Capstone Project - The Battle of Neighborhoods

SELECTING THE BEST LOCATION TO OPEN A PIZZA PLACE IN MANHATTAN, NEW YORK

Introduction and Business Problem

- The City of New York is famous for its excellent cuisine. It's food culture includes an array of international cuisines influenced by the city's immigrant history.

- Pizza may have been invented in Italy, but it was perfected in New York City. Thus, my client would like to start his own legacy in the Pizza making business. Pizza places are unlimited in number in Manhattan but the demand is very high that the number of places is just not enough. Various factors need to be weighed in while choosing the best place to put up a pizza store.

- The objective of this project will be to analyse and choose the best neighbourhood to start a pizza place in NYC and specifically in Manhattan.

Data Selection

▶ To identify the characteristics of our competitors' venues in Manhattan, we would first need to find out the number of pizza places in Manhattan currently and their location.

▶ In Manhattan, there are about 1657 pizza places which are currently operating.
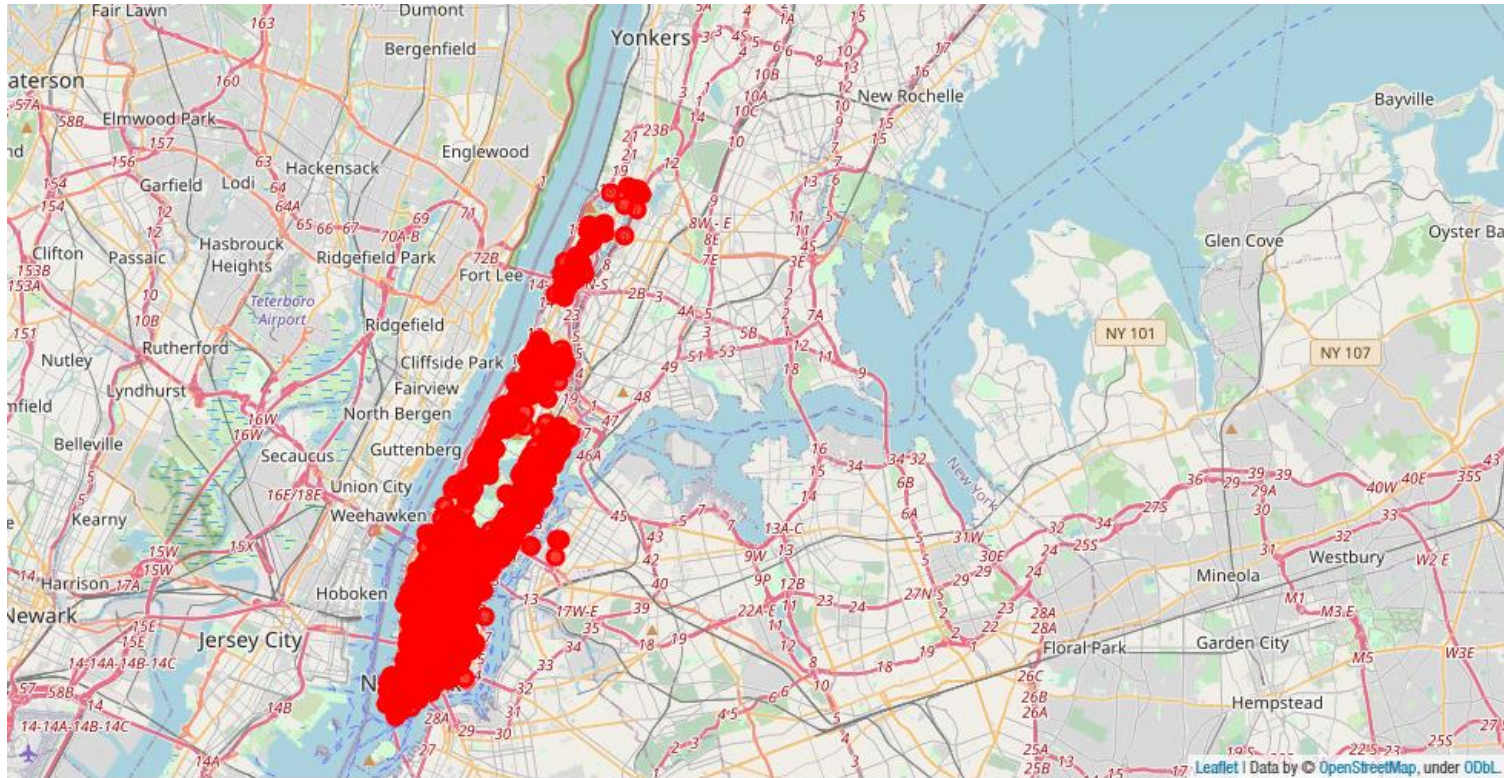
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Methodology

- The addresses are converted into their equivalent latitude and longitude values.

- Foursquare API is used to explore neighborhoods in Manhattan, New York.

- After that, explore function is used to get all places in categories in each neighborhood that have pizza listed.

Methodology

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	Neighborhood	American Restaurant	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar	Boat or Ferry	Burger Joint	Café	Cocktail Bar	Deli / Bodega	Diner	Fast Food Restaurant	Food Truck	Fried Chicken Joint	Gluten-free Restaurant	Gourmet Shop	Greek Restaurant	Italian Restaurant
0	Marble Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	Marble Hill	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
2	Marble Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
3	Marble Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
4	Marble Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0

Methodology

Map of all Pizza places in Manhattan

Methodology

▶ Using these features the data will be grouped into clusters based on the neighborhoods. We will use K-means clustering algorithm to complete this task.

	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	Battery Park City	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	Kosher Restaurant	Gourmet Shop	Turkish Restaurant	Deli / Bodega	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar
1	Carnegie Hill	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	Turkish Restaurant	Diner	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar	Boat or Ferry	Burger Joint
2	Central Harlem	Pizza Place	Deli / Bodega	Turkish Restaurant	Diner	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar	Boat or Ferry	Burger Joint
3	Chelsea	Pizza Place	Deli / Bodega	Mexican Restaurant	Italian Restaurant	Café	Turkish Restaurant	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar
4	Chinatown	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	Turkish Restaurant	Diner	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar	Boat or Ferry	Burger Joint

Results

- Using K-means to cluster data area
- **Cluster 0**

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12	Upper West Side	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	Turkish Restaurant	Bakery	American Restaurant	Kosher Restaurant	Cocktail Bar	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Sandwich Place
14	Clinton	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	Bar	Fast Food Restaurant	Sandwich Place	Deli / Bodega	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Boat or Ferry
15	Midtown	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	Sandwich Place	American Restaurant	Deli / Bodega	Greek Restaurant	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar
21	Tribeca	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Food Truck	Sports Bar	Turkish Restaurant	Deli / Bodega	Arcade	Bar
33	Midtown South	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	American Restaurant	Mexican Restaurant	Greek Restaurant	Deli / Bodega	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar

Results

Cluster 1

	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
1	Chinatown	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	Turkish Restaurant	Diner	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar	Boat or Ferry	Burger Joint
8	Upper East Side	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	Turkish Restaurant	Diner	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar	Boat or Ferry	Burger Joint
9	Yorkville	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	Turkish Restaurant	Diner	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar	Boat or Ferry	Burger Joint
10	Lenox Hill	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	Turkish Restaurant	Diner	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar	Boat or Ferry	Burger Joint
11	Roosevelt Island	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	Turkish Restaurant	Diner	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar	Boat or Ferry	Burger Joint
16	Murray Hill	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	American Restaurant	Sandwich Place	Deli / Bodega	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar	Boat or Ferry
19	East Village	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	Bar	Cocktail Bar	Turkish Restaurant	Diner	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Boat or Ferry
24	West Village	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	Gluten-free Restaurant	Café	Turkish Restaurant	Deli / Bodega	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar
30	Carnegie Hill	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	Turkish Restaurant	Diner	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar	Boat or Ferry	Burger Joint
32	Civic Center	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Turkish Restaurant	Diner	Arcade	Bar	Boat or Ferry	Burger Joint
39	Hudson Yards	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	Bar	Deli / Bodega	Turkish Restaurant	Diner	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Boat or Ferry

Results

▶ **Cluster 2**

	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
18	Greenwich Village	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	Sandwich Place	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Turkish Restaurant	Deli / Bodega	Arcade	Bar	Boat or Ferry
22	Little Italy	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Turkish Restaurant	Diner	Arcade	Bar	Boat or Ferry	Burger Joint
23	Soho	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Turkish Restaurant	Diner	Arcade	Bar	Boat or Ferry	Burger Joint
31	Noho	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	Cocktail Bar	Turkish Restaurant	Diner	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar	Boat or Ferry

Results

Cluster 3

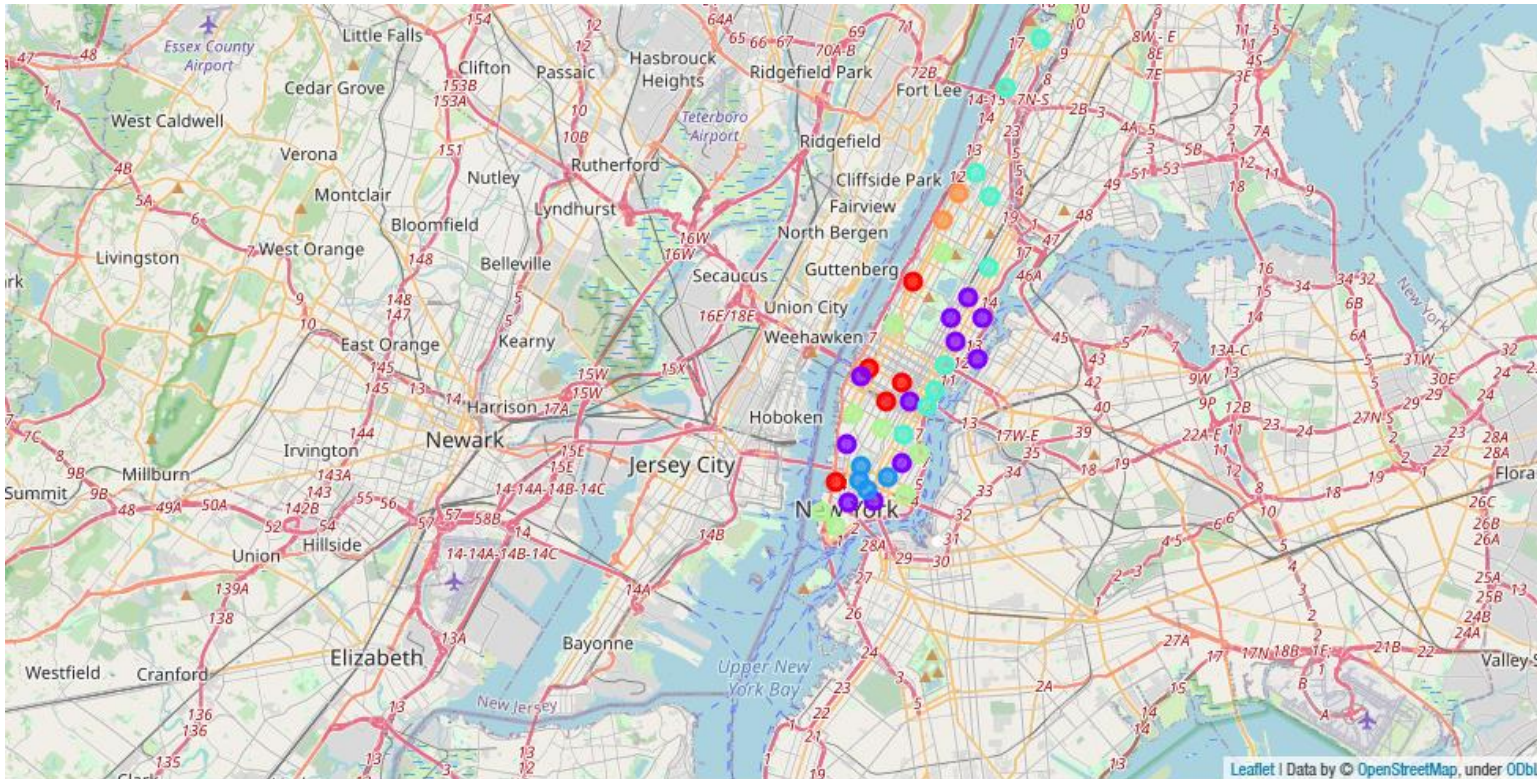|	Neighborhood	1st Most Common Venue	2nd Most Common Venue	3rd Most Common Venue	4th Most Common Venue	5th Most Common Venue	6th Most Common Venue	7th Most Common Venue	8th Most Common Venue	9th Most Common Venue	10th Most Common Venue
2	Washington Heights	Pizza Place	Café	Turkish Restaurant	Diner	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar	Boat or Ferry	Burger Joint
3	Inwood	Pizza Place	Turkish Restaurant	Diner	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar	Boat or Ferry	Burger Joint	Café
4	Hamilton Heights	Pizza Place	Deli / Bodega	Turkish Restaurant	Diner	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar	Boat or Ferry	Burger Joint
6	Central Harlem	Pizza Place	Deli / Bodega	Turkish Restaurant	Diner	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar	Boat or Ferry	Burger Joint
7	East Harlem	Pizza Place	American Restaurant	Deli / Bodega	Diner	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar	Boat or Ferry	Burger Joint
27	Gramercy	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	Bar	Turkish Restaurant	Diner	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Boat or Ferry	Burger Joint
34	Sutton Place	Pizza Place	Sandwich Place	Italian Restaurant	Turkish Restaurant	Deli / Bodega	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar	Boat or Ferry
35	Turtle Bay	Pizza Place	Sandwich Place	Italian Restaurant	Turkish Restaurant	Deli / Bodega	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar	Boat or Ferry
36	Tudor City	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	Turkish Restaurant	Diner	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar	Boat or Ferry	Burger Joint

Results

Cluster 4

	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	Marble Hill	Pizza Place	Bagel Shop	Turkish Restaurant	Diner	Arcade	Bakery	Bar	Boat or Ferry	Burger Joint	Café
13	Lincoln Square	Pizza Place	Deli / Bodega	Bakery	Italian Restaurant	Burger Joint	Turkish Restaurant	Diner	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bar
17	Chelsea	Pizza Place	Deli / Bodega	Mexican Restaurant	Italian Restaurant	Café	Turkish Restaurant	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar
20	Lower East Side	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	Cocktail Bar	Turkish Restaurant	Diner	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar	Boat or Ferry
25	Manhattan Valley	Pizza Place	Deli / Bodega	Italian Restaurant	Fried Chicken Joint	Turkish Restaurant	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar	Boat or Ferry
28	Battery Park City	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	Kosher Restaurant	Gourmet Shop	Turkish Restaurant	Deli / Bodega	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar
29	Financial District	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	Deli / Bodega	Bar	Gourmet Shop	Food Truck	Turkish Restaurant	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery
37	Stuyvesant Town	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	Bar	Boat or Ferry	Cocktail Bar	Turkish Restaurant	Diner	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery
38	Flatiron	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	Sandwich Place	Mexican Restaurant	Café	Turkish Restaurant	Deli / Bodega	Arcade	Bagel Shop	Bakery

Results

- Cluster 5

	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
5	Manhattanville	Pizza Place	Diner	Arcade	Italian Restaurant	Turkish Restaurant	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar	Boat or Ferry	Burger Joint
26	Morningside Heights	Pizza Place	Italian Restaurant	Diner	Arcade	Deli / Bodega	Turkish Restaurant	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar	Boat or Ferry

Results

Map of Pizza places in Manhattan after clustering

Discussion

▶ This analysis is performed on limited data. There is scope to come up with better results with a larger dataset.

▶ Based on data frame analysis above Cluster 2 – Greenwich Village, Naho, Soho, Little Italy and Cluster 5 - Morningside Heights, Manhattanville areas are the best places to open a new Pizza place business.

▶ There is high competition in Clusters 1,3,4 - China town, Washington Heights and Marble Hill, so it is very risky to open business in these areas.

▶ The analysis can be made better by obtaining people demographics of people living and another major problem with pizzas faced is the delivery timings. So the delivery routes and coverage will also play a major factor. Finally, Four Square proved to be a good source of data.

Conclusion

▶ Although all of the goals of this project were met there is definitely room for further improvement and development. The project could easily be developed into a fully-fledged application that could support the opening of a business in an unknown location.

▶ The same method can be used to find for any type of restaurant or any service of that type.