Capstone Project – A Restaurant Guide for Dubai (Week 2) Final Report

Introduction

Dubai is one of the best tourist destinations around the world, best known for its shopping spots as well as for its magnificent attractions. Its main goal and development towards tourism started back in 2013 when the emirate decided to bring in cash flow from outside the country. Considering this it wouldn't be a surprise if the food industry didn't boom as well as of course when tourists enter the country to visit various sites an appetite would be showing itself. For this very reason the restaurants and its various cuisines are being taken into account for and to finally provide with a short guide of the various restaurants based on cuisine or the surrounding area and its minor attractions. This would definitely be of use to tourists and even new residents who are unaware of what is in this huge city.

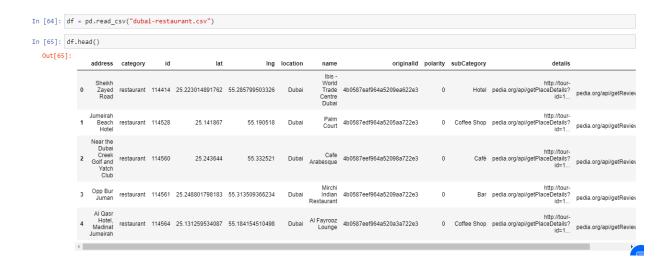
Business Problem

This project aims to provide with details regarding to what cuisines are available and their locations. A further analysis can be done to give the number of restaurants per area or cuisine or grouping based on both. It also provides with an analysis of the surrounding available ventures for each or any preferred restaurant.

Data

For this project the data needed is:

- Dubai dataset containing list of restaurants and other venues along with its name, address, latitude, longitude taken from Kaggle.
 http://tour-pedia.org/download/dubai-restaurant.csv
- Geopy to get latitudes and longitudes of each venue.
- Foursquare API to get all venues in each area.



Methodology

First extract data from the Kaggle link "http://tour-pedia.org/download/dubai-restaurant.csv" into a file with extension '.csv' (Comma Separated Values) for ex: "dubai-restaurant.csv" as seen below. The csv file is then read into a dataframe with the following attributes:

- 1. address address of venue
- 2. category subdivision of venue based on activity
- 3. id venue id
- 4. lat latitude of venue
- 5. lng longitude of venue
- 6. location location of venue (Dubai since it is our city of concern)
- 7. name name of venue
- 8. originalld string id of venue
- 9. subCategory subdivision of category (restaurant divided into café, hotel, ice cream shop, etc)
- 10. details further details of venue (accessed through a link with no specific information)
- 11. reviews review given by other customers for that venue (accessed through a link with no specific ratings)

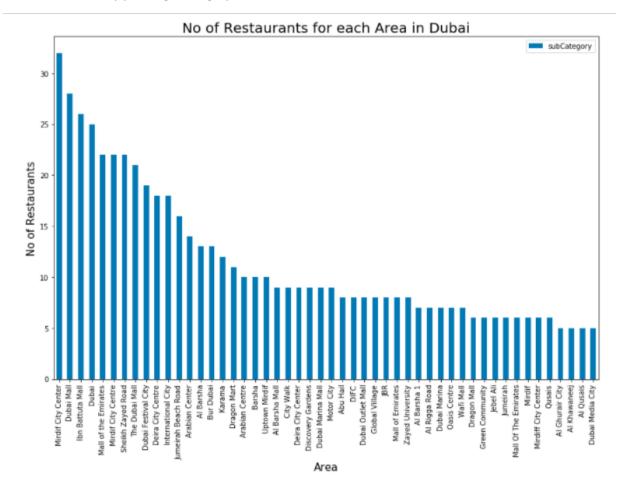
The data is then cleaned ie rid of unnecessary rows and columns which may also have empty values.



Using geopy we then obtain the coordinates of Dubai to generate a K-Means cluster map depicting the clusters of venues in different areas.



From the above map we can notice that the restaurants are more crowded in a certain area. We can find out the area name by plotting a bar graph as obtained below.

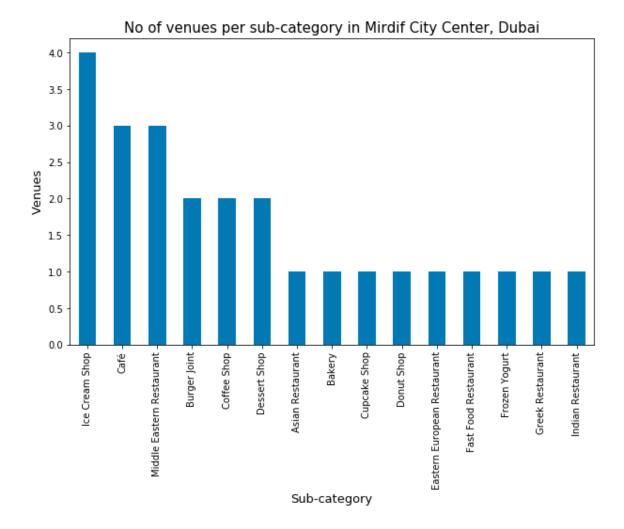


It can be seen that Mirdif City Center has the greatest number of restaurants so we can create a new dataframe for the restaurants in Mirdif City Center with their respective details for further analysis.

:	name	address location		subCategory	subCategory lat		reviews	
2	53 Caffe' NERO كافيه نيرو	Mirdif City Center	Dubai	Café	25.214725766164	55.407357215881	http://tour-pedia.org/api/getReviewsByPlaceId?	
2	72 Marble Slab	Mirdif City Center	Dubai	Ice Cream Shop	25.21275071504	55.412709282748	http://tour-pedia.org/api/getReviewsByPlaceId?	
3	39 Mango Tree	Mirdif City Center	Dubai	Thai Restaurant	25.160166850722	55.409260239051	http://tour-pedia.org/api/getReviewsByPlaceId?	
3	83 Chili's	Mirdif City Center	Dubai	Eastern European Restaurant	25.214305594185	55.388444540159	http://tour-pedia.org/api/getReviewsByPlaceId?	
4	مقهی کارپبر Caribou Coffee	Mirdif City Center	Dubai	Coffee Shop	25.215748943292	55.408795331383	http://tour-pedia.org/api/getReviewsByPlaceId?	
4	14 Costa @ Mirdif City Center	Mirdif City Center	Dubai	Coffee Shop	25.215657593001	55.407485961914	http://tour-pedia.org/api/getReviewsByPlaceId?	
4	73 Pinkberry	Mirdif City Center	Dubai	Frozen Yogurt	25.216045852077	55.408515930176	http://tour-pedia.org/api/getReviewsByPlaceId?	
6	05 Sugar Daddy's	Mirdif City Center	Dubai	Cupcake Shop	25.217745979378	55.408168250554	http://tour-pedia.org/api/getReviewsByPlaceId?	
7	08 Zafran	Mirdif City Center	Dubai	Indian Restaurant	25.253131205621	55.417201893998	http://tour-pedia.org/api/getReviewsByPlaceId?	
8	04 Sukiyaki	Mirdif City Center	Dubai	Japanese Restaurant	25.217832630232	55.408189873956	http://tour-pedia.org/api/getReviewsByPlaceId?	
8	15 Cold Stone Creamery	Mirdif City Center	Dubai	Ice Cream Shop	25.214837488608	55.408281773473	http://tour-pedia.org/api/getReviewsByPlaceId?	
8	38 Paul Cafe	Mirdif City Center	Dubai	Bakery	25.21619367696	55.409227803552	http://tour-pedia.org/api/getReviewsByPlaceId?	
9	32 Pars	Mirdif City Center	Dubai	Restaurant	25.216274	55.40917	http://tour-pedia.org/api/getReviewsByPlaceId?	
10	15 Jimmy The Greek	Mirdif City Center	Dubai	Greek Restaurant	25.214908563565	55.407276289914	http://tour-pedia.org/api/getReviewsByPlaceId?	
11	هاجن داز Haagen Dazs	Mirdif City Center	Dubai	Ice Cream Shop	25.217792082653	55.406692466079	http://tour-pedia.org/api/getReviewsByPlaceId?	
12	62 GBK	Mirdif City Center	Dubai	Burger Joint	25.214819	55.406838	http://tour-pedia.org/api/getReviewsByPlaceId?	
14	شوكلت بار Chocolate Bar	Mirdif City Center	Dubai	Café	25.216279247572	55.40791958182	http://tour-pedia.org/api/getReviewsByPlaceId?	
15	03 Love Life Boost	Mirdif City Center	Dubai	Juice Bar	25.21542278321	55.408254744193	http://tour-pedia.org/api/getReviewsByPlaceId?	
15	71 McDonald's	Mirdif City Center	Dubai	Fast Food Restaurant	25.16299429968	55.414293293724	http://tour-pedia.org/api/getReviewsByPlaceId?	
179	97 Pars Restuarant مطعم بارس	Mirdif City Center	Dubai	Middle Eastern Restaurant	25.216303	55.409112	http://tour-pedia.org/api/getReviewsByPlaceId?	
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Once again, we use geopy to obtain the coordinates for Mirdif City Center specifically and generate a K-Means cluster map to observe the cluster of restaurants in this area specifically.





Next, we use the Foursquare API to get a list of unique venues surrounding those in Mirdif City Center. Then produce a one hot encoding of the areas within Mirdif City Center. Among these surrounding venues the top ones are displayed for each area in a final dataframe.

عبدالوهاب Abdelwahab

	venue	freq
0	Coffee Shop	0.13
1	Movie Theater	0.10
2	Theme Park Ride / Attraction	0.03
3	Chinese Restaurant	0.03
4	Lebanese Restaurant	0.03

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	venue	freq
0	Coffee Shop	0.10
1	Movie Theater	0.07
2	Clothing Store	0.07
3	Chinese Restaurant	0.03
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کافیه نیرو Caffe' NERO

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0		Coffee Shop	0.13
1		Movie Theater	0.10
2	Theme	Park Ride / Attraction	0.03
3		Chinese Restaurant	0.03
4		Lebanese Restaurant	0.03

	Area	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	Abdelwahab عبدالوهاب	Coffee Shop	Movie Theater	Theme Park Ride / Attraction	Bookstore	Gift Shop	Gym	Cosmetics Shop	Clothing Store	Ice Cream Shop	Indian Restaurant
1	أرابيك - Arabesq	Coffee Shop	Movie Theater	Clothing Store	Restaurant	Record Shop	Chinese Restaurant	Lebanese Restaurant	Café	Burger Joint	Multiplex
2	کاهِه Caffe' NERO نیرو	Coffee Shop	Movie Theater	Theme Park Ride / Attraction	Bakery	Gift Shop	Gym	Cosmetics Shop	Clothing Store	Ice Cream Shop	Chinese Restaurant
3	Caribou Coffee مقهی کارپیو	Coffee Shop	Movie Theater	Theme Park Ride / Attraction	Bakery	Gift Shop	Gym	Cosmetics Shop	Clothing Store	Chinese Restaurant	Indian Restaurant
4	Chili's	Accessories Store	Badminton Court	Hotel	Furniture / Home Store	Department Store	Sandwich Place	Burger Joint	Airport	Bakery	Beach
5	Chinese Palace Restaurant	Coffee Shop	Indian Restaurant	Movie Theater	Theme Park Ride / Attraction	Burger Joint	Frozen Yogurt Shop	Furniture / Home Store	Gift Shop	Gym	Cosmetics Shop
6	Chocolate Bar شوکلت بار	Coffee Shop	Movie Theater	Theme Park Ride / Attraction	Bakery	Gift Shop	Gym	Cosmetics Shop	Clothing Store	Ice Cream Shop	Chinese Restaurant
7	Cold Stone Creamery	Coffee Shop	Movie Theater	Theme Park Ride / Attraction	Bookstore	Gift Shop	Gym	Cosmetics Shop	Clothing Store	Ice Cream Shop	Indian Restaurant
8	Costa @ Mirdif City Center	Coffee Shop	Movie Theater	Theme Park Ride / Attraction	Bakery	Gift Shop	Gym	Cosmetics Shop	Clothing Store	Ice Cream Shop	Chinese Restaurant
9	GBK	Coffee Shop	Movie Theater	Theme Park Ride / Attraction	Bakery	Gift Shop	Gym	Cosmetics Shop	Clothing Store	Ice Cream Shop	Chinese Restaurant
10	Haagen Dazs هلجن داز	Coffee Shop	Movie Theater	Clothing Store	Bookstore	Ice Cream Shop	Lebanese Restaurant	Burger Joint	Bowling Alley	Multiplex	Chinese Restaurant
11	Jimmy The Greek	Coffee Shop	Movie Theater	Theme Park Ride / Attraction	Bakery	Gift Shop	Gym	Cosmetics Shop	Clothing Store	Ice Cream Shop	Chinese Restaurant

Result

From this we can see that:

- 1. Mirdif City Center has the greatest number of restaurants.
- 2. Ice cream shops have potential in Mirdif City Center area.
- 3. The area of Abdelwahab is quite popular and has a high frequency of surrounding venues.
- 4. Japanese cuisine in not as available and has low frequency of surrounding venues.

Conclusion

In this project the various venues were discussed and analyzed based on their address, category under which each are placed. The relationship is observed and is narrowed down to one populated area – Mirdif City Center, upon which further analysis being done has given its breakdown and frequency. Using this information, it is easier to provide customers – whether residents or tourists – with quick and efficient identification of required restaurant or venue.