The Battle of Neighborhoods

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Introduction

Yangon is the capital city of Myanmar with over seven million population. It is located at the strategic place and central to all kind of major business such as banking, trading, hub for travel and tourism, entertainment, food and beverage, etc. Competition is very demanding for all business and data-driven decision making and planning is the only way for the benefits for the new business. This is the reason why the data scientists are getting more popular to generate valuable inputs for new business and providing consultation services for market analysis and business evaluation.

Problem Statement

One of my clients would like to invest his new business in food and beverage sectors and would like to open new restaurant in Yangon city. But he neither know how many of restaurants has been operating in Yangon nor where exactly and which type of food should be selected for his new restaurant. In this regard, I was asked to assist with available information for new business planning. According to this request, I got started make ideation to be more understanding on the business and explored the data requirement for appropriate report for this assignment.

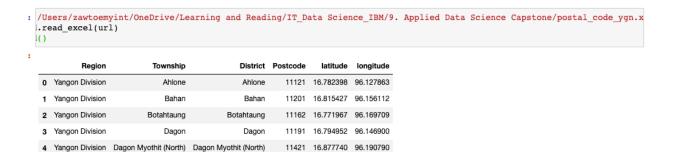
Data Sources

First of all, I do need the list of restaurants, types of food, locations, and the distribution of different restaurants across the Yangon city. So, decided to use maps API supported by fourSquare.com and python libraries such as pandas, numpy for data frame and folium library for generation of map. Ski-learn was the additional library for clustering. Python geocoder library was also essential for getting geographical coordinates of neighborhoods.

Prior to the data wrangling, I downloaded townships and geocoordinates data from http://themimu.info/place-codes in which townships data, postal code, latitude and longitude data was provided. I removed all the data apart from Yangon data.

Feature Selection and Data Usage

In the beginning, I first downloaded location data from the http://themimu.info/place-codes and generated the data-frame. It was observed that total number of thirty (30) districts within Yangon Division with respective post codes and geocoordinates. The below figure shows the first five line of the list of districts.



Secondly, the map was generated by using python geocoder library and visualized the location on the map with folium library.



After linking up with FourSquare data with respective neighborhoods, total of 272 venues were observed within 30 districts. Among those, there were 85 unique categories identified after making group within respective districts.

	-	Neighborhood Longitude	Venue	Venue Latitude	Venue Longitude	Venue Category
District						
Ahlone	5	5	5	5	5	5
Bahan		25	25	25	25	25
Botahtaung	16	16	16	16	16	16
Dagon	15	15	15	15	15	15
Dagon Myothit (South)	1	1	1	1	1	1
Dawbon	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hlaing	4	4	4	4	4	4
Insein	1	1	1	1	1	1
Kamayut		10	10	10	10	10
Kyauktada		40	40	40	40	40
Kyimyindaing	2	2	2	2	2	2
Lanmadaw		33	33	33	33	33
Mayangone	17	17	17	17	17	17
Mingalar Taung Nyunt		4	4	4	4	4
Mingalardon		2	2	2	2	2
Okkalapa (North)		2	2	2	2	2
Okkalapa (South)		4	4	4	4	4
Pabedan		26	26	26	26	26
Pazundaung	5	5	5	5	5	5
Sanchaung		19	19	19	19	19
Tamwe	4		4	4	4	4
Tanyin	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tharkayta	1	1	1	1	1	1
Thingangyun		5	5	5	5	5
Yangon		22	22	22	22	22
Yankin	7	7	7	7	7	7

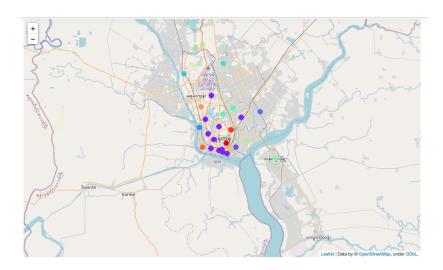
Methodology

It is necessary to observed the most common type of business in Yangon and their distribution in different location, so, I used the sorted function to generate the result. The following figure show the top 5 common type of business in different districts within Yangon Division.

	Neighborhood	1st Most Common Venue	2nd Most Common Venue	3rd Most Common Venue	4th Most Common Venue	5th Most Common Venue
0	Ahlone	Café	Shopping Mall	Food Stand	Noodle House	Juice Bar
1	Bahan	Korean Restaurant	Japanese Restaurant	Whisky Bar	Bar	Gym
2	Botahtaung	Burmese Restaurant	Dim Sum Restaurant	Chinese Restaurant	Massage Studio	Pizza Place
3	Dagon	Asian Restaurant	Chinese Restaurant	Restaurant	Bubble Tea Shop	Fast Food Restaurant
4	Dagon Myothit (South)	Indian Restaurant	Dim Sum Restaurant	Chinese Restaurant	Clothing Store	Cocktail Bar
5	Dawbon	Bus Station	Dim Sum Restaurant	Chinese Restaurant	Clothing Store	Cocktail Bar
6	Hlaing	BBQ Joint	Park	Fast Food Restaurant	Warehouse Store	Dessert Shop
7	Insein	Department Store	Warehouse Store	Dim Sum Restaurant	Chinese Restaurant	Clothing Store
8	Kamayut	Shopping Mall	Snack Place	Korean Restaurant	Clothing Store	Noodle House
9	Kyauktada	Bar	Hotel	Burmese Restaurant	Restaurant	Bed & Breakfast
10	Kyimyindaing	Chinese Restaurant	Fish Market	Warehouse Store	Dim Sum Restaurant	Clothing Store
11	Lanmadaw	Restaurant	Hotel	Hostel	Multiplex	Supermarket
12	Mayangone	Shopping Mall	Intersection	Seafood Restaurant	Hotel	Dim Sum Restaurant
13	Mingalar Taung Nyunt	Hotel	Restaurant	Department Store	Boxing Gym	Warehouse Store
14	Mingalardon	Bus Stop	Lake	Dessert Shop	Chinese Restaurant	Clothing Store
15	Okkalapa (North)	Food Truck	Chinese Restaurant	Dim Sum Restaurant	Clothing Store	Cocktail Bar
16	Okkalapa (South)	Chinese Restaurant	Photography Studio	Japanese Restaurant	Breakfast Spot	Café
17	Pabedan	Hostel	Market	Hotel	Restaurant	Fast Food Restaurant
18	Pazundaung	Hotel	Asian Restaurant	Hostel	Warehouse Store	Dim Sum Restaurant
19	Sanchaung	Thai Restaurant	Department Store	Hotel	Warehouse Store	Seafood Restaurant
20	Tamwe	Chinese Restaurant	Tea Room	Asian Restaurant	Convenience Store	Warehouse Store

Due to the numerous categories for specific business types, I clustered into 15 by using K-mean clustering algorithm to identify the specific location and distribution.

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kclusters = 15
yangon_grouped_clustering = yangon_grouped.drop('Neighborhood', 1)
kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=kclusters, random_state=0).fit(yangon_grouped_clustering)
kmeans.labels_[0:10]
array([13, 1, 1, 1, 3, 2, 12, 5, 1, 1], dtype=int32)
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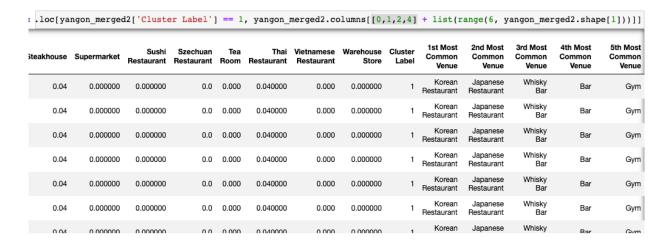


Results

Hotel business stands for the most common type in cluster "0", Minglar Taung Nyunt, followed by restaurant, departments stores, gym and warehouse stores respectively.

yangon_merged2.loc[yangon_merged2['Cluster Label'] == 0, yangon_merged2.columns[[0,1,2,4] + list(range(6, yangon_merged2)													
Steakhouse	Supermarket	Sushi Restaurant	Szechuan Restaurant	Tea Room	Thai Restaurant	Vietnamese Restaurant	Warehouse Store	Cluster Label	1st Most Common Venue	2nd Most Common Venue	3rd Most Common Venue	4th Most Common Venue	5th Most Common Venue
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0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	Hotel	Restaurant	Department Store	Boxing Gym	Warehouse Store

In cluster 1, Korean and Japanese restaurants are the top common venues however bars are also common business in Bahan.

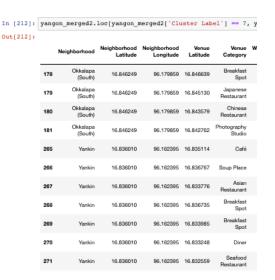


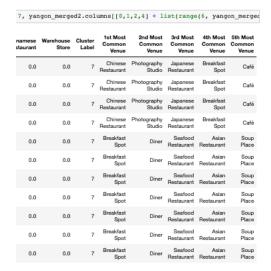
In cluster 2,3,4,5, and 6 varieties of restaurants paly the most common business. In this clusters, high competition will be existing if we are going to open restaurant.



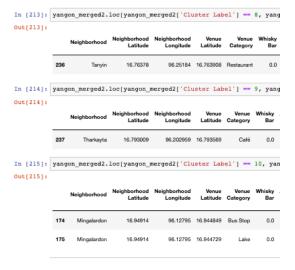


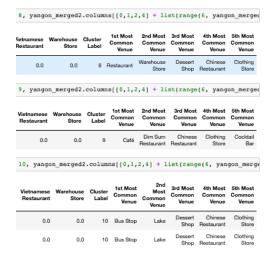
In cluster 7, althouth chinese restaurant and japanese restaurant are common in South Okalarpa, breakfast spot and seafood restaurant are the common business in Yankin when it comes to consideration for opening restaurant.





Restaurants are not very common in cluster 8,9,10 and 11 but some people do.

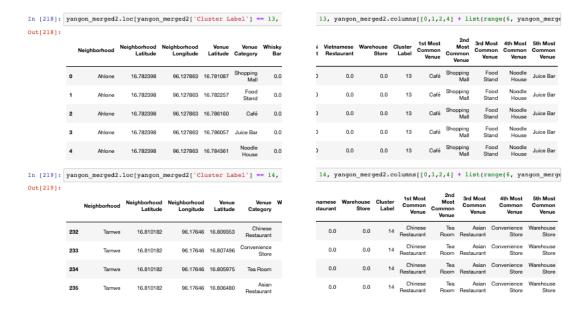




Pasundaung and Hlaing fell in the cluster 11 and 12 respectively. In these clusters, restaurants are not the top business there.



Ahlone and Tamwe fell into the cluster 13 and 14 respectively, where cafe shop and Chinese restaurant are the top position out of 5 common business.



Discussion

This analysis mainly focusses on seeking the appropriate location and type of restaurant for starting new restaurant business. Available data are used for better evidence-based decision for business planning. Location, top common business and distribution data alone could not generate concrete information for the real situation. Other factors should be included in this analysis to be more precises decision such as population density, customer's preferences, etc.

According to this analysis result, we can identify which type of restaurants are less competition and which place should be considered for new start up regardless consideration on other factors.

Conclusion

This analysis exercise is the main objective for getting certificate for data science course.

However, we need to make more practices in the real world to be able to generate great result and need to use more variables for better precision. Be that as it may, this is the good assignment for this course and we had learned a lot from our team mates.