

Capstone Project :- The Battle of Neighborhoods

Business Problem:

Students who want to pursue Masters in Countries like USA, CANADA, Australia , UK etc or the parents who want to migrate to countries like above from India considers search of good rating Universities / Schools and also the good Housing Prices. So to Address this problem we predict the solution of to create an analysis of features of neighborhood cities in a state of Canada between Neighborhoods. The features includes School ratings , median Housing price, weather conditions , crime rate etc. This will help students to figure out which country to choose , which universities to plan , what will the approx budget before going to that place where they are gonna start their new life.

The aim of the Project is to help students/ parents explore different possibilities and take better decision on choosing the best neighborhood out of many neighborhoods in Scarborough city based on the various features in and around that neighborhood.

Selection Criteria of Neighborhood:

In this project we define good neighborhood by the good Housing price and the good university / schools ratings. We can consider more parameter to like low crime rates in that area , good weather conditions.

1. Compare School ratings
2. Compare Median of House Prices

The Location : Scarborough:

Scarborough is a place which has good schools and universities so students are interested going there . even its is great destination for immigrants in Canada. As a result, it is one of the most diverse and multicultural areas in the Greater Toronto Area, being home to various religious groups and places of worship.

Use of FourSquare API:

The project will Use FourSquare API as source of the data of places as it has millions of places. They even provide ability to perform location search , location sharing and business details.

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K-Means Clustering:

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Work Flow:

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1. Data acquisition and cleansing
2. Data preparation
3. Feature selection
4. Clustering

Data acquisition and cleansing:

Data acquisition was a 2-step process:

1. Obtaining the postcodes for neighborhoods in Toronto
2. Obtaining venues within these neighborhoods

Clustering Approach:

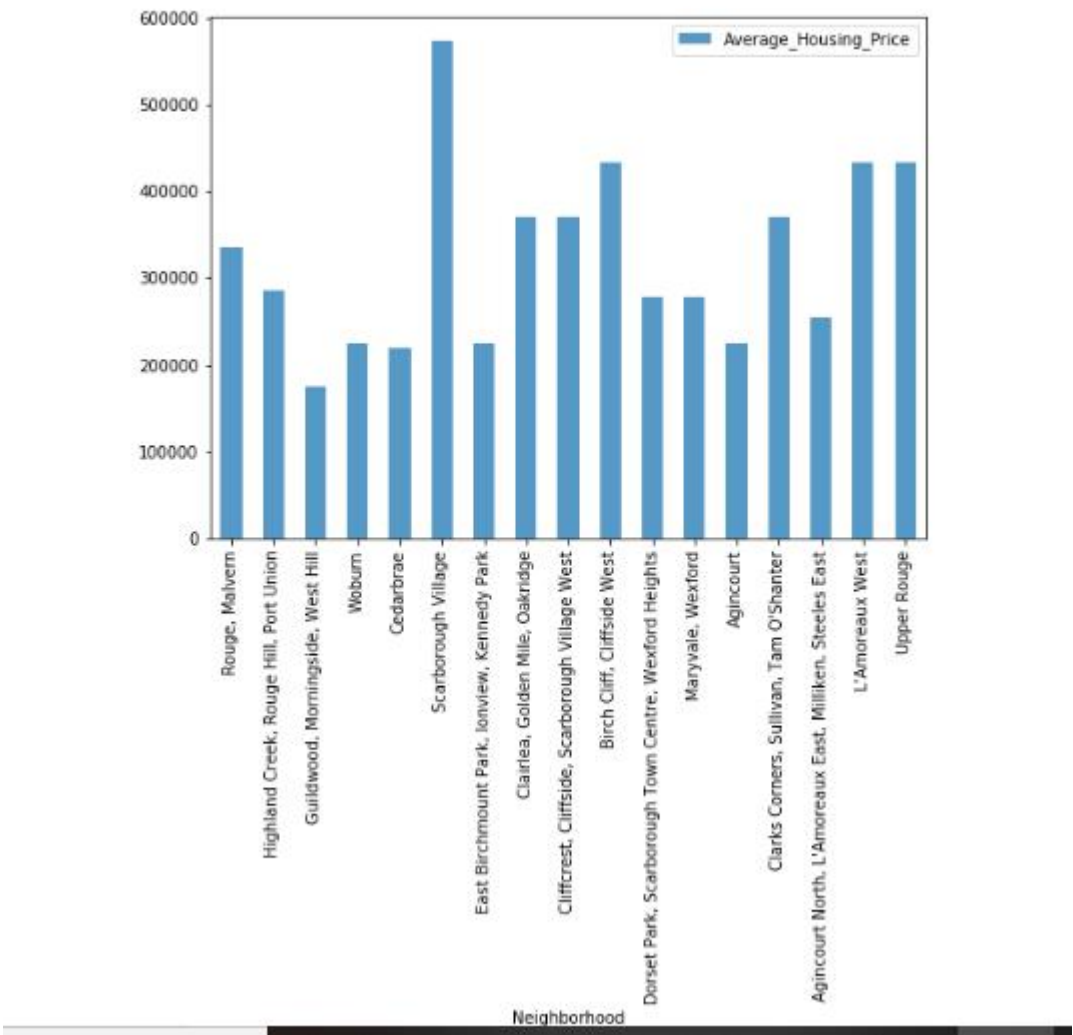
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Neighborhood Most Common Venues:

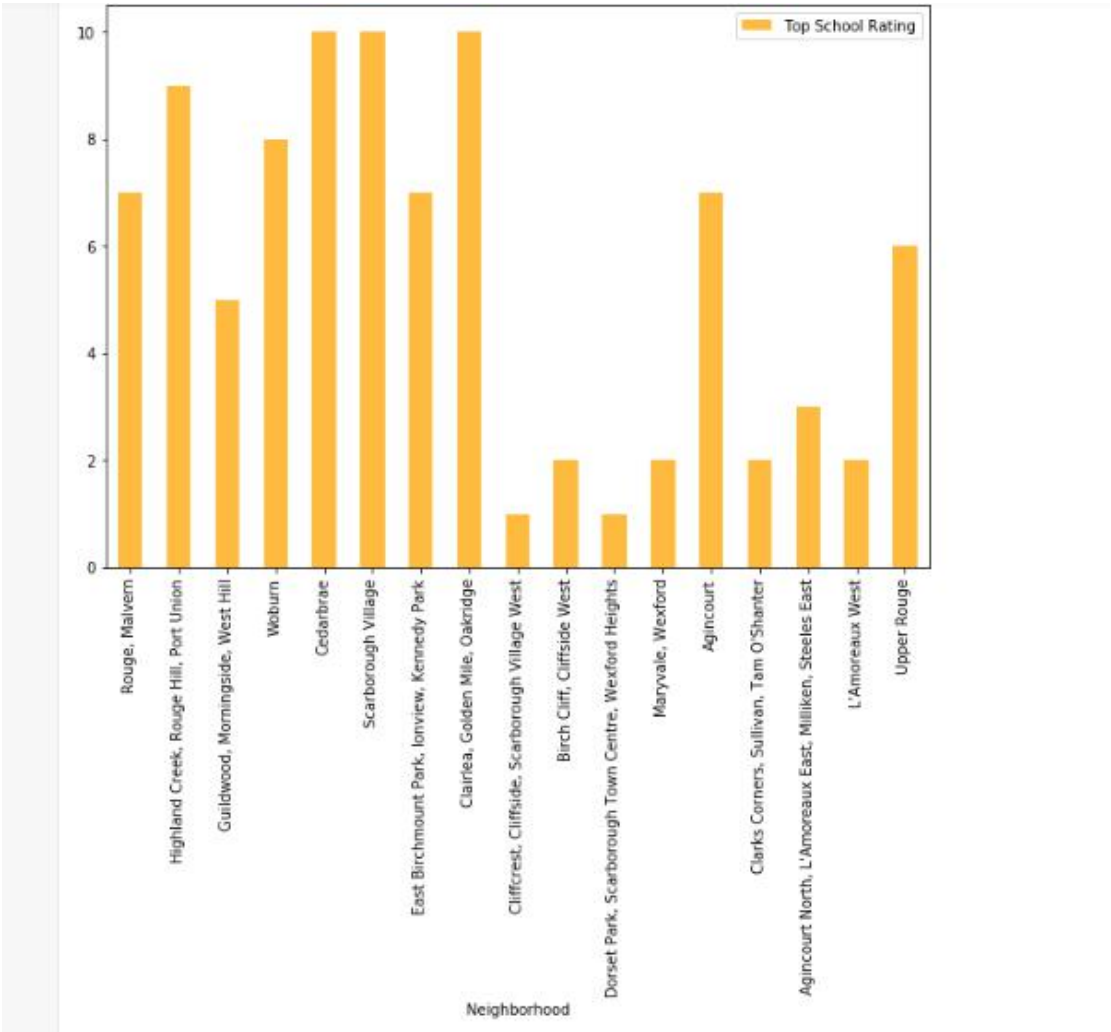
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	Postalcode	Borough	Neighborhood	Latitude	Longitude	Cluster Labels	1st Most Common Venue	2nd Most Common Venue	3rd Most Common Venue	4th Most Common Venue	5th Most Common Venue	6th Most Common Venue	7th Most Common Venue
0	M1B	Scarborough	Rouge, Malvern	43.811525	-79.195517	0	Zoo Exhibit	Paintball Field	Fast Food Restaurant	Construction & Landscaping	Business Service	Automotive Shop	Department Store
1	M1C	Scarborough	Highland Creek, Rouge Hill, Port Union	43.785730	-79.158750	2	Bar	Construction & Landscaping	Department Store	Caribbean Restaurant	Chinese Restaurant	Coffee Shop	College Stadium
2	M1E	Scarborough	Guildwood, Morningside, West Hill	43.765690	-79.175256	0	Park	Athletics & Sports	Gym	Gym / Fitness Center	Zoo Exhibit	Deli / Bodega	Caribbean Restaurant
3	M1G	Scarborough	Woburn	43.768359	-79.217590	0	Coffee Shop	Park	Fast Food Restaurant	Business Service	Convenience Store	Cantonese Restaurant	Caribbean Restaurant
4	M1H	Scarborough	Cedarbrae	43.769688	-79.239440	0	Caribbean Restaurant	Lounge	Athletics & Sports	Flower Shop	Thai Restaurant	Bakery	Bar

Neighborhood Median Housing Prices:

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Neighborhood School Ratings:



Conclusion:

In this project, through a k-means cluster algorithm we separate the neighborhood into 03 clusters, which have similar neighborhoods around them. Using the charts above decision leading to a particular neighborhood based on average house prices and school rating can be made

