



## This past sprint...

- Synthetic reference data
  - Generated synthetic reference data by selecting representative observations from the set of observations for each week
  - Compared synthetic reference data to citizen observations
- Dataset of mean transition times and confidence intervals
  - Developed method to generate these from citizen observations
  - Began testing and refining method
- Added combination charts of percentages of observations observing an attribute and total number of observations for week



#### **Process**

- 1. Data Cleaning and Preprocessing
- 2. Data Validation
- 3. Data Visualization
- 4. Design ML Pipeline
- 5. Implementing Machine Learning
- 6. Machine Learning Testing
- 7. Synthetic Reference Data
- 8. Mean Transition Times Dataset ← (We are here)
- 9. Clean and Organize Code
- **10.** Final Report





## **Next Sprint**

#### **Mean Transition Times Dataset**

 Constructing a dataset for mean transition times for each phenophase of each species (provided we have enough data)

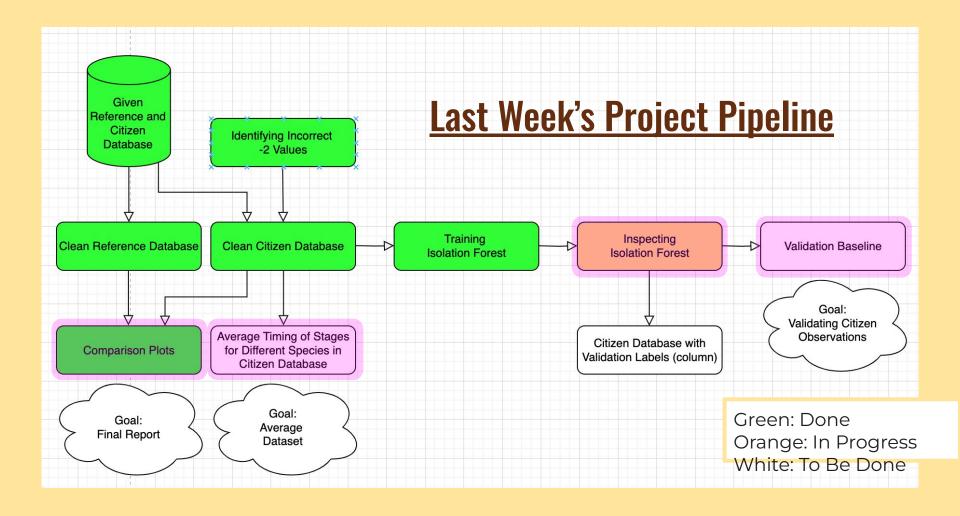
#### **Clean and Organize Code**

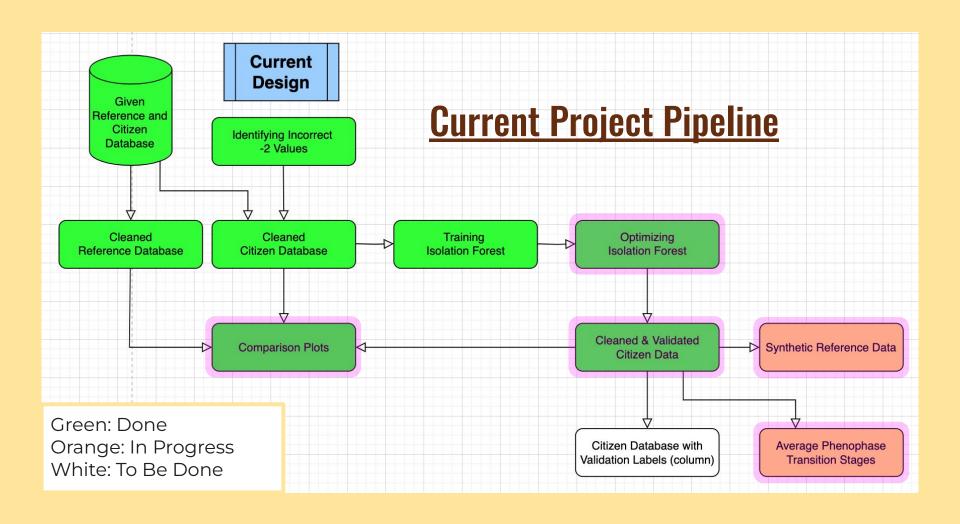
 Optimizing the readability and clarity of the written code, as well as providing documentation.

#### **Final Report**

 Writing a final report summarizing the project and detailing the methodologies used.





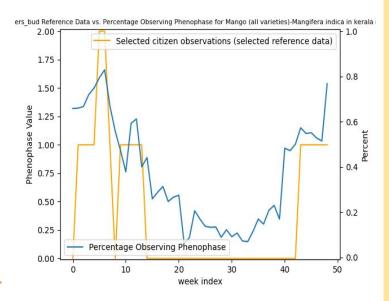


# Generation of new reference data

Utilized clustering algorithms and isolation forests to generate new reference data from the citizen observations.

Compared generated reference data to cleaned and validated citizen data.

There is a high correspondence between the synthetic reference data and the citizen data.



## **Question About Synthetic Reference Data**

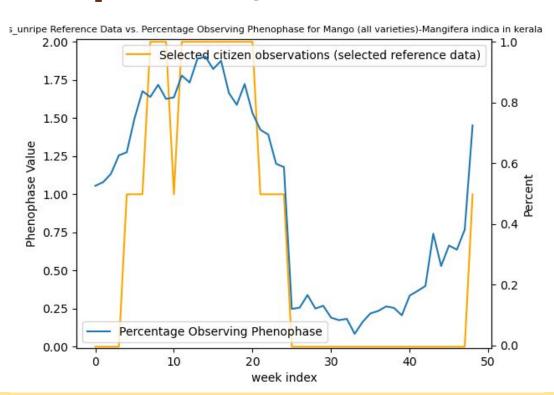
Should synthetic reference data represent the majority of what citizens see in a given week?

#### Or

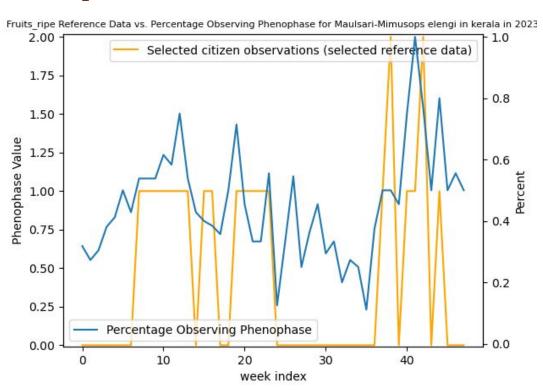
Should synthetic reference data coincide with phenophase transition times?

The following slides give more examples of synthetic reference data for additional context.

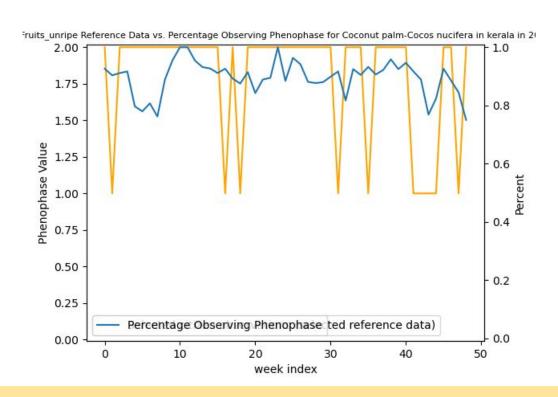
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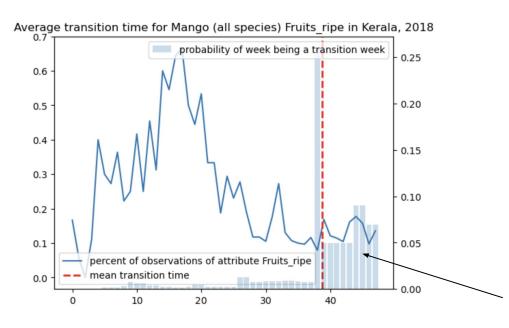


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## **Computing Mean Transition**

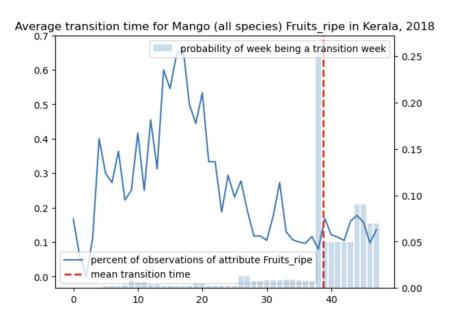
#### Times



- We are currently able to estimate the transition week at the beginning of a phenophase for a species
- We assign each week a probability of being the transition week
- Weeks with little change in appearance of phenophase beforehand and a sharp increase afterwards are assigned higher probabilities

Blue bars represent the probability that a week is a transition week

# **Computing Mean Transition Times**

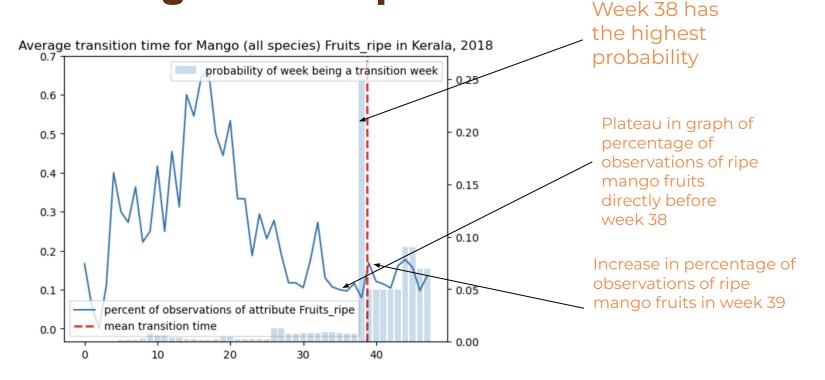


Mean transition time is calculated using the following formula:

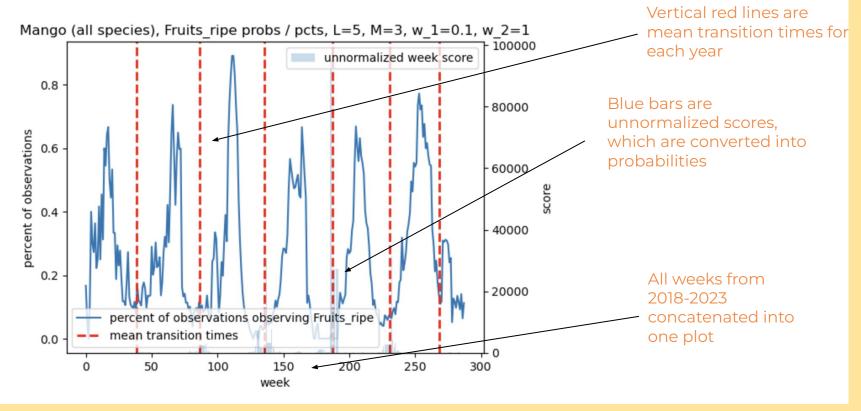
$$E(w) = \sum_{i} w_i * p(w_i)$$

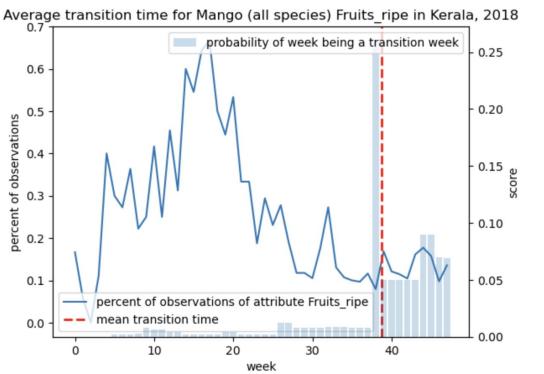
where wi is the *i*th week and p(wi) is the probability of that week

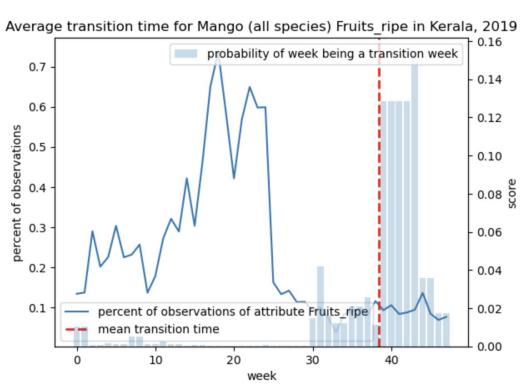
## **Breaking down the plot**



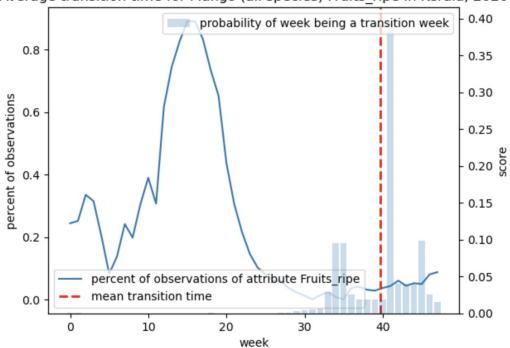
#### **Mean Transition Times for Each Year**

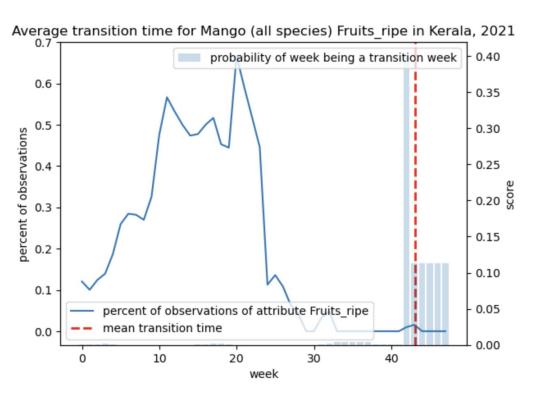


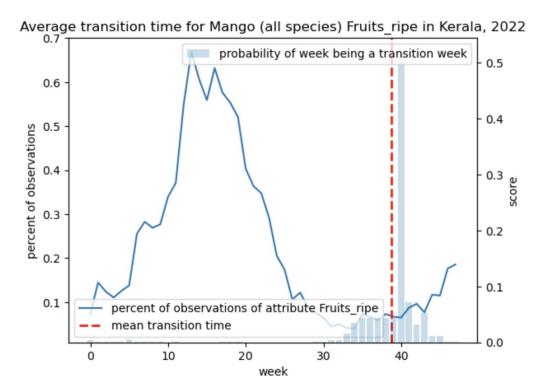


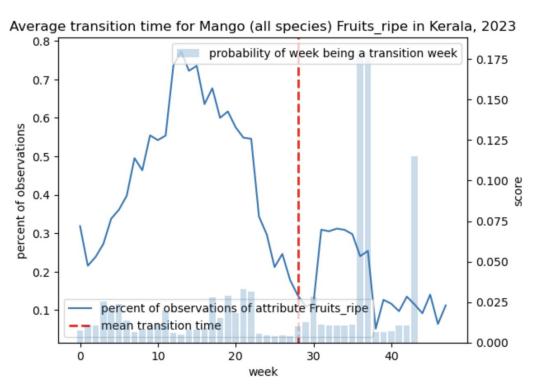












#### **Questions about Transition Times**

- Do the mean transition times for each year make sense?
- Do the probability distributions for transition weeks make sense (should some weeks have higher / lower probabilities)?
- Another option we have is to create a dataset of maximum likelihood transition weeks, by selecting weeks with the highest probabilities. Would you want a dataset like this in addition to the dataset of mean transition times?

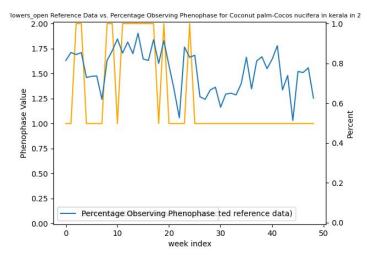
### **Questions about Transition Times**

In your email earlier this week you identified the transition time as being from when 1% of the population has flowers through the time it continues to have 1% flowers.

Our team realized this may not work with all phenophases or species.

For example, in some species like Coconut Palms at least 50% of the population has flowers throughout the entire year.

How should we address these situations?



### **Questions about Transition Times**

In our approach to identifying transition times, we check if there's been a sudden spike in the growth of a phenophase after a period of stagnation.

Does this approach seem effective?

#### Or

Is it necessary to work with the definition you provided in your email earlier this week?

# Questions for us?

Thank you for your time!

Feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns through email.

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