IBM Data Science Course-Capstone Coursework

The Battle of the Neighborhoods

Introduction

- I want to find out whether there are enough gyms located in a particular neighborhood in Toronto. Hence, creating more gyms gives more room for people to use the facilities.
- The target audience would be for the general public, as anyone who needs a gym would have another one to choose from.
- The main aim of this project is to find a location where a gym can be built in Toronto. This will be done by using methods of data science, machine learning, clustering, Foursquare API and IBM Watson Studio, will help to find a solution to the project, as to where can a gym be built?

Data

- The data required will be the neighborhoods in Toronto, Canada, which will be obtained from Wikipedia, and will be scrapped to clean the data on IBM Watson Studio.
- Latitude and longitude are also important factors in this project. Also, using Foursquare API to find other nearby gyms to the area desired.
- Foursquare API and Geocoder package will be needed to find the data of the areas in Toronto and data of the venues related to the neighborhoods.

Methodology

- Foursquare API and Geocoder Package were utilized to pull out the coordinates, I.e. Latitude and longitude of the post codes. CSV file was needed to make it work, hence to link the coordinates and make it easier to work.
- Folium package was used to create a visual image of the map of Toronto alongside its coordinates. Mean of the frequency of occurrence for different categories of the venues were calculated to cluster and analyse the neighborhoods.
- K-means clustering was the unsupervised machine learning method to perform the algorithm that finds the k number of the centroids, and locates the data points to its nearest cluster.

Methodology

Using Foursquare API to obtain information for the facilities in Toronto

In [31]: CLIENT_ID = 'B12EINNB3H00X4EF0ERDGQSTQJOLRPP9QZURVZD54NYCOFTG' # your Foursquare ID
CLIENT_SECRET = 'EDSKG03GFEDVQGIEVUZJUQXA0LXJXBRTUHVOIENBOOZRFB3' # your Foursquare Secret
ACCESS TOKEN = 'UHRKCIXHEFBLWJFE031ZPXLADYH48AAHS05T3SPITEDOXXH' # your FourSquare Access Token
VERSION = '20180604'
LIMIT = 100 # Limit of number of venues returned by Foursquare API
radius = 500 # define radius

Results



- K-means clustering was used cluster the data in different categories.
- The Red dots represent the post codes with the lowest number of gyms nearby.
- The green dot has the highest number of gyms nearby.
- Finally, the blue dots are the second highest number of gyms nearby.

Discussion

- As the list of the gym venues were discovered that most of the gyms in Toronto are around the center of Toronto and few in the other areas.
- When creating the k-means machine learning cluster, it can be grouped into two clusters, cluster 1 with <5 which represents the red dots, and cluster 2 with >5, which represents the green dot and the blue dots.
- Therefore, it would be ideal to build a gym outside of the central of Toronto. This may give more ease to any fanatics of the gym who have travel from other areas of Toronto or outside Toronto to the center of Toronto. In particular areas such as, Church and Wellesley, Garden District and Toronto Dominion Centre.

Conclusion

- A business model was built to cluster the neighborhoods in Toronto, in which the data was extracted from Wikipedia. Foursquare API and Geocoder Package was essential to extract the coordinates and the different venues around each neighborhood in Toronto.
- In conclusion, a gym that was built outside the center of Toronto would be ideal.