Optimizing the Maintenance of Air Quality Stations

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Intro / Business problem

Have to manage the maintenance contract of some "Air quality stations" (AQS) that are deployed in different areas of the city (Madrid).

The area where the AQS are installed is big and my resources are limited. I will just have 4 service teams to address the job, so I need to optimize the travelling time and avoid wasting time during lunch time.



My idea is to assign the most convenient stations (location-wise) for each Service team and recommend the guys the closest restaurant to each AQS.

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Data preparation.

Two data frames were created...

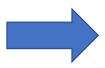
- 1. Data frame "df2" with information about AQS name, location and assigned Service team after using the K-means method.
- 2. Data frame "df3" with the name and location of the recommended restaurant per AQS. Data was extracted from JSON results by Foursquare database.

And merged in a new one, called "df_map" with all the Info we were looking for:

	AQS	SER TEAM	LATITUD	LONGITUD	RESTAURANTE	LAT_R	LON_R
0	Pza. de España	0	40.423882	-3.712257	Club Allard	40.423028	-3.713987
1	Escuelas Aguirre	0	40.421553	-3.682316	Kabuki Wellington	40.421891	-3.684217
2	Pza. Elíptica	0	40.385034	-3.718768	La Peña Soriana	40.382060	-3.711332
3	Parque del Retiro	0	40.414444	-3.682500	Levél Veggie Bistro	40.415730	-3.677641
4	Villaverde	0	40.347147	-3.713317	Restaurante la Mancheguita 1978	40.342981	-3.711628
5	Farolillo	0	40.394782	-3.731836	Döner Kebap Nemrut	40.388257	-3.730849

Data analysis.

I utilized K-means for clustering AQS locations in 4 areas (colors). Result was satisfactory:



Restaurant recommendations by Foursquare were good as it can be noticed:







Conclusion.

Clustering the AQS location gave me a clear advantage to assign the work to each Service team more efficiently, minimizing the travelling time. Also, just using the AQS location and Foursquare API, I was able to find a recommended restaurant close to each AQS for the guys.

I'm sure this will make their life easier and their days of work more effective.