

IBM Data Science Capstone Project

# The Battle of Neighborhoods: Starting a Chinese Restaurant in Seattle

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Seattle, a seaport city on the West Coast of the United States, is full of business opportunities.

Tags of Seattle: #tourismCity #stateParks  
#education #diversity

**Business problem: Where are the best positions to open a Chinese restaurant?**









# Data Acquisition

- 1 List of neighborhoods in Seattle from **Wikipedia**:  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_neighborhoods\\_in\\_Seattle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_neighborhoods_in_Seattle)

## List of districts and neighborhoods [ edit ]

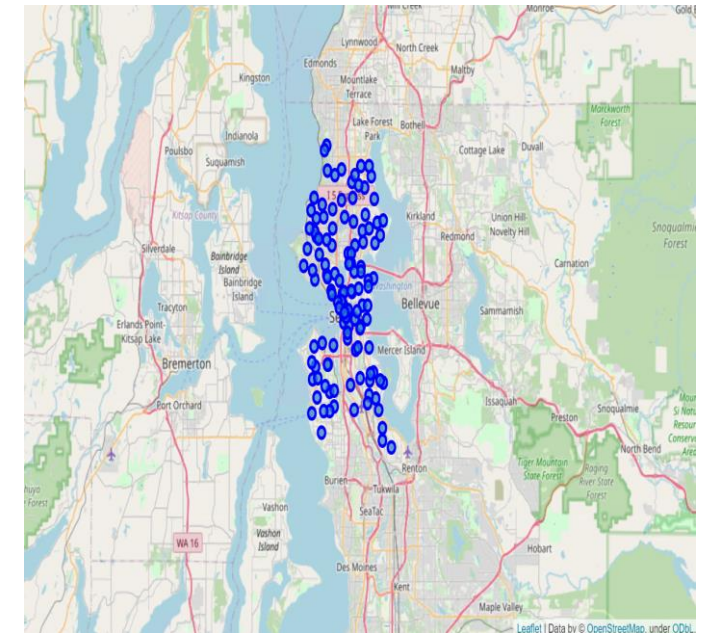
Despite complications in Seattle's system of neighborhoods and districts, the names and boundaries in the following list are generally accepted and widely used.<sup>[37]</sup> They are based on the *Seattle City Clerk's Neighborhood Map Atlas*,<sup>[38]</sup> which in turn is based on a variety of sources, including a 1980 neighborhood map produced by the now-defunct Department of Community Development,<sup>[39]</sup> Seattle Public Library indexes, a 1984-1986 "Neighborhood Profiles" feature series in the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*,<sup>[40]</sup> numerous park, land use and transportation planning studies, as well as records in the Seattle Municipal Archives.

The following table is largely based on maps from the Seattle City Clerk's Neighborhood Atlas, but also includes designations from other sources.

	Neighborhood name	Within larger district	Annexed <sup>[41]</sup>	Locator map	Street map	Image	Notes
1	North Seattle	Seattle	Various				North of the Lake Washington Ship Canal <sup>[42]</sup>
2	Broadview	North Seattle <sup>[42]</sup>	1954 <sup>[43]</sup>				<sup>[44]</sup>

- 2 Read as dataframe using **BeautifulSoup** and **Requests** packages with Python  
Latitude and Longitude data from **geocoder**

	Neighborhood	Latitude	Longitude
0	North Seattle	47.643724	-122.302937
1	Broadview	47.722380	-122.364980
2	Bitter Lake	47.718680	-122.350300
3	North Beach	47.700715	-122.389593
4	Crown Hill	47.695200	-122.374100



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All data of venues in each neighborhoods is obtained from **Foursquare API**. There are 127 official neighborhoods and 2970 venues in Seattle

	Neighborhood	Neighborhood Latitude	Neighborhood Longitude	Venue	Venue Latitude	Venue Longitude	Venue Category
0	North Seattle	47.643724	-122.302937	Cafe Lago	47.639698	-122.302256	Italian Restaurant
1	North Seattle	47.643724	-122.302937	Seattle Public Library - Montlake	47.640520	-122.302413	Library
2	North Seattle	47.643724	-122.302937	Montlake Cut	47.647094	-122.304686	Canal
3	North Seattle	47.643724	-122.302937	Fuel Coffee - Montlake	47.639688	-122.302009	Coffee Shop
4	North Seattle	47.643724	-122.302937	Montlake Blvd Market	47.643480	-122.303915	Grocery Store
5	North Seattle	47.643724	-122.302937	Montlake Bicycle Shop	47.639380	-122.302340	Bike Shop
6	North Seattle	47.643724	-122.302937	Traveler Montlake	47.639830	-122.302231	American Restaurant
7	North Seattle	47.643724	-122.302937	Metro Bus Stop #25751	47.644848	-122.304488	Bus Stop
8	North Seattle	47.643724	-122.302937	King County Metro Bus Route 255	47.642409	-122.303858	Bus Line

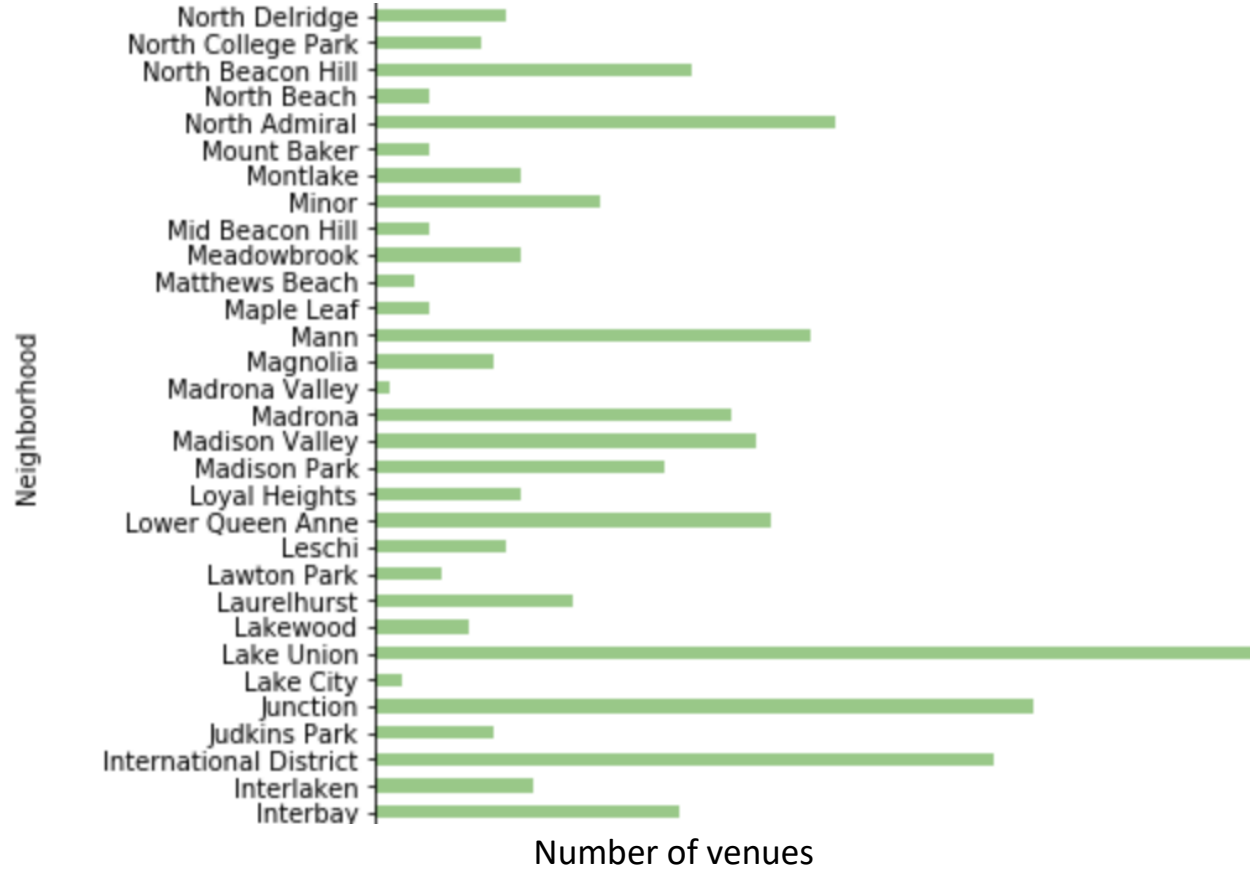
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Venue Category is applied with **one-hot encoding** to obtain the frequency of different types of venues

	Neighborhood	Neighborhood Latitude	Neighborhood Longitude	Venue Latitude	Venue Longitude	venue_ATM	venue_Accessories Store	venue_Acupuncturist	venue_African Restaurant	venue_American Restaurant
0	Adams	1716.226920	-4405.953600	1716.135506	-4405.912226	0	0	0	0	0
1	Alki Point	237.911772	-611.866435	237.913639	-611.865038	0	0	0	0	0
2	Arbor Heights	47.508610	-122.375930	47.510273	-122.376343	0	0	0	0	0
3	Atlantic	1047.112220	-2690.649060	1047.163875	-2690.642026	0	0	0	1	0



# EDA





# Methodology

## Feature Selection:



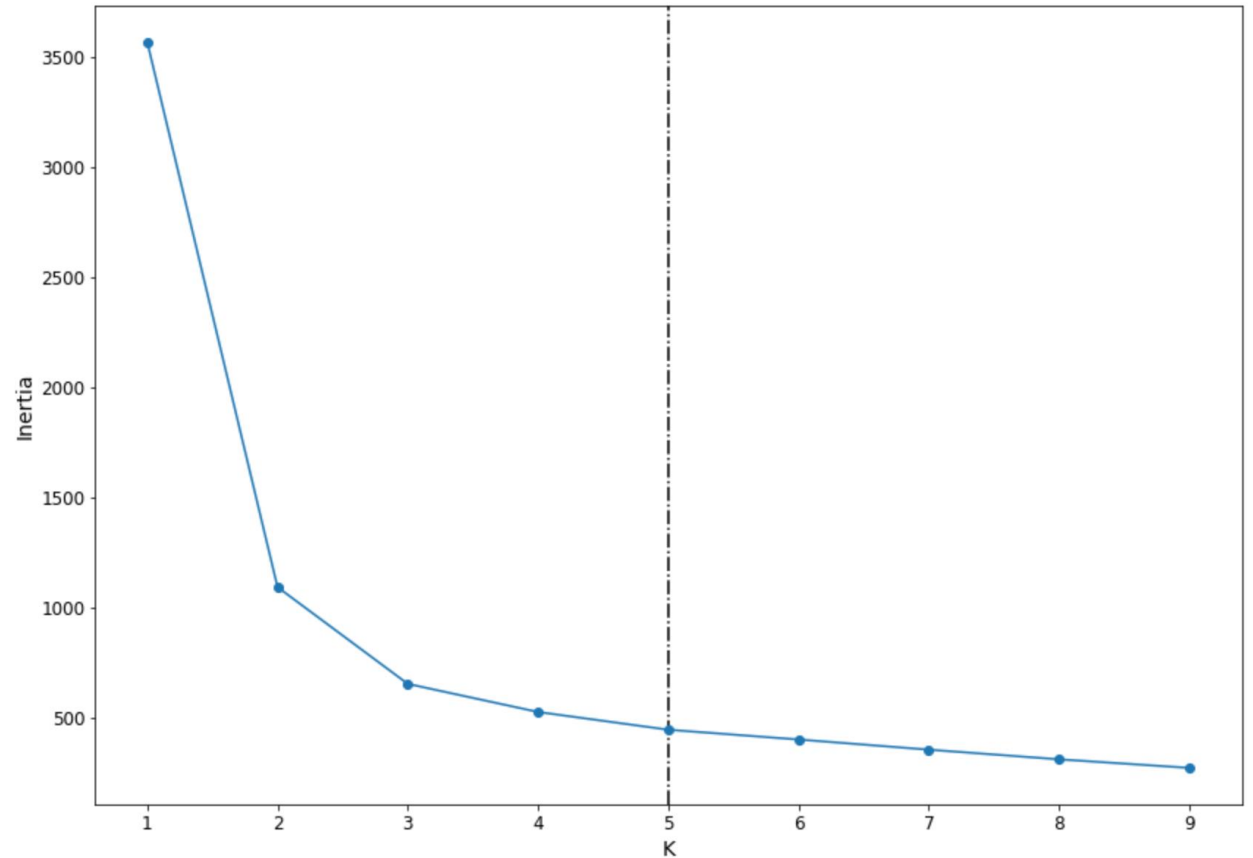




# Methodology

## Clustering:

- Based on the selected features
- Exploring number of clusters from 1 to 10
- Elbow Method to select best  $k$
- Final clustering model: best number of clusters





# Methodology

## Scoring Clusters:

Score = #of restaurants + #of colleges + #of universities + #of shops + #of tourism – 2\*#of **Chinese restaurants**

**Cluster 4 has the highest score!**

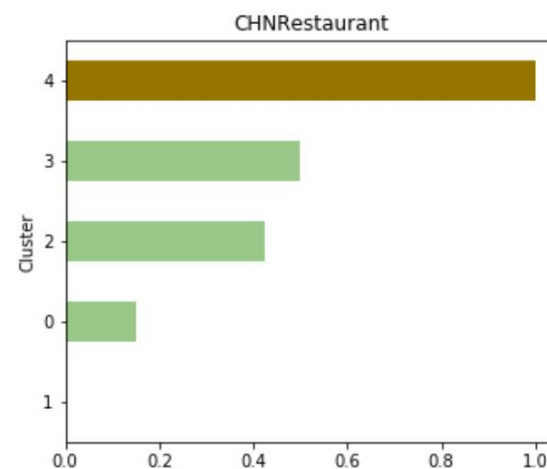
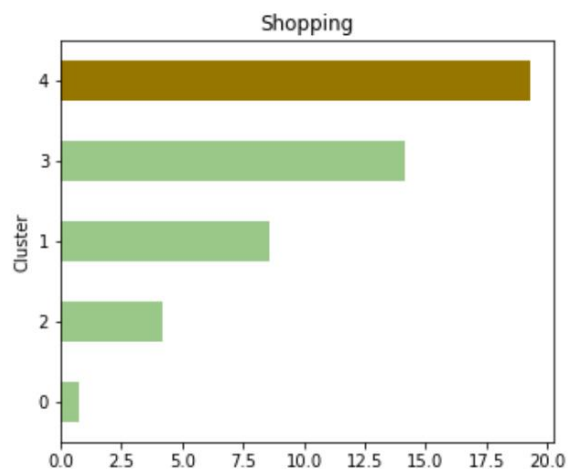
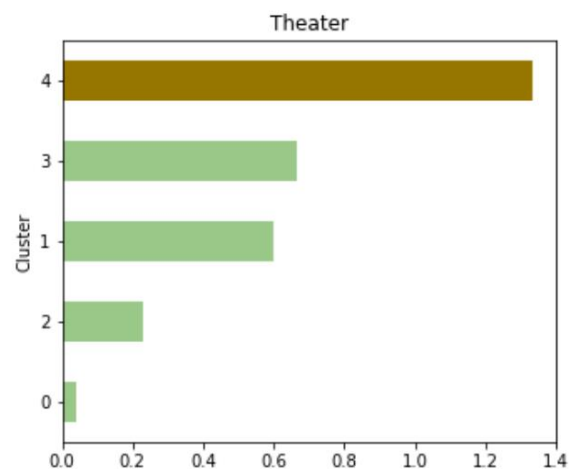
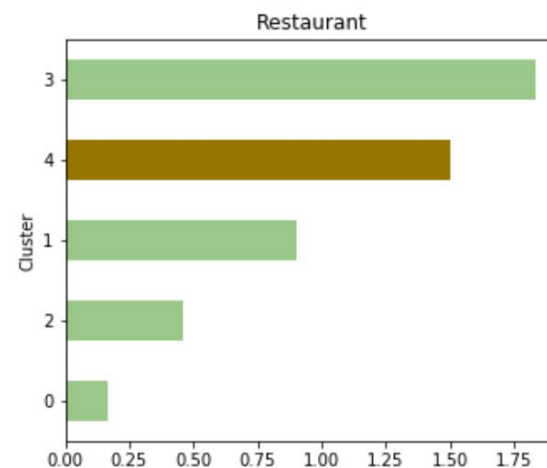
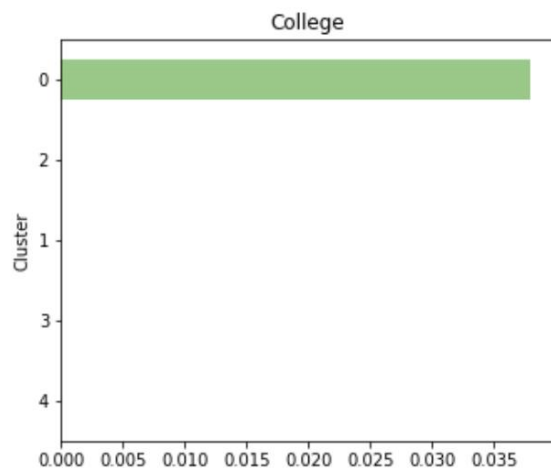
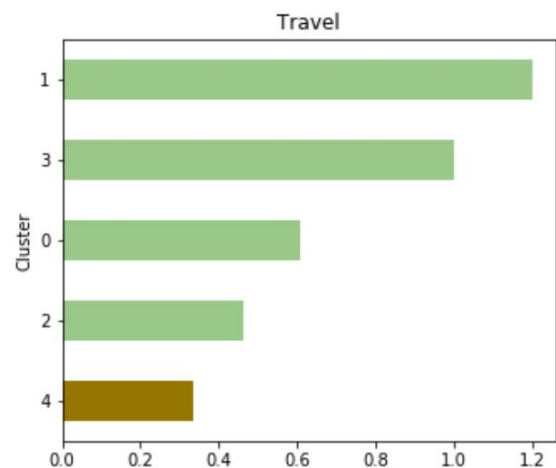
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Cluster							
4	20.500000	0.333333	1.500000	1.333333	19.333333	0.000000	1.000000
3	16.666667	1.000000	1.833333	0.666667	14.166667	0.000000	0.500000
1	11.300000	1.200000	0.900000	0.600000	8.600000	0.000000	0.000000
2	4.500000	0.461538	0.461538	0.230769	4.192308	0.000000	0.423077
0	1.265823	0.607595	0.164557	0.037975	0.721519	0.037975	0.151899





# Results

Check the distribution of venues in Cluster 4:

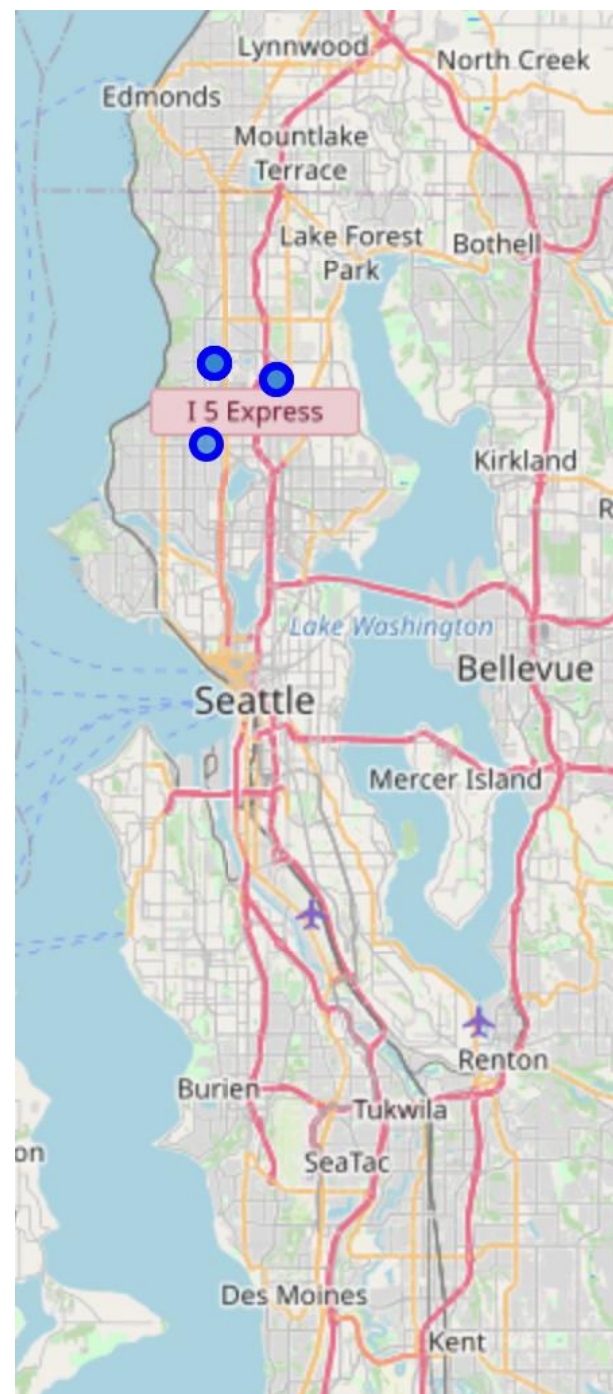




# Results

## Top 6 neighborhoods in Cluster 4:

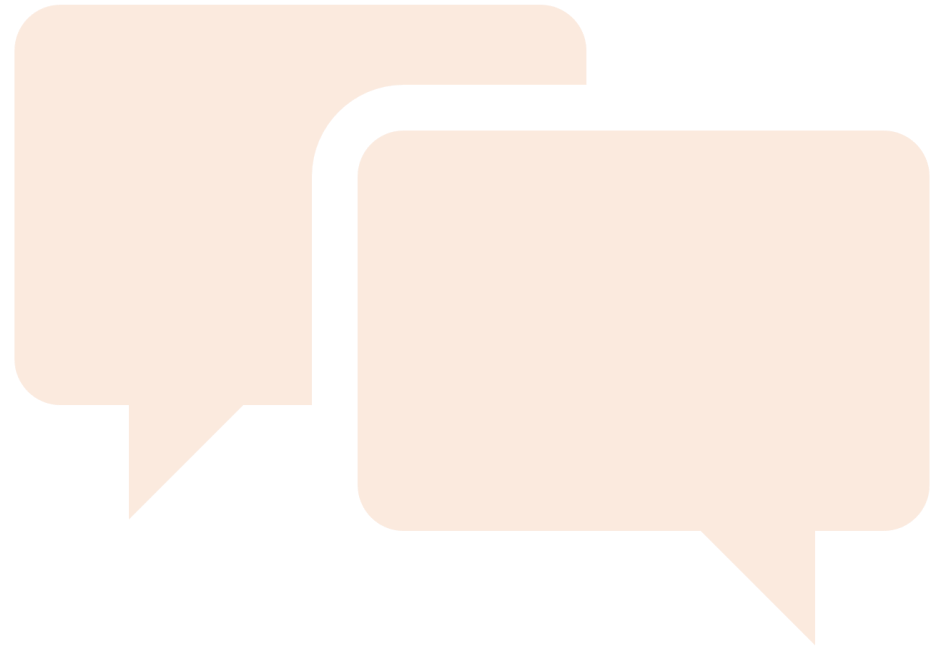
	Neighborhood	Latitude	Longitude
0	Bitter Lake	47.71868	-122.35030
1	Northgate	47.71310	-122.31930
2	Bitter Lake	47.71868	-122.35030
3	Bitter Lake	47.71868	-122.35030
4	Greenwood	47.69082	-122.35529
5	Northgate	47.71310	-122.31930

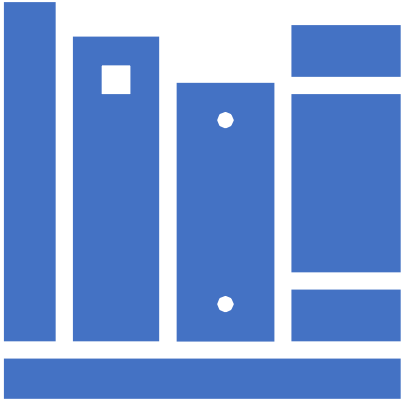




# Conclusion & Discussion

- The goal is to find positions of neighborhoods to open a Chinese restaurant in Seattle
- We acquire the detailed data of neighborhoods and venues of Seattle
- We select 6 key features that are more directly related to a Chinese restaurant's position
- Trough  $k$ -means clustering with selected features, we segment the neighborhoods into 5 parts
- We score the clusters and choose the highest scored cluster





Thank you!

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