# Demographic Catchment Area Profiles using Fuss-Free, Low-cost Approach Solutions

https://github.com/wpoates1/
storeareaclusters

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### Aims of the session

Explore cloud-based tooling for geospatial analysis



Specific use case for the use of GCP, but can be generalised to other platforms **UK Census Datasets** 

CENSUS 2021

Open data sources, including recent bulk data releases

Basic Unsupervised ML techniques



Clustering, Principal Component Analysis

**Foundations** 



Jumping-off point for future work



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Introductions

Ben Harland
Ben Lambiase
Chris Murchison

## **Inspiration - Area Classification**

Inspiration and baseline methodology

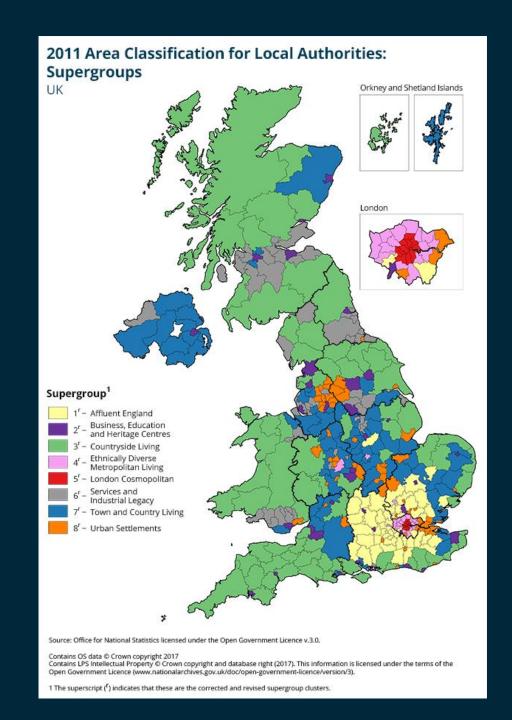
https://www.ons.gov.uk/methodology/geography/geographicalproducts/areaclassifications

Areas classified based on 100+ census variables

Local authorities, workplace zones and smaller areas (Output Areas)

Group like-areas together – find similarities

Useful for understanding performance characteristics at national scale



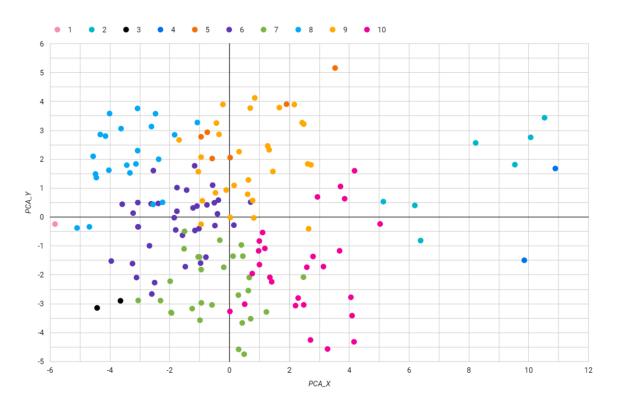
## Today's specific objectives

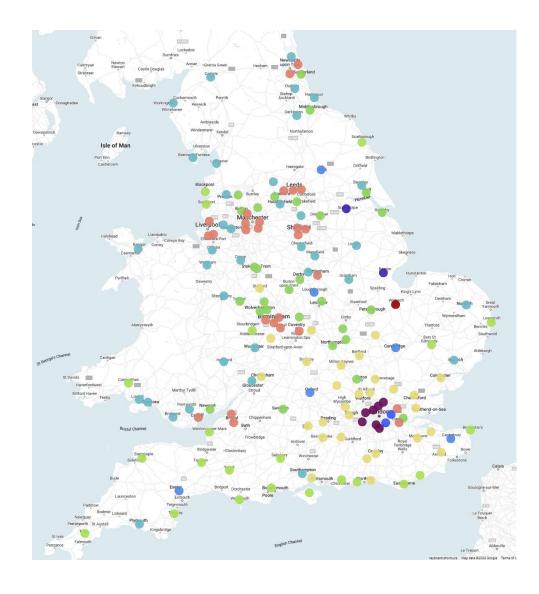
#### Area Classification for Retail Store data

- Create a Project in Google Cloud to contain the work
- Download Output Area level datasets from ONS and from NOMIS websites
- Upload the data to the cloud project
- Create BigQuery tables with the raw data
- Re-shape (PIVOT) the data to row and column format
- Merge the data into a single big file
- Spatially create catchment areas for each of the 160 Stores in our dataset
- Using the population variables from each catchment
  - Use Kmeans clustering to group together similar store areas
  - Apply Principal Component Analysis to test and visualise the clustering output
- Plot the stores on a map!



#### KMEANS CLUSTERS - 10 Clusters, KMEANS++ method Clustering projected onto 2-dimensional PCA space







## Key Techniques Used – Spatial SQL

### ST\_GEOPOINT

 Used to create the Point Spatial Data Object (GEOMETRY data type) from latitude and longitude

### ST\_DISTANCEWITHIN

 Selects all the Census Output Areas within a given distance (10KM) of each of the 160 stores

#### Create geom column SQL

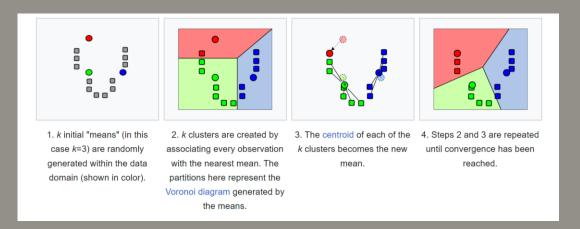
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1 -- ADDS geom COLUMN AND CREATES THE SPATIAL POINT DATA
2 -- FOR THE STORES TABLE
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4 ALTER TABLE '_PROJECT_._DATASET_.stores'
5 ADD COLUMN IF NOT EXISTS geom GEOGRAPHY;
6
7 UPDATE '_PROJECT_._DATASET_.stores'
8 SET geom = ST_GEOGPOINT(longitude, latitude) WHERE true;
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#### ST\_DWITHIN QUERY SQL

## Key Techniques Used – AutoML

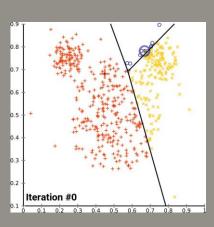
### KMeans Clustering

 Method to partition n observations into k clusters in which each observation belongs to the cluster with the nearest mean (cluster centre or cluster centroid)



### Principal Component Analysis

 Enables reduction of the number of dimensions to facilitate plotting



## What factors will we be using?

Variable	Summary Method
Output Areas	Count
Household and Non-Household Population	Sum
Non-household Population	Proportion of Total
Density	Persons per Hectare
Aged under 5	Proportion of Total Population
Aged 5-14	Proportion of Total Population
Aged 25-44	Proportion of Total Population
Aged 45-64	Proportion of Total Population
Aged 65-84	Proportion of Total Population
Aged over 85	Proportion of Total Population
Higher and Lower Managerial, Administrative and Professional	Total persons
Occupations	
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### **Census Output Areas**

#### E00074345 Output Area

#### **Local Area Report**

This report covers the characteristics of people and households in E00074345 Output Area in Bristol, City of (GSS code E00074345). Figures are sourced from the 2011 Census key statistics.

There were 269 usual residents as at Census day 2011. Of these, 100% lived in households and 0% lived in communal establishments. The average (mean) age of residents was 47.2 years.

In total there were 115 household spaces. Of these, 114 (99.1%) had at least one usual resident and 1 (0.9%) had no usual

residents.



https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/localarea



- 188,880 in England and Wales, each one generally with :
  - 40 250 households
  - 100 625 usually resident persons



https://geoportal.statistics.gov.uk/datasets/ons::output-areas-dec-2021-boundaries-generalised-clipped-ew-bgc

Let's get going!!!

All the instructions and the SQL code needed for the session is at:

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