Data Literacy

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Analysis and Visualization of 2018 Central Park Squirrel Census - Squirrel Data

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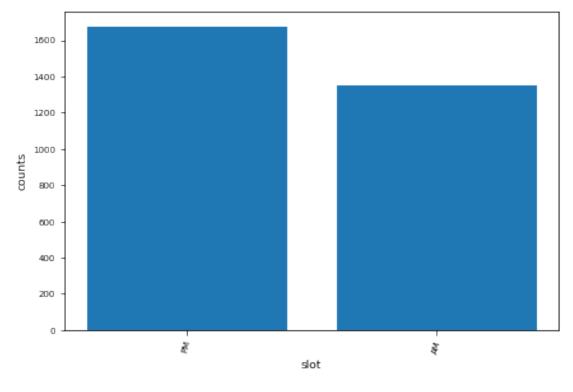
In 2018 there has been a census of the population of squirrels in the New York Central Park. In this paper, we analyze and visualize this publicly available data to investigate patterns in squirrel color and behaviour.

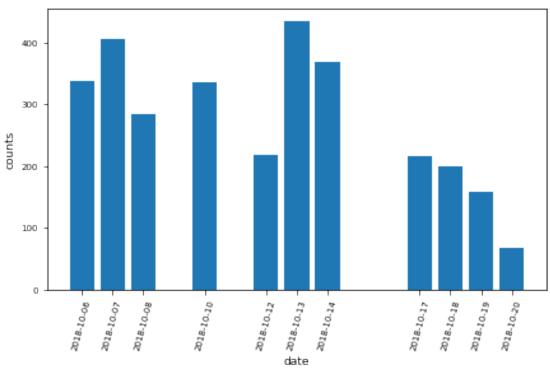
For multiple years now, a census has been made of the New York Central Park squirrel population. The data is collected with the help of volunteers, who name themselves Squirrel Sighters and made available to the public on their webpage. In this paper we will work with the data from the 2018 Central Park Squirrel Census. It was collected by 323 volunteers and comprises a total of 3023 squirrel sightings. These do not necessarily represent unique squirrels and the official estimate is instead 2373, for a more precise estimate however, tagging would likely be required. For our project, we have chosen to look into a variety of distributions potentially present in the data and visualized a selection of them.

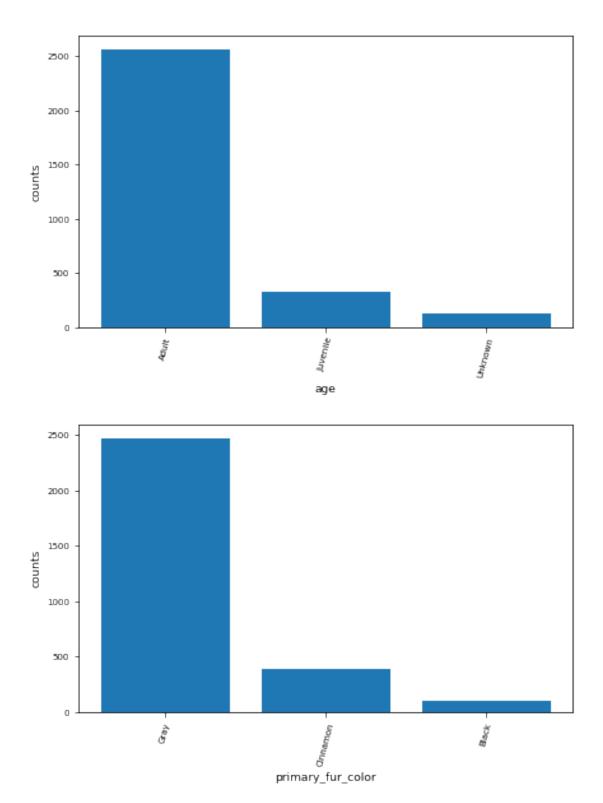
Importing Packages

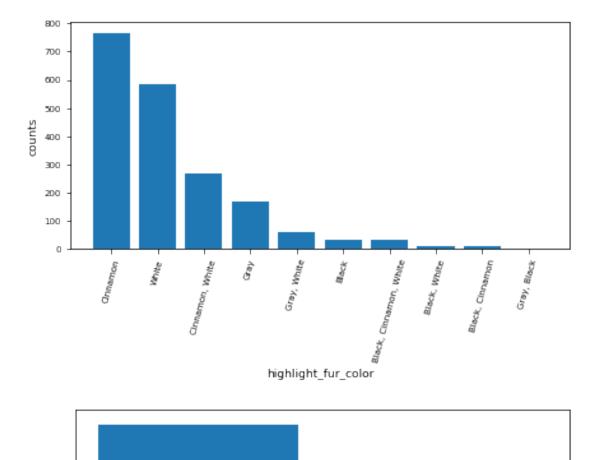
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import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from matplotlib.pvplot import cm
from matplotlib.axes._axes import _log as matplotlib_axes logger
matplotlib axes logger.setLevel('ERROR')
!pip install tueplots
from tueplots import bundles
plt.rcParams.update(bundles.neurips2021(usetex=False))
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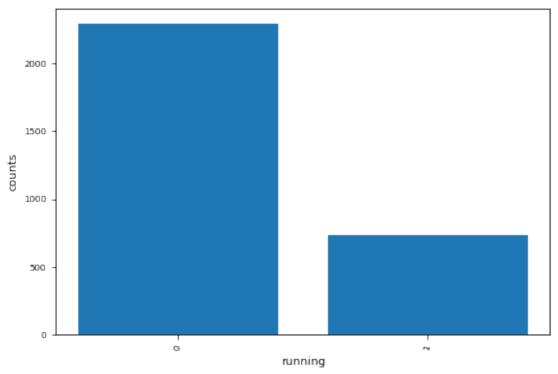
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from src.utils import *
from src.make plots import *
from src.pred utils import *
from src.condProb import *
Data deployment
url =
"https://raw.githubusercontent.com/rfordatascience/tidytuesday/master/
data/2019/2019-10-29/nyc squirrels.csv"
nyc squirrels = pd.read csv(url)
nyc squirrels.rename(columns={'shift': 'slot'}, inplace=True)
nyc squirrels.head()
                    lat ... city council districts police precincts
        long
0 -73.956134 40.794082 ...
                                                   19
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1 -73.957044 40.794851
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2 -73.976831 40.766718
3 -73.975725 40.769703
                                                  19
                                                                    13
4 -73.959313 40.797533 ...
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[5 rows x 36 columns]
Data cleaning
Dealing with unwanted entries, dropping the unwanted columns
nyc squirrels = dataset fix(nyc squirrels)
Counting plots
Counting individual features to see what is in the data
plot counts(nyc squirrels)
interest_list = ['slot', 'date', 'age', 'primary_fur_color',
       'highlight fur color', 'running', 'chasing', 'climbing',
'eating',
        foraging', 'kuks', 'quaas', 'moans', 'tail flags',
       'tail twitches', 'approaches', 'indifferent', 'runs from']
for c in interest list:
  plot counts(nyc squirrels, plotted feature=c, save fig=False)
Number of observations is 3023.
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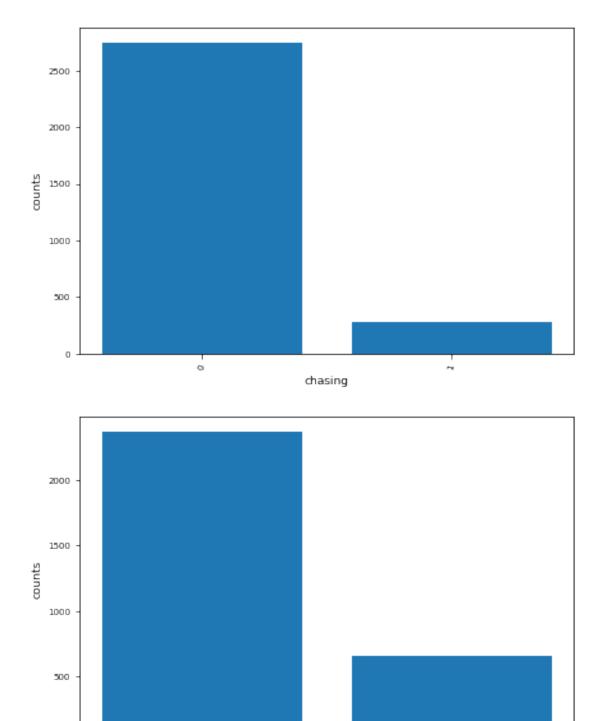




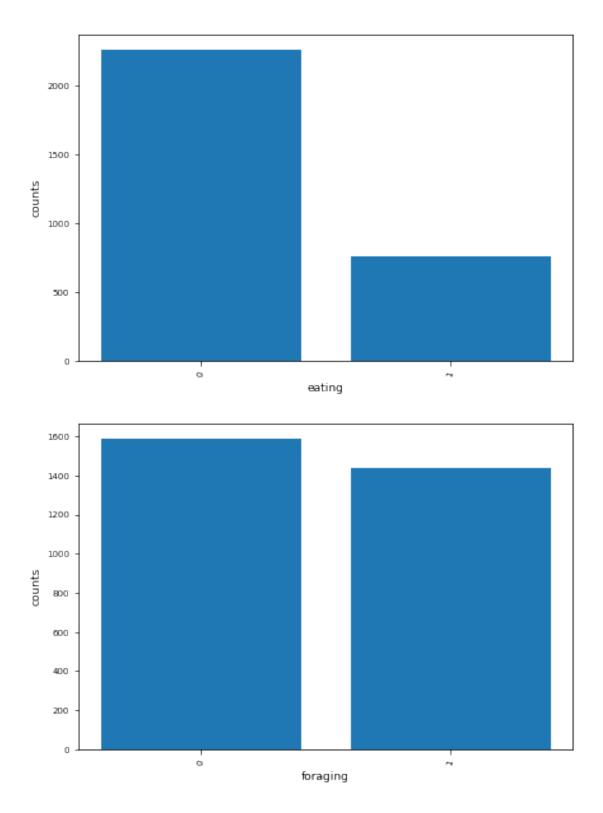


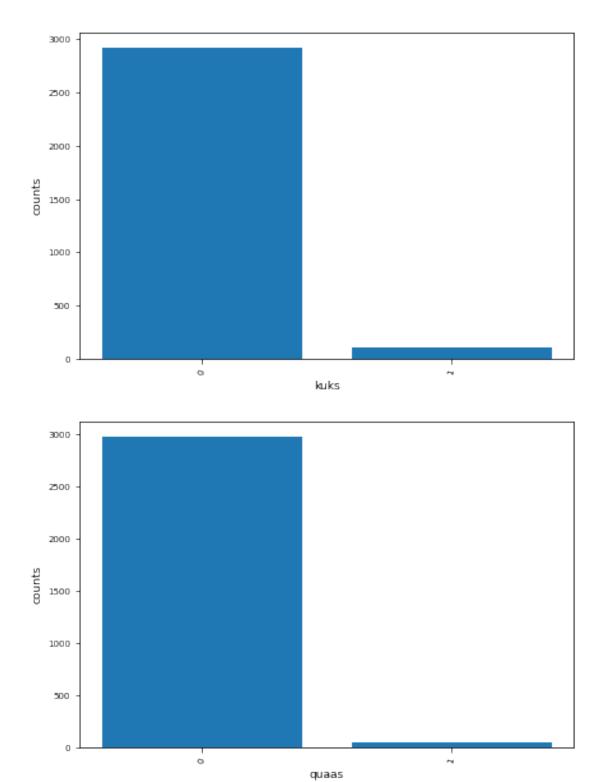


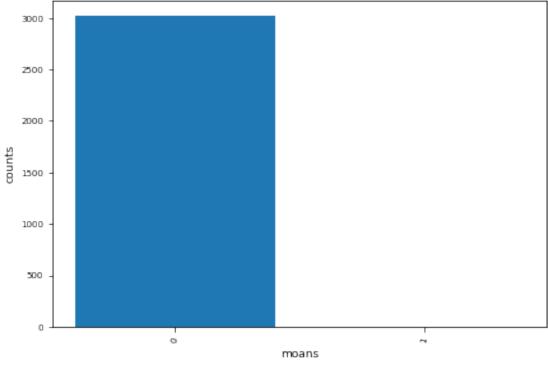


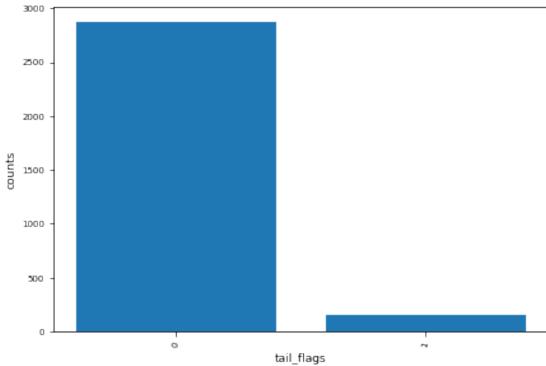


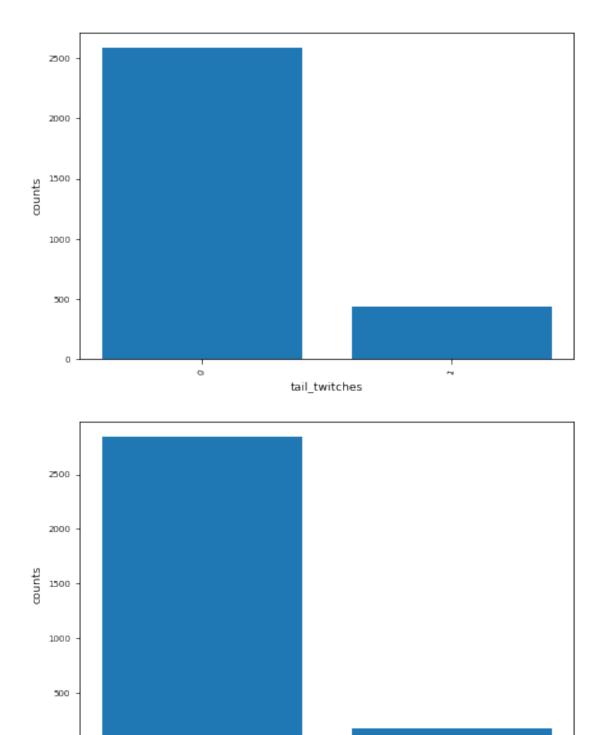
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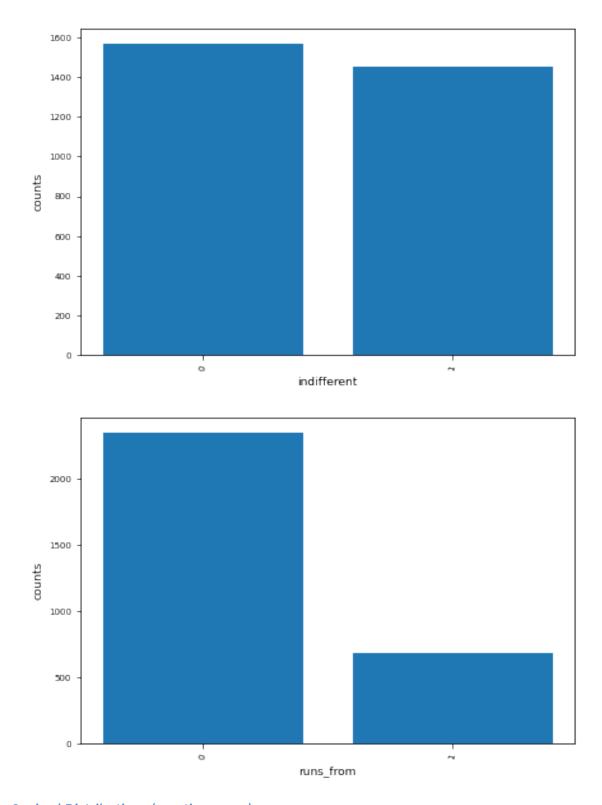








approaches

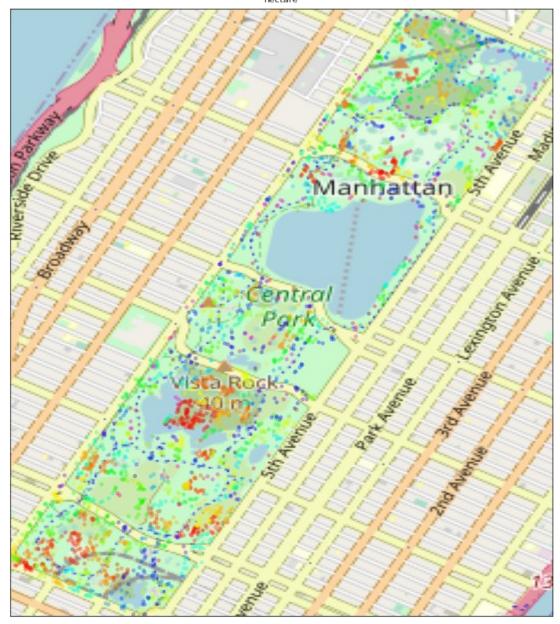


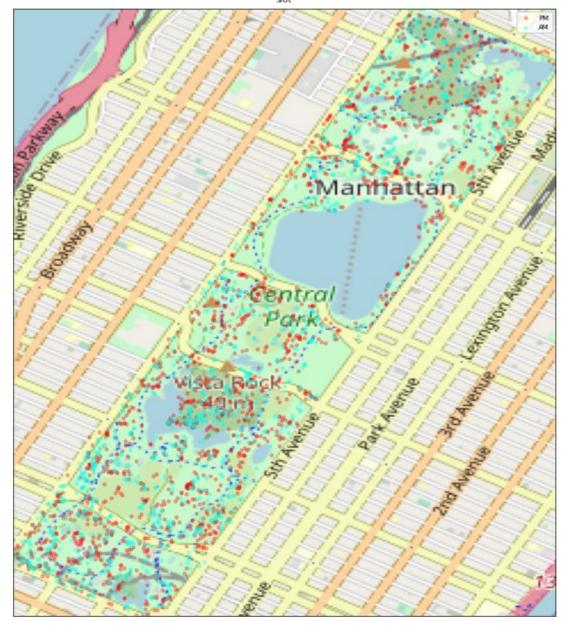
Squirrel Distributions (creating maps)

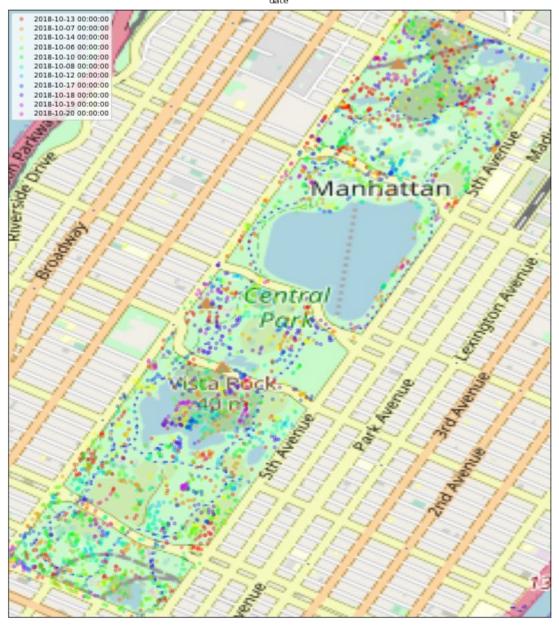
The first approach we chose was to visualize the squirrels on a map of Central Park. Our initial step was to simply add a dot for each squirrel at its latitude and longitude

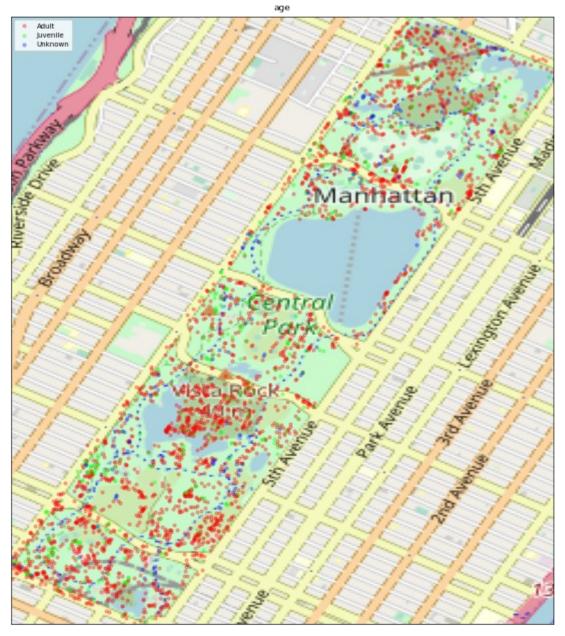
coordinates. A later stage with dots coloured according to squirrel color can be seen. It makes obvious the prevalence of the Eastern grey squirrel (Sciurus carolinensis). Other maps showed the Time of Day the squirrel was sighted, the date or whether it was a juvenile or an adult. Notable information that can be gleaned from this is that squirrels particular seem to favour the area around Vista Rock. This is possibly due to it being a spot where people frequently stop for some time, meaning more food is available, either from visitors or from the trash. Another important observation can be even though the most populated area is the Vista Rock, it is not as much as populated by black squirrels.







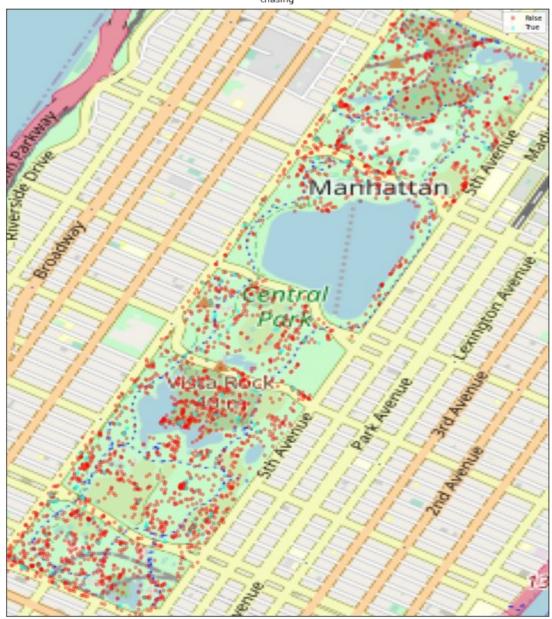


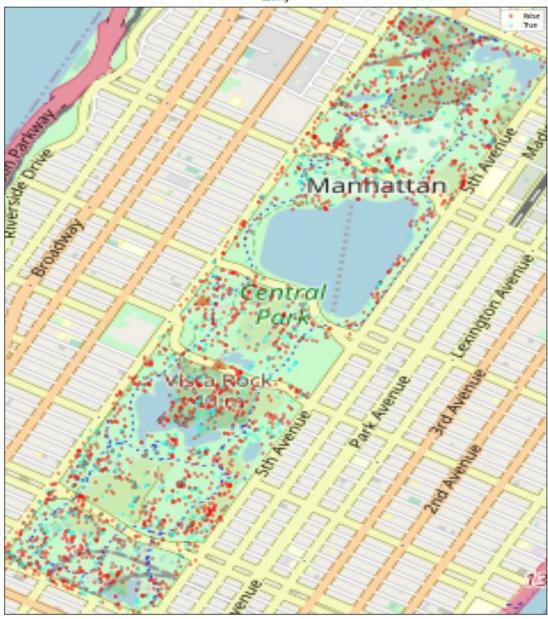


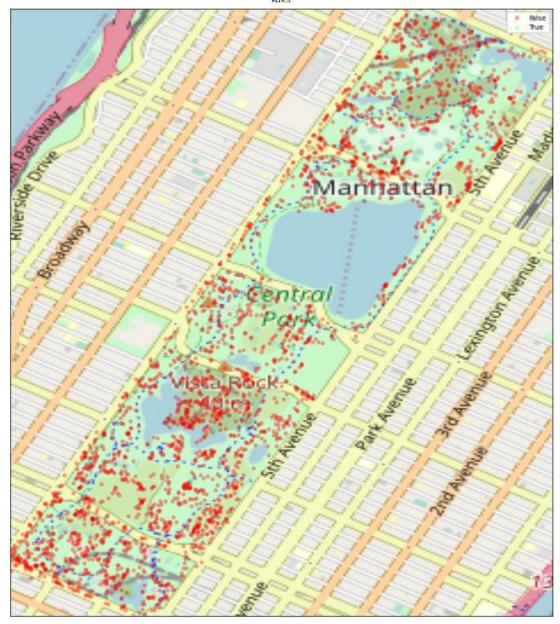


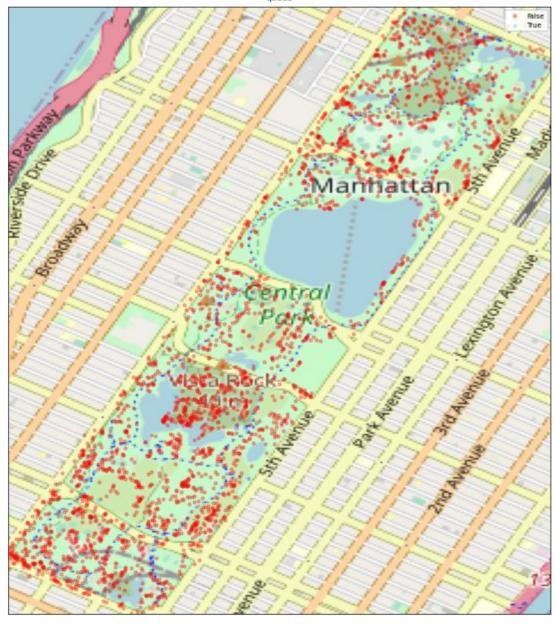
highlight_fur_color

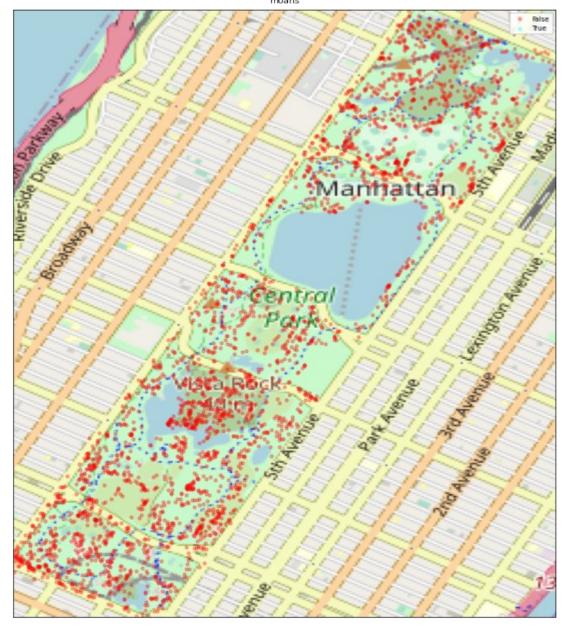


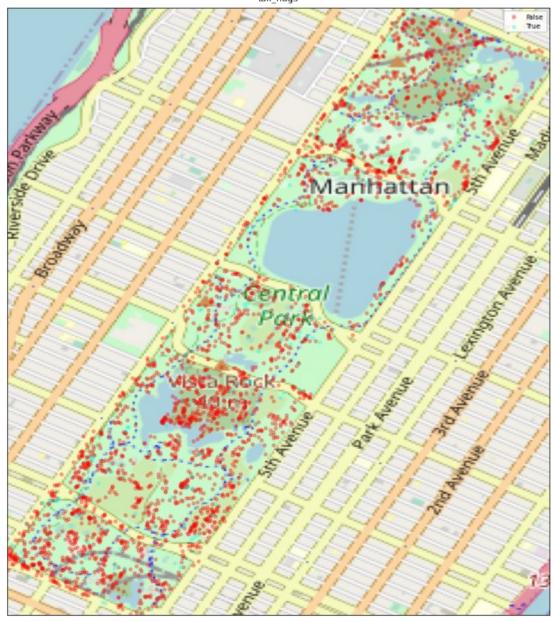


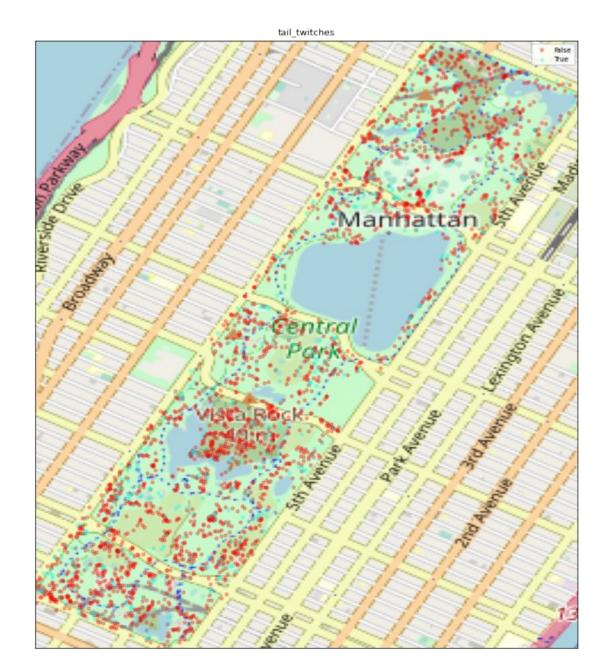


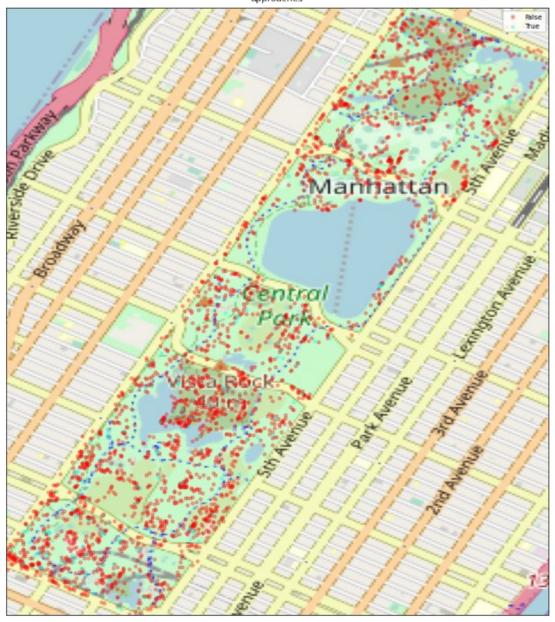


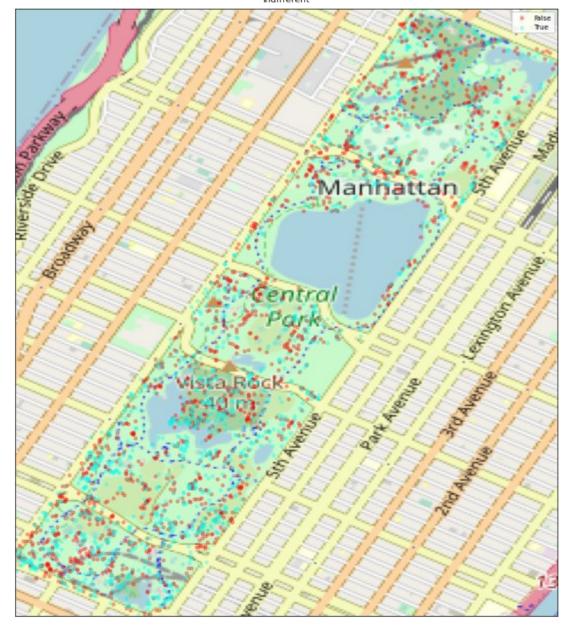


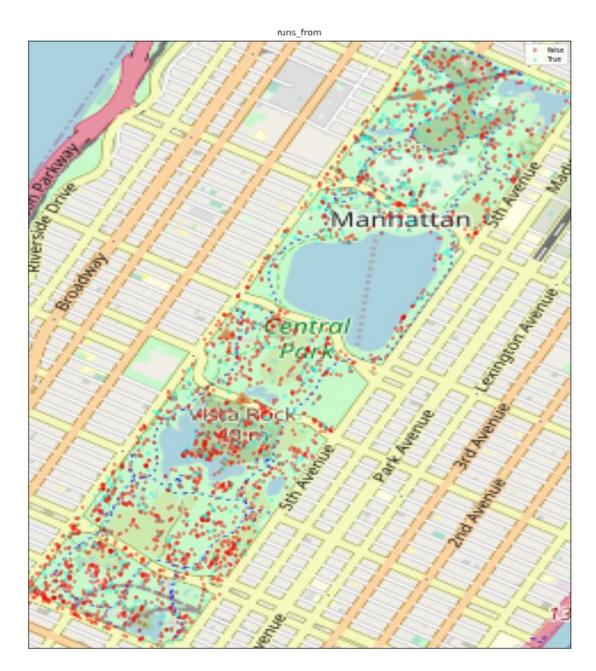






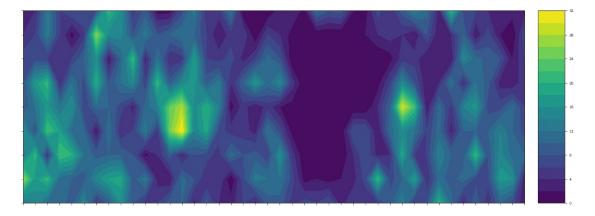






We also created a heat-map from the same data, by not using the coordinate information but hectare information, which can be seen in Fig. \ref{heatmap}. Despite being stripped of the identifying information of the geography of Central Park, it lets us guess at not only the the shape of the park but also the altitude even though the altitude information is not given at all in the data. The presence of the squirrels forms a kind of topographical map of the park. Especially, from the top-right of Fig. \ref{colormap}, it can be seen that squirrels with black primary color creates contours of the map.

heatmap(nyc_squirrels, save_fig=False)



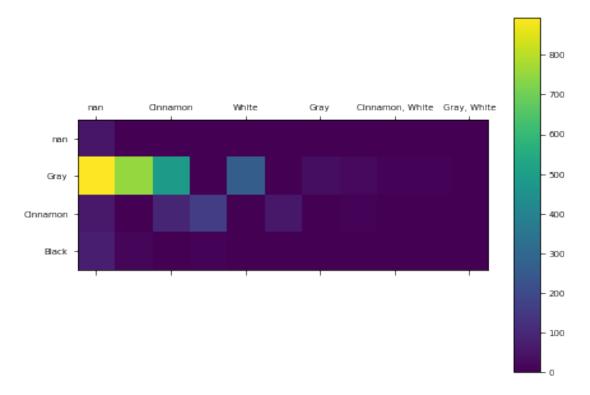
Fur Colors

Next, we took a closer look at the different colors of the squirrels. Each squirrel has one of three primary colors (Gray, Cinnamon, Black) or None if the recorder failed to identify the color. Each squirrel can then have any combination of those 3 colors or White as a highlight color (including having no highlight color at all). The split of highlight colors over the three primary colors is shown. None was omitted as the only highlight color recorded was None. Even after taking into consideration that primary and highlight color can not match, it is evident that the highlight colors follow different distribution depending on the primary color. Cinnamon squirrels show the highest variety in highlight color, with white, gray and cinnamon all being prevalent. Cinnamon is especially the only primary color with a significant level of tricolored squirrels. Black squirrels are primarily mono-colored with some few individuals having cinnamon or gray highlights.

```
color_combo = nyc_squirrels[['primary_fur_color',
'highlight fur color']]
color combo['num primary'] = [numColor(item) for item in
color combo['primary fur color']]
color combo['num highlight'] = [numColor(item) for item in
color combo['highlight fur color']]
primaryHighlightCombination = pd.DataFrame(\
                                            np.zeros([4,11]),\
index=color combo.primary fur color.unique(),\
columns=color combo.highlight fur color.unique())
for i in range(color combo.shape[0]):
  item = color combo.iloc[i]
  prim = item['primary fur color']
  high = item['highlight fur color']
  primaryHighlightCombination.at[prim, high] += 1
fig = plt.figure()
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ax = fig.add subplot(111)
cax = ax.matshow(primaryHighlightCombination)
fig.colorbar(cax)
ax.set xticklabels(['']
+color combo.highlight fur color.unique().tolist())
ax.set yticklabels(['']
+color combo.primary fur color.unique().tolist())
plt.show()
plt.savefig("fig/fur relations.pdf",bbox inches="tight")
/usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages/ipykernel launcher.py:2:
SettingWithCopyWarning:
A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
Try using .loc[row indexer,col indexer] = value instead
See the caveats in the documentation:
https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user guide/indexing.html#
returning-a-view-versus-a-copy
/usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages/ipykernel_launcher.py:3:
SettingWithCopyWarning:
A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
Try using .loc[row indexer,col indexer] = value instead
See the caveats in the documentation:
https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user_guide/indexing.html#
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  This is separate from the ipykernel package so we can avoid doing
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imports until



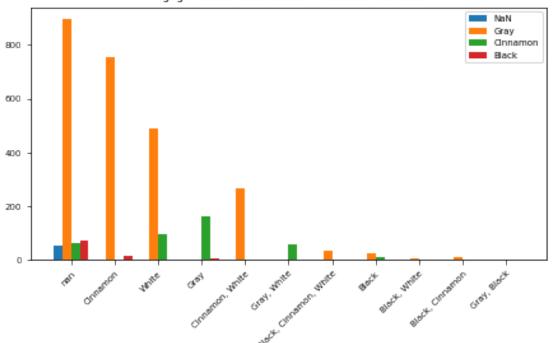
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```
#Total Distribution of Highlight Colours
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
x = np.arange(len(primaryHighlightCombination.columns))
ax.bar(x-0.3, primaryHighlightCombination.loc[np.nan], width=0.2,
label="NaN")
ax.bar(x-0.1, primaryHighlightCombination.loc['Gray'], width=0.2,
label="Grav")
ax.bar(x+0.1, primaryHighlightCombination.loc['Cinnamon'], width=0.2,
label="Cinnamon")
ax.bar(x+0.3, primaryHighlightCombination.loc['Black'], width=0.2,
label="Black")
ax.set title("Higlight Colour Distribution - Absolute Numbers")
ax.legend()
ax.set xticks(np.arange(len(primaryHighlightCombination.columns)))
ax.set xticklabels(primaryHighlightCombination.columns)
plt.setp(ax.get xticklabels(), rotation=45, ha="right",
rotation mode="anchor");
plt.savefig("fig/highlight dist abs.pdf",bbox inches="tight")
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
nan = primaryHighlightCombination.loc[np.nan].sum()/100
gray = primaryHighlightCombination.loc['Gray'].sum()/100
cinnamon = primaryHighlightCombination.loc['Cinnamon'].sum()/100
black = primaryHighlightCombination.loc['Black'].sum()/100
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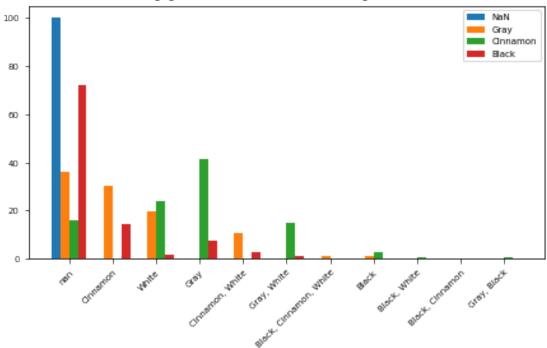
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ax.bar(x-0.3, primaryHighlightCombination.loc[np.nan]/nan, width=0.2,
label="NaN")
ax.bar(x-0.1, primaryHighlightCombination.loc['Gray']/gray, width=0.2,
label="Gray")
ax.bar(x+0.1, primaryHighlightCombination.loc['Cinnamon']/cinnamon,
width=0.2, label="Cinnamon")
ax.bar(x+0.3, primaryHighlightCombination.loc['Black']/black,
width=0.2, label="Black")

ax.set_title("Higlight Colour Distribution - Percentage Numbers")
ax.legend()
ax.set_xticks(np.arange(len(primaryHighlightCombination.columns)))
ax.set_xticklabels(primaryHighlightCombination.columns)
plt.setp(ax.get_xticklabels(), rotation=45,
ha="right",rotation_mode="anchor");
plt.savefig("fig/highlight_dist_per.pdf",bbox_inches="tight")
```





Higlight Colour Distribution - Percentage Numbers



Behavioural Correlation

"Behaviour and Time", and "Behaviour and Color" are investigated.

```
def behaviourUpdate(frame,object,keyword):
  #Reads out all behaviours for a given squirrel and adds them to a
dataframe under the keyword
  for column in frame.columns:
    if(object[column]):
      frame[column][keyword] += 1
def update(frame, object, keyword):
  #Checks for keyword presence then reads behaviour
  if(object[keyword]):
    behaviourUpdate(frame, object, keyword)
# Time
color_time = nyc_squirrels[['primary_fur_color', 'slot']]
colorTimeCombo= pd.DataFrame(\
                             np.zeros([4,2]), \
index=color_time.primary_fur_color.unique(),\
                             columns=color time.slot.unique())
for i in range(color time.shape[0]):
  item = color time.iloc[i]
```

```
prim = item['primary fur color']
  time = item['slot']
  colorTimeCombo.at[prim, time] += 1
colorTimeCombo.loc[np.nan] = colorTimeCombo.loc[np.nan]/nan
colorTimeCombo.loc["Gray"] = colorTimeCombo.loc["Gray"]/gray
colorTimeCombo.loc["Cinnamon"] =
colorTimeCombo.loc["Cinnamon"]/cinnamon
colorTimeCombo.loc["Black"] = colorTimeCombo.loc["Black"]/black
colorTimeCombo
                 PΜ
                             AM
NaN
          47.272727
                     52.727273
          56.045289 43.954711
Gray
Cinnamon 54.081633 45.918367
Black
          50.485437 49.514563
# P(Column | Row) but for Behaviour and Color
color behaviour relation = pd.DataFrame(\)
                                         np.zeros([4,13]), \
                                         index=[np.nan, "Gray",
"Cinnamon", "Black"],\
                                         columns=["running", "chasing",
"climbing", "eating", "foraging", "kuks", "quaas", "moans", "tail_flags", "tail_twitches", "approaches", "indifferent",
"runs from"])
for i in range(len(nyc squirrels.index)):
  row = nyc_squirrels.iloc[i]
  keyword = row["primary_fur color"]
  behaviourUpdate(color_behaviour_relation, row, keyword)
#Normalize to percentages
for col in color behaviour relation.columns:
  color behaviour relation[col][np.nan] =\
   round(color behaviour relation[col][np.nan]/nan,1)
  color behaviour relation[col]["Gray"] =\
   round(color behaviour relation[col]["Gray"]/gray,1)
  color behaviour relation[col]["Cinnamon"] =\
   round(color behaviour relation[col]["Cinnamon"]/cinnamon,1)
  color behaviour relation[col]["Black"] =\
   round(color behaviour relation[col]["Black"]/black,1)
color behaviour relation
          running chasing climbing ... approaches indifferent
runs from
                        7.3
NaN
              7.3
                                 32.7 ...
                                                    3.6
                                                                18.2
14.5
                                 21.6 ...
                                                    5.1
             24.1
                        9.6
                                                                49.3
Grav
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```
22.3
Cinnamon 26.3 7.7 20.9 ... 11.2 46.2
22.2
Black 25.2 6.8 24.3 ... 5.8 42.7
31.1
```

[4 rows x 13 columns]

Behavioural Correlation - Internal

We investigated the correlation between different behaviours of squirrels. It should be noted that due to being nominal data, the information given is in the form of conditional probability, not covariance. While we can see what appears like strong relations especially in the case of "foraging" and "indifferent", these should be treated with caution as they each make up about 50% of all recorded squirrels. Consequently the strong relation can actually be seen in those examples where the odds are disproportionately low. This is the case for intuitively mutually exclusive behaviours like indifferent-approaches-runs_from or foraging-climbing-chasing. Kukking and quaaing also predict against indifferent. As these are both danger signalling noises this is consistent with expectations. Moaning should be disregarded due to only showing up 3 times across all sightings.

This is P(Column | Row) not Covariance!

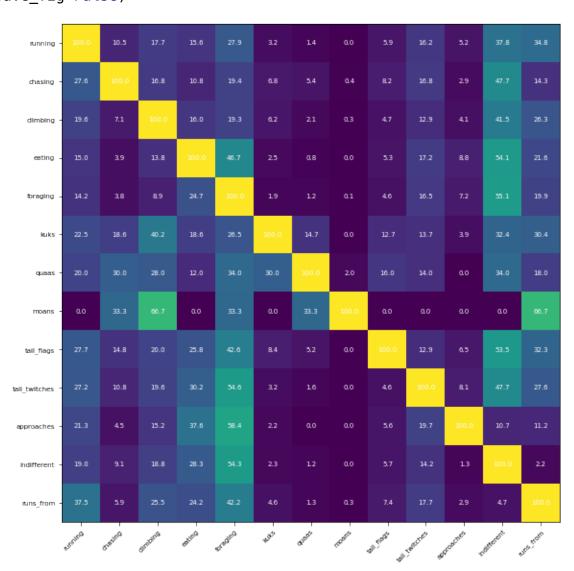
That's why we get asymmetry.

```
behaviours = nyc_squirrels[["running", "chasing", "climbing",
"eating", "foraging", "kuks", "quaas", "moans", "tail_flags",
"tail_twitches", "approaches", "indifferent", "runs_from"]]
behaviour relation = pd.DataFrame(np.zeros([behaviours.columns.size,
behaviours.columns.size]), index=behaviours.columns,
columns=behaviours.columns)
for index, row in behaviours.iterrows():
  for column in behaviour relation.columns:
    update(behaviour relation, row, column)
for row in behaviour relation.index:
  ref val = behaviour relation[row][row]
  print(str(row) + " Total: " + str(ref val))
  for col in behaviour_relation.columns:
    behaviour relation[col][row] = round((behaviour relation[col]
[row]/ref val)*100, 1)
running Total: 730.0
chasing Total: 279.0
climbing Total: 658.0
eating Total: 760.0
foraging Total: 1435.0
kuks Total: 102.0
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quaas Total: 50.0 moans Total: 3.0

tail_flags Total: 155.0 tail_twitches Total: 434.0 approaches Total: 178.0 indifferent Total: 1454.0 runs_from Total: 678.0

plot_behaviourmap(nyc_squirrels, behaviours, behaviour_relation,
save fig=False)

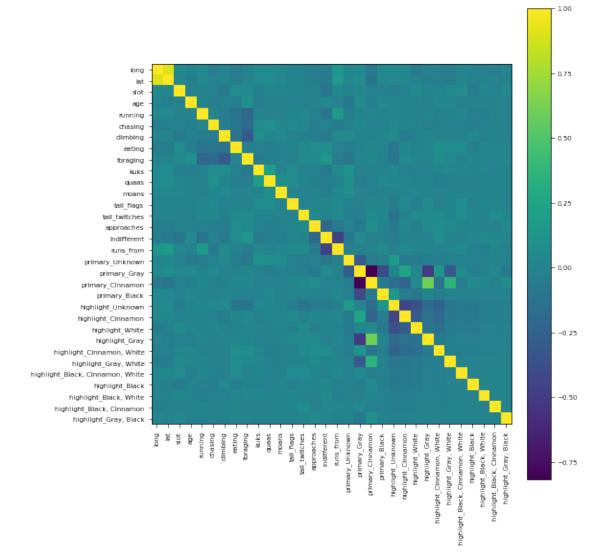


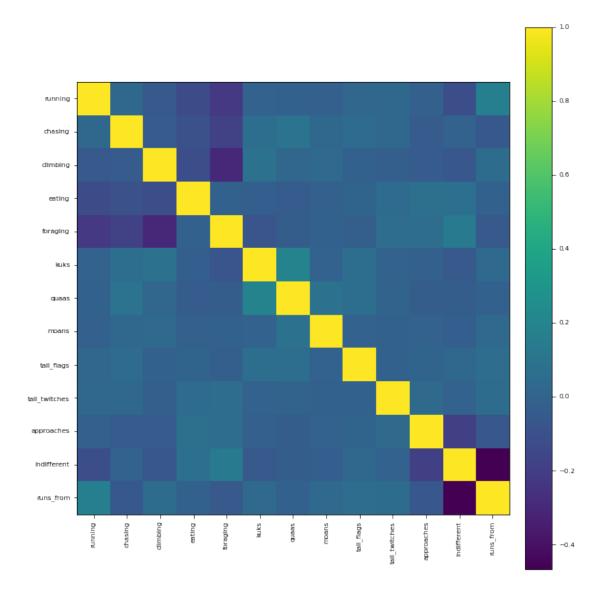
Numerating the data

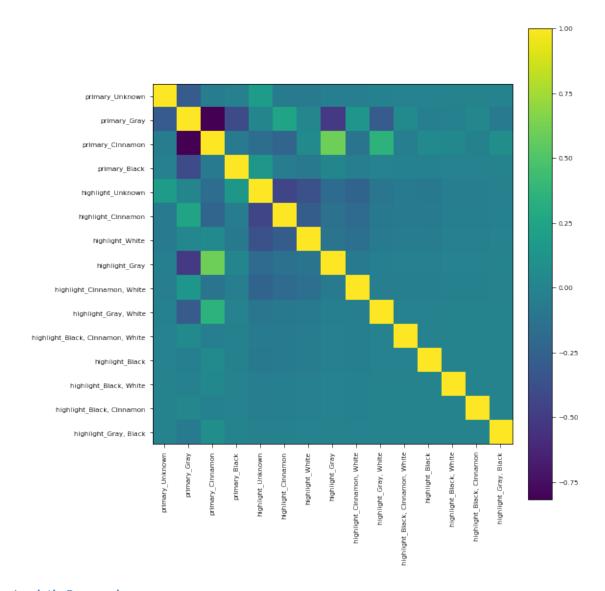
Here, we normalized the data column-wise with min-max normalization after numerating.

nyc_squirrels = dataset_numerate(nyc_squirrels)
normalized nyc squirrels = nyc squirrels

```
# Column-wise min-max normalization
for x in nyc squirrels.columns.unique():
  normalized nyc squirrels[x]=(nyc squirrels[x]-
nyc squirrels[x].min())/(nyc squirrels[x].max()-
nyc squirrels[x].min())
nyc squirrels = normalized nyc squirrels
behaviours = ["running", "chasing", "climbing", "eating", "foraging",
"kuks",
          "quaas", "moans", "tail flags", "tail twitches",
"approaches",
          "indifferent", "runs from"]
colours = ['primary Unknown', 'primary Gray', 'primary Cinnamon',
'primary Black',
       'highlight Unknown', 'highlight Cinnamon', 'highlight White',
       'highlight_Gray', 'highlight_Cinnamon, White', 'highlight_Gray,
White',
       'highlight Black, Cinnamon, White', 'highlight_Black',
       'highlight_Black, White', 'highlight_Black, Cinnamon',
       'highlight Gray, Black']
plot correlation(nyc squirrels, nyc squirrels.columns, "all",
save fig=False)
plot correlation(nyc squirrels, behaviours, "behaviours",
save fig=False)
plot correlation(nyc squirrels, colours, "colours", save fig=False)
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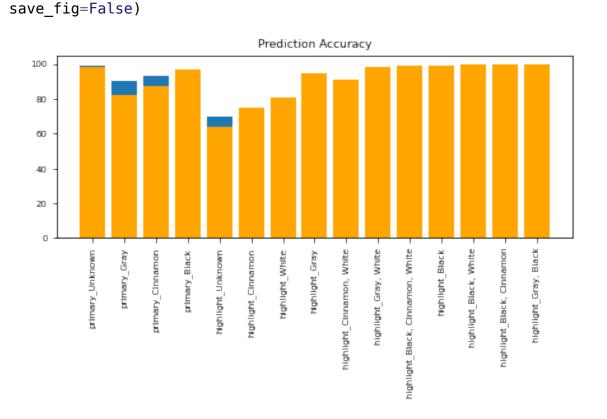
Logistic Regression

In addition to the above analysis, we created a logistic regression model of different squirrel qualities. We used a Training/Test split of 75/25. We see that a logistic regression is able to achieve some success in predicting the primary color from the highlight colors and significant success in determining whether a squirrel was eating and whether it was indifferent to humans from its other behaviours.

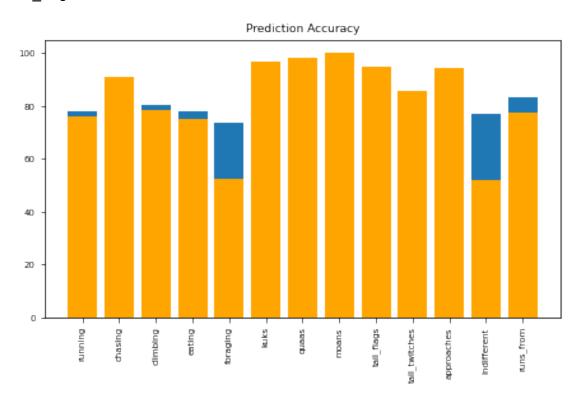
```
def make_predictions(nyc_squirrels, prediction_of = "primary_Gray",
train_test_ratio = 0.75, mod="LogisticRegression"):

predictors, label, columns = x_y_pairs(nyc_squirrels, prediction_of)
    train_X, train_Y, test_X, test_Y = split_data(predictors, label,
train_test_ratio)
    model = fit(train_X, train_Y, mod)
    acc = test_accuracy(model, test_X, test_Y, mod)
    coef_dic = dict(zip(columns, model.coef_.reshape(-1,1)))
```

```
return model, coef_dic, acc
colours = ['primary Unknown', 'primary Gray', 'primary Cinnamon',
'primary Black',
       'highlight Unknown', 'highlight Cinnamon', 'highlight White',
       'highlight Gray', 'highlight Cinnamon, White', 'highlight Gray,
White',
       'highlight_Black, Cinnamon, White', 'highlight_Black',
       'highlight Black, White', 'highlight Black, Cinnamon',
       'highlight Gray, Black'l
colour acc = []
count common = []
for colour in colours:
  , , acc = make predictions(nyc squirrels, colour)
  colour acc.append(acc)
count common.append(pd.DataFrame(nyc squirrels[colour].value counts())
.reset index()[colour][0])
count common = 100*np.array(count common)/(nyc squirrels.shape[0])
colours acc = dict(zip(colours, colour acc))
colours count = dict(zip(colours, count common.tolist()))
```



dict plot(colours acc, colours count, name = "colours acc",



Mean Difference and Normalized Mean Difference Calculation

We also used the Themis-ML, developed by \cite{bantilan2017} to calculate mean difference scores for color and age with regard to foraging. We found that black squirrels were more likely to be foraging while juveniles were less likely. Perhaps black squirrels are more curious and less wary to be humans and consequently approach them, while juvenile squirrels are either cared for by their parents or simply more wary of the unknown.

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!pip install themis_ml
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Requirement already satisfied: themis ml in
/usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages (0.0.4)
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/usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages (from themis ml) (1.19.5)
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/usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages (from themis ml) (2.3.6)
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/usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages (from themis ml) (1.0.2)
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>themis ml) (2018.9)
Requirement already satisfied: six>=1.5 in
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>pandas>=0.22.0->themis ml) (1.15.0)
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/usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages (from scikit-learn>=0.19.1-
>themis ml) (3.1.0)
Requirement already satisfied: joblib>=0.11 in
/usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages (from scikit-learn>=0.19.1-
>themis ml) (1.1.0)
from themis ml.metrics import mean difference,
normalized mean difference
sensitive attributes = ["primary Gray", "primary Cinnamon",
"primary Black", "age"]
for sensitive in sensitive attributes:
  if sensitive == "age":
    attribute = nyc squirrels[sensitive].replace(0.5, 0)
  else:
    attribute = nyc squirrels[sensitive]
  foraging = nyc squirrels["foraging"]
  print("\nMean difference scores:")
  print("protected class = "+str(sensitive)+": ",
str(mean difference(foraging, attribute)[0]))
  print("Normalized mean difference scores:")
  print("protected class = "+str(sensitive)+": ",
str(normalized mean difference(foraging, attribute)[0]))
Mean difference scores:
protected class = primary Gray: -0.020184538470021662
```

Normalized mean difference scores: protected class = primary_Gray: -0.031433478360430464

Mean difference scores:

protected class = primary_Cinnamon: -0.04959412499321286

Normalized mean difference scores:

protected class = primary_Cinnamon: -0.09092832254853174

Mean difference scores:

protected class = primary_Black: 0.059236600611783485

Normalized mean difference scores:

protected class = primary_Black: 0.12053719427624235

Mean difference scores:

protected class = age: -0.13967255485947072

Normalized mean difference scores:

protected class = age: -0.22586846402967306