

Data for Australian city grouping

To help build a model to compare Australian cities with each other, we propose to follow the process below and gather the data required for the project.

1. Finalize the list of cities to be considered for analysis. This is needed because it is not practically possible to cover every inch of Australia and analyze it for similarity. Plus, there isn't data available for every small city/town or settlement. For the purpose of this project, we intend to get the list of cities available on Wikipedia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_cities_in_Australia_by_population This data also gives us the recent population of each city.

Here is quick look at the data

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In [2]: import pandas as pd
        from geopy.geocoders import Nominatin
        import requests

        #Get major cities in Australia from web
        url = 'https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_cities_in_Australia_by_population'

In [3]: au_cities = pd.read_html(url)

In [14]: df_city_raw = pd.DataFrame(au_cities[1])
        df_city_raw.reset_index(drop=True, inplace=True)
        df_city_raw.columns=['Rank','Significant Urban Areas','State','Population2019','Population2011','Growth','percent_of'
        df_city_raw.drop(['Rank','Growth','percent_of_national_population','Population2011'],axis=1, inplace=True)
        df_city_raw.head()
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	Significant Urban Areas	State	Population2019
0	Sydney	New South Wales	4914343
1	Melbourne	Victoria	4893870
2	Brisbane	Queensland	2430180
3	Perth	Western Australia	2045479
4	Adelaide	South Australia	1340794

2. Get the latitude and longitude for each city chosen for analysis in step 1 using **geopy** API

Take a quick look at latitude and longitude for each City

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In [5]: df = pd.DataFrame(columns=['City','Latitude','Longitude'])
        list_city = []
        list_lat = []
        list_lng = []

        for city in df_city_raw["Significant Urban Areas"]:
            address = '{} ({})'.format(city, 'AU')
            geolocator = Nominatin(user_agent='Australia_explorer')
            location = geolocator.geocode(address)
            if(location is not None):
                lat = location.latitude
                lng = location.longitude
                list_city.append(city)
                list_lat.append(lat)
                list_lng.append(lng)

        df[['City']] = list_city
        df[['Latitude']] = list_lat
        df[['Longitude']] = list_lng
        df
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	City	Latitude	Longitude
0	Sydney	-33.854816	151.216454
1	Melbourne	-37.814218	144.963161
2	Brisbane	-27.468968	153.023499
3	Perth	-31.952712	115.860480
4	Adelaide	-34.928181	138.599931
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94	Esperance	-33.440355	122.405438
95	Parkes	-32.822541	147.976136
96	Susan Hill	-35.339328	143.550003

3. Use Foursquare API to get the venues for each of the cities chosen in step1 using its latitude and longitude found in step 2

A quick look at it

4. Foursquare API venues give us very good data about what kind of places a city has. It is called as venues.

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{'categories': [{'icon': 'https://ss3.4sqi.net/img/categories_v2/nightlife/pub_',
  'suffix': '.png'},
  'id': '4bf58dd8d48988d11b941735',
  'name': 'Pub',
  'pluralName': 'Pubs',
  'primary': True,
  'shortName': 'Pub'}],
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  'country': 'Australia',
  'distance': 78,
  'formattedAddress': ['Australia'],
  'labeledLatLngs': [{'label': 'display',
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    'lng': 151.8393920350731}],
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'lat': -26.54196138365552,

'lng': 151.8393920350731},

'name': 'Kingaroy RSL',

'referralId': 'v-1611223824'}

The venue categories and population are used as a measure of similarity and dissimilarity. The rationale behind this is a traveler to the city is most interested in the places to visit. These places are given by Foursquare API and are called **venues**. The population of the city plays a major role in deciding many important aspects of a city, including public transport, amenities, crime, poverty, etc. Thus, city population is one important feature to decide similarity and dissimilarity among cities.