

The Battle of the Neighborhoods

1. Introduction

- a. With the increasing cost of housing in New York City, some workers have sought new cities in which to continue or start their career. A city such as Toronto will be offered as a comparison, due to its dense population and standing as a sought-after location for companies. New York City and the city of Toronto share a diversity of inhabitants, which is reflected in the makeup of their neighborhoods.

2. Problem Description

- a. As cities, such as Toronto and businesses located in cities, such as Toronto seek to lure potential inhabitants and workers, they must examine what their city offers.
- b. Comparisons of population and employment offerings are not enough as people will want to see information on venue offerings, such as restaurants and bars.
- c. Neighborhoods in both cities will be clustered, segmented and compared.
- d. We must take into account the different offerings of each city and each neighborhood to ensure there can be both an incentive and seamless transition for potential job seekers.
- e. Once complete, this information can be of use to companies located in Toronto to draw talent from across the globe.

3. Data

- a. The data set for all necessary information regarding the city of New York is https://geo.nyu.edu/catalog/nyu_2451_34572
- b. The data set for postal codes in the city of Toronto is available at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_postal_codes_of_Canada:_M

4. Data acquisition

- a. The data for New York city will be pulled from the website mentioned in section three, this contains all neighborhood and location information.
- b. The Toronto data will be scraped from the link in section three to obtain neighborhood information
- c. Finally, Four-Square will be used to source venues within each neighborhood, using latitude, longitude, radius (1,500 meters), limit (100), section (drinks and coffee) to explore the geo-location, name and category of each.
- d. The parameters will be as follows:
 - i. VENUE_PRIME = ['bar', 'lounge', 'restaurant']
 - ii. VENUE_SECONDARY = ['coffee', 'tea', 'donut']
 - iii. MAX_VENUES = 20
 - iv. MAX_WALK = 1
 1. To keep the walk between a mile and one half a mile
 - v. PRIORITY_ORDER
 1. We will use a combination of Rating, Count and Likes
- e. Once compiled and cleaned the data will be plotted and listed to show the comparison between both cities and the neighborhoods within.