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Opening a new Shopping Mall in Delhi, India

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Business Problem

- Location of the shopping mall is one of the most important decisions that determines whether the mall will be success or a failure.
- Objective: To analyze and select the best locations in the city of Delhi, India to open a new shopping mall.
- This project is timely as the city is currently suffering from the oversupply of Shopping malls.
- Business question- In the city of Delhi, India, if a property developer is looking to open a new shopping mall where would you recommend that they open it?

Data

Data required

- List of the neighborhoods in Delhi city.
- Latitude and Longitude coordinates of the neighborhoods.
- Venue data particularly data related to shopping malls

Sources of data

Wikipedia page for the neighborhoods

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Neighbourhoods_in_Delhi

- Geocoder package for Latitude and Longitude coordinates.
- Foursquare API for venue data.

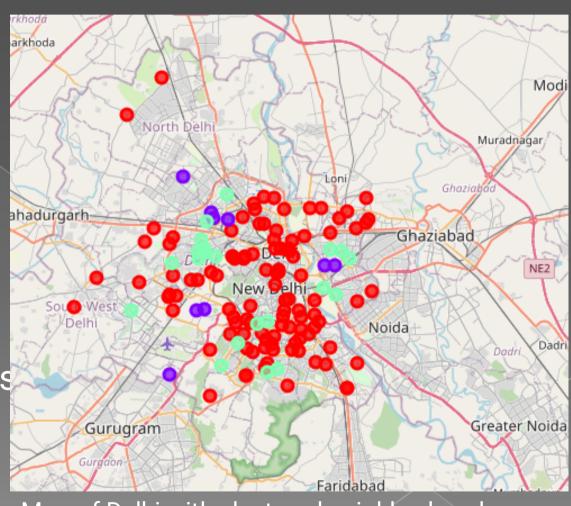
Methodology

- Web scrapping Wikipedia page for neighborhoods list.
- Get latitude and longitude coordinates using Geocoder.
- Use Foursquare API to get venue data
- Group data by neighborhoods and taking the mean of the occurrence of each venue category
- Filter venue category by Shopping mall.
- Perform clustering on the data by using k-means clustering
- Visualize the clusters in a map using Folium

Results

Categorized the neighborhoods into 3 clusters:-

- Cluster 0: Neighborhoods with moderate number of shopping malls
- Cluster 1:Neighborhoods with low number to no existence of shopping malls
- Cluster 2: Neighborhoods with high number of shopping malls



Map of Delhi with clustered neighborhoods

Discussion

- Most of the shopping malls are concentrated in the central area of the city.
- Highest number in cluster 2 and moderate number in cluster 0.
- Cluster 1 has very low number to no shopping mall in the neighborhoods.
- Oversupply of shopping malls mostly happened in the central area of the city, with the suburb area still have very few shopping malls

Recommendations

- Open new shopping malls in neighborhoods in cluster 1 with little to no competition.
- Can also open in neighborhoods in cluster 0 with moderate competition if investors have unique selling propositions to stand out from the competition.
- Avoid neighborhoods in cluster 2, already high concentration of shopping malls and intense competition.

Conclusion

- Answer to the business question: The neighborhoods in cluster 1 are the most preferred locations to open a new shopping mall.
- Findings of this project will help the relevant stakeholders to capitalize on the opportunities on high potential locations while avoiding overcrowded areas in their decisions to open a new shopping mall

