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1 Competing in the Mental Wellness iOS App Market (Natural Language Sentiment Analysis)

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2 INTRODUCTION

Over the course of the last year and a half, more and more COVID-19 lockdowns and restrictions were put in place, it's of no surprise that the number of people seeking help with anxiety and depression has skyrocketed. According to Mental Health America, there was a 93% increase in the number of anxiety screens and a 62% increase in the number of depression screens from January to September of 2020 in comparison to the total number of anxiety and depression screens recorded in 2019.

To make matters worse, lockdowns have made it increasingly difficult for those people to arrange to meet with health professionals who can provide the assistance that they seek. This is where Mental Health mobile apps have begun to provide an alternative approach. As a result, the mental health app market has seen tremendous growth, and Market Watch predicts the Mental Health app market to see a compound annual growth rate of 20.5% from 2021 through 2027 to reach \$3.3 billion by 2027.



2.1 Business Problem

Our stakeholder wants to enter the mental health mobile app market and requires insight into what to focus on while designing a new mental health app. With over 300,000 health apps currently available, there is plenty of information available to help us begin to form a strategy.

The goal of this analysis is to use Natural Language Processing to determine what characteristics of Mental Health apps currently available on the iTunes App Store are liked or disliked by users. Through sentiment analysis of text reviews and their corresponding ratings, we will examine what words are more likely to indicate a positive vs a negative app review.

Questions to consider: * What do users like or dislike about apps currently available on the iTunes App Store? * How can we use this information to develop a strategy for building a new mental health app that can compete with apps that have already seen success? ***

3 OBTAIN

3.1 Data Understanding

Although there is a category for "Health and Fitness" apps, there is no subcategory for mental health apps, and so a list of 31 top mental health apps was hand-curated from a collection of blog posts. The data used in this analysis was scraped using the itunes_app_scraper and app_store_scraper libraries and includes text reviews for this list of mental-health apps paired with ratings out of 5. The process for scraping the data can be found here.

The review texts will be our independent variables, and our target variable will be the rating out of 5.

3.1.1 Installing and Importing Libraries

Let's begin by installing and importing the necessary libraries to run this notebook as well as changing some settings to be able to easily visualize our data.

[1]: # Install LIME library for feature interpretation !pip install lime

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Requirement already satisfied: lime in /opt/anaconda3/envs/learn-
env/lib/python3.8/site-packages (0.2.0.1)
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matplotlib->lime) (2.4.7)
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(1.15.0)
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```
[2]: # Import standard packages to be used
     import sys
     import pandas as pd
     import numpy as np
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
     import seaborn as sns
     import os
     import glob
     import string
     from PIL import Image
     import urllib.request
     # Import standard packages for Natural Language Processing
     import nltk
     from nltk import FreqDist, word tokenize, regexp tokenize, RegexpTokenizer
     from nltk.corpus import stopwords
     from nltk.stem.wordnet import WordNetLemmatizer
     from wordcloud import WordCloud
     # Importa SciKit Learn packages for modeling and model evaluation
     from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression, LogisticRegressionCV
     from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
     from sklearn.naive_bayes import MultinomialNB
     from sklearn.svm import LinearSVC
     from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split,GridSearchCV
     from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline, make_pipeline
     from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import TfidfTransformer, TfidfVectorizer
     from sklearn.inspection import permutation_importance
     from sklearn import metrics
     from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, precision_score
     from sklearn.metrics import classification_report, plot_roc_curve
     from sklearn.metrics import plot_confusion_matrix, roc_curve
     # Import LIME packages for feature interpretation
     import lime
     from lime import lime_text
     from lime.lime_text import LimeTextExplainer
     # Magic function to display plots in notebook
     %matplotlib inline
```

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[3]: # Set theme and style for plots.
sns.set_theme('talk')
```

```
sns.set_style('darkgrid')

# Set random seed
np.random.seed(27)

# Set no limit to column width to view full review text
pd.options.display.max_colwidth = None
```

3.1.2 Importing Data

We can now begin by importing data scraped in the data collection notebook. The collected .csv files have already been stored on the project repository, and we can go ahead and use a list of URLs to load them into this notebook.

```
[4]: all_files_github = [
       'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ds-leehanjin/
      \hookrightarrowapp-reviews-nlp-sentiment-analysis/master/data/headspace-meditation-sleep.

GSV¹,
       'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ds-leehanjin/
      →app-reviews-nlp-sentiment-analysis/master/data/calm.csv',
       'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ds-leehanjin/
      →app-reviews-nlp-sentiment-analysis/master/data/stoic.csv',
       'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ds-leehanjin/
      \hookrightarrow app-reviews-nlp-sentiment-analysis/master/data/happify-for-stress-worry.csv',
       'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ds-leehanjin/
      →app-reviews-nlp-sentiment-analysis/master/data/shine-calm-anxiety-stress.
       'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ds-leehanjin/
      →app-reviews-nlp-sentiment-analysis/master/data/mindshift-cbt-anxiety-relief.
      ⇔CSV¹,
       'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ds-leehanjin/
      {\scriptstyle \hookrightarrow} app\text{-reviews-nlp-sentiment-analysis/master/data/moodtools-depression-aid.csv',}
       'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ds-leehanjin/
      →app-reviews-nlp-sentiment-analysis/master/data/insight-timer-meditation-app.
      ⇔CSV¹,
       'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ds-leehanjin/
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       'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ds-leehanjin/
      →app-reviews-nlp-sentiment-analysis/master/data/talkspace-therapy-counseling.
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       'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ds-leehanjin/
      →app-reviews-nlp-sentiment-analysis/master/data/sanvello-anxiety-depression.
      ⇔CSV',
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 'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ds-leehanjin/
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→app-reviews-nlp-sentiment-analysis/master/data/rootd-panic-attack-relief.
⇔csv'.
 'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ds-leehanjin/
→app-reviews-nlp-sentiment-analysis/master/data/

→ten-percent-happier-meditation.csv',
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→app-reviews-nlp-sentiment-analysis/master/data/pzizz-sleep-nap-focus.csv',
 'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ds-leehanjin/
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 'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ds-leehanjin/
→app-reviews-nlp-sentiment-analysis/master/data/slumber-fall-asleep-insomnia.
⇔csv',
 'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ds-leehanjin/
→app-reviews-nlp-sentiment-analysis/master/data/whats-up-a-mental-health-app.
⇔csv¹,
 'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ds-leehanjin/
→app-reviews-nlp-sentiment-analysis/master/data/breethe-meditation-sleep.csv',
 'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ds-leehanjin/
→app-reviews-nlp-sentiment-analysis/master/data/meditopia-meditation-breathe.
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⇔CSV',
 'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ds-leehanjin/
→app-reviews-nlp-sentiment-analysis/master/data/

→fabulous-daily-routine-planner.csv',
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'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ds-leehanjin/
      →app-reviews-nlp-sentiment-analysis/master/data/reflectly-journal-ai-diary.
      ⇔csv',
       'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ds-leehanjin/
      →app-reviews-nlp-sentiment-analysis/master/data/relax-meditation-guided-mind.

csv¹
]
[5]: # Create a list of all loaded review text dataframes
     df_list = []
     for filename in all_files_github:
         temp_df = pd.read_csv(filename)
         df_list.append(temp_df)
[6]: # Concatenate all tables into a single dataframe
     df = pd.concat(df_list, axis=0, ignore_index=True)
     df
[6]:
                                                  title isEdited \
     0
           This is the BEST app by far for mindfulness
                                                            False
     1
                            Facing down the rabbit hole
                                                            False
     2
                          A Bright Spot in a Dark World
                                                            False
                The most useful thing I've done in 2020
                                                            False
                                    It's a Miracle App!
                                                            False
     44717
                       Me encanta lo mejor para meditar
                                                            False
     44718
                                              Excelente
                                                            False
     44719
                                          Love this app
                                                            False
     44720
                                           Disappointed
                                                            False
                                                            False
     44721
                FALSE ADVERTISEMENT subscription terms
                     userName
                                              date \
     0
            Crazy Yorkie Lady 2021-02-22 18:13:54
                     KLC-MHFL 2021-02-12 12:42:11
     1
     2
                  Ashabashley 2021-02-11 06:22:38
                     Kindly38 2021-01-18 17:14:21
     3
     4
                    jlhuggins 2021-02-08 19:19:10
     44717
                      JLucret 2020-04-06 23:34:12
     44718
                    mata rato 2020-03-28 06:01:54
                  Fierce Girl 2020-03-24 13:44:13
     44719
     44720
                     Irkesome 2020-03-07 17:29:09
                     ksavv916 2020-02-18 02:08:56
     44721
                  review \
            It's almost embarrassing to say this, but I have been a "meditator" for
     about 30 years and I have to say that I never really got very much out of doing
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- it. I tried so hard, but I'm finding out I never truly understood that "trying" to be a good meditator or mindful person, was missing what doing this was about. What I'm learning through this app is that "mindfulness" is about me understanding myself first, and it's a lot about acceptance. So with that understanding and acceptance I can begin to see "things" so much more clearly and why previous ways of thinking, particularly about myself, were holding me back from living my life and loving myself. And I'm finding that the more I practice self acceptance, the fears about living fully and going after what I want out of my life, are disappearing. \nThe previous version of myself is rapidly becoming someone I only used to know, and this new ME is much more in line with who I'd always wanted to be. I'm able to try and do so much more, all while in the comfort that I am lovable, even if I fail at something. I simply dust myself off and try some more. \nThis app has completely changed me and the way I'm able to appreciate all the good that's in my life. And I'm worthy of going after the things I want for my life, while freeing me up to share my gifts with others and society in general. \nIf this is where you find your life stalling out, this app will bring you back to yourself.
- I discovered Headspace on Netflix. My life is a series of invitations to succumb to fear. My husband is a practicing psychologist who is on peritoneal dialysis for 10 hours every night and works remotely with patients for about 10 hours every day without complaint. We have been waiting for a kidney for two years. I am optimistic by nature but even if this was the only focus for concern it would be a lot. Unhelpfully, the list goes on with equivalent issues. I can't work; I need to be on call because I am the go-to for support. I occupy my mind and time writing a book and renovating every room of our home one at a time amidst being available for nine blended (mostly grown) children and 5 grandkids, many of whom have special needs. I am busy but isolated like so many due to covid-19. Trying the Headspace series felt like meeting air; filling the natural and effortless need to breathe. It has provided me with a new lens through which to focus on challenges and see potential. I incorporate it into my waking routine at dawn and it positions me for whatever happens throughout the day, and differentiates a space that is my own. I turn 61 this month and for maybe the first time in a while, life feels lighter and brighter. It's not about what you fear or can't control or even the fact of fear. It's about the lens through which you interpret your fears or challenges and making them your strengths and allies. Thank you Andy :-)
- You won't regret buying a Headspace subscription. I often joke with people that Headspace is the one thing I would want to take with me to a desert island. If I were to cancel all of my subscriptions today, Headspace is the one exception I would make. I'm a high school English teacher, and our administration put together a month-long mindfulness education program for our students shortly after I subscribed. I had already raved to many of them about the app and the benefits of taking a couple of minutes out of their day to sit and be present. Lo and behold, Andy pops up on the next slide as our Ted Talk speaker of the day! On a more serious note, I suffer from debilitating chronic pain. I'm currently on long-term disability and a leave of absence from the classroom. Mindfulness, and the courses on managing pain, have been a tremendous

help in my journey. Not only that, but I struggle with insomnia. My favorite part of Headspace, because of my (admittedly) vivid imagination, are the sleepcasts. I love falling asleep to Rainday Antiques. I can't imagine doing anything but that ever again. I have learned to manage stress and anxiety in a way that I had never thought was possible. I have meditated in the waiting room of The Cleveland Clinic before my appointments. I once laughed at the idea of mindfulness and meditation. Now it's an integral part of my life. It's part of my journey, and I think everyone could benefit from it.

This app has given me tools to deal with constant change. This past year, I've needed to pivot every day to face some new challenge outside as an essential worker, and at home in isolation with my partner. The tools I learned to use to be present in the moment and to accept change has benefited my partner and colleagues at work as much as my own peace of mind. I have very little control over my environment, but I can see my reaction, accept the emotions that rise up, and move on instead of getting lost or bound by them. \nThis app has also benefited me by helping me get through insomnia. Sometimes it helps me get to sleep in the first place. Mostly it gives me tools to use to calm my mind and body when I wake up in the night buffeted by anxiety or lingering frustration from the day. \nLastly, this app has given me a language to express the emotional upheaval and troubling questions that I used to just call anxiety. Naming what makes me feel upset has brought clarity to what can feel like a tempest at the time and allow me to look at my thoughts or, rather, face them. After acknowledging them, I can let them go. Sometimes I'm better at that than at other times. \nRegular exercise strengthens my focus, my ability to pivot and refocus, and builds roads of calm and quiet that the brain finds easier to fall into and travel due to constant use.

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This app has helped me so much! When I am suffering from stress, health anxiety, or fibro/stress related body pains I turn to this app and go through some meditations with the teachers. It's an excellent way for me to relax. Calm my mind. Stop thinking about myself. And to recover in the moment. Hopefully in time this will help me heal, as previously I've just been getting worse and worse without any therapy since my therapist's practice permanently shutdown from COVID. This has been a great help and is something I can just pull out of my pocket and sit in my bedroom for a bit to calm down. Well worth the 1 year subscription price I've paid. Thank you! \n\n*There is only one thing that I'd change. This would be for some of the workout audios. I need to walk a lot for a heart condition I have (which is a big cause of my health anxiety), and I'd love to see the audios for walks and runs to be a bit longer. The longest run audio I see is 20 minutes, when recommended cardio workout lengths realistically should be at least 30 minutes. I'd really like to have an audio similar to the bedtime audios that are lengthy, have soothing talk, and tips to reduce anxiety made to be listened while walking. And if there could be a variety to choose from. Overall this would be the only change I can think of. An hour long walk audio to help calm my mind.

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44717

Es la mejor aplicación se las recomiendo.

44718

Lo recomiendo

44719

Great app.-would love it if the sounds were organized in a way that makes sense. 44720

You get exactly two meditations before you pay 60.00 per year. 44721

As stated in the App Information section WORD FOR WORD: "RelaxMeditation also offers a lifetime subscription for \$19.99 which is paid for by a one-off upfront payment with unlimited access to RelaxMeditation forever."\n\nMy message to App Support:\n"I'm trying to purchase the \$19.99 lifetime / unlimited subscription but can't find where / how to?"\n\nTheir response: \n"Hello Kristen, thank you for reaching out to us! I really apologize about this. The offers and prices displayed in the Store are not accurate, as they display all of our past and current offers for all of our apps. \n[...] We do have a special right now, and it offers 60% off the regular price, for 99.99 USD. [...] We also offer a yearly subscription, for 59.99\$, and it includes a 7-day free trial period.[..]" \n\n60% off- at \$99. \nNo thanks. Good luck with that.

	rating	app_name	app_id	developerResponse
0	5	headspace-meditation-sleep	493145008	NaN
1	5	headspace-meditation-sleep	493145008	NaN
2	5	headspace-meditation-sleep	493145008	NaN
3	5	headspace-meditation-sleep	493145008	NaN
4	5	headspace-meditation-sleep	493145008	NaN
•••	•••		•••	•••
44717	5	relax-meditation-guided-mind	367506176	NaN
44718	5	relax-meditation-guided-mind	367506176	NaN
44719	4	relax-meditation-guided-mind	367506176	NaN
44720	2	relax-meditation-guided-mind	367506176	NaN
44721	1	relax-meditation-guided-mind	367506176	NaN

[44722 rows x 9 columns]

4 SCRUB

4.1 Data Preparation

Prior to preprocessing our text for Exploratory Data Analysis, we will check for null values, duplicated rows, as well as any other issues with the text reviews that we might want to address. Note that we have almost 45K reviews to work with.

```
[7]: # Check for null values and data types df.info()
```

```
RangeIndex: 44722 entries, 0 to 44721
     Data columns (total 9 columns):
          Column
                             Non-Null Count
                                              Dtype
          _____
                              -----
      0
          title
                              44722 non-null
                                              object
      1
          isEdited
                              44722 non-null
                                              bool
          userName
                              44722 non-null object
      3
          date
                              44722 non-null object
                              44721 non-null
      4
          review
                                              object
      5
          rating
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      6
                              44722 non-null
          app_name
                                              object
      7
          app_id
                              44722 non-null
                                              int64
          developerResponse 4765 non-null
                                              object
     dtypes: bool(1), int64(2), object(6)
     memory usage: 2.8+ MB
 [8]: # Check value counts for isEdited column
      df['isEdited'].value_counts()
 [8]: False
               44425
      True
                 297
      Name: isEdited, dtype: int64
 [9]: # Check value counts for developerResponse column
      (df['developerResponse'].isna()).value_counts()
 [9]: True
               39957
      False
                4765
      Name: developerResponse, dtype: int64
[10]: # Preview sample developer responses
      df[df['developerResponse'].isna()==False]
[10]:
                                                            title
                                                                   isEdited \
      29
                                                   Loved at first
                                                                      False
      53
                                   Amazing but missing something
                                                                       True
      58
                                   Doesn't work well with Iwatch
                                                                      False
                                 Great, unless you have an issue
      93
                                                                      False
      98
                                               Used to be better
                                                                      False
             Amazing choices for sounds, guided meditations okay
      44571
                                                                       True
      44575
                                            Good... but also bad
                                                                    False
      44603
                                                   Time to delete
                                                                      False
      44618
                                                     Can't use it
                                                                      False
      44624
                                                     Great so far
                                                                       True
```

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>

```
date \
            userName
29
            nizismom 2020-04-28 00:59:49
53
       jellyfishqween 2021-02-24 21:41:55
58
         njalexsmith 2020-08-09 12:42:14
93
            BethicaB 2021-05-15 05:37:35
98
        Patricia Lag 2020-10-12 18:22:41
44571
           F.Ash1088 2020-05-04 21:39:15
           kat132904 2020-01-18 22:19:54
44575
             bahsgrl 2020-01-09 07:08:51
44603
      Cold and black 2020-01-14 16:48:13
44618
44624
      J4m3$rawdogger 2020-05-26 19:55:30
   review \
```

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I loved it the first day I tried it in February 2020 and purchased a year long subscription. I use it several times a day and my four year old and I fall asleep to the sleep casts every night. I cope with severe anxiety on a daily basis and during the pandemic this has been extremely challenging. Three nights ago I really needed my favorite windown and sleepcast and they are all locked and it's asking me to start a free trial if I want to use them. I have followed all the advice on the help section to try to restore my purchase but even under my subscriptions it shows I am a subscriber and it doesn't expire until feb 2021. I've emailed headspace and have heard nothing back and also tried the chat and it just feeds me the same unhelpful help and then prompts me\nto email them again. If I get this resolved I'll update and add more stars but I'm extremely disappointed right now and not happy with the lack of customer service. Maybe I will switch to Calm

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This app is a game changer and is leaps and bounds above anything this accessible to the public that I have seen before. They fixed many bugs I once had issues with. The sleep casts no longer have issues buffering\n\nOne key difficulty I have with the app is that it leaves a perspective of naïveté. This app will teach you about tools for everything from meditation to career and money management, but it will not teach you nor properly prepare you for genuine malevolence that likely inevitably arises. \n\nI would caution people to not let mindfulness techniques promoting optimistic mentalities obscure an important skill for developing real danger. The animations can mislead you into thinking mindfulness and being a healthy human goes hand in hand with being naïve. This may be more of a problem for some than others, but I felt it helpful to express anyhow since it's not discussed.

I wish this app was designed to be more intuitive with the Apple Watch. I can only play a 1 minute breathing exercise on the iwatch app despite the website is conveying and customer support is poor. I sent an email to customer support. The first response from customer service is that my response will take longer than 48 hours with an apology. Second response was a name of a customer service agent and never heard back. I tried reaching out by DM on social media,

but no response. Furthermore, if you use the 1 minute breathing exercise on the watch, it doesn't sync to your account. \n\nThe phone app is great, but I would like to use my phone less, not more. My phone is integrated with my work apps (email, calendar, teams, etc) and adds endless anxiety. Because the phone app is good, I wouldn't give it just one star, however I am posting a 1 star review because both devs and customers only read 1 star reviews. Headspace has a customer service problem along with a poor iwatch app. I haven't had an issue with the phone app.

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After using this for a few days, I knew it was going to help me and was so excited. I shared the info with my family and a couple of them were interested so I decided to upgrade to the family plan. This is where everything went off the rails. Four emails later and I still have no resolution. I couldn't "upgrade", I was told that I had to cancel and could then upgrade. I canceled but still couldn't upgrade. Then I was informed that I needed to go through Apple to request a refund and I did but I still can't upgrade. Now I'm being told I can't upgrade until the app basically decides I'm no longer a member (and basically doesn't work) in order to upgrade. All my meditation tracked progress is gone but the app still works. However it isn't really relaxing me with all of this frustration and no real help. I've wasted more than two weeks on trying to fix something that shouldn't be this difficult. Very disappointed.

I've recommended Headspace to countless people over the years but am disappointed with all the recent updates. Missing the days when Headspace was a clean and simple space that didn't try to be anything other than what it was (a meditative respite). I look forward to the mindful moment notification every day, but now I keep on getting push notifications for working out within the app or to watch a new video with some influencer I couldn't care less about. The only notification I have turned on is for mindful moments and I still keep on getting these other notifications even though there's nothing mindful about them. Please Headspace, stop trying to be like every other app with your incessant notifications and suggestive design, and go back to being the app we all loved you for in the first place.

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44571

Edit: the restore button worked so I did get my lifetime subscription back. I am bringing it up to 4 stars, because it is an excellent program except for the guided meditations being so short and the narrators speaking too quickly. \n\nSo many sounds to choose from to help soothe you that you can try a different one or different combination each day. I also appreciate the isochronic tones, which kept me coming back almost every day. The meditations are good but short. The guides of the meditations speak very quickly and there is no option to slow their speech-if you're trying to meditate, it defeats the purpose to have to keep stopping and going back because they're talking too fast. But I bought a "lifetime" subscription but I have lost almost all of the sounds and meditation options I had because I don't have "pro" despite the fact that they have made no

changes or improvements since I bought it. 44575

I've had this app for quite some time now, and I have different mixes for each day of the week and I use one each night. It works very well and rarely glitches, but many things, you have to purchase. It's annoying. You have to buy sooooo many of the sounds, meditations, and pretty much everything. The app would be much better if almost everything didn't have to be bought. I would appreciate it if this issue was fixed. Thanks 44603

I've been using this app for awhile, and I absolutely loved it. A mix of isochronic tones and a gentle breeze through a grassy meadow was enough to send me off to sleep within minutes of my head hitting the pillow. However, with this latest update, they want me to pay almost 50 bucks for something I've been enjoying for free...I'm calling shenanigans!

I had purchased lifetime access. With last update I was locked out I have contacted developer multiple times I have followed their instructions on how to get access back... now no issues is I can't actually down load ANY meditations without internet access. DOESN'T work over cellular service!!!!

Really liking the app so far. Would like more variety of meditations and sounds though. FYI This app advertises a lifetime membership for \$20 and they don't actually offer that deal, so that is extremely misleading!

	rating	app_name	app_id	\
29	5	headspace-meditation-sleep	493145008	
53	5	headspace-meditation-sleep	493145008	
58	1	headspace-meditation-sleep	493145008	
93	1	headspace-meditation-sleep	493145008	
98	3	headspace-meditation-sleep	493145008	
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44571	4	relax-meditation-guided-mind	367506176	
44575	3	relax-meditation-guided-mind	367506176	
44603	1	relax-meditation-guided-mind	367506176	
44618	1	relax-meditation-guided-mind	367506176	
44624	3	relax-meditation-guided-mind	367506176	

developerResponse

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{'id': 16546248, 'body': 'So sorry to hear of any issues with the Sleepcasts! Please send our team a note at help@headspace.com so we can look into this for you.', 'modified': '2020-07-11T00:04:21Z'} 58

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{'id': 17169865, 'body': "Thank you for your review regarding the Apple Watch
options, we'll be sure this feedback is heard by our team! If you have any
questions, feel free to get in touch with our team at help@headspace.com.",
'modified': '2020-08-09T20:35:33Z'}
93
{'id': 22831993, 'body': "We're sorry for the trouble with the Family Plan.
Since you purchased through Apple, you will have to wait until your subscription
expires, then you can purchase the Family Plan. Please send us a note to
help@headspace.com if you have any other questions. ", 'modified':
'2021-05-16T17:30:51Z'}
98
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Please send us a note to help@headspace.com and our team can further assist!",
'modified': '2020-10-14T19:56:00Z'}
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about this, the app should restore your past purchases. Can you please tap the
Restore subscription button under Profile/Settings? This should solve the issue.
If it doesn't, contact us at support@ipnos.com and send us a screenshot from
your iTunes purchase history that shows which access has been purchased, so we
can sort this out.\u2028\n\nGabriel from Ipnos\n", 'modified':
'2019-10-28T14:19:47Z'}
44575
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free content as possible but we also need to sell some features to keep on
developing the application! Yanik from Ipnos', 'modified':
'2020-01-23T18:49:47Z'}
44603
{'id': 13086742, 'body': 'Hello, thanks for your review! We try to offer as much
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developing the application! Yanik from Ipnos', 'modified':
'2020-01-23T19:03:44Z'}
44618
{'id': 13086654, 'body': 'Hello, thanks for your review. We are sorry to learn
that you are experiencing issues with our app, this is not expected behavior.
The problem you are describing is a known issue, it should be fixed in our next
update.\u2028 Yanik from Ipnos', 'modified': '2020-01-23T18:55:41Z'}
44624
{'id': 6642146, 'body': 'Hello J4m3$rawdogger, thanks for reaching out, we added
your suggestion to our community wishlist. Contact us at support@ipnos.com if
you have more suggestions for us!', 'modified': '2019-01-02T15:30:31Z'}
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[4765 rows x 9 columns]

Upon first glance, we can see that the title, userName, date, review, rating and app_name could be relevant to this analysis. Since this analysis focuses on determining sentiments of the app users,

we will be primarily examining the title, review and rating columns.

4.1.1 Removing Null Values

```
[11]: # Check null values in review column

df [df['review'].isna()]
```

[11]: title $\$ 17939 Trying to remove my review after request for refund was accepted

is Edited userName date review rating $\$ 17939 True Xwave 500 2021-01-23 13:54:34 NaN 4

app_name app_id \
7939 talkspace-therapy-counseling 661829386

developerResponse

17939 {'id': 20485547, 'body': 'Hi there, we are so sorry to hear of your less than optimal experience. Someone from our team would love to look into what happened and do what we can to make this right by you. Please send us an email at Feedback@Talkspace.com, we look forward to hearing from you. ', 'modified': '2021-01-18T20:54:59Z'}

We have only a single review that is has a null value, and upon closer examination, we can see this is because the user was trying to remove the review. Since the title and rating columns alone are not a good indication of this user's sentiment, we will drop this single row.

```
[12]: # Remove row with null value for review
df = df[df['review'].isna()==False]
```

4.1.2 Addressing Duplicated Data

```
[13]: # Check for duplicated rows
df [df.duplicated(keep=False)].sort_values('title')
```

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「13]:
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                                            title
      17116
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                                                       False
      17004
                                                 5
                                                       False
      12417
                                        Beginning
                                                       False
      9182
                                        Beginning
                                                       False
                                         Best app
      11782
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      12476
                                         Best app
                                                       False
      12136
                           Best app EVER!!!!!!!
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      12494
                           Best app EVER!!!!!!!
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      12246
                                             Calm
                                                       False
      12477
                                              Calm
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      12478
                                              Calm
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11916
                                       Calm
                                                False
                            Can not unlock
12106
                                                False
12442
                            Can not unlock
                                                False
8565
                 Could do hardly anything
                                                False
8568
                 Could do hardly anything
                                                False
44570
                                Doing well
                                                False
34690
                                Doing well
                                                False
26098
         Fabulous connects me to my soul!
                                                False
26100
         Fabulous connects me to my soul!
                                                False
11465
                              Favorite App
                                                False
                                                False
12427
                              Favorite App
44212
                              Gonna delete
                                                False
37217
                              Gonna delete
                                                False
17092
                                Good karma
                                                False
17137
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11937
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12447
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12484
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12157
                                 I love it
                                                False
11863
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                                                False
12421
       In Spanish please the voice of her
                                                False
9380
       In Spanish please the voice of her
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12298
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                                      Love
12454
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8569
                             No very good.
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8566
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8570
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12231
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808
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12477
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                                       2020-02-01 00:33:48
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                           Liz
34690
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26100
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11465
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12479
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11420
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                                      2020-12-15 05:26:40
808
                  Rock Lee Lee Rock
                                      2020-12-15 05:26:40
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17116
So lovely
17004
So lovely
12417
Just started but like it so far
9182
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Elyssa is a dog lover

2020-01-29 12:33:21

12478

Just started but like it so far

11782

Period

12476

Period

12136

Just awesome

12494

Just awesome

12246

I calm

12477

Great app I love it

12478

I calm

11916

Great app I love it

12106

I can not unlock Calm

12442

I can not unlock Calm

8565

I would like it if you could unlock more things on the app because I got this to help myself sleep better but I can't sleep any better.

8568

I would like it if you could unlock more things on the app because I got this to help myself sleep better but I can't sleep any better.

44570

So far this app is helping me and letting me journal in one single place and have it all organized.

34690

So far this app is helping me and letting me journal in one single place and have it all organized.

26098

I absolutely love Fabulous! It helps me relax, hear my own thoughts, introspect, and reminds me to practice gratitude and the importance of taking care of myself. It helps me connect to my soul.

26100

I absolutely love Fabulous! It helps me relax, hear my own thoughts, introspect, and reminds me to practice gratitude and the importance of taking care of myself. It helps me connect to my soul.

11465

Love Calm so much.

12427

Love Calm so much.

44212

I love it but I'm gonna delete it cause I need space 37217

I love it but I'm gonna delete it cause I need space

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17092
Good karma
17137
Good karma
12392
b e d
11937
b e d
12447
Amazing
12484
I love Calm I LOVE it
12157
I love Calm I LOVE it
11863
Amazing
12421
What great if you put sonidos , música y cuenta cuentos en Español . Yo soy
Maestra , love reed and I counted histories to my Spanish er kids in Uruguay.
Please I am very anxious in this days and need it .
9380
What great if you put sonidos , música y cuenta cuentos en Español . Yo soy
Maestra , love reed and I counted histories to my Spanish er kids in Uruguay.
Please I am very anxious in this days and need it .
12298
Love it
12454
Love it
8569
In my opinion you can get most of this online for basically free.
                                                                   I should have
just tried it for a month instead of wasted the $70 for the year.
                                                                    My fault, oh
well lesson learned. Wish I could get my money back. !
8566
In my opinion you can get most of this online for basically free.
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just tried it for a month instead of wasted the $70 for the year.
                                                                    My fault, oh
well lesson learned. Wish I could get my money back. !
8570
I love the app, there just isn't much you can do without paying 60 dollars.
8564
I love the app, there just isn't much you can do without paying 60 dollars.
It makes me very so sleepy
11420
It makes me very so sleepy
12474
Tamara is amazing
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12231

Tamara is amazing

3935 I love this app, and it's overall great. I used to have little to no complaints, but now it's insane. I get that you need money for your business, but everything is locked. It's expensive and very sad. I used to listen to beachcomber every night until everything was locked and you needed to pay for it. It's fine to have some payment things, but at least leave 1/3 of them free. I don't want to pay a lot of money just to listen to music or a sleep cast. 808 I love this app, and it's overall great. I used to have little to no complaints, but now it's insane. I get that you need money for your business, but everything is locked. It's expensive and very sad. I used to listen to beachcomber every night until everything was locked and you needed to pay for it. It's fine to have some payment things, but at least leave 1/3 of them free. I don't want to pay a lot of money just to listen to music or a sleep cast.

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12454	5	calm	571800810	NaN
8569	1	calm	571800810	NaN
8566	1	calm	571800810	NaN
8570	4	calm	571800810	NaN
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12474	5	calm	571800810	NaN
12231	5	calm	571800810	NaN
3935	2	${\tt headspace-meditation-sleep}$	493145008	NaN
808	2	headspace-meditation-sleep	493145008	NaN

Although it's not clear why there are perfectly duplicated observations, we will drop duplicated instances of these observations to prevent our data from being biased.

```
[14]: #Remove duplicated rows
df = df.drop_duplicates()
```

Although we have dropped perfectly duplicated rows, we also want to look into whether there were users who have written multiple reviews for the same app.

```
[15]: # Check for multiple reviews for same app from same user df[df.duplicated(['userName', 'app_name'], keep=False)]
```

```
[15]: title isEdited userName \
18882 Worth it, but with a flaw for me False Hobbit of the Shire
18911 Love app, but lost data! False Hobbit of the Shire
```

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date \
18882 2021-01-24 18:03:56
18911 2021-01-19 21:15:26
```

review \

18882 I found MindDoc (previously Moodpath) when I was struggling with my mental health and wanted to track my emotions and journal my thoughts throughout the day. This app is perfect for that. \n\nCurrently, the free version asks you a few questions 3x a day, allows you to record your emotional state and any thoughts, and gives you a report every two weeks. \n\nWhat appeals to me is the streamlined nature of the app. It has additional content for those interested, but for me, the free version fufills all that I need it to.\n\nThe only flaw is that I had data for about 6 months before they changed the name and structure of the app, resulting in the loss of all my journal enteries. Unfortunately, they were unable to retrieve the data due to the way the app was structured before. Other than this flaw, I really enjoy this app and would recommend it to others.

I've really enjoyed using this app. It's very streamlined, just a mood tracker and journal. Perfect!\n\nUnfortunately, when Moodpath switched to MindDoc, I got logged out (forgot the password) and lost my data. It won't send me an email to reset it. I'm seeing other reviewers experiencing the same problem. I've already contacted the support email with my issue and still waiting on a response. \n\nI'll update this review to five stars when it gets fixed because it's worked great up till this point. Thank you!

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rating app_name app_id \
18882 4 minddoc-your-companion 1052216403
18911 2 minddoc-your-companion 1052216403
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developerResponse

18882

NaN

18911 {'id': 20551815, 'body': 'Hello, thank you for reaching out. We are very sorry you lost your data! We will contact you via mail as soon as we manage to bring it back. Our team is working hard to solve this inconvenient problem. Best wishes and thank you for your patience, your MindDoc team', 'modified': '2021-01-21T11:43:06Z'}

We only have one user who left multiple reviews, and both reviews seem to be valid observations of how the user felt about the app at different times.

4.1.3 Feature Engineering

Because both the title and review columns hold text that are relevant to our analysis, we will combine them into one column. This will ensure that we are able to simultaneously examine information in the title and review columns.

```
[16]: # Combine title and review column to get full review text
df['combined_text'] = df['title'] + ". " + df['review']
df
```

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「16]:
                                                    title isEdited \
      0
             This is the BEST app by far for mindfulness
                                                              False
      1
                             Facing down the rabbit hole
                                                              False
                            A Bright Spot in a Dark World
                                                              False
      3
                 The most useful thing I've done in 2020
                                                              False
      4
                                      It's a Miracle App!
                                                              False
      44717
                                                              False
                        Me encanta lo mejor para meditar
      44718
                                                Excelente
                                                              False
      44719
                                            Love this app
                                                              False
      44720
                                             Disappointed
                                                              False
      44721
                  FALSE ADVERTISEMENT subscription terms
                                                              False
                      userName
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      Crazy Yorkie Lady 2021-02-22 18:13:54
               KLC-MHFL 2021-02-12 12:42:11
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            Ashabashley 2021-02-11 06:22:38
               Kindly38 2021-01-18 17:14:21
3
4
               jlhuggins 2021-02-08 19:19:10
                 JLucret 2020-04-06 23:34:12
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time this will help me heal, as previously I've just been getting worse and worse without any therapy since my therapist's practice permanently shutdown from COVID. This has been a great help and is something I can just pull out of my pocket and sit in my bedroom for a bit to calm down. Well worth the 1 year subscription price I've paid. Thank you! \n\n*There is only one thing that I'd change. This would be for some of the workout audios. I need to walk a lot for a heart condition I have (which is a big cause of my health anxiety), and I'd love to see the audios for walks and runs to be a bit longer. The longest run audio I see is 20 minutes, when recommended cardio workout lengths realistically should be at least 30 minutes. I'd really like to have an audio similar to the bedtime audios that are lengthy, have soothing talk, and tips to reduce anxiety made to be listened while walking. And if there could be a variety to choose from. Overall this would be the only change I can think of. An hour long walk audio to help calm my mind.

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Es la mejor aplicación se las recomiendo.

44718

Lo recomiendo

44719

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You get exactly two meditations before you pay 60.00 per year. 44721

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4.1.4 Additional Text Formatting

Before moving onto exploring our data, we will address the issue of new-line characters that we can find in some of the reviews.

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[17]: # Create a variable "corpus" containing all text
corpus = df['combined_text'].to_list()
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[18]: # Examine review with new-line character corpus[1000]
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[18]: 'It made me anxious. This is how anxious I am that when I noticed the "managing anxiety" course was free, but expired soon, I tried to cram as much of the 30-day session in a couple days. I am that broke, thanks to covid, that the thought of not having time to do the course before they lock it up again, stressed me out. I had to uninstall it. \n\nIt's great, just not for me at the moment because I cannot afford it.'

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[19]: # Replace all new-line characters with space
    df['combined_text'] = df['combined_text'].replace(r'\n',' ', regex=True)
    # Create a variable "corpus" containing all text and verify
    corpus = df['combined_text'].to_list()
    corpus[1000]
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Now that we've formatted our text, we can move on to the Exploratory Data Analysis.

5 EXPLORE

In this section, we will examine more characteristics of our data including the distribution of ratings and sentiments, as well as any insights we can extract via word frequencies. In order to accurately analyze word frequencies, we want to make sure that we are appropriately preprocessing each word via lemmatization and tokenization. We will then end this section by visualizing our positive, neutral and negative corpora in the form of wordclouds.

5.0.1 Data Distribution

We begin the exploration phase by examining the distribution of ratings and review counts across the apps.

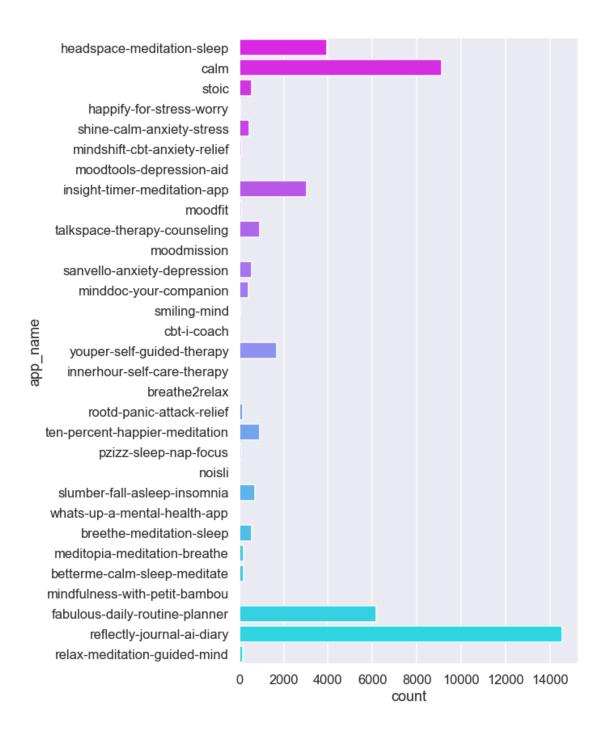
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[20]: # Check distribution of reviews for each app
df['app_name'].value_counts(normalize=True)
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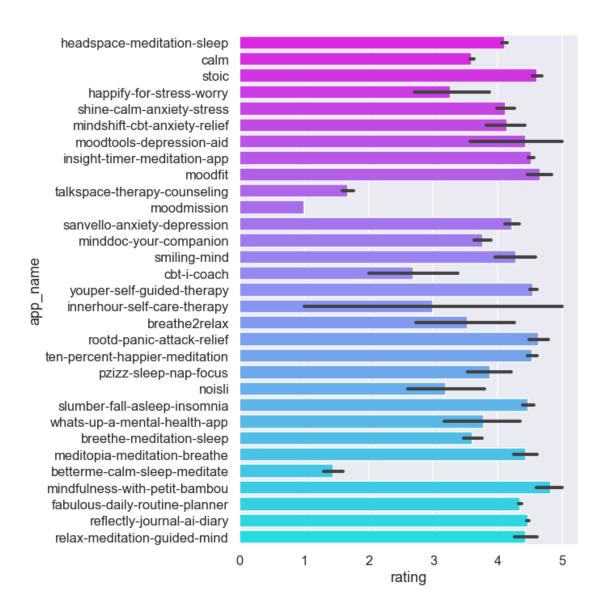
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      calm
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      insight-timer-meditation-app
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      youper-self-guided-therapy
                                         0.037407
      talkspace-therapy-counseling
                                         0.020694
      ten-percent-happier-meditation
                                         0.020381
      slumber-fall-asleep-insomnia
                                         0.015616
      sanvello-anxiety-depression
                                         0.012797
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stoic
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      breethe-meditation-sleep
                                        0.012215
      shine-calm-anxiety-stress
                                        0.010135
     minddoc-your-companion
                                        0.009464
     betterme-calm-sleep-meditate
                                        0.004474
     meditopia-meditation-breathe
                                        0.003982
     relax-meditation-guided-mind
                                        0.003378
      rootd-panic-attack-relief
                                        0.003311
     moodfit
                                        0.001924
     pzizz-sleep-nap-focus
                                        0.001790
     mindshift-cbt-anxiety-relief
                                        0.001611
      smiling-mind
                                        0.001454
     happify-for-stress-worry
                                        0.000828
     mindfulness-with-petit-bambou
                                        0.000604
      whats-up-a-mental-health-app
                                        0.000515
     noisli
                                        0.000447
      breathe2relax
                                        0.000425
      cbt-i-coach
                                        0.000291
     moodtools-depression-aid
                                        0.000157
      moodmission
                                        0.000045
      innerhour-self-care-therapy
                                        0.000045
      Name: app_name, dtype: float64
[21]: # Plot distribution of review count by app name
      fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10,12))
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sns.countplot(data=df, y='app_name', palette='cool_r', ax=ax, orient='h')

plt.tight_layout()





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[24]: 5 0.683118

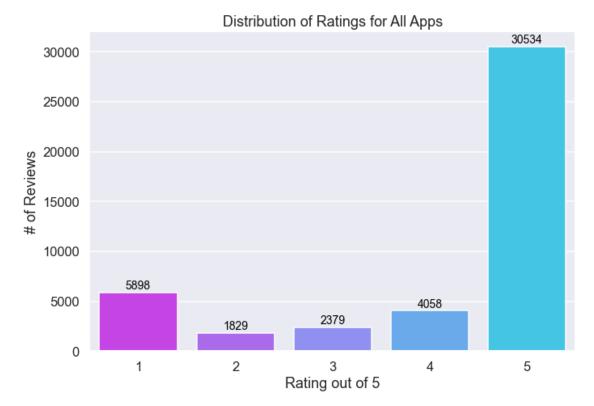
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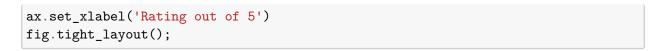
Name: rating, dtype: float64
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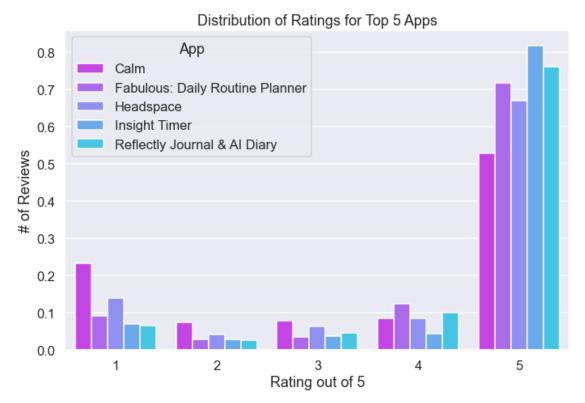


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[26]: # Create dataframe with data for top five apps in terms of review count
      distribution_df = df[df['app_name'].isin(['headspace-meditation-sleep', 'calm',
                                                 'insight-timer-meditation-app',
                                                 'fabulous-daily-routine-planner',
                                                 'reflectly-journal-ai-diary'])]
      # Calculate average mean rating across top five apps
      distribution_df = distribution_df.groupby('app_name')['rating']\
                                        .value counts(normalize=True).to frame()
      # Rename percentage column and app name column
      distribution_df.columns = ['percentage']
      # Reset index, rename app column and display result
      distribution_df.reset_index(inplace=True)
      distribution_df.columns = ['App', 'rating', 'percentage']
      distribution_df
[26]:
                                           rating percentage
                                      App
      0
                                                5
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      2
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                                                     0.047037
              reflectly-journal-ai-diary
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                                                     0.025750
[27]: # Create map dictionary to format app names
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app_name_map = {'calm': 'Calm',

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'fabulous-daily-routine-planner': 'Fabulous: Daily Routine⊔
       →Planner',
                       'headspace-meditation-sleep': 'Headspace',
                       'insight-timer-meditation-app': 'Insight Timer',
                       'reflectly-journal-ai-diary': "Reflectly Journal & AI Diary"}
[28]: # Map unformatted app names to formatted app names and display
      distribution_df['App'] = distribution_df['App'].map(app_name_map)
      distribution_df
[28]:
                                           rating percentage
                                       App
      0
                                      Calm
                                                 5
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[29]: # Initialize figure
      fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10,7))
      # Create Barplot
      sns.barplot(x='rating', y='percentage', hue='App', data=distribution_df,
                  ax=ax, palette='cool_r')
      # Format barplot
      ax.set_title('Distribution of Ratings for Top 5 Apps')
      ax.set_ylabel('# of Reviews')
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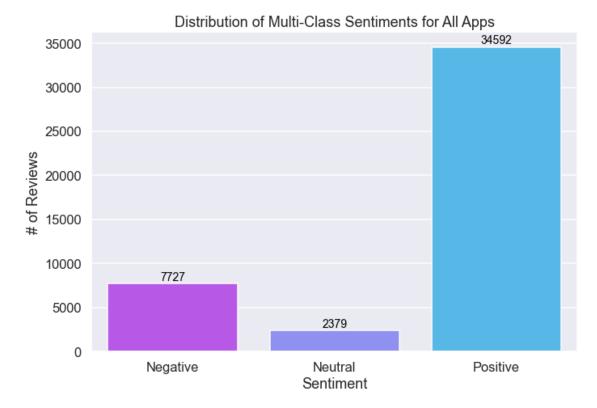
We can gather from the above plots that users are much more likely to leave positive 5-star ratings than they are to leave lower ratings and that the number of 1-star ratings is higher than ratings from 2-4 stars. We can also see that although there are some differences in distribution between apps, they generally follow a similar distribution of ratings.

5.0.2 Target Engineering

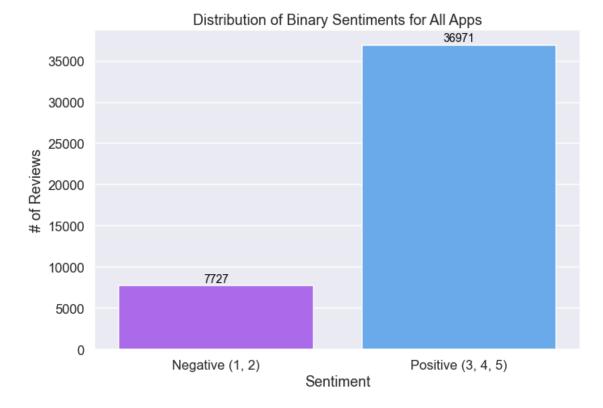
Here, we will create our target variables based on the ratings given by app users. First, we begin with a multi-class sentiment target and then move onto a version of a binary sentiment target where 4 stars and above are considered to be positive, as well as an alternative version where 3 stars and above are positive.

Multi-Class Sentiments

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df['multi_sent'] = np.select(conditions, values)
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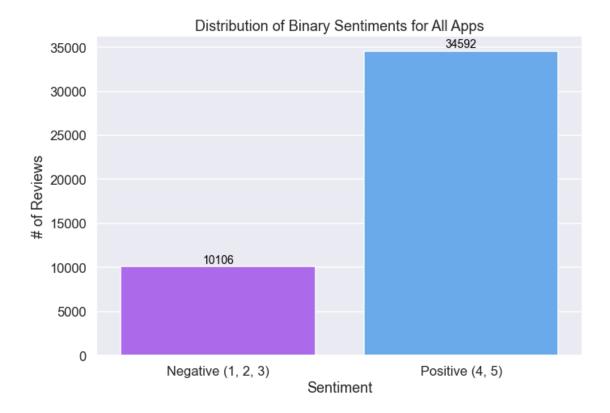
Binary Sentiments



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[34]: ## Make new binary sentiment column based on ratings 4 and up
conditions = [
    df['rating'] >= 4,
    df['rating'] < 4,
]

values = [1,0]

df['sent_bin_4up'] = np.select(conditions, values)</pre>
[35]: # Plot distribution of binary sentiments across all apps
```



We can see a large class imbalance between Negative and Positive for both splits. However, during the modeling trials, it was found that the 1-3, 4-5 split performed slightly better than the 1-2, 3-5 split on all model types. Therefore, we will proceed with the 1-3, 4-5 split, since the insights we can gain from a more accurate model will be more powerful than from a less accurate one.

During the modeling phase, it will be important to keep in mind that there is a class imbalance for both our multi-class classification and our binary classification.

Now, let's slice out the columns relevant to our analysis and move onto preprocessing the actual text reviews.

```
[36]:
                             date
                                             userName
      0
             2021-02-22 18:13:54
                                   Crazy Yorkie Lady
                                             KLC-MHFL
      1
             2021-02-12 12:42:11
      2
             2021-02-11 06:22:38
                                          Ashabashley
                                             Kindly38
      3
             2021-01-18 17:14:21
      4
             2021-02-08 19:19:10
                                            jlhuggins
      44717
             2020-04-06 23:34:12
                                              JLucret
```

 44718
 2020-03-28 06:01:54
 mata rato

 44719
 2020-03-24 13:44:13
 Fierce Girl

 44720
 2020-03-07 17:29:09
 Irkesome

 44721
 2020-02-18 02:08:56
 ksavv916

combined_text \

This is the BEST app by far for mindfulness. It's almost embarrassing to say this, but I have been a "meditator" for about 30 years and I have to say that I never really got very much out of doing it. I tried so hard, but I'm finding out I never truly understood that "trying" to be a good meditator or mindful person, was missing what doing this was about. What I'm learning through this app is that "mindfulness" is about me - understanding myself first, and it's a lot about acceptance. So with that understanding and acceptance I can begin to see "things" so much more clearly and why previous ways of thinking, particularly about myself, were holding me back from living my life and loving myself. And I'm finding that the more I practice self acceptance, the fears about living fully and going after what I want out of my life, are The previous version of myself is rapidly becoming someone I only used to know, and this new ME is much more in line with who I'd always wanted to be. I'm able to try and do so much more, all while in the comfort that I am lovable, even if I fail at something. I simply dust myself off and try some more. This app has completely changed me and the way I'm able to appreciate all the good that's in my life. And I'm worthy of going after the things I want for my life, while freeing me up to share my gifts with others and society in general. If this is where you find your life stalling out, this app will bring you back to yourself.

Facing down the rabbit hole. I discovered Headspace on Netflix. My life is a series of invitations to succumb to fear. My husband is a practicing psychologist who is on peritoneal dialysis for 10 hours every night and works remotely with patients for about 10 hours every day without complaint. We have been waiting for a kidney for two years. I am optimistic by nature but even if this was the only focus for concern it would be a lot. Unhelpfully, the list goes on with equivalent issues. I can't work; I need to be on call because I am the go-to for support. I occupy my mind and time writing a book and renovating every room of our home one at a time amidst being available for nine blended (mostly grown) children and 5 grandkids, many of whom have special needs. I am busy but isolated like so many due to covid-19. Trying the Headspace series felt like meeting air; filling the natural and effortless need to breathe. It has provided me with a new lens through which to focus on challenges and see potential. I incorporate it into my waking routine at dawn and it positions me for whatever happens throughout the day, and differentiates a space that is my own. I turn 61 this month and for maybe the first time in a while, life feels lighter and brighter. It's not about what you fear or can't control or even the fact of fear. It's about the lens through which you interpret your fears or challenges and making them your strengths and allies. Thank you Andy :-)

A Bright Spot in a Dark World. You won't regret buying

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a Headspace subscription. I often joke with people that Headspace is the one thing I would want to take with me to a desert island. If I were to cancel all of my subscriptions today, Headspace is the one exception I would make. I'm a high school English teacher, and our administration put together a month-long mindfulness education program for our students shortly after I subscribed. I had already raved to many of them about the app and the benefits of taking a couple of minutes out of their day to sit and be present. Lo and behold, Andy pops up on the next slide as our Ted Talk speaker of the day! On a more serious note, I suffer from debilitating chronic pain. I'm currently on long-term disability and a leave of absence from the classroom. Mindfulness, and the courses on managing pain, have been a tremendous help in my journey. Not only that, but I struggle with insomnia. My favorite part of Headspace, because of my (admittedly) vivid imagination, are the sleepcasts. I love falling asleep to Rainday Antiques. I can't imagine doing anything but that ever again. I have learned to manage stress and anxiety in a way that I had never thought was possible. I have meditated in the waiting room of The Cleveland Clinic before my appointments. I once laughed at the idea of mindfulness and meditation. Now it's an integral part of my life. It's part of my journey, and I think everyone could benefit from it.

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The most useful thing I've done in 2020. This app has given me tools to deal with constant change. This past year, I've needed to pivot every day to face some new challenge outside as an essential worker, and at home in isolation with my partner. The tools I learned to use to be present in the moment and to accept change has benefited my partner and colleagues at work as much as my own peace of mind. I have very little control over my environment, but I can see my reaction, accept the emotions that rise up, and move on instead of getting lost or bound by them. This app has also benefited me by helping me get through insomnia. Sometimes it helps me get to sleep in the first place. Mostly it gives me tools to use to calm my mind and body when I wake up in the night buffeted by anxiety or lingering frustration from the day. Lastly, this app has given me a language to express the emotional upheaval and troubling questions that I used to just call anxiety. Naming what makes me feel upset has brought clarity to what can feel like a tempest at the time and allow me to look at my thoughts or, rather, face them. After acknowledging them, I can let them go. Sometimes I'm better at that than at other times. Regular exercise strengthens my focus, my ability to pivot and refocus, and builds roads of calm and quiet that the brain finds easier to fall into and travel due to constant use.

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It's a Miracle App!. This app has helped me so much! When I am suffering from stress, health anxiety, or fibro/stress related body pains I turn to this app and go through some meditations with the teachers. It's an excellent way for me to relax. Calm my mind. Stop thinking about myself. And to recover in the moment. Hopefully in time this will help me heal, as previously I've just been getting worse and worse without any therapy since my therapist's practice permanently shutdown from COVID. This has been a great help and is something I can just pull out of my pocket and sit in my bedroom for a bit to calm down.

Well worth the 1 year subscription price I've paid. Thank you! *There is only one thing that I'd change. This would be for some of the workout audios. I need to walk a lot for a heart condition I have (which is a big cause of my health anxiety), and I'd love to see the audios for walks and runs to be a bit longer. The longest run audio I see is 20 minutes, when recommended cardio workout lengths realistically should be at least 30 minutes. I'd really like to have an audio similar to the bedtime audios that are lengthy, have soothing talk, and tips to reduce anxiety made to be listened while walking. And if there could be a variety to choose from. Overall this would be the only change I can think of. An hour long walk audio to help calm my mind.

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44717

Me encanta lo mejor para meditar. Es la mejor aplicación se las recomiendo.

Excelente. Lo recomiendo

44719

Love this app. Great app.-would love it if the sounds were organized in a way that makes sense.

44720

Disappointed. You get exactly two meditations before you pay 60.00 per year. 44721

FALSE ADVERTISEMENT subscription terms. As stated in the App Information section WORD FOR WORD: "RelaxMeditation also offers a lifetime subscription for \$19.99 which is paid for by a one-off upfront payment with unlimited access to RelaxMeditation forever." My message to App Support: "I'm trying to purchase the \$19.99 lifetime / unlimited subscription but can't find where / how to?" Their response: "Hello Kristen, thank you for reaching out to us! I really apologize about this. The offers and prices displayed in the Store are not accurate, as they display all of our past and current offers for all of our apps. [...] We do have a special right now, and it offers 60% off the regular price, for 99.99 USD. [...] We also offer a yearly subscription, for 59.99\$, and it includes a 7-day free trial period.[..]" 60% off- at \$99. No thanks. Good luck with that.

	rating	multi_sent	sent_bin_3up	sent_bin_4up
0	5	2	1	1
1	5	2	1	1
2	5	2	1	1
3	5	2	1	1
4	5	2	1	1
	•••	•••	•••	•••
44717	5	2	1	1
44718	5	2	1	1
44719	4	2	1	1
44720	2	0	0	0
44721	1	0	0	0

[37]: # Create a single corpus out of all combined text

5.1 Tokenization

We begin by tokenizing our corpus. Since we do not have any strangely formatted text to worry about with app reviews, we will use the RegExp Tokenizer to tokenize any all words, including those abbreviated with apostrophes.

```
corpus = clean_df['combined_text'].to_list()
      # Convert Corpus to Tokens
      tokens = regexp_tokenize(','.join(corpus), r"([a-zA-Z]+(?:'[a-z]+)?)")
      # Preview tokens
      tokens[:20]
[37]: ['This',
       'is',
       'the',
       'BEST',
       'app',
       'by',
       'far',
       'for',
       'mindfulness',
       'It's',
       'almost',
       'embarrassing',
       'to',
       'say',
       'this',
       'but',
       'I',
       'have',
       'been',
       'a']
[38]: # Check number of unique tokens
      len(set(tokens))
```

[38]: 28718

5.2 Lemmatization

Next, we lemmatize our tokens to make sure that we are able to properly remove any stopwords later.

```
[39]: # Lemmatizing function for list of tokens
      def lemmatize_tokens(tokens_list):
          Lemmatizes list of string trokens and returns list of lemmatized
          string tokens.
          Args:
              tokens_list (list) : List of string tokens to be lemmatized.
          Returns:
              tokens lemm (list) : List of lemmatized string tokens
          lemmatizer = WordNetLemmatizer()
          tokens_lemm = [lemmatizer.lemmatize(word) for word in tokens_list]
          return tokens_lemm
[40]: # Lemmatize tokens
      nltk.download('wordnet')
      lemmatized_tokens = lemmatize_tokens(tokens)
     [nltk_data] Downloading package wordnet to
     [nltk_data]
                     /Users/jonathanlee/nltk_data...
     [nltk data]
                  Package wordnet is already up-to-date!
[41]: # Check number of unique tokens after lemmatization
```

[41]: 26678

Our lemmatization function has reduced the number of unique tokens by a little over 2000 words.

5.3 Stopword Removal

len(set(lemmatized tokens))

We can now remove any stopwords that are cluttering our text reviews to prevent us from extracting words that have more value towards determining the user sentiments.

```
[42]: # Write function to create barplot of most common words

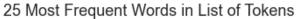
def most_freq(tokens, n=25, figsize=(12,7)):
    """

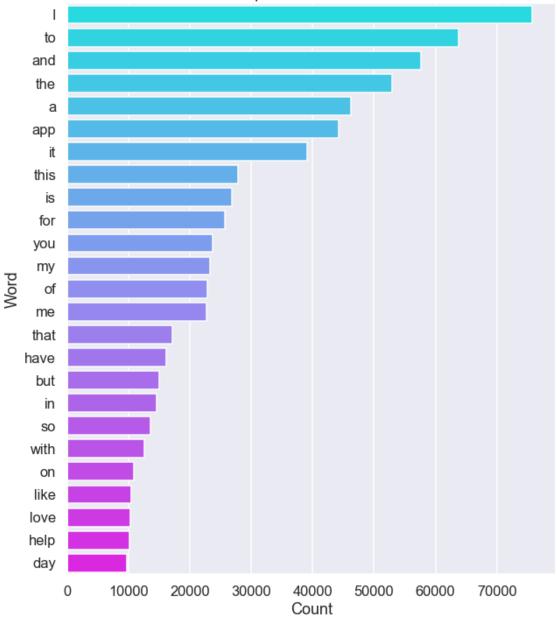
    Displays bar plot of n most frequent words in a list of tokens.

Args:
    tokens (list): List of string tokens to plot frequency for.
    n (int): Number of tokens to plot.
    figsize (float, float): Width, height in inches.

Returns:
```

```
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    # Get frequency distribution of list of tokens
    freq = FreqDist(tokens)
    # Convert to DataFrame
    most_frequent_tokens = pd.DataFrame(freq.most_common(n),
                           columns=['word','count']).sort_values('count',
→ascending=False)
    # Plot frequency distribution
   fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10,12))
    sns.barplot(data=most_frequent_tokens, y='word', x='count',
                palette='cool', ax=ax, orient='h')
    ax.set_title(f'{n} Most Frequent Words in List of Tokens')
    ax.set_ylabel('Word')
    ax.set_xlabel('Count')
# Display frequency distirbution of lemmatized tokens
most_freq(lemmatized_tokens)
```



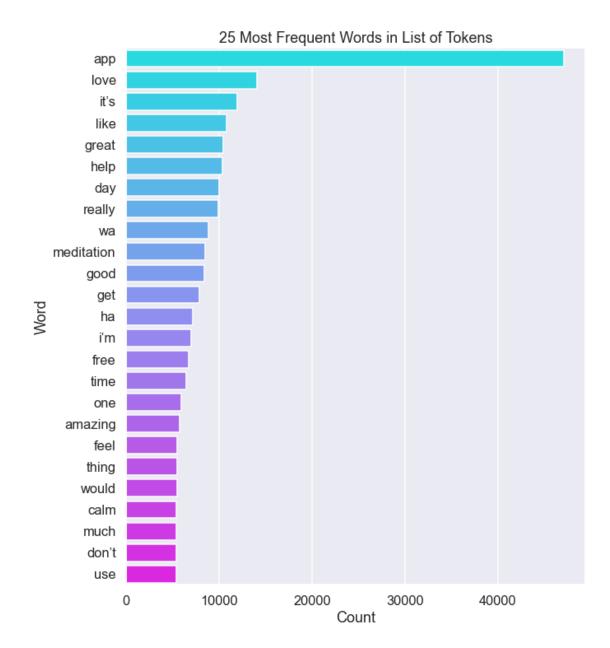


```
[43]: # Get all the stop words in the English language and preview first 25
nltk.download('stopwords')
stopwords_list = stopwords.words('english')
stopwords_list[:25]
```

[nltk_data] Downloading package stopwords to
[nltk_data] /Users/jonathanlee/nltk_data...
[nltk_data] Package stopwords is already up-to-date!

```
[43]: ['i',
       'me',
       'my',
       'myself',
       'we',
       'our',
       'ours',
       'ourselves',
       'you',
       "you're",
       "you've",
       "you'll",
       "you'd",
       'your',
       'yours',
       'yourself',
       'yourselves',
       'he',
       'him',
       'his',
       'himself',
       'she',
       "she's",
       'her',
       'hers']
[44]: # Add punctuation to stopwords_list
      stopwords_list.extend(string.punctuation)
      stopwords_list[-10:]
[44]: ['[', '\\', ']', '^', '_', '`', '{', '|', '}', '~']
[45]: # Add additional punctuation below to stopwords_list
      stopwords_list.extend(['"','"','...',"''",'...',"''])
[46]: # Remove stopwords from list of tokens
      stopped_tokens = [w.lower() for w in lemmatized_tokens if w.lower() \
                        not in stopwords_list]
      stopped_tokens[:50]
[46]: ['best',
       'app',
       'far',
       'mindfulness',
       'it's',
       'almost',
       'embarrassing',
```

```
'say',
       'meditator',
       'year',
       'say',
       'never',
       'really',
       'got',
       'much',
       'tried',
       'hard',
       'i'm',
       'finding',
       'never',
       'truly',
       'understood',
       'trying',
       'good',
       'meditator',
       'mindful',
       'person',
       'wa',
       'missing',
       'wa',
       'i'm',
       'learning',
       'app',
       'mindfulness',
       'understanding',
       'first',
       'it's',
       'lot',
       'acceptance',
       'understanding',
       'acceptance',
       'begin',
       'see',
       'thing',
       'much',
       'clearly',
       'previous',
       'way',
       'thinking',
       'particularly']
[47]: # Display frequency distirbution of lemmatized tokens after removing stopwords
      most_freq(stopped_tokens, 25, figsize=(12,40))
```



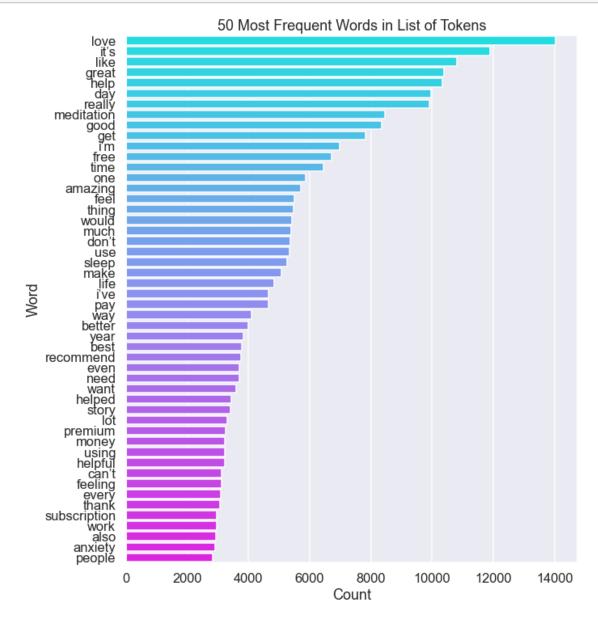
Now that we have removed common stopwords, we begin to see more insightful words. However, we can continue to remove some words that provide no value toward differentiating between negative, positive and neutral sentiments, including the word "app" and the common app names.

stopped_tokens[:50]

```
[49]: ['best',
       'far',
       'mindfulness',
       'it's',
       'almost',
       'embarrassing',
       'say',
       'meditator',
       'year',
       'say',
       'never',
       'really',
       'got',
       'much',
       'tried',
       'hard',
       'i'm',
       'finding',
       'never',
       'truly',
       'understood',
       'trying',
       'good',
       'meditator',
       'mindful',
       'person',
       'missing',
       'i'm',
       'learning',
       'mindfulness',
       'understanding',
       'first',
       'it's',
       'lot',
       'acceptance',
       'understanding',
       'acceptance',
       'begin',
       'see',
       'thing',
       'much',
       'clearly',
       'previous',
       'way',
       'thinking',
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'particularly',
'holding',
'back',
'living',
'life']
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```
[50]: # Display list of tokens after removing extended stopwords most_freq(stopped_tokens,50, figsize=(12,25))
```

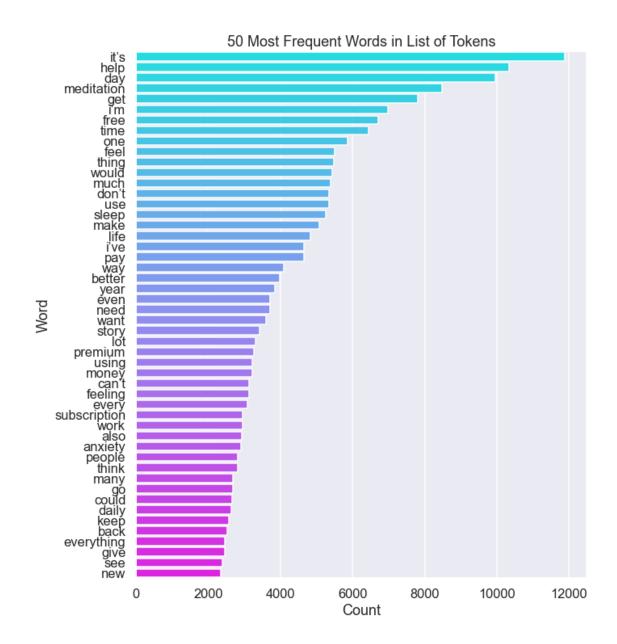


The words that we have left are much more insightful, but we also want to remove words that are too indicative of the user's sentiment. By doing so, we will be able to better examine what elements

of the apps users considered to be negative or positive without obvious indicator words.

The words that are added to the stopword list here have been determined after an initial iteration of the modeling process, where obvious words were taking away from our insights regarding app characteristics.

most_freq(stopped_tokens,50, figsize=(12,25))



5.4 Bigram Exploration

Here, we will briefly look at whether there might be combinations of words that might give us more insight into sentiment than single words.

```
[54]: # Get bigrams and frequencies from list of stopped tokens
bigram_measures = nltk.collocations.BigramAssocMeasures()
bigram_finder = nltk.BigramCollocationFinder.from_words(stopped_tokens)
bigram_scores = bigram_finder.score_ngrams(bigram_measures.raw_freq)
```

```
[55]: # Make a DataFrame from the bigram frequencies
pd.DataFrame(bigram_scores, columns=["Word", "Freq"]).head(20)
```

```
[55]:
                           Word
                                      Freq
      0
               (mental, health)
                                  0.001453
                 (fall, asleep)
      1
                                  0.001265
      2
                  (free, trial)
                                  0.001090
      3
                 (sleep, story)
                                  0.001057
      4
                   (make, feel)
                                  0.001053
      5
                   (every, day)
                                 0.000933
          (guided, meditation)
      6
                                  0.000902
      7
               (life, changing)
                                  0.000694
                    (easy, use)
      8
                                  0.000680
                 (feel, better)
      9
                                  0.000658
      10
                (free, version)
                                  0.000649
                  (i've, using)
      11
                                 0.000646
      12
           (customer, service)
                                 0.000643
      13
                    (help, lot)
                                  0.000623
      14
                    (help, get)
                                  0.000604
      15
                  (don't, want)
                                  0.000596
                 (every, night)
      16
                                  0.000579
                  (don't, know)
      17
                                  0.000536
                  (keep, track)
      18
                                  0.000527
      19
                  (help, sleep)
                                  0.000518
```

It's clear that there are some quite insightful combinations of words. Sleep seems to be a recurring topic in these bigrams, and we can begin to see that this is one element of a mental health app that we would want to consider allocating resources toward developing. Because bigrams have been seen to be insightful, we will keep note of this as we approach the modeling phase.

Let's move on to examine whether Pointwise Mutual Information scores of our bigrams reveal any insight.

```
[56]: # Get bigrams and PMI scores from list of stopped tokens
bigram_measures = nltk.collocations.BigramAssocMeasures()
bigram_pmi_finder = nltk.BigramCollocationFinder.from_words(stopped_tokens)
bigram_pmi_finder.apply_freq_filter(3)
bigram_pmi_scored = bigram_pmi_finder.score_ngrams(bigram_measures.pmi)
```

```
[57]: # Make a DataFrame from the bigram PMI scores
pd.DataFrame(bigram_pmi_scored,columns=['Words','PMI']).head(20)
```

```
[57]:
                          Words
                                        PMI
                 (mumbo, jumbo)
      0
                                  18.042860
      1
                  (suze, orman)
                                  18.042860
      2
              (ellie, goulding)
                                  17.627822
      3
               (gregg, mcbride)
                                  17.627822
                  (idris, elba)
                                  17.627822
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5
         (jerome, flynn)
                          17.627822
6
           (kabat, zinn)
                          17.627822
        (nick, offerman) 17.627822
7
8
     (alice, wonderland) 17.305894
9
       (kenneth, soares) 17.305894
10
       (roller, coaster) 17.305894
             (tel, fono) 17.305894
11
        (united, states) 17.305894
12
          (winnie, pooh) 17.305894
13
14
            (meow, meow) 17.212785
15
           (tk, kellman) 17.212785
16
         (civil, unrest) 17.042860
17
    (sponsored, grubhub) 17.042860
18
          (naomi, osaka)
                          17.042860
19
      (marcus, aurelius)
                          16.890857
```

Compared to bigram frequencies, PMI scores do not appear to offer much additional insight.

Let's move on to creating wordclouds for our different sentiments.

5.5 WordCloud Visualization

At this point, we have all the parts we need in order to clean up a corpus and create a wordcloud. By creating a wordcloud, we can easily visualize what words are associated with certain sentiments.

Let's begin by previewing a wordcloud for all reviews, with only our final list of stopwords removed.



This wordcloud provides us with words that are commonly mentioned in reviews, but it doesn't really tell us much about the sentiments.

In order to get a better idea of what words are associated with different sentiments, we will need to create a few different DataFrames.

5.5.1 Preparing for WordCloud Generation

```
[59]: # Create and display DataFrames for multi-class sentiments
multi_pos_df = clean_df[clean_df['multi_sent']==2]
multi_neut_df = clean_df[clean_df['multi_sent']==1]
multi_neg_df = clean_df[clean_df['multi_sent']==0]
display(multi_neg_df, multi_neut_df, multi_pos_df)
```

		date	${\tt userName}$	\
52	2021-07-02	13:40:31	DWi19059230	
58	2020-08-09	12:42:14	njalexs m ith	
60	2020-02-17	08:00:14	Carpeltunneltexting	
72	2020-02-28	12:07:04	jamesui111	
81	2020-09-02	12:53:54	steveo74	
		•••		
44684	2021-02-27	14:24:58	Tfeldy	
44686	2020-12-13	04:15:44	noodle1188	
44703	2020-05-20	05:16:44	Smileysmilessometimes	
44720	2020-03-07	17:29:09	Irkesome	
44721	2020-02-18	02:08:56	ksavv916	

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\hookrightarrowcombined_text \
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Meditation should transcend politics. This app has a lot of →traditionally based vipassana-style meditation, which is very helpful for →learning to meditate and gaining its benefits. However, the app has recently ____ →uploaded a lot of political content directly supporting movements such as ... →Black Lives Matter and the ideology of critical race theory. It's hard tou →emphasize enough how disastrous of a decision this is. It is reducing the →transcendent method of meditation to a mere ideological political tool. ⊔ →Meditation allows you the psychological freedom to see passed concepts that ⊔ →you've established unconsciously your whole life and to use that freedom to⊔ →live deliberately and compassionately with all peoples. Critical race theory →attempts to add concepts such as privilege to push you to act in a particular u \hookrightarrow way not necessarily aligned with your deepest intuitions and compassionate $_{\sqcup}$ →motivations. So, it's a reduction of what the practice could be (vipassana, ___ →insight, and metta, loving-kindness) for the short-term aims of a political u →ideology. If you are interested in meditation and not politics, I recommend →the Waking Up app, which has vipassana and meta meditations as well as dharma_ →lectures from some eminent practitioners. Good luck on your journey!

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                                                 Doesn't work well with Iwatch. I
 →wish this app was designed to be more intuitive with the Apple Watch. I can_
 →only play a 1 minute breathing exercise on the iwatch app despite the website⊔
 →is conveying and customer support is poor. I sent an email to customer ⊔
 \rightarrowsupport. The first response from customer service is that my response will
 →take longer than 48 hours with an apology. Second response was a name of a_
 →customer service agent and never heard back. I tried reaching out by DM on_
 ⇒social media, but no response. Furthermore, if you use the 1 minute breathing ...
 →exercise on the watch, it doesn't sync to your account.
                                                              The phone app is_
 ⇒great, but I would like to use my phone less, not more. My phone is ⊔
 →integrated with my work apps (email, calendar, teams, etc) and adds endless
 →anxiety. Because the phone app is good, I wouldn't give it just one star, __
 →however I am posting a 1 star review because both devs and customers only read ⊔
 \rightarrow1 star reviews. Headspace has a customer service problem along with a poor \Box
 →iwatch app. I haven't had an issue with the phone app.
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 →Cannot get a human to respond. I am super frustrated & don't know what else to_
 →do to get a human to provide answers. I am having so many problems with the
 → Headspace app- login issues, profile management, invited family members can'tu
 →create an account. I have tried the FAQs and online support but they don't
 \hookrightarrowprovide solutions. The "live chat" doesn't exist. To unlink an account it
 →says to contact support - who is that? I have emailed many requests but no_
 →answers. 4-6 days to respond due to high volumes. I still haven't heard one
 →iota of anything except that I'm in some queue. I just wanted a human to,
 →respond. Nobody has replied but yet my credit card is charged. And on our
 \hookrightarrowend, we can't use the app. I realize I am just a drop in the bucket in terms_{\sqcup}
 →of your users. But I want to cancel my account. I believe I get 30 days. But
 \hookrightarrowI'm afraid nobody will respond within that window and I will be stuck with a_{\sqcup}
 →family subscription nobody can use. Please help me get out of the anxiety that
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month ago I would have given headspace 5 stars, because the meditations and_
courses are great. Recently though they have started crowding the app with_
community content, suggested content, information about juice cleanses... All of_
which invites you to spend time on the app or flit from meditation to_
meditation rather than sitting mindfully with one meditation course for a few_
weeks at a time. The app design is in direct conflict with the stated goals of_
the app and of meditation generally. To make matters worse, they recently_
changed the layout of the home screen so when you open the app, you have to_
scroll past testimonials and information about juice cleanses to get to the_
course you are working through. Why would a mindfulness app do this? It_
chetrays a lack of commitment to the principles of mindfulness that headspace_
claims to care about. Please just give me back my simple, uncluttered home_
check and make it easy again to pick up where I left off rather than tempting_
me to use headspace the way I use Facebook or Pocket.

Bloated and annoying - no longer good for meditation. Had been using au \rightarrow couple years ago and made the mistake of re subscribing without checking out a $_{\sqcup}$ →trial first. They recently added many additional features that appear in your \rightarrow face all over the app. Literally the home screen has been taken over by →annoying video ads for courses I have no interest in. My goal for meditation ___ →is to resist the constant flood of distractions ... so why choose an app that __ →throws distractions in your face? As a result I no longer find it useful to I It's just too many swipes and too many taps to →use this app for meditation. ⇒get to the meditation I want. And ads for irrelevant courses take over screen_ ⇒by screen and I feel like I'm swatting them away in anger. Doesn't make me get_ →into the proper mindset anymore. I'm sure all the new crap makes them a lot →of money but I fail to see how celebrity endorsed yoga playlists have much to ⊔ →do with their initial mission. Sad to see a good app like this now ruined by ... →chasing too many new business lines.

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44703 Was 6 stars. So I got this app around maybe two(ish) years ago and loved →it. I suffered from extreme anxiety, agoraphobia and had panic attacks almost →every other day. Life was pretty excruciating. After trying the sample →meditations I started to notice that my attacks were coming a bit less often. ⊔ →I went ahead and bought the full app (that's right, bought, not rented, not ⇒subscribed, bought, for a one time price) as well as talked my wife into⊔ →trying one of their sleep/clock apps. Everything was great. Over time after →meditating around the same time every day, my anxiety almost disappeared. I →eventually did most of the meditations multiple times and with my anxiety not, →quite gone but better than it had been in years, I sat it down for a while ∪ →while I waited for some new meditations. I'm not gonna lie, I didn't use the →app for a long time after that, maybe 6 months or more but it never left my_ →home screen, I never uninstalled it or anything. Eventually my anxiety started ⊔ →bothering me again back around Christmas so I pulled out my handy dandy⊔ →anxiety busting meditation app only to find that the app that I BOUGHT for →just a couple of dollars had been taken back from me and that I could now rent_ →it BACK from them for a ridiculous amount of money a month. My progress is all_ ⇒still there, I'm just locked out of it. I understand the devs have a right to⊔ →make money and to charge whatever they see fit. I just don't think it's right →to sell someone something only to take it back away from them and try to rent__ →it back out to them again for thousands of more dollars. If it was to be | → changed I feel like the changes (a monthly subscription fee) should have only, →applied to people who downloaded/installed the app AFTER the decision to →change it from a flat price to a subscription fee had been made and not forced_ →upon those who had already paid for the full version. I was originally gonna_ →leave a review around Christmas when I discovered what had happened but was_ →just blown away and I guess hurt. I didn't want to talk or even think of it. \hookrightarrow Smh

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FALSE ADVERTISEMENT subscription terms. As stated in the Appular Information section WORD FOR WORD: "RelaxMeditation also offers a lifetime" subscription for \$19.99 which is paid for by a one-off upfront payment with unlimited access to RelaxMeditation forever." My message to App Support: "I'm trying to purchase the \$19.99 lifetime / unlimited subscription but can't find where / how to?" Their response: "Hello Kristen, thank you for reaching out to us! I really apologize about this. The offers and prices displayed in the store are not accurate, as they display all of our past and current offers for all of our apps. [...] We do have a special right now, and it offers 60% off the regular price, for 99.99 USD. [...] We also offer a yearly subscription, for the thanks. Good luck with that.

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Great resource!. This is really helpful! The only 10 →reason I didn't give a higher rating is because there's a strong overlying_ →tone of a sales pitch there. Which is unfortunate, because I think people_ →would be able to see the value easier if there wasn't a push for money after →every meditation and for many of the things on the app people would want to U →explore. Kind of stalls progress of the meditation itself when you've just →worked so hard to pull yourself back, only to be instantly asked for money _ →right after. From a company stand point I also think it would be more u →beneficial to work on building value and then freely offering the option to U ⇒see what monthly costs are and also show a detailed description of what's \hookrightarrow involved with a paid membership. I know this has worked well financially for \sqcup →other services and I've seen increases in sales by simply looking at things_ →from the customers perspective. And I feel like the customers perspective is a_ →miss here : (However quite and easy fix and overall this app is amazing! It_ →not only teaches the basics of meditation, but teaches different techniques as ____ →well. This makes it good for beginners all the way to experts. I truly believe →that the basis of this app is pure in intention and I can see what a help it U ⇒is to many people who walk the path of life.

A great app. Needs work. I give this app 5 stars because the build of $_{\sqcup}$ 16 →this app, the contents of this app, the flow of this app is great. well done. ⊔ →Every app can be improved and this one needs work in some ways 1. the watch →app: the only thing I every get on the watch app is a 1 minute "breath mini". ⊔ →the watch app is basically useless. Why can't I see my today screen on the \hookrightarrow watch and start my various mediations from the watch. the watch app gets 1_{\sqcup} ⇒star. 2. Shortcuts: on the iphone I have setup a sleep schedule. On the "good" →night" screen I am given the option to run shortcuts. Headspace offers a few ⊔ →shortcuts that can be called from this screen. One is the nightly "sleepcast"... →the sleepcast is supposzed to be different every night. It is different on my_ →today screen, but the shortcut always plays the "Rainyday Antiques". therefore →the shortcut is useless. this part of the app gets 1 star. Lastly, the →philosophy behind this app is mindlessness. It is taught as a universal fix⊔ →for bringing the mind to a place of ease. As such it is a religious philosophy. \rightarrow I think they need to be more open about this and they need to state that the →point of this is to alleviate suffering. This app looks like they did version_ →1 then stopped before finishing the details. Shortcuts must work for this⊔ →app to be fully functional

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Ok but could be better. personally, i love this app. the \Box →meditations are really helpful for my crippling anxiety, and i thoroughly ... →enjoy watching the daily videos and doing the mindfulness moments. i also_ →really like the new updated version with the dark mode and everything. ⊔ →however, i'm not as happy with headspace as i thought i would be when i gotu →the app. i'm still a kid, and i'm not going to spend money to get headspace+, u \hookrightarrow so i've had the normal version, however i'm very disappointed about the lack $_{\sqcup}$ →of content i have unlocked. i can only do a few meditations and they're →limited. this is very upsetting to me, and i've heard that others have felt_ →the same way. i'm considering deleting headspace for exactly this reason: →there's not enough free content. soon enough i will run out of meditation ⇒sessions. i am not satisfied with this app. PLEASE unlock more content for ⊔ →those who don't want or CANT spend money on headspace+!!!! you might lose this, ⇒costumer to your app for just that reason. i need more content because my⊔ →anxiety lately has been through the roof, so i would be excited to try out, ⇒some new meditations but i CANT. please fix this!!!!!

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devery technique works equally well for everyone, and I feel like they put an_
dover emphasis on the body scan (which is admittedly one I'm not particularly_
fond of). They have courses like "dealing with anxiety" or "managing anger",_
but they're all essentially the same: "here's some basic advice you'll get_
from every therapist for 30 seconds, now let's do 20 minutes of body scan." I_
don't feel like they really apply the meditation to the issues often enough,_
but the advice is decent. Also, in the beginners courses they mention a lot_
of abstract concepts that are supposed to help you but they don't explain them_
does wery well or reinforce them very often. So half the time I find myself_
does thinking "Wait, what does he mean by that again and how was I supposed go_
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does helpful to get over some hurdles I was struggling with and the voices_
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⇒so much filler to wade through.

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→anxiety-triggering pop-up messages!. I am having my COVID shot the next day

→and REALLY wanted to have a nice sleep before that. I took one meditation

→session before going to bed in headspace. As usual, it worked nicely BUT when

→I reached to my phone to close the app, a pop up message showed up saying

→"Can't sleep? Try our new sleepcast" it immediately triggered my anxiety of

→afraid of losing sleep, and I wasn't able to sleep that night and had to

→cancel my COVID shot appointment. This is really disappointing from a

→meditation app as this kind of message can easily trigger someone who's

→already anxious (and those are often the users of headspace). Especially this

→is an in-app pop up that you cannot disable in the iOS system setting. I am

→not sure why this message will show up at that time and I don't want to assume

→bad intentions (after all Headspace had helped me quite a lot and I am

→thankful). Please stop sending these kinds of anxiety-triggering messages or

→at least allow us to disable them! From a 5-year customer.

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→white noise generator, but the feature that claims to play music from the
→music library is hit and miss and miss. I don't have any iCloud music-
everything is downloaded to local storage- but the app grays out about 3/4 of my
→tracks claiming they're iCloud. Naturally, all the tracks I'd want to use with
\rightarrowthis get grayed out. After those bugs get fixed, it might be worth its price.
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 →night too (as I see others comment the same)! It sure calms my thoughts and
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 →background noises or fluctuations. I love the thunder and slow waves the most!
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 \hookrightarrowGreat so far. Really liking the app so far. Would like more variety of
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This is the BEST app by far for mindfulness. It's almost embarrassing to ... ⇒say this, but I have been a "meditator" for about 30 years and I have to say ⊔ →that I never really got very much out of doing it. I tried so hard, but I'm__ →finding out I never truly understood that "trying" to be a good meditator or ⊔ →mindful person, was missing what doing this was about. What I'm learning \hookrightarrow through this app is that "mindfulness" is about me - understanding myself $_{\sqcup}$ →first, and it's a lot about acceptance. So with that understanding and →acceptance I can begin to see "things" so much more clearly and why previous →ways of thinking, particularly about myself, were holding me back from living →my life and loving myself. And I'm finding that the more I practice self →acceptance, the fears about living fully and going after what I want out of my_ →life, are disappearing. The previous version of myself is rapidly becoming ⇒someone I only used to know, and this new ME is much more in line with who I'd⊔ →always wanted to be. I'm able to try and do so much more, all while in the →comfort that I am lovable, even if I fail at something. I simply dust myself →off and try some more. This app has completely changed me and the way I'm able_ →to appreciate all the good that's in my life. And I'm worthy of going after →the things I want for my life, while freeing me up to share my gifts with →others and society in general. If this is where you find your life stalling →out, this app will bring you back to yourself.

Facing down the rabbit hole. I discovered → Headspace on Netflix. My life is a series of invitations to succumb to fear. \hookrightarrow My husband is a practicing psychologist who is on peritoneal dialysis for 10_{\sqcup} →hours every night and works remotely with patients for about 10 hours every →day without complaint. We have been waiting for a kidney for two years. I am__ →optimistic by nature but even if this was the only focus for concern it would →be a lot. Unhelpfully, the list goes on with equivalent issues. I can't work; \rightarrow I need to be on call because I am the go-to for support. I occupy my mind and →time writing a book and renovating every room of our home one at a time amidst →being available for nine blended (mostly grown) children and 5 grandkids, many u \rightarrow of whom have special needs. I am busy but isolated like so many due to ⇔covid-19. Trying the Headspace series felt like meeting air; filling the →natural and effortless need to breathe. It has provided me with a new lens, →through which to focus on challenges and see potential. I incorporate it into⊔ →my waking routine at dawn and it positions me for whatever happens throughout \hookrightarrow the day, and differentiates a space that is my own. I turn 61 this month and \sqcup →for maybe the first time in a while, life feels lighter and brighter. It's not_ →about what you fear or can't control or even the fact of fear. It's about the →lens through which you interpret your fears or challenges and making them your ⇒strengths and allies. Thank you Andy :-)

A Bright Spot in a Dark World. You won't regret buying →a Headspace subscription. I often joke with people that Headspace is the one →thing I would want to take with me to a desert island. If I were to cancel all_ →of my subscriptions today, Headspace is the one exception I would make. I'm a_ →high school English teacher, and our administration put together a month-long →mindfulness education program for our students shortly after I subscribed. I →had already raved to many of them about the app and the benefits of taking a →couple of minutes out of their day to sit and be present. Lo and behold, Andy U ⇒pops up on the next slide as our Ted Talk speaker of the day! On a more ⇒serious note, I suffer from debilitating chronic pain. I'm currently on ∪ →long-term disability and a leave of absence from the classroom. Mindfulness, →and the courses on managing pain, have been a tremendous help in my journey. →Not only that, but I struggle with insomnia. My favorite part of Headspace, __ →because of my (admittedly) vivid imagination, are the sleepcasts. I love_ →falling asleep to Rainday Antiques. I can't imagine doing anything but that →ever again. I have learned to manage stress and anxiety in a way that I had →never thought was possible. I have meditated in the waiting room of The L →Cleveland Clinic before my appointments. I once laughed at the idea of →mindfulness and meditation. Now it's an integral part of my life. It's part of →my journey, and I think everyone could benefit from it.

The most useful thing I've done in 2020. This app has ⇒given me tools to deal with constant change. This past year, I've needed to⊔ ⇒pivot every day to face some new challenge outside as an essential worker, and \rightarrow at home in isolation with my partner. The tools I learned to use to be present →in the moment and to accept change has benefited my partner and colleagues at ⊔ →work as much as my own peace of mind. I have very little control over my_ →environment, but I can see my reaction, accept the emotions that rise up, and →move on instead of getting lost or bound by them. This app has also benefited ⊔ →me by helping me get through insomnia. Sometimes it helps me get to sleep in →the first place. Mostly it gives me tools to use to calm my mind and body when →I wake up in the night buffeted by anxiety or lingering frustration from the →day. Lastly, this app has given me a language to express the emotional, \rightarrow upheaval and troubling questions that I used to just call anxiety. Naming what →makes me feel upset has brought clarity to what can feel like a tempest at the →time and allow me to look at my thoughts or, rather, face them. After ⊔ →acknowledging them, I can let them go. Sometimes I'm better at that than at ⊔ →other times. Regular exercise strengthens my focus, my ability to pivot and →refocus, and builds roads of calm and quiet that the brain finds easier to⊔ →fall into and travel due to constant use.

It's a Miracle App!. This app has helped ⊔ →me so much! When I am suffering from stress, health anxiety, or fibro/stress_ →related body pains I turn to this app and go through some meditations with the →teachers. It's an excellent way for me to relax. Calm my mind. Stop thinking →about myself. And to recover in the moment. Hopefully in time this will help_ →me heal, as previously I've just been getting worse and worse without any u \hookrightarrow therapy since my therapist's practice permanently shutdown from COVID. This \sqcup →has been a great help and is something I can just pull out of my pocket and U ⇒sit in my bedroom for a bit to calm down. Well worth the 1 year subscription_ ⇒price I've paid. Thank you! *There is only one thing that I'd change. This →would be for some of the workout audios. I need to walk a lot for a heart u →condition I have (which is a big cause of my health anxiety), and I'd love to ⊔ ⇒see the audios for walks and runs to be a bit longer. The longest run audio I⊔ ⇒see is 20 minutes, when recommended cardio workout lengths realistically ⊔ ⇒should be at least 30 minutes. I'd really like to have an audio similar to the →bedtime audios that are lengthy, have soothing talk, and tips to reduce_ →anxiety made to be listened while walking. And if there could be a variety to_ →choose from. Overall this would be the only change I can think of. An hour →long walk audio to help calm my mind.

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Great resource!. This is really_ →helpful! The only reason I didn't give a higher rating is because there's a \rightarrow strong overlying tone of a sales pitch there. Which is unfortunate, because I_{\sqcup} →think people would be able to see the value easier if there wasn't a push for →money after every meditation and for many of the things on the app people ⊔ →would want to explore. Kind of stalls progress of the meditation itself when →you've just worked so hard to pull yourself back, only to be instantly asked_ →for money right after. From a company stand point I also think it would be ⊔ →more beneficial to work on building value and then freely offering the option ⊔ →to see what monthly costs are and also show a detailed description of what's ⊔ →involved with a paid membership. I know this has worked well financially for →other services and I've seen increases in sales by simply looking at things_ →from the customers perspective. And I feel like the customers perspective is a →miss here : (However quite and easy fix and overall this app is amazing! Itu →not only teaches the basics of meditation, but teaches different techniques as ⊔ →well. This makes it good for beginners all the way to experts. I truly believe →that the basis of this app is pure in intention and I can see what a help it U ⇒is to many people who walk the path of life.

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A great app. Needs work. I give this app 5 stars →because the build of this app, the contents of this app, the flow of this app_ →is great. well done. Every app can be improved and this one needs work in some_ \rightarrow ways 1. the watch app: the only thing I every get on the watch app is a 1 $_{\sqcup}$ →minute "breath mini". the watch app is basically useless. Why can't I see my_ \rightarrow today screen on the watch and start my various mediations from the watch. the →watch app gets 1 star. 2. Shortcuts: on the iphone I have setup a sleep ⇒schedule. On the "good night" screen I am given the option to run shortcuts. ⊔ \rightarrow Headspace offers a few shortcuts that can be called from this screen. One is →the nightly "sleepcast". the sleepcast is supposzed to be different every →night. It is different on my today screen, but the shortcut always plays the → "Rainyday Antiques". therefore the shortcut is useless. this part of the appu →gets 1 star. Lastly, the philosophy behind this app is mindlessness. It is u →taught as a universal fix for bringing the mind to a place of ease. As such it ⊔ →is a religious philosophy. I think they need to be more open about this and →they need to state that the point of this is to alleviate suffering. This app_ →looks like they did version 1 then stopped before finishing the details. →Shortcuts must work for this app to be fully functional

Ш ш Ш Ok but could be better. personally, i →love this app. the meditations are really helpful for my crippling anxiety, ⊔ →and i thoroughly enjoy watching the daily videos and doing the mindfulness u \rightarrow moments. i also really like the new updated version with the dark mode and →everything. however, i'm not as happy with headspace as i thought i would be u →when i got the app. i'm still a kid, and i'm not going to spend money to get_ →headspace+, so i've had the normal version, however i'm very disappointed →about the lack of content i have unlocked. i can only do a few meditations and →they're limited. this is very upsetting to me, and i've heard that others have →felt the same way. i'm considering deleting headspace for exactly this reason: →there's not enough free content. soon enough i will run out of meditation ⇒sessions. i am not satisfied with this app. PLEASE unlock more content for →those who don't want or CANT spend money on headspace+!!!! you might lose this →costumer to your app for just that reason. i need more content because my_ →anxiety lately has been through the roof, so i would be excited to try out_ ⇒some new meditations but i CANT. please fix this!!!!!

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Ш ш Ш Was \rightarrow hoping for more. Not every technique works equally well for everyone, and I_{\sqcup} →feel like they put an over emphasis on the body scan (which is admittedly one → I'm not particularly fond of). They have courses like "dealing with anxiety" u →or "managing anger", but they're all essentially the same: "here's some basic_ →advice you'll get from every therapist for 30 seconds, now let's do 20 minutes ⊔ →of body scan." I don't feel like they really apply the meditation to the →issues often enough, but the advice is decent. Also, in the beginners courses_ \hookrightarrow they mention a lot of abstract concepts that are supposed to help you but they \sqcup \rightarrow don't explain them very well or reinforce them very often. So half the time I_{\sqcup} →supposed go about it?" There are enough great meditation pointers though U →that it's been super helpful to get over some hurdles I was struggling with →and the voices are very relaxing. Unfortunately the content is a bit sparse ⊔ ⇒given how much stuff they have posted and it can be difficult finding the gems_ →when there's so much filler to wade through.

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39 Ш Ш ш ш ш Please stop⊔ →those anxiety-triggering pop-up messages!. I am having my COVID shot the next →day and REALLY wanted to have a nice sleep before that. I took one meditation ⊔ ⇒session before going to bed in headspace. As usual, it worked nicely BUT when ⊔ →I reached to my phone to close the app, a pop up message showed up saying →"Can't sleep? Try our new sleepcast" it immediately triggered my anxiety of U →afraid of losing sleep, and I wasn't able to sleep that night and had to ⊔ \rightarrow cancel my COVID shot appointment. This is really disappointing from a →meditation app as this kind of message can easily trigger someone who's →already anxious (and those are often the users of headspace). Especially this, →is an in-app pop up that you cannot disable in the iOS system setting. I am_ →not sure why this message will show up at that time and I don't want to assume_ →bad intentions (after all Headspace had helped me quite a lot and I amu →thankful). Please stop sending these kinds of anxiety-triggering messages or U \rightarrow at least allow us to disable them! From a 5-year customer.



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→completely drains my battery on my iPad 4 when used overnight. Never had this ⊔

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44703 Was 6 stars. So I got this app around maybe two(ish) years ago and loved →it. I suffered from extreme anxiety, agoraphobia and had panic attacks almost →every other day. Life was pretty excruciating. After trying the sample →meditations I started to notice that my attacks were coming a bit less often. ⊔ →I went ahead and bought the full app (that's right, bought, not rented, not ⇒subscribed, bought, for a one time price) as well as talked my wife into⊔ →trying one of their sleep/clock apps. Everything was great. Over time after →meditating around the same time every day, my anxiety almost disappeared. I →eventually did most of the meditations multiple times and with my anxiety not, →quite gone but better than it had been in years, I sat it down for a while ∪ →while I waited for some new meditations. I'm not gonna lie, I didn't use the →app for a long time after that, maybe 6 months or more but it never left my_ →home screen, I never uninstalled it or anything. Eventually my anxiety started ⊔ →bothering me again back around Christmas so I pulled out my handy dandy⊔ →anxiety busting meditation app only to find that the app that I BOUGHT for →just a couple of dollars had been taken back from me and that I could now rent_ →it BACK from them for a ridiculous amount of money a month. My progress is all_ ⇒still there, I'm just locked out of it. I understand the devs have a right to⊔ →make money and to charge whatever they see fit. I just don't think it's right →to sell someone something only to take it back away from them and try to rent__ →it back out to them again for thousands of more dollars. If it was to be | → changed I feel like the changes (a monthly subscription fee) should have only, →applied to people who downloaded/installed the app AFTER the decision to →change it from a flat price to a subscription fee had been made and not forced_ →upon those who had already paid for the full version. I was originally gonna_ →leave a review around Christmas when I discovered what had happened but was__ →just blown away and I guess hurt. I didn't want to talk or even think of it. __ \hookrightarrow Smh

FALSE ADVERTISEMENT subscription terms. As stated in the App_
Information section WORD FOR WORD: "RelaxMeditation also offers a lifetime_
subscription for \$19.99 which is paid for by a one-off upfront payment with_
unlimited access to RelaxMeditation forever." My message to App Support: "I'm_
trying to purchase the \$19.99 lifetime / unlimited subscription but can't find_
where / how to?" Their response: "Hello Kristen, thank you for reaching out_
to us! I really apologize about this. The offers and prices displayed in the_
Store are not accurate, as they display all of our past and current offers for_
all of our apps. [...] We do have a special right now, and it offers 60% off_
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thanks. Good luck with that.

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This is the BEST app by far for mindfulness. It's almost embarrassing to ... ⇒say this, but I have been a "meditator" for about 30 years and I have to say ⊔ →that I never really got very much out of doing it. I tried so hard, but I'mu →finding out I never truly understood that "trying" to be a good meditator or U →mindful person, was missing what doing this was about. What I'm learning →through this app is that "mindfulness" is about me - understanding myself u →first, and it's a lot about acceptance. So with that understanding and \hookrightarrow acceptance I can begin to see "things" so much more clearly and why previous $_{\sqcup}$ →ways of thinking, particularly about myself, were holding me back from living →my life and loving myself. And I'm finding that the more I practice selfu →acceptance, the fears about living fully and going after what I want out of my_ →life, are disappearing. The previous version of myself is rapidly becoming →someone I only used to know, and this new ME is much more in line with who I'd !! →always wanted to be. I'm able to try and do so much more, all while in the →comfort that I am lovable, even if I fail at something. I simply dust myself ∪ →off and try some more. This app has completely changed me and the way I'm able →to appreciate all the good that's in my life. And I'm worthy of going after →the things I want for my life, while freeing me up to share my gifts with →others and society in general. If this is where you find your life stalling →out, this app will bring you back to yourself.

Facing down the rabbit hole. I discovered → Headspace on Netflix. My life is a series of invitations to succumb to fear. →My husband is a practicing psychologist who is on peritoneal dialysis for 10 µ →hours every night and works remotely with patients for about 10 hours every →day without complaint. We have been waiting for a kidney for two years. I am, \hookrightarrow optimistic by nature but even if this was the only focus for concern it would $_{\sqcup}$ →be a lot. Unhelpfully, the list goes on with equivalent issues. I can't work; →I need to be on call because I am the go-to for support. I occupy my mind and →time writing a book and renovating every room of our home one at a time amidstu →being available for nine blended (mostly grown) children and 5 grandkids, many u \rightarrow of whom have special needs. I am busy but isolated like so many due to →covid-19. Trying the Headspace series felt like meeting air; filling the →natural and effortless need to breathe. It has provided me with a new lens_ →through which to focus on challenges and see potential. I incorporate it into⊔ →my waking routine at dawn and it positions me for whatever happens throughout U →the day, and differentiates a space that is my own. I turn 61 this month and →for maybe the first time in a while, life feels lighter and brighter. It's not⊔ →about what you fear or can't control or even the fact of fear. It's about the →lens through which you interpret your fears or challenges and making them your ⇒strengths and allies. Thank you Andy :-)

A Bright Spot in a Dark World. You won't regret buying ⊔ →a Headspace subscription. I often joke with people that Headspace is the one →thing I would want to take with me to a desert island. If I were to cancel all →of my subscriptions today, Headspace is the one exception I would make. I'm a__ →high school English teacher, and our administration put together a month-long →mindfulness education program for our students shortly after I subscribed. I →had already raved to many of them about the app and the benefits of taking a__ →couple of minutes out of their day to sit and be present. Lo and behold, Andy L ⇒pops up on the next slide as our Ted Talk speaker of the day! On a more⊔ ⇒serious note, I suffer from debilitating chronic pain. I'm currently on ∪ →long-term disability and a leave of absence from the classroom. Mindfulness, →and the courses on managing pain, have been a tremendous help in my journey. →Not only that, but I struggle with insomnia. My favorite part of Headspace, \hookrightarrow because of my (admittedly) vivid imagination, are the sleepcasts. I love $_{\sqcup}$ →falling asleep to Rainday Antiques. I can't imagine doing anything but that ⊔ →ever again. I have learned to manage stress and anxiety in a way that I had →never thought was possible. I have meditated in the waiting room of The →Cleveland Clinic before my appointments. I once laughed at the idea of U →mindfulness and meditation. Now it's an integral part of my life. It's part of →my journey, and I think everyone could benefit from it.

The most useful thing I've done in 2020. This app has \Box ⇒given me tools to deal with constant change. This past year, I've needed to⊔ ⇒pivot every day to face some new challenge outside as an essential worker, and __ →at home in isolation with my partner. The tools I learned to use to be present. →in the moment and to accept change has benefited my partner and colleagues at ⊔ →work as much as my own peace of mind. I have very little control over my, →environment, but I can see my reaction, accept the emotions that rise up, and →move on instead of getting lost or bound by them. This app has also benefited ⊔ →me by helping me get through insomnia. Sometimes it helps me get to sleep in __ →the first place. Mostly it gives me tools to use to calm my mind and body when_ →I wake up in the night buffeted by anxiety or lingering frustration from the →day. Lastly, this app has given me a language to express the emotional →upheaval and troubling questions that I used to just call anxiety. Naming what ⊔ →makes me feel upset has brought clarity to what can feel like a tempest at the U →time and allow me to look at my thoughts or, rather, face them. After ___ →acknowledging them, I can let them go. Sometimes I'm better at that than at ⊔ →other times. Regular exercise strengthens my focus, my ability to pivot and →refocus, and builds roads of calm and quiet that the brain finds easier to⊔ →fall into and travel due to constant use.

It's a Miracle App!. This app has helped →me so much! When I am suffering from stress, health anxiety, or fibro/stress_ →related body pains I turn to this app and go through some meditations with the →teachers. It's an excellent way for me to relax. Calm my mind. Stop thinking →about myself. And to recover in the moment. Hopefully in time this will help_ →me heal, as previously I've just been getting worse and worse without any u →therapy since my therapist's practice permanently shutdown from COVID. This ___ →has been a great help and is something I can just pull out of my pocket and ⇒sit in my bedroom for a bit to calm down. Well worth the 1 year subscription_ ⇒price I've paid. Thank you! *There is only one thing that I'd change. This_ \rightarrow would be for some of the workout audios. I need to walk a lot for a heart $_{\sqcup}$ →condition I have (which is a big cause of my health anxiety), and I'd love to $\mathrel{\smile}$ see the audios for walks and runs to be a bit longer. The longest run audio $I_{\mathrel{\sqcup}}$ ⇒see is 20 minutes, when recommended cardio workout lengths realistically, \hookrightarrow should be at least 30 minutes. I'd really like to have an audio similar to the \sqcup →bedtime audios that are lengthy, have soothing talk, and tips to reduce ___ \hookrightarrow anxiety made to be listened while walking. And if there could be a variety to $_{\sqcup}$ ⇒choose from. Overall this would be the only change I can think of. An hour →long walk audio to help calm my mind.

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[61]: # Get image file to use for wordcloud mask
      urllib.request.urlretrieve(
        'https://github.com/ds-leehanjin/app-reviews-nlp-sentiment-analysis/blob/
       →master/images/meditating_girl.png?raw=true',
         "meditating girl.png")
      # Create wordcloud mask
      mask = np.array(Image.open('meditating_girl.png'))
[62]: # Write functions to use to create wordclouds
      def wordcloud_prep(df_col, stopwords):
          Converts a column of strings into a list of lemmatized tokens with
          a specified list of stopwords removed.
          Args:
              df_col (col) : Sliced column from dataframe with text to be put into
                             a wordcloud
              stopwords (list): List of stopwords to remove from text.
          Returns:
              stopped_cloud (list) : List of lemmatized tokens with stopwords
                                     removed.
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          # Tokenize and lemmatize corpus into tokens
          cloud_corpus = df_col.to_list()
          cloud_tokens = regexp_tokenize(','.join(cloud_corpus),
                                         r''([a-zA-Z]+(?:'[a-z]+)?)'')
          lemmatized_cloud = lemmatize_tokens(cloud_tokens)
          # Remove specified stopwords
          stopped_cloud = [w.lower() for w in lemmatized_cloud if w.lower() \
                           not in stopwords]
          return stopped_cloud
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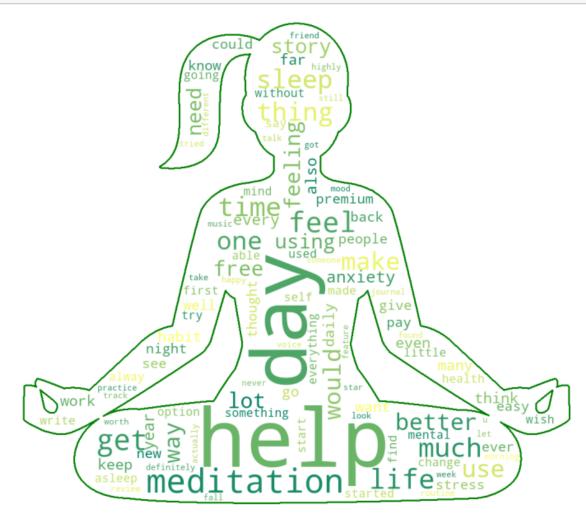
def generate_wordcloud(tokens, stopwords=None, collocations=False,

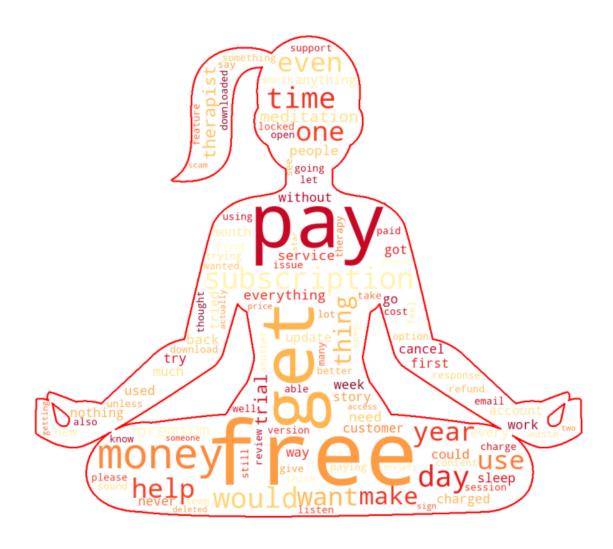
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contour_color='steelblue',
                      mask=mask):
   Creates and displays a wordcloud using the specified list of tokens,
   stopwords, and mask image.
   Args:
       tokens (list): List of tokens to generate wordcloud from.
       stopwords (list): List of stopwords to remove from text.
       collocations (bool): Whether to include collocations (bigrams) of
                              two words.
       background\_color (color value) : Background color for the wordcloud_{\sqcup}
\hookrightarrow image.
       colormap (matplotlib colormap) : Matplotlib colormap to randomly draw
                                         colors from for each word.
       contour_color : Mask contour color.
       mask (nd-array) : Gives a binary mask on where to draw words. If mask
                          is not None, width and height will be ignored and
                          the shape of mask will be used instead.
   Returns:
       wordcloud: Image of wordcloud generated using specified text.
   # Initalize a WordCloud
   wordcloud = WordCloud(stopwords = stopwords,
                          collocations=collocations,
                          background_color=background_color,
                          colormap=colormap,
                          mask=mask,contour_width=2,
                          contour_color=contour_color,
                         min_font_size=15)
   # Generate wordcloud from tokens
   wordcloud.generate(','.join(tokens))
   plt.figure(figsize = (12, 12), facecolor = None)
   plt.imshow(wordcloud)
   plt.axis('off');
   return wordcloud
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5.5.2 Multi-Class Sentiment WordClouds

Now, let's put everything together to generate some wordclouds on our multi-class sentiments.

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[63]: # Generate positive wordcloud for multi-class sentiment
multi_pos_tokens = wordcloud_prep(multi_pos_df['combined_text'], stopwords_list)
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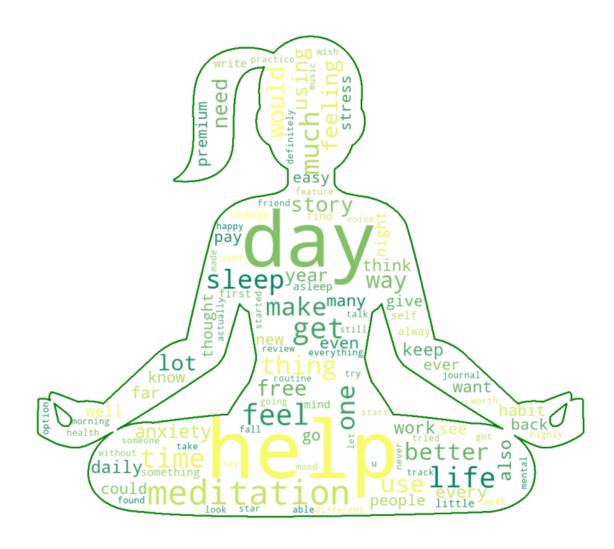


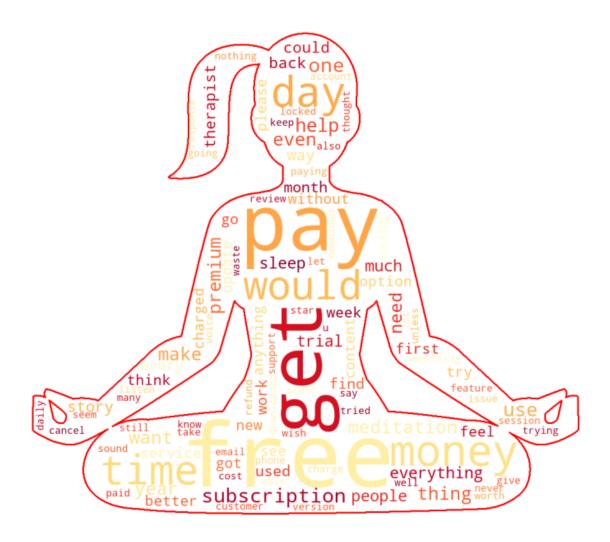


The positive and neutral wordclouds that we see above indicate that there are a variety of topics that users write about in their reviews. Note that we can see sleep again seems to be one of the more important topics for neutral and positive reviews. However, it's much more obvious for the negative wordcloud that the majority of dissatisfaction that users have is either payment or customer-support related.

5.5.3 Binary Sentiment WordClouds

Let's take a look at whether our results differ when we split our data into two classes as opposed to three.





Again, we can see that our negative wordcloud contains lots of payment and customer-support related topics, but our positive wordcloud doesn't as clearly tell us what app features users appreciated. Not to worry though, since our modeling and interpretation should give us more accurate insight into what is considered positive or negative.

6 MODEL

During this phase, we will explore some different modeling algorithms to help us extract more accurate insights into what words are more influential in classifying sentiments.

For multi-class sentiments, we will explore Logistic Regression and Random Forest models. For binary sentiments, we will add Support Vector Classification, and where necessary, we will implement a gridsearch to optimize model performance and address the issue of under or overfitting to the training data.

As we saw during the Exploratory Data Analysis, there is a class imbalance for both the multi-class and binary data, and so we will set the class weight of all models to "balanced".

Since we saw that bigrams can reveal additional insight, we will also set our ngram_range to (1,2) to include vectorization of individual words as well as bigrams.

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[68]: # Model evaluation function
      def evaluate model(y_test, y_train, X_test, X_train, clf, n_class=3,
                         figsize=(10,5), digits=2, params=False):
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          Displays evaluation metrics including classification report, confusion
          matrix, ROC-AUC curve.
          If the argument 'params' is passed, will display a table of the
          parameters hyperparameters used in the model.
          Args:
              y_test (Series) : Testing data with target variable.
              y train (Series): Training data with target variable.
              X_test (DataFrame) : Testing data with vectorized feature variables.
              X train (DataFrame): Training data with vectorized feature variables.
              clf (classifier object): Type of classificatier model to use.
              n_class (int) : Number of classes for classification task.
              figsize (int, int): Figure dimensions. Default is (10,5)
              {\it digits} (int) : Number of decimal places to {\it display} in classification
              params (bool): Prints table of hyperparameters used in model.
          Returns:
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          sns.set_style('dark')
          # Get Predictions
          y_hat_test = clf.predict(X_test)
          # Display training and test accuracy
          print("****TRAIN VS TEST ACCURACY****")
          print("\n", f"Training Score: {round(clf.score(X_train, y_train),2)}",
                "\n", f"Test Score: {round(clf.score(X_test, y_test),2)}", "\n")
          # Display classification report
          print("****CLASSIFICATION REPORT - TEST DATA****")
          print(metrics.classification_report(y_test, y_hat_test, digits=digits))
          print("****CONFUSION MATRIX AND ROC-AUC VISUALIZATION****")
          if n class == 3:
              # Create a figure/axes for confusion matrix and ROC curve
              fig, ax = plt.subplots(ncols=2, figsize=figsize)
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# Plot confusion matrix
    plot_confusion_matrix(estimator=clf, X=X_test, y_true=y_test,
                          cmap='Purples', normalize='true', ax=ax[0],
                          display_labels=['Negative', 'Neutral',
                                          'Positive'l)
    ax[0].set_title('Confusion Matrix')
    # Plot ROC-AUC curve
    pred_prob = clf.predict_proba(X_test)
    fpr={}
    tpr={}
    thresh={}
    for i in range(n_class):
        fpr[i], tpr[i], thresh[i] = roc_curve(y_test, pred_prob[:,i],
                                              pos_label=i)
    ax = ax[1]
    ax.grid()
    ax.plot(fpr[0], tpr[0], linestyle='-',color='red', label='Negative')
    ax.plot(fpr[1], tpr[1], linestyle='-',color='blue', label='Neutral')
    ax.plot(fpr[2], tpr[2], linestyle='-',color='green', label='Positive')
    ax.set title('ROC-AUC curve')
    ax.set_xlabel('False Positive Rate')
    ax.set_ylabel('True Positive rate')
    ax.legend(loc='best')
    ax.plot([0,1], [0,1], ls='-', color='purple')
    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()
elif n_class == 2:
    fig, axes = plt.subplots(ncols=2,
                             figsize=figsize)
    # Plot confusion matrix
    metrics.plot_confusion_matrix(clf, X_test,
                                  y_test,normalize='true',
                                  cmap='Purples',ax=axes[0],
                                  display_labels=['Negative', 'Positive'])
    axes[0].set_title('Confusion Matrix')
    # Plot ROC-AUC curve
    metrics.plot_roc_curve(clf, X_test, y_test, ax=axes[1])
    ax = axes[1]
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ax.plot([0,1],[0,1], ls='-', color='purple')
ax.grid()
ax.set_title('ROC-AUC Curve')
ax.set_xlabel('False Positive Rate')
ax.set_ylabel('True Positive rate')
ax.get_legend().remove()

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

# Print model parameters
if params == True:
    print("****MODEL PARAMETERS****")
    params = pd.DataFrame(pd.Series(clf.get_params()))
    params.columns=['parameters']
    display(params)
```

6.1 Multi-Class Modeling: [1-2] Negative, [3] Neutral, [4-5] Positive

6.1.1 Vectorizing Train-Test Splits

We begin the modeling process by creating an X and y train-test split and then using a TF-IDF vectorizer to preprocess each document.

```
[69]: # Make X and y
      y_multi = clean_df['multi_sent'].copy()
      X = clean df['combined text'].copy()
      # Train Test Split
      X_multi_train, X_multi_test, y_multi_train, y_multi_test = train_test_split(X,_

y_multi,

       →test_size=0.3,
      →random state=27)
      # Check y_train value counts
      y_multi_train.value_counts(normalize=True)
[69]: 2
           0.774930
           0.171951
      0
           0.053119
     Name: multi_sent, dtype: float64
[70]: # Initialize RegExp tokenizer
      tokenizer = RegexpTokenizer(r"([a-zA-Z]+(?:'[a-z]+)?)")
```

[70]: <31288x310249 sparse matrix of type '<class 'numpy.float64'>'
with 1030078 stored elements in Compressed Sparse Row format>

6.1.2 Logistic Regression

We are now ready to fit our first model using a Logistic Regression algorithm on our multi-class data. Due to hardware limitations as well as the fact that we will later see better performing models, we will omit the gridsearch phase for this particular model.

```
[71]: # Fit Logistic Regression model on multi-class training data logreg = LogisticRegression(max_iter=200, class_weight='balanced') logreg.fit(X_multi_train_tfidf, y_multi_train)
```

[71]: LogisticRegression(class weight='balanced', max iter=200)

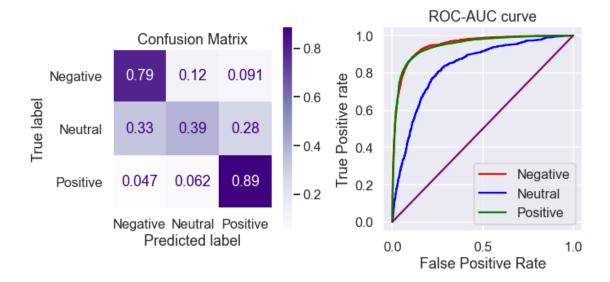
****TRAIN VS TEST ACCURACY***

Training Score: 0.95 Test Score: 0.85

****CLASSIFICATION REPORT - TEST DATA****

		precision	recall	f1-score	support
	0	0.72	0.79	0.75	2347
	1	0.23	0.39	0.29	717
	2	0.96	0.89	0.92	10346
accurac	у			0.85	13410
macro av	g	0.64	0.69	0.66	13410
weighted av	g	0.88	0.85	0.86	13410

****CONFUSION MATRIX AND ROC-AUC VISUALIZATION****



Even without the help of a gridsearch, our Logistic Regression model already seems to have decent performance when it comes to classifying negative and positive sentiments. It does have much poorer performance classifying neutral sentiments, but this is understandable considering that the neutral sentiment wordcloud was also not able to give us much insight into what topics were associated with a neutral sentiment.

6.1.3 Random Forest

```
[73]: # Fit Random Forest model on multi-class training data

rf = RandomForestClassifier(class_weight='balanced')

rf.fit(X_multi_train_tfidf, y_multi_train)
```

[73]: RandomForestClassifier(class_weight='balanced')

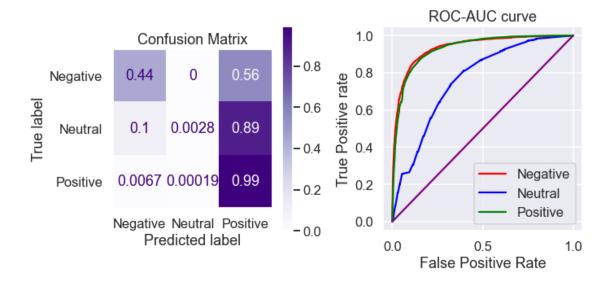
****TRAIN VS TEST ACCURACY***

Training Score: 1.0 Test Score: 0.84

****CLASSIFICATION REPORT - TEST DATA**** precision recall f1-score support 0 0.88 0.44 0.59 2347 1 0.50 0.00 0.01 717 2 0.84 0.99 0.91 10346

accuracy			0.84	13410
macro avg	0.74	0.48	0.50	13410
weighted avg	0.83	0.84	0.81	13410

****CONFUSION MATRIX AND ROC-AUC VISUALIZATION****



On our first iteration of a Random Forest model, we can see that the model is clearly being overfit to the training data, resulting in extremely poor recall scores for negative and neutral sentiments. Let's use a gridsearch to address this issue.

'min_samples_leaf': 2,
'n_estimators': 200}

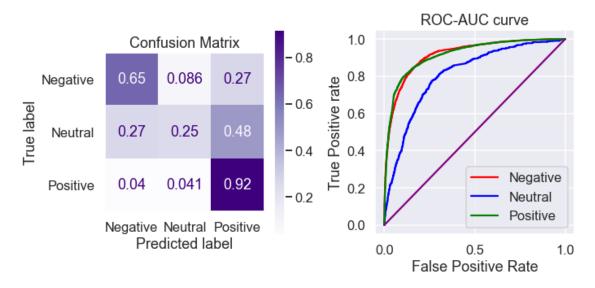
****TRAIN VS TEST ACCURACY***

Training Score: 0.87 Test Score: 0.84

****CLASSIFICATION REPORT - TEST DATA****

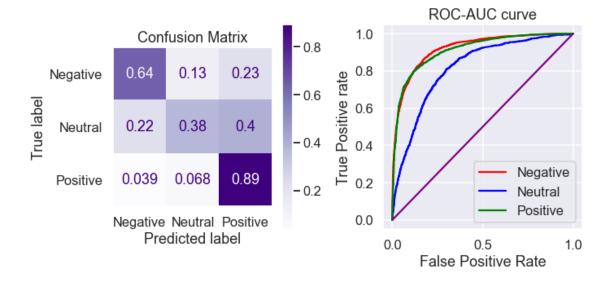
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.72	0.65	0.68	2347
1	0.22	0.25	0.24	717
2	0.91	0.92	0.91	10346
accuracy			0.84	13410
macro avg	0.62	0.61	0.61	13410
weighted avg	0.84	0.84	0.84	13410

****CONFUSION MATRIX AND ROC-AUC VISUALIZATION****



Our gridsearched model's performance has improved considerably in classifying negative and neutral sentiments, but it still isn't quite ideal. Let's see if running another gridsearch can further improve performance.

```
[77]: # Initialize Random Forest algorithm
      rf = RandomForestClassifier(class_weight='balanced')
      # Create hyperparameter grid to gridsearch
      param_grid = {'criterion': ['entropy'],
                    'max_depth': [40, 60],
                    'n_estimators': [200, 300],
                    'min_samples_leaf': [5]}
      # Initialize gridsearch optimized for F1 macro score
      gridsearch = GridSearchCV(estimator=rf, param_grid = param_grid,
                                scoring='f1_macro', n_jobs=-1)
      # Run gridsearch and display best hyperparameters
      gridsearch.fit(X_multi_train_tfidf, y_multi_train)
      gridsearch.best_params_
[77]: {'criterion': 'entropy',
       'max_depth': 60,
       'min_samples_leaf': 5,
       'n_estimators': 300}
[78]: # Evaluate best model performance
      evaluate_model(y_multi_test, y_multi_train,
                     X_multi_test_tfidf, X_multi_train_tfidf,
                     gridsearch.best_estimator_)
     ****TRAIN VS TEST ACCURACY***
      Training Score: 0.84
      Test Score: 0.82
     ****CLASSIFICATION REPORT - TEST DATA****
                   precision
                              recall f1-score
                                                    support
                0
                        0.73
                                  0.64
                                            0.68
                                                       2347
                1
                        0.21
                                  0.38
                                            0.27
                                                        717
                2
                        0.92
                                  0.89
                                            0.91
                                                      10346
                                            0.82
                                                      13410
         accuracy
                                            0.62
                                                      13410
        macro avg
                        0.62
                                  0.64
     weighted avg
                        0.85
                                  0.82
                                            0.83
                                                      13410
     ****CONFUSION MATRIX AND ROC-AUC VISUALIZATION****
```



We do see some improvement in the model's ability to correctly predict neutral sentiment, but this comes at the cost of our negative and positive sentiment recall scores. Hence, we conclude that the Logistic Regression algorithm is a much better choices than the Random Forest algorithm for our task.

6.2 Binary Modeling: [1-3] Negative, [4-5] Positive

Here, we return to our binary classification problem where ratings of 1-3 stars will be considered to be negative, and 4-5 star ratings will be considered to be positive.

6.2.1 Vectorizing Train-Test Splits

Similar to the multi-class modeling problem, we will vectorize the data following its new train-test split.

[79]: 1 0.77493 0 0.22507 Name: sent_bin_4up, dtype: float64

[80]: <31288x310249 sparse matrix of type '<class 'numpy.float64'>'
with 1030078 stored elements in Compressed Sparse Row format>

6.2.2 Logistic Regression

Again, let's start modeling for our binary classification problem with Logistic Regression.

```
[81]: # Fit Logistic Regression model on binary training data
logreg = LogisticRegression(class_weight='balanced')
logreg.fit(X_bin_train_tfidf, y_bin_train)
```

[81]: LogisticRegression(class_weight='balanced')

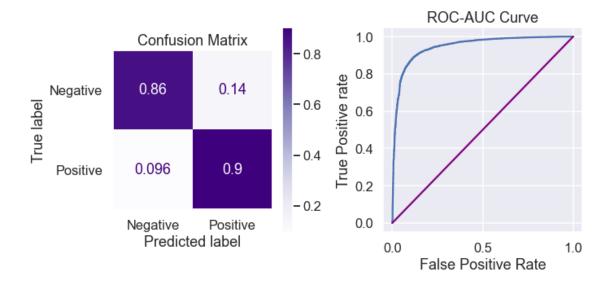
****TRAIN VS TEST ACCURACY***

Training Score: 0.94 Test Score: 0.89

****CLASSIFICATION REPORT - TEST DATA****

	precision	recall	f1-score	${ t support}$
0	0.73	0.86	0.79	3064
1	0.96	0.90	0.93	10346
accuracy			0.89	13410
macro avg	0.84	0.88	0.86	13410
weighted avg	0.90	0.89	0.90	13410

****CONFUSION MATRIX AND ROC-AUC VISUALIZATION****



Right off the bat, we see great performance with our Logistic Regression algorithm. Again, due to hardware limitations we will not gridsearch this model. Although the model does seem to be slightly overfitting to the training data, it is not overfitting by a large amount. We can see that our F1 score is 0.86 for negative classification and .90 for positive classification, which is quite good.

Let's try a cross validated iteration of the Logistic Regression to see if we can improve our results on the test data.

```
[83]: # Fit Logistic Regression model on binary training data
logregcv = LogisticRegressionCV(max_iter=750, class_weight='balanced')
logregcv.fit(X_bin_train_tfidf, y_bin_train)
```

[83]: LogisticRegressionCV(class_weight='balanced', max_iter=750)

****TRAIN VS TEST ACCURACY***

Training Score: 1.0 Test Score: 0.9

****CLASSIFICATION REPORT - TEST DATA**** precision recall f1-score

0 0.77 0.83 0.80 3064 1 0.95 0.93 0.94 10346 accuracy 0.90 13410

support

macro avg	0.86	0.88	0.87	13410
weighted avg	0.91	0.90	0.91	13410

****CONFUSION MATRIX AND ROC-AUC VISUALIZATION****



We see that although this model has higher predictive capability on positive sentiment, it comes at the cost of a lower recall score for negative sentiment, as well as a more overfit model than we saw before. In order to preserve a more even prediction rate between negative and positive sentiments, we will proceed with the non-cross-validated version of Logistic Regression as our best model.

6.2.3 Random Forest

```
[85]: # Fit Random Forest model on binary training data
rf = RandomForestClassifier(class_weight='balanced')
rf.fit(X_bin_train_tfidf, y_bin_train)
```

[85]: RandomForestClassifier(class_weight='balanced')

****TRAIN VS TEST ACCURACY****

Training Score: 1.0 Test Score: 0.88

****CLASSIFICATION REPORT - TEST DATA****

precision recall f1-score support

0	0.88	0.54	0.67	3064
1	0.88	0.98	0.93	10346
accuracy			0.88	13410
macro avg	0.88	0.76	0.80	13410
weighted avg	0.88	0.88	0.87	13410

****CONFUSION MATRIX AND ROC-AUC VISUALIZATION****



Because we haven't altered any of the hyperparameters for our Random Forest algorithm, we again see that our modelling is clearly overfitting to the training data. Let's run a few gridsearches on this model.

[87]: {'criterion': 'entropy', 'max_depth': 40, 'min_samples_leaf': 3}

****TRAIN VS TEST ACCURACY****

Training Score: 0.87 Test Score: 0.87

****CLASSIFICATION REPORT - TEST DATA****

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.71	0.70	0.70	3064
1	0.91	0.92	0.91	10346
			0.07	40440
accuracy			0.87	13410
macro avg	0.81	0.81	0.81	13410
weighted avg	0.86	0.87	0.86	13410

****CONFUSION MATRIX AND ROC-AUC VISUALIZATION****



Great! We have addressed the issue of overfitting. Our model is performing much better on the negative classification, and only a little worse on the positive classification. Let's see if we can further improve our gridsearch performance.

```
[89]: # Initialize Random Forest algorithm
rf = RandomForestClassifier(class_weight='balanced')
```

```
# Create hyperparameter grid to gridsearch
      param_grid = {'criterion': ['entropy'],
                    'max_depth': [40, 50, 60],
                    'min_samples_leaf': [1, 2, 3]}
      # Initialize gridsearch optimized for F1 macro score
      gridsearch = GridSearchCV(estimator=rf, param_grid = param_grid,
                                scoring='f1_macro', n_jobs=-1)
      # Run gridsearch and display best hyperparameters
      gridsearch.fit(X_bin_train_tfidf, y_bin_train)
      gridsearch.best_params_
[89]: {'criterion': 'entropy', 'max_depth': 60, 'min_samples_leaf': 1}
[90]: # Evaluate model performance
      evaluate_model(y_bin_test, y_bin_train,
                     X_bin_test_tfidf, X_bin_train_tfidf,
                     gridsearch.best_estimator_, 2)
     ****TRAIN VS TEST ACCURACY***
      Training Score: 0.95
      Test Score: 0.88
     ****CLASSIFICATION REPORT - TEST DATA****
```

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.80	0.64	0.71	3064
1	0.90	0.95	0.93	10346
accuracy			0.88	13410
macro avg	0.85	0.80	0.82	13410
weighted avg	0.88	0.88	0.88	13410

****CONFUSION MATRIX AND ROC-AUC VISUALIZATION****



Again, we can see that we are already overfitting to the training data again, and the model's overall performance is already getting worse.

6.2.4 Support Vector Classification

Because our vectorized bag of words has a muc hhigher number of columns than rows, we can expect our Suppoer Vector Classification model to perform well.

```
[91]: # Fit SVC model on binary training data
svc = LinearSVC()
svc.fit(X_bin_train_tfidf, y_bin_train)
```

[91]: LinearSVC()

****TRAIN VS TEST ACCURACY****

Training Score: 1.0 Test Score: 0.91

****CLASSIFICATION REPORT - TEST DATA**** precision recall f1-score support 0 0.81 0.78 0.80 3064 1 0.93 0.95 0.94 10346 accuracy 0.91 13410

macro avg	0.87	0.86	0.87	13410
weighted ave	0.91	0.91	0.91	13410

****CONFUSION MATRIX AND ROC-AUC VISUALIZATION****



Without altering the model's hyperparameters, we can already see decent performance, with positive classification performing slightly better than our Logistic Regression, and negative classification doing slightly worse. Let's use a gridsearch to see if we can improve the model's performance.

[93]: {'C': 1, 'fit_intercept': True, 'loss': 'hinge', 'penalty': 'l2', 'tol': 1e-06}

****TRAIN VS TEST ACCURACY****

Training Score: 0.98 Test Score: 0.9

****CLASSIFICATION REPORT - TEST DATA****

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.76	0.85	0.80	3064
1	0.95	0.92	0.94	10346
accuracy			0.90	13410
macro avg	0.85	0.88	0.87	13410
weighted avg	0.91	0.90	0.90	13410

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7 interpret

Now that we're done modeling, we can move on to interpreting the results. Below, we can see a summary of our best performing models, which were the Logistic Regression for multi-class sentiments, and Logistic Regression for binary sentiments. Out of the two models, our multi-class model had poorer performance, and so we will only be using that as reference to support any findings from the best model. Although our SVC model did have a slightly better F1 macro score,

we will focus on the Logistic Regression model due to its more even predictive capability between negative and positive sentiments and also for ease of interpretation.

7.0.1 Best Model Summary

By observing the evaluation metrics from each of our models, we can see that the binary classification models had much better performance. We will still examine the feature coefficients found in our Multi-Class Logistic Regression as a reference point, but for extracting final insights, we will make use of our Binary Logistic Regression and SVC models. Below, we can find a roundup of each model's performance metrics along with their fit times.

Multi-Class Logistic Regression

CPU times: user 2 $\mu s,\ sys\colon$ 1 $\mu s,\ total\colon$ 3 μs

Wall time: 5.01 µs

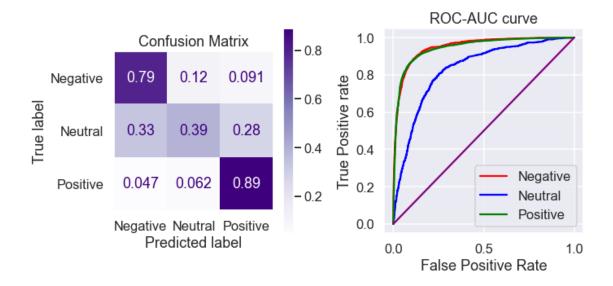
****TRAIN VS TEST ACCURACY***

Training Score: 0.95 Test Score: 0.85

****CLASSIFICATION REPORT - TEST DATA***
--

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0 1	0.72 0.23	0.79 0.39	0.75 0.29	2347 717
2	0.96	0.89	0.92	10346
accuracy	0.64	0.69	0.85	13410 13410
macro avg weighted avg	0.88	0.85	0.86	13410

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Binary Logistic Regression

CPU times: user 2 μs, sys: 0 ns, total: 2 μs

Wall time: $5.01 \mu s$

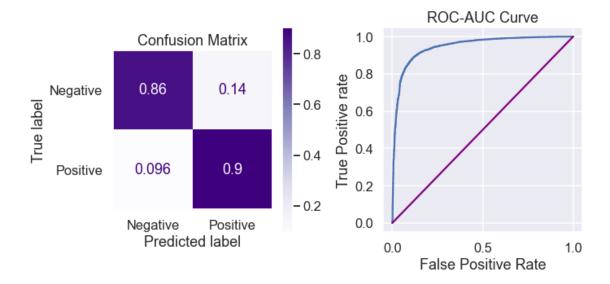
****TRAIN VS TEST ACCURACY***

Training Score: 0.94 Test Score: 0.89

****CLASSIFICATION REPORT - TEST DATA****

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0 1	0.73 0.96	0.86 0.90	0.79 0.93	3064 10346
accuracy macro avg weighted avg	0.84 0.90	0.88 0.89	0.89 0.86 0.90	13410 13410 13410

****CONFUSION MATRIX AND ROC-AUC VISUALIZATION****



We can see that there is a small difference in training times between these models.

7.0.2 Evaluating Feature Importances to Sentiment Classification

Here, we provide a summary of visualizations that can help us determine what words are indicative of either positive or negative sentiments. We first revisit our wordclouds to remind ourselves what words are frequently found in negative and positive sentiments, then move on to examine feature coefficients from our Logistic Regression models.

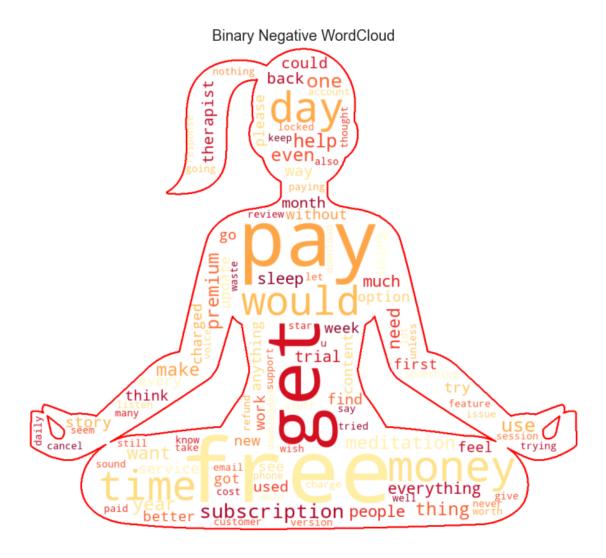
Revisiting Multi-Class WordClouds

```
[97]: plt.figure(figsize = (12, 12), facecolor = None)
   plt.imshow(multi_neg_wc)
   plt.title('Multi-Class Negative WordCloud')
   plt.axis('off');
```

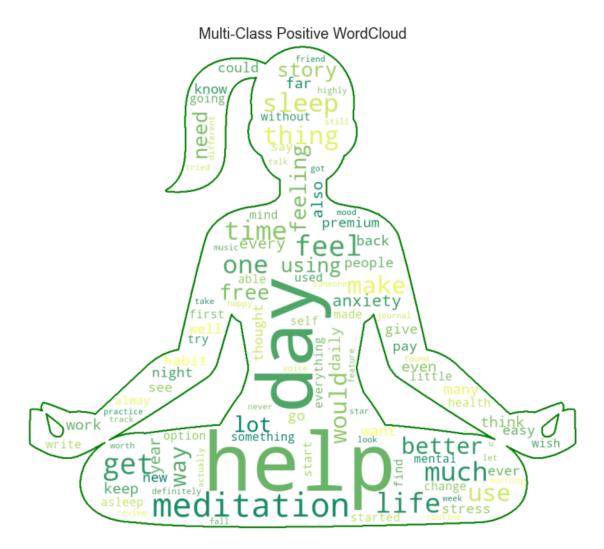
Multi-Class Negative WordCloud



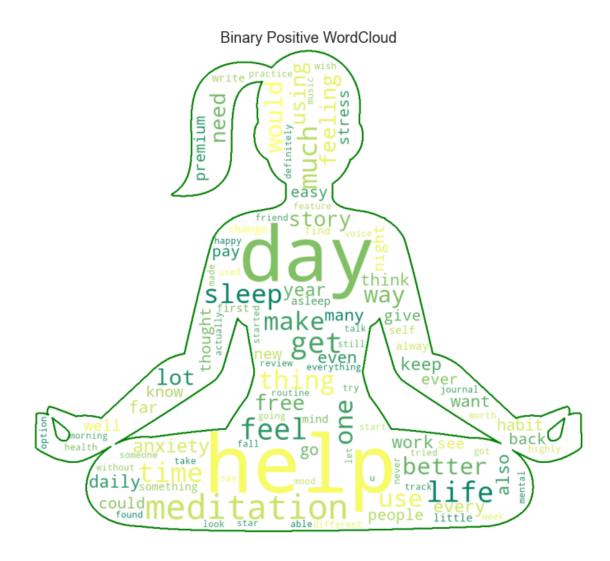
```
[98]: plt.figure(figsize = (12, 12), facecolor = None)
   plt.imshow(bin_neg_wc)
   plt.title('Binary Negative WordCloud')
   plt.axis('off');
```



```
[99]: plt.figure(figsize = (12, 12), facecolor = None)
   plt.imshow(multi_pos_wc)
   plt.title('Multi-Class Positive WordCloud')
   plt.axis('off');
```



```
[100]: plt.figure(figsize = (12, 12), facecolor = None)
    plt.imshow(bin_pos_wc)
    plt.title('Binary Positive WordCloud')
    plt.axis('off');
```



Model Feature Coefficient Analysis Now let's compare how the insights from our models compare to these wordclouds.

In order to easily visualize what words had a heavier impact on the classification tasks, we will create barplots of the feature coefficients. For Logistic Regression, our units are in log odds, and so we can use the resulting visuals to get an idea of how much importance certain words relative to other words.

Extracting Coefficients

```
lr_multi_neg
[101]: waste
                        4.149088
                        3.930401
       pay
                        3.911700
       scam
       refund
                        3.752736
       nothing
                        3.589443
       useless
                        3.360529
                        3.357976
       money
       cancel
                        3.322177
                        3.271018
       charged
       free
                        3.228345
       paid
                        3.165171
       youtube
                        3.060643
       deleted
                        3.060080
       even
                        2.959672
       anything
                        2.938652
       response
                        2.908503
       charge
                        2.851537
       service
                        2.808596
       trial
                        2.759657
       can't
                        2.556559
       used
                        2.437097
       unless
                        2.404335
       downloaded
                        2.376491
       subscription
                        2.364908
       waste time
                        2.360954
       another
                        2.343165
       account
                        2.250450
       support
                        2.167510
       ridiculous
                        2.138987
       tried
                        2.107287
       dtype: float64
[102]: | # Extract coefficients for neutral classification from multi-class LogReq model
       log_coeff_multi = pd.Series(best_multi_lr.coef_[1],
                                     index=feature_names_multi).
        →sort_values(ascending=False)
       lr_multi_neut = log_coeff_multi.head(30)
       lr_multi_neut
[102]: wish
                         3.306832
       however
                         3.296086
       needs
                         3.156431
       okay
                         2.619824
       pay
                         2.542509
       locked
                         2.497298
```

```
update
                        2.487984
       things
                         2.481749
       it's ok
                         2.349625
       doesn't
                         2.262670
       notifications
                        2.238217
       ok
                        2.211682
      please
                        2.204475
       premium
                        2.168191
       three stars
                        2.163153
       three
                        2.141338
      meh
                        2.141167
       could better
                        2.109335
       though
                        2.084982
       alright
                        2.053412
       sometimes
                        2.012195
       it's calming
                         2.008919
       mostly
                         1.985532
       think
                         1.960752
       rest
                         1.955075
       distracting
                         1.944241
                         1.922132
       SS
                         1.922132
       joann
       fatima
                         1.905458
       coaching
                         1.892594
       dtype: float64
[103]: | # Extract coefficients for positive classification from multi-class LogReg model
       log_coeff_multi = pd.Series(best_multi_lr.coef_[2],
                                    index=feature_names_multi).
        →sort_values(ascending=False)
       lr_multi_pos = log_coeff_multi.head(30)
       lr_multi_pos
[103]: life
                     4.564987
       easy
                     3.136781
       highly
                     3.133140
       day
                     2.680304
       mind
                     2.511738
       feel
                     2.323330
       definitely
                     2.298280
       far
                     2.192939
       lot
                     2.190680
       didn't pay
                     2.135592
       ever
                     2.050639
       truly
                     2.039540
       grateful
                     2.026560
```

absolutely

1.929679

```
1.907714
anxiety
feelings
               1.875360
friend
              1.843545
meditation
              1.818306
everyday
              1.795276
i've
               1.792564
               1.752999
practice
feeling
               1.727808
asleep
               1.726594
happy
               1.698626
gives
               1.682562
night
               1.649463
fun
               1.619550
diary
               1.610030
positive
               1.570776
relaxed
               1.561558
dtype: float64
```



```
[104]: life
                      6.675193
                      4.320892
       easy
       highly
                     4.144591
       day
                     4.031501
       feel
                     3.533113
       far
                     3.494255
       definitely
                     3.296762
       mind
                     3.275490
       lot
                      3.157402
       feelings
                     2.989367
       grateful
                     2.850748
                     2.838214
       truly
       meditation
                     2.760275
       didn't pay
                     2.700208
                     2.595948
       i've
       feeling
                      2.559657
       asleep
                      2.510027
       everyday
                      2.506764
       anxiety
                      2.504001
       friend
                      2.476129
       habits
                     2.455346
       night
                      2.428035
```

dtype: float64

```
[105]: # Extract coefficients for negative classification from binary LogReg model lr_bin_neg = log_coeff_bin.tail(22) lr_bin_neg
```

[105]: refund -4.147979-4.158967 paying -4.185140 useless charge -4.238370 -4.249729 service frustrating -4.288553 scam-4.348352 -4.404109 waste crashes -4.414699 trial -4.461804 cancel -4.746034 subscription -4.789707-5.263785 nothing can't -5.267615 deleted -5.293287 doesn't -5.322337 update -5.366532 locked -5.800127 charged -5.837720 free -6.670681 -7.534205 money -9.175482 pay

dtype: float64

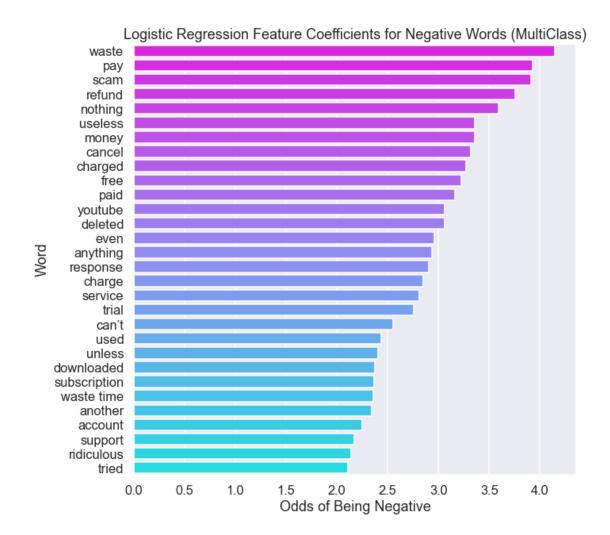
Multi-Class Logistic Regression Coefficients

```
[106]: # Create function to create barplots using feature coefficients
def barplot_series(series, title, xlabel, ylabel, palette='cool'):
    """

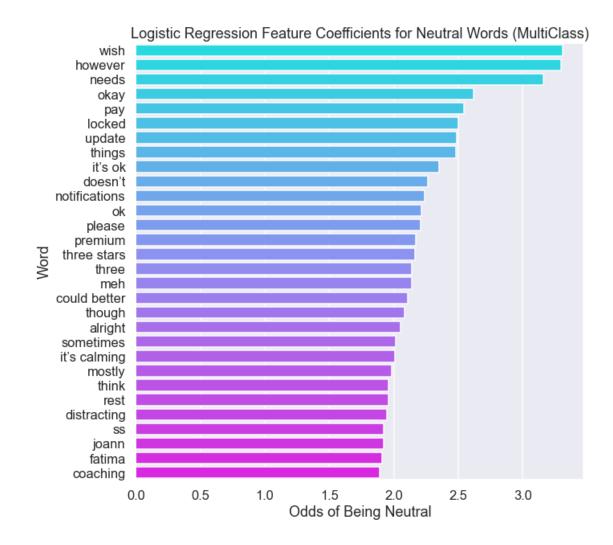
Displays barplot of input series.

If the argument 'params' is passed, will display a table of the parameters hyperparameters used in the model.

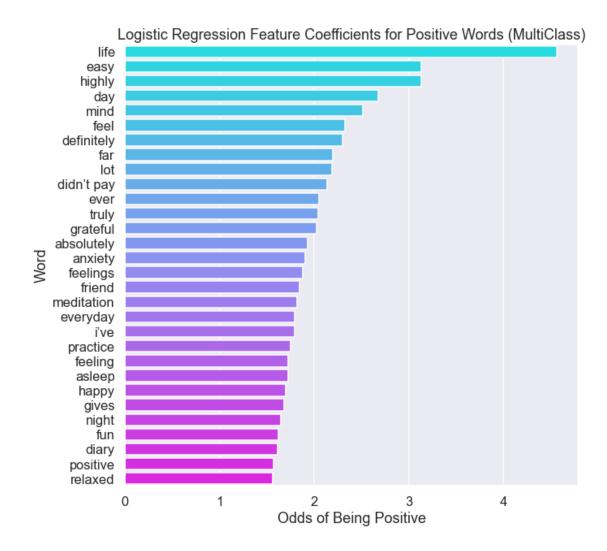
Args:
    series (Series) : Series containing data to visualize.
    title (str) : Title of plot.
    xlabel (str) : X axis title.
    ylabel (str) : y axis title.
    palette : Color palette to create plot using.
```



Our Multi-Class negative sentiment coefficients indicate with words such as "pay", "money", "charged", "free", "charge" and "subscription" that users are mostly unhappy about the costs that are involved in using the app. We can also see from words including "scam", "refund", "cancel", "service", "account" and "support" that it is likely that a lot of negative reviews are related to customer support.



We can see that our model seems to have extracted words that indeed indicate what topics are related to a neutral review. However, this information is not so crucial to our analysis.



For multi-class positive classification, we can see from the words "asleep" and "night" that sleep functionality is considered a positive element of the app. We also see from the words "easy", "day", "everyday" and "diary" that users appreciate ease of use that enables people to use the app regularly.

Now that we have a general idea of what words are associated with negative and positive sentiments, let's move on to examine whether our binary classification model confirms our findings.

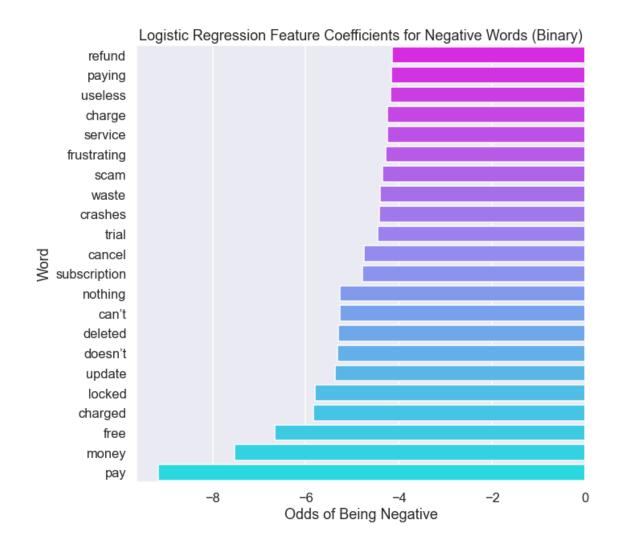
Binary Logistic Regression Coefficients

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[111]: # Create bar plot of feature coefficients for binary negative as log odds
barplot_series(lr_bin_neg,

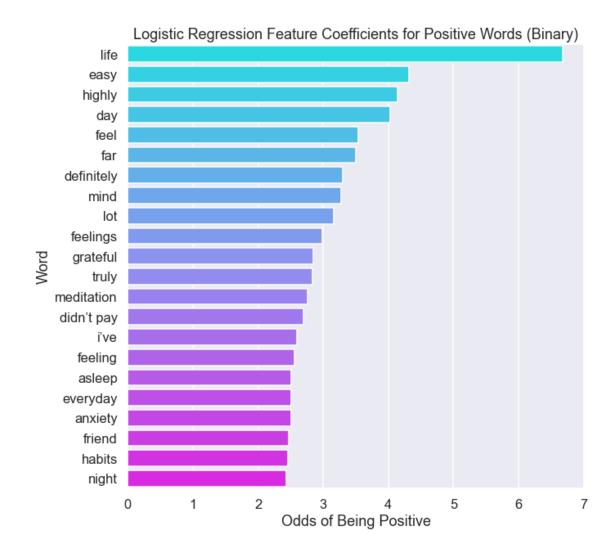
"Logistic Regression Feature Coefficients for Negative Words

→(Binary)",

"Odds of Being Negative", "Word", 'cool_r')
```



Our binary Logistic Regression confirms that payment is a major issue, and through the words "response" and "crashes" further reinforces that customer support is also something to consider while addressing negative reviews.



For positive sentiments, we see another key indicator word "habits" which further illustrates that users appreciate being able to make the app a regular part of their routine. We also see the words "night" and "asleep", which confirm that sleep functionality is considered a highly positive app feature.

Local Interpretable Model-agnostic Explanations (LIME) Finally, let's use the LIME package to help us better understand exactly how our binary Logistic Regression model is breaking down each review in the process of determining whether it is positive or negative.

```
[113]: # Write function to display LIME text explainer visualizations

def explain_text(idx):
    """

    Creates LIME explainer visualization for a specified review text.

Args:
    idx (int) : Index number of review text.
```

[114]: # Explain negative review explain_text(17187)

Document id: 17187

Probability(Positive) = 0.020999261127576607

True class: Negative

<IPython.core.display.HTML object>

In the above example, we can see that this user is unhappy with how he/she has been charged. This again points to the idea that we need to carefully consider how the user should be charged for the app, as well as what kind of support to provide to address this type of issue.

```
[115]: # Explain positive review explain_text(4721)
```

Document id: 4721

Probability(Positive) = 0.9423697140038891

True class: Positive

<IPython.core.display.HTML object>

In this positive example, we can see that there are some words such as "pain", "restlessness" and "struggle" that seem negative. However, our model has determined that there are other words that have higher importance, including "mind", "sleeping", "forward" and "asleep" that carry much more weight in classifying this review as a positive one.

Now, let's take a look at a review that our model was unable to predict correctly.

```
[116]: # Explain incorrect classification explain_text(3212)
```

Document id: 3212

Probability(Positive) = 0.5265458013611568

True class: Negative

<IPython.core.display.HTML object>

When we look at the text, it is obvious to us that the word "stupid" is an indicator of negative sentiment, but our trained model was unable to pick up on this word, because we intentionally removed it during the stopword removal phase. The reason behind this was to eliminate any obvious indicators of sentiment in order to allow the model to learn what specific topics were considered negative or positive.

Although our model correctly determines that the words "free" and "premium" indicate a negative sentiment, our model also considers any mention of "fall" and "asleep" to be positive. The prediction probabilities indicate that the model was unable to easily determine that this was a negative review.

This example shows us that although our model might make occasional errors in correctly predicting the overall sentiment, it does give us a good idea of what words and topics are considered positive or negative.

8 CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Now that we have thoroughly analyzed the EDA and models of mental health app reviews and ratings throughout the course of this notebook, we can return to the questions outlined in the Business Problem phase, which are:

- 1. What do users like or dislike about apps currently available on the iTunes App Store?
- 2. How can we use this information to develop a strategy for building a new mental health app that can compete with apps that have already seen success?

First, we now know that the following topics are highly correlated with negative sentiment: > - Payment and costs > - Technical and customer support

These topics are considered highly associated with positive sentiment: > - Sleep-aid functionality > - Ease-of-use and regular use

Using these insights, we now have an idea of what elements to focus on when building a new mental health app to compete with other apps already on the market. My recommendations are as follows: > 1. Since payment and costs seem to be a prevalent issue in negative reviews, app pricing and subscription fees needs to be well thought-out. Many reviews mentioned dissastisfaction in the "free" aspect of the app, indicating that they may have felt misled. We should address this issue by specifying at the time of download about what features of the app are free and what features are reserved for premium members. > 2. Allocate sufficient resources toward thoroughly training the customer support team. Users expressed dissastisfaction in when their app crashed, as well as not having their payment issues properly resolved. We should make sure that customer support is trained to proficiently diagnose any technical issues as well as any payment-related issues users might experience. > 3. Invest in R&D of the sleep-aid functionality of the app. Users associated sleep-related words with positive sentiment, and this illustrates that an app's ability to become an effective sleeping aid can be a determinant factor of its overall effect on the user's mental health. > 4. Thoroughly develop the interface of the app to make it pleasant and easy to use. Users are likely to associate ease-of-use and the ability to make using the app a regular habit with positive sentiment, so the UI/UX designers will want to address this accordingly.

Some limitations and ideas for further analysis include: > - We currently do not have any pricing data of apps. Further research and analysis could be done regarding pricing of subscription and app costs to determine what the best pricing scheme would be. > - Our data is currently limited

to the reviews and ratings on the Apple App Store. Collecting and analyzing app reviews from the Google Play Store to examine how they compare would help us get a well-rounded idea of the sentiments of all mobile app users, as opposed to just Apple users. > - Possible implementation of Latent Dirichlet Allocation topic modeling to extract deeper insights on what topics could be found in negative vs positive reviews.

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