1.Introduction:

1.1 Background:

London is the capital and the largest city of the England and the UK. It is one of the most ethnically diverse cities in the world. For this reason, It is also seen as a world city. According to the 2011 Census, London has a total population of 8 million (approximately) of which 20% belong to Asian ethnic group which is 1.5 million approximately. Even though the Asian community is massive, there is a lack of an high-end Asian Restaurant with multiple cuisines that not only provides food but also provides service with the ambience. The restaurant industry in London is growing exponentially with the increasing demand. This demand has spurred the competition to open restaurants in a nice area of the city.

Data Science helps in identifying the appropriate market trends and evolving consumer preferences so that restaurants can better address them. Using various data analysis techniques, the London areas are explored through segmenting and clustering, to identify a good location to open an Asian restaurant.

1.2 Business Problem:

A successful Asian restaurant chain is looking to expand its operations through London. We were asked to identify and recommend the neighborhoods in London that will be good choice to start an Asian restaurant.

1.3 Target Audience:

This project will primarily help the following categories:

- 1. Companies that are looking to invest in food service industry of London.
- 2. Individuals looking to relocate neighborhoods in London with particular venues.

2.Data:

2.1 Data sources:

For this project, we will make use of the following data.

1.London Neighborhood's: I have used web scraping techniques to get the list of areas and boroughs in the London. I've extracted the Location, borough, post town and post codes of the areas in London.

Data source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_areas_of_London

2. London Demographics: From the following Wikipedia page, I have extracted the demographics of each Borough in London through web scraping.

Data source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demography_of_London

- 3. Geopy library: To get the latitude and longitude of each neighborhood.
- 4. Foursquare API: I've used the foursquare API to locate various venues in each of the London neighborhoods.

2.2 Data Collection and Cleaning:

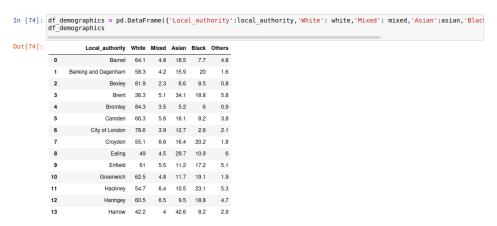
The BeautifulSoup package is used to scrape the needed data from Wikipedia. The following data frame was obtained by scraping the list of London areas from Wikipedia page:



The data frame needs to be cleaned. The borough column has numbers attached to it's values that should be stripped. After stripping the numbers, the following data frame is obtained:



The demographics of the all the London boroughs is obtained from the 'Demography of London' Wikipedia page. After cleaning and parsing the html accordingly, the resulting data frame is below:



Since, the business focusses on Asian market the data frame is sorted in descending order of the column 'Asian' that represents the percentage of Asian population. Sorted data frame can be observed below:



The top eight boroughs with highest Asian population are observed. We limit the London neighborhoods that we initially obtained to these eight boroughs. The part of the data frame can be observed below:



The Geopy library is used to get the latitude and longitude of each neighborhood and are added as columns to the data frame. The head of the final data frame is as follows:

Out[95]:		Neighborhood	Borough	Post_town	Post_code	Latitude	Longitude
	0	Aldborough Hatch	Redbridge	ILFORD	IG2	51.585590	0.098750
	1	Alperton	Brent	WEMBLEY	HA0	51.540804	-0.300096
	2	Barkingside	Redbridge	ILFORD	IG6	51.585818	0.088624
	3	Beckton	Newham	LONDON, BARKING	E6, E16, IG11	51.516080	0.059426
	4	Bedford Park	Ealing	LONDON	W4	51.498020	-0.255647

3. Methodology:

Map Visualization:

The Geopy library is used to get the latitude and longitude of London.

```
# Getting London Coordinates

address = 'London, UK'
geolocator = Nominatim(user_agent="ny_explorer")
location = geolocator.geocode(address)
latitude = location.latitude
longitude = location.longitude
print('The geograpical coordinate of the City of London are {}, {}.'.format(latitude, longitude))

The geograpical coordinate of the City of London are 51.5073219, -0.1276474.
```

Using the Folium library, we generate the map of the London by passing its coordinates as arguments.



Now, to visualize Neighborhoods on top of the London map, we create markers and add them to the London map.

The generated map with London neighborhoods is shown below:



Exploring Neighborhoods:

Using the Foursquare API, we explore top 100 venues within 1000 meters radius of each neighborhood. Let's start with exploring the first neighborhood. We create a URL for the API call.

```
In [45]: radius = 1000
LIMIT = 100
url = 'https://api.foursquare.com/v2/venues/explore?client_id={}&client_secret={}&ll={},{}&v={}&radius={}&limit={}'
url
```

The URL defined above is used to create a GET request and the resulting json file is saved.

To extract the Category type from the results, get_category_type function is defined.

```
In [47]: # function that extracts the category of the venue
def get_category_type(row):
    try:
        categories_list = row['categories']
    except:
        categories_list = row['venue.categories']

if len(categories_list) == 0:
        return None
    else:
        return categories_list[0]['name']
```

The json file is then cleaned and structured into pandas dataframe as shown below:

```
In [48]: venues = results['response']['groups'][0]['items']
    nearby_venues = json_normalize(venues) # flatten JSON

# filter columns
filtered_columns = ['venue.name', 'venue.categories', 'venue.location.lat', 'venue.location.lng']
    nearby_venues = nearby_venues.loc[:, filtered_columns]

# filter the category for each row
    nearby_venues('venue.categories') = nearby_venues.apply(get_category_type, axis=1)

# clean columns
    nearby_venues.columns = [col.split(".")[-1] for col in nearby_venues.columns]
    nearby_venues
```

Out[48]:

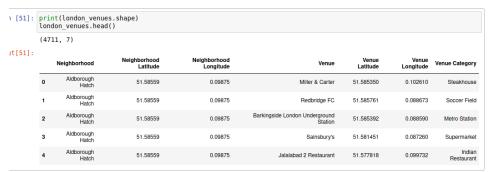
	name	categories	lat	Ing
0	The Gym	Gym / Fitness Center	51.540819	-0.298715
1	Sainsbury's	Supermarket	51.538740	-0.303272
2	Maru Bhajias	Indian Restaurant	51.543873	-0.297200
3	Subway	Sandwich Place	51.541707	-0.297996
4	East Pan Asian Restaurant	Asian Restaurant	51.537700	-0.301996
5	Loon Fung	Supermarket	51.537559	-0.301984
6	Alperton Depot	Train Station	51.540792	-0.299769
7	The Apple Tree Cakes	Café	51.540744	-0.299267
8	Genesis Gym	Gym / Fitness Center	51.537300	-0.303738

It is observed that among the 8 venues reported by Foursquare API, there were 4 venues that belong to food service industry among which two are Asian Restaurants. It should be noted that since we are limited by availability of data, we focus on what we have.

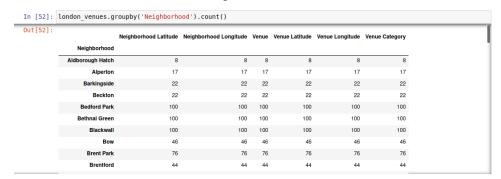
Now, we apply the same methodology to all the neighborhoods to obtain the top 100 venues in each neighborhood.

The getNearbyVenues function is used to create a dataframe called 'London_venues' that contains venues and their details for each neighborhood.

The resulted data frame has 4711 rows and 7 features that include Neighborhood, Neighborhood Latitude, Neighborhood Longitude, Venue, Venue Latitude, Venue Longitude and Venue category. The first few rows of the data frame is shown below:



The number of venues returned for each neighborhood can be observed as follows:



One Hot Encoding:

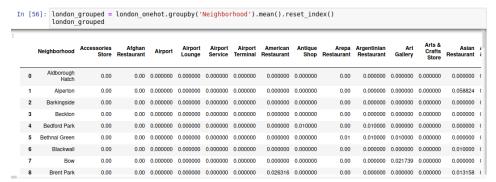
One-Hot encoding is applied to 'Venue Category' column in london_venues dataframe to convert categorical variables to integers.

```
In [54]: # one hot encoding
london_onehot = pd.get_dummies(london_venues[['Venue Category']], prefix="", prefix_sep="")
# add neighborhood column back to dataframe
london_onehot['Neighborhood'] = london_venues['Neighborhood']
# move neighborhood column to the first column
fixed columns = [london_onehot.columns[-1]] + list(london_onehot.columns[:-1])
london_onehot = london_onehot[fixed_columns]
```

Let's check the encoded dataframe for Asian restaurants:

	Neighborhood	Accessories Store	Afghan Restaurant	Airport	Airport Lounge	Airport Service	Airport Terminal	American Restaurant	Antique Shop	Arepa Restaurant	Argentinian Restaurant	Art Gallery	Arts & Crafts Store	Asian Restaurant
12	Alperton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
361	Blackwall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
420	Brentford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
458	Brentford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
490	Brent Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
550	Bromley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
772	Canary Wharf	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
042	Custom House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
106	Custom House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
229	Ealing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
336	Forest Gate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
381	Goodmayes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
552	Hanwell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
773	Hounslow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Grouping rows by neighborhood and by taking the mean of the frequency of occurrence of each category will result in the following dataframe:



Let's explore the top 5 most common venues for each neighborhood and print them:

We then create a new dataframe with Neighborhoods and their top 10 most common venues resulted from the foursquare API call

```
def return most common venues(row, num_top_venues):
    row_categories = row.iloc[1:]
    row_categories = row.iloc[1:]
    row_categories_sorted = row_categories.sort_values(ascending=False)

    return row_categories_sorted.index.values[0:num_top_venues]

num_top_venues = 10
indicators = ['st', 'nd', 'rd']

# create columns according to number of top venues
columns = ['Neighborhood']
for ind in np.arange(num_top_venues):
    try:
        columns.append('{}{} Most Common Venue'.format(ind+1, indicators[ind]))
    except:
        columns.append('{}th Most Common Venue'.format(ind+1))

# create a new dataframe
neighborhoods_venues_sorted = pd.DataFrame(columns=columns)
neighborhoods_venues_sorted['Neighborhood'] = london_grouped['Neighborhood']
for ind in np.arange(london_grouped.shape[0]):
    neighborhoods_venues_sorted.iloc[ind, 1:] = return_most_common_venues(london_grouped.iloc[ind, :], num_top_venuneighborhoods_venues_sorted.head()
```

The part of the resulting dataframe is as follows:

	Neighborhood	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 Most Common Venue	8th Most Common Venue	9th Most Common Venue	10th Most Common Venue
0	Aldborough Hatch	Metro Station	Sporting Goods Shop	Café	Supermarket	Steakhouse	Indian Restaurant	Social Club	Soccer Field	Field	Fast Food Restaurant
1	Alperton	Supermarket	Gym / Fitness Center	Indian Restaurant	Hookah Bar	Asian Restaurant	Fast Food Restaurant	Café	Sandwich Place	Electronics Store	Train Station
2	Barkingside	Supermarket	Café	Indian Restaurant	Greek Restaurant	Steakhouse	Metro Station	Sandwich Place	Sporting Goods Shop	Pub	Coffee Shop
3	Beckton	Supermarket	Coffee Shop	Furniture / Home Store	Convenience Store	Grocery Store	Light Rail Station	Soccer Field	Moving Target	Bus Stop	Discount Store
4	Bedford Park	Pub	Coffee Shop	Café	Bakery	Italian Restaurant	Park	Grocery Store	Burger Joint	Ice Cream Shop	French Restaurant

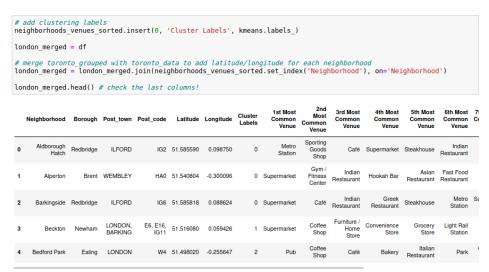
Clustering:

The neighborhoods are clustered using K-Means Clustering. Number of clusters was decided using elbow method. The algorithm has global optimum at k=4. Hence, neighborhoods are segmented into 4 clusters.

```
# set number of clusters
kclusters = 4

london_grouped_clustering = london_grouped.drop('Neighborhood', 1)
# run k-means clustering
kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=kclusters, random_state=0).fit(london_grouped_clustering)
# check cluster labels generated for each row in the dataframe
kmeans.labels_[0:10]
|: array([0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2], dtype=int32)
```

Now, we create a new dataframe that includes Cluster labels, Neighborhoods and its most common venues. The dataframe is as follows:



Examining Clusters:

Now, we examine each cluster and determine the discriminating venue categories that distinguish each cluster. Based on the defining categories, you can then assign a name to each cluster.

Cluster -0:



Cluster - 1:



Cluster - 2:



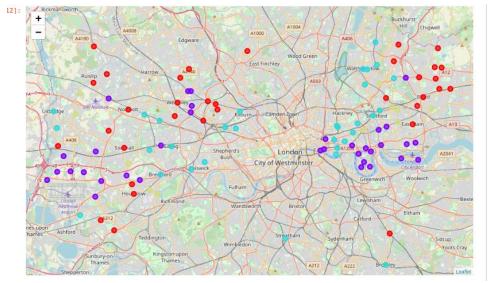
Cluster - 3:



Visualizing the Clusters:

We can use folium library to visualize the clusters on London map using different color markers for each cluster.

```
# create map
map_clusters = folium.Map(location=[latitude, longitude], zoom_start=10)
# set color scheme for the clusters
x = np.arange(kclusters)
ys = [i + x + (i*x)**2 for i in range(kclusters)]
colors_array = cm.rainbow(np.linspace(0, 1, len(ys)))
rainbow = [colors.rgb2hex(i) for i in colors_array]
# add markers to the map
markers_colors = []
for lat, lon, poi, cluster in zip(london_merged['Latitude'], london_merged['Longitude'], london_merged['Neighborhood label = folium.Popup(str(poi) + ' Cluster ' + str(cluster), parse_html=True)
folium.circleMarker(
    [lat, lon],
    radius=5,
    popup=label,
    color=rainbow(cluster-1],
    fill_True,
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Results:

The following inferences can be made:

- 1. In Cluster-0, It is observed that Asian cuisines like Indian, Thai and Turkish restaurants are among the top-10 of most common venues in the almost every neighborhood. Hence, would not be an ideal place to start the business.
- 2. In Cluster-1, coffee shops and Hotels are among the most common venues.
- **3.** Pubs, Cafes and Parks are the most common venues in the neighborhoods of Cluster-2.
- **4.** Pubs are the most common venue in almost all the neighborhoods in Cluster-3, with Asian restaurants appearing often.

Discussion and Conclusion:

It should be noted that, from the above observations Cluster-1 and Cluster-2 neighborhoods would be viable option to open an Asian Restaurant. Since, both cluster neighborhoods do not have top standard restaurants and the market in these neighborhoods is open for a good restaurant. However, this project is done with a limited scope of data i.e Demographics, Neighborhoods and Venues. And also, since I'm confined to free foursquare developer account, I wasn't able to get current restaurants ratings and reviews.

Hence, this project can be extended further by considering various other factors for segmenting and clustering neighborhoods of London. Much better results can be achieved by considering factors like locations proximity to public transport access and locations visibility.