

Analyzing the Lacoma Neighborhood

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1 Introduction

Due to the Covid-19 crisis, many businesses have had to close. I have been able to appreciate this horrible situation especially in the neighborhood where I live.

When the novel coronavirus pandemic initially hit back in March and politicians ordered all restaurants and bars to close to in-room dining, a panic soared throughout the hospitality industry. Thousands of establishments shut their doors immediately for indoor dining, leaving countless people out of work. Many questions arose: When could restaurants fully reopen? How many might not return? What would the landscape look like with so much restaurant vacancy?

I'm going to analyze the number of food businesses in the area where I live to see if it would be a good business opportunity to open a restaurant at this moment. It is a good way to revive the economy and bring the neighborhood back to life.

2 Data

I am going to check the restaurants in my neighborhoods and analyze the most surrounding areas to conclude if there are business opportunities for food places now.

Based on definition of our problem, factors that will influence our decision are:

- number of existing restaurants in the neighborhood (any type of restaurant)
- number of and distance to different sports centers in the neighborhood, if any

I will import the coordinates of my neighborhood and visualize using Foursquare API the restaurants and bars that are nearby. Also, I will show the different sport centers as it is very typical to have a drink after doing sports with friends. I'm going to use Folium for the graphics.

2.1 Data sources

All the data I used comes from different courses in the IBM Data Science Professional Certificate. Also, for the places' information using the API I used Foursquare via <https://developer.foursquare.com/>

2.2 Data cleaning

Data downloaded by the Foursquare API were converted into dataframe to have an easy manipulation job. The first dataframe is shown in the Figure 1:

Figure 1

	name	categories	address	cc	city	country	crossStreet	distance	formattedAddress	labeledLatLngs
0	El Viejo Almacén de Buenos Aires	Argentinian Restaurant	C. Ramón Gómez de la Serna, 4	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	416	[C. Ramón Gómez de la Serna, 4, 28035 Madrid M...	[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.48112446689104..., "lng": -3.706125533108959...}]
1	Tras Os Montes	Seafood Restaurant	Senda del Infante 28	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	730	[Senda del Infante 28, 28049 Madrid Madrid, Es...	[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.49122842350793..., "lng": -3.706125533108959...}]
2	La Alternativa	Brewery	NaN	ES	Madrid Centro, Madrid	España	NaN	366	[Madrid Centro Madrid, España]	[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.48678467998688..., "lng": -3.706125533108959...}]
3	Akira Comics	Comic Shop	Av de Betanzos, 74	ES	Madrid	España	Fermín Caballero	725	[Av de Betanzos, 74 (Fermín Caballero), 28034 ...	[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.48210086100509..., "lng": -3.706125533108959...}]
4	CDM Go Fit Peñagrande	Gym / Fitness Center	Avenida Monforte de Lemos, 184	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	923	[Avenida Monforte de Lemos, 184, 28035 Madrid ...	[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.47706381406571..., "lng": -3.706125533108959...}]
5	La Maso Sport Center - Padel	Sports Club	Calle de la Masó, 34	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	863	[Calle de la Masó, 34, 28034 Madrid Madrid, Es...	[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.489904, "lng": -3.706125533108959...}]
6	Singapur	Chinese Restaurant	C. Mirador de la Reina, 99	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	555	[C. Mirador de la Reina, 99, 28035 Madrid Madr...	[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.48914619140871..., "lng": -3.706125533108959...}]
7	Los Granadinos	Tapas Restaurant	Av del Cardenal Herrera Oria, 248	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	402	[Av del Cardenal Herrera Oria, 248, 28035 Madr...	[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.48112023451070..., "lng": -3.706125533108959...}]
8	Cala Millor	Bakery	C. Fermín Caballero, 70	ES	Madrid	España	Av. Betanzos	861	[C. Fermín Caballero, 70 (Av. Betanzos), 28034...	[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.48215283169287..., "lng": -3.706125533108959...}]
9	Body Factory Mirasierra	Gym	C/ Valle de en medio 15	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	548	[C/ Valle de en medio 15, Madrid Madrid, España]	[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.48838053202037..., "lng": -3.706125533108959...}]
10	The Clover Irish Tavern	Pub	C. Valle de Pinares Llanos, 8	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	303	[C. Valle de Pinares Llanos, 8, 28035 Madrid M...	[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.4858706510018..., "lng": -3.706125533108959...}]
11	Churreria Avenida	Café	C. Cerro Minguete, 16	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	356	[C. Cerro Minguete, 16, 28035 Madrid Madrid, E...	[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.487003559763, "lng": -3.706125533108959...}]
12	Mesón Las Vegas	Spanish Restaurant	Calle de la Isla de Arosa, 29, 28035 Madrid	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	650	[Calle de la Isla de Arosa, 29, 28035 Madrid, ...	[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.48034557270606..., "lng": -3.706125533108959...}]

13	Ginos Mirasierra	Italian Restaurant	C. del Mirador de la Reina, 107	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	660	[C. del Mirador de la Reina, 107, 28035 Madrid...	[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.49059779325799...	40.4905
14	Peggy Sue's	Diner	Av. Monforte de Lemos 185	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	960	[Av. Monforte de Lemos 185, 28035 Madrid Madrid...	[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.47651545133406...	40.4765
15	Supercor Express	Food & Drink Shop	C/ Cerro Minguete, 9	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	308	[C/ Cerro Minguete, 9, 28035 Madrid Madrid, Es...	[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.48700313082754...	40.4870
16	Bonsai	Chinese Restaurant	Valle Pinares Llanos, 8	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	330	[Valle Pinares Llanos, 8, 28035 Madrid Madrid,...	[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.48579063622070...	40.4857
17	Lazcano	Café	NaN	ES	NaN	España	NaN	601	[España]	[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.48818724029966...	40.4881
18	La Ponderosa Bar	Tapas Restaurant	Av. Cardenal Herrera Oria, 231	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	459	[Av. Cardenal Herrera Oria, 231, 28034 Madrid ...	[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.48212002479462...	40.4821
19	Los Granadinos	Bar	C. Leopoldo Alas Clarín, 53	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	74	[C. Leopoldo Alas Clarín, 53, 28035 Madrid Mad...	[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.48454075118334...	40.4845
20	Polideportivo La Masó	Athletics & Sports	C. La Masó, 80	ES	Madrid	España	Av. Ventisquero de la Condesa	546	[C. La Masó, 80 (Av. Ventisquero de la Condesa...	[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.48450797800188...	40.4845

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21	SuperCor Expres	Convenience Store	NaN	ES	NaN	España	NaN	985	[España]	[[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.4759056665114,...
22	Cervecería Granada	Bar	NaN	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	131	[Madrid Madrid, España]	[[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.48474093558645,...
23	Campo de Fútbol de Laoma	BBQ Joint	Calle Ramón Gómez de la Serna	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	139	[Calle Ramón Gómez de la Serna, Madrid Madrid,...	[[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.48484263040647,...
24	Polideportivo Isla Tabarca	Soccer Field	NaN	ES	NaN	España	NaN	871	[España]	[[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.47687381375908,...
25	El Mirador	Restaurant	Calle Mirador de la Reina 99	ES	Madrid	España	Cerro de Álamos Blancos	543	[Calle Mirador de la Reina 99 (Cerro de Álamos...	[[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.489086, "lng":...
26	VIPS Mirasierra	Burger Joint	C. Mirador de la Reina, 107	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	663	[C. Mirador de la Reina, 107, 28035 Madrid Mad...	[[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.49061956122534,...
27	Instalación Deportiva Valdeyeros	Soccer Field	Rosalía de Castro	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	725	[Rosalía de Castro, Madrid Madrid, España]	[[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.48385972087871,...
28	Starving Concieros	Bar	C. Fermin Caballero, 69	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	937	[C. Fermin Caballero, 69, 28029 Madrid Madrid,...	[[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.48199789977096,...
29	Ginos Monforte de Lemos	Italian Restaurant	Av. Monforte de Lemos, 193	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	980	[Av. Monforte de Lemos, 193, 28035 Madrid Madr...	[[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.47600665515477,...
30	Bar Carmelo	Breakfast Spot	Isla de Saipán 73	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	923	[Isla de Saipán 73, 28035 Madrid Madrid, España]	[[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.47923696814644,...
31	Gama	Grocery Store	La maso 2	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	965	[La maso 2, Madrid Madrid, España]	[[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.48176480591085,...
32	Restaurante Tres Carro's	Restaurant	Alfonso Rodríguez Castelao	ES	NaN	España	NaN	983	[Alfonso Rodríguez Castelao, España]	[[{"label": "display", "lat": 40.48205674009662,...

And it has 33 places. It is necessary to clean the different sites in which we have no interest, as comic shops, soccer fields, etc. And keep only the food services and the sport services.

2.3 Feature selection

After data cleaning, the next step is to split the data into different categories to achieve an optimal analysis. To do that, we divide our data set in restaurants, bars and sports sites. At the end, we have 3 dataframes shown in the next Figures:

Figure 2

	name	categories	address	cc	city	country	crossStreet	distance	formattedAddress	labeledLatLngs	lat
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2	Singapur	Chinese Restaurant	C. Mirador de la Reina, 99	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	555	[C. Mirador de la Reina, 99, 28035 Madrid Madr...	[{'label': 'display', 'lat': 40.48914619140871...	40.489146
3	Mesón Las Vegas	Spanish Restaurant	Calle de la Isla de Arosa, 29, 28035 Madrid	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	650	[Calle de la Isla de Arosa, 29, 28035 Madrid, ...	[{'label': 'display', 'lat': 40.48034557270606...	40.480346
4	Ginos Mirasierra	Italian Restaurant	C. del Mirador de la Reina, 107	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	660	[C. del Mirador de la Reina, 107, 28035 Madrid...	[{'label': 'display', 'lat': 40.49059779325799...	40.490598
5	Peggy Sue's	Diner	Av. Monforte de Lemos 185	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	960	[Av. Monforte de Lemos 185, 28035 Madrid Madr...	[{'label': 'display', 'lat': 40.47651545133406...	40.476515
6	Bonsai	Chinese Restaurant	Valle Pinares Llanos, 8	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	330	[Valle Pinares Llanos, 8, 28035 Madrid Madrid,...	[{'label': 'display', 'lat': 40.48579063622070...	40.485791
7	El Mirador	Restaurant	Calle Mirador de la Reina 99	ES	Madrid	España	Cerro de Álamos Blancos	543	[Calle Mirador de la Reina 99 (Cerro de Álamos...	[{'label': 'display', 'lat': 40.489086, 'lng':...	40.489086
8	VIPS Mirasierra	Burger Joint	C. Mirador de la Reina, 107	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	663	[C. Mirador de la Reina, 107, 28035 Madrid Mad...	[{'label': 'display', 'lat': 40.49061956122534...	40.490620
9	Ginos Monforte de Lemos	Italian Restaurant	Av. Monforte de Lemos, 193	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	980	[Av. Monforte de Lemos, 193, 28035 Madrid Madr...	[{'label': 'display', 'lat': 40.47600665515477...	40.476007
10	Restaurante Tres Carro's	Restaurant	Alfonso Rodríguez Castelao	ES	NaN	España	NaN	983	[Alfonso Rodríguez Castelao, España]	[{'label': 'display', 'lat': 40.48205674009662...	40.482057

Figure 3

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1	Cervecería Granada	Bar	NaN	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	131	[Madrid Madrid, España]	[['label': 'display', 'lat': 40.48474093558645...	40.484741
2	Starving Conciertos	Bar	C. Fermin Caballero, 69	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	937	[C. Fermin Caballero, 69, 28029 Madrid Madrid,...	[['label': 'display', 'lat': 40.48199789977096...	40.481998
3	Bar Carmelo	Breakfast Spot	Isla de Saipán 73	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	923	[Isla de Saipán 73, 28035 Madrid Madrid, España]	[['label': 'display', 'lat': 40.47923696814644...	40.479237
4	Los Granadinos	Tapas Restaurant	Av del Cardenal Herrera Oria, 248	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	402	[Av del Cardenal Herrera Oria, 248, 28035 Madr...	[['label': 'display', 'lat': 40.48112023451070...	40.481120
5	La Ponderosa Bar	Tapas Restaurant	Av. Cardenal Herrera Oria, 231	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	459	[Av. Cardenal Herrera Oria, 231, 28034 Madrid ...	[['label': 'display', 'lat': 40.48212002479462...	40.482120
6	The Clover Irish Tavern	Pub	C. Valle de Pinares Llanos, 8	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	303	[C. Valle de Pinares Llanos, 8, 28035 Madrid M...	[['label': 'display', 'lat': 40.4858706510018,...	40.485871

Figure 4

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0	CDM Go Fit Peñagrande	Gym / Fitness Center	Avenida Monforte de Lemos, 184	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	923	[Avenida Monforte de Lemos, 184, 28035 Madrid ...	[['label': 'display', 'lat': 40.47706381409571...	40.477064
1	La Maso Sport Center - Padel	Sports Club	Calle de la Masó, 34	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	863	[Calle de la Masó, 34, 28034 Madrid Madrid, Es...	[['label': 'display', 'lat': 40.489904, 'lng':...	40.489904
2	Body Factory Mirasierra	Gym	C/ Valle de en medio 15	ES	Madrid	España	NaN	548	[C/ Valle de en medio 15, Madrid Madrid, España]	[['label': 'display', 'lat': 40.48838053202037...	40.488381
3	Polideportivo La Masó	Athletics & Sports	C. La Masó, 80	ES	Madrid	España	Av. Ventisquero de la Condesa	546	[C. La Masó, 80 (Av. Ventisquero de la Condesa...	[['label': 'display', 'lat': 40.48450797800188...	40.484508

3 Methodology

In this project I'm trying to detect the areas of my neighborhood that have low restaurant density. I will limit my analysis to a radius of ~1km around the Lacoma metro station.

In the first step, I have collected the required data: location and type (category) of every place of interest within 1km from the metro station of the neighborhood (Lacoma).

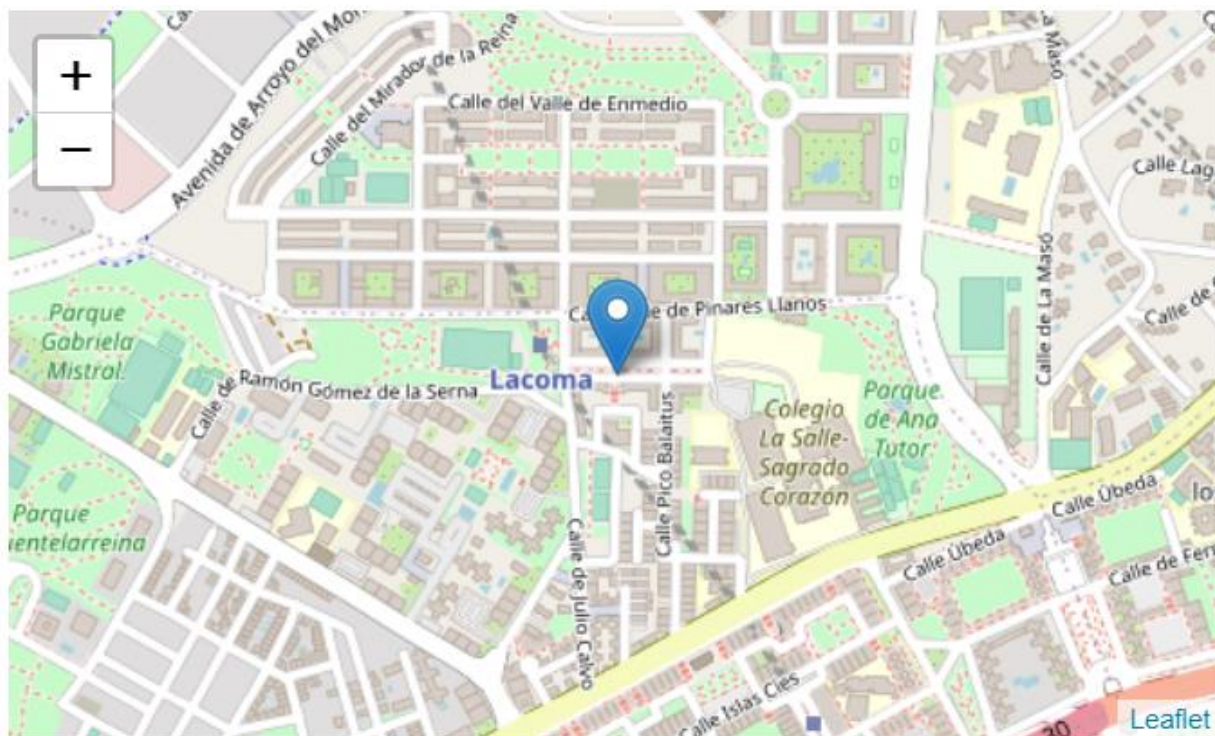
In the second step in my analysis, I calculated and explored the different restaurants/bars radius to identify a few promising areas close to the metro station with low number of restaurants in general, and focus our attention on those areas.

In the third and final step, I will analyze different sport services that are nearby the selected area to complete de studio. In the neighborhood, it is very typical to have a drink or have dinner around sports activities.

4 Analysis

Our reference point is Lacoma metro station in Lacoma neighborhood:

Figure 5

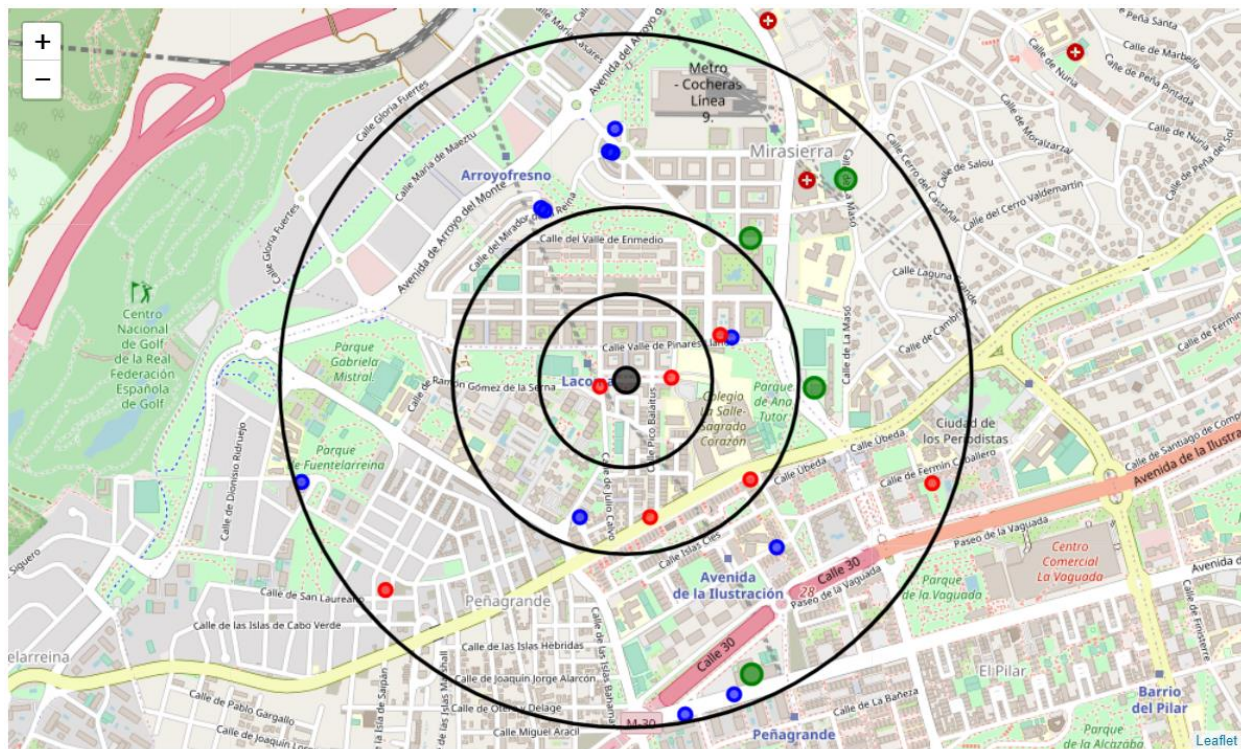


After setting the reference point, it is shown the different restaurants (blue) and bars (red) that are in the neighborhood and surrounded neighborhoods:

In the first place we can see some areas as Arroyofresno and Mirasierra that have a low ratio of restaurants. To complete my project, I'm showing in the map also the sport centers.

It is very typical in the area to have a drink after sports with friends:

Figure 7



Now, we have more valuable information to make decisions.

5 Results and Discussion

The analysis shows that although there is a good number of food places in the neighborhood (~33 in our area of interest which was 1km around the metro station), there are pockets of low food service density fairly close to sports centers. Highest concentration of restaurants was detected north and south from the metro station, so we focused our attention to east area, corresponding to a high concentration of sport centers and low food and drink services. Another borough was identified as potentially interesting (Peñagrande, south-west from the metro) as it has only one bar and two restaurants, but our attention was focused on Mirasierra which offers a combination of steady flow of people, closeness to the metro station, strong socio-economic dynamics and a low restaurant density.

Recommended zones should therefore be considered only as a starting point for more detailed analysis which could eventually result in location which has not only no nearby competition but also other factors taken into account and all other relevant conditions met.

6 Conclusion

The purpose of this project was to identify areas close to Laco metro station with low number of restaurants (and bars) in order to starting a new food business exploiting the business opportunities due to Covid-19 impact through restaurants. There is the search for optimal location. By calculating restaurant density distribution from Foursquare data we have first identified general boroughs that justify further analysis (Mirasierra and Peñagrande) related to sport services around the areas.