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Choosing the best new potential neighbourhood in Dublin for a Pub chain established in London

Predicting the right potential neighbourhood is important for the pub chain

- Taking the business to a new country for the first time is a huge step for the business. Making the right decisions will impact their success on the future openings in the rest of Ireland.
- The success of a pub is measured by the ROI (revenue on investment)
- Predicting the right neighbourhood based on established pubs ROI and locations will make other decisions easier. Also the pub chain will benefit from its past experiences in London

Data acquisition and cleaning

- Neighbourhoods' coordinates: I used python's geopy library to get the coordinates of each neighbourhood (existing and potential)
- Neighbourhoods' nearby venues: I used the Foursquare API to get maximum of 30 venues nearby each neighbourhood.
- The clustering of neighbourhoods was based on the frequency of categories of the venues nearby each neighbourhood.

Exploring distance from center of city as a variable

 The correlation between the existing pubs ROI was weak, so it was eliminated as a variable

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| | distance from central London | 1.000000 | 0.045609 |
| | ROI | 0.045609 | 1.000000 |

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Choosing the best cluster: I grouped the cluster by ROI mean

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[218]: all_venues.groupby('Cluster Labels').mean()

[218]: ROI

Cluster Labels

0  0.415000

1  0.475385

2  0.440000

3  0.610000

4  0.460000
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Exploring the best cluster: I grouped the cluster by ROI mean

| Neighbourhood | City | ROI | |
|----------------------------|--------|------|----|
| Barnet | London | 0.76 | 1 |
| Hackney | London | 0.78 | 10 |
| Haringey | London | 0.31 | 12 |
| Richmond upon Thames | London | 0.59 | 25 |
| Ballsbridge and Donnybrook | Dublin | NaN | 32 |
| Christchurch | Dublin | NaN | 33 |
| Dalkey | Dublin | NaN | 34 |
| Drumcondra | Dublin | NaN | 35 |
| Malahide | Dublin | NaN | 36 |
| Ranelagh and Rathmines | Dublin | NaN | 37 |
| St. Stephen's Green | Dublin | NaN | 38 |

 The best cluster contains more than one neighbourhood from Dublin. I need to study the similarities between neighbourhoods in order to choose the closest one to Barnet's pub (highest ROI)

• Exploring the best cluster:

|]: | ROI | Neighbourhood | 1st Most Common Venue | 2nd Most Common Venue | 3rd Most Common Venue | 4th Most Common Venue | 5th Most Common Venue | 6th Most Common Venue | 7th Most Common Venue | 8th Most Common Venue | 9th Most Common Venue | , | |
|----|------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----|--|
| 10 | 0.78 | Hackney | Coffee Shop | Café | Pub | Park | Indie Movie Theater | Market | Canal Lock | Butcher | Flea Market | | |
| 1 | 0.76 | Barnet | Café | Park | Coffee Shop | Pub | Supermarket | Turkish Restaurant | Dessert Shop | Theater | Fish & Chips Shop | | |
| 25 | 0.59 | Richmond upon Thames | Park | Café | Garden | Coffee Shop | Hotel | Italian Restaurant | Bakery | Scenic Lookout | Pub | | |
| 12 | 0,31 | Haringey | Café | Mediterranean Restaurant | Turkish Restaurant | Park | Coffee Shop | Pizza Place | Gourmet Shop | Garden Center | Indie Movie Theater | | |
| 32 | NaN | Ballsbridge and Donnybrook | Café | Coffee Shop | Park | Hotel | Lounge | Concert Hall | Cocktail Bar | Outdoor Sculpture | Pizza Place | | |
| 33 | NaN | Christchurch | Café | Pub | Coffee Shop | Music Venue | Park | Cocktail Bar | Restaurant | Ice Cream Shop | Irish Pub | | |
| 34 | NaN | Dalkey | Beach | Coffee Shop | Scenic Lookout | Restaurant | Park | Pub | Café | Seafood Restaurant | Italian Restaurant | | |
| 35 | NaN | Drumcondra | Coffee Shop | Café | Pub | Clothing Store | Restaurant | Hotel | Donut Shop | Discount Store | Italian Restaurant | Kı | |
| 36 | NaN | Malahide | Café | Italian Restaurant | Beach | American Restaurant | Pub | Gourmet Shop | Garden | Gym | Hotel | Fi | |
| 37 | NaN | Ranelagh and Rathmines | Café | Park | Coffee Shop | Restaurant | Hotel | Burger Joint | Chinese Restaurant | Falafel Restaurant | Pub | | |
| 38 | NaN | St. Stephen's Green | Coffee Shop | Hotel | Park | Café | Burger Joint | Ice Cream Shop | Pub | Cheese Shop | Lounge | | |

Making a decision:

notice that the 3 most common venues categories in the most successful pubs in London are: Coffee Shops, cafés ,pubs and parks

=> In order to make a decision I need to choose the neighbourhood which 3 most common venues categories are in the list

The potential neighbourhoods that check the criteria are:

- Ballsbridge and Donnybrook
- Christchurch
- Drumcondra
- Ranelagh and Rathmines

To refine my choices I noticed that **Ranelagh and Rathmines** is the most similar neighbourhood to Hackney where the most successful pub is established: with the same first 3 most common venues categories.

Conclusions

- I gathered useful data to help with the study
- I then built a model to predict the best potential neighbourhood in Dublin to open a new pub.
- Then I made a decision based on the mean ROI in clusters. And chose the most similar neighbourhood to the most successful neighbourhood in London.
- The study can include other features in the future: like proximity to other pubs (concurrent or from the same chain) and the age of inhabitants nearby pubs