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# 1 Exploration of Vancouver Trees

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# 1.1 Introduction

This notebook will be conducting an analysis for the Vancouver Trees dataset located in the small\_unique\_vancouver.csv file.

# 1.2 Import Packages

```
[1]: import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import altair as alt
import datetime as dt

from tree_functions import *
```

[2]: vancouver\_df = pd.read\_csv('small\_unique\_vancouver.csv', index\_col = 0)
display(vancouver\_df.head())

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	std_street	on_	_street	specie	es_name ne	ighbourhood	_name	\
10747	W 20TH AV	W 2	VA HTOS	PLAT <i>i</i>	ANOIDES	Riley	Park	
12573	W 18TH AV	W 1	VA HT81	CALI	LERYANA	Arbutus-	Ridge	
29676	ROSS ST	I	ROSS ST		NIGRA	S	unset	
8856	DOMAN ST	DO	OMAN ST	AME	ERICANA	Kill	arney	
21098	EAST BOULEVARD	EAST BOU	JLEVARD	HIPPOCA	ASTANUM	Shaugh	nessy	
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12573	1992-02-04	6.0		ODD	PYRU	S N		
29676	NaN	12.0		ODD	PINU	s n		
8856	1999-11-12	11.0		EVEN	FRAXINU	s n		
21098	NaN	15.5		ODD	AESCULU	S Y		
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12573	2323	7	Y	129645	CHANT	'ICLEER PEAR		

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           49.256350 -123.158709
           49.213486 -123.083254
    29676
    8856
           49.220839 -123.036721
    21098 49.238514 -123.154958
[3]: print(f'''There are {len(vancouver_df)} entries in the dataset.''')
```

'There are 5000 entries in the dataset.

# 1.2.1 Observe Outputs

Let's start by getting an understanding of the data sparsity (i.e. NULL values), as well as the column distributions.

#### [4]: display(vancouver\_df.info())

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Int64Index: 5000 entries, 10747 to 7450
Data columns (total 20 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	std_street	5000 non-null	object
1	on_street	5000 non-null	object
2	species_name	5000 non-null	object
3	neighbourhood_name	5000 non-null	object
4	date_planted	2363 non-null	object
5	diameter	5000 non-null	float64
6	street_side_name	5000 non-null	object
7	genus_name	5000 non-null	object
8	assigned	5000 non-null	object
9	civic_number	5000 non-null	int64
10	plant_area	4950 non-null	object
11	curb	5000 non-null	object
12	tree_id	5000 non-null	int64
13	common_name	5000 non-null	object
14	height_range_id	5000 non-null	int64

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15 on_street_block 5000 non-null int64
16 cultivar_name 2658 non-null object
17 root_barrier 5000 non-null object
18 latitude 5000 non-null float64
19 longitude 5000 non-null float64
```

dtypes: float64(3), int64(4), object(13)

memory usage: 820.3+ KB

None

**Data Sparsity** There are *NULL* occurrences in the date\_planted, plant\_area, cultivar\_name columns. Let's keep these for now to visualize the data in the entries without *NULL* values.

#### Non-Numeric Data

```
[5]: objects_df = vancouver_df.describe(include = 'object').T display(objects_df)
```

	count	unique	top	freq
std_street	5000	603	CAMBIE ST	52
on_street	5000	607	CAMBIE ST	49
species_name	5000	171	SERRULATA	463
neighbourhood_name	5000	22	Renfrew-Collingwood	384
date_planted	2363	1599	2004-02-16	7
street_side_name	5000	4	ODD	2554
genus_name	5000	67	ACER	1218
assigned	5000	2	N	4564
plant_area	4950	38	10	736
curb	5000	2	Y	4593
common_name	5000	361	KWANZAN FLOWERING CHERRY	383
cultivar_name	2658	176	KWANZAN	383
root_barrier	5000	2	N	4679

Observing the data stored as objects, there seem to be variation in distinct values for given columns.

The std\_street and on\_street column have greater than 600 distinct values and would not be good candidates for the EDA.

Looking at the date\_planted column, it seems that there are only 1599 distinct values in the entire dataset. This would entail repeated dates across the entries, which is rather interesting.

The curb and root\_barrier columns are binary in nature and should be one-hot encoded in our final analysis.

#### Numeric Data

[6]: numeric\_df = vancouver\_df.describe(include = np.number).T
 display(numeric\_df)

count mean std min \ diameter 5000.0 12.340888 9.266600 0.000000

civic_number	5000.0	297	5.707600	2078	.580429	2.00	0000
tree_id	5000.0	12868	2.584600	75412	.260406	36.00	0000
height_range_id	5000.0	:	2.734400	1	.569570	0.00	0000
on_street_block	5000.0	296	0.227000	2086	.861052	0.00	0000
latitude	5000.0	49	9.247349	0	.021251	49.20	2783
longitude	5000.0	-12	3.107128	0	.049137	-123.22	0560
		25%		50%		75%	max
diameter	4.0	00000	10.0	00000	18	.000000	71.000000
civic_number	1300.5	00000	2639.0	00000	4123	.000000	9113.000000
tree_id	61321.5	00000	130130.5	00000	191332	.000000	270750.000000
height_range_id	2.0	00000	2.0	00000	4	.000000	9.000000
on_street_block	1300.0	00000	2600.0	00000	4100	.000000	9100.000000
latitude	49.2	30152	49.2	247981	49	. 263275	49.293930
longitude	-123.1	44178	-123.1	.05861	-123	.063484	-123.023311

Observing the data stored as type np.number, there seem to be differences in std deviation for given columns.

Based on the std deviation of 75412.260406, the tree\_id column probably includes data for a unique identifier. We can use this to identify our trees, but it doesn't serve much other use for our EDA.

There is a very large std deviation for the civic\_number column, with the min value being 2 and the max being 9113. There is similar behavior in the on\_street\_block column, which very similar mean, min, and max values to civic\_number. I'm not particularly interested in these columns, but we can visualize the correlation.

The height\_range\_id column has a mean value, as well as a 25th and 50th percentile  $\sim 2$  which is interesting. I'd like to see the distribution of this column.

The latitude and longitude column have a std deviation less than 0.1, which would entail most trees being in the same vicinity. We can try using this data to see where trees are densely concentrated.

## 1.3 Questions of Interest

We want to explore this dataset to understand:

- What trees are commonly found in Vancouver?
- Where are trees located in Vancouver?
- How big are these trees?
- When were these trees planted?

#### 1.3.1 Columns of Interest

We are going to be visualizing the data in the following columns:

- genus\_name
- latitude
- longitude
- neighbourhood\_name

- height\_range\_id
- diameter
- date\_planted

```
[7]: vancouver_df = vancouver_df[
              'latitude', 'longitude', 'neighbourhood name',
              'genus name',
             'height_range_id', 'diameter', 'plant_area',
             'date planted'
         ]
     ]
[8]: display(vancouver_df.head())
     display(vancouver_df.tail())
                        longitude neighbourhood_name genus_name
                                                                   height_range_id
            latitude
           49.252711 -123.106323
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                                                                     CORNUS
    8777
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                                              Mount Pleasant
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                                                                    DAVIDIA
    7450
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```

#### 1.3.2 Data Transformation

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23489

7450

Prior to visualizing the dataset, we will be assigning the decade\_planted column to provide more meaning to the time periods in which trees were planted. This will also enable us to implement a decade\_planted filter to our visualizations.

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2003-12-02

NaN

```
[9]: vancouver_df = vancouver_df.assign(
         decade_planted = vancouver_df['date_planted'].apply(
             lambda x : f'''{(dt.datetime.strptime(x, '%Y-%m-%d').year // 10) *_
      \hookrightarrow 10s''' if x == x else np.nan
         )
     )
     display(vancouver_df.head())
     display(vancouver_df.tail())
                        longitude neighbourhood_name genus_name height_range_id
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                                        Arbutus-Ridge
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```

# 1.4 Analysis

#### 1.4.1 Q1: What trees are commonly found in Vancouver?

Let's plot the count of each genus\_name to visualize the most and least common trees within the city. Let's trim down the genus\_name visualized to include the 10 most and 10 least common trees.

```
[10]: genera_df = vancouver_df['genus_name'].value_counts() \
    .sort_values(ascending = False) \
    .to_frame() \
    .assign(total_trees = len(vancouver_df))
```

```
genera_df = genera_df.reset_index()
      genera_df.columns = ['genus_name', 'number_of_trees', 'total_trees']
      display(genera_df.head())
       genus_name number_of_trees total_trees
     0
             ACER
                              1218
                                            5000
     1
           PRUNUS
                               1050
                                            5000
     2
                                            5000
         FRAXINUS
                                238
                                            5000
     3
            TILIA
                                238
     4
          QUERCUS
                                            5000
                                218
[11]: fig_num = 1
[12]: most_common_plot, fig_num = get_genera_plot(
          effective_df = vancouver_df,
          subtitle = 'Most Common Vancouver Tree Genera',
          most_common = True,
          fig_num = fig_num
      )
[13]: least_common_plot, _ = get_genera_plot(
          effective_df = vancouver_df,
          subtitle = 'Least Common Vancouver Tree Genera',
          most_common = False
      )
[14]: base_genera_plot = (most_common_plot | least_common_plot)
      genera_plot = base_genera_plot \
      .configure_legend(
        orient = 'right',
        titleFontSize = 15,
        labelFontSize = 12
      ).configure_axis(
          labelFontSize = 10, titleFontSize = 15
      ).configure_mark(
        stroke = 'black',
        strokeOpacity = 1,
        strokeWidth = 0.8
      ).configure_axis(
          labelFontSize = 10, titleFontSize = 15
      ).configure title(
          fontSize = 25
      display(genera_plot)
```

#### alt.HConcatChart(...)

#### From Figure 1:

- The 10 most common tree genera amount to  $\sim 74.96\%$  of the total trees in Vancouver.
  - It's noticable that greater than 45% of trees are either Acer or Prunus.
- The 10 least common tree genera amount to  $\sim 0.22\%$  of the total trees in Vancouver.
  - The g least common tree genera have only 1 tree in Vancouver, while the 10th least common tree genera has 2 trees in Vancouver.
- We might want to look into what other features these trees tend to share.

Q2: Where are trees located in Vancouver? Let's bin the latitude and longitude coordinates in a heatmap to visualize the tree density within a given area.

```
[15]: base_coordinates_plot = alt.Chart(
          vancouver df,
          title = alt.TitleParams(
              text = f'Figure {fig_num} : Location of Vancouver Trees',
              subtitle = ['Latitude and Longitude Heatmap'],
              anchor = 'start', fontSize = 25, subtitleFontSize = 20
      ).mark_bar().encode(
          x = alt.X('latitude:Q', title = 'Latitude', bin = alt.Bin(maxbins = 15)),
          y = alt.Y('longitude:Q', title = 'Longitude', bin = alt.Bin(maxbins = 15)),
          color = alt.Color(
              'count():Q', scale = alt.Scale(scheme = 'viridis', reverse = True),
              legend = alt.Legend(
                  title = 'Number of Trees',
                  titleFontSize = 14, labelFontSize = 12
              ),
          ),
          tooltip = [alt.Tooltip('count():Q', title = 'Number of Trees')]
      ).properties(
          width = 600, height = 500
      coordinates_plot = base_coordinates_plot \
      .configure mark(
        stroke = 'black',
        strokeOpacity = 1,
        strokeWidth = 1.25,
      ).configure axis(
          labelFontSize = 15, titleFontSize = 17.5
      ).configure_title(
          fontSize = 25
      fig_num += 1
```

```
display(coordinates_plot)
```

alt.Chart(...)

From Figure 2:

- We observe that trees are generally distributed rather evenly.
- It's noticable that there are 230 trees within  $49.250 \le 29.260$  and  $-123.120 \le 29.260$  and -123.120.
- There are fewer trees located around the edges of the map, with the exception of  $49.220 \le 1$  latitude  $\le 49.290$  and  $-123.040 \le 1$  longitude  $\le -123.020$ .

# 1.4.2 Q3: What Sizes are Vancouver Trees? Is there a Relationship Between Diameter and Height Range ID?

Let's plot the diameter and height\_range\_id columns to visualize the relationship between the two properties. This might act as a proxy for determining whether trees occupying a greater area also tend to be taller.

```
[16]: base_sizes_heatmap = alt.Chart(
          vancouver df
      ).mark circle().encode(
          x = alt.X(f'diameter:Q', title = 'Diameter', bin = alt.Bin(maxbins = 15)),
          y = alt.Y(f'height_range_id:Q', title = 'Height Range Id', bin = alt.
       \rightarrowBin(maxbins = 15)),
          color = alt.Color(
              'count():Q', scale = alt.Scale(
                  scheme = 'viridis', reverse = True,
              ),
              legend = alt.Legend(
                  title = 'Number of Trees',
                  titleFontSize = 14, labelFontSize = 12,
                  orient = 'right', direction = 'vertical'
              ),
          ),
          size = alt.Size('count():Q'),
          tooltip = [alt.Tooltip('count():Q', title = 'Number of Trees')]
      ).properties(
        title = alt.TitleParams(
          text = f'Figure {fig_num} : Vancouver Tree Size Dimensions',
          subtitle = ['Relationship Between Diameter and Height Range ID'],
          anchor = 'start', fontSize = 25, subtitleFontSize = 20
        ), width = 600, height = 500
      sizes_heatmap = base_sizes_heatmap \
      .configure_mark(
        stroke = 'black',
        strokeOpacity = 1,
```

```
strokeWidth = 0.5
).configure_axis(
    labelFontSize = 15, titleFontSize = 17.5
)

fig_num += 1
display(sizes_heatmap)
```

#### alt.Chart(...)

#### From Figure 3:

- Trees tend towards lower diameter values and 5 <= height\_range\_id <= 10.
  - There is a slight positive relationship between diameter and height\_range\_id where  $\theta$  <= diameter <= 25 and 1.0 <= height\_range\_id <= 5.0.
    - \* More trees seem to tend towards having feature values in the lower bins of this domain.
  - There are 959 trees with  $\theta \le \text{diameter} \le 5$  and  $\theta \le \text{height\_range\_id} \le 2.0$ .

# 1.4.3 Q4: What neighborhoods have the largest trees? What about the smallest trees?

Let's look at the breakdown of this data for both diameter and height\_range\_id by neighborhood\_name.

```
[17]: base_neighbourhoods_plot = alt.Chart(
          vancouver df,
          width = 300, height = 350
      ).mark boxplot().encode(
          x = alt.X(alt.repeat(), type = 'quantitative'),
          y = alt.Y('neighbourhood_name:N', title = 'Neighbourhoods'),
      ).repeat(
          ['diameter', 'height_range_id'],
          columns = 3
      ).properties(
          title = alt.TitleParams(
              text = f'Figure {fig_num} : Vancouver Tree Sizes in Different ∪
       →Neighbourhoods',
              subtitle = ['Diameters and Height Range ID Distributions'],
              anchor = 'start', fontSize = 25, subtitleFontSize = 20
          )
      )
      neighbourhoods_plot = base_neighbourhoods_plot \
      .configure_mark(
        stroke = 'black',
        strokeOpacity = 1,
        strokeWidth = 0.5
      ).configure_axis(
```

```
labelFontSize = 12, titleFontSize = 15
).configure_title(
   fontSize = 10
)

fig_num += 1
display(neighbourhoods_plot)
```

#### alt.RepeatChart(...)

#### From Figure 4:

- For diameter:
  - Most regions tend to have ~10 <= median diameter <= ~15
  - All regions have a 75th percentile diameter  $\leq 24$ .
  - The *Downtown* region has a lower range of  $4 \le \text{diameter} \le 10$  between 25th and 75th percentiles.
- For height\_range\_id:
  - There seem to be 2 buckets of neighbourhood\_names:
    - \* Have a higher 75th percentile >= 4
    - \* Have a lower 75th percentile  $\sim 3$ .

### 1.4.4 Q5: How did tree sizes change by decade?

```
[18]: base_decades_plot = alt.Chart(
          vancouver df,
          width = 300, height = 350
      ).mark_area(opacity = 0.5).encode(
          x = alt.X(alt.repeat(), type = 'quantitative', bin = alt.Bin(maxbins = 15)),
          y = alt.Y('count():Q', title = 'Number of Trees', stack = None),
          color = alt.Color(
              'decade_planted:0', scale = alt.Scale(
                  scheme = 'tableau10', reverse = False,
              ),
              legend = alt.Legend(
                  title = 'Decade Planted',
                  titleFontSize = 14, labelFontSize = 12
              ),
          )
      ).repeat(
          ['diameter', 'height_range_id'], columns = 2
      ).properties(
          title = alt.TitleParams(
              text = f'Figure {fig_num} : Vancouver Tree Sizes in Different Decades',
              subtitle = ['Diameters and Height Range ID Distributions'],
              anchor = 'start', fontSize = 25, subtitleFontSize = 20
```

```
decades_plot = base_decades_plot \
.configure_mark(
   stroke = 'black',
   strokeOpacity = 1,
   strokeWidth = 0.8
).configure_axis(
   labelFontSize = 12, titleFontSize = 15
).configure_title(
   fontSize = 10
)

fig_num += 1
display(decades_plot)
```

#### alt.RepeatChart(...)

From Figure 5:

- There are a great number of unidentified date\_planted and decade\_planted values.
  - These trees appear to have distributions with higher values for diameter and height\_range\_id.
- For the identified decade\_planted values, it seems that:
  - The 2000s and 2010s have a great number of trees with lower values for diameter and height\_range\_id.
  - The 1980s and 1990s have a similar number of trees with relatively higher values for diameter and height\_range\_id.

# 2 Further Questions

I would like to explore the data in these charts when filtered for criteria including:

- neighbourhood\_names with the most trees
- most common genus\_names
- decade\_planted across the dataset

A few questions start to emerge when looking at data for the columns we've considered for size, as well as trends over time.

- Do trees of the same genus\_name have similar numerical features?
- Do trees with the same neighbourhood name tend to have the same genus names?
- Where are more trees being planted over time?
- Has the tree density by latitude and longitude changed over time?

#### 2.1 Interactive Dashboard

Let's create a dashboard from the visuals above in order to start investigating these questions.

```
[19]: neighbourhoods_select = alt.selection_single(
    fields = ['neighbourhood_name'],
```

```
bind = {
              'neighbourhood_name' : alt.binding_select(
                  name = 'Neighbourhoods',
                  options = list(
                      vancouver_df.groupby('neighbourhood_name')['genus_name'] \
                           .agg('count').sort_values(ascending = False) \
                           .reset_index()['neighbourhood_name']
                  )[:10]
              )
          }
      )
[20]: decades_select = alt.selection_single(
          fields = ['decade_planted'],
          bind = {
              'decade_planted' : alt.binding_radio(
                  name = 'Decades',
                  options = sorted([decade for decade in_
       →vancouver_df['decade_planted'].unique() if decade == decade])
          }
      )
[21]: genus_select = alt.selection_multi(fields=['genus_name'])
[22]: | coordinates_plot = base_coordinates_plot \
      .add_selection(
          decades_select
      ).add_selection(
          neighbourhoods_select
      ).add_selection(
          genus_select
      ).transform_filter(
          decades select
      ).transform_filter(
          neighbourhoods select
      ).transform_filter(
          genus_select
      )
      coordinates_plot.title.text = coordinates_plot.title.text.split(' : ', 1)[-1]
[23]: most_common_plot = most_common_plot.encode(
          opacity = alt.condition(genus_select, alt.value(1), alt.value(0.2)),
          tooltip = [
              alt.Tooltip('count():Q', title = 'Number of Trees')
          ]
```

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).properties(
          width = 600, height = 500
      ).add_selection(
          genus_select
      ).transform_filter(
          decades_select
      ).transform_filter(
          neighbourhoods_select
      most_common_plot.title.text = 'Most Common Vancouver Tree Genera'
      most_common_plot.title.subtitle = 'Number of Trees Planted'
[24]: sizes_heatmap = base_sizes_heatmap \
      .properties(
          width = 350, height = 350
      ).transform filter(
          neighbourhoods_select
      ).transform_filter(
          genus_select
      )
      sizes_heatmap.title.text = sizes_heatmap.title.text.split(' : ', 1)[-1]
[25]: decades_plot = base_decades_plot \
      .transform_filter(
          decades_select
      ).transform_filter(
          neighbourhoods_select
      ).transform filter(
          genus_select
      decades_plot.title.text = decades_plot.title.text.split(' : ', 1)[-1]
[26]: | trees_dashboard = (
        (coordinates_plot | most_common_plot).resolve_scale(
          color = 'independent', size = 'independent'
        ) & (sizes_heatmap | decades_plot).resolve_scale(
          color = 'independent', size = 'independent'
      ).configure_mark(
        stroke = 'black', strokeOpacity = 1, strokeWidth = 0.5
      ).configure_axis(
          labelFontSize = 15, titleFontSize = 17.5
      ).properties(
          title = alt.TitleParams(
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text = f'Trees in Vancouver Metropolitan Area', fontSize = 65, anchor =

→'middle'

)

display(trees_dashboard)
```

alt.VConcatChart(...)

#### 2.2 Visualizations

#### 2.2.1 Choices

In order to visualize the density of data points, we have used both a traditional **heatmap** and **circle plot** of varying colors and sizes. The *viridis* color scheme enables the clear distinction of changes in density, complemented by a legend.

We have also used a **histogram** to visualize the number\_of\_trees per genus\_name in the effective dataset. This acts as a simple means of displaying the breakdown of tree genera, while also acting as a dashboard filter.

To compare the diameter and height\_range\_id distributions, we have layered the data by decade\_planted in a translucent area chart. Since we are implementing color to highlight the nominal decade\_planted feature here, we are using the *tableau10* color scheme.

#### 2.2.2 Potential Improvements

When arranged in a dashboard, the **heatmap** and **circle plot** are not aligned. This may be visually jarring and could be improved through ensuring consistency of height and width.

Another improvement would be to ensure that axes are fixed for decade\_planted filter selections in the area chart. This filter can be used to help remove unnecessary decade\_planted data. This would cause easier visual transitions on the area chart as we look at effective decade\_planted values. Consequently, the area chart would also be more accommodating to users with visual deficiencies.

#### 3 Discussion

We have intentionally decided to visualize the charts in a dashboard prior to our final discussion. This enables us to answer the subsequent questions which arose from our initial analysis.

# 3.1 Summary

- Across all neighbourhood\_name, decade\_planted, and genus\_name values, we observe that
   :
  - The fields diameter and height\_range\_id have a relatively stronger positive correlation where there are lower values for both features.
  - There are a great number of unidentified date\_planted and decade\_planted values.
    - \* These trees have distributions with higher values for diameter and height\_range\_id.

- \* For identified decade\_planted values, it seems the diameter and height\_range\_id are decreasing post 2000s.
- Trees are generally distributed rather evenly across the latitude and longitude coordinates, however the density is greater in the center of the map.
- The 10 most common tree genera amount to  $\sim 74.96\%$  of the total trees in Vancouver.
  - \* It's noticable that greater than 45% of trees are either Acer or Prunus.

#### 3.1.1 Tree Genera

- Considering the dominant Acer and Prunus genus\_name:
  - The Acer trees tend to have lower diameter and height\_range\_id values and exhibit a positive relationship similar to the entire dataset.
    - \* The *Acer* trees are clearly exhibit decreasing diameter and height\_range\_id values over time.
  - The *Prunus* trees have a similar relationship, but there is a cluster of  $10 \le \text{diameter} \le 20$  and  $2.0 \le \text{height_range_id} \le 3.5$ .
    - \* There are a great deal of unidentified date\_planted and decade\_planted values for *Prunus* trees.

#### 3.1.2 Neighbourhoods

- The most common genus\_name are relatively present in all of the high-density neighbour-hoods.
  - Either Acer or Prunus are the most common genus\_name.
  - Dunbar-Southlands, Sunset, Victoria-Fraserview, and Marpole have a greater number of Prunus trees than Acer trees.
    - \* There are ~2 times as many Prunus trees than Acer trees in Victoria-Fraserview.

# 3.1.3 Location

- In the 1990s, there were 25 trees planted at the top edge of the map where  $49.230 \le 1$  latitude  $\le 49.240$  and  $-123.040 \le 1$  longitude  $\le -123.020$ .
- There was another cluster of 71 trees planted in the 1990s where 49.210 <=latitude <= 49.230 and -123.140 <=longitude <= -123.100.
  - In the 2000s, there were ~130 trees planted where  $49.210 \le 1$  atitude  $\le 49.220$  and  $-123.120 \le 1$  longitude  $\le -123.060$ .
  - In the 2010s, more trees were planted where  $49.210 \le 1$  latitude  $\le 49.220$  and  $123.100 \le 1$  longitude  $\le -123.080$ .
  - Trees are consistently planted in this general vicinity.

#### 3.2 Unanswered Questions

In order to understand where trees are being planted over time, it would make sense to visualize the **time-series** data of number\_of\_trees and compare this for different neighbourhood\_name values. Another question which arises from the dashboard is whether neighbourhood\_name or latitude/longitude coordinates are the better indicator for tree location. These could be better explored in a subsequent analysis. We could visualize the data in a map of Vancouver to get a clear understanding.

# 3.3 References

The data were obtained from The city of Vancouver's Open Data Portal and follows an Open Government Licence – Vancouver.

These additional resources provide the theory and code segments for the  $Analysis\ Report$  in this notebook :

- Data Visualization
- Machine Learning Final Project
- Python for Data Science Final Project