# HELPING PEOPLE FIND THE BEST NEIGHBOURHOOD TO LIVE IN

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## Introduction

#### People are constantly moving

- Some people may want to live in a neighbourhood similar to where they live today.
- ▶ They may not know the new city they are moving to
- We will help them find which neighbourhoods are the best match for them

#### Two scenarios



Scenario 1: Jane currently lives in central London, and has received a job offer in Boston. She doesn't know the city, and wants to know which neighbourhoods are best for her.

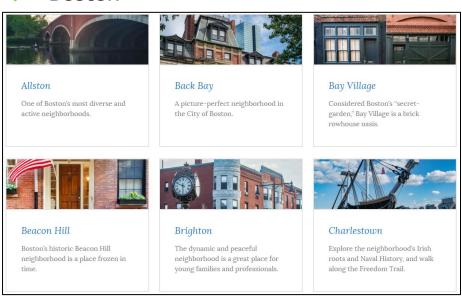


Scenario 2: **John** lives in New York, and wants to live one year abroad to improve his Spanish. He decided to go to Madrid. However, to reduce the culture shock, he wants to live in a neighbourhood similar to the one he currently lives

## Data

#### Data Sources

#### Boston



https://www.boston.gov/neighborhoods

#### Madrid

District name (number) +	District location	Number •	Name \$	Image +		
		11	Palacio			
		12 Embajadores				
		13	Cortes			
Centro (1)		14	Justicia			
		15	Universidad			
		16	Sol			

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\_of\_neighborhoods\_of\_Madrid

### Data

Libraries

#### Geopy

used to get latitude and longitude from addresses

#### Foursquare

used to fetch nearby venues based on latitude and longitude

#### ► Folium

used to generate maps

#### Pandas

used to work with dataframes

#### Numpy

used for simple numeric processing

#### Requests

used to get html data from websites

#### BeautifulSoup

used to process html data

# Methodology

#### ▶ 1. HTML Processing

- Use HTML processing (requests and BeautifulSoup) to get the list of neighbourhoods of each destination city into dataframes
- 2. Latitude and longitude
  - Use APIs to get the latitude and longitude of each neighbourhood
- 3. Nearby venues (destinations)
  - ► For each location, get a list of nearby venues and their types (e.g. restaurants, bars, nightclubs, etc) using the Foursquare API, and consolidate by neighbourhood
- 4. Nearby venues (current homes)
  - ▶ Repeat the process for each of our clients' current addresses
- ▶ 5. Compare neighbourhoods
  - Use some measure of similarity to identify the best neighbourhoods for our clients(e.g. Euclidean distance)
- 6. Plot results
  - ► Analyse the results and plot on a map using the Folium library

# Results

▶ 4.1. HTML Processing

Boston

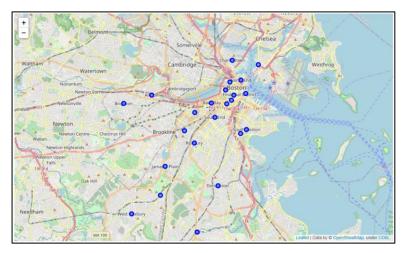
	Neighborhood
0	Allston
1	Back Bay
2	Bay Village
3	Beacon Hill
4	Brighton
5	Charlestown
6	Chinatown
7	Dorchester
8	Downtown
9	East Boston
10	Fenway-Kenmore
11	Hyde Park
12	Jamaica Plain
13	Mattapan
14	Mid-Dorchester
15	Mission Hill
16	North End
17	Roslindale
18	Roxbury
19	South Boston
20	South End
21	West End
22	West Roxbury
23	Wharf District

Madrid

	District	Neighborhood
0	Centro	Palacio
1	Centro	Embajadores
2	Centro	Cortes
3	Centro	Justicia
4	Centro	Universidad
126	Barajas	Alameda de Osuna
127	Barajas	Aeropuerto
128	Barajas	Calle Canal de Suez
129	Barajas	Timón
130	Barajas	Corralejos

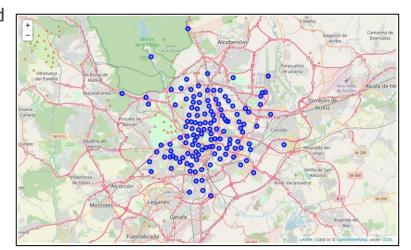
# Results

- ▶ 4.2. Latitudes and Longitudes
- Boston





Madrid



# Results

- ▶ 4.3. Nearby venues (destinations)
- Madrid example

	NeighborhoodName	Top 1	Top 2	Top 3	Top 4	Top 5	Top 6	Top 7	Top 8	Top 9	Top 10
0	Abrantes	Metro Station	Plaza	Ice Cream Shop	Athletics & Sports	Burger Joint	Nightclub	Tapas Restaurant	Fast Food Restaurant	Park	Gym / Fitness Center
1	Acacias	Bar	Tapas Restaurant	Spanish Restaurant	Coffee Shop	Pizza Place	Art Gallery	Plaza	Indie Theater	Vegetarian / Vegan Restaurant	Market
2	Adelfas	Spanish Restaurant	Grocery Store	Bar	Bakery	Fast Food Restaurant	Gym	Burger Joint	Pizza Place	Supermarket	Hotel
3	Aeropuerto	Airport Lounge	Spanish Restaurant	Coffee Shop	Duty-free Shop	Sporting Goods Shop	Fast Food Restaurant	Breakfast Spot	Airport Service	Diner	French Restaurant
4	Alameda de Osuna	Restaurant	Hotel	Park	Spanish Restaurant	Hotel Bar	Café	Gym	Tapas Restaurant	Bistro	Coffee Shop

	Neighborhood Latitude
Neighborhood	
Abrantes	16
Acacias	100
Adelfas	94
Aeropuerto	15
Alameda de Osuna	36
Ventas	19
Villaverde Alto	7
Vinateros	23
Vista Alegre	30
Zofio	16

## Results

- ▶ 4.4. Nearby venues (current homes)
- Jane and John

	NeighborhoodName	American Restaurant	Argentinian Restaurant	Art Gallery	Art Museum	Arts & Crafts Store	Asian Restaurant	Bagel Shop	Bakery	Bar	 Taiwanese Restaurant	Thai Restaurant	Theater	Thrift / Vintage Store
0	Jane's neighborhood	1	2	1	3	0	1	0	1	2	 0	0	3	0
1	John's neighborhood	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	4	9	 1	2	0	1

	NeighborhoodName	Top 1	Top 2	Тор 3	Top 4	Top 5	Top 6	Top 7	Top 8	Тор 9	Top 10
0	Jane's neighborhood	Coffee Shop	Hotel	Pub	Gym / Fitness Center	Café	Theater	Italian Restaurant	Art Museum	Portuguese Restaurant	Argentinian Restaurant
1	John's neighborhood	Bar	Pizza Place	Coffee Shop	Italian Restaurant	Bakery	Japanese Restaurant	Latin American Restaurant	Wine Shop	Restaurant	Food Truck

We can see that Jane lives next to coffee shops, hotels, pubs and gyms. John lives next to bars, pizza places, coffee shops and Italian restaurants.

# Results

- ▶ 4.5. Compare neighbourhoods
- Jane and John

	Neighborhood	Distance
0	10, Wooddale Avenue, Mattapan, Boston, Suffolk	19.000000
1	1000, Harvard Street, Boston, Suffolk County,	19.339080
2	104, Reedsdale Road, Milton Center, Milton, No	19.235384
3	1084, Boylston Street, Back Bay, Boston, Suffo	15.842980
4	11, Norway Road, Milton Upper Mills, Milton, N	18.920888
139	The Jewish Advocate, School Street, Downtown C	14.456832
140	United States Postal Service Lot A, A Street,	15.297059
141	Untitled Landscape, Boston HarborWalk, Waterfr	16.673332
142	Walter C. Wood Sailing Pavilion, 134, Memorial	16.000000
143	Williams Street, Jamaica Plain, Boston, Suffol	16.852300

	Neighborhood	Distance
0	Abrantes	15.905974
1	Acacias	12.529964
2	Adelfas	17.262677
3	Aeropuerto	16.462078
4	Alameda de Osuna	16.062378
126	Ventas	15.459625
127	Villaverde Alto	16.401219
128	Vinateros	14.899664
129	Vista Alegre	14.933185
130	Zofío	17.146428

Score is the most relevant metric

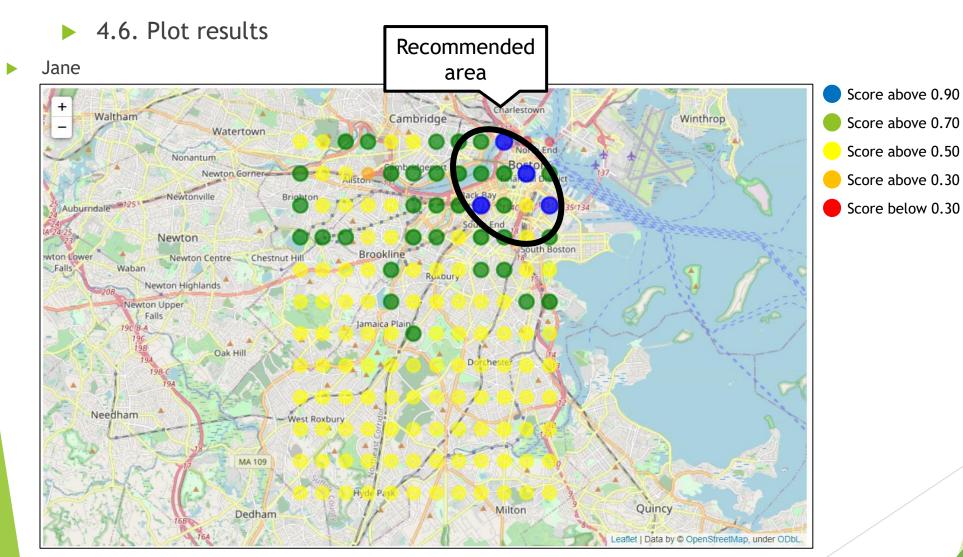
	Neighborhood	Distance	Score
0	Abrantes	15.905974	0.753229
1	Acacias	12.529964	1.000000
2	Adelfas	17.262677	0.654060
3	Aeropuerto	16.462078	0.712580
4	Alameda de Osuna	16.062378	0.741796

Score above 0.50

Score above 0.30

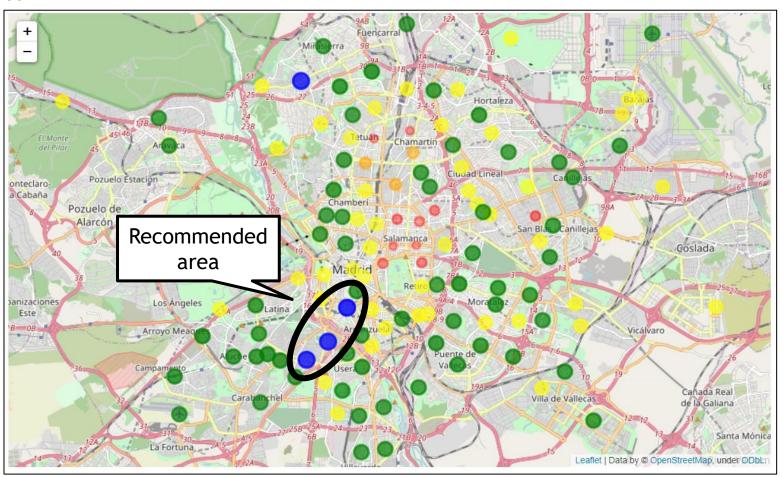
Score below 0.30

# Results



# Results

- ▶ 4.6. Plot results
- John



- Score above 0.90
- Score above 0.70
- Score above 0.50
- Score above 0.30
- Score below 0.30

## **Discussion**

- We were successfully able to find the best neighbourhoods for Jane in Boston, and for John in Madrid.
- ► For Jane:
  - We recommend her to move somewhere close to city center, especially Downtown Crossing, Back Bay or Seaport District. However, there are many other places in Boston where she would find herself at home.
- For John:
  - ▶ We do not recommend the city center, especially not around Salamanca. He should move to neighbourhoods slightly towards the outskirts, such as Acacias, Opañel and Comillas.

## Conclusion

Jane and John are very happy



#### Next proposed steps

- Zoom in on selected regions to find the best streets or blocks within neighbourhoods
- Experiment with different clients moving to Boston and Madrid
- Experiment with different cities
- ► Incorporate distance to workplace into analysis
- Incorporate criminality levels into analysis
- ► Incorporate cost of living into analysis
- Incorporate personal inputs from clients into analysis