Business venture to maximize revenue

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Abstract

In an over-crowded city like Bengaluru in India, coming up with a food venture is like a double-edged sword. On one hand we see a high number of restaurants and eateries which would mean a high competition and on the other hand an increasing population in the IT capital of India would mean an opportunity to venture into a profitable business.

Introduction

As one seeks to venture into a profitable food business, the success and failure of the venture would depend on the present competition in the area, type of the venue, footfall in the neighborhood. Data Science with ML can help uncover and segment a city (like Bengaluru) to answer and identify areas which are similar in nature and the opportunity cost to venture into a specific type of food business is low and the returns can be high. This analysis is primarily targeted towards individuals / groups who would like to venture into a food business and would like to know details which give them an upper hand before start of any business.

Data Acquisition

The data was obtained by scraping through a publicly available Wikipedia page which lists all the regions in a city of Bengaluru and neighborhoods within each region. Using geopy, co-ordinates of the neighborhoods were identified. Neighborhoods whose co-ordinates are unidentified will be cleaned or manually updated. Cases where the co-ordinates differ from the actual co-ordinates were updated manually. This clean data includes details like **Neighborhood**, **Region**, **Latitude**, **Longitudes**.

For each region in the city of Bengaluru, the identified number of neighborhood counts are as follows.

	Neighbourhood		
Region			
Central	11		
Eastern	8		
North-Eastern	6		
Northern	8		
South-Eastern	7		
Southern	8		
Southern suburbs	6		
Western	9		

A brief view of a clean data is as follows

	Neighbourhood	Region	latitude	longitude
0	Cantonment area	Central	13.0196	77.5096
1	Domlur	Central	12.9625	77.6382
2	Indiranagar	Central	12.9733	77.6405
3	Malleswaram	Central	13.0163	77.5587
4	Rajajinagar	Central	12.9882	77.5549

The data was further processed with Fairsquare API to identify the nearby venues in each of the neighborhood. The dataframe now contains details like **Neighborhood**, **Region**, **Latitude**, **Longitudes**, **<Venue categories>.** Data was cleaned with neighborhood with lower than 10 venues to avoid outliers. This data was segmented / clustered, and the resulting data was examined to identify similar areas and number of venues in each of these areas in a cluster.

	Neighbourhood	Region	latitude	longitude	venue_name	venue_longitude	venue_latitude	venue_category
0	Cantonment area	Central	13.019567	77.509589	Maruthi Theatre	13.018795	77.505283	Indie Movie Theater
1	Cantonment area	Central	13.019567	77.509589	bhat canteen	13.016796	77.504154	Fast Food Restaurant
2	Domlur	Central	12.962467	77.638196	Lavonne	12.963909	77.638579	Café
3	Domlur	Central	12.962467	77.638196	Barbeque Nation	12.962684	77.641599	BBQ Joint
4	Domlur	Central	12.962467	77.638196	Smoke House Deli	12.965584	77.641498	Deli / Bodega

More than 180 unique venue categories were identified with the help of Fairquare API.

