

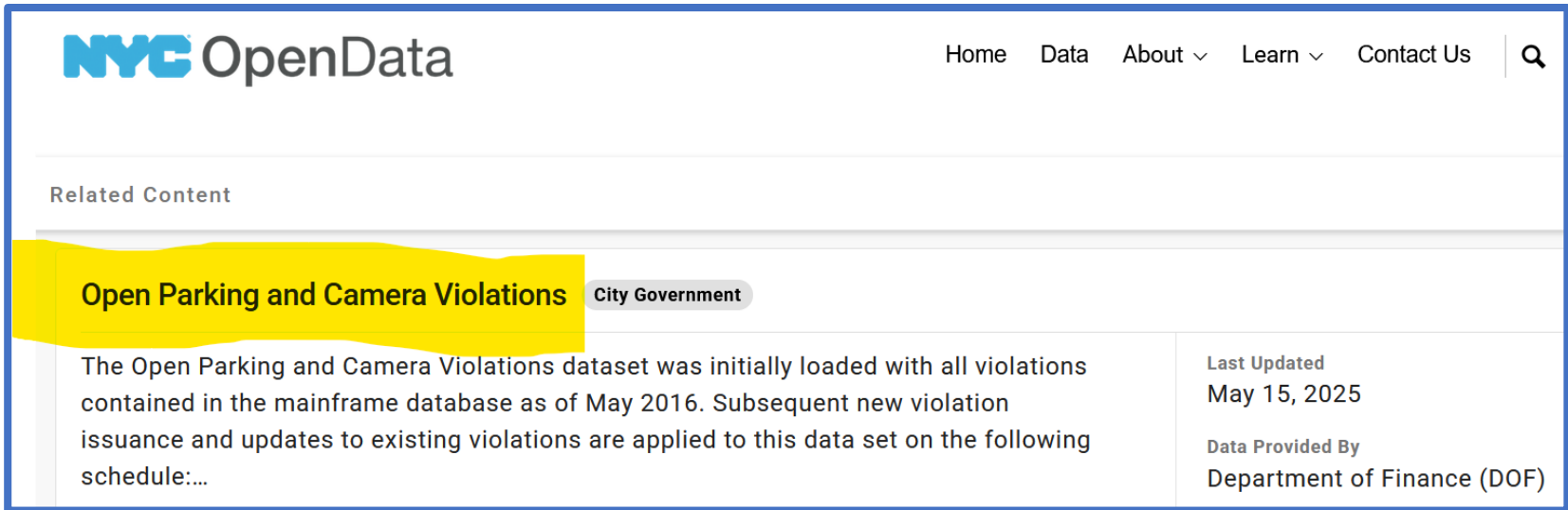
Group 9A – Matt R

Was separated from Group 9 at the ETL process milestone.

Took over KPI #2 which was exploring NYC parking ticket data.

Data was downloaded via manual query from NYC OpenData Open Parking and Camera Violations Database:

https://data.cityofnewyork.us/City-Government/Open-Parking-and-Camera-Violations/nc67-uf89/about_data



The screenshot shows the NYC OpenData website interface. At the top, the 'NYC OpenData' logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'Home', 'Data', 'About', 'Learn', and 'Contact Us' are on the right. Below the navigation bar, there is a 'Related Content' section. The main content area features a yellow highlighted box with the title 'Open Parking and Camera Violations' and a 'City Government' tag. To the right of the title, there is a description of the dataset: 'The Open Parking and Camera Violations dataset was initially loaded with all violations contained in the mainframe database as of May 2016. Subsequent new violation issuance and updates to existing violations are applied to this data set on the following schedule:...'. On the far right, there is a 'Last Updated' date of 'May 15, 2025' and a 'Data Provided By' section listing the 'Department of Finance (DOF)'.

Open Parking and Camera Violations	City Government
The Open Parking and Camera Violations dataset was initially loaded with all violations contained in the mainframe database as of May 2016. Subsequent new violation issuance and updates to existing violations are applied to this data set on the following schedule:...	<p>Last Updated May 15, 2025</p> <p>Data Provided By Department of Finance (DOF)</p>

Data was queried for the months June to December, 2023 in April and May of 2025.

Total amount of rows was approximately 70 million.

Each month contained between 9 million and 11 million rows.

Tools used:

- Extraction: query tool on the NYC Open Data website

NYC OpenData

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About Data Related Content

Open Parking and Camera Violations

Plate	State	License Type	Summons Number	Issue Date	Violation Time
T666363C	NY	OMT	4717124960	12/07/2020	04:11P
RUG5921	GA	PAS	4717125046	12/07/2020	04:13P
B57MVS	NJ	PAS	4717125060	12/07/2020	04:13P

Query data
Group, aggregate and more

Visualize

API

Access via oData

Share and Embed

Actions

Export

Judgment Entry Date

PHOTO SCHOOL ZN SPEED VIOLA' 04/08/2021

Filters | Clear all

Select a column to filter...

Filters | Clear all

Issue Date

is between

7/1/2023

AND

7/4/2023

- Transform: OpenRefine

OpenRefine is an open-source, freely available tool that allows to cleaning of dirty and inconsistent data on thousands to millions of rows on a local desktop computer.

OpenRefine

OpenRefine is a powerful free, open source tool for working with messy data: cleaning it; transforming it from one format into another; and extending it with web services and external data.

Our goal is to empower everyone to meaningfully engage with data by providing an accessible open source tool and nurturing a diverse, supportive community.

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Main features



Faceting

Drill through large datasets using facets and apply operations on filtered views of your dataset.



Clustering

Fix inconsistencies by merging similar values thanks to powerful heuristics.



Reconciliation

Match your dataset to external databases via reconciliation services.



Infinite undo/redo

Rewind to any previous state of your dataset and replay your operation history on a new version of it.



Privacy

Your data is cleaned on your machine, not in some dubious data laundering cloud.



Wikibase

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OpenRefine 300 000 July16 July31 2023Open Parking and Camera Violations 20250416 csv [Permalink](#)

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Facet / Filter [Undo / Redo](#) 0 / 0

280,137 rows

Extensions [Wikibase](#)

Show as: [rows](#) [records](#) Show: 5 10 25 50 100 500 1000 rows

« first < previous 1 -10 next > last »

Using facets and filters

Use facets and filters to select subsets of your data to act on. Choose facet and filter methods from the menus at the top of each data column.

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- Loading/Visualizations: Orange Data Mining

Orange Data Mining is a powerful open source tool for visualizing various aspects of data without having to use complicated Python programming.

Data Mining Fruitful and Fun

Open source machine learning and data visualization.

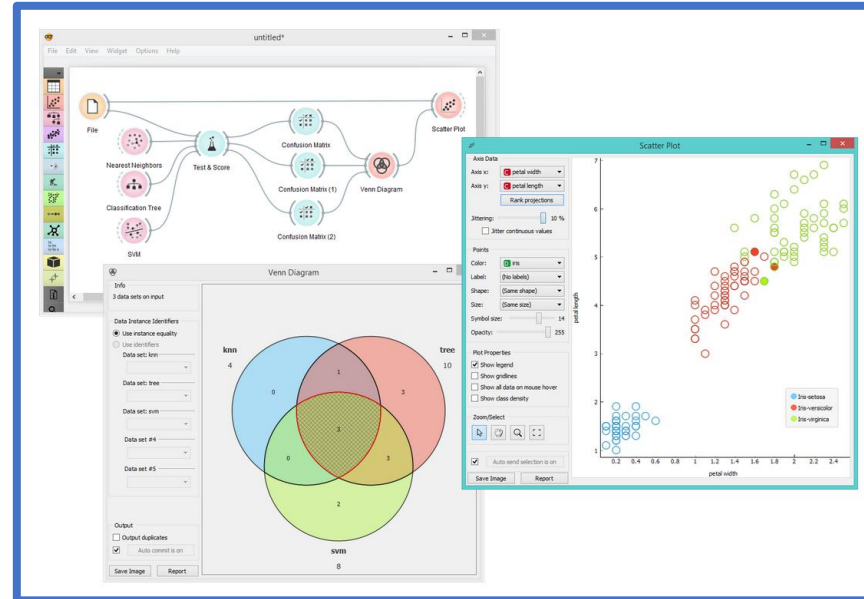
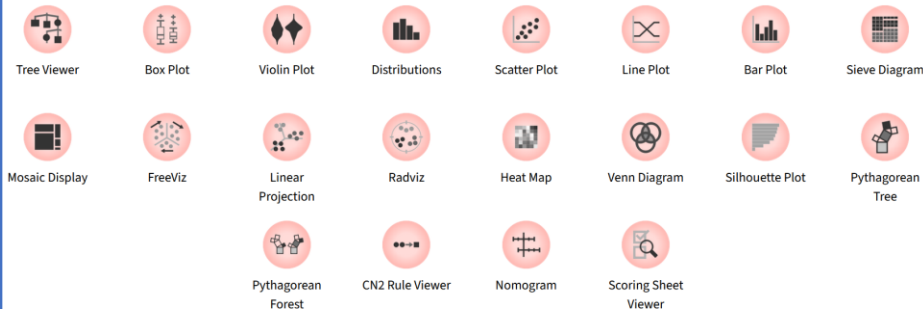
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Visualize



- Within OpenRefine, used based GREL [General Refine Expression Language]
GREL is a query language that can modify text and perform numerical calculations.

Custom facet on column Violation

Expression

Language General Refine Expression Language (GREL) ▾

row.index % 3 == 0

No syntax error.

Preview

History

Starred

Help

row	value	row.index % 3 == 0
1.	NO STANDING	true
2.	NO STANDING	false
3.	PHTO SCHOOL ZN SPEED VIOLATION	false
4.	REG. STICKER-EXPIRED/MISSING	true
5.	NO STANDING-DAY/TIME LIMITS	false
6.	FIRE HYDRANT	false

OK

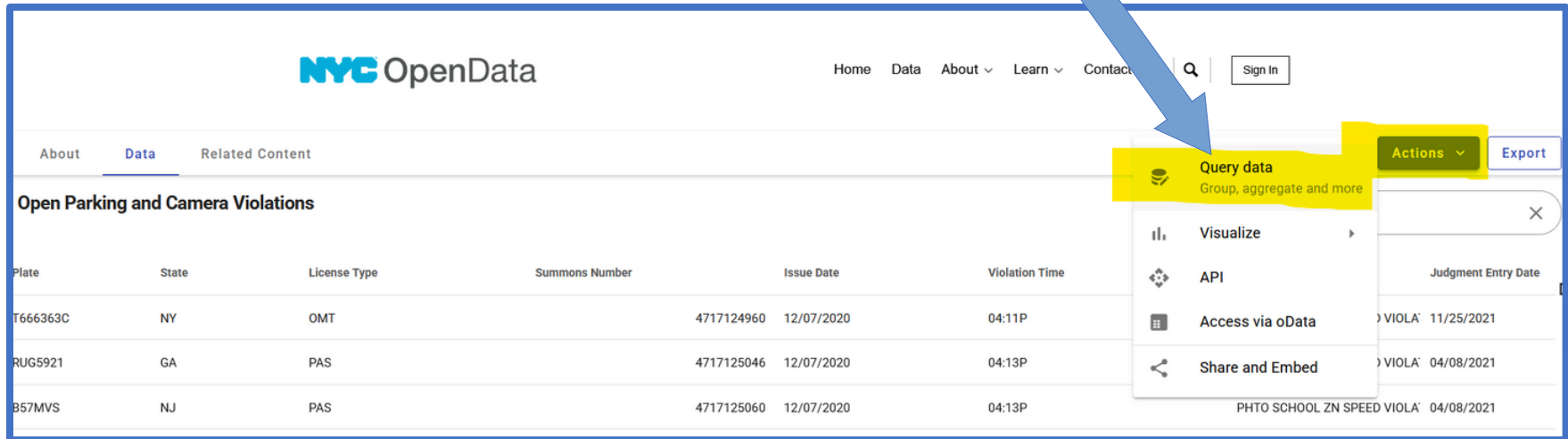
Cancel

row.index % 3 == 0

ETL Process Using NYC OpenData, OpenRefine and Orange Data Mining

Extract Process

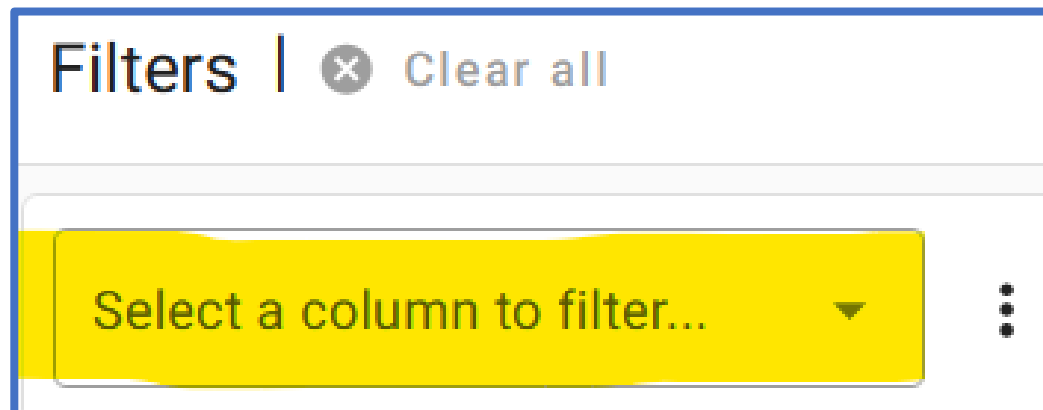
1. Go to NYC OpenData website > click on Actions > Query data



The screenshot shows the NYC OpenData website interface. The 'Actions' dropdown menu is open, and the 'Query data' option is highlighted. The menu also includes 'Visualize', 'API', 'Access via oData', and 'Share and Embed'. The background shows a table of 'Open Parking and Camera Violations' with columns: Plate, State, License Type, Summons Number, Issue Date, Violation Time, and Judgment Entry Date.

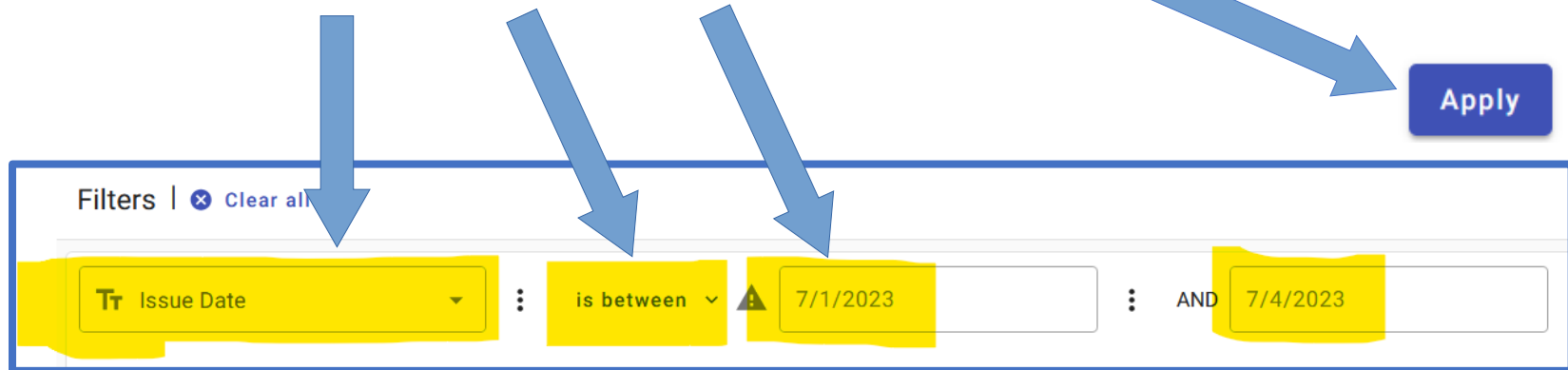
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RUG5921	GA	PAS	4717125046	12/07/2020	04:13P	
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2. Under Filters, click on “Select a column to filter”

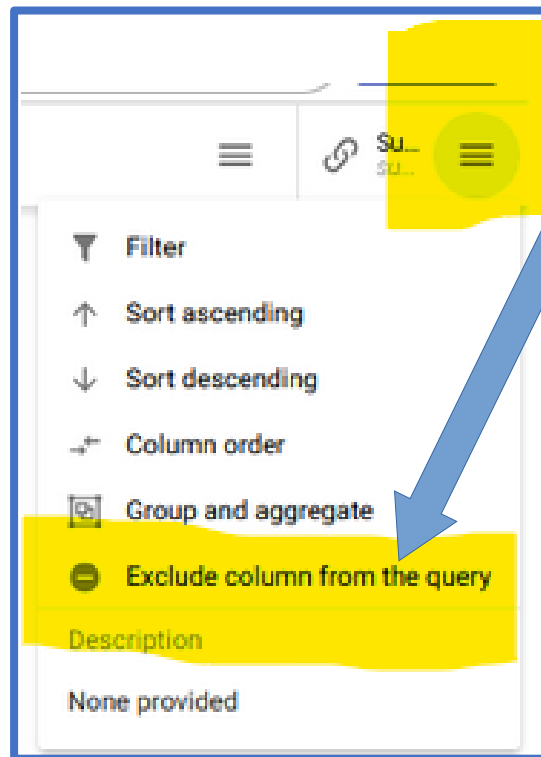


The screenshot shows the 'Filters' section of the NYC OpenData interface. A yellow box highlights the 'Select a column to filter...' dropdown menu. The interface also includes a 'Clear all' button and a list of filterable columns.

3. Select the Field > Boolean > search terms > Click “Apply”



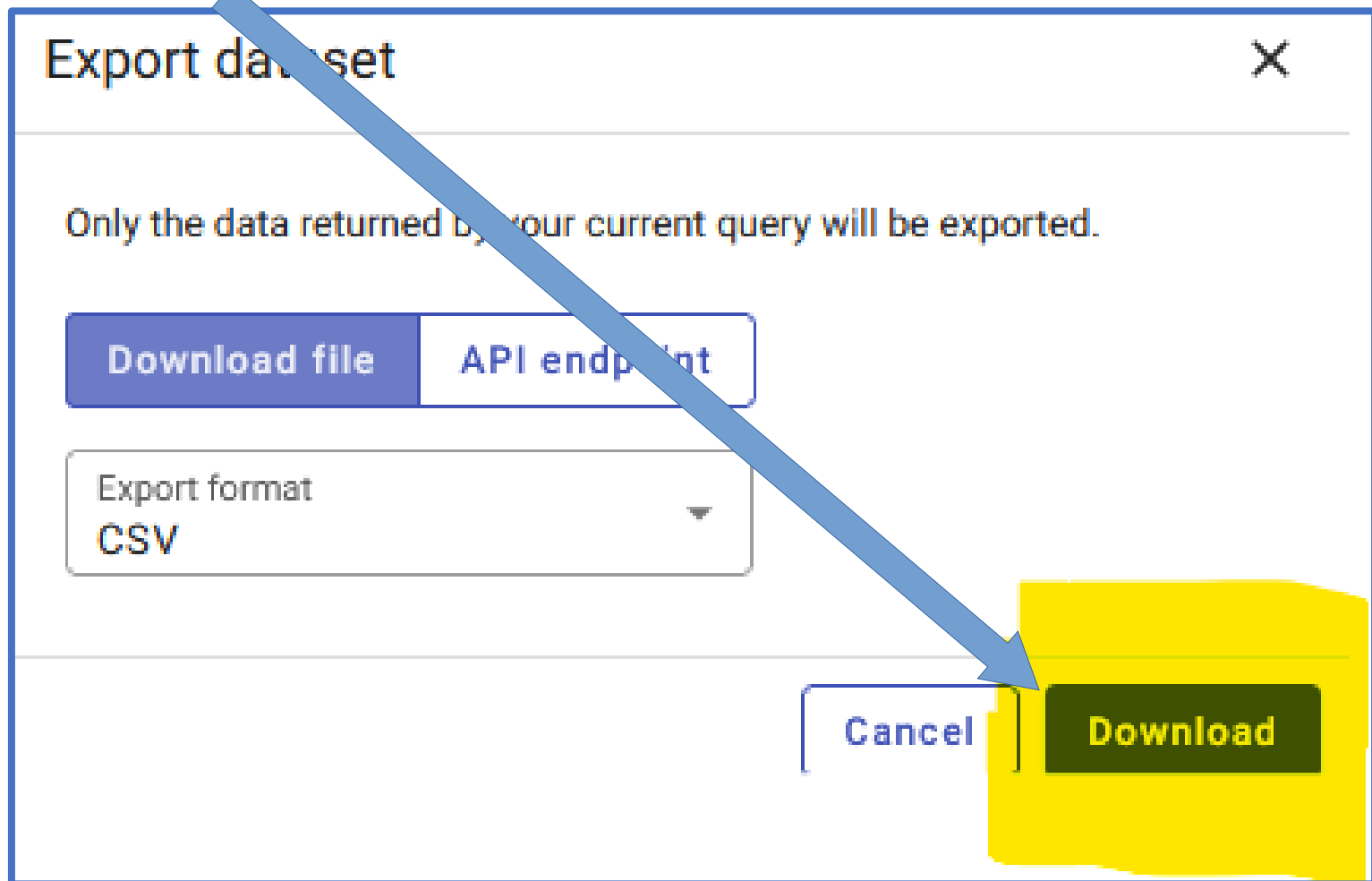
4. Remove columns that are not needed or have large amounts of data > find column > click on 3 horizontal lines > click on “Exclude column from the query”:



5. Click on “Export” button:

Export


6. Click on “Download” to retrieve CSV file:



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Export dataset" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the title bar, there is a message: "Only the data returned by your current query will be exported." Below this message, there are two tabs: "Download file" (which is selected and highlighted in blue) and "API endpoint". Under the "Download file" tab, there is a dropdown menu labeled "Export format" with "CSV" selected. At the bottom right of the dialog, there are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Download". A large blue arrow points from the top left towards the "Download" button, which is highlighted with a yellow rectangular background.

Transform Process

7. Import CSV file into OpenRefine > Browse to file > Next

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Create project
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Create a project by importing data. What kinds of data files can I import?
TSV, CSV, *SV, Excel (.xls and .xlsx), JSON, XML, RDF as XML, and Google Data documents are all supported. Support for other formats can be found in the documentation.

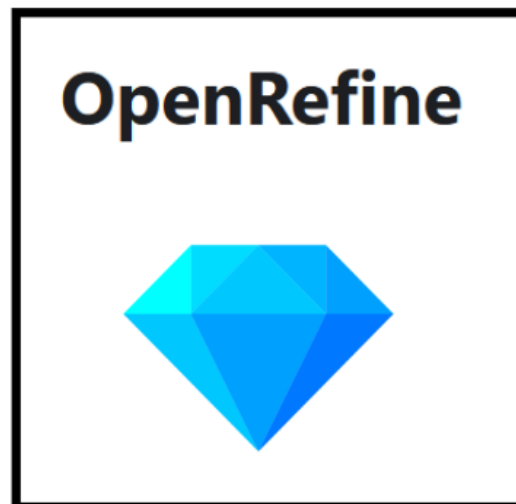
Get data from
This Computer
Web Addresses (URLs)
Clipboard
Database

Locate one or more files on your computer to upload:

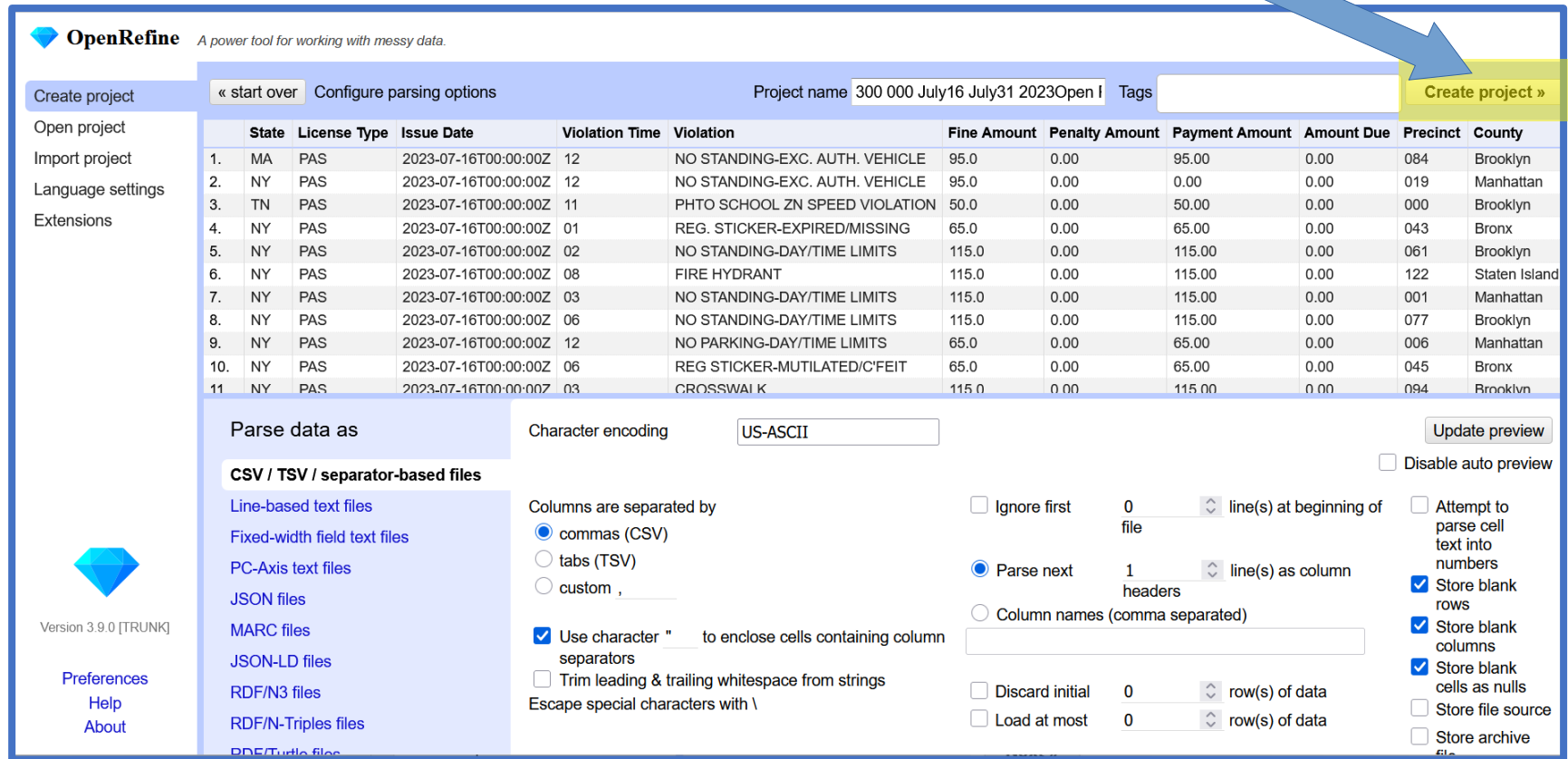
Browse... 300-000-July16-July31-2023Open-Park...and-Camera-Violations-20250416.csv

Drag files here

Next »



8. Initial upload of data > click on “Create project” button:



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Create project « start over Configure parsing options Project name 300 000 July16 July31 2023Open I Tags [Create project »](#)

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	State	License Type	Issue Date	Violation Time	Violation	Fine Amount	Penalty Amount	Payment Amount	Amount Due	Precinct	County
1.	MA	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	12	NO STANDING-EXC. AUTH. VEHICLE	95.0	0.00	95.00	0.00	084	Brooklyn
2.	NY	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	12	NO STANDING-EXC. AUTH. VEHICLE	95.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	019	Manhattan
3.	TN	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	11	PHOTO SCHOOL ZN SPEED VIOLATION	50.0	0.00	50.00	0.00	000	Brooklyn
4.	NY	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	01	REG. STICKER-EXPIRED/MISSING	65.0	0.00	65.00	0.00	043	Bronx
5.	NY	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	02	NO STANDING-DAY/TIME LIMITS	115.0	0.00	115.00	0.00	061	Brooklyn
6.	NY	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	08	FIRE HYDRANT	115.0	0.00	115.00	0.00	122	Staten Island
7.	NY	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	03	NO STANDING-DAY/TIME LIMITS	115.0	0.00	115.00	0.00	001	Manhattan
8.	NY	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	06	NO STANDING-DAY/TIME LIMITS	115.0	0.00	115.00	0.00	077	Brooklyn
9.	NY	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	12	NO PARKING-DAY/TIME LIMITS	65.0	0.00	65.00	0.00	006	Manhattan
10.	NY	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	06	REG STICKER-MUTILATED/C'FEIT	65.0	0.00	65.00	0.00	045	Bronx
11.	NY	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	03	CROSSWALK	115.0	0.00	115.00	0.00	094	Brooklyn

Parse data as

Character encoding [Update preview](#)

☐ Disable auto preview

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[JSON files](#)
[MARC files](#)
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[RDF/N3 files](#)
[RDF/N-Triples files](#)
[RDF/Turtle files](#)

Columns are separated by

☒ commas (CSV)
☐ tabs (TSV)
☐ custom , _____

☒ Use character " to enclose cells containing column separators
☐ Trim leading & trailing whitespace from strings
Escape special characters with \

☐ Ignore first 0 line(s) at beginning of file
☒ Parse next 1 line(s) as column headers
☐ Column names (comma separated) _____

☐ Discard initial 0 row(s) of data
☐ Load at most 0 row(s) of data

☐ Attempt to parse cell text into numbers
☒ Store blank rows
☒ Store blank columns
☒ Store blank cells as nulls
☐ Store file source
☐ Store archive file

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9. Creation of Project:

OpenRefine 300 000 July16 July31 2023Open Parking and Camera Violations 20250416 csv [Permalink](#) Open... Export Help

Facet / Filter Undo / Redo 0 / 0 280,137 rows Extensions Wikibase

Show as: **rows** records Show: 5 10 25 50 100 500 1000 rows « first < previous 1 - 10 next > last »

Using facets and filters

Use facets and filters to select subsets of your data to act on. Choose facet and filter methods from the menus at the top of each data column.

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4.	NY	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	01	REG. STICKER-EXPIRED/MISSING	65.0	0.00	65.00	0.00	043	Bronx	true	TRA
5.	NY	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	02	NO STANDING-DAY/TIME LIMITS	115.0	0.00	115.00	0.00	061	Brooklyn	true	TRA
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10. Remove columns that are not needed > click on down arrow of column > Edit column > Remove this column:

Penalty Amo Payment Amount Amo Prec County

- Facet
- Text filter
- Edit cells
- Edit column**
- Transpose
- Sort...
- View
- Reconcile

- Split into several columns...
- Join columns...
- Add column based on this column...
- Add column by fetching URLs...
- Add columns from reconciled values...
- Rename this column...
- Remove this column**
- Move column to beginning
- Move column to end
- Move column left
- Move column right

11. Generate text facets to understand the different types of data that are in the column > click on arrow of column data that you are interested in > Facet > Text facet > analysis box on left side:

The screenshot shows the OpenRefine interface with a dataset titled "OpenRefine 300 000 July16 July31 2023Open Parking and Camera Violations 20250416 csv". The interface displays 280,137 rows. The "Violation" column is selected, and a context menu is open, showing options like "Facet", "Text filter", "Edit cells", "Edit column", "Transpose", "Sort...", "View", and "Reconcile". The "Facet" option is highlighted, and a sub-menu is visible showing "Text facet" as the selected option. On the left side, a list of violations is displayed, including "PHOTO SCHOOL ZONE SPEED VIOLATION", "NO PARKING-STREET CLEANING", "FAIL TO DISPLAY MUNI METER RECEIPT", "NO STANDING-DAY/TIME LIMITS", "NO PARKING-DAY/TIME LIMITS", "FAILURE TO STOP AT RED LIGHT", and "FIRE HYDRANT".

Facet / Filter Undo / Redo 0 / 0

Refresh Reset all Remove all

280,137 rows

Show as: rows records Show: 5 10 25 50 100 500 1000 rows

Violation change Cluster

90 choices Sort by: name count

PHOTO SCHOOL ZONE SPEED VIOLATION 82045

NO PARKING-STREET CLEANING 38264

FAIL TO DISPLAY MUNI METER RECEIPT 21571

NO STANDING-DAY/TIME LIMITS 18126

NO PARKING-DAY/TIME LIMITS 14222

FAILURE TO STOP AT RED LIGHT 13348

FIRE HYDRANT 11061

Facet Text facet

Text filter

Edit cells

Edit column

Transpose

Sort...

View

Reconcile

Numeric facet

Timeline facet

Scatterplot facet...

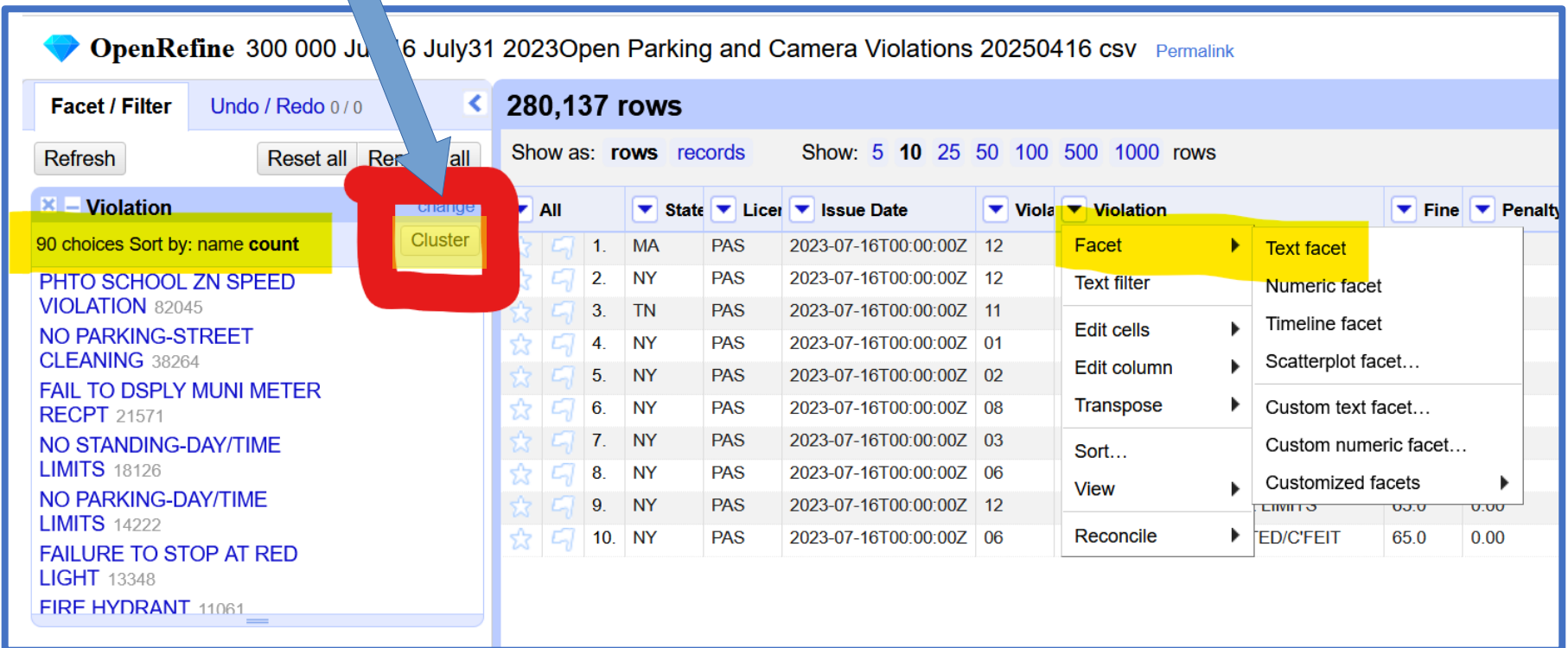
Custom text facet...

Custom numeric facet...

Customized facets

All	State	Licenses	Issue Date	Violations	Violation	Fine	Penalty
1.	MA	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	12			
2.	NY	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	12			
3.	TN	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	11			
4.	NY	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	01			
5.	NY	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	02			
6.	NY	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	08			
7.	NY	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	03			
8.	NY	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	06			
9.	NY	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	12			
10.	NY	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	06			

12. Click on “Cluster” button to begin clustering process:



OpenRefine 300 000 Jul 16 July 31 2023 Open Parking and Camera Violations 20250416 csv [Permalink](#)

Facet / Filter Undo / Redo 0 / 0

Refresh Reset all Reconcile all

280,137 rows

Show as: rows records Show: 5 10 25 50 100 500 1000 rows

Violation 90 choices Sort by: name count

PHTO SCHOOL ZN SPEED VIOLATION 82045

NO PARKING-STREET CLEANING 38264

FAIL TO DSPLY MUNI METER RECPT 21571

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NO PARKING-DAY/TIME LIMITS 14222

FAILURE TO STOP AT RED LIGHT 13348

FIRE HYDRANT 11061

Cluster

Facet

- Text facet
- Numeric facet
- Timeline facet
- Scatterplot facet...
- Custom text facet...
- Custom numeric facet...
- Customized facets

	All	State	Licer	Issue Date	Viola	Violation	Fine	Penalty
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2.	NY	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	12				
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4.	NY	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	01				
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9.	NY	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	12				
10.	NY	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	06				

Clustering refers to finding similar data entries that could be combined under one topic.

13. Select “Method” and “Keying function” [in this case, Key Collision and Metaphone3:

The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Cluster and edit column 'Violation'". It includes a text box with instructions, two dropdown menus for "Method" (set to "Key collision") and "Keying function" (set to "Metaphone3"), an "Auto-update" checkbox, a "Cluster" button, and a footer with "Select all", "Deselect all", "Export clusters", "Merge selected & re-cluster", "Merge selected & Close", and "Close" buttons. A blue arrow points from the title to the "Method" dropdown. Another blue arrow points from the "Keying function" dropdown to a detailed view of the dropdown menu on the right. A third blue arrow points from the "Cluster" button to the instruction text.

Cluster and edit column "Violation"

Find groups of different violations that might be other representations of the same thing. For example, "New York" and "new york" likely refer to the same thing. "Gödel" and "Godel" probably refer to the same person. [Find out more...](#)

Method: **Key collision**

Keying function: **Metaphone3**

☐ Auto-update

Click Cluster to find clusters on column "Violation" using the parameters above.

Cluster

Select all Deselect all Export clusters Merge selected & re-cluster Merge selected & Close Close

Keying function dropdown menu:

- Metaphone3
- Fingerprint
- n-Gram fingerprint
- Metaphone3**
- Cologne phonetic
- Daitch-Mokotoff
- Beider-Morse

7. Click on “Cluster” to begin process

14. Find values that can be consolidated, merge and type in replacement value in “New Cell Value”:

Cluster and edit column "Violation"

Find groups of different cell values that might be other representations of the same thing. For example, "New York" and "new york" likely refer to the same concept and just differ by capitalization, and "Godel" and "Godel" probably refer to the same person. [Find out more...](#)

Method: Key collision Keying function: Metaphone3 Manage clustering functions

☐ Auto-update 2 clusters found

Merge?	Values in cluster	New cell value	Cluster size	Row count
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO STANDING-COMM METER ZONE (4502 rows) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO STANDING-EXC. TRUCK LOADING (4164 rows) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO STANDING-EXC. AUTH. VEHICLE (1998 rows) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO STANDING EXCP D/S (240 rows) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO STANDING-COMMUTER VAN STOP (7 rows)	NO STANDING	5	10911
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> NO PARKING-EXC. AUTH. VEHICLE (513 rows) <input type="checkbox"/> NO PARKING-EXC. HNDICAP PERMIT (22 rows) <input type="checkbox"/> NO PARKING-EXC. DSBLTY PERMIT (6 rows)	NO PARKING-EXC. AUTH. VEHI	3	541
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> NO STANDING-FOR HIRE VEH STND (10 rows) <input type="checkbox"/> NO STANDING-EXC. AUTH. VEHICLE (10 rows)	NO STANDING-FOR HIRE VEH	3	16

Choices in cluster
2 — 5

Rows in cluster
0 — 19000

Average length of choices
19.5 — 29.34

Length variance of choices
0 — 8

Select all Deselect all Export to CSV Merge selected & re-cluster Merge selected & Close Close

15. Click on one of the “Merge Selected” to begin process:



1. Mass edit 10,911 cells in column Violation

16. Convert text to number: Facet > Edit cells > Common transforms > To Number:

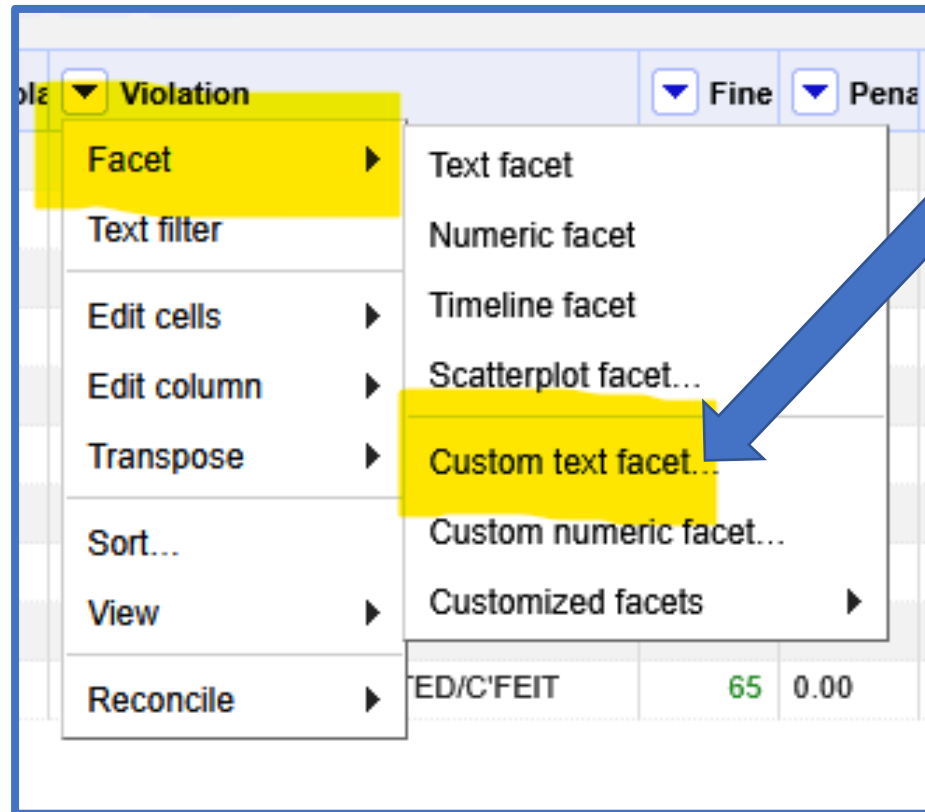
The screenshot shows a data table with columns: Fine, Pens, Payn, Amo, Prec, County, Ranc, and Issuing Agency. The 'Facet' menu is open, showing options: Facet, Text filter, Edit cells, Edit column, Transpose, Sort..., View, and Reconcile. The 'Edit cells' menu is open, showing options: Transform..., Common transforms, Fill down, Blank down, Split multi-valued cells..., Join multi-valued cells..., Cluster and edit..., and Replace... The 'Common transforms' menu is open, showing options: Trim leading and trailing whitespace, Collapse consecutive whitespace, Unescape HTML entities, Replace smart quotes with ASCII, To titlecase, To uppercase, To lowercase, To number, To date, To text, To null, and To empty string. A blue arrow points from the top right towards the 'To number' option.

Facet	Fine	Pens	Payn	Amo	Prec	County	Ranc	Issuing Agency
	0		0.00	084		Brooklyn	true	POLICE DEPARTMENT
			0.00	019		Manhattan	true	TRAFFIC
			0.00	000		Brooklyn	true	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
							true	TRAFFIC

17. Text is converted into numbers [turns green]:

 Fine	 Penal
95	0.00
95	0.00
50	0.00
65	0.00
115	0.00
115	0.00
115	0.00
115	0.00
65	0.00
65	0.00

18. Extract sample size, eg: 1 out of every 3 rows. Choose any column > Facet > Custom text facet:



19. In the “Expression” box, type:

```
row.index % 3 == 0
```

20. This will create a new column that will set every 3rd row to “True”:

Custom facet on column Violation

Expression `row.index % 3 == 0` Language General Refine Expression Language (GREL) ▾

No syntax error.

Preview History Starred Help

row	value	<code>row.index % 3 == 0</code>
1.	NO STANDING	true
2.	NO STANDING	false
3.	PHTO SCHOOL ZN SPEED VIOLATION	false
4.	REG. STICKER-EXPIRED/MISSING	true
5.	NO STANDING-DAY/TIME LIMITS	false
6.	FIRE HYDRANT	false

OK Cancel

21. Click “OK” on lower right hand corner:

22. A text facet with “True” and “False” will be created:

Violation

2 choices Sort by: name count

false 186758

true 93379

Facet by choice counts

23. Click on “True” to extract every 3rd value:

Facet / Filter Undo / Redo 2 / 2

Refresh Reset all Remove all

Violation change invert reset

2 choices Sort by: name count

false 186758

true 93379

Facet by choice counts

93,379 matching rows (280,137 total)

Show as rows records Show: 5 10 25 50 100 500 1000 rows

All	State	License	Issue Date	Viol	Violation
1.	MA	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	12	NO STANDING
4.	NY	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	01	REG. STICKER-EXPIRED/MISSING
7.	NY	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	03	NO STANDING-DAY/TIME LIMITS
10.	NY	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	06	REG STICKER-MUTILATED/C/FEIT
13.	NY	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	02	NO STANDING-DAY/TIME LIMITS
16.	NY	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	11	NO STANDING
19.	NJ	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	02	OTHER
22.	NY	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	07	FIRE HYDRANT
25.	NY	PAS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	01	REG. STICKER-EXPIRED/MISSING
28.	NY	OMS	2023-07-16T00:00:00Z	01	PHOTO SCHOOL ZN SPEED VIOLATION

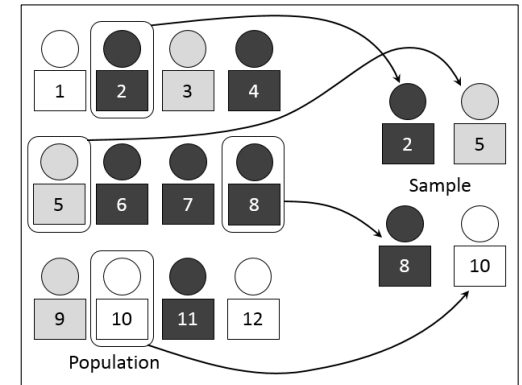
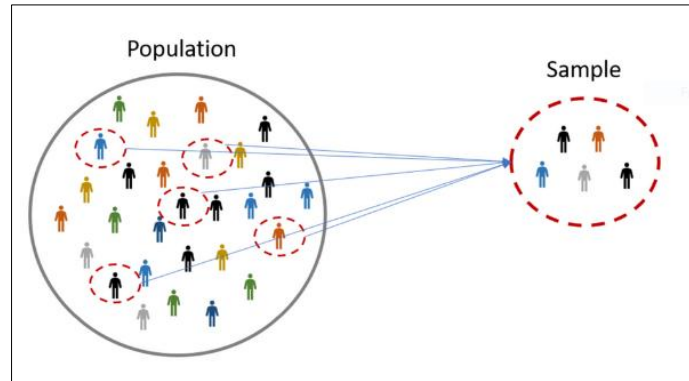
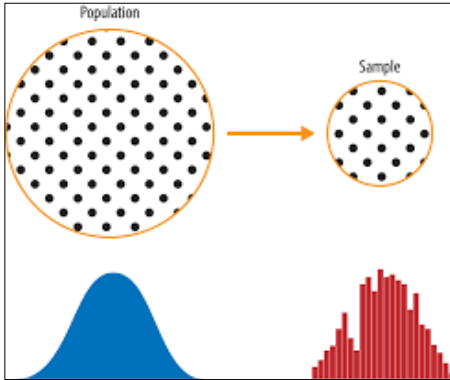
24. Extract sample size: Export > Comma-separated value:



25. CSV file will be 1/3 the size of the original file:

300-000-July16-July31-2023Open-Parkin... 4/25/2025 9:44 PM Excel.CSV 10,259 KB

Overall, was able to reduce 70 million rows covering 7 months to 439,000 rows.



Load Process

Load file into Orange Data Miner:

orange
DATA MINING

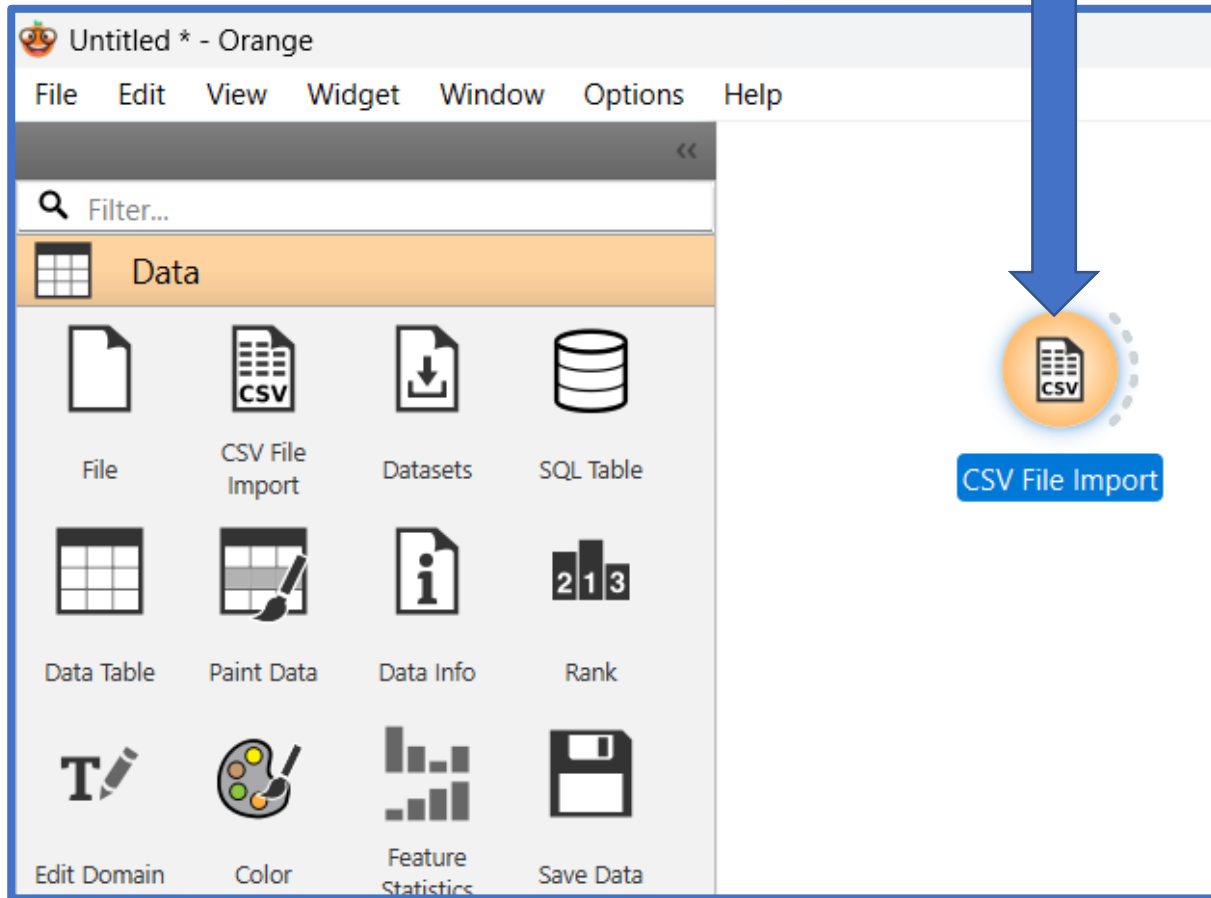
Data Mining Fruitful and Fun

Open source machine learning and data
visualization.

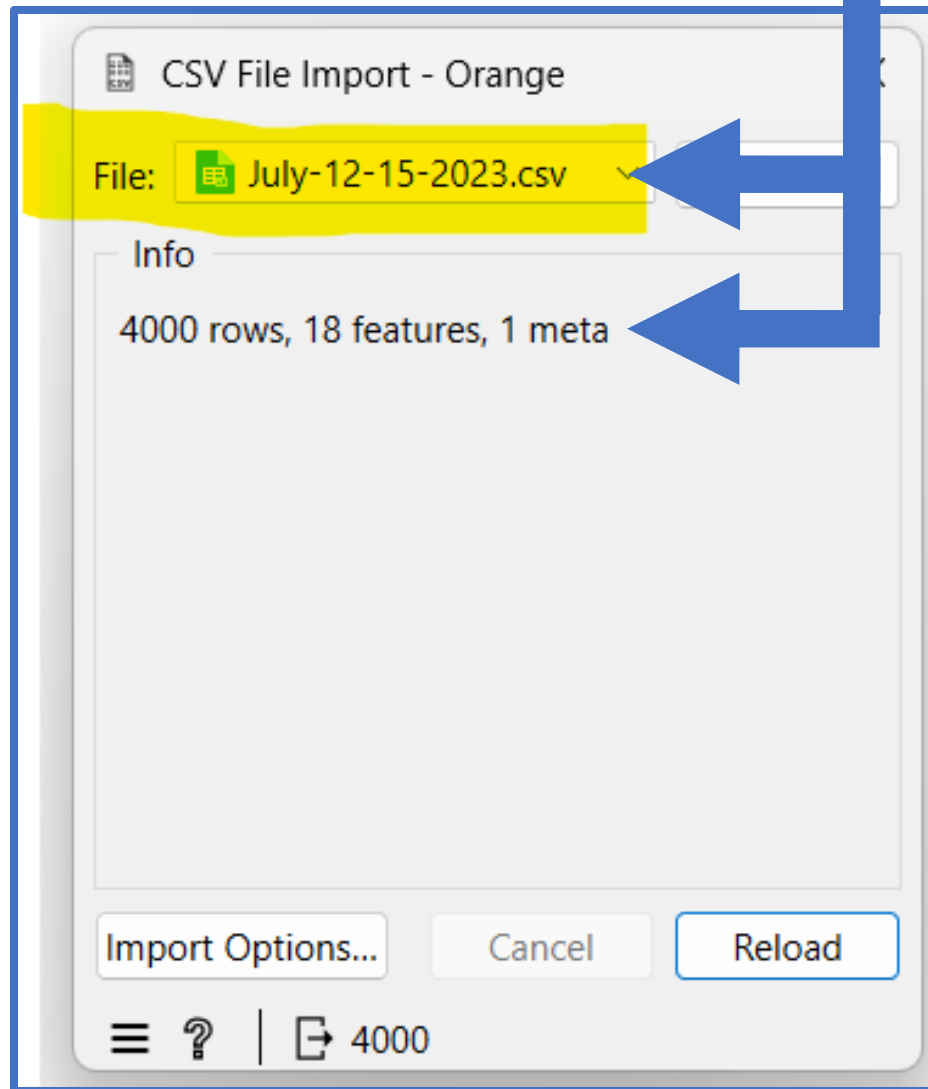
Download Orange 3.38.1

The banner features a cartoon orange character with glasses and a green bow, holding a string of balloons with various data-related icons (like a pie chart, bar chart, and scatter plot). To the right, there are two overlapping windows showing data visualizations: a scatter plot and a line graph.

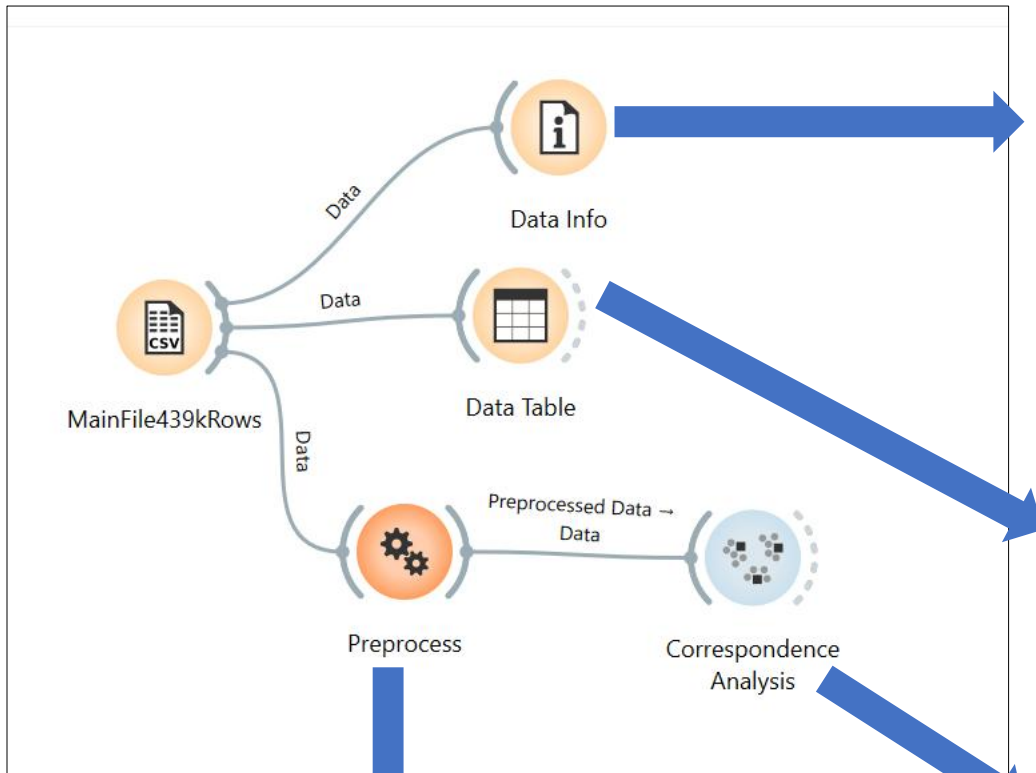
Open Orange Data Mining and drag the CSV File Import widget into the work area:



Double click, find file and load file into Orange Data Miner:



Main File with 439,000 rows with basic analysis:



Data Info - Orange

Data table properties

Name: 439k-2022-2024

Size: ~439231 rows, 13 columns

Features: 5 categorical, 7 numeric

Metas: 1 text

Missing data: 98066 (1.9%) in features, 12065 (2.7%) in meta variable

Additional attributes

439k

Data Table - Orange

Info
439231 instances
12 features (1.9 % missing data)
No target variable.
1 meta attribute (2.7 % missing data)

Variables
☒ Show variable labels (if present)
☒ Visualize numeric values
☒ Color by instance classes

Selection
☒ Select full rows

Restore Original Order
☒ Send Automatically

	Violation Time	State	Sequence	License Type	Issue Date	V
1	00:49	NY	1	PAS	2023-08-16 00:...	OBSTI
2	16:49	NY	2	PAS	2023-08-16 00:...	FIRE I
3	15:56	CT	3	PAS	2023-08-16 00:...	NO ST
4	12:09	NY	4	PAS	2023-08-16 00:...	NO ST
5	14:30	NY	5	PAS	2023-08-16 00:...	NO ST
6	11:30	NY	6	PAS	2023-08-16 00:...	NO PV
7	13:03	NY	7	PAS	2023-08-16 00:...	EXPIR
8	15:41	NY	8	PAS	2023-08-16 00:...	EXPIR
9	09:11	NY	9	PAS	2023-08-16 00:...	NO PV
10	10:46	NY	10	PAS	2023-08-16 00:...	FAIL T
11	07:00	NY	11	PAS	2023-08-16 00:...	PHTO
12	18:49	NY	12	PAS	2023-08-16 00:...	PHTO
13	08:38	NY	13	PAS	2023-08-16 00:...	NO PV
14	11:45	NY	14	PAS	2023-08-16 00:...	NO PV
15	10:38	ON	15	PAS	2023-08-16 00:...	NO ST
16	10:44	NY	16	PAS	2023-08-16 00:...	FAIL T
17	09:34	NY	17	PAS	2023-08-16 00:...	NO ST

439k | 439k

Preprocess - Orange

Preprocessors

- ☒ Discretize Continuous Variables
- ☐ Continuize Discrete Variables
- ☐ Impute Missing Values
- ☐ Select Relevant Features
- ☐ Select Random Features
- ☐ Normalize Features
- ☐ Randomize
- ☐ Remove Sparse Features
- ☐ Principal Component Analysis

Discretize Continuous Variables

☐ Entropy-MDL discretization

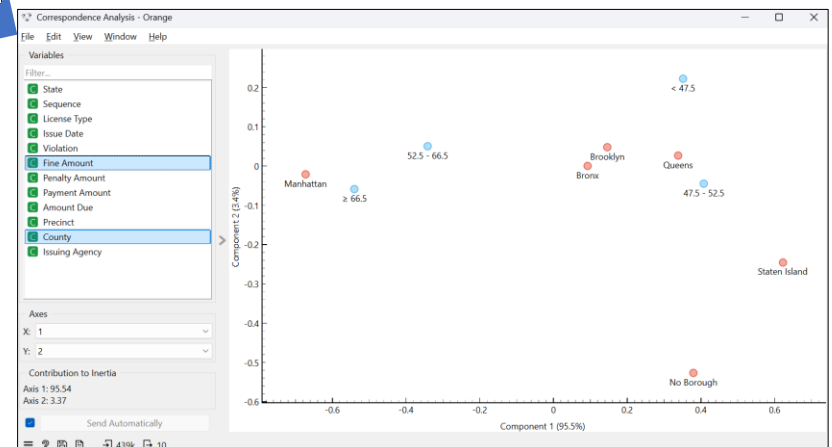
☒ Equal frequency discretization

☐ Equal width discretization

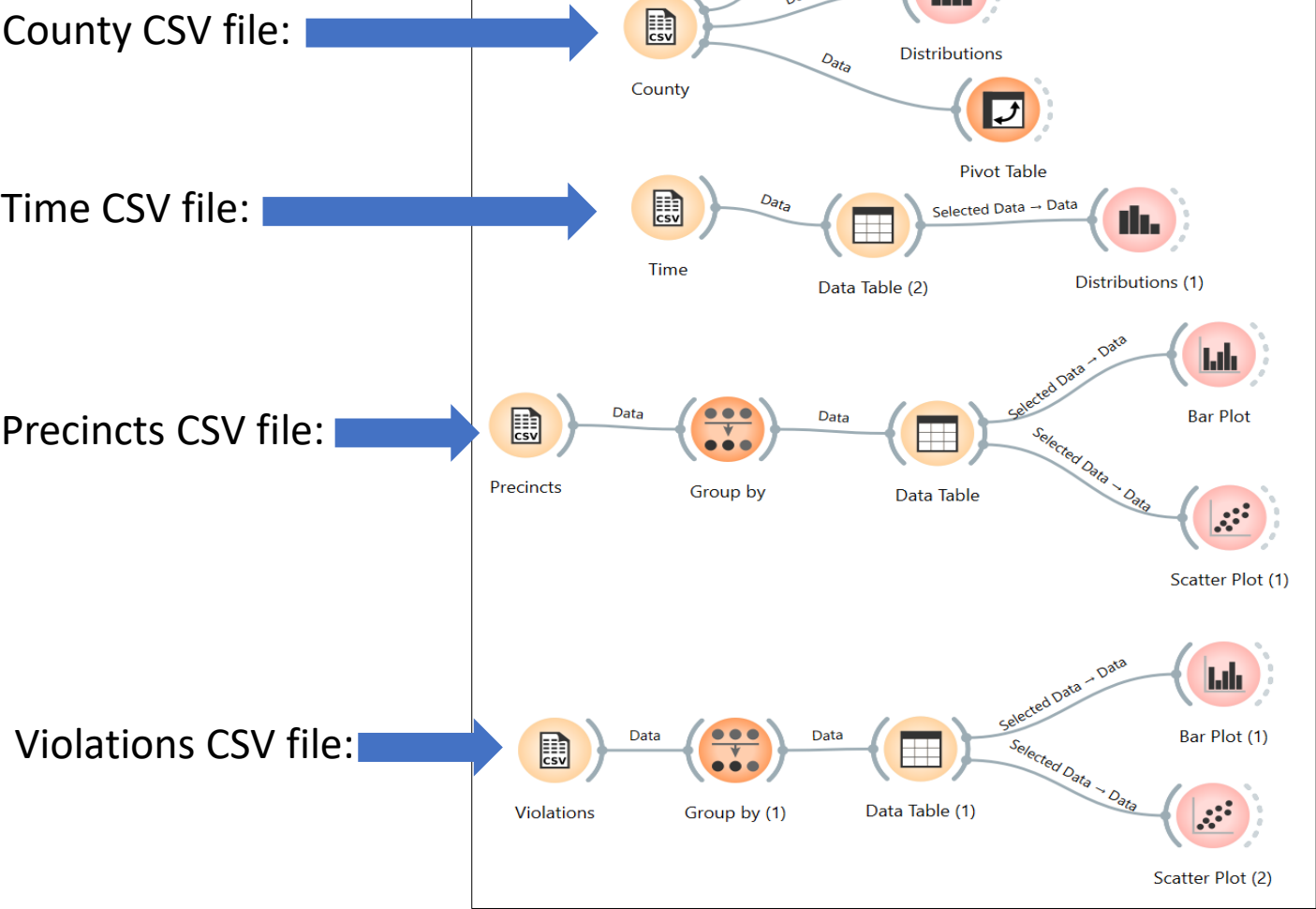
Number of intervals (for equal width/frequency)

5

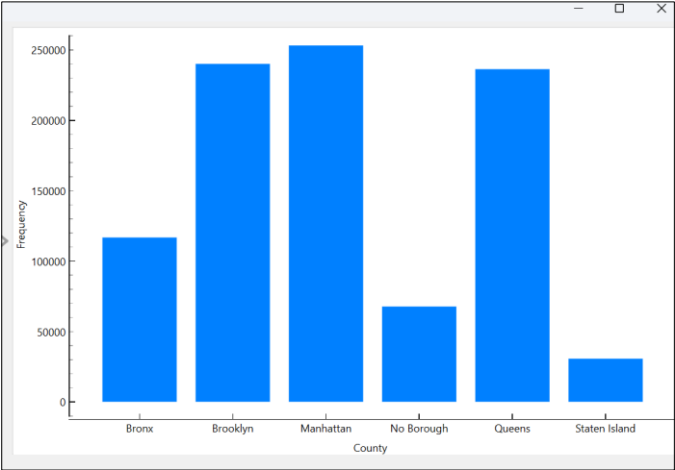
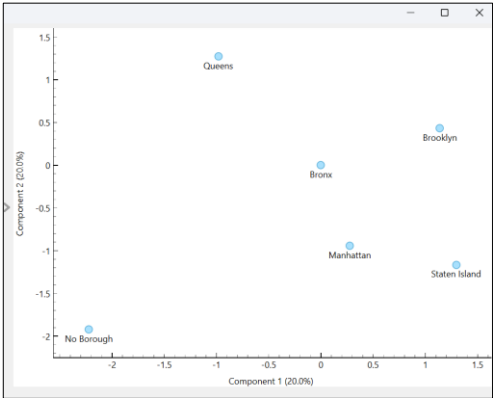
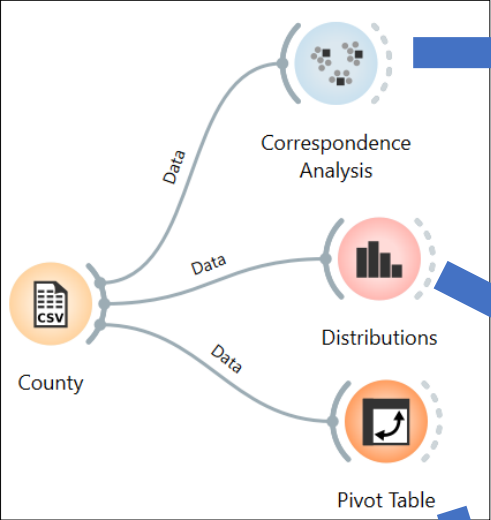
☐ Remove numeric features



More detailed analysis workflow by breaking out individual topics by CSV file:



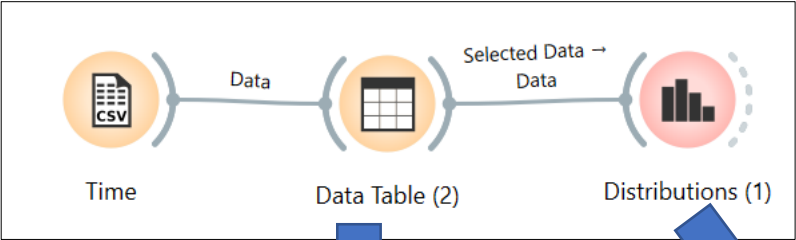
County analysis:



Note that Manhattan accounts for the highest number of tickets.

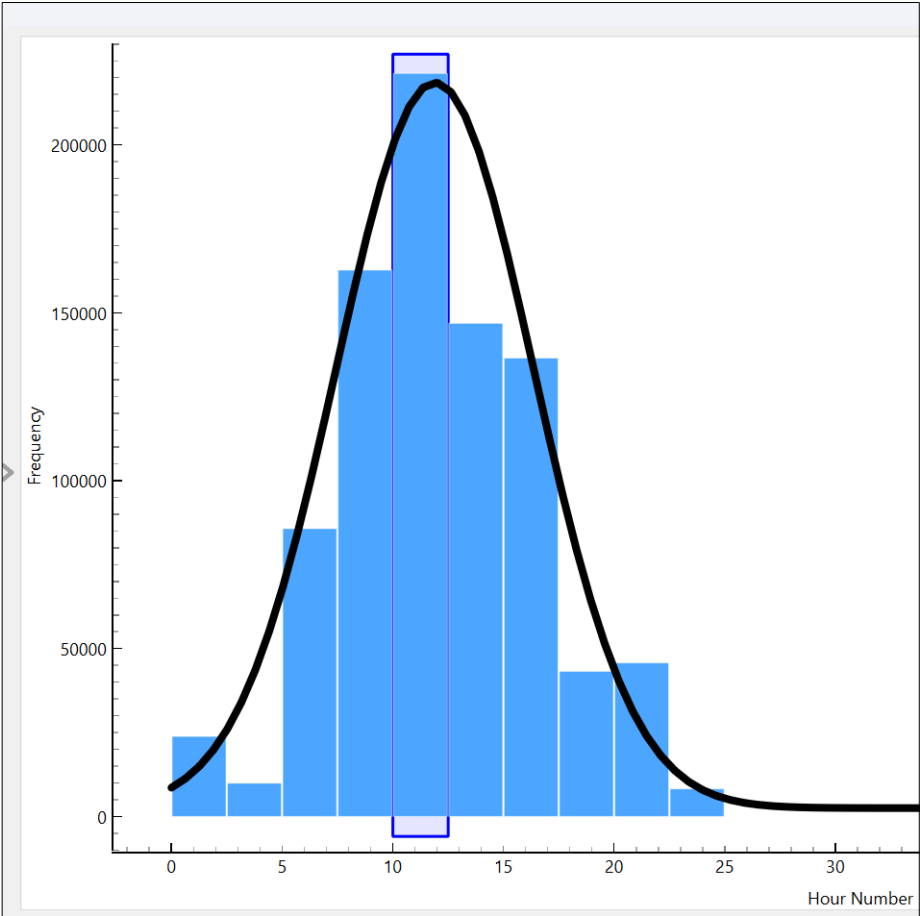
		County						
County	Count	Bronx	Brooklyn	Manhattan	No Borough	Queens	Staten Island	Total
	Bronx	116893.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	116893.0
	Brooklyn	0.0	240218.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	240218.0
	Manhattan	0.0	0.0	253287.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	253287.0
	No Borough	0.0	0.0	0.0	67844.0	0.0	0.0	67844.0
	Queens	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	236452.0	0.0	236452.0
	Staten Island	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30794.0	30794.0
Total		116893.0	240218.0	253287.0	67844.0	236452.0	30794.0	945488.0

Time analysis by the hour:

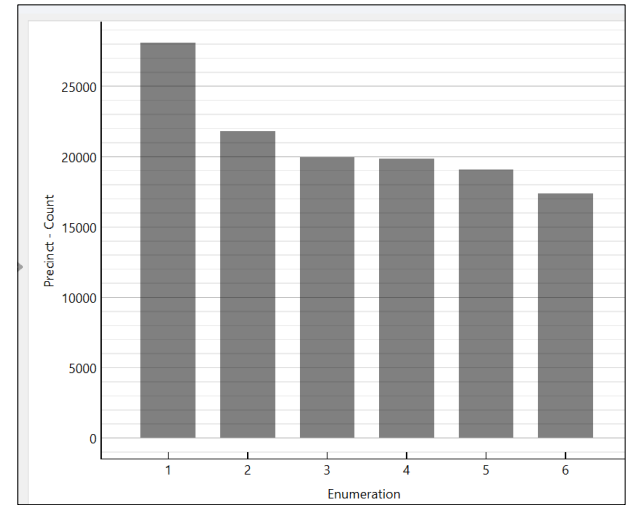
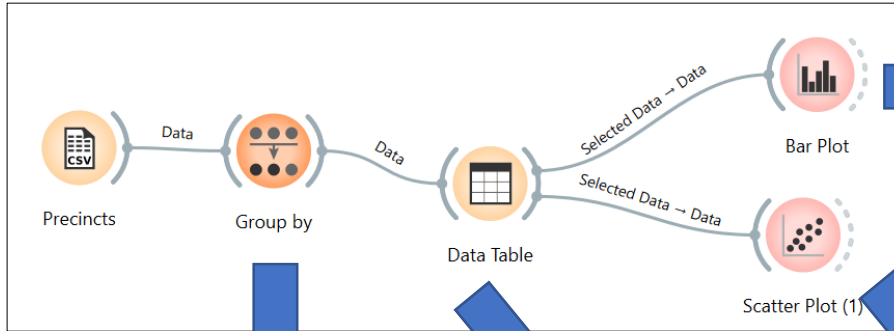


Hour Number	
1	0
2	16
3	15
4	12
5	14
6	11
7	13
8	15
9	9
10	10
11	7
12	18
13	8
14	11
15	10
16	10
17	9
18	11

The time of day with the most tickets is from 10 AM to 12 PM



Precinct analysis:



Attributes

1 N Precinct

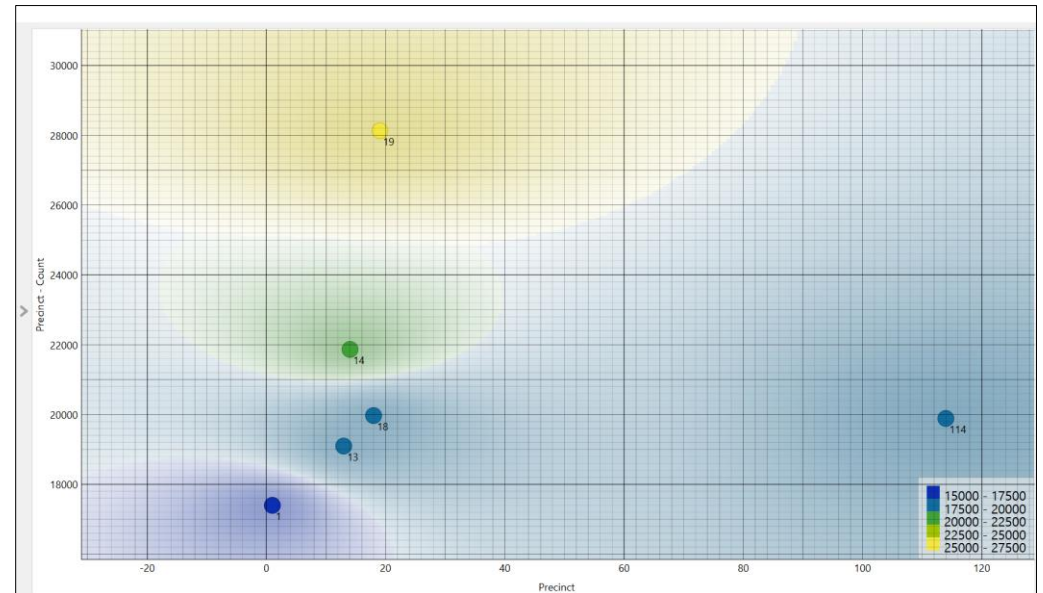
Aggregations

Count

Aggregations

☐ Mean ☐ Mode ☐ First value
☐ Median ☐ Standard deviation ☐ Last value
☐ Q1 ☐ Variance ☐ Random value
☐ Q3 ☐ Sum ☐ Count defined
☐ Min. value ☐ Concatenate ☐ Count
☐ Max. value ☐ Span ☐ Proportion defined

	Precinct	Precinct - Count
1	0	322425
19	19	28123
14	14	21861
18	18	19966
102	114	19892
13	13	19092
2	1	17400
97	109	14031



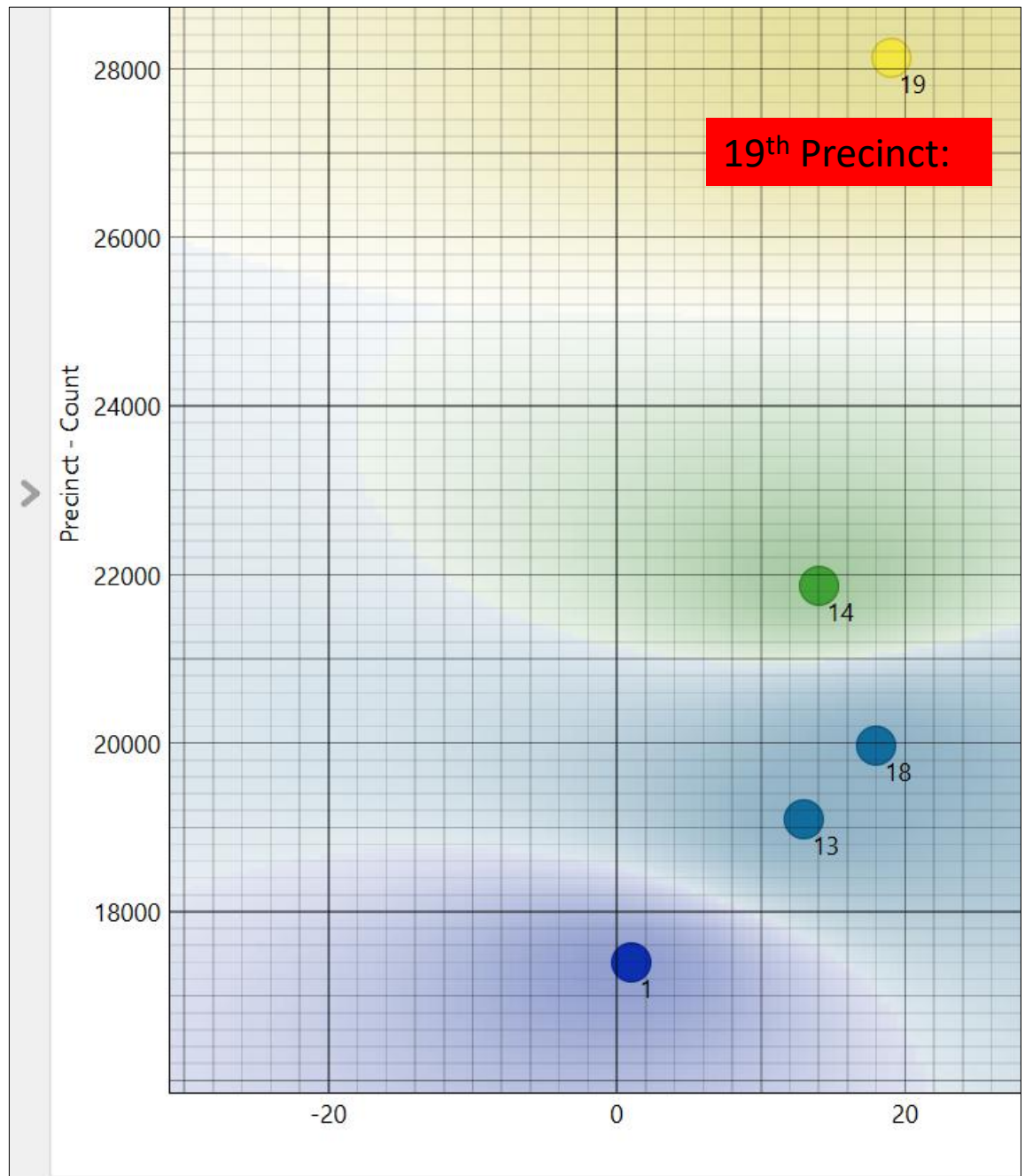
Close up of Precinct scatter plot.

Top Precincts:

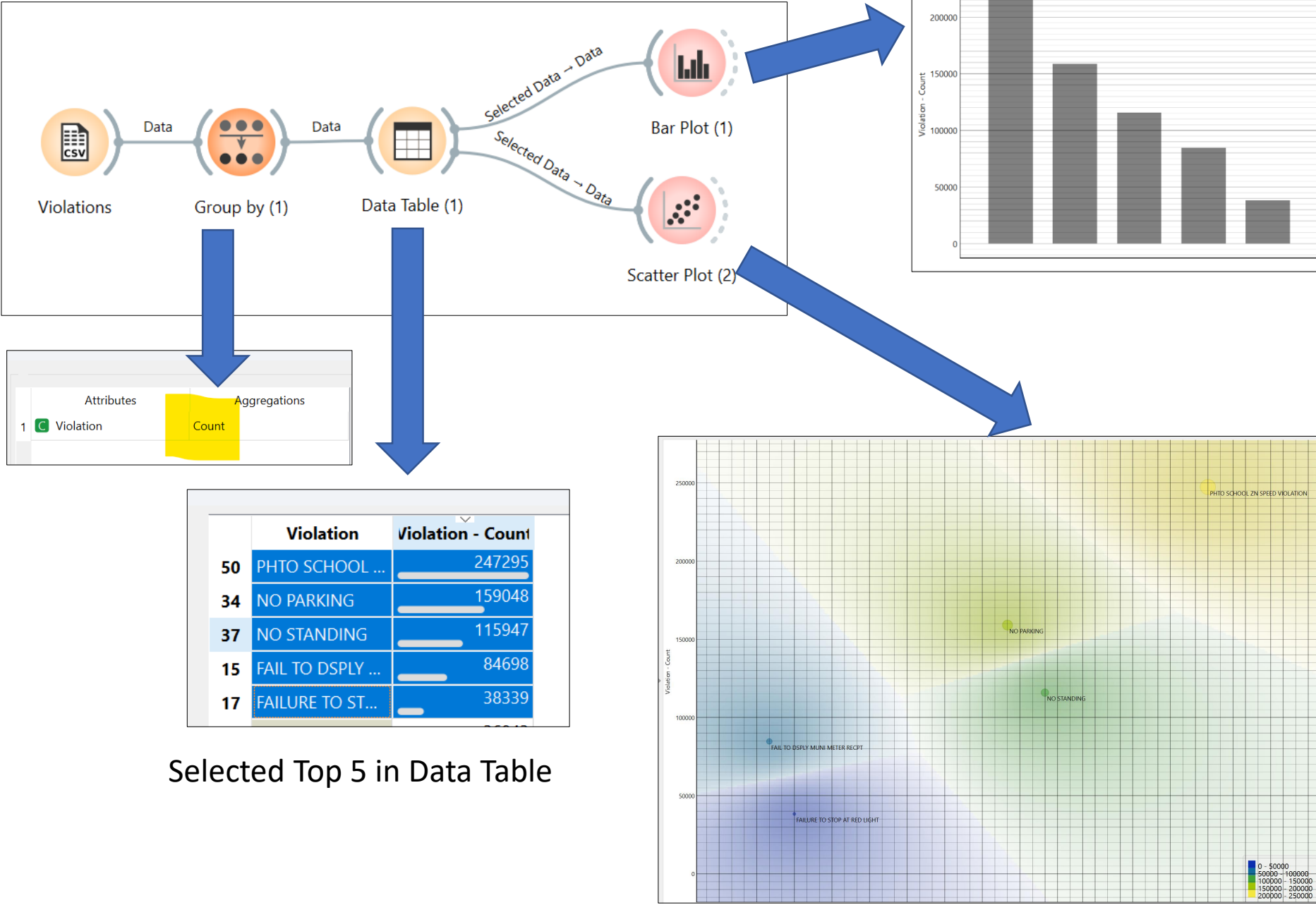
- a. 19th
- b. 14th
- c. 18th
- d. 13th
- e. 1st

The 19th Precinct is on the Upper East Side has the highest number of tickets, followed by the 14th [Midtown South] and the 18th [Midtown North].

These areas have some of the highest traffic volumes in NYC.

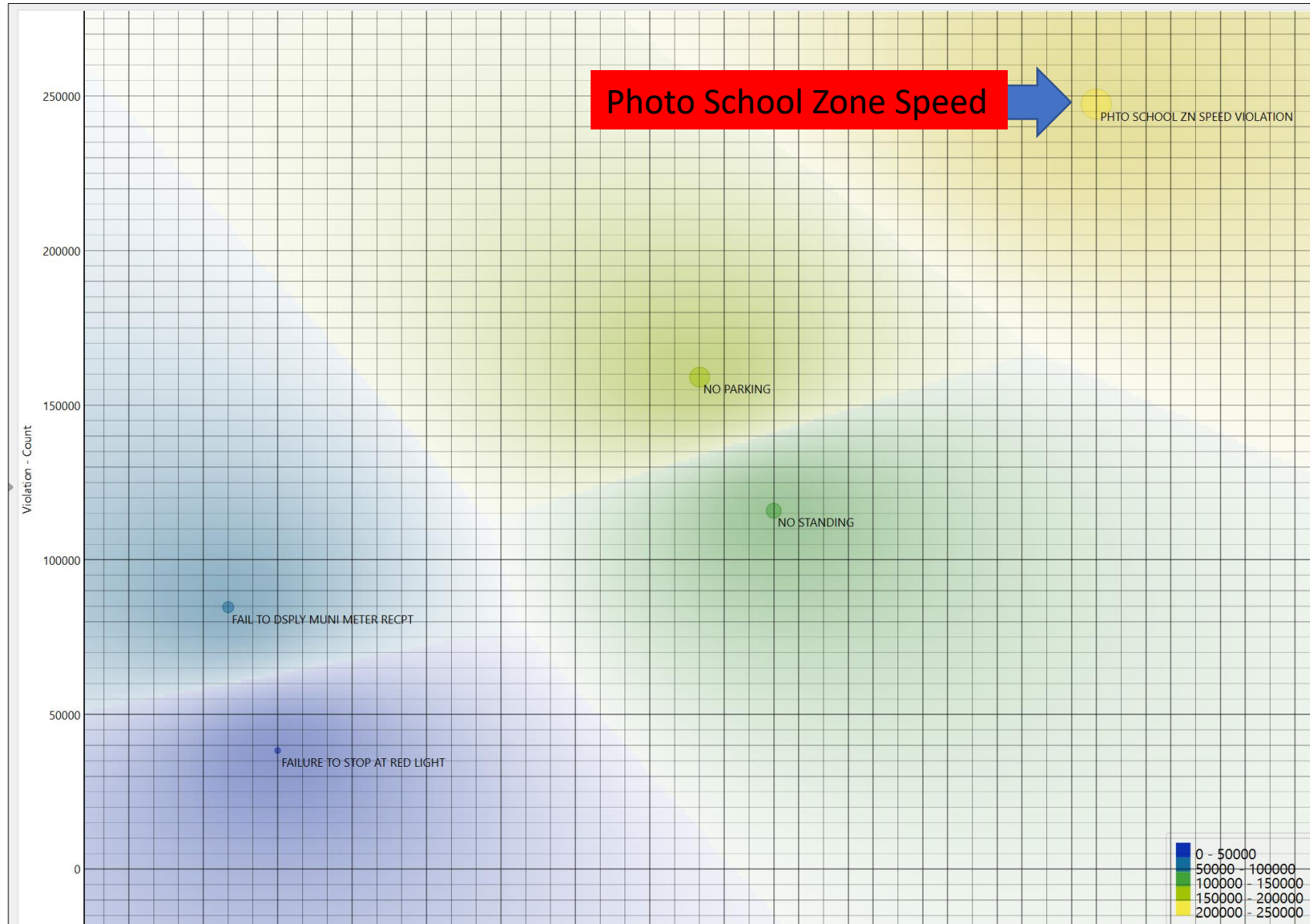


Violations analysis:

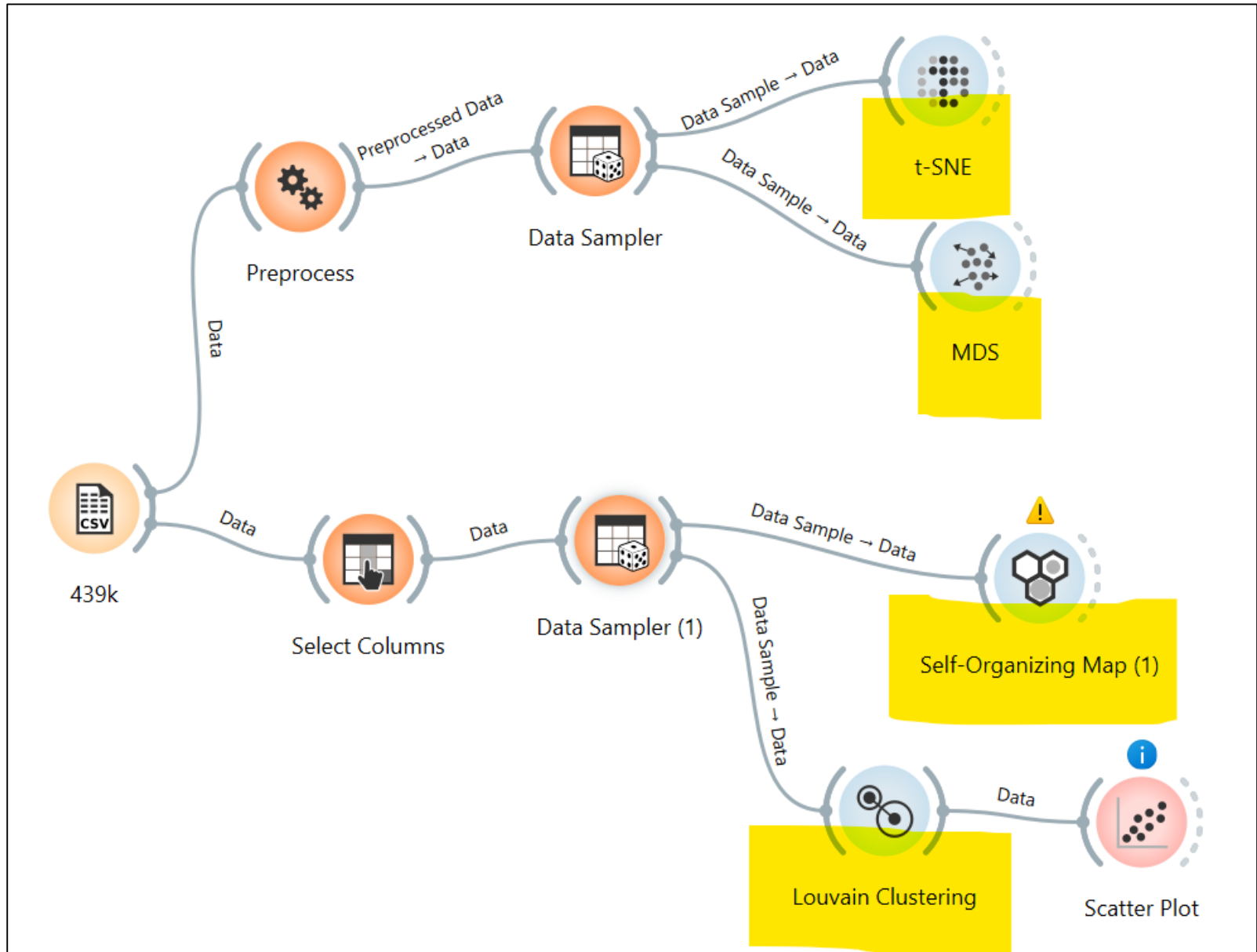


Top 5 Violations scatter plot :

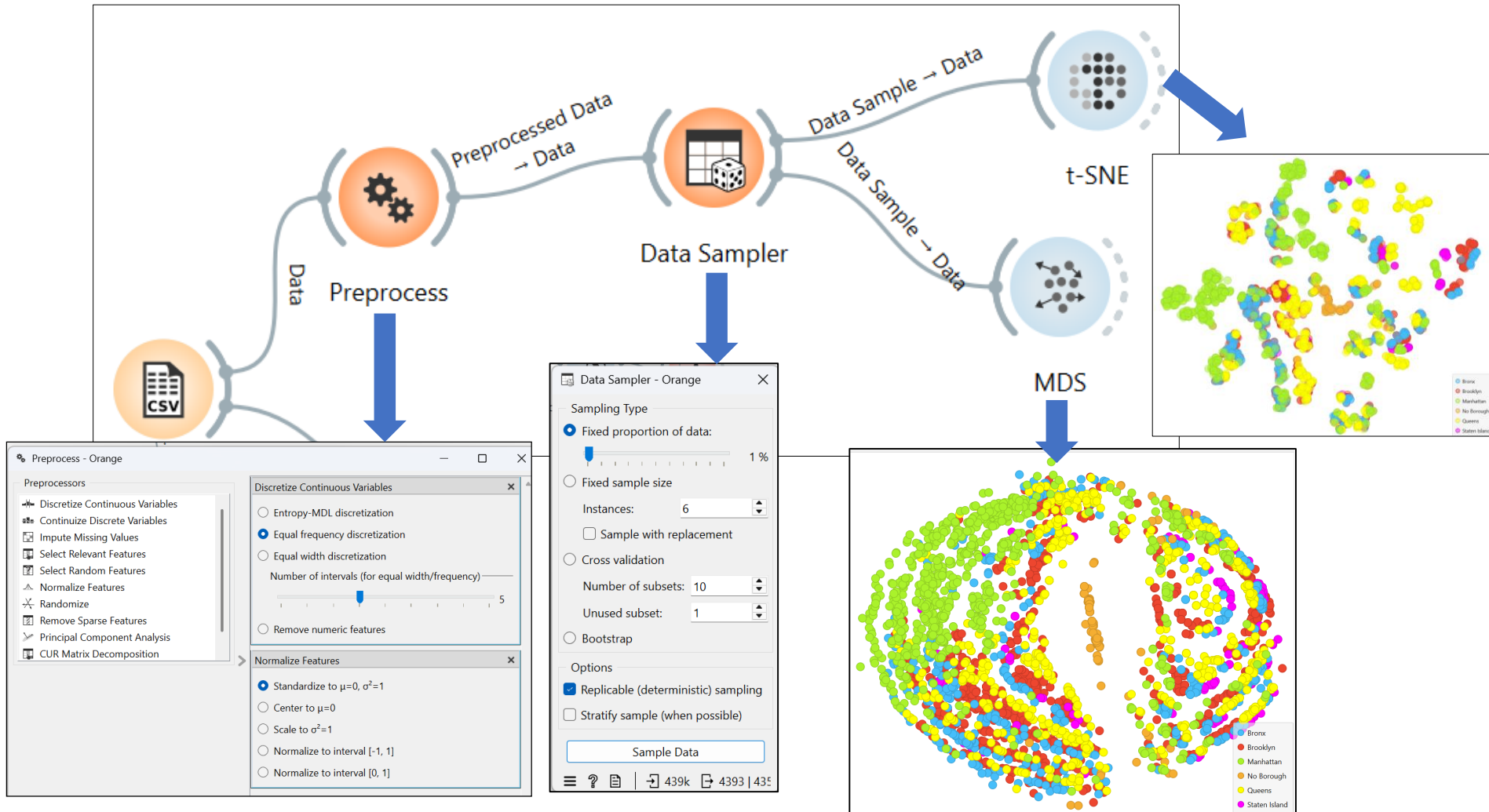
Top violation is Speeding in a School Zone taken by an automatic speed camera.



Unsupervised learning refers to algorithms that discover patterns and relationships



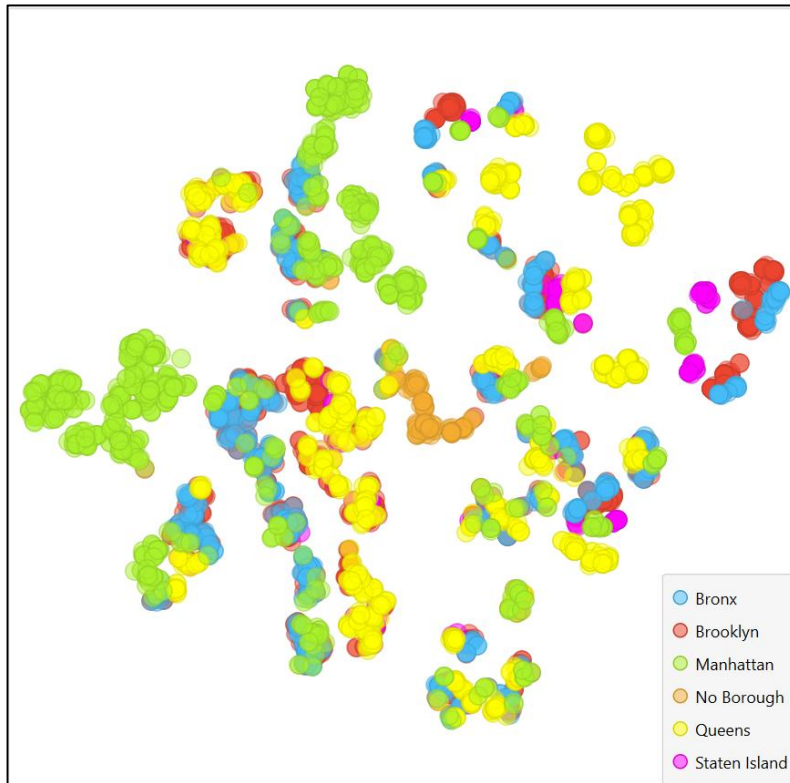
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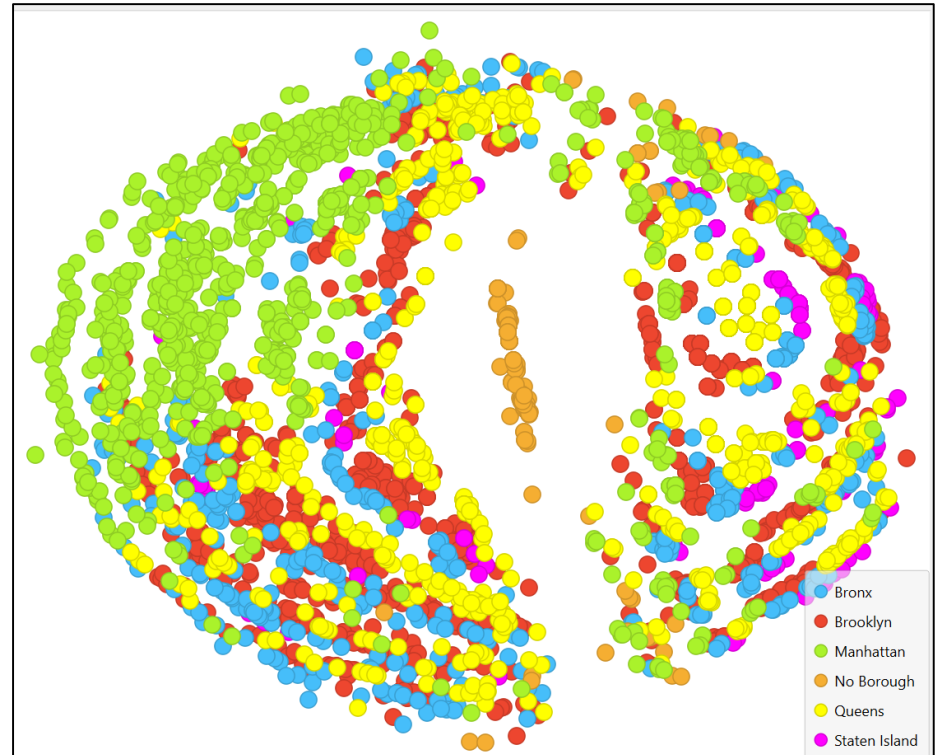
t-SNE: [t-Stochastic Neighbor Embedding] reduces a large number of dimensions to 2D or 3D visualizations. Uncovers clusters and patterns in data.

MDS: [Mulitdimensional Scaling] also maps high dimensional data to lower dimensions but is less intensive with regards to computer processing.

t-SNE: [t-Stochastic Neighbor Embedding]

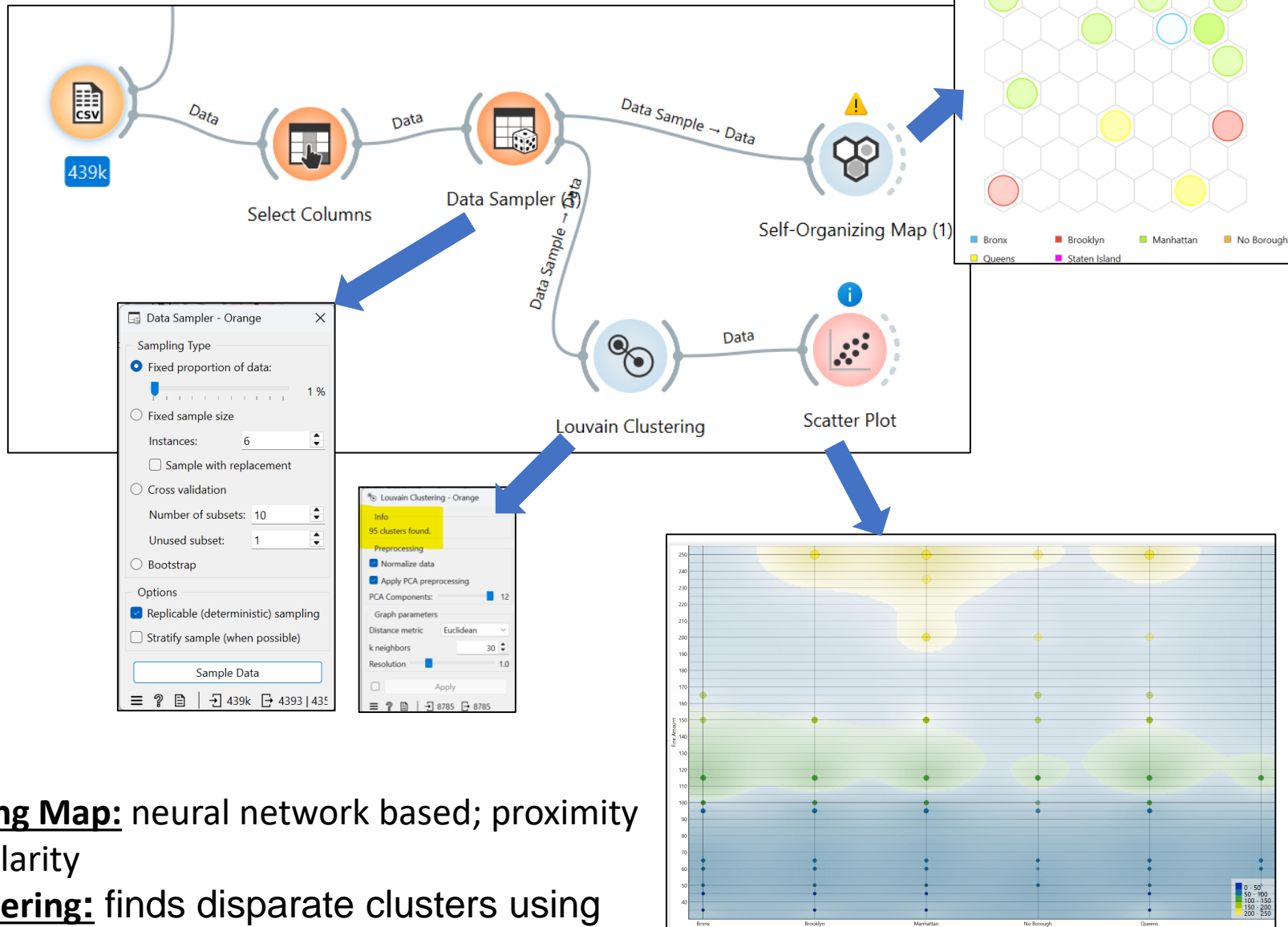


MDS: [Multidimensional Scaling]



Same dataset but some difference in clustering patterns, where t-SNE is preserving local relationships, while MDS maintains global structures and overall data geometry.

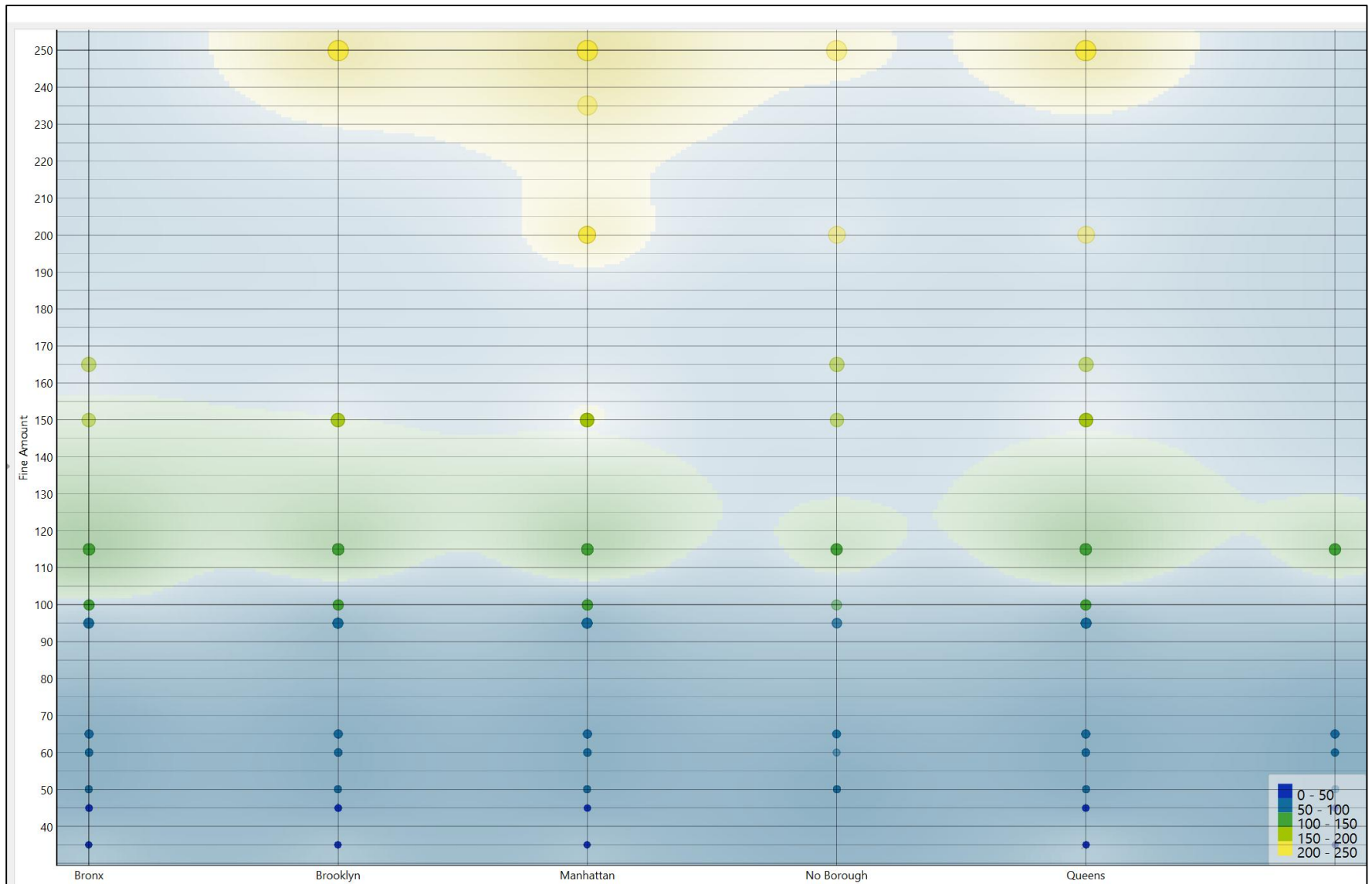
2 More Unsupervised Algorithms



Self-Organizing Map: neural network based; proximity indicates similarity

Louvain Clustering: finds disparate clusters using community detection

Louvain Clustering Feeding Into Scatter Plot



Brighter color indicates higher Fine Amount Along With Heat Map
Manhattan has the highest concentration of the highest ticket fines.

Conclusion

Tools Used:

- Extraction: Query tool on NYC OpenData for Parking Tickets
- Transform: OpenRefine
- Load/Visualizations: Orange Data Mining - Additional transformation work done with GREL [General Refine Expression Language]

Project Review:

Having worked previously with data from the GAIA Space Observatory where the data was precise and standardized, it was an interesting learning process to work with NYC OpenData. By contrast, NYC OpenData was much less precise and chaotic due to humans recording and performing data entry with little quality control. However, this challenge was an opportunity to learn how to clean and modify the data using OpenRefine. The Clustering Function in OpenRefine was quite fascinating, as were the results produced by the different algorithmic clustering functions. Likewise, using Orange Data Mining was a wonderful chance to learn about the different visualizations that data was capable of being presented. In addition, this application introduced me to the large number of Unsupervised Algorithms that are available to further reveal hidden patterns and trends within large amounts of data.

Both programs required a fairly steep learning curve in order to understand their basic functions. In doing so, I was able to get a taste of the true power of these programs.

In retrospect, I would have allocated more time towards the download process from NYC OpenData, as I did not anticipate that there would be upwards of 10 million rows of data per month. However, this gave me the chance to learn the true power and usefulness of OpenRefine in handling massive levels of data.

Benefits of using OpenRefine and Orange Data Mining:

- Do not have to create customized Python code from scratch
- Both tools are refined and well-tested applications
- Data does not have to be uploaded to the cloud, saving time and money
- Since all data is processed locally, the user's privacy is enhanced
- After using both applications, the skills gained will allow users to take those skills into the field to work on data quickly without having to pay for use of the cloud

After working with both tools in the course of this project, it seems that Baruch could develop a whole course on how to use all aspects of these substantial programs. In doing so, this would allow students to perform sophisticated data manipulations and robust modifications without learning the intricacies of Python programming.

References:

- Extraction: Query tool on NYC OpenData for Parking Tickets

Website: https://data.cityofnewyork.us/City-Government/Open-Parking-and-Camera-Violations/nc67-uf89/about_data

- Transform: OpenRefine: <https://openrefine.org/>
- Load/Visualizations: Orange Data Mining: <https://orangedatamining.com/>
- Additional transformation work: GREL [General Refine Expression Language]: <https://openrefine.org/docs/manual/grel>