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Business problem

- The idea here is to explore the city trying to find the distribution of a particular business over the city, trying to find some gaps, which may help entrepreneurs to find places to start new business.
- We will demonstrate the solution with pharmacies. But you may notice that with just small changes, it will work with any sort of business.

Data

- Based on definition of our problem, factors that will influence our decision are:
 - number of existing pharmacies in the neighborhood
 - the size of district/neighborhood
- We will get the names of districts on an Wikipedia page. Then, the geolocation will be returned by geocoder python library.
- Another source of data is the list of pharmacies from Foursquare API.

Methodology

- Having the main data, we can see the distribution, the density and the gaps on the map;
- We may now intersect the amount of pharmacies on each district and their population to find the best places where an entrepreneur may use the data.

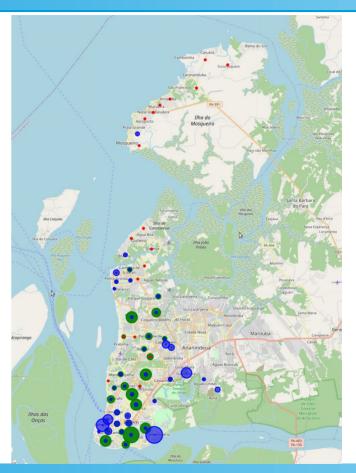
- Pharmacies in Belém
- The city is a peninsula, including the Ilha de Mosqueiro and Ilha de Caratateua



- Some districts have 0 pharmacies,
- Some have high density os pharmacies,
- Some of them have high density of people, others have low density
- These have the highest pharmacy density

Disctrict	Population	Pharmacies	Pharmacies per 1000
Val-de-Cans	7032	7.0	0.995449
Reduto	6336	9.0	1.420455
Guanabara	1919	3.0	1.563314
Campina	6156	12.0	1.949318
Universitário	2557	7.0	2.737583

 On the following map, we combined the size of neighborhood (green) with the number of pharmacies per 1000 inhabitants (blue). The red circles are districts with no pharmacies.



- We assume the greener the dot, the better the opportunity;
- Numerically, we created the Opportunity index
- These are the best disctricts based on opportunity index

district	inhabitants	pharmacies	Pharmacies per 1000	Opportunity index
Guamá	94610	12.0	0.126836	19.637808
Pedreira	69608	14.0	0.201126	12.792990
Tapanã	66669	8.0	0.119996	12.707284
Jurunas	64478	8.0	0.124073	12.126913
Marambaia	66708	15.0	0.224861	11.878115
Montese	61439	7.0	0.113934	11.448277
Marco	65844	17.0	0.258186	11.395512
Coqueiro	51776	5.0	0.096570	9.171441
Sacramenta	44413	3.0	0.067548	7.562868
Telégrafo	42953	2.0	0.046563	7.365750

Conclusion

- The best district to place a new business is Guamá because it has a big population and almost no competitors;
- Some places have no pharmacies at all: they should be in mind too:
 - the Island of Mosqueiro, the Island of Caratateua, Mangueirão district and around Pratinha neighborhood.
- This project analysis only 2 aspects: density of pharmacies and population;
 - For real interest, other aspects should be evaluated, as safety;