Capstone Project

NEIGHBORHOODS WITH PLANT-BASED RESTAURANTS IN TORONTO

BUSINESS PROBLEM

- > Veganism is on the rise
- > Toronto is amongst the world's top 10 vegan-friendly cities (according to Happy Cow)
- Question: "Which neighborhoods in Toronto have most options of vegetarian/vegan restaurants?"
- > Target audience: plant-based diet tourists

DATA

- List of Toronto's neighborhoods
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_postal_codes_of_Canada:_M
- > Toronto's neighborhoods geographical data (latitude and longitude)
 - https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/
 IBMDeveloperSkillsNetwork-DS0701EN-SkillsNetwork/labs_v1/Geospatial_Coordinates.csv
- > Venue data for each neighborhood
 - > Foursquare API

METHODOLOGY

- Web scrape Wikipedia page for Toronto's neighborhood data
- **Aggregate latitude and longitude coordinates**
- **Use Foursquare API for venue data**
- > Calculate the mean frequency of each category by neighborhood, and filter only the category "vegetarian/vegan restaurant"
- Cluster data using k-means clustering algorithm

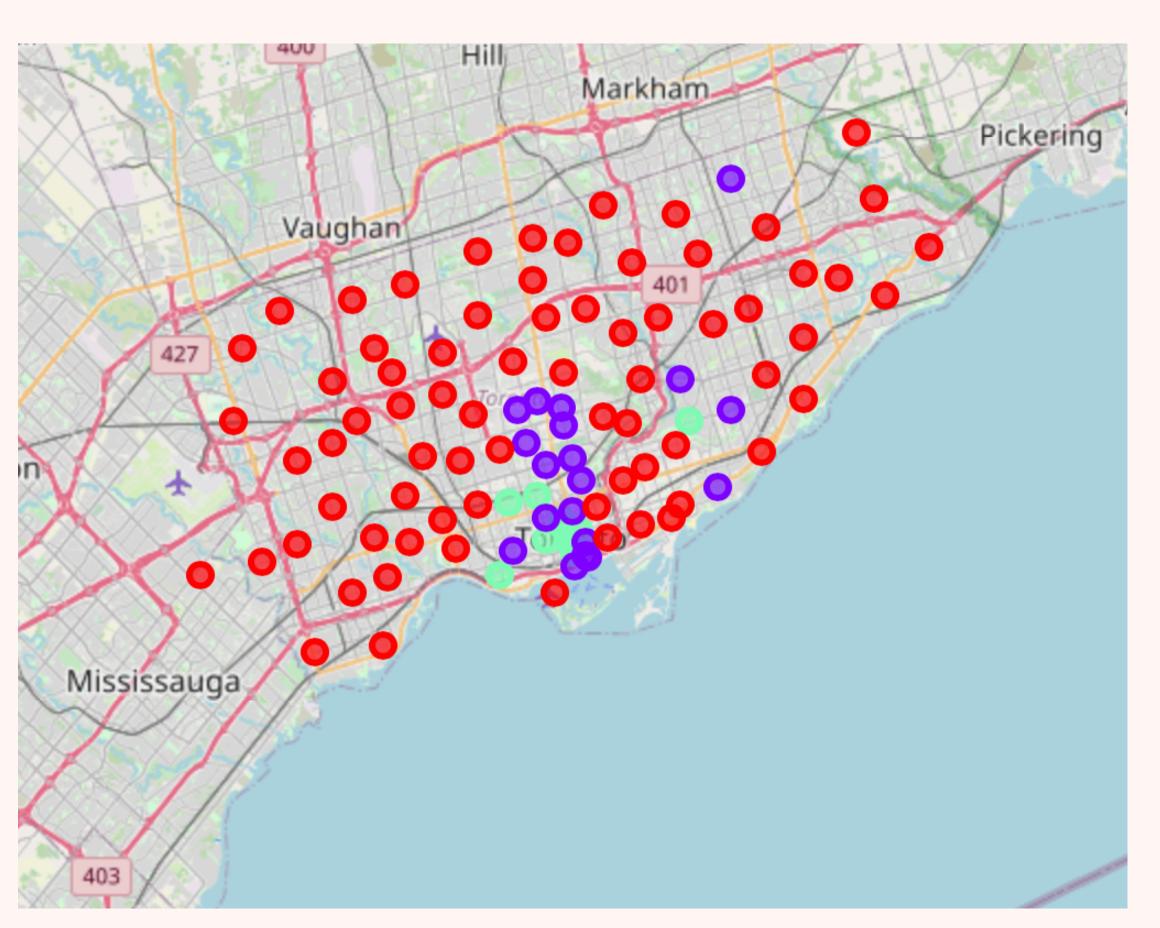
RESULTS

Neighborhoods divided into 3 clusters:

Cluster 0 neighborhoods where there aren't any vegetarian/vegan restaurants

Cluster 1 neighborhoods with some options of vegetarian/vegan restaurants

Cluster 2 neighborhoods with high concentration of vegetarian/vegan restaurants



Map of clusters

DISCUSSION

Christie and Ontario Provincial Government neighborhoods have more options for vegetarian/vegan restaurants

Downtown Toronto has most of the neighborhoods with more options for vegetarian/vegan restaurants

| Cluster Labels | Neighborhood | Vegetarian / Vegan Restaurant | PostalCode | Borough | Latitude | Longitude |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------|
| 2 | Christie | 0.04 | M6G | Downtown Toronto | 43.669542 | -79.422564 |
| 2 | Ontario Provincial Government | 0.03 | M7A | Queen's Park | 43.662301 | -79.389494 |
| 2 | Parkview Hill, Woodbine Gardens | 0.02 | М4В | East York | 43.706397 | -79.309937 |
| 2 | The Annex, North Midtown, Yorkville | 0.02 | M5R | Central Toronto | 43.672710 | -79.405678 |
| 2 | Garden District, Ryerson | 0.02 | М5В | Downtown Toronto | 43.657162 | -79.378937 |
| 2 | Toronto Dominion Centre, Design Exchange | 0.02 | М5К | Downtown Toronto | 43.647177 | -79.381576 |
| 2 | First Canadian Place, Underground city | 0.02 | M 5X | Downtown Toronto | 43.648 129 | -79.382280 |
| 2 | Brockton, Parkdale Village, Exhibition Place | 0.02 | мбК | West Toronto | 43.636847 | -79.428191 |
| 2 | Commerce Court, Victoria Hotel | 0.02 | MEL | Downtown Toronto | 43.643198 | -79.379817 |
| 2 | Kensington Market, Chinatown, Grange Park | 0.02 | M5 | Downtown Toronto | 43.653206 | -79.400049 |
| 2 | Richmond, Adelaide, King | 0.02 | М5Н | Downtown Toronto | 43.650571 | -79.384568 |
| 2 | Central Bay Street | 0.02 | M5G | Downtown Toronto | 43.657952 | -79.387383 |

CONCLUSION

- Toronto, indeed, offers plenty of vegetarian/vegan restaurants options, especially in Downtown Toronto area, which favours tourists.
- Interesting data discovery possible using only resources freely available and a simple machine learning algorithm.

Thank you!