IBM Applied Data Science Capstone Project: Finding the best areas to set up hospitals in Toronto, Canada

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Introduction

Business Problem:

To find locations where there are no hospitals or very few hospitals so that they can cover a larger area of people to provide healthcare facilities to a wider group of people

Data

Data required and sources

- List of neighborhoods in Toronto, Canada: Scraping of Toronto Neighborhoods from the wikipedia page for the list of neighborhoods: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List of postal codes of Canada: M
- Latitude and longitude of the neighborhoods: Getting the latitude and longitude of these neighborhoods from the Geocoder Package
- Data on the venues present in the neighborhood: Using Foursquare API to get venue data related to these neighborhoods.

Methodology

- The data on the neighborhoods in Toronto, Canada was extracted from the above given wikipedia URL using BeautifulSoup
- Using <u>Toronto location data by IBM</u>, the latitude and longitude for each postal code was found.
- Using the folium and geocoders libraries, we visualise the dataframe in the form of an interactive map.
- The machine learning concept used was KMeans clustering

Results

From the data it was found out that there was one hospital, Toronto Western Hospital located in Kensington Market / Chinatown / Grange Park.

From this it can be recommended to set up new hospitals in neighborhoods away from the above mentioned one as this would be the most efficient solution

Discussion

As seen from the data source, we only take the postal codes that start from 'M'. We could get a more accurate solution to our problem if we have the data of all the postal codes but that would make the program more complex