

New Seafood Restaurant in Aarhus

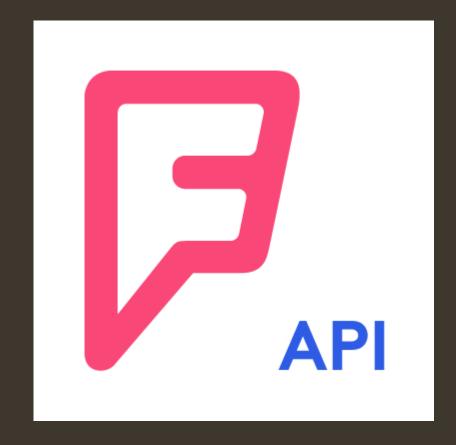
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Introduction

- Aarhus second largest city in Denmark is a growing dynamic city
- Aarhus is a good location for a new restaurant
- We try to find a good location for the restaurant from these criteria:
 - There must be something interesting close by the restaurant
 - It should be located were few other food venues are
 - It should be located far fram other seafood restaurants
- We use a k-means clustering analysis in order to find good neighbourhoods for the restaurant

Data

- We need to construct a mesh of areas covering the centre of Aarhus, Denmark
- From these locations we obtain Foursquare venue data of food venues and seafood restaurant venues, and visualize them
- We make a k-means clustering of all venues



Construction of neighbourhoods

- We install the packages shapely to make the neighbourhoods.
- We use pyproj to transform between lat/lon and carthesian coordinats.
- We make hexagonal shaped points, so we get almost circular neighbourhoods.
- The points go 1.800 metres from Aarhus centre.
- The points are 300 metres apart, so each neighbourhood has appr. 150 meter radius.
- The most eastern points are cut off.



Getting food venues in neighbourhoods

- We use Foursquare API to get venues in the neighbourhoods.
- Food venues are found and visualized.
- Seafood Restaurants are found and visualized.
- All venues are found and used for a k-means clustering.



Food venues are blue-dotted and Seafood Resturants are red-dotted.

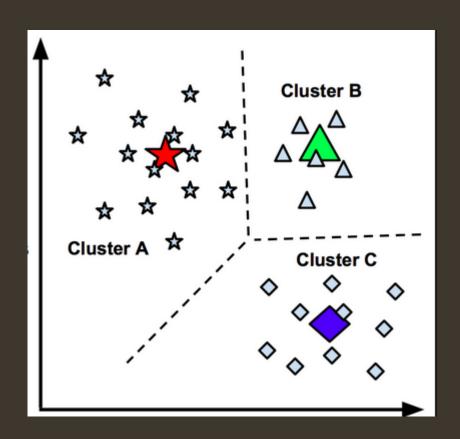


Methodology

K-means clustering

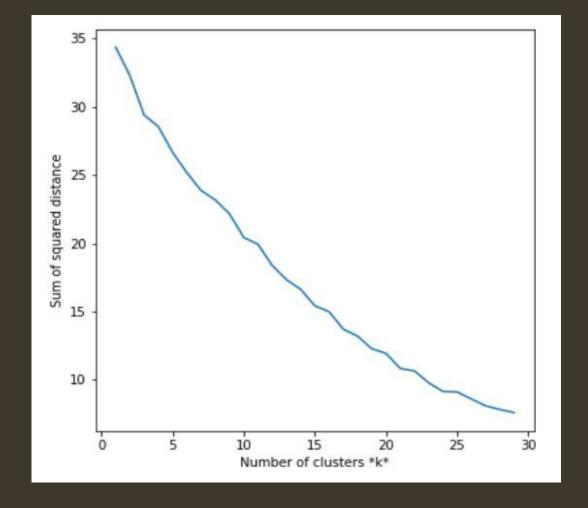
Methodology

- Make a k-means clustering analysis. We analyse the clusters, in order to find a suitable cluster to locate a new seafood restaurant.
- Find spots not crowded with food venues.
- Find a spot away from other seafood restaurants.

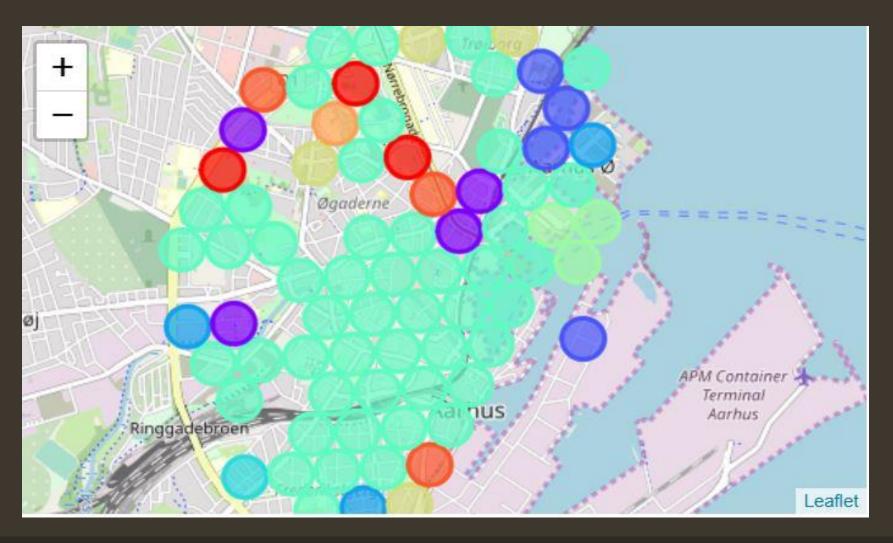


K-means clustering

- We find the frequency of the top 10 venues in each neighbourhood.
- We use the scikit-learn estimator to develop the clustering algorithm.
- We calculate the sum of squares for different values of K (see picture). No 'elbow'. We set K=10.

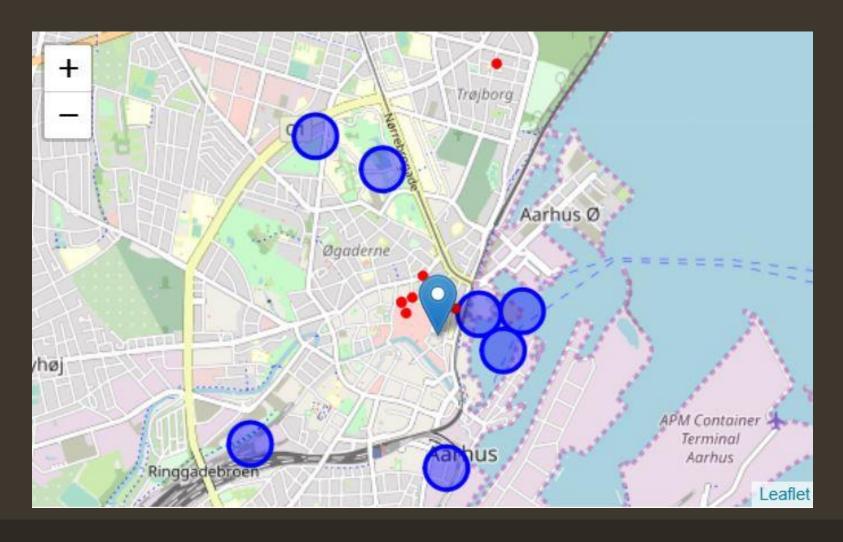


The 10 clusters



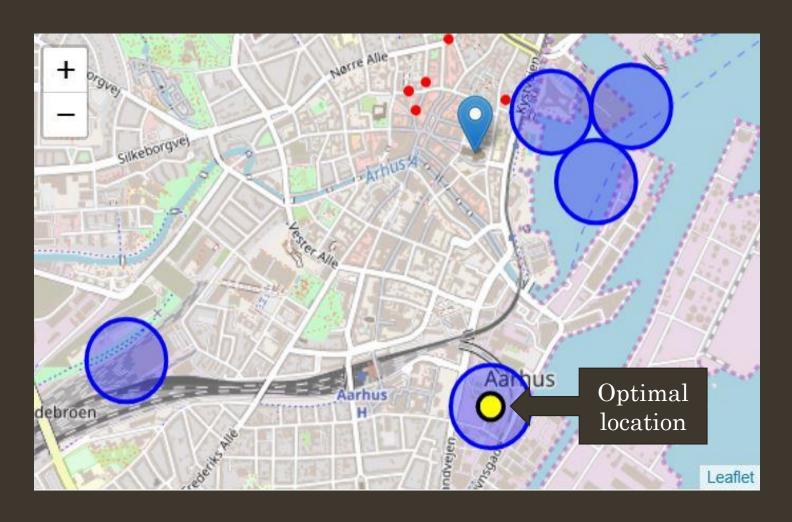
- One large cluster and several smaller ones!
- The one large cluster was chosen to further investigation.

Top 7 picked neighbourhoods



- We picked the 7 neighbourhoods with fewest food venues.
- The red dots show how the incumbent seafood restaurants are located compared to the 7 chozen neighbourhoods.

Optimal location for the Seafood Restaurant



- We found the neighbourhoods farthest away from other seafood restaurants.
- The most western neighbourhood was situated on railway tracks so it was omitted.
- We are left with the location shown with a yellow dot.

Conclusion

- We reached the set goal to find a suitable location for a seafood restaurant in Arhus, Denmark.
- This was based on three criteria. It should be placed in a suitable neighbourhood, this was done by using a K-means clustering of the neighbourhoods of Aarhus. It should be located in a neighbourhood with few other food venues and last, it should be located far from other seafood restaurants.
- We found such a location and recommended that the restaurant owner tried to negotiate a lease in a building near the "kulbroen" area.
- In this exercise, we simplified the criteria, for making a location decicion, but with a little more effort it is possible to incorporate more criteria's in order to get a better recommendation. Foursquare API does not have all the venues in Aarhus, so a more thorough analysis must use other data also in order to get a better picture of the situation.