LOCATION FOR OPENING A NEW SHOPPING MALL IN BERLIN

IBM Applied Data Science Capstone

PROBLEM

- Shopping malls have become more and more popular for people to visit
- The problem of selecting the location for opening a new shopping mall is always difficult
- This project aims at solving the problem of choosing locations for opening a new shopping mall in Berlin

DATA

• The neighborhoods of Berlin

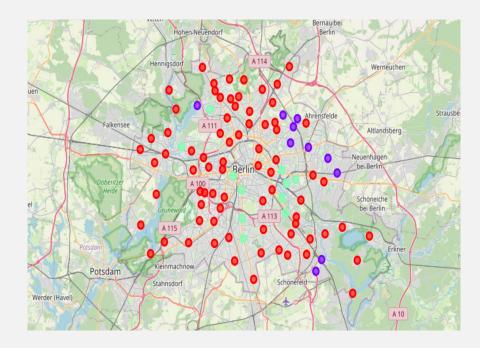
• The corresponding venue data of these neighborhoods.

METHODOLOGY

- Scrape the data of neighborhoods of Berlin from Wikipedia by Beautifulsoup
- Ger the geographical coordinates by using Geocoder package
- Apply Foursquare API to get venue data
- Use Folium to visualize the data
- Analyze the data by using k-means clusters

RESULTS

- Cluster 0 (red): The neighborhoods with no shopping malls
- Cluster 1(green): the neighborhoods with high number
- of shopping malls
- Cluster 2 (purple): the neighborhoods with medium number
- of shopping malls



DISCUSSION

- Most of shopping malls are located in the city center
- Some ones are located outside the city center which are in the area of cluster 2
- There are still no shopping malls in the area of cluster 0.

CONCLUSIONS

- There will be a hard competition for the shopping malls in the areas of cluster 1
- The areas of cluster 0 may suffer the problem of lack of visitors
- It may be a good choice for a new shopping mall in the area of cluster 2 which is a balance of the avoiding hard competition and the lack of visitors

FUTURE WORK

The problem can be further explored by considering more factors such as
population distribution, investment const and so on, to build a more accurate
model to help make better choices