Coursera IBM Capstone Exploring the Data Locality of Restaurants in Boston

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Introduction

- We are searching for the best place to build a new Chinese Restaurant in Boston
- We are looking for a place that has a golden ratio of Chinese Restaurant density to restaurant density of other types of food.

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Data

We will be pulling two types of data.

We will use the location of Boston Districts from an external CSV

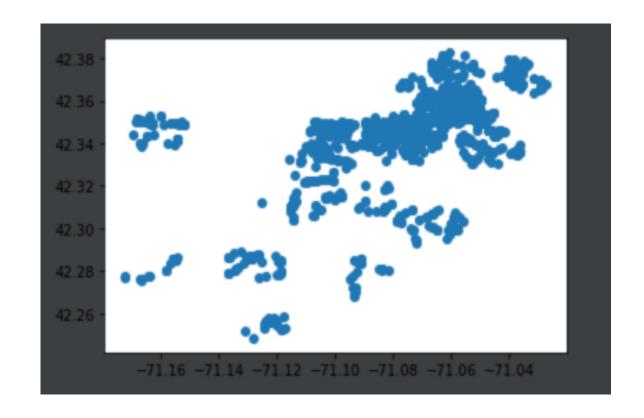
We will use foursquare to gather all the restaurants and their types of

food in Boston.

	Neighborhood	Latitude	Longitude
0	Allson	42.352900	71.132100
1	Back Bay	42.351294	-71.080356
2	Bay Village	42.349100	-71.068000
3	Beacon Hill	42.358300	-71.066100
4	Brighton	42.346400	-71.162700

Data Analysis

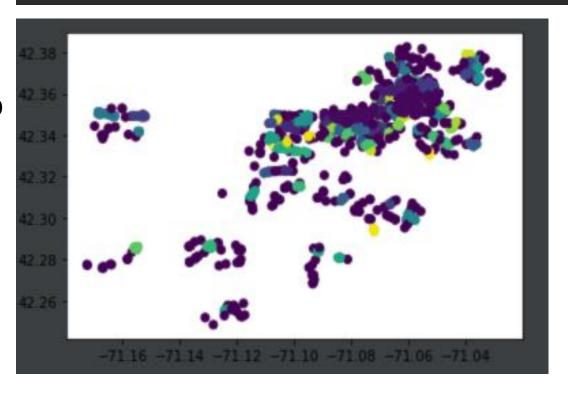
- We pulled all the data from foursquare on each restaurant type. The total amount of data pulled equated to 57,200 restaurants.
- The graph plots each restaurant based on the longitude and latitude.



Cluster Model

- We generated our clusters of restaurants using DB scan which found us 92 clusters.
- The code to the right was used to cluster the restaurants.
- The graph shows the location of our clusters on top of the groupings of restaurants

Epsilon dictates how tight the density groups can be.
Min samples says how few data points are needed for a cluster to form
Cluster list is a numpy array containing the X and Y coordinates of every Venue
dbScan = DBSCAN(eps=0.001, min_samples=5).fit_predict(clusterList) clusterList:



Results

- We ran the code to the right to figure out the best possible longitude and latitude for a new Chinese restaurant.
- The given general location was:
 - Longitude: -71.05890045602365
 - Latitude: 42.35555054151881

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ifor idx in range(len(clusterResultList)): clusterF
    if clusterResultList[idx] == maxName: clusterF
        counter+=1 counter: θ
        longCounter = longCounter + longList[idx]
        latCounter = latCounter + latList[idx]
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Conclusion

- While we were able to find a general location for our new restaurant.
 We found that we could make our algorithm more precise by including different data.
- We could include data on population density of each district, and the average household income of each family in the districts.
- This would allow us to bring population into the factors as well as to see what kind of Chinese Restaurant we would wont to build.
- There is plenty more work to be done and I look forward to exploring more of this project.