IBM Data Science Capstone Project The Battle of Neighbourhoods Final Report

Introduction

Boise has been one of the fastest growing cities in the United States for the past few years according to multiple sources. Main drivers for the population growth include families or retirees moving from other cities/states in search of lower home prices and crime rates, and increasingly more new hires recruited by high-tech companies such as Micron Technology and ON semiconductor. In addition, with the COVID19 outbreak and therefore more companies allowing employees to work remotely from home, Boise has also attracted a lot of out-of-the-states employees that are based in other cities/states. With a growing population comes with a growing demand in restaurants, thus the aim of this project is to study the neighbourhoods in Boise to determine possible locations for opening new restaurants. This project can benefit business owners and entrepreneurs who want to expand their business and invest in Boise.

Data section

Data used in this project are collected from multiple sources, a summary of which is provided below.

The neighbourhood list is scrapped from the city of Boise development website: https://www.cityofboise.org/departments/planning-and-development-services/planning-and-zoning/comprehensive-planning/neighborhood-planning/neighborhood-almanac/ using BeautifulSoup. Data cleaning is performed to remove some inactive neighbourhoods as they are certainly not the ideal locations for any business.

Geographical coordinates are obtained from the GeoPy library in python for the neighbourhood list obtained above.

Venue data are extracted using the Foursquare API and then KMeans clustering is performed to find out the ideal locations for opening new restaurants.

Methodology

1. Import Python libraries to Jupiter Notebook.

```
|pip install geocoder
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|pip install folium

import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns
from geopy, geocoders import Nominatim
import requests
import requests
import folium
import matplotlib.cm as cm
import matplotlib.colors as colors
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

from sklearn.cluster import KMeans

from pandas.io.json import json_normalize
from sklearn.metrics import silhouette_score

from bs4 import Beautifulsoup
```

2. Neighbourhood data collection and preprocessing

Extract table elements by using BeautifulSoup:

```
: url = 'https://www.cityofboise.org/departments/planning-and-development-services/planning-and-zoning/comprehensive-planning/neighborhood-planning/neighb
html = requests.get(url)
soup = BeautifulSoup(html.content, "html5lib")
table=soup.find('table')
td = table.findAll('td')
td
```

By checking the table on the website and comparing it with the td elements, we know that the useful neighbourhood data is from 3,5,... in list td. Extract it with a for loop:

```
neigh = []
for i in np.arange(3,len(td),2):
    neigh_add = str(td[i]).strip('').strip('').split('<br/>')
    neigh.extend(neigh_add)
neigh
```

We notice that some neighbourhoods are labeled as "inactive". Remove those from the list:

```
: neigh_active = []
neigh_active.extend(x for x in neigh if 'inactive' not in x)
neigh_active
```

Converting this list to panda dataframe:

```
df = pd.DataFrame(neigh_active)
df.columns = ['Neighbourhoods']
df
```

Now the extraction and cleaning of neighbourhoods data has been completed. Next step is to obtain the geographical coordinates from geocoder:

```
: Lat = []
Lon = []

for neigh in df['Neighbourhoods']:
    g = geocoder.arcgis('{}, Boise, Idaho'.format(neigh))
    Lat.append(g.latlng[0])
Lon.append(g.latlng[1])
```

Add the geographical coordinates to the dataframe df. Also make a copy of Lat and Lon because geocoder sometimes will time out.

```
Lat_copy = Lat.copy()
Lon_copy = Lon.copy()

df['Latitude'] = Lat
df['Longitude'] = Lon

df
```

3. Exploratory Data visualization

```
address = "Boise, ID, USA"
geolocator = Nominatim(user_agent = "Boise_explorer")
location = geolocator.geocode(address)
Boise_lat = location.latitude
Boise_lon = location.longitude
```

```
map_Boise = folium.Map(location=[Boise_lat, Boise_lon], zoom_start=12)

for lat, lng, neigh in zip(df['Latitude'], df['Longitude'], df['Neighbourhoods']):
    label = '{}'.format(neigh)
    label = folium.Popup(label, parse_html=True)
    folium.circleMarker(
        [lat, lng],
        radius=5,
        popup=label,
        color='red',
        fill=True,
        fill_olor='#3183cc',
        fill_opacity=0.3,
        parse_html=False).add_to(map_Boise)
map_Boise
```



4. Obtaining venue info from FSQ API

Taking the first neighbourhood as an example and explore how the data is structured from FSQ API:

```
neighbourhood_name = df.loc[0, 'Neighbourhoods']
neighbourhood_lat = df.loc[0, 'Latitude']
neighbourhood_lon = df.loc[0, 'Longitude']
neighbourhood_name
```

Find 100 venues in 1km range:

```
LIMIT = 100
radius = 1000

url = 'https://api.foursquare.com/v2/venues/explore?&client_id={}&client_secret={}&v={}&ll={},{}&radius={}&limit={}'.format(
    CLIENT_ID,
    CLIENT_SECRET,
    VERSION,
    neighbourhood_lat,
    neighbourhood_lon,
    radius,
    LIMIT)

results = requests.get(url).json()
results
```

Define the get_category_type function from the course:

```
def get_category_type(row):
    try:
        categories_list = row['categories']
    except:
        categories_list = row['venue.categories']

if len(categories_list) == 0:
    return None
    else:
        return categories_list[0]['name']
```

Then clean the JSON object (pick the relavant data) and store data in a dataframe:

```
venues = results['response']['groups'][0]['items']
venues_df = pd.json_normalize(venues)
needed_columns = ['venue.name', 'venue.categories', 'venue.location.lat', 'venue.location.lng']
venues_df = venues_df.loc[:, needed_columns]
venues_df['venue.categories'] = venues_df.apply(get_category_type, axis=1)
venues_df.columns = [col.split(".")[-1] for col in venues_df.columns]
venues_df
```

	name	categories	lat	Ing
0	Peak Thermo King – Boise	Home Service	43.526572	-116.149991
1	Cummins Sales and Service	Automotive Shop	43.520874	-116.147346
2	Eurest dining	Café	43.525227	-116.145209
3	Micron 17C Cafeteria	Cafeteria	43.530095	-116.149415

We can see this is not a very good location as it only has 4 venues in total, 2 out of which are cafeteria, but we got an idea of how the data is structured overall and verified how to obtain relavant data. Now we can repeat it for every neighbourhood in the list:

```
def get_venues(names, lats, lons, radius=1000):
                 venues_list = []
                 for name, lat, lon in zip(names, lats, lons):
                                     url = 'https://api.foursquare.com/v2/venues/explore?&client_id={}\&client_secret={}\&v={}\&ll={},{}\&radius={}\&limit={}'.format(interpretable of the properties of the properti
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                                    results = requests.get(url).json()['response']['groups'][0]['items']
                                    venues_list.append([(
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item['venue']['location']['lat'],
item['venue']['location']['lng']) for item in results])
                 'Venue Lat',
'Venue Lon']
                 return(nearby_venues)
```

Boise_venues = get_venues(df['Neighbourhoods'],df['Latitude'],df['Longitude'],radius = 1000) Boise_venues 11: Neighbourhood Neighbourhood Lat Neighbourhood Lon Venue Venue Category Venue Lat Venue Lon 0 South Eisenman 43.522998 -116.26159 World Center for Birds of Prey Zoo 43.516729 -116.255983 1 South Eisenman 43.522998 -116.26159 El Rancho del Crabtreeio's Scenic Lookout 43.522603 -116.251302 -116.26159 Mad Swede Brewing Company Brewery 43.577719 -116.273188 2 Barber Valley 43 575474 43.575474 3 Barber Valley -116.26159 Gas Station 43.575330 -116.273377 Maverik Adventures First Stop 4 Barber Valley 43.575474 -116.26159 Sherwin-Williams Floorcovering Store Hardware Store 43.578249 -116.272041 586 Winstead Park 43.626460 -116.26159 The Original Sunrise Cafe Breakfast Spot 43.617996 -116.264910 587 Winstead Park 43 626460 -116 26159 Over 19 Adult Boutique 43.630121 -116.250441 588 Winstead Park 43 626460 -116.26159 State Liquor Store Garden City-111 Liquor Store 43.632321 -116.252388 589 Winstead Park 43.626460 -116.26159 Loose Screw Beer Co. Brewery 43.633308 -116.253609 590 Winstead Park 43.626460 -116.26159 Wine Bar 43.631646 -116.251452 Sturman's Wine & Cigar 591 rows × 7 columns

```
Boise_venues['Venue Category'].value_counts()
```

Name: Venue Category, Length: 102, dtype: int64

Check how many venues were returned for each neighbourhood to get a general idea of which neighbourhoods are more developed:

Boise_venues.groupby('Neighbourhood').Venue.count()

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    Boise Heights
   Borah
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    Centennial
   Central Bench
Central Foothills
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    Central Rim
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    Collister
   Depot Bench
Downtown Boise
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    East End
    Glenwood Rim
   Highlands
Hillcrest
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   Liberty Park
Lusk District
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   Morris Hill
North End
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    North West
    Pierce Park
   South Boise Village
South Cole
    South Eisenman
    Southeast Boise
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    Southwest Ada County Alliance
    Sunset
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    Veteran's Park
    Vista
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    Warm Springs Mesa
   West Bench
West Downtown
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   West End
West Valley
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    Winstead Park
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   Name: Venue, dtype: int64
```

Filter neighbourhoods with cafe-

Filter neighbourhoods with cafe:

```
food = Boise_venues['Venue Category'].str.contains('Restaurant|Bar|Café|Cafe|Pub|Cuisine', case=False, regex=True)
Boise_foodvenues = Boise_venues[food].reset_index(drop=True)
 Boise foodvenues['Neighbourhood'].value counts()
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    Downtown Boise
    Vista
    Central Rim
    Borah
    Central Bench
    Central Foothills
    West Downtown
Glenwood Rim
    Winstead Park
    Collister
    Morris Hill
    East End
    West Bench
    Boise Heights
    Liberty Park
    North End
    Highlands
    Depot Bench
Veteran's Park
    West End
    Southeast Boise
    Southwest Ada County Alliance
Lusk District
    Hillcrest
    Name: Neighbourhood, dtype: int64
```

We can see that the top neighbourhoods with a lot of resturants are Warm Spring Mesa, South Boise Village, Downtown Boise etc.

5. KMeans clustering

First need to do one-hot encoding:

```
Boise_onehot = pd.get_dummies(Boise_venues['Venue Category'])
Boise_onehot['Neighbourhood'] = Boise_venues['Neighbourhood']
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 Boise_onehot = Boise_onehot[columns]
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Then group by neighbourhood and take its mean:

```
Boise_onehot_grouped = Boise_onehot.groupby('Neighbourhood').mean().reset_index()
Boise_onehot_grouped.head()
```

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	Neighbourhood	АТМ	Accessories Store	Adult Boutique	Airport	Alternative Healer	American Restaurant	Aquarium	Arcade	Arts & Crafts Store	 Sushi Restaurant	Taco Place	Thai Restaurant	Thrift / Vintage Store	Toy / Game Store	Trail	Video Store	F.
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3	Centennial	0.000000	0.0	0.0000	0.0	0.000000	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.0	0.0	
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Sort the venues in descending order:

```
# method to sort venues
def return_most_common_venues(row, num_top_venues=10):
    row_categories = row.iloc[1:]
    row_categories_sorted = row_categories.sort_values(ascending=False)
    return row_categories_sorted.index.values[0:num_top_venues]
```

Create a new dataframe to display the top 10 venues for each neighbourhood

	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	10th Most Common Venue
0	Barber Valley	Construction & Landscaping	Hardware Store	Airport	Moving Target	Gas Station	Business Service	Automotive Shop	Brewery	Zoo	Food
1	Boise Heights	Smoke Shop	Gas Station	Lingerie Store	Pet Store	Fast Food Restaurant	Sandwich Place	Liquor Store	Dive Bar	Food Truck	Brewery
2	Borah	Fast Food Restaurant	Cosmetics Shop	Sandwich Place	ATM	Paintball Field	Gas Station	Clothing Store	Credit Union	Middle Eastern Restaurant	Ice Cream Shop
3	Centennial	Ice Cream Shop	Zoo	Food Truck	Department Store	Diner	Discount Store	Dive Bar	Eastern European Restaurant	Eye Doctor	Farmers Market
4	Central Bench	Fast Food Restaurant	Sandwich Place	ATM	Auto Garage	Gym	Gym / Fitness Center	Fruit & Vegetable Store	IT Services	Ice Cream Shop	Middle Eastern Restaurant

Now we are ready to run KMeans with 5 clusters:

```
kclusters = 5
Boise_onehot_clustering = Boise_onehot_grouped.drop('Neighbourhood',1)
# run k-means clustering
kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=kclusters, random_state=42).fit(Boise_onehot_clustering)
# add clustering labels
Boise_venues_sorted.insert(0, 'Cluster Labels', kmeans.labels_)
Boise_venues_sorted
3]:
```

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	2 0	Borah	Fast Food Restaurant	Cosmetics Shop	Sandwich Place	ATM	Paintball Field	Gas Station	Clothing Store	Credit Union	Middle Eastern Restaurant	Ice Cream Shop
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	4 0	Central Bench	Fast Food Restaurant	Sandwich Place	ATM	Auto Garage	Gym	Gym / Fitness Center	Fruit & Vegetable Store	IT Services	Ice Cream Shop	Middle Eastern Restaurant
	5 4	Central Foothills	Coffee Shop	Brewery	Gym	Bowling Alley	Harbor / Marina	Home Service	Juice Bar	Motorsports Shop	Nightclub	Greek Restaurant
	6 0	Central Rim	Gas Station	Pizza Place	Fast Food Restaurant	Pool Hall	Sandwich Place	Automotive Shop	Burger Joint	Mexican Restaurant	Furniture / Home Store	Burrito Place
	7 4	Collister	Gym	Coffee Shop	Harbor / Marina	Cosmetics Shop	Nightclub	Juice Bar	Automotive Shop	Motorsports Shop	Pet Store	American Restaurant
	8 0	Depot Bench	Cosmetics Shop	Spa	Gas Station	IT Services	Ice Cream Shop	Fruit & Vegetable Store	Middle Eastern Restaurant	Diner	Park	Clothing Store
	9 0	Downtown Boise	Pizza Place	Gas Station	Automotive Shop	Burger Joint	Pool Hall	Sandwich Place	Fast Food Restaurant	Hobby Shop	Furniture / Home Store	Mexican Restaurant
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Results and Discussion

Examine each cluster to see if it's suitable for restaurants:

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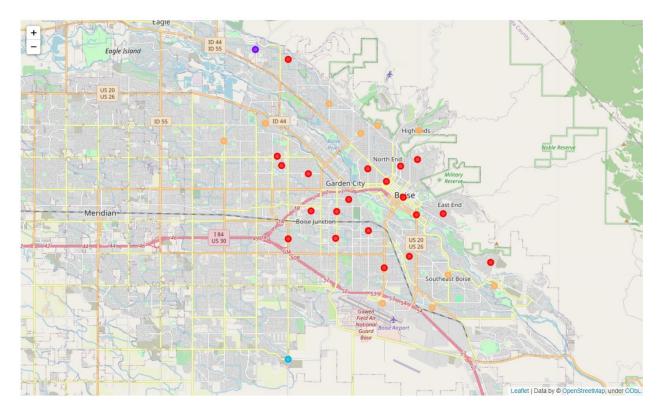
By checking the five clusters we obtained above, we notice that some of the clusters have more food related venues in their top 5 most common venues, while other clusters have a mixture of different venues. Neighbourhoods in cluster 0 are the most suitable for opening new restaurants. Finally we merge the coordinates back for plotting map.

```
Boise_venues_merged = df.copy()
Boise_venues_merged.rename(columns={'Neighbourhoods':'Neighbourhood'}, inplace=True)
Boise_venues_merged = Boise_venues_merged.join(Boise_venues_sorted.set_index('Neighbourhood'), on = 'Neighbourhood')
Boise_venues_merged.head()
```

```
# create map
map_clusters = folium.Map(location=[df["Latitude"][0], df["Longitude"][0]], zoom_start=12)

# set color scheme for the clusters
x = np.arange(kclusters)
ys = [i + x + (i*x)**2* for i in range(kclusters)]
colors_array = cm.rainbow(np.linspace(0, 1, len(ys)))
rainbow = [colors.rgb2hex(i) for i in colors_array]

# add markers to the map
markers_colors = []
for lat, lon, poi, cluster in zip(Boise_venues_merged['Latitude'], Boise_venues_merged['Longitude'], Boise_venues_merged['Neighbourhood'], Boise_venues_
label = folium.Popup(str(poi) + 'Cluster' + str(cluster), parse_html=True)
folium.CircleMarker(
    [lat, lon],
    radius=5,
    popup=label,
    color=rainbow[cluster-1],
    fill=True,
    fill_color=rainbow[cluster-1],
    fill_opacity=0.7).add_to(map_clusters)
```



Conclusion

This project demonstrated basic data science skills in the following aspects: business problem formulation, data collection, preprocessing, exploratory visualization, machine learning and data analysis. The neighbourhoods in Boise are analyzed to provide recommendations for potential business owners to open new restaurants.