

COURSERA
IBM APPLIED DATA SCIENCE
CAPSTONE PROJECT

The vegan/ vegetarian lifestyle

The data

Restaurants within a 50km radius from the center of Sandton and within the same radius from the center of Toronto will be downloaded from Foursquare.

The dataset will contain the names, addresses, city, postal code, state, country, latitude, longitude, distance from city center and restaurant category (e.g. Chinese, Indian, Italian, etc.). For a list of some of the categories of restaurants that can be obtained using Foursquare, please see Table 1.

Table 1 A list of some of the restaurants' categories and their ID codes

African Restaurant

4bf58dd8d48988d1c8941735

Ethiopian Restaurant

4bf58dd8d48988d10a941735

American Restaurant

4bf58dd8d48988d14e941735

New American Restaurant

4bf58dd8d48988d157941735

Asian Restaurant

4bf58dd8d48988d142941735

Chinese Restaurant

4bf58dd8d48988d145941735

Sushi Restaurant

4bf58dd8d48988d1d2941735

Thai Restaurant

4bf58dd8d48988d149941735

Fast Food Restaurant

4bf58dd8d48988d16e941735

Indian Restaurant

4bf58dd8d48988d10f941735

Italian Restaurant

4bf58dd8d48988d110941735

Mediterranean Restaurant

4bf58dd8d48988d1c0941735

Portuguese Restaurant

4def73e84765ae376e57713a

Vegetarian / Vegan Restaurant

4bf58dd8d48988d1d3941735

In Figure 1 an example of the data obtained from Foursquare is given.

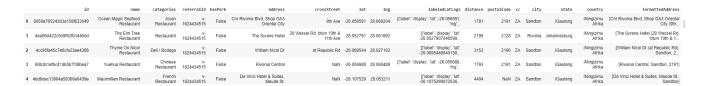


Figure 1 Example of restaurant data obtained from Foursquare

Most of the columns contain text as values, with the exception of lat (latitude), long (longitude) and distance, that contain numerical values that calculations can be done on.

The latitudes and longitudes will be used to create maps of the two cities that indicate the different types of restaurants in each.

The data will be cleaned. Wherever missing values for latitude/ longitude or category appear, these observations will be removed. If venues "slip through" that are not restaurants, they will also be removed. It was for instance noted that a vegan pharmacy as well as a flower shop was downloaded. These are obviously not restaurants and will therefore be removed from the dataset.



Figure 2 Example of an item that has to be removed from the dataset

The categories will be used to group similar restaurants together so that a clear picture can be formed of how the two cities' cuisines compare to one another.

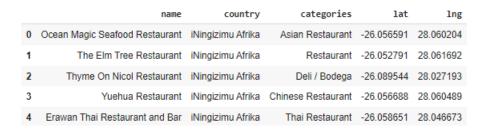


Figure 3 Example of dataset where only the relevant columns were retained