

Capstone Project - The Battle of Neighborhoods (Week 2)

CORONAVIRUS GLOBAL PANDEMIC SPREAD IN THE CITY OF LONDON

Introduction

- **Background:** In current scenario of global pandemic, the coronavirus spread in more than 180 countries around the world. Its place of origin, cause of spread and after effects.
- Problem: In order to control the situation they need to first implement strict lockdown in the top most worst effected boroughs and then figure out the neighbourhood of the borough with hospitals and other heallth care facilities. If sufficient hospitals are not there then plan is to convert the other common public venues which are closed as of now to be converted to healthcare and quaratine facilities.

We will focus on the worst effected borough and explore its neighborhoods

- and the hospitals along with 10 most common venues in each neighborhood so that the best neighborhood suited to an health ministry of London needs can be selected.
- Interest: Government, Doctors and Health Care workers who are real audience at this time of crisis. This project will provide location of the hospitals and near testing centres for COVID-19 patients (effected by coronavirus).

Data acquisition and cleaning

Data sources

The data acquired for the project is the combination data from three sources.

- The first source of the project uses London Coronavirus Infected cases in London.
- The second source of data is scraped from the Wikipedia page that contains the list of London Boroughs. The page contains additional information about the borough.
- The third data source is the list of Neighbourhoods in the Royal Borough of Brent as found on a Wikipedia page. This dataset is created from scratch using the list of neighbourhoods available on the site.

Data acquisition and cleaning

Data Cleaning

The data preparation for each of the three sources of data is done separately.

- Initially, we took the data from showing total number of confirmed infections in each borough.
- The second data is scraped from a Wikipedia page using the Beautiful Soup library in python and get extracted in the tabular format.
- The two datasets are merged on the Borough names to form a new dataset that combines the necessary information in one dataset.
- After visualizing the coronavirus cases in each borough, we can find the worst effected borough. The third source of data is acquired from the list of neighbourhoods in the worst affected borough on Wikipedia.

Relevant Solution

- One way is to analyse the worst regions of London and practice strict Lockdown there. Along with that the regions have to be critically monitored for the spread.
- using the Foursquare API we can help locate common venues with hospitals in the neighbourhoods. Since hospitals and other healthcare facilities seems to be very less in the neighbourhoods of Brent which is worst effected, therefore plan should be to convert certain places like malls and restaurants which are closed for now to quarantine places or temporary hospitals where large number of patients can be taken care.

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- Exploratory Data Analysis
- Statistical Summary of Data

We can get the statistics of London Coronavirus data by using the describe function. The function returns mean, standard deviation, minimum, maximum, 1st quartile (25%), 2nd quartile (50%) and third quartile (75%) and total number of boroughs effected by coronavirus infections which is 33.



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▶ Boroughs with maximum number of Coronavirus infected cases

Figure out the top five 5 boroughs with maximum number of coronavirus positive cases.

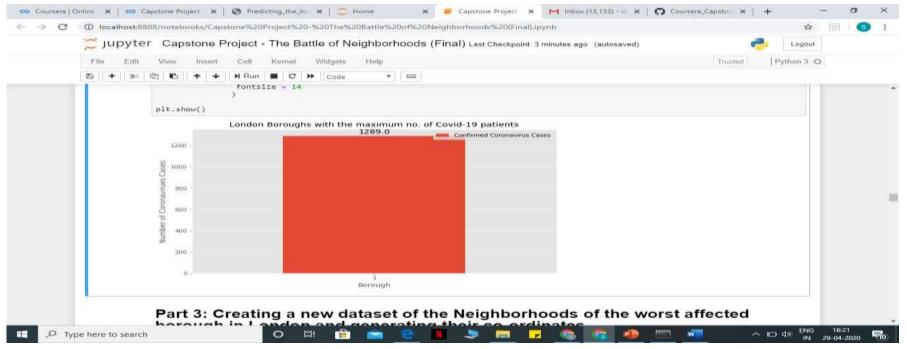


▶ Boroughs with minimum number of Coronavirus infected cases

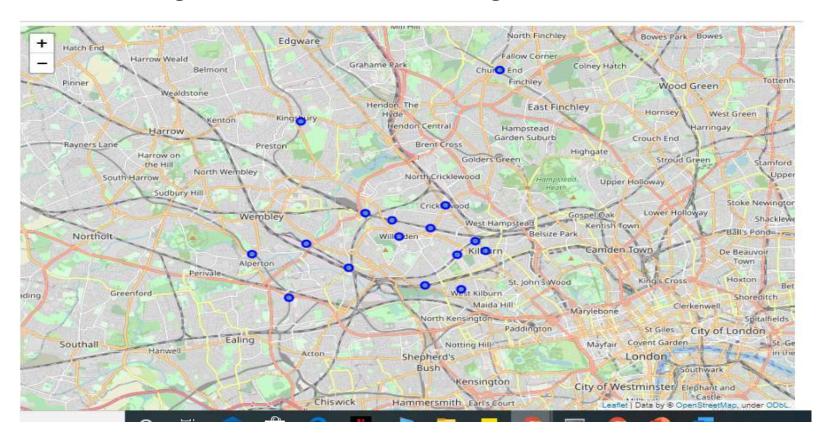
Figure out the top five 5 boroughs with lowest number of coronavirus positive cases



After looking at the data we found that Brent is the place with the maximum number of coronavirus cases and this is the place where the strict government guidelines to be followed and measures to be taken to control the current spread of the virus.

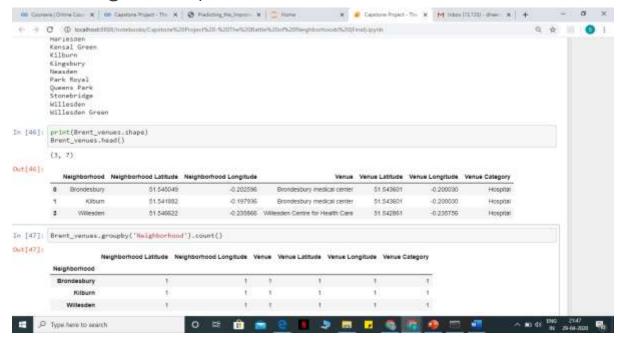


▶ Visualize the neighbourhood of Brent Borough



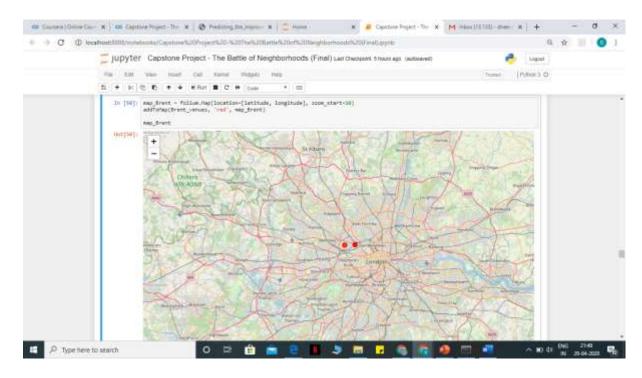
Modelling

Using the final dataset containing the neighbourhoods in Brent along with latitudes and longitudes, we can get the hospitals located within 500 metre radius using Foursquare API.



Modelling

Visualizing the hospitals in the neighbourhood.

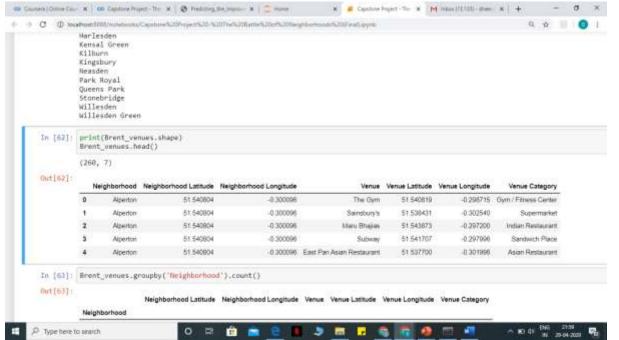


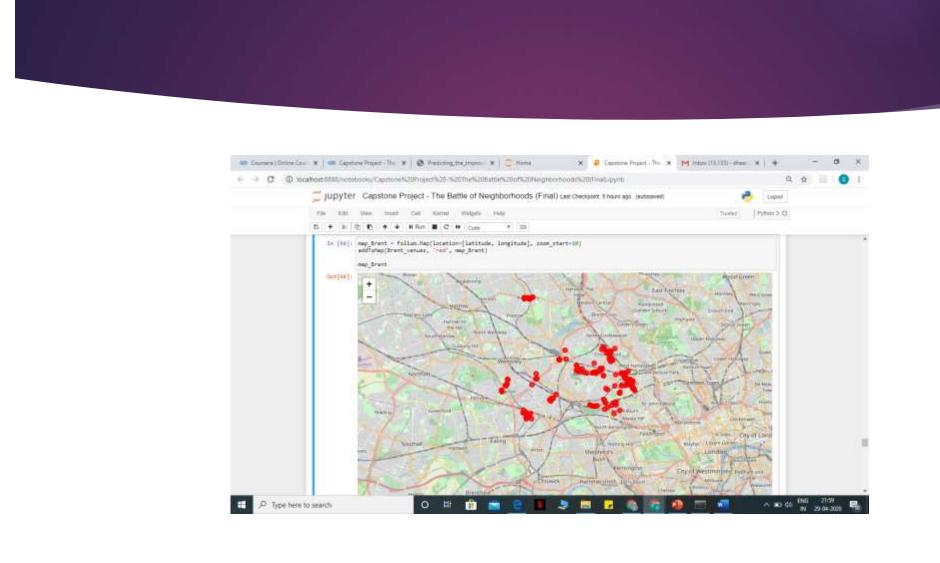
Modelling

- One hot encoding on hospital data. The venue data is later grouped by neighbourhood and means of the hospitals are calculated.
- Clustering is done using k-means clustering i.e. unsupervised ML algorithm that cluster data based predefined cluster size. We are choosing 2 for hospitals since not many hospitals are not there located in the map.

Modelling

We perform the similar steps to figure out other venues which are voluntarily contributing converting themselves to health care centres and quarantine facilities for which we are choosing cluster size to 5.

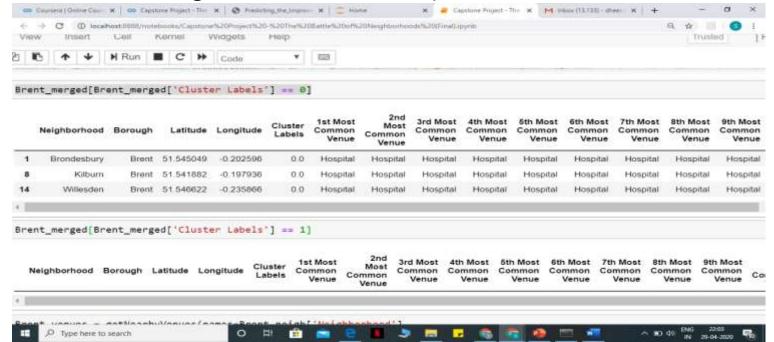




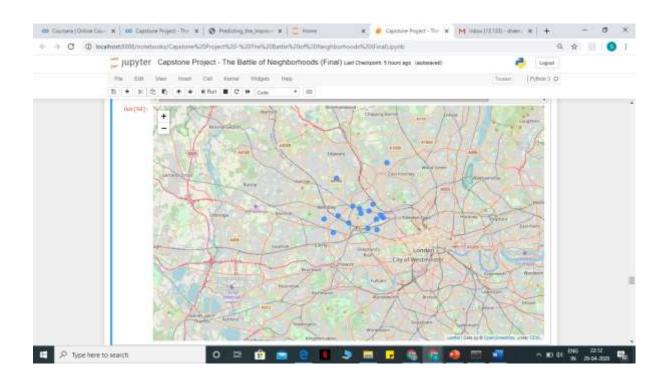
Results

▶ After running the k-means clustering we can access each cluster to see neighbourhoods with hospitals and other venues belonging to each cluster.

1st Cluster of neighborhoods with hospitals.

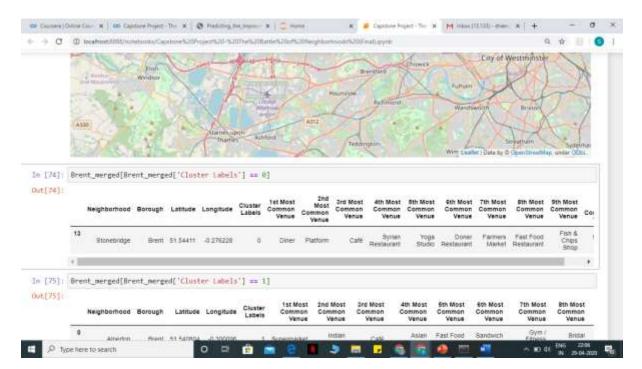


Visualizing the clustered neighbourhoods on a map using folium library





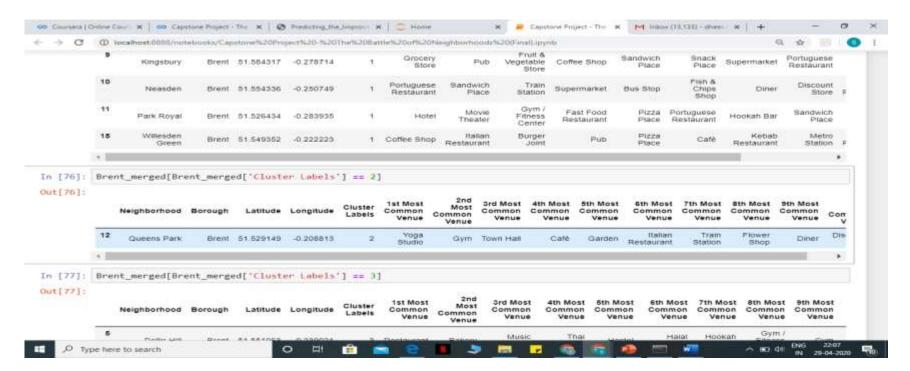
First Cluster with other Venus



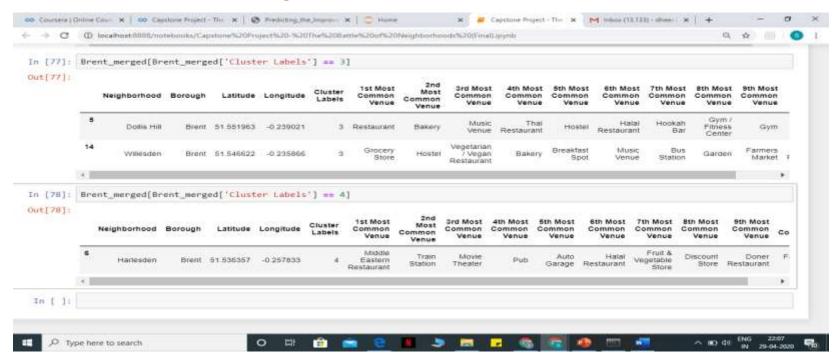
▶ Second Cluster with other venues, we will choose this cluster due to maximum number of venues available and also neighbourhoods with hospitals will be situated nearer i.e in Brondesbury and Kilburn which will help the doctors to traverse from hospitals to the health care facilities.

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	Neighborhood	Borough	Latitude	Longitude	Cluster Labels	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 Mos Commo Venu
0	Alperton	Brent	51.540804	-0.300096	1	Supermarket	Indian Restaurant	Café	Asian Restaurant	Fast Food Restaurant	Sandwich Place	Gym Fitnes Cente
1	Brondesbury	Brent	51.545049	-0.202596	1	Coffee Shop	Pub	Café	Bus Stop	Grocery Store	Middle Eastern Restaurant	Pizza Plac
2	Brondesbury Park	Brent	51.540514	-0.210336	1	Park	Pub	Japanese Restaurant	Gym / Fitness Center	Train Station	Coffee Shop	Groce Sto
3	Church End	Brent	51.601117	-0.191890	1	Supermarket	Indian Restaurant	Café	Turkish Restaurant	Coffee Shop	Pub	Japanes Restaura
4	Cricklewood	Brent	51.556699	-0.215751	1	Coffee Shop	Bus Stop	Hotel	Grocery Store	Fast Food Restaurant	Gym / Fitness Center	Pi
7	Kensal Green	Brent	51,530606	-0.224445	1	Pub	Wine Shop	Portuguese Restaurant	Indian Restaurant	Train Station	Bakery	Restaura
8	Kilburn	Brent	51.541882	-0.197936	1	Café	Indian Restaurant	Pub	Supermarket	Brazilian Restaurant	Italian Restaurant	Discou Sto
9	Kingsbury	Brent	51.584317	-0.278714	1	Grocery Store	Pub	Fruit & Vegetable Store	Coffee Shop	Sandwich Place	Snack Place	Supermark

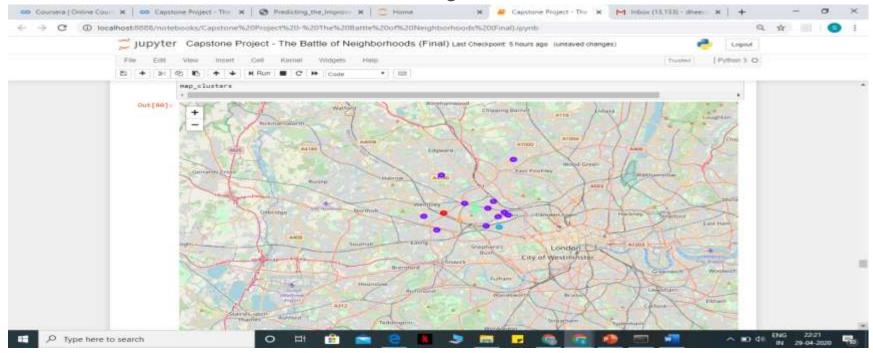
► Third Cluster with Venues



► Fourth and Fifth Cluster with Venues, we can consider this fourth cluster also since it has the neighbourhood i.e Willesden with hospital nearby.



- Visualizing a clustered map using folium library
- ► Each cluster is color coded for the ease of presentation. We can see that majority of neighbourhood falls in purple which is second cluster. First, Third and fifth cluster are in Red, Yellow and blue. Whereas fourth cluster is lemon green in color.



Discussion

- > The project is created by looking at the current global scenario of coronavirus pandemic. No wonder how long it prevails in the global market and how worst effect it can have to the economy of the countries round the world. The aim of the project is to assist the present government of London as well the health care ministry in tackling the spread of coronavirus in the worst effected areas (Boroughs) of London.
- The availability of hospitals and health care facilities should be the prior need of all people living there. Hence considering that the 3 neighbourhoods have been figured out for the worst affected region there. Hence cluster 1 should be preferred first.
- For creating institutional quarantine facilities, second cluster and fourth cluster with maximum number of venues as well close proximity of the hospitals should be chosen. Apart from that other facilities like voluntarily contribution of restaurant owners for providing online food deliveries at this time of crisis should be considered as one major criteria as a preferred cluster. Apart form that there are certain clusters like 3rd & 4th which has townhall & hostel facilities and are closed for now and hence can be converted to Institutional quarantine facilities.
- First and fifth cluster should be considered for there containment of food and vegetable supplies to the places which are strictly under lockdown.
- Similarly, third cluster has a good transportation facility which is suitable for movement of the required emergency medicines as well as medical equipment to meet the enormous demand.

Conclusion

This project provides a better understanding of the clustering of the neighbourhoods in terms of common venues or specific places based on certain categories mentioned like hospitals, gyms, restaurant, grocery stores, etc. Hence, we can efficiently use data science to solve the problem of coronavirus spread in certain hotspots of the country where the infections have gone out of control and risking the life of people in those areas. The project can be further enhanced to building of more and more hospitals and transfer of medicines and medical equipment for the treatment of Covid-19 critically ill patients.