Coursera Capstone The Battle of the Neighborhoods Restaurant/Café Location Identifier

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Business Problem

New York is a magnet for tourists from all around the globe. It allures international spotlight where it is one of the most sought after travel destination due to its cultural, ethnic and natural diversity, world best museums and art galleries, developed infrastructure and fine educational institutions. Also, New York is the heart of trade as economic growth as well as the best technological, medical and scientific minds in the world which makes it a strong competitor on the world map. This project will focus on Manhattan because the possibilities are endless where it has a dense population, beautiful skyscrapers, lavish shopping, tourist attractions, iconic historical structures, fine and performing arts, beautiful parks, recreational facilities and some of best restaurants in the world.

Since New York is host to culinary experts from all across the globe and has one of the most competitive and diverse restaurant scenes in the world, it will not be easy to casually predict if opening a certain restaurant/café in Manhattan will be successful or not. This is where this project makes a breakthrough in helping food business seekers to decide the best locations for their restaurant/café. So, the aim of this project is to use clustering techniques to group neighborhoods in Manhattan and support food business seekers to decide which neighborhood will be best suited for their business. This project helps food business seekers to analyze neighborhoods in Manhattan, which was rather hard to do without algorithm, and identify a place for their business after analysis. The user is prompted to input a cuisine they are interested in then the analysis starts based on this user's entry. As an example, in this project the user will enter Italian. After that, the data sources will be used accordingly to analyze neighborhoods, popular venues and food venues then cluster the neighborhoods accordingly. These clusters will help anyone who is seeking to open a restaurant/café to decide on the location of his/her business. In the example of the user entering Italian cuisine, the clusters will indicate which are the best Neighborhoods in Manhattan the user can open an Italian restaurant.

Data Sources

Since this project is data driven, it is important to select and include all the required data. However, in this project only two data sources were used which are listed below:

- New York Neighborhood Dataset which includes all New York Boroughs, Neighborhoods and locations (latitude, longitude). This dataset will help in finding the required venues and information from Foursquare API. It will also support in clustering. https://cocl.us/new_york_dataset
- Foursquare Places API which gives real-time access to Foursquare's global database of rich venue data and user content. This will help in analyzing the neighborhoods in terms of the popular venues and food venues. It provides features regarding venues such as rating and price which will be helpful in clustering. https://developer.foursquare.com/docs/places-api/

There are various data sources that may be used to enrich this project and improve the clustering and in return enhance the predictions. For example, Foursquare Places Database may be used to get some restaurant/café features that are not available in the Foursquare Places API such as service quality, whether the food venue is crowded, whether food is worth the price and whether the food venue is trendy. Also, obtaining data about the demographic, social and economic characteristics of the people in Manhattan would've helped to analyze and understand their interests and tendencies.

Methodology

In order to identify the Neighborhoods which are optimal for user cuisine of interest, in this case Italian, there are several tasks done as follows:

Import all required libraries as seen in Figure 1.

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import pandas as pd
import geocoder # to get lotitude and Longitude values
import numpy as n # (Library to handle data in a vectorized manner
import json # (Library to handle JSON files
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Figure 1: Libraries Imported

Extract the JSON file from data source 1 which includes information about New York
Neighborhoods and Boroughs. The wget command was used to get the JSON file as
shown in Figure 2 and then it was converted to a Dataframe which is presented in Figure
3.

Figure 2: Extract New York Dataset in JSON Format using wget command



Figure 3: Convert New York Dataset from JSON to Dataframe

• Visualize the Neighborhoods of New York on Follium map which is helpful in understanding them as seen in Figure 4.

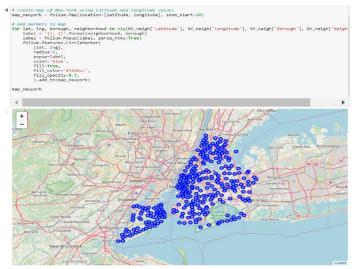


Figure 4: Show New York Neighborhoods on geo map

• Focus on Manhattan Borough only and visualize its neighborhoods on Follium Map which is shown in Figure 5 and 6.



Figure 5: Focus on Manhattan Borough only (Dataframe)

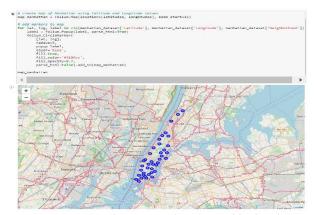


Figure 6: Map showing Manhattan Neighborhoods

- Connect to the Foursquare Places API (Data Source 2) using the client ID and client secret.
- Using the Foursquare Places API and the Manhattan Neighborhoods Dataframe, a call is made to the API to get all popular venues names, categories, latitude and longitude for each Manhattan Neighborhood. JSON file is returned with the call and this file is converted to a Dataframe. This is shown in Figure 7 and Figure 8.

Figure 7: Places API call to get popular venues in each Neighborhoods

| | Neighborhood | Neighborhood Latitude | Neighborhood Longitude | Nearby Venue Name | Nearby Venue ID | Nearby Venue Latitude | Nearby Venue Longitude | Nearby Venue Category |
|--------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 0 | Marble Hill | 40.876551 | -73.910660 | Arturo's | 4b4429abf964a52037f225e3 | 40.874412 | -73.910271 | Pizza Place |
| 1 | Marble Hill | 40.876551 | -73.910660 | Bikram Yoga | 4baf59e8f964a520a6f93be3 | 40.876844 | -73.906204 | Yoga Studio |
| 2 | Marble Hill | 40.876551 | -73.910660 | Tibbett Diner | 4b79cc46f964a520c5122fe3 | 40.880404 | -73.908937 | Diner |
| 3 | Marble Hill | 40.876551 | -73.910660 | Dunkin' | 4b5357adf964a520319827e3 | 40.877136 | -73.906666 | Donut Shop |
| 4 | Marble Hill | 40.876551 | -73.910660 | Starbucks | 55f81cd2498ee903149fcc64 | 40.877531 | -73.905582 | Coffee Shop |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 3199 | Hudson Yards | 40.756658 | -74.000111 | StarDust | 512ff93be4b0ef4effd7560b | 40.759869 | -73.996460 | Nightclub |
| 3200 | Hudson Yards | 40.756658 | -74.000111 | Big George's Smokehouse | 59da6a2c0a08ab3b81d58d8d | 40.757954 | -74.002296 | BBQ Joint |
| 3201 | Hudson Yards | 40.756658 | -74.000111 | NY Waterway 42nd St Bus | 4d8bee412505a35df076a352 | 40.760050 | -74.003379 | Bus Station |
| 3202 | Hudson Yards | 40.756658 | -74.000111 | Twilight Cruise By Citysightseeing | 4e3dce6f1f6e844231eb1f23 | 40.759744 | -74.004096 | Boat or Ferry |
| 3203 | Hudson Yards | 40.756658 | -74.000111 | City Lights Cruises | 4e63fcfe8877954de8de286a | 40.759804 | -74.004025 | Boat or Ferry |
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Figure 8: The resulting Dataframe containing the popular venues

- The interest here is to get all hotspots in each Neighborhood so that we use them later to check each food venue is surrounded with what hotspots. This can help in figuring out if these hotspots will have an influence in visiting the user's cuisine of interest. For example, if in a certain Neighborhood there are various tourist attraction areas this might indicate that after the tourist visit these attractions they might want a place to eat. So, this Neighborhood might be a potential for a user's restaurant/café. So, the call made to the API above gets all popular venues for each Neighborhood; however, for the purpose stated above any food related venue will be omitted as they are not relevant for this task.
- In the Places API, there are 4 levels of categories where the first level is the Primary category which serves as an umbrella for the other levels. Categories provided by the call above are not the primary categories, so in order to match each category from the call above to its primary category, another call is made to the API to get a JSON file of all levels of categories. Then it is converted to a Dataframe which will be used to match the categories that were retrieved earlier with the popular venues. After getting all the primary category for the venues, the Food category was omitted from the Dataframe this because it is not required at this stage as mentioned previously. So now the Dataframe contains the Neighborhoods and the venue primary categories each contains. (Figure 9,10,11)

| Neighborhood | Neighborhood Latitude | Neighborhood Longitude | Nearby Venue Name | Nearby Venue ID | Nearby Venue Latitude | Nearby Venue Longitude | Nearby Venue Category | Nearby_Venue_Primary_Category |
|--------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Marble Hill | 40.876551 | -73.910660 | Arturo's | 4b4429abf964a52037f225e3 | 40.874412 | -73.910271 | Pizza Place | Food |
| Marble Hill | 40.876551 | -73.910660 | Bikram Yoga | 4baf59e8f964a520a6f93be3 | 40.876844 | -73.906204 | Yoga Studio | Outdoors & Recreation |
| Marble Hill | 40.876551 | -73.910660 | Tibbett Diner | 4b79cc46f964a520c5122fe3 | 40.880404 | -73.908937 | Diner | Food |
| Marble Hill | 40.876551 | -73.910660 | Dunkin' | 4b5357adf964a520319827e3 | 40.877136 | -73.906666 | Donut Shop | Food |
| Marble Hill | 40.876551 | -73.910660 | Starbucks | 55f81cd2498ee903149fcc64 | 40.877531 | -73.905582 | Coffee Shop | Food |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Hudson Yards | 40.756658 | -74.000111 | StarDust | 512ff93be4b0ef4effd7560b | 40.759869 | -73.996460 | Nightclub | Nightlife Spot |
| Hudson Yards | 40.756658 | -74.000111 | Big George's Smokehouse | 59da6a2c0a08ab3b81d58d8d | 40.757954 | -74.002296 | BBQ Joint | Food |
| Hudson Yards | 40.756658 | -74.000111 | NY Waterway 42nd St Bus | 4d8bee412505a35df076a352 | 40.760050 | -74.003379 | Bus Station | Travel & Transport |
| Hudson Yards | 40.756658 | -74.000111 | Twilight Cruise By Citysightseeing | 4e3dce6f1f6e844231eb1f23 | 40.759744 | -74.004096 | Boat or Ferry | Travel & Transport |
| Hudson Yards | 40.756658 | -74.000111 | City Lights Cruises | 4e63fcfe8877954de8de286a | 40.759804 | -74.004025 | Boat or Ferry | Travel & Transport |

Figure 9: Adding the primary category for each venue to the Dataframe

| Neighborhood | Neighborhood Latitude | Neighborhood Longitude | Nearby Venue Name | Nearby Venue ID | Nearby Venue Latitude | Nearby Venue Longitude | Nearby Venue Category | Nearby_Venue_Primary_Category |
|--------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Marble Hill | 40.876551 | -73.910660 | Bikram Yoga | 4baf59e8f964a520a6f93be3 | 40.876844 | -73.906204 | Yoga Studio | Outdoors & Recreation |
| Marble Hill | 40.876551 | -73.910660 | Rite Aid | 4b88e053f964a5208a1132e3 | 40.875467 | -73.908906 | Pharmacy | Shop & Service |
| Marble Hill | 40.876551 | -73.910660 | TCR The Club of Riverdale | 4a725fa1f964a520f6da1fe3 | 40.878628 | -73.914568 | Tennis Stadium | Arts & Entertainment |
| Chinatown | 40.715618 | -73.994279 | Hotel 50 Bowery | 57869214498e1054905dbde7 | 40.715936 | -73.996789 | Hotel | Travel & Transport |
| Chinatown | 40.715618 | -73.994279 | Bar Belly | 503fffabe4b05e5c0eace385 | 40.715135 | -73.991802 | Cocktail Bar | Nightlife Spot |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Hudson Yards | 40.756658 | -74.000111 | Brooklyn Fare | 514ca6f57043482a0c84e7ab | 40.756130 | -73.996614 | Supermarket | Shop & Service |
| Hudson Yards | 40.756658 | -74.000111 | DiMenna Center for Classical Music | 4daf05e343a1f97d91988078 | 40.756323 | -73.997192 | Music School | Professional & Other Places |
| Hudson Yards | 40.756658 | -74.000111 | 505W37 | 4b6c43bdf964a5208f2c2ce3 | 40.756909 | -73.998007 | Residential Building (Apartment / Condo) | Residence |
| Hudson Yards | 40.756658 | -74.000111 | Equinox Hotel - Hudson Yards | 5c9aaee431ac6c0039a49499 | 40.754768 | -74.001986 | Hotel | Travel & Transport |
| Hudson Yards | 40.756658 | -74.000111 | Ada's Place | 5b592caba42362002cf7b54f | 40.757646 | -73.997997 | Cocktail Bar | Nightlife Spot |

Figure 10: Removing any food category related venues

| | Neighborhood | Nearby_Venue_Primary_Category |
|----|---------------------|--|
| 0 | Battery Park City | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & |
| 1 | Carnegie Hill | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & |
| 2 | Central Harlem | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & |
| 3 | Chelsea | Arts & Entertainment, College & University, Nigh |
| 4 | Chinatown | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & |
| 5 | Civic Center | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & |
| 6 | Clinton | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & |
| 7 | East Harlem | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & |
| 8 | East Village | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & |
| 9 | Financial District | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & |
| 10 | Flatiron | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & |
| 11 | Gramercy | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & |
| 12 | Greenwich Village | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & |
| 13 | Hamilton Heights | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & |
| 14 | Hudson Yards | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & |
| 15 | Inwood | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & |
| 16 | Lenox Hill | Arts & Entertainment, College & University, Nigh |
| 17 | Lincoln Square | Arts & Entertainment, College & University, Nigh |
| 18 | Little Italy | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & |
| 19 | Lower East Side | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & |
| 20 | Manhattan Valley | Nightlife Spot,Outdoors & Recreation,Shop & Se |
| 21 | Manhattanville | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & |
| 22 | Marble Hill | Arts & Entertainment, Outdoors & Recreation, Sho |
| 23 | Midtown | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & |
| 24 | Midtown South | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & |
| 25 | Morningside Heights | Arts & Entertainment, College & University, Nigh |
| 26 | Murray Hill | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & |
| 27 | Noho | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & |
| 28 | Roosevelt Island | Outdoors & Recreation, Professional & Other Pla |
| 29 | Soho | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & |
| 30 | Stuyvesant Town | Nightlife Spot,Outdoors & Recreation,Shop & Se |
| 31 | Sutton Place | Nightlife Spot,Outdoors & Recreation,Shop & Se |
| 32 | Tribeca | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & |
| 33 | Tudor City | Nightlife Spot,Outdoors & Recreation,Professio |
| 34 | Turtle Bay | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & |
| 35 | Upper East Side | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & |
| 36 | Upper West Side | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & |
| 37 | Washington Heights | Nightlife Spot,Outdoors & Recreation,Shop & Se |
| 38 | West Village | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & |
| 39 | Yorkville | Nightlife Spot,Outdoors & Recreation,Professio |

Figure 11:Dataframe showing the main primary categories for each Neighborhood

• Next, the user is asked to enter their cuisine/café of interest as shown in Figure 12. As an example, the user will enter Italian.

```
user=input('Enter your cuisine/cafe of interest: ')
Enter your cuisine/cafe of interest: Italian
```

Figure 12: Ask the User to input a cuisine/Cafe of interest

• Using the input from the user in this case Italian, the number of Italian food venue will be counted for each Neighborhood. This will help in showing whether a Neighborhood has no Italian cuisine at all or that a Neighborhood has a huge number of Italian cuisines. So, this will help the user to identify which neighborhood could be a potential for his/her business. So, a call is made to the Foursquare Places API to search each Neighborhood in Manhattan for anything related to Italian. The return from the call was converted from JSON to Dataframe. Then, only venues under food category were kept and other categories were omitted this is because the interest is to count the number of Italian cuisine in each Neighborhood, any other non-food categories are irrelevant. This is shown in Figure 13, 14 and 15.

Figure 13: Call to Places API to search for Italian venues in each neighborhood

| eighborhood | Neighborhood_Latitude | Neighborhood_Longitude | Venue_Name | Venue_ID | Venue_Latitude | Venue_Longitude | Venue_Category |
|--------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Chinatown | 40.715618 | -73.994279 | Italian American Museum Of New York | 4b9d4c67f964a5206ca136e3 | 40.719191 | -73.997376 | History Museum |
| Chinatown | 40.715618 | -73.994279 | Italian Food Center | 51a63ef7498e9eedb94e0c5f | 40.719589 | -73.997339 | Italian Restauran |
| Chinatown | 40.715618 | -73.994279 | Bones & Jones Italian Beef | 53823e43498e17831b23b7aa | 40.715538 | -73.989596 | Food Truck |
| Chinatown | 40.715618 | -73.994279 | Little Italian Rooftop | 4d97923e61a3a1cdb92ab942 | 40.718063 | -73.998161 | Scenic Lookou |
| Chinatown | 40.715618 | -73.994279 | Grand Tuscany Ristorante Italiano | 4e4c3b37bd413c4cc667d4a8 | 40.719269 | -73.997765 | Italian Restaurant |
| | | | | | | | |
| Flatiron | 40.739673 | -73.990947 | Old Fashioned Hand Made Italian Ice | 5014183ce4b0073bd04161fa | 40.743568 | -73.991700 | Food Truck |
| Flatiron | 40.739673 | -73.990947 | Cesar NYC Kitchens | 574c24f9498e3a7d0efcd58c | 40.742260 | -73.991692 | Furniture / Home Store |
| Hudson Yards | 40.756658 | -74.000111 | Catria Modern Italian | 5e53415c3e613c0008e067d8 | 40.754677 | -73.998657 | Italian Restaurant |
| Hudson Yards | 40.756658 | -74.000111 | Villa Fresh Italian Kitchen | 4e18ce19483b5cfa49cec3b6 | 40.758566 | -73.999109 | Pizza Place |
| Hudson Yards | 40.756658 | -74.000111 | LI Sal's Italian Kitchen | 55e48d4b498e0c90704b9382 | 40.753831 | -73.999194 | Food Truck |

Figure 14: Resulting Dataframe with Italian venues for each neighborhood

| | Neighborhood | Neighborhood_Latitude | Neighborhood_Longitude | Venue_Name | Venue_ID | Venue_Latitude | Venue_Longitude | Venue_Category | Primary_Venue_Category |
|-----|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 0 | Chinatown | 40.715618 | -73.994279 | Italian American Museum Of New York | 4b9d4c67f964a5206ca136e3 | 40.719191 | -73.997376 | History Museum | Arts & Entertainment |
| 1 | Chinatown | 40.715618 | -73.994279 | Italian Food Center | 51a63ef7498e9eedb94e0c5f | 40.719589 | -73.997339 | Italian Restaurant | Food |
| 2 | Chinatown | 40.715618 | -73.994279 | Bones & Jones Italian Beef | 53823e43498e17831b23b7aa | 40.715538 | -73.989596 | Food Truck | Food |
| 3 | Chinatown | 40.715618 | -73.994279 | Little Italian Rooftop | 4d97923e61a3a1cdb92ab942 | 40.718063 | -73.998161 | Scenic Lookout | Outdoors & Recreation |
| 4 | Chinatown | 40.715618 | -73.994279 | La Nonna | 4b96bd72f964a5207ce134e3 | 40.718590 | -73.997685 | Italian Restaurant | Food |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 171 | Flatiron | 40.739673 | -73.990947 | Old Fashioned Hand Made Italian Ice | 5014183ce4b0073bd04161fa | 40.743568 | -73.991700 | Food Truck | Food |
| 172 | Flatiron | 40.739673 | -73.990947 | Cesar NYC Kitchens | 574c24f9498e3a7d0efcd58c | 40.742260 | -73.991692 | Furniture / Home Store | Shop & Service |
| 173 | Hudson Yards | 40.756658 | -74.000111 | Villa Fresh Italian Kitchen | 4e18ce19483b5cfa49cec3b6 | 40.758566 | -73.999109 | Pizza Place | Food |
| 174 | Hudson Yards | 40.756658 | -74.000111 | Catria Modern Italian | 5e53415c3e613c0008e067d8 | 40.754677 | -73.998657 | Italian Restaurant | Food |
| 175 | Hudson Yards | 40.756658 | -74.000111 | LI Sal's Italian Kitchen | 55e48d4b498e0c90704b9382 | 40.753831 | -73.999194 | Food Truck | Food |
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Figure 15: Adding primary category for each venue

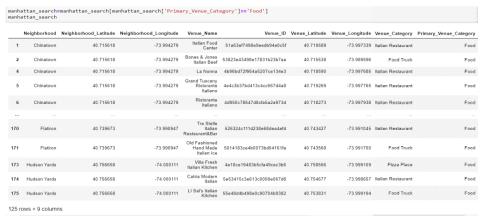


Figure 16: Keeping only food category related venues

• After that, for each venue under the food category in each Neighborhood, the ratings and price range was retrieved from the Places. This is shown in Figure 17 and 18.

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def detail(name.ymame, lattudes, longitudes,ids):
    detail(size[]
    for name, wamen, lat, lng.woue_id in zip(names,wname_latitudes,longitudes,ids):
        princ(name)
        p
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Figure 17: Call Places API to get rating and prices for each Italian Food venue

| | Neighborhood | Venue_Name | Venue_Latitude | Venue_Longitude | Venue_Rating | Venue_Price |
|-----|--------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 0 | Chinatown | Italian Food Center | 40.719589 | -73.997339 | | Moderate |
| 1 | Chinatown | Bones & Jones Italian Beef | 40.715538 | -73.989596 | | Cheap |
| 2 | Chinatown | La Nonna | 40.718590 | -73.997685 | 6.7 | Moderate |
| 3 | Chinatown | Grand Tuscany Ristorante Italiano | 40.719269 | -73.997765 | | Moderate |
| 4 | Chinatown | Ristorante Italiano | 40.718273 | -73.997938 | | Moderate |
| | | | | | | |
| 120 | Flatiron | Tre Stelle Italian Restaurant&Bar | 40.743427 | -73.991045 | | Very Expensive |
| 121 | Flatiron | Old Fashioned Hand Made Italian Ice | 40.743568 | -73.991700 | | Cheap |
| 122 | Hudson Yards | Villa Fresh Italian Kitchen | 40.758566 | -73.999109 | | Cheap |
| 123 | Hudson Yards | Catria Modern Italian | 40.754677 | -73.998657 | | Moderate |
| 124 | Hudson Yards | LI Sal's Italian Kitchen | 40.753831 | -73.999194 | | Cheap |
| | | | | | | |

125 rows × 6 columns

Figure 18: Resulting Dataframe containing the rating and price range for each venue

Then the Dataframe was cleaned in terms of datatype and unknown values. Also, the price returned from the call is in the range of Cheap, Moderate, Expensive and Very Expensive. These string type ranges were mapped to integer type ranges where 1 indicates Cheap, 2 indicated Moderate, 3 indicates Expensive and 4 indicates Very Expensive. (Figure 19)

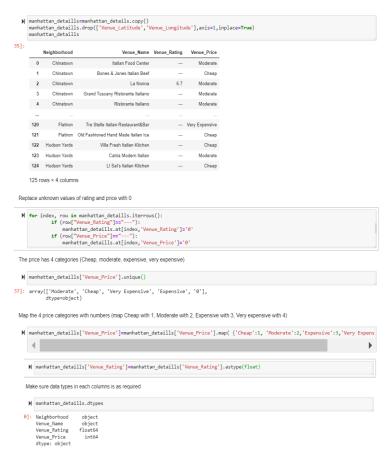


Figure 19: Cleaning the Dataframe

 After cleaning, the Dataframe was grouped by Neighborhood and the number of food venues were counted for each Neighborhood and the average rating and price for each Neighborhood food venues were found. This is seen in Figure 20. The final Dataframe after cleaning and grouping is shown in Figure 21.



Figure 20: Grouped and aggregated Dataframe

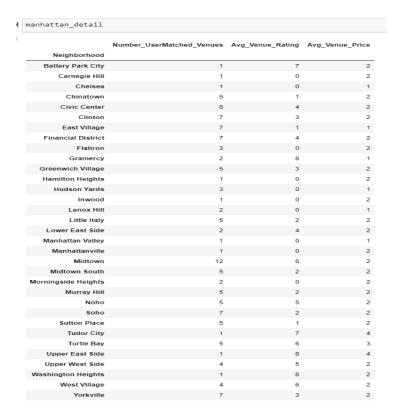


Figure 21: Resulting Dataframe after grouping and aggregating

 The cleaned and grouped Dataframe is merged with the venues Dataframe that we got before which contains non-food related venues (hot spots) in each neighborhood.
 Resulting Dataframe is shown in Figure 22.

| | Neighborhood | Nearby_Venue_Primary_Category | Number_UserMatched_Venues | Avg_Venue_Rating | Avg_Venue_Price |
|----|---------------------|--|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 0 | Battery Park City | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & | 1 | 7 | 2 |
| 1 | Carnegie Hill | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 2 | Chelsea | Arts & Entertainment, College & University, Nigh | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 3 | Chinatown | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| 4 | Civic Center | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| 5 | Clinton | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & | 7 | 3 | 2 |
| 6 | East Village | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & | 7 | 1 | 1 |
| 7 | Financial District | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & | 7 | 4 | 2 |
| 8 | Flatiron | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & | 3 | 0 | 2 |
| 9 | Gramercy | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & | 2 | 8 | 1 |
| 10 | Greenwich Village | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| 11 | Hamilton Heights | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 12 | Hudson Yards | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| 13 | Inwood | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 14 | Lenox Hill | Arts & Entertainment, College & University, Nigh | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| 15 | Little Italy | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & | 5 | 2 | 2 |
| 16 | Lower East Side | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| 17 | Manhattan Valley | Nightlife Spot,Outdoors & Recreation,Shop & Se | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 18 | Manhattanville | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 19 | Midtown | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & | 12 | 6 | 2 |
| 20 | Midtown South | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & | 5 | 2 | 2 |
| 21 | Morningside Heights | Arts & Entertainment, College & University, Nigh | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| 22 | Murray Hill | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & | 5 | 2 | 2 |
| 23 | Noho | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & | 5 | 5 | 2 |
| 24 | Soho | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & | 7 | 2 | 2 |
| 25 | Sutton Place | Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & Recreation, Shop & Se | 5 | 2 | 2 |
| 26 | Tudor City | Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & Recreation, Professio | 1 | 7 | 4 |
| 27 | Turtle Bay | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & | 5 | 6 | 3 |
| 28 | Upper East Side | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & | 1 | 8 | 4 |
| 29 | Upper West Side | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & | 4 | 5 | 2 |
| 30 | Washington Heights | Nightlife Spot,Outdoors & Recreation,Shop & Se | 1 | 8 | 2 |
| 31 | West Village | Arts & Entertainment, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & | 4 | 6 | 2 |
| 32 | Yorkville | Nightlife Spot,Outdoors & Recreation,Professio | 7 | 3 | 2 |
| | | | | | |

Figure 22: Italian food venue Dataframe merged with the popular venues Dataframe

• Since the clustering algorithms do not support string type, one hot encoding is used to convert the popular venues categories from string to a type the clustering algorithm understands. The final resulting Dataframe before inputting it into the clustering algorithm is shown in Figure 23.

| | | borhood Number_UseMalched_Venue | | | Entertainment, College & University, Nightlife Spot, Outdoors & Racreation, Professional & Other Places, Shop & Service | Transport | Enterfainment, College & University, Night the Spot Outdoors & Recreation, Professional & Other Places, Shop & Service, Travel & Transport | Nearby_Categroy_Arts 5 Entertainment_College 8 University Nighthin Spot Outdoors 8 Recreation, Stop 8 Service | Nearby_Calegroy_Lifa & Enfartainment_NightSife &pot_Outdoons & Recreation_Proteesional & Other Places_Residence_Stop & Service_Trans@ Transport | | Nearby_Calagroy_Aris Enterfainment, Nightitle \$pot, Outdoors & Racreation, Professional & Other Places, stop a Service, Travel & Transport | Enfantainment, Night the Spot, Outdoom & Recreation, Shop & Service | Neerby_Categroy_Arts & Entertainment,Nightifle Spot_Outdoors & Recreation,Stop & Service,Travel & Transport | | Nearby_Categroy_Nightste Spot_Outdoors & Recreation_Potessional & Other Travel & Transport | Nearby_Categroy_Nightitle Spct Outdoom & Recreation, Shop & Senrice, Travel & Transport |
|----|-------|---------------------------------|--------|-----|--|-----------|--|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|---|--|
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| 2 | | Ohelises · | 5 | 0 1 | | 1 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| 4 | | ringown : | 9 | 1 2 | | 0 | 0 | | | | | | 1 | 0 | | 0 |
| | | | 7 | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| 6 | | st Vilage | 7 | 1 1 | | | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| , | F | Financial | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | District | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8 | | Flation | 3 | 0 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| , | | | | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| 10 | | reenaich Village Hamilton | 5 | 3 2 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | | Heights | 1 | 0 2 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 1 | | | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| 12 | Hudso | on Yards | 3 | 0 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 1 | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 13 | | Irwood | 1 | 0 2 | | 0 | | | | | | | 0 | 0 | | |
| 14 | | encu Hill | 2 | 0 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| 16 | | Side | 2 | 4 2 | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 17 | Ma | anhatan Valley | 1 | 0 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 15 | Varha | atarvile | 1 | 0 2 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | 1 | 0 | | 0 |
| 15 | | Middown 1 | | 6 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | 1 | 0 | | 0 |
| 20 | | | 5 | 2 2 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 21 | | mingside Heights | 2 | 0 2 | | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| 22 | Mu | uray Hill | 5 | 2 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| 24 | | Saho | 7 5 | 1 2 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| 26 | | utor City urte Sav | 5 | 6 3 | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 28 | | | 1 | 8 4 | | 0 | 0 | | 1 | 0 | | | 0 | 0 | | |
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| 30 | Was | | 1 | 8 2 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | 0 | 0 | | 1 |
| 31 | | | 4 | 6 2 | | 0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | | Yorkella | 7 | 3 2 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Figure 23: Hot encoding to convert popular venues categories from categorical type to a type clustering algorithm understands

• Clustering algorithm chosen for this project is the K-means clustering algorithm. To know the optimal number of clusters, the elbow method and Silhouette score were used as shown in Figure 24,25 and 26. (For the Italian cuisine example)

]: M distortions = [] score=[] Manhattan_grouped_clustering = df_manhattan.drop('Neighborhood', 1) K = range(2,10)
for k in K: kmeanModel = KMeans(n_clusters=k, random_state=0) $kmean Model f=kmean Model.fit (Manhattan_grouped_clustering)$ distortions.append(kmeanModelf.inertia_) ${\tt s=silhouette_score} ({\tt Manhattan_grouped_clustering}, {\tt kmeanModelf.labels_, metric='euclidean'})$ score.append(s) Elbow Method]: M plt.figure(figsize=(16,8)) plt.plot(K, distortions, 'bx-')
plt.xlabel('k') plt.ylabel('Distortion') plt.title('The Elbow Method showing the optimal k') plt.show() The Elbow Method showing the optimal k

Figure 24: Elbow method to find the optimal number of clusters

```
| for i in range(2,10):
    print("Silhouette Score for",i," Clusters is ",score[i-2])
n=score.index(max(score))
numcluster=n+2
print (numcluster," Clusters has the best Silhouette Score")

Silhouette Score for 2 Clusters is 0.34701074805849114
Silhouette Score for 3 Clusters is 0.4664383092732445
Silhouette Score for 4 Clusters is 0.42974957015405396
Silhouette Score for 5 Clusters is 0.45071201388955673
Silhouette Score for 6 Clusters is 0.39787531590904535
Silhouette Score for 7 Clusters is 0.38739530422571583
Silhouette Score for 8 Clusters is 0.3806048045971154
Silhouette Score for 9 Clusters is 0.3679546938740104
3 Clusters has the best Silhouette Score
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Figure 25: Silhouette score to find the optimal number of clusters

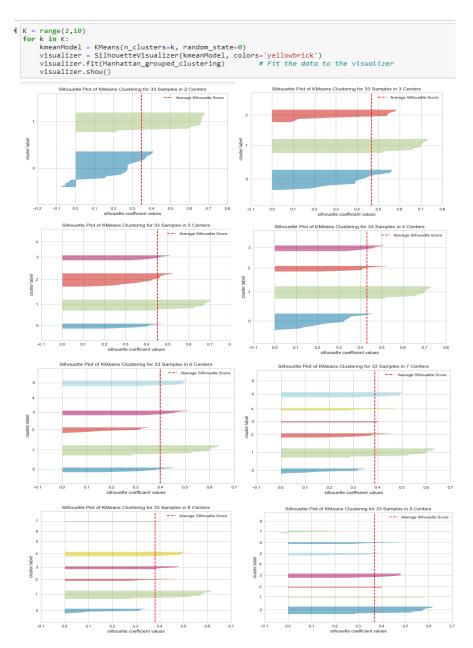


Figure 26: Comparing Silhouette score for different number of clusters

- As noticed from the graphs above, 2 Clusters, 3 Clusters, 4 Clusters and 5 Clusters all have Silhouette scores above average Silhouette score which make them candidate for the optimal number of clusters. However, fluctuation in size (thickness) of the silhouette plot representing each cluster also is a deciding point. So, 2 Clusters, 4 Clusters and 5 Clusters have more fluctuation in size as compared to 3 Clusters. For the plot with 3 Clusters, the thickness is more uniform than the plot with 2 Clusters, 4 Clusters and 5 Clusters. Thus, one can select the optimal number of Clusters as 3.
- 6 Clusters, 7 Clusters, 8 Clusters and 9 Clusters are not considered optimal number of Clusters because of the presence of Clusters with below-average silhouette scores and the fluctuations in the size of the silhouette plots

 After that, the K-means clustering algorithm was applied with 3 clusters for the Italian cuisine example. Output is shown in the results section below. (Figure 27)

```
Kclusters = numcluster
Manhattan_grouped_clustering = df_manhattan.drop('Neighborhood', 1)
# rum k=means ctustering
kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=kclusters, random_state=0).fit(Manhattan_grouped_clustering)
# check cluster labels generated for each row in the dataframe
kmeans.labels_
: array([2, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 2, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 0]
0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 0]
```

Figure 27: Applying k-mean clustering algorithm with 3 clusters

Results

- After applying the K-means algorithm, the cluster labels were added to the DataFrame. Also, the Dataframe was cleaned as follows:
 - Some Neighborhoods have 0 number of venues that are related to the user's cuisine of interest...in this case there are neighborhoods that do not have any italian cuisines. These Neighborhoods are shown in the table above as NaN and were added to a new cluster. (Cluster #4)
 - "Nearby_Venue_Ptimary_Category" column unique entries were mapped to numbers so that it becomes easier to analyze
 - Avg Rating and Avg Price type were changed to integers
 - Venues with Avg Rating and Avg Price of 0, have no rating and no price range. So
 0 values were changed to "No rating" and "No Price range"
- The final Dataframe showing different clusters is seen in Figure 28. Then the clusters are visualized on Folium Map with different colors as shown in Figure 29 where if you pressed a certain mark it will give you the neighborhood and cluster number. Also, each cluster can be analyzed using separate Dataframes and charts. (Figures 30 and 31)

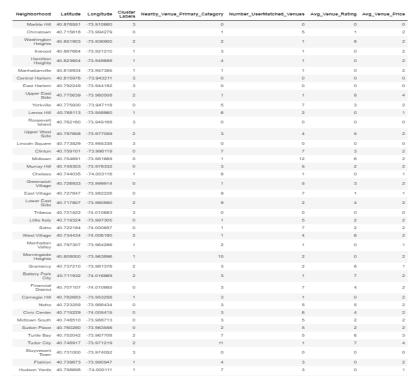


Figure 28: Resulting Dataframe

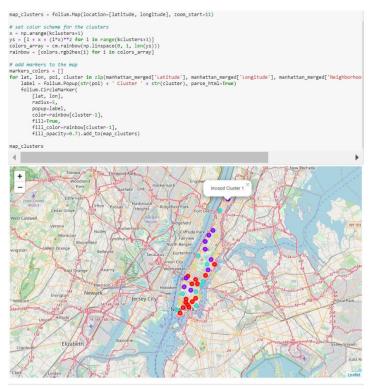


Figure 29: Show different clusters on map

| | | | Cluster 1 | | | | | - | luster 2 | | | |
|---------|---|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|----------------|-------------|
| 3000000 | | Nearby_Venue_Primary_Category | | | | | Neighborhood Nei | arby_Venue_Primary_Categ | ory Number_UserMatched_V | enues Avg_Venue_I | Rating Avg_Ver | ue_Price |
| 1 | Chinatown | | | | 2 | 3 | Inwood | | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 9 | Yorkville Clinton | | ; ; | | | 4 | Hamilton Heights | | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 15 | Midtown | | | | | | - | | | | | |
| 16 | Murray Hill | | | | | 5 | Manhattanville | | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| | Greenwich Village | | 1 5 | | | 10 | Lenox Hill | | 6 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| 19 | East Village | 9 |) 1 | 1 | 1 | 17 | Chelsea | | 8 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 22 | Little Italy | | 1 . | . 2 | 2 | 25 | Manhattan Valley | | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| 23 | Soho | | ı ī | 2 | 2 | | | | - | ' | • | |
| 29 | Financial District | | 3 7 | 4 | 2 | 26 | Morningside Heights | | 10 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| 31 | Noho | 1 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 30 | Carnegie Hill | | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 32 | Civic Center | | 3 6 | 4 | 2 | 38 | Flatiron | | 4 | 3 | 0 | 2 |
| 33 | Midtown South | | 5 | | | | | | | | 0 | 1 |
| 34 | Sutton Place | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 39 | Hudson Yards | | 7 | 3 | v | |
| 34 | Guiori i ace | | ister 3 | 2 | 2 | | | | ster 4 | | | |
| | Neighborhood | Clu Nearby_Venue_Primary_Category | Ister 3 Number_UserMatched_Venues | Avg_Venue_Rating | Avg_Venue_Price | | | | | | | |
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Figure 30: Dataframe for each cluster (going from top left to bottom right)

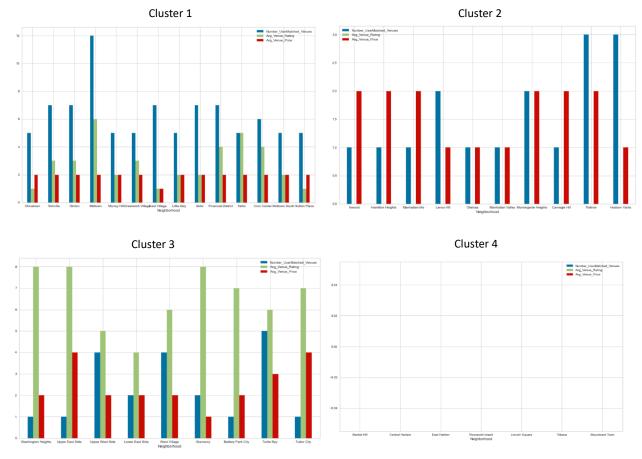


Figure 31: Compare different clusters visually

- As noticed from the map, cluster tables and charts, Neighborhoods ['Marble Hill', 'Central Harlem', 'East Harlem', 'Roosevelt Island', 'Lincoln Square', 'Tribeca', 'Stuyvesant Town'] have 0 number of Italian cuisines. These Neighborhoods were grouped into a new cluster which is cluster #4.
- Clusters 1-3 are identified according to the number venues matched to the user's entry in the neighborhood, their average rating, average price and their surrounding popular spots.
- However, it is noticed that the popular spots in each Neighborhoods are kind of similar in each cluster.
- As seen in charts above:
 - Cluster #1 grouped Neighborhoods that have high number of Italian cuisine with Moderate price range and average rating
 - Cluster #2 grouped Neighborhoods that have low number of Italian cuisine with Moderate price and no rating
 - Cluster #3 grouped Neighborhoods that have low number of Italian cuisine with above Moderate price and high rating
 - o Cluster #4 grouped Neighborhoods that have 0 number of Italian cuisines

- The choice of which cluster to open up the Italian cuisine depends on the user's target for the Italian restaurant. So if the user is thinking of opening up a luxurious Italian restaurant then the price range will be above Moderate and so Cluster #2 or #4.
- This might be an indicator that these Neighborhoods are potential for opening up Italian cuisines.
- However, there should be more information on the neighborhoods such as demographics, social and economic characteristics of the people which will help to know people's interests and tendencies. So, there will be more insight and in this way it will be known, for example, if there is demand for Italian cuisine in Cluster #4 or not.

Conclusion

New York is the core of the best restaurants globally with various cuisines and international culinary experts. So, opening up a food business in Manhattan may be a hard decision as there is a strong of competition. However, with the help of an algorithm, identifying the best location for food business will be much simpler. This project is aimed to help food business seekers to decide which Neighborhood in Manhattan is best suited for their business. However, only two data sources were used and in my opinion there is room for improvement with the use of additional data sources. For example, the use of Foursquare Places Databases will add more features regarding the venues that are not available in the Foursquare Places AP such as service quality, whether the food venue is crowded, whether food is worth the price and whether the food venue is trendy. Also, another data source that will enrich this project is data about the demographic, social and economic characteristics of the people in Manhattan which would've helped to analyze and understand people's interests and tendencies. Adding relevant data will improve the clustering of Neighborhoods and enhance the identification of the best Neighborhood for the food business seeker.