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# Culinary Tourism

## Food / Restaurant Recommender

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# Food & Culture

Food and culture are intertwined and central in a person's identity. Although there are various cultures around the world, similar types of food exist between different nations. The "melting pot" of America allows different types of cuisines to be available in metropolitan cities. We plan to investigate how a person's food preferences can help identify other cuisine foods with similar features or even restaurants with similar ambiance that the customer enjoyed.



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# Problem Statement

- Build a food and restaurant recommendation system based on similar food features and ambience related features that the customer enjoyed
- Analyze the sentiment of different restaurants based on the reviews.
- Help businesses providing more helpful recommendations that the customer will enjoy





# Project Scope

1. A Search Engine model where one gives features and entities to look for restaurants / food
2. A recommendation system that clusters similar reviews to identify similar food and ambience features.
3. Sentiment analysis of the restaurant reviews and to predict the rating of a restaurant based on its reviews
4. A food glossary of different cuisines to look explore different culture
5. A QnA system that answers a given question based on the reviews

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# Datasets

- Yelp Business
  - 150k rows
  - Split business citywise
  - Got the top 10 cities in the dataset
- Yelp Reviews
  - 7 million rows
  - If business\_id in reviews dataset, then write the rows line by line to 10 different files.

city	state	restaurant_count
Philadelphia	PA	14567
Tucson	AZ	9249
Tampa	FL	9048
Indianapolis	IN	7540
Nashville	TN	6968
New Orleans	LA	6208
Reno	NV	5932
Edmonton	AB	5054
Saint Louis	MO	4827
Santa Barbara	CA	3829



# Santa Barbara

	business_id	name	categories	review	latitude	longitude	total_rating	rating
269194	zxW8zECvT_SqejieMMjb5A	Chilango's Mexican Restaurant	Restaurants, Mexican	Sabor! \n\nChilangos is part of the Milk&Honey...	34.416792	-119.695894	3.5	4.0
269195	zxW8zECvT_SqejieMMjb5A	Chilango's Mexican Restaurant	Restaurants, Mexican	The salsa roja has improved! WOOHOO!! And now ...	34.416792	-119.695894	3.5	4.0
269196	zxW8zECvT_SqejieMMjb5A	Chilango's Mexican Restaurant	Restaurants, Mexican	This review is solely based on one time, eatin...	34.416792	-119.695894	3.5	5.0
269197	zxW8zECvT_SqejieMMjb5A	Chilango's Mexican Restaurant	Restaurants, Mexican	Very fresh tasty food. Has been in business f...	34.416792	-119.695894	3.5	4.0
269198	zxW8zECvT_SqejieMMjb5A	Chilango's Mexican Restaurant	Restaurants, Mexican	mmm decent mexican & cheap on state street!!! ...	34.416792	-119.695894	3.5	5.0

269630 rows × 9 columns

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# Search Engine

A Search Engine model where one gives features and entities to look for restaurants / food.



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# POS Tagging

Steps:

- Tokenize reviews
- Clean review tokens
- Convert clean tokens to string
- Use Spacy for,
  - tagging adjectives and nouns
  - extracting noun\_chunks
- Map adjectives and nouns to respective noun\_chunks

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# POS Tagging

“

Ssooooo slow. Waited 20 min for the server to even come over to us. Forgot our drinks. Then was offered my check before i even got any of my food.. .....and we never even got everything we ordered. When i did get my food there was a hard layer on top from sitting in the window..... Also they were out of fettuccine noodles ??

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## Adjectives

{'fettuccine', 'hard', 'italian'}

## Adjective mapping

{

'hard': ['a hard layer'],  
'italian': ['an italian restaurant'],  
'fettuccine': ['fettuccine noodles']}

}

## Nouns

{'check', 'drinks', 'food', 'layer',  
'min', 'noodles', 'restaurant',  
'server', 'top', 'window'}

## Noun mapping

{'noodles': ['fettuccine noodles'],  
'top': ['top'], 'drinks': ['our drinks'],  
'server': ['the server'],  
'restaurant': ['an italian restaurant'],  
'layer': ['a hard layer'],  
'window': ['the window']}

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# Bag of Words

## Adjectives

{

'clean', 'cute', 'spicy',  
'hot', 'cold', 'salty',  
'sanitary', 'lurk', 'habit',  
'dilled', 'unflattering',  
'fascinating', 'emerald',  
'rockford', 'shabby', 'quiet',  
'pager', 'chewed',  
'piquante',  
  
'hellbound', .....

}

## Nouns

{

'pakoras', 'food', 'tacos',  
'burger', 'noodles',  
'competition', 'basura',  
'sparks', 'augh', 'cycles',  
'mashawi', 'chillers',  
'fraternities', 'fowls',  
  
'stunk', 'sono', .....

}

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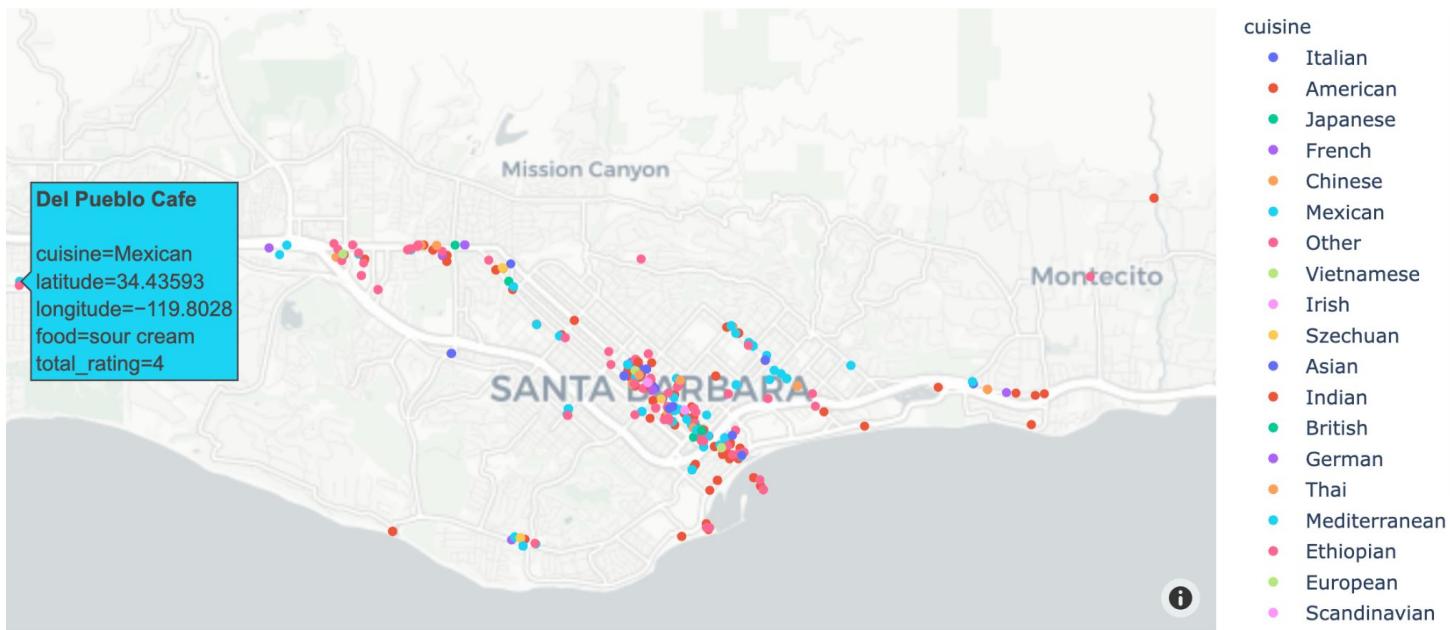
# Search Engine

Steps:

- Enter any feature / food item
- Checks if the given input is in adjective or noun bag of words
- Geoplots the resulting restaurants with the given the feature or food item in the reviews
- The restaurants are colored based on the cuisine type
- Enter feature: “sour”, “spicy”, “cute”, “burger”

# Search Engine

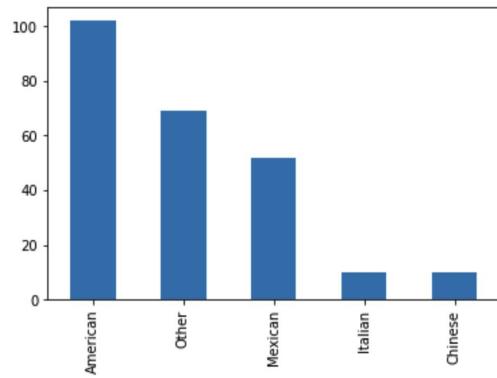
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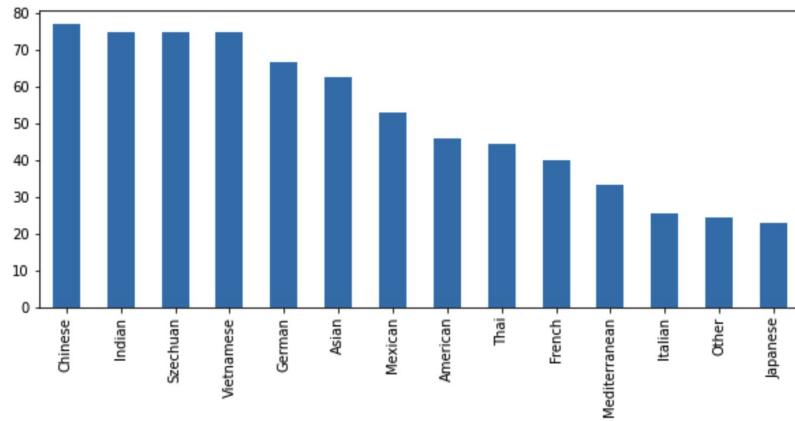


# “Sour” cuisines

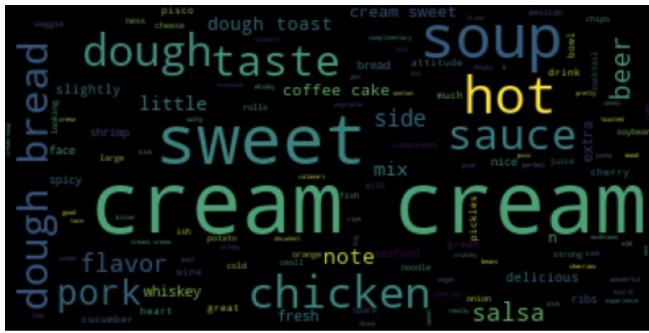
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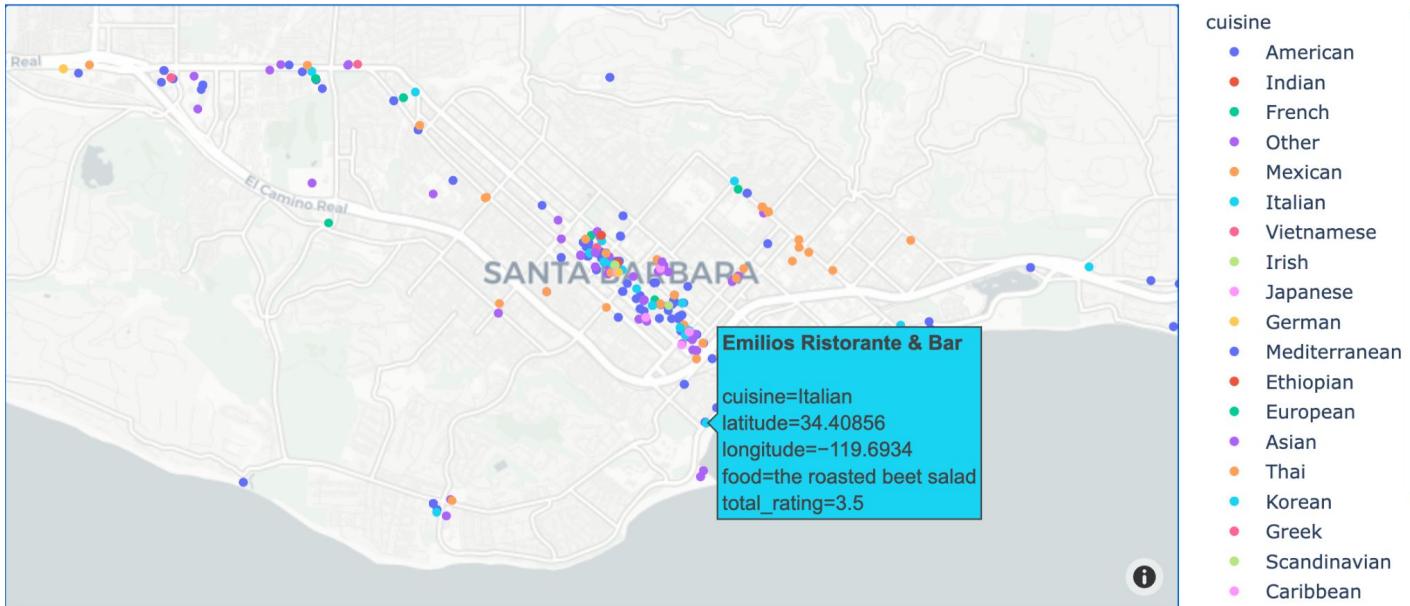


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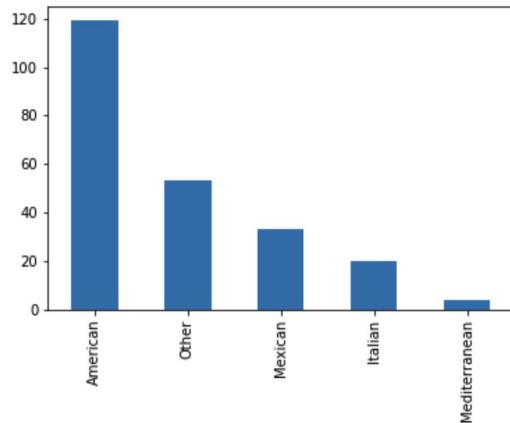
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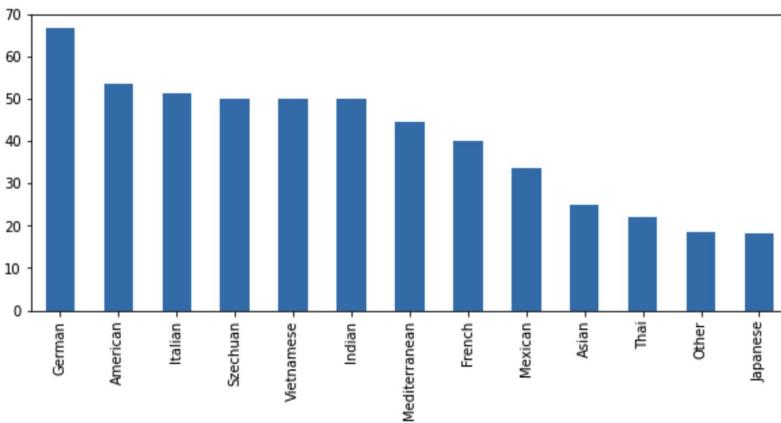


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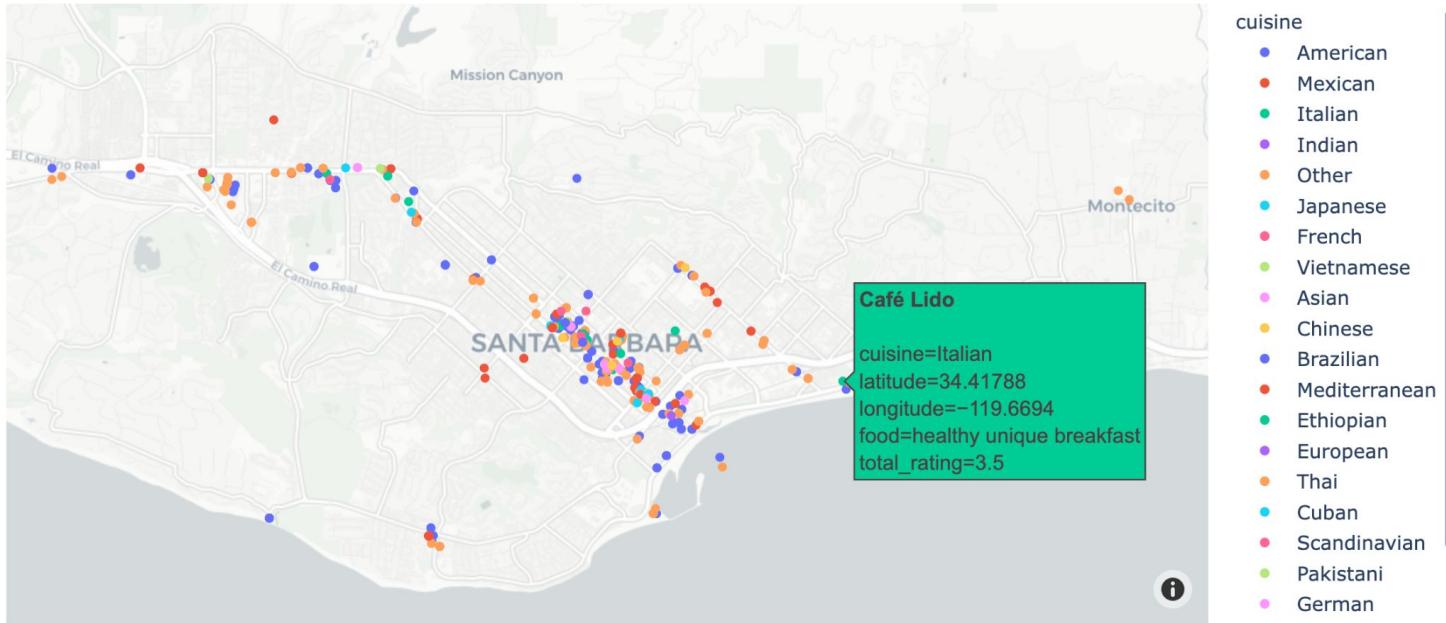


# “Roasted” cuisines

**American** Mediterranean Mexican French  
Japanese Thai Szechuan Italian  
**German** Asian Vietnamese Indian Other

# Search Engine

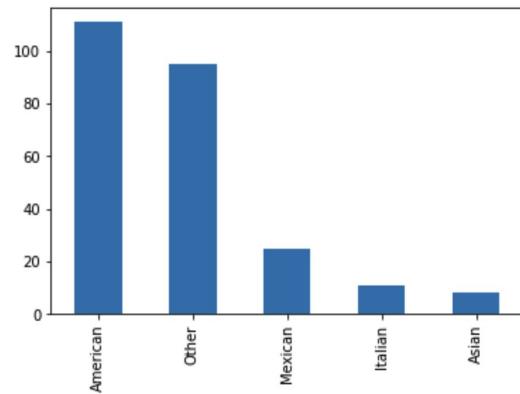
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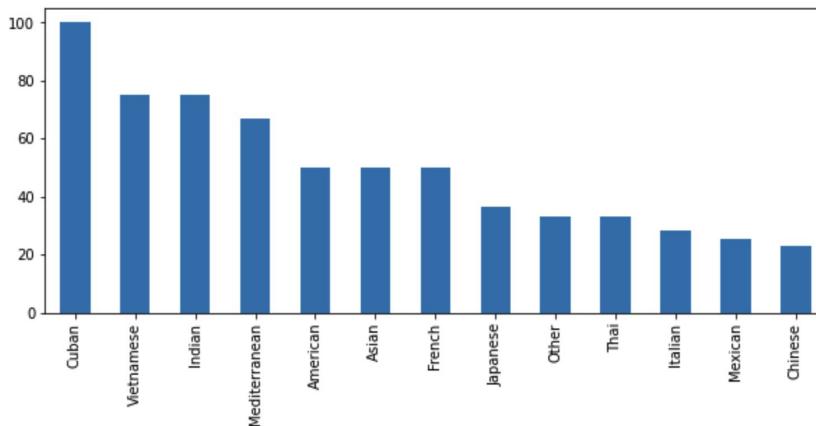


# “Healthy” cuisines

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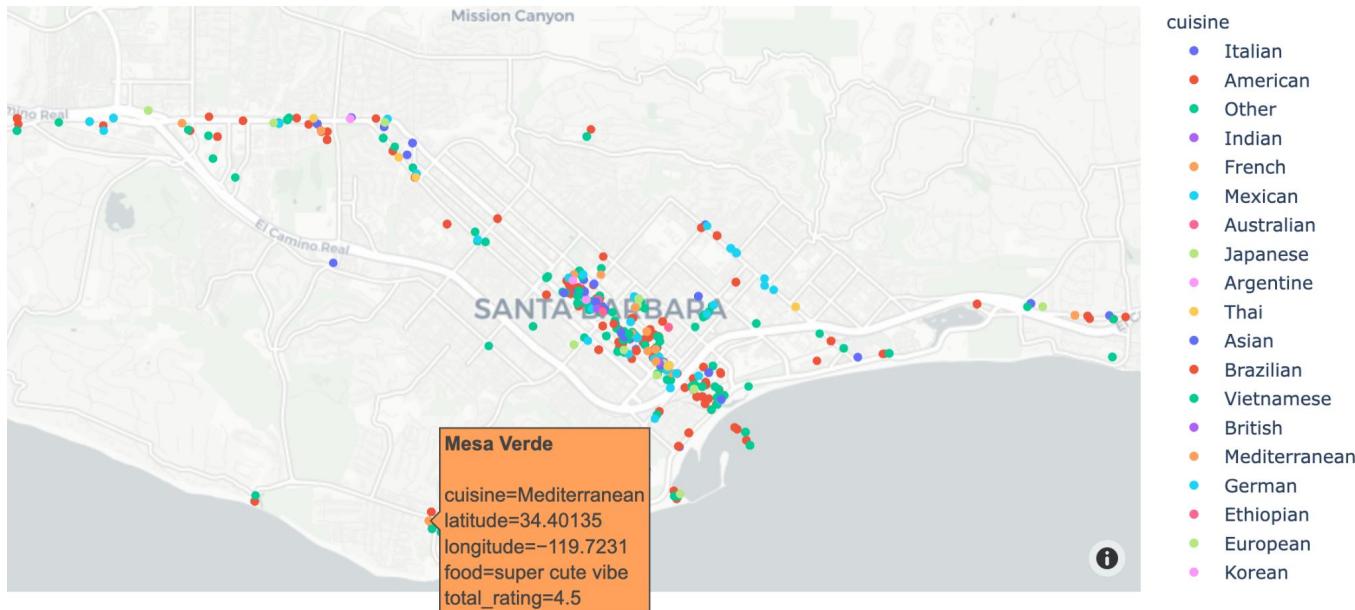


# “Healthy” cuisines

Vietnamese  
American Mediterranean  
Mexican Chinese  
French Cuban  
Thai Italian Indian  
Asian Japanese Other

# Search Engine

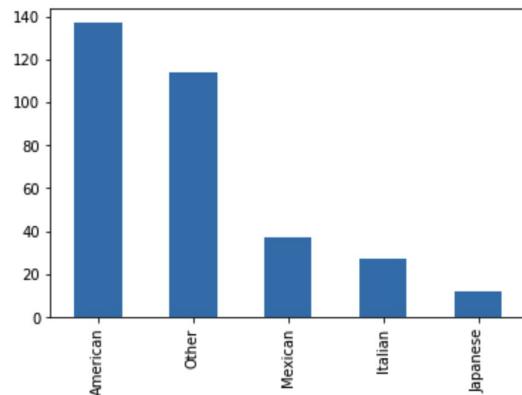
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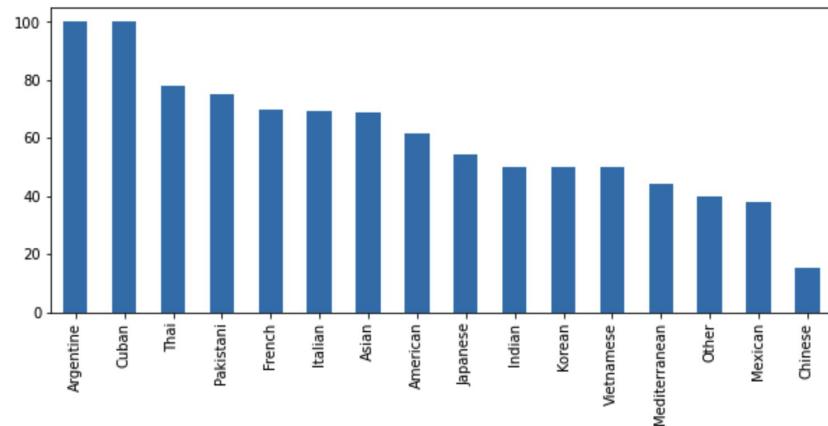


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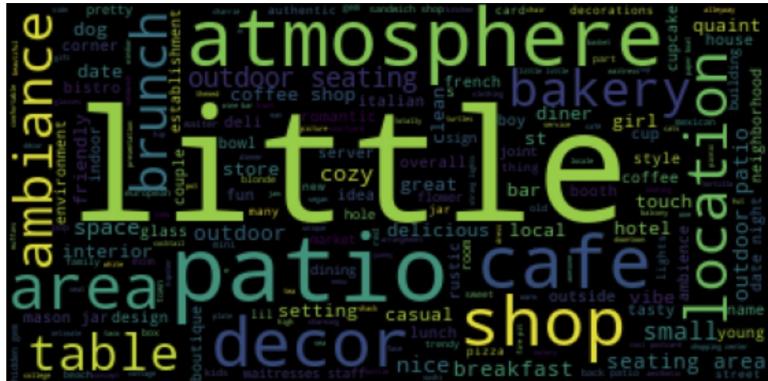
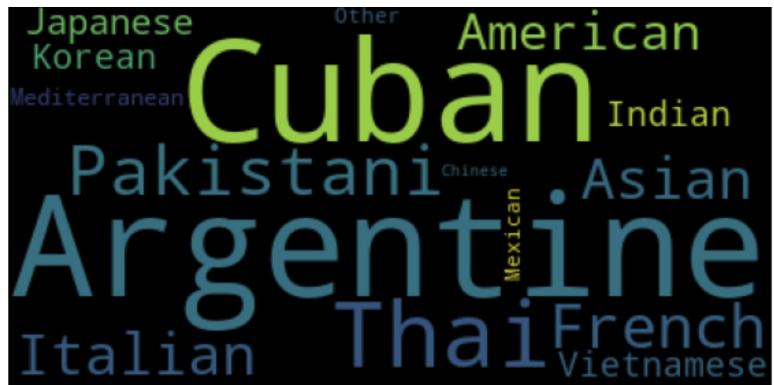


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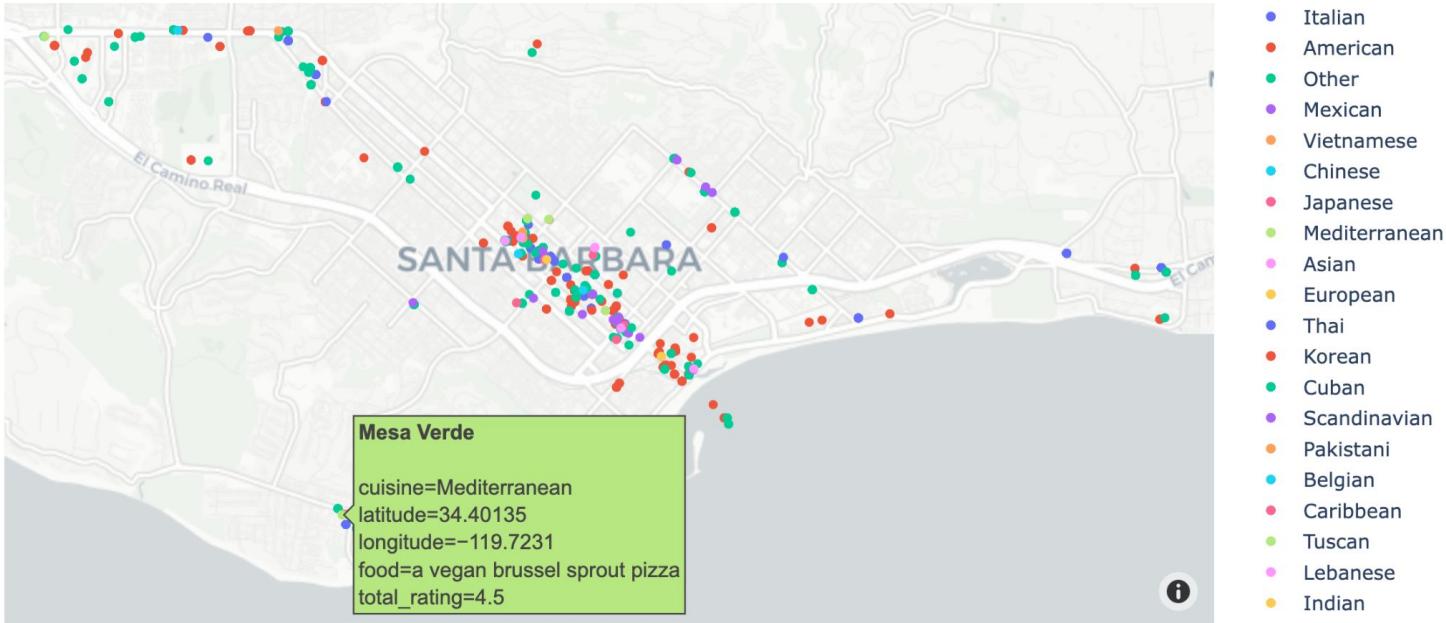
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## “Cute” Ambience



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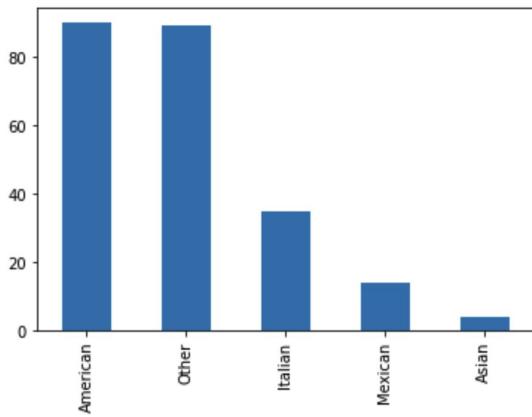
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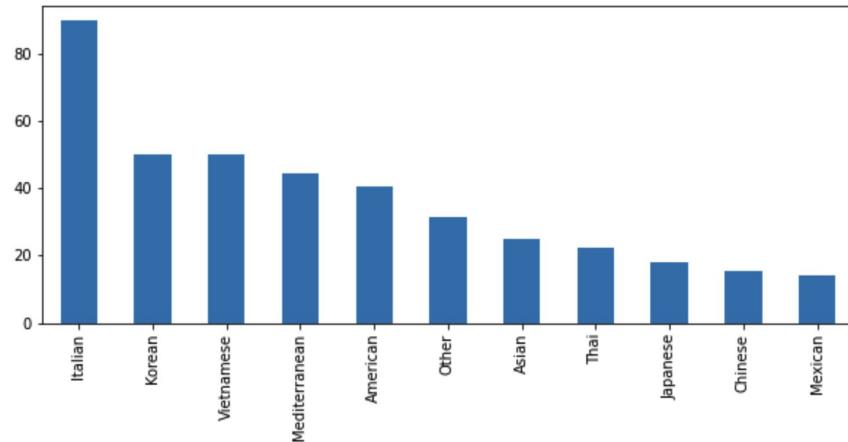


# “Pizza” places

Total count



Normalized



# “Pizza” places

Chinese  
Vietnamese  
Thai American  
Italian  
Korean Other Asian  
Japanese Mexican Mediterranean

flatbread medium fresh dough bbq chicken two's decent new york  
sausage fernd sausage yummy simple  
cheese veggie vegan  
veggie flat bread pizza  
large truffle favorite  
italian flat bread pizza  
italian patxi parlor mushroom  
prosciutto fast great  
tasty dog great great  
most fine chicken sun  
deep crust little rev  
margarita style small spot  
solid topping pretty Worst  
pepperoni crust thin special free  
margherita restaurant garlic  
thin amazing amazing  
great local option guru  
gluten free chicago style  
personal awesome philly  
joint really joint  
sausage excellent

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# Clustering

Cluster similar reviews to  
identify similar food / ambience  
features of different cuisines.



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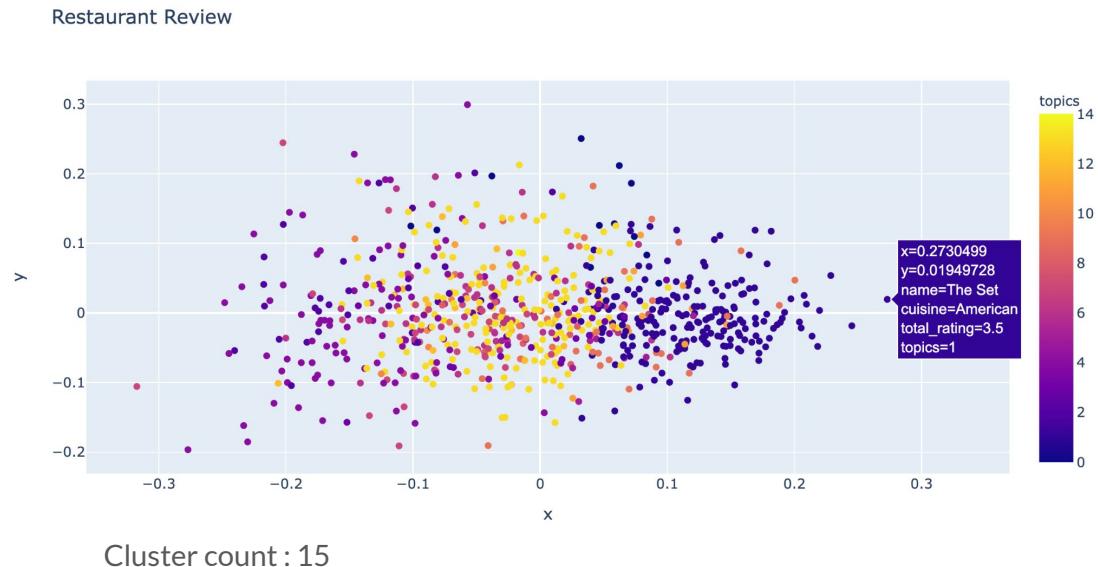
# Clustering t-SNE

Steps:

- Tokenize reviews
- Clean review tokens
- Convert clean tokens to string
- Identify the restaurant reviews
- Extract cuisine type from the Categories column.
- Combine all the reviews of a restaurant.

# Clustering t-SNE

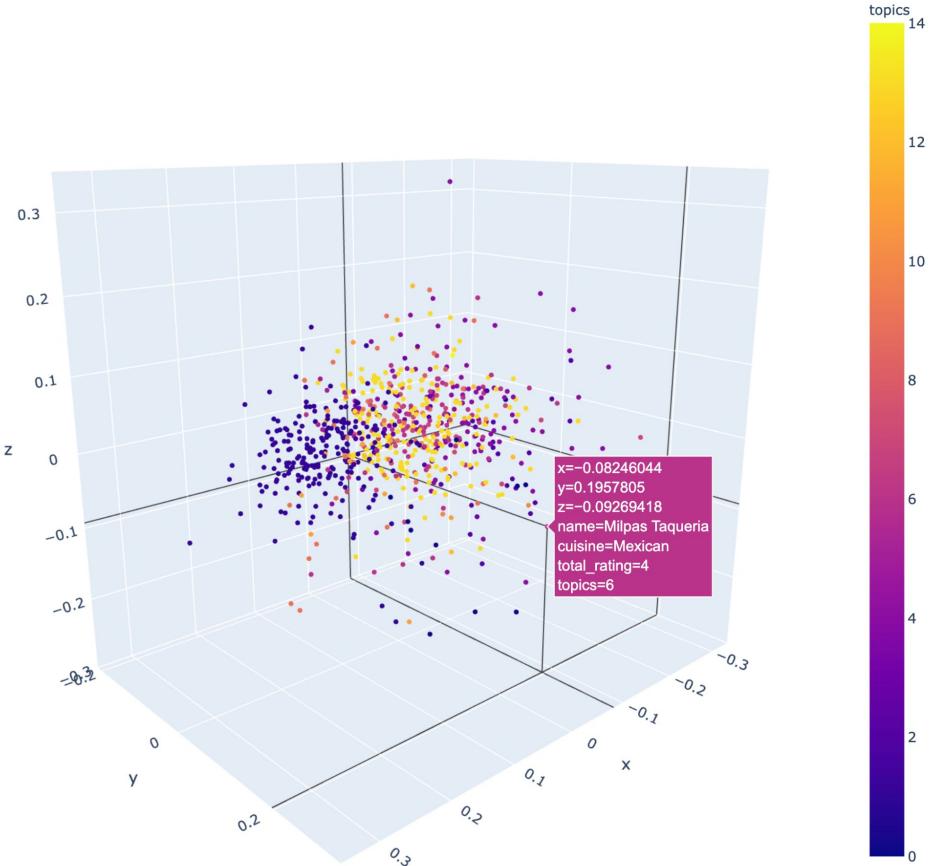
- Used TextHero for,
  - Generated term frequency - inverse document frequency(tf-idf) from clean review
  - K-Means Clustering on clean review to generate the topics.
  - Principal Component Analysis(PCA) on tf-idf
  - Generated Scatterplot



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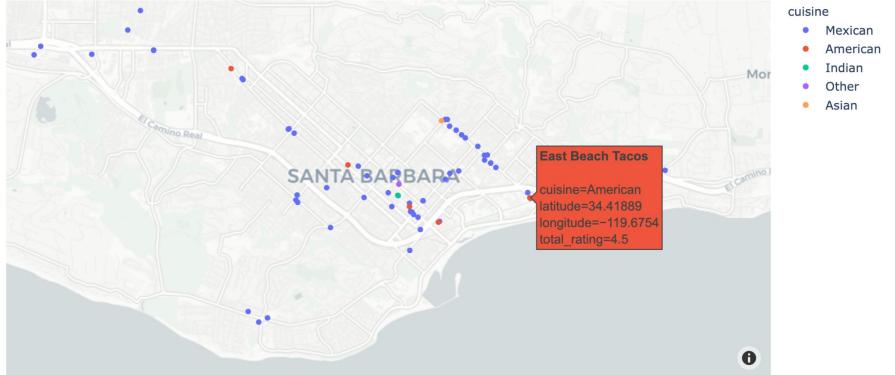
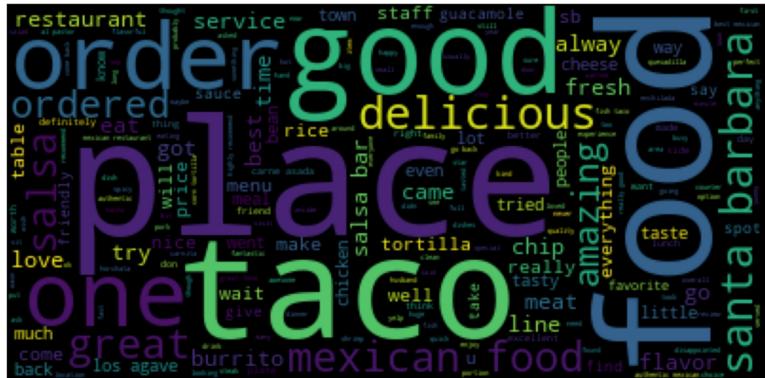
# Clustering t-SNE

- Group the topics and combine their reviews
- Generate Word Clouds to see word frequency in each cluster.
- Geoplot restaurants by cuisine type for each cluster.

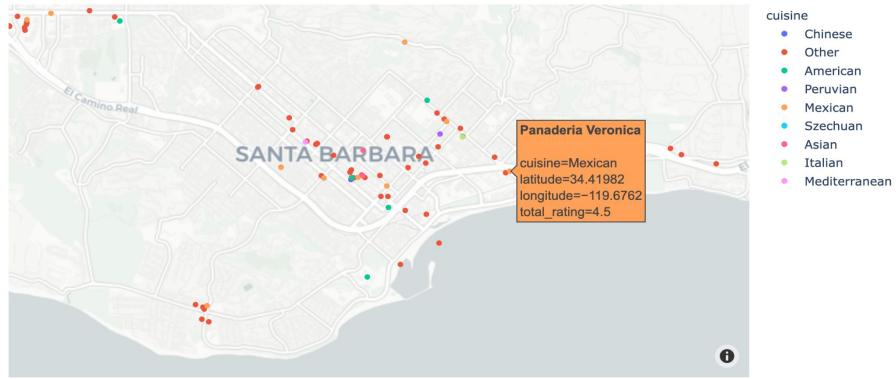


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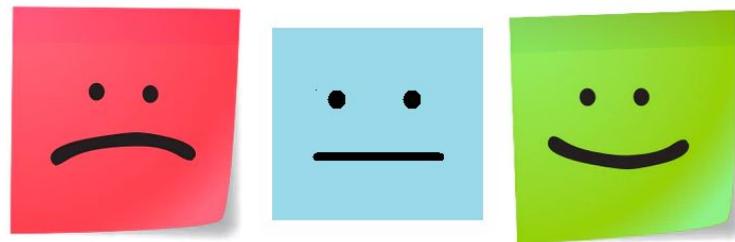
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# Sentiment Analysis

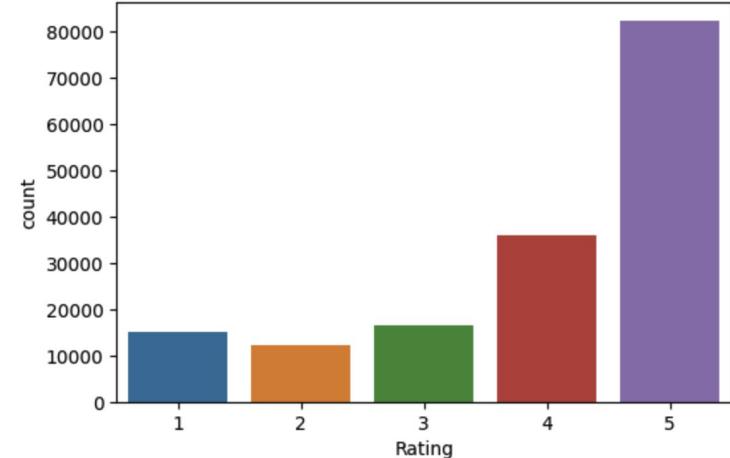
Sentiment analysis of the restaurant reviews and to predict the rating of a restaurant based on its reviews.



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# Sentiment Analysis

- Predict the rating of a restaurant based on the sentiment of the reviews
- Use Harvard Inquirer Dictionary
- Tokenize the reviews
- Clean and stem both the review tokens as well as the dictionary.
- Count the number of positive and negative words in each review using the dictionary
- Normalize positive and negative word count
- Fit a multi-category ML model - AutoGluon



Sample size : 162,021



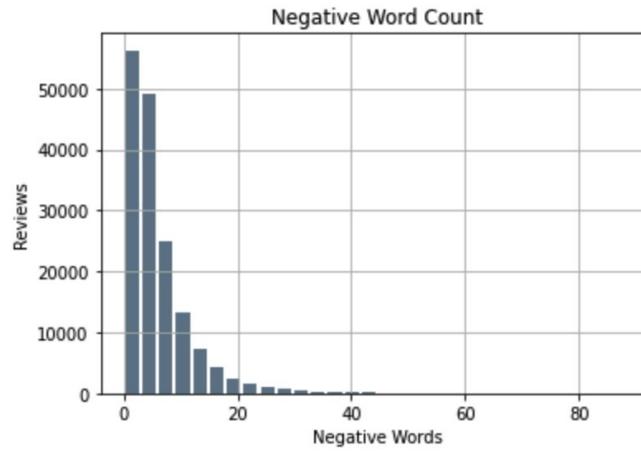
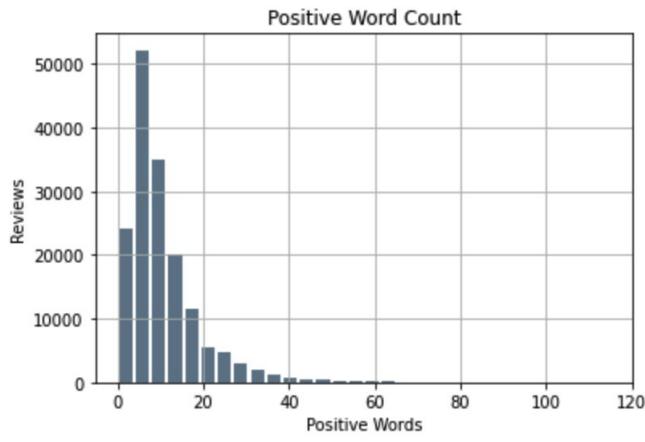
# Sentiment Analysis

	Review	Rating	Review_Words	Stemmed_Review	Pos_Count	Neg_Count	Total_Tokens	Pos_Count_Normalized	Neg_Count_Normalized
1	\$5 for a cup of coffee that was not refilled. ...	2	[\$5, for, a, cup, of, coffee, that, was, not, ...	[for, a, cup, of, coffe, that, wa, not, refil...	1	3	46	0.021739	0.065217
2	*****??\nWe have been a long time patron of...	3	[*****??, We, have, been, a, long, time, pa...	[we, have, been, a, long, time, patron, of, th...	8	8	94	0.085106	0.085106
3	2 stars for the waiting staff, 3 stars for the...	3	[2, stars, for, the, waiting, staff,, 3, stars...	[star, for, the, wait, staff, star, for, the, ...	6	6	66	0.090909	0.090909
4	2.5-3 Overall\n\nPrice\nIt's Santa Barbara, so...	2	[2-5-3, Overall, Price, It's, Santa, Barbara,...	[overall, price, it, santa, barbara, so, be, pr...	33	17	304	0.108553	0.055921
5	A friend and I went here for lunch for the fir...	5	[A, friend, and, I, went, here, for, lunch, fo...	[a, friend, and, i, went, here, for, lunch, fo...	15	8	144	0.104167	0.055556
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
162017	Sabor! \n\nChilangos is part of the Milk&Honey...	4	[Sabor!, Chilangos, is, part, of, the, Milk&Ho...	[sabor, chilango, is, part, of, the, milk, fam...	3	2	83	0.036145	0.024096
162018	The salsa roja has improved! WOOHOO!! And now ...	4	[The, salsa, roja, has, improved!, WOOHOO!!, A...	[the, salsa, roja, ha, improv, woohoo, and, no...	2	0	21	0.095238	0.000000
162019	This review is solely based on one time, eatin...	5	[This, review, is, solely, based, on, one, tim...	[thi, review, is, sole, base, on, one, time, e...	16	14	187	0.085561	0.074866
162020	Very fresh tasty food. Has been in business f...	4	[Very, fresh, tasty, food., Has, been, in, busi...	[veri, fresh, tasti, food, ha, been, in, busi...	1	0	21	0.047619	0.000000
162021	mmm decent mexican & cheap on state street!!! ...	5	[mmm, decent, mexican, &, cheap, on, state, st...	[mmm, decent, mexican, cheap, on, state, stree...	18	3	107	0.168224	0.028037

162021 rows x 9 columns



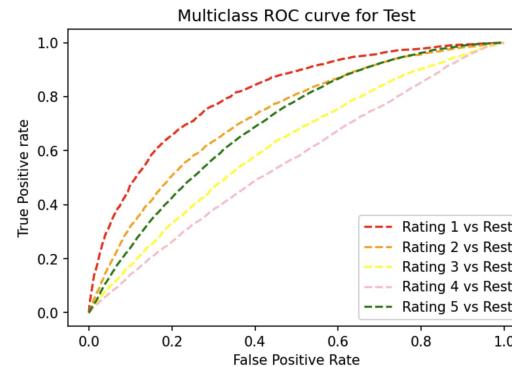
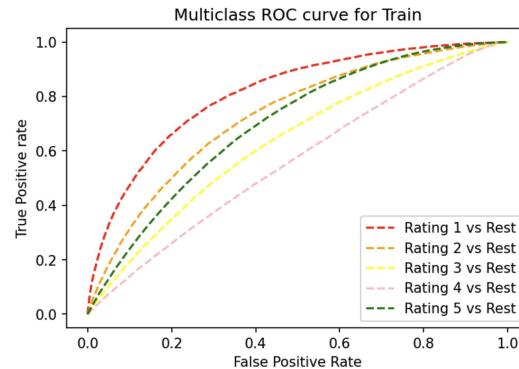
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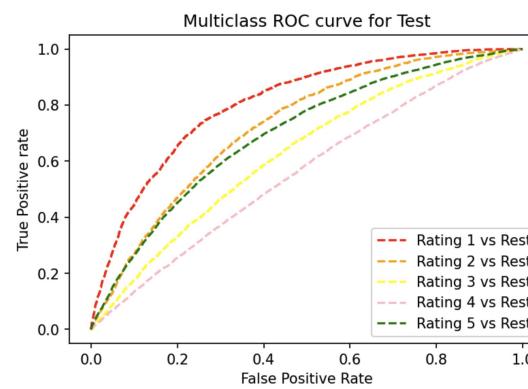
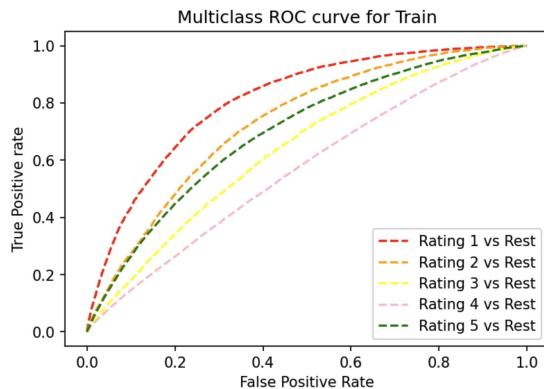
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- Label : Rating
- Train test split : 0.2
- Train Accuracy : 54%
- Test Accuracy : 53%





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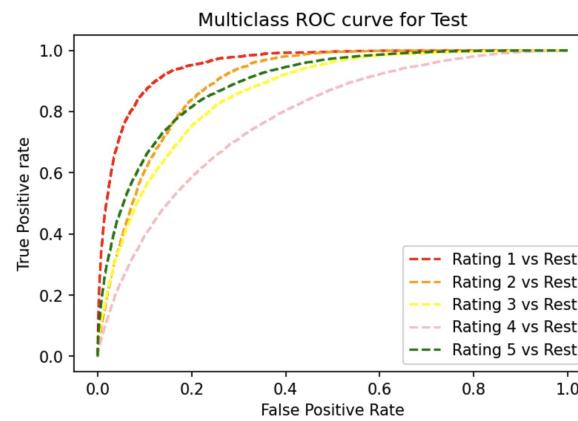
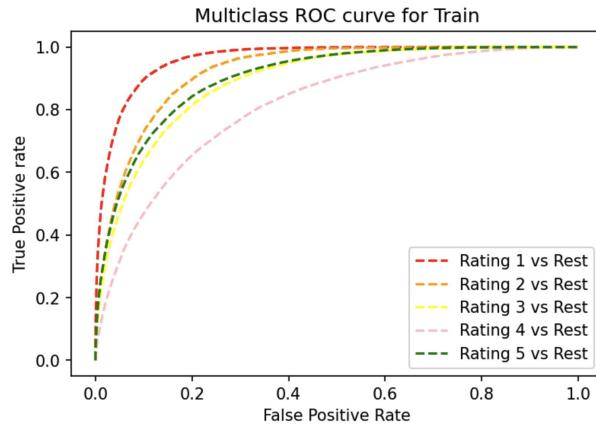
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- Train Accuracy : 53%
- Test Accuracy : 52%





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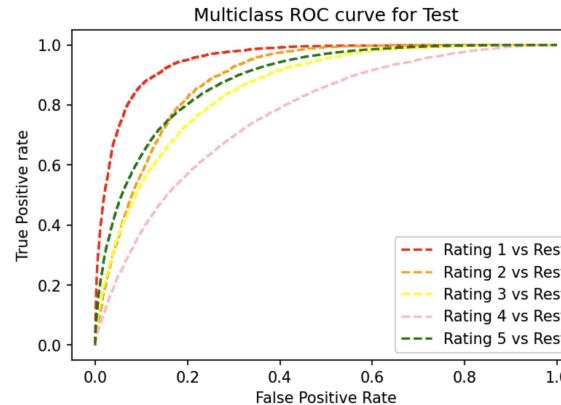
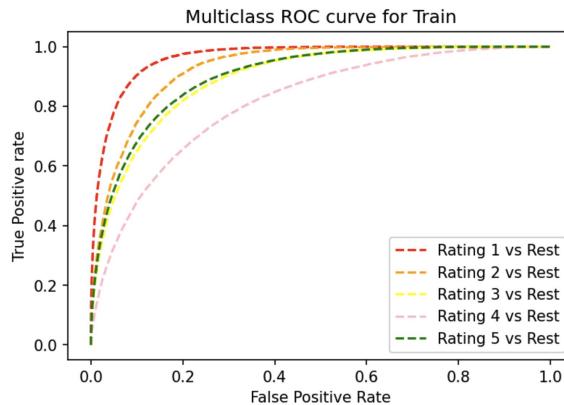
- Features : Review
- Label : Rating
- Train test split : 0.2
- Train Accuracy : 69%
- Test Accuracy : 66%



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# AutoGluon

- Features : Review, Pos\_Count, Neg\_Count
- Label : Rating
- Train test split : 0.2
- Train Accuracy : 70%
- Test Accuracy : 65%



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# Food Dictionary

A food glossary of different cuisines to look explore different culture.



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# Food Dictionary

- Created food dictionaries for different cuisines
- NLP techniques used
  - Web scraping
  - Beautiful Soup
- Deployed a [food glossary](#) using streamlit

# Food Dictionary

text	date	Review_Words	Stemmed_Review	French_Food_Words	Food_Words	Pos_Words
Family diner. Had the buffet. Eclectic assortm...	2014- 02-05 20:30:30	[Family, diner., Had, the, buffet., Eclectic, ...]	[famili, diner, had, the, buffet, eclect, asso...]		[chicken]	[fresh, good, friendli, attent, good, casual, ...]
Cute interior and owner (?) gave us tour of up...	2017- 01-14 20:54:15	[Cute, interior, and, owner, (?), gave, us, to...]	[cute, interior, and, owner, gave, us, tour, o...]		[salad, salad]	[cute, will, great, beauti, like, good, fill, ...]
The bun makes the Sonoran Dog. It's like a snu...	2011- 10-27 17:12:05	[The, bun, makes, the, Sonoran, Dog., It's, li...]	[the, bun, make, the, sonoran, dog, it, like, ...]		[bacon]	[make, like, like, like, favorit, soft, indulg...]
Upland is a brewery based out of Bloomington, ...	2014- 11-12 14:12:20	[Upland, is, a, brewery, based, out, of, Bloom...]	[upland, is, a, breweri, base, out, of, bloomi...]		[burger, pizza, pizza, pizza, pizza, burger]	[popular, open, good, excit, pretti, light, go...]

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# QnA System

A QnA system that answers a given question based on the reviews



[Demo](#)



# QnA system

Enter a row number

499.00

- +

This is a great place to hang on the patio with friends and tell a few tales over some ale. Start with the Carolina Sweets, move the cheese steak or burger, and end with the cookie!

Type in your question here

How is the experience?

Answer: a great place to hang on the patio

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# Impact



Provide recommendations that will have a high success rate



Help people explore new cuisines that they will enjoy



Increase foot traffic for restaurants, help target customers with higher success rate

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## Future Work

- Train Spacy to identify food entities by using food dictionary of different cuisines
- Identify synonyms of features to produce better search results
- Create a food dictionary with food descriptions.
- Cluster based on food description to identify the similar foods and culture

