Introduction/Business Problem

1 Introduction

1.1 Background

Job plays a central role in our life, we spend about 14% of our lifetime at work. But because we spent such huge amount of time working, find a fitting job is not an easy task. Finding a dream job in your hometown, if you are living in a small city, is mission impossible. So often we have to move to other cities to chasing our dream job.

With this propose in mind find a well placed house, not too far from office or other areas where we can practice our hobbies, in a new city, is a critical task.

1.2 Business Problem

The objective of this capstone project is to find the most suitable location for living in a new city. Within the project we will explore the neighborhood of Milano and search for a better place where to live depending of the hobbies and interests of a person.

1.3 Target

A person who have to move to another city chasing his dream job.

2 Data

2.1 Data sourcers

To solve this problem, I will need below data:

- geographical coordinate of Milano: the postal codes of Milano go from 20121 to 201612 so we will retrieve the geographical coordinates of these postal codes
- Forsquare API to get venues data related to Milano areas. The main focus will be on gyms, swimming pools and fitness centers because these are my favorite hobbies.

2.2 Extracting data

- getting Latitude and Longitude data of the Milano neighborhoods via Nominatim package
- use Foursquare API to get venue data related to Milano neighborhoods

3 Methodology

3.1 Identify areas coordinates

Using Nominatim package we can get the geographical coordinates for all areas in Milano

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#get coordinates
for i in range(20121, 20162+1):
    location = geolocator.geocode(str(i), address)
latitudeMi = location.latitude
longitudeMi = location.longitude
    latitude.append(latitudeMi)
    longitude.append(longitudeMi)
    print('The geograpical coordinate of {} are {}, {}.'.format(str(i) + address, latitudeMi, longitudeMi))
  The geograpical coordinate of 20121Milan Italy are 45.47209965286037, 9.188083637357634.
  The geograpical coordinate of 20122Milan Italy are 45.461913126654856,
  The geograpical coordinate of 20123Milan Italy are 45.4632179225897, 9.177475393185716. The geograpical coordinate of 20124Milan Italy are 45.4831028, 9.1994731.
  The geograpical coordinate of 20125Milan Italy are 45.4996703215885, 9.204921034636818.
  The geograpical coordinate of 20126Milan Italy are 21.9308311, -102.2843864.

The geograpical coordinate of 20127Milan Italy are 45.496602297442486, 9.220526978547303.
  The geograpical coordinate of 20128Milan Italy are 45.51493449289599, 9.225577792516473.
  The geograpical coordinate of 20129Milan Italy are 45.47140199137647, 9.213718798757128.
  The geograpical coordinate of 20130Milan Italy are 43.24453390258106, -1.990582383566761.
  The geograpical coordinate of 20131Milan Italy are 45.48376029871447, 9.222420693236819.
  The geograpical coordinate of 20132Milan Italy are 41.9338015, 9.145888411588466. The geograpical coordinate of 20133Milan Italy are 45.4675063, 9.2268744. The geograpical coordinate of 20134Milan Italy are 45.477234481757336, 9.244661731071343.
  The geograpical coordinate of 20135Milan Italy are 45.45471703248223, 9.2111613960378.
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  The geograpical coordinate of 20141Milan Italy are 45.4376494, 9.2000118.
  The geograpical coordinate of 20142Milan Italy are 41.9046375, 9.005198021341464.
  The geograpical coordinate of 20143Milan Italy are 41.715047, 8.992941095594375.
  The geograpical coordinate of 20144Milan Italy are 53.57447692138757, 9.977849102726172.
  The geograpical coordinate of 20145Milan Italy are 45.4649158, 9.1505807.
  The geograpical coordinate of 20145Milan Italy are 45.45815364737022, 9.144515216447875. The geograpical coordinate of 20147Milan Italy are 45.46058598852061, 9.127363478257072.
  The geograpical coordinate of 20148Milan Italy are 45.4833723, 9.1350923
  The geograpical coordinate of 20149Milan Italy are 45.47963701722943, 9.152823260786677.
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3.2 Identify office coordinates

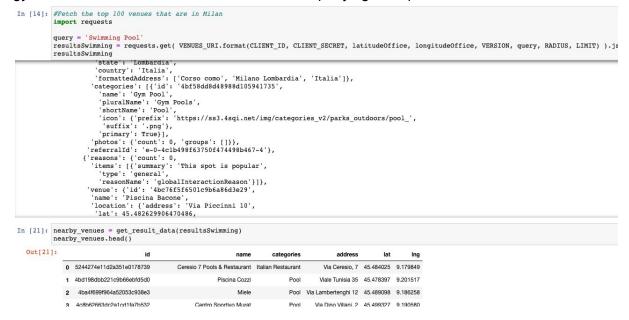
My new office is located in "Piazza Gae Aulenti, 20124 Milano" so using Nominatim package we can get geographical coordinates.

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coffice = 'Piazza Gae Aulenti, 20124 Milano' # IBM Client Center address
geolocator = Nominatim(user_agent="DreamJobCity")
location = geolocator.geocode(office)
latitudeOffice = location.latitude
longitudeOffice = location.longitude
print('The geographical coordinate of {} are {}, {}.'.format(office, latitudeOffice, longitudeOffice))
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The geographical coordinate of Piazza Gae Aulenti, 20124 Milano are 45.483456000000004, 9.190440363642619.

3.3 Explore the venues in each area in order to find the most enjoyable area

For me an enjoyable area means and area with a large number of swimming pools and gyms. This mean that i will use this criteria for querying Forsquare API.

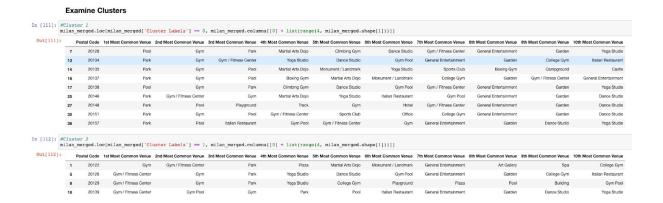


3.4 Apply K-Means Clustering Algorithm

3.4.1 Select the features for clustering purpose and scaled them:

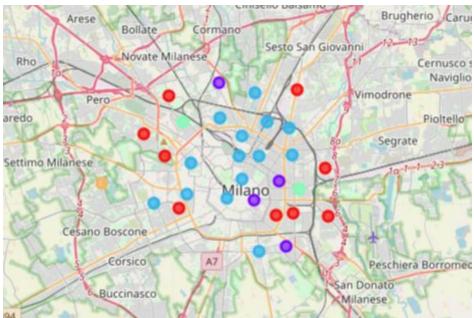
3.4.2 K-Means CLustering

With k=5, i use k-means clustering to agglomerate all data based on the transformed features.



4 Results

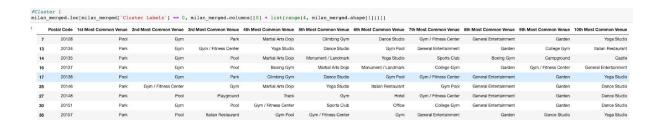
A large number of Swimming Pools, Gyms and Parks are present in Milan, however hobbies relevance is different for everyone. For me the most important hobby is swimming followed by gym and park walks. So the search for my new home will be focused in the areas(postal code) where the most common venues will allow me to enjoy my hobbies and be as close as possible to the office.



4.1 Clusters Analysis

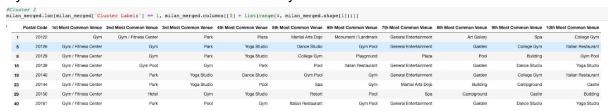
4.1.1 Cluster #1

In this cluster the most common venues are parks, but park activities are my last favorite hobby, so the areas in this cluster aren't the most suited place in town



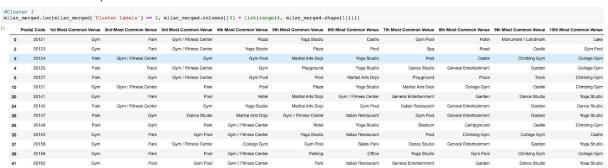
4.1.2 Cluster #2

Is on of the biggest clusters but is not a good choice because the most common venues are Gyms and Parks. I know that is 2 of 3 but my office address is not in this cluster.



4.1.3 Cluster #3

The most relevant cluster because contains my office Postal Code **20124**. I can see that the most common venues are in reverse order of preference, however all my hobbies are the most common venues in many areas of this cluster, for example in *20149* pools are the most common venue, in *20162* are the second one.



4.1.4 Cluster #4

Is a small cluster where gyms are the most common venues but there few swimming pools are present.



4.1.5 Cluster #5

The smallest cluster with only one postal code where my favorite activity is in 6th position.



5 Discussion

The aim of this project is to find the most suitable location for living in a new city. I found that the most suited area for me is the **20124**, but this area should be considered only as starting point because all the nearby areas (Cluster #3) of this postal code are suited to my lifestyle.

6 Conclusion

The main purpose of this project was to identify most suitable location for living in Milan in order to aid me have my Dream Job without limit my way of life.

Final decision will be made based on additional factors like real estate availability and prices.