the cluster in which it is present. If the label is -1 it represents outliers.

3.4. Addressing outliers

Even here there will be outliers. Usage of k-nearest neighbors can help them group into the nearest cluster. The cluster without outliers formed using HDBscan are taken as a training set. Clusters with outliers formed using k-nearest neighbors are taken as a test set.

3.5. Finding core latitude and longitude and address of all clusters

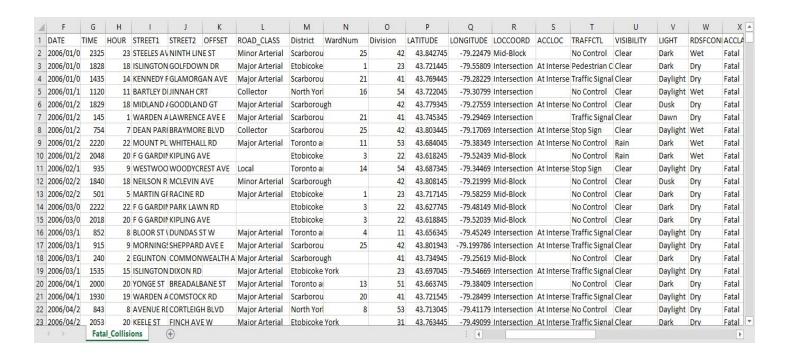
To find an appropriate location for the emergency room will be the mean of each cluster. This is considered as the core latitude and longitude of the cluster. Using the core latitude and longitude the address of that location is found. This address can be used as an ideal location for setting up an emergency room.

3.6. Calculating distance to the nearest medical centre

Now the distance of the core location and the nearest hospital is found. The longest distance of these is considered as the ideal one for establishing the hospital.

4. Results

4.1 Data taken from Toronto public service data portal



4.2 DataFrame after removing unwanted columns and null values:-

Out[5]:

	IMPACTYPE	Neighbourhood	District	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0	Approaching	Rouge (131)	Scarborough	43.842745	-79.22479
1	Pedestrian Collisions	Elms-Old Rexdale (5)	Etobicoke York	43.721445	-79.55809
2	Pedestrian Collisions	Dorset Park (126)	Scarborough	43.769445	-79.28229
3	SMV Other	Victoria Village (43)	North York	43.722045	-79.30799
4	Pedestrian Collisions	Agincourt South-Malvern West (128)	Scarborough	43.779345	-79.27559

4.3 Toronto Map in which collision locations are marked:-



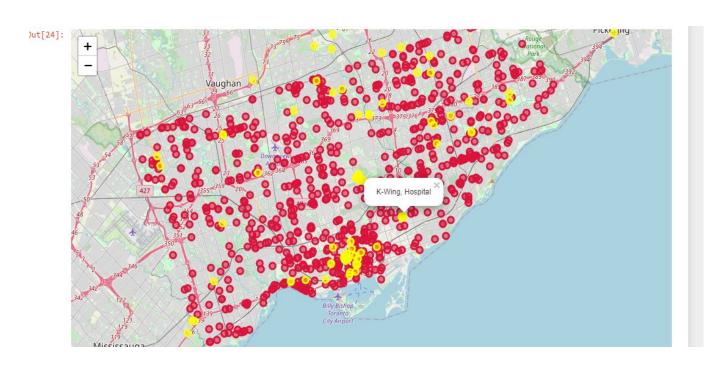
4.4 Hospitals location data when retrieved from Foursquare API:-

4.5 Hospitals data as data frame after performing Preprocessing:-

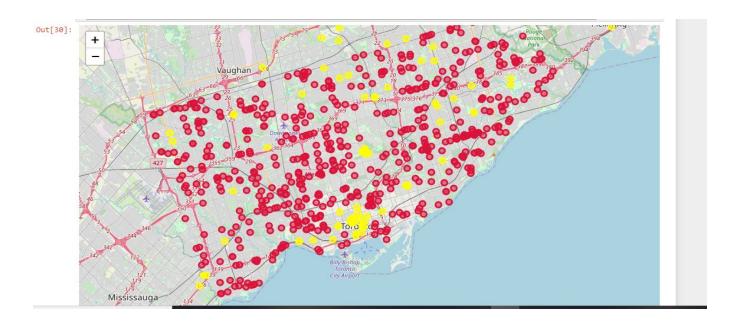
Out[15]:

	Venueid	Venue	Latitude	Longitude	Category
0	4af2fb96f964a52086e921e3	Toronto Western Hospital	43.653434	-79.406074	Medical Center
1	4b7d80d9f964a520d3c22fe3	Roswell Park	42.898945	-78.864902	Medical Center
2	4e023cdb6365ba98ee33dd32	Southlake Regional Health Centre	44.061136	-79.452311	Medical Center
3	4b66f884f964a520e6322be3	Buffalo Medical Group (295 Essjay)	42.974214	-78.736627	Medical Center
4	4bd057b177b29c7493848a82	Halton Family Health Centre	43.391872	-79.821928	Medical Center

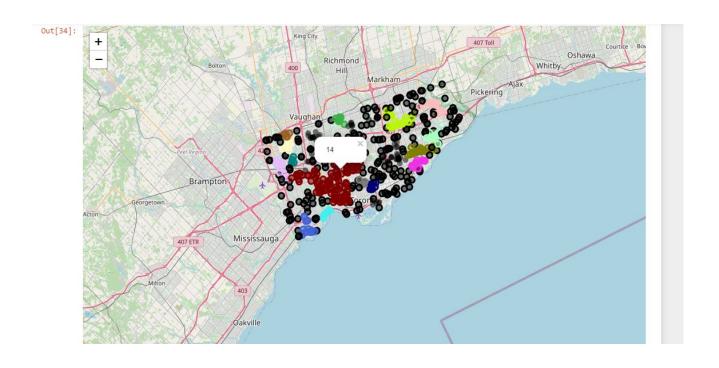
4.6 Mapping hospitals locations along with collisions location in Toronto map:-



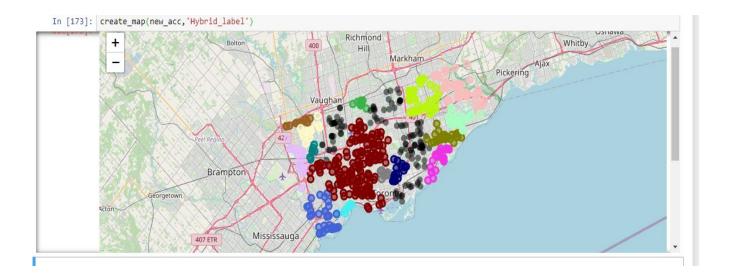
4.7 Mapping after removing all collisions which are in the radius of 1 KM from any hospital:-



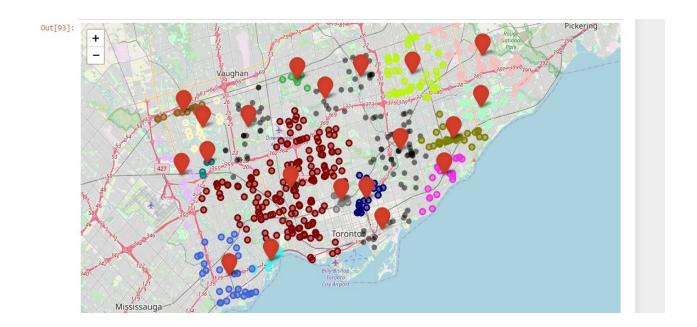
4.8 Map after clustering collision points based on density using hierarchical DBSCAN:-



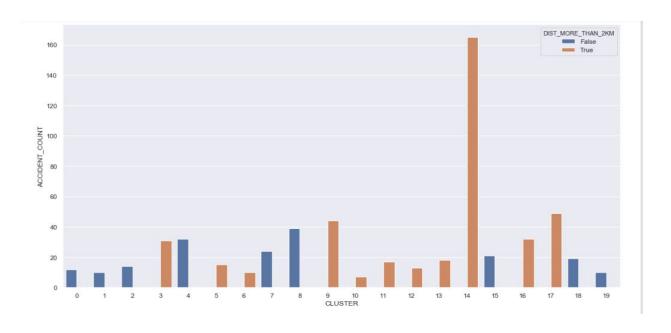
4.9 Map after clustering the outliers using KNearestNeighbors:-



4.10 Cores points along with their clusters members:-



4.11 Bar plot showing number of accidents in each clusters and distance from each cluster center to the nearest hospital:-



5. Discussions

By considering the number of accidents in each cluster and also the distance to the hospitals, it can be suggested that the cluster with the longest distance and largest number of accidents can be an ideal one for establishing the emergency room.

From the above Bar visualization if we have to select one location then we can choose cluster 14, as it has large number of collisions and also the distance to the nearest hospital from the cluster center is more than 2 Kilometers

6. Conclusion

In this study, I analyzed the sufficiency and necessity of emergency rooms in accident zones. I built a clustering model to group the accidents into different clusters. Analyzing these clusters can be very useful in helping the person in interest to establish a suitable place for setting up an emergency room.