The Battle of Neighborhoods – Bangalore City.



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1. INTRODUCTION: BUSINESS PROBLEM

This project deals with the major venue categories in the neighborhoods of **Bangalore**, **India**. This project would specifically help Business personal plan to start new Restaurants, Hotels, etc. in Bangalore, Karnataka, India.

The **Foursquare API** is used to access the venues in the neighborhoods. Since, it returns less venues in the neighborhoods, we would be analyzing areas for which countable number of venues are obtained. Then they are clustered based on their venues using Data Science Techniques. Here the **k-means clustering algorithm** is used to achieve the task. The optimal number of clusters can be obtained using **silhouette score** metrics.

Folium visualization library can be used to visualize the clusters superimposed on the map of Bangalore city. These clusters can be analyzed to help small scale business owners select a suitable location for their need such as Hotels, Shopping Malls, Restaurants or even specifically Indian restaurants or Coffee shops.

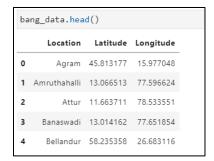
The major **Target Audience** would be small-scale business owners and stake holders planning to start their business at a location in Bangalore. This project would help them find the optimal location based on the category of their business such as,

- What is the best location to start a new hotel in Bangalore with restaurants around?
- Which area is best suitable for opening a Shopping Mall in Bangalore?

2. Data Requirements:

Bangalore has multiple neighborhoods. The <u>Kaggle</u> website has a dataset which has the list of locations in Bangalore along with their Latitude and Longitude in degree format. There is a total of 352 neighborhoods as shown in Fig below,

1. https://www.kaggle.com/rmenon1998/bangalore-neighborhoods



Next the details of venues in each neighborhood namely **Venue**, **Venue Latitude**, **Venue Longitude**, **Venue Category** data needs to be obtained. Here, Foursquare API is used to obtain this data.

2. http://foursquare.com/

A total of 776 venues data have been obtained from Foursquare. The resultant venues dataset is used for the analysis process.

