



Twitter Emotional Words Analysis

Random Sample of Tweets

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Data Motivation

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As a former Preschool Teacher, part of my ongoing education was to gain more credentials in Early Childhood Education which led me to focus on a key developmental milestone: Social and Emotional Skills.

Learning this subject matter and how to utilize tools for teaching my class was the catalyst for my new found interest and hobby in emotional intelligence and human behavior.

Over a person's life, new experiences shape social and emotional skills like a ripple effect in water. Thus, my curiosity in how Twitter users express themselves on the social media platform.

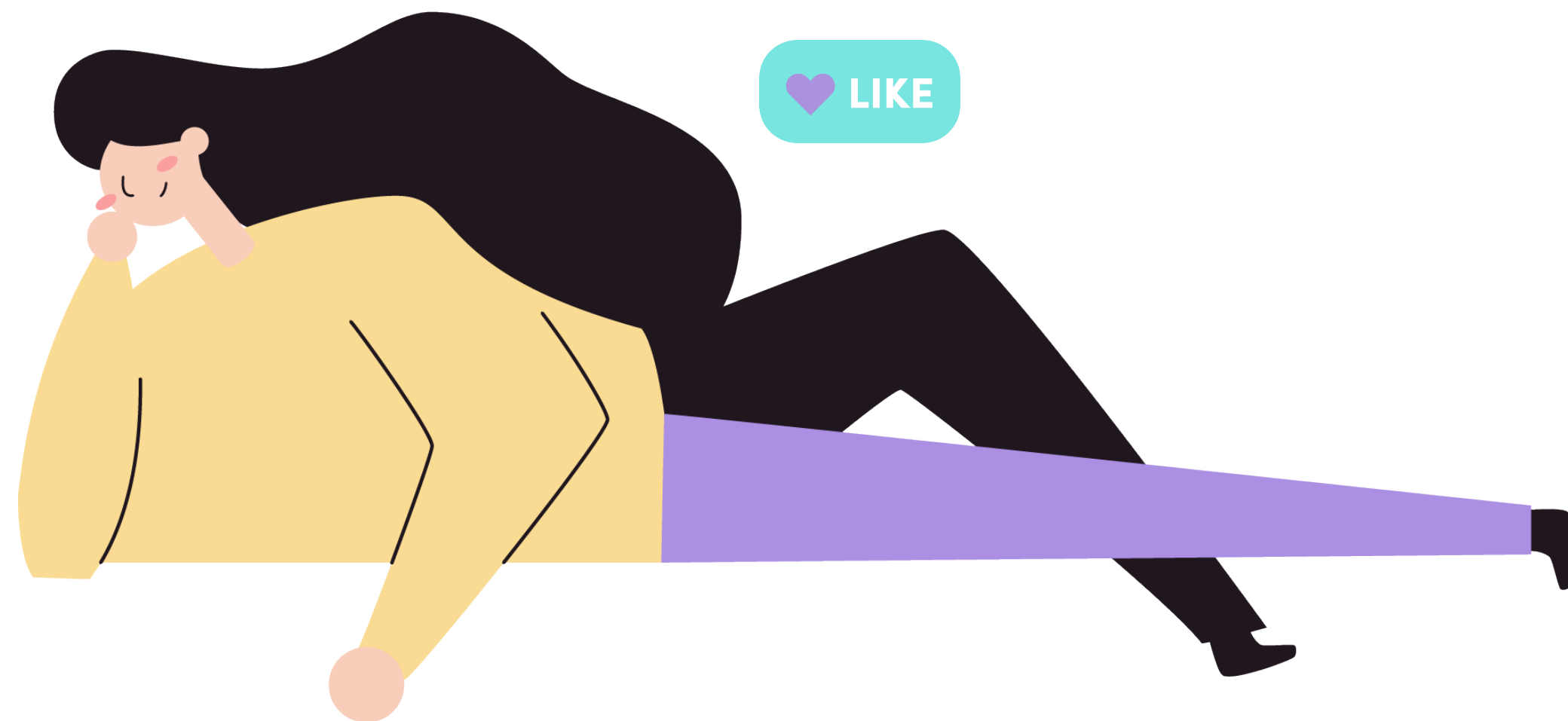
"Emotions drive learning, decision-making, creativity, relationships, and health."

—Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence

Data Questions

Twitter Emotional Word Analysis

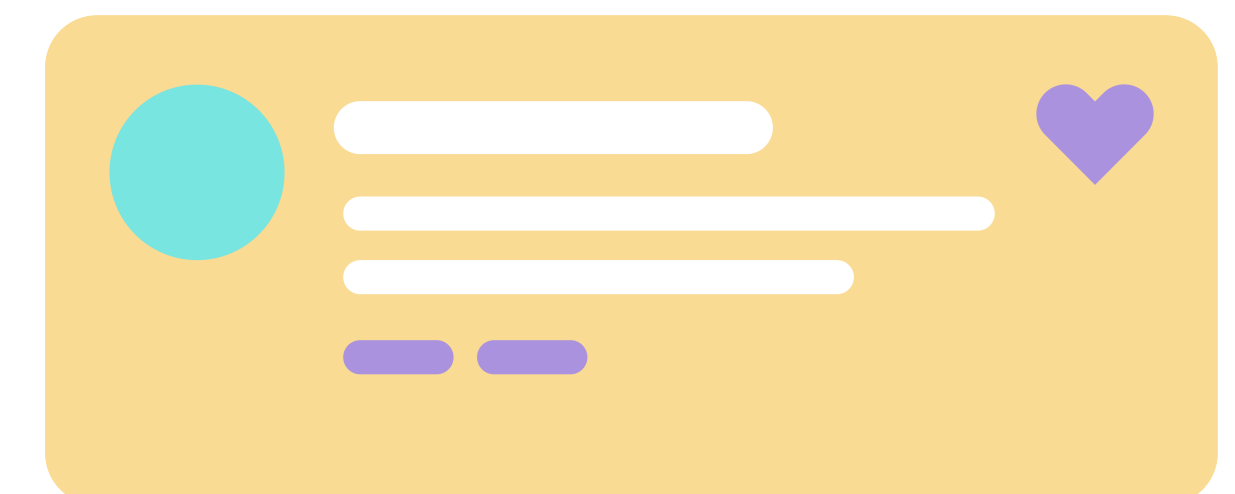
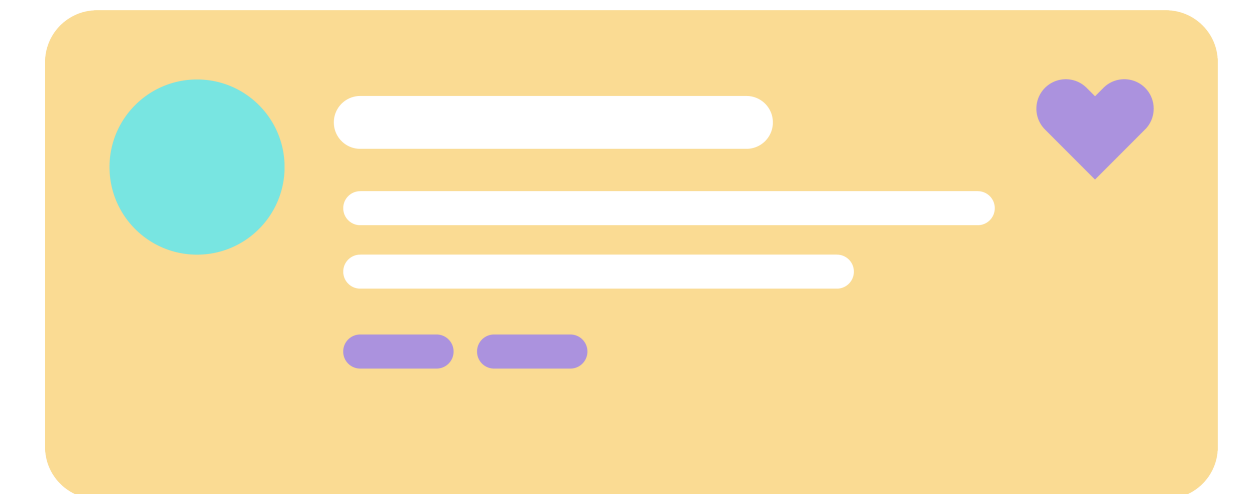
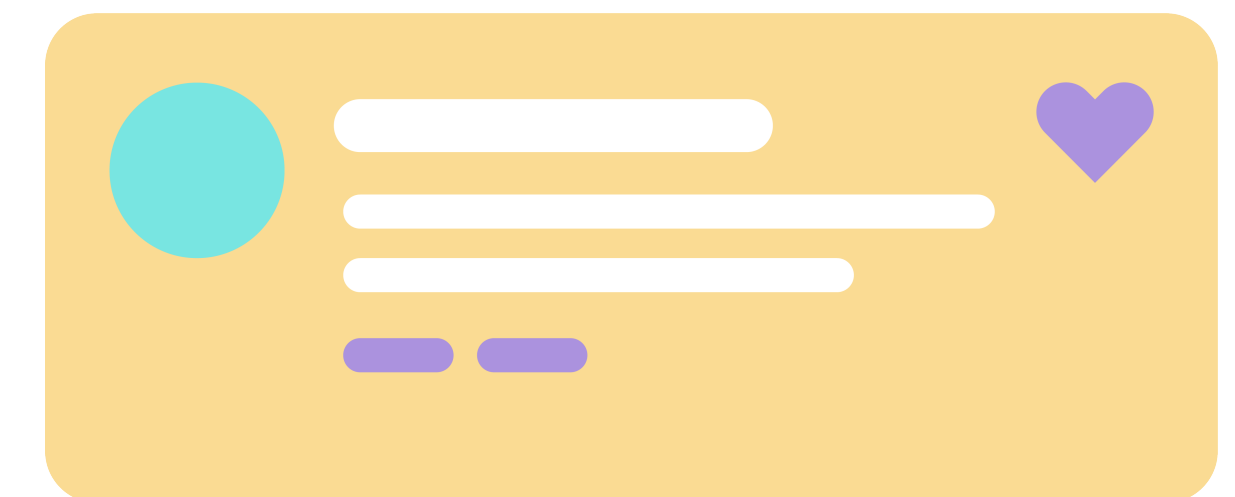
- What types of emotions do Twitter users tweet about more often?
- Do users have a wide emotional vocabulary for describing their feelings?
- Does the type of emotional expression affect the length of a tweet?



Data

Twitter Emotional Word Analysis

- Used the Twitter API to pull 25,010 tweets.
 - Before pulling the tweets:
 - the text was filtered by common words such as 'of', 'to', 'be' and/or 'have'. Sensitive language and hashtags were also filtered out to avoid pulling certain offensive content.
 - The tweets had a date and time parameter of April 19th 2021 T12:30:00Z, UTC time zone.
 - Tweets where pulled in reverse chronological order until meeting the condition of 25,000 tweets. It took a mere three minutes for Twitter users to tweet that much data.
 - The resulting data frame was 25,010 rows and 9 columns.



Data Continued

Twitter Emotional Word Analysis

- Web-scraped for emotional feeling words from psychpage.com:
 - Reconstructed the scrapped data by words, sub categories, and main categories.
 - 240 feeling words
 - Originally 16 subcategories
 - Two main categories



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Pleasant Feeling Words

Break down of emotional classification

ALIVE	GOOD	HAPPY	INTERESTED	LOVE	OPEN	POSITIVE	STRONG
playful courageous energetic liberated optimistic provocative impulsive free frisky animated spirited thrilled wonderful	calm peaceful at ease comfortable pleased encouraged clever surprised content quiet relaxed serene free and easy bright blessed reassured	great gay joyous lucky fortunate delighted overjoyed gleeful thankful important festive ecstatic satisfied glad cheerful sunny merry elated jubilant	concerned affected fascinated intrigued absorbed inquisitive nosy snoopy engrossed curious	loving considerate affectionate sensitive tender devoted attracted passionate admiration warm touched sympathy close loved comforted drawn toward	understanding confident reliable easy amazed free sympathetic interested satisfied receptive accepting kind	eager keen earnest intent anxious inspired determined excited enthusiastic bold brave daring challenged optimistic re-enforced confident hopeful	impulsive free sure certain rebellious unique dynamic tenacious hardy secure

Difficult Feeling Words

Break down of emotional classification

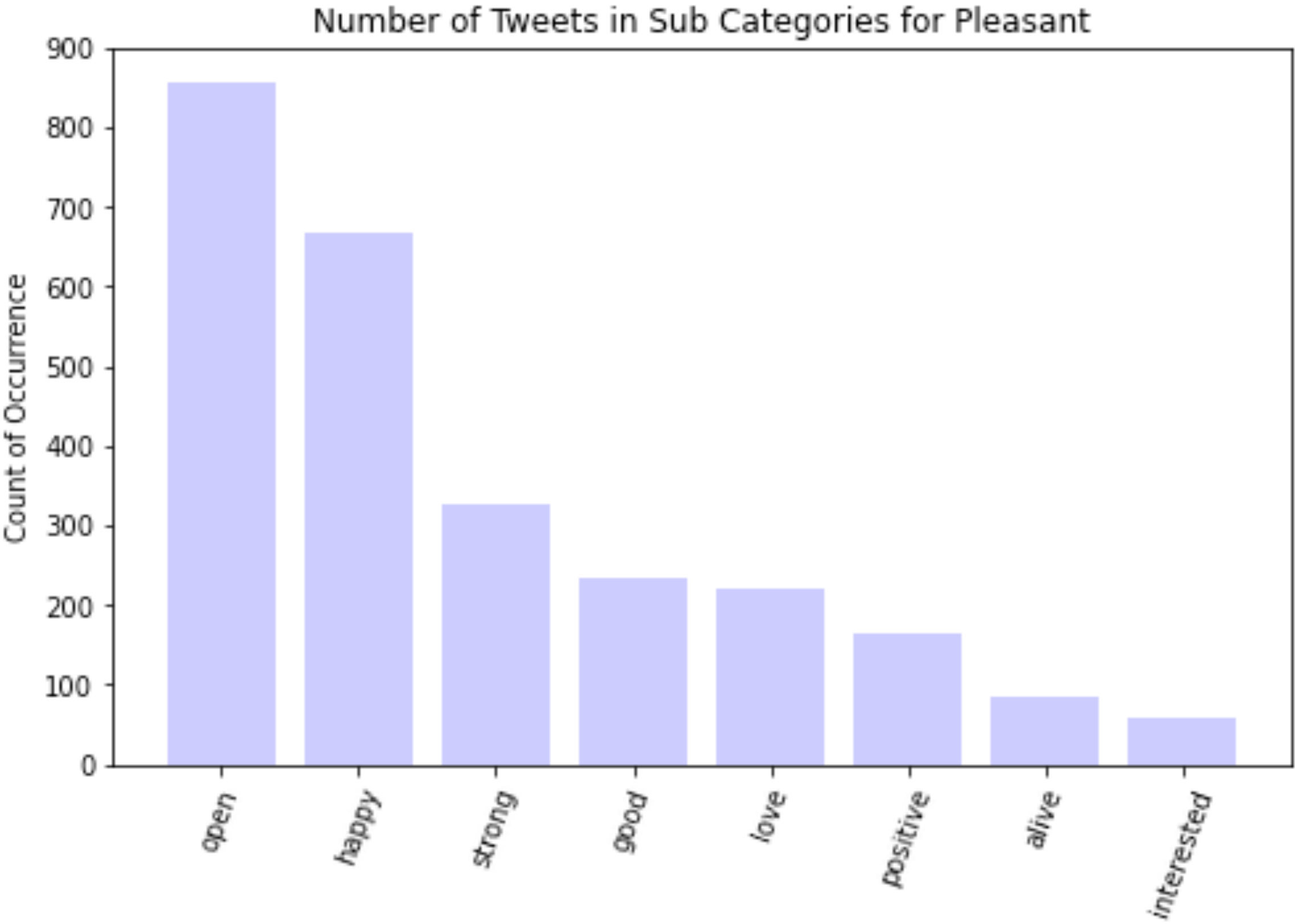
ANGRY	AFRAID	CONFUSED	DEPRESSED	HELPLESS	HURT	INDIFFERENT	SAD
irritated enraged hostile insulting sore annoyed upset hateful unpleasant offensive bitter aggressive resentful inflamed provoked incensed infuriated cross worked up boiling fuming indignant	fearful terrified suspicious anxious alarmed panic nervous scared worried frightened timid shaky restless doubtful threatened cowardly quaking menaced wary	upset doubtful uncertain indecisive perplexed embarrassed hesitant shy stupefied disillusioned unbelieving skeptical distrustful misgiving lost unsure uneasy pessimistic tense	lousy disappointed discouraged ashamed powerless diminished guilty dissatisfied miserable detestable repugnant despicable disgusting abominable terrible in despair sulky bad a sense of loss	incapable alone paralyzed fatigued useless inferior vulnerable empty forced hesitant despair frustrated distressed woeful pathetic in a stew dominated	crushed tormented deprived pained tortured dejected rejected injured offended afflicted aching victimized heartbroken agonized appalled humiliated wronged alienated	insensitive dull nonchalant neutral reserved weary bored preoccupied cold disinterested lifeless	tearful sorrowful pained grief anguish desolate desperate pessimistic unhappy lonely grieved mournful dismayed

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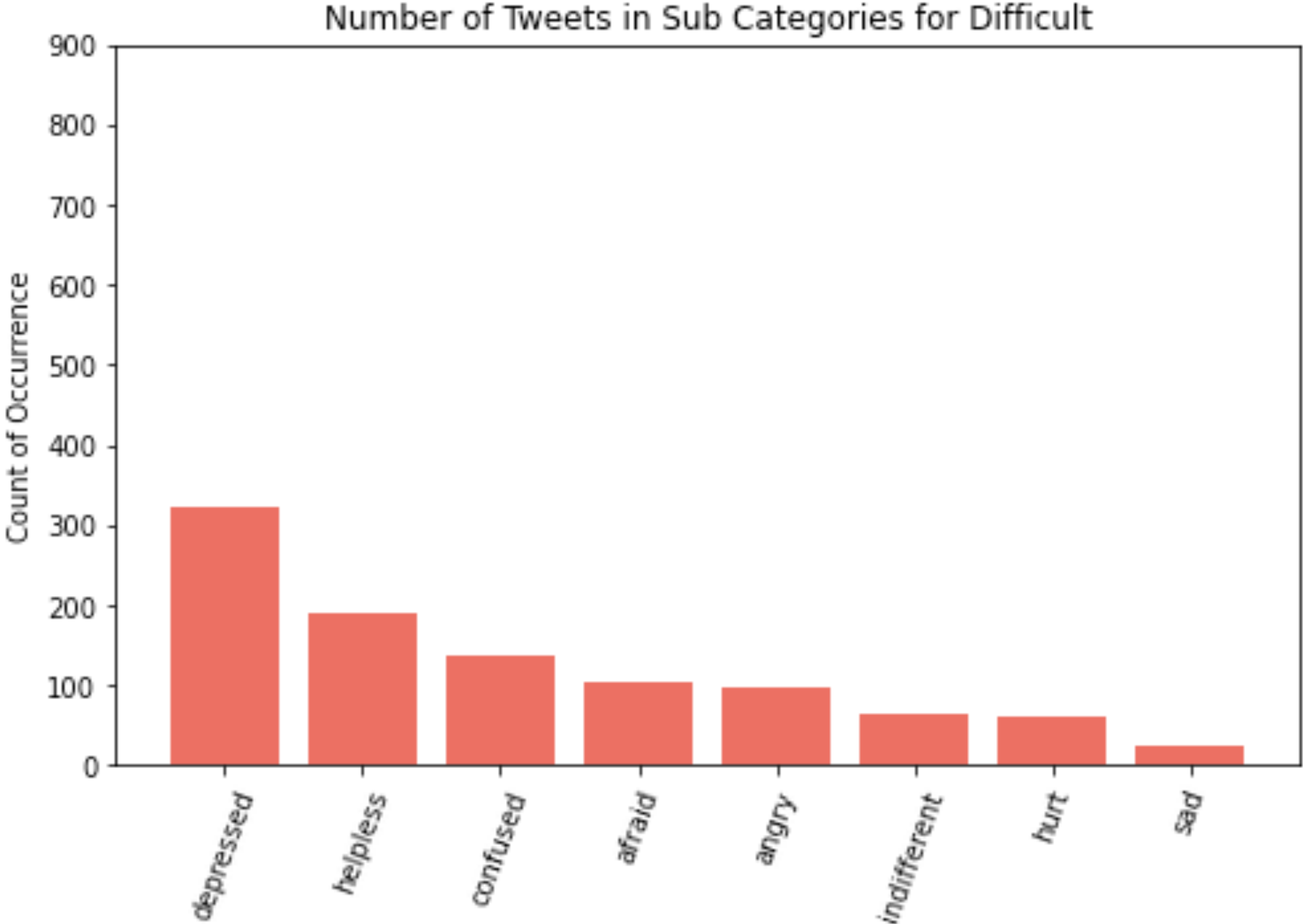
Subcategories

Pleasant vs Difficult



Top Three for Pleasant

Open: 857 | Happy: 669 | Strong: 325



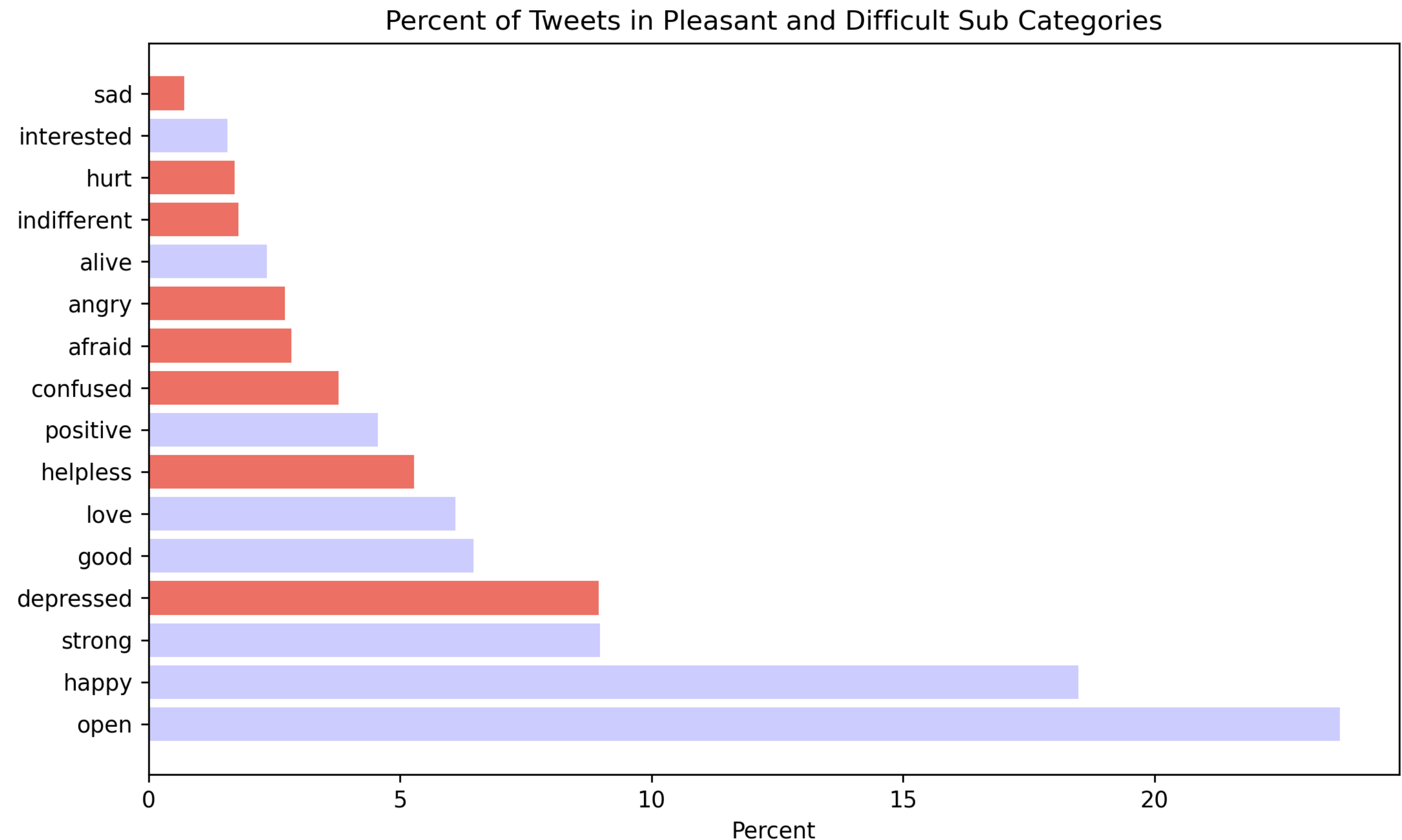
Top Three for Difficult

Depressed: 324 | Helpless: 191 | Confused: 137

Subcategories

Pleasant vs Difficult

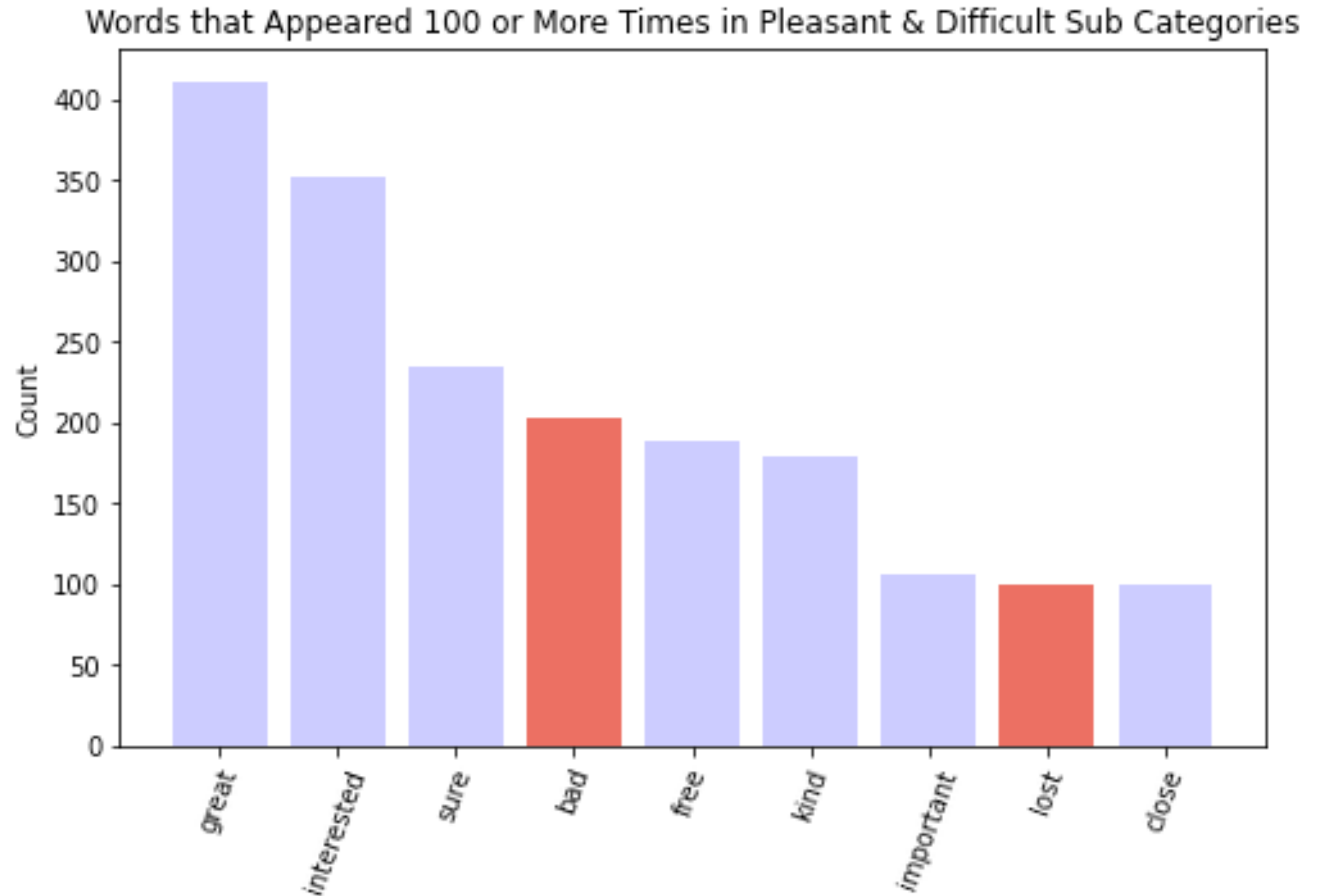
- Between Pleasant and Difficult, these two main categories account for 3,619 tweets.
- The highest percent of tweets belongs to the open subcategory with 23.6%
- Second highest goes to the happy subcategory with 18%
- Third highest to the strong subcategory with 8.9%
- Overall, the Pleasant category which is represented as the purple bars consist of 72% of the 3,619 tweets.



Glimpse into Feeling Words

Pleasant vs Difficult

- 78% are Pleasant tweets
- Great: 411 tweets
- Interested: 352 tweets
- Sure: 234 tweets
- Where as:
- Bad: 203 tweets
- Lost: 100 tweets



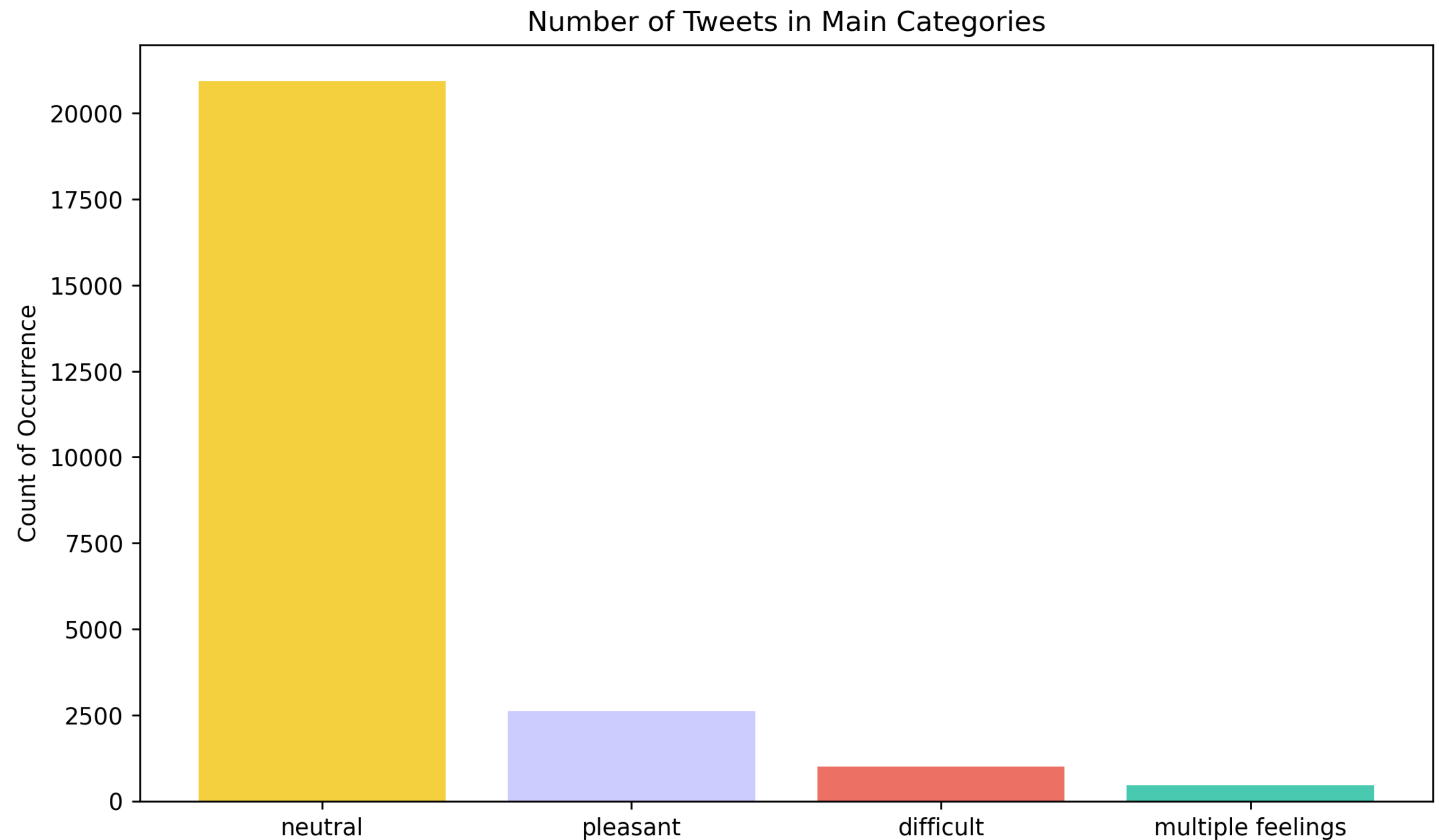
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Main Categories

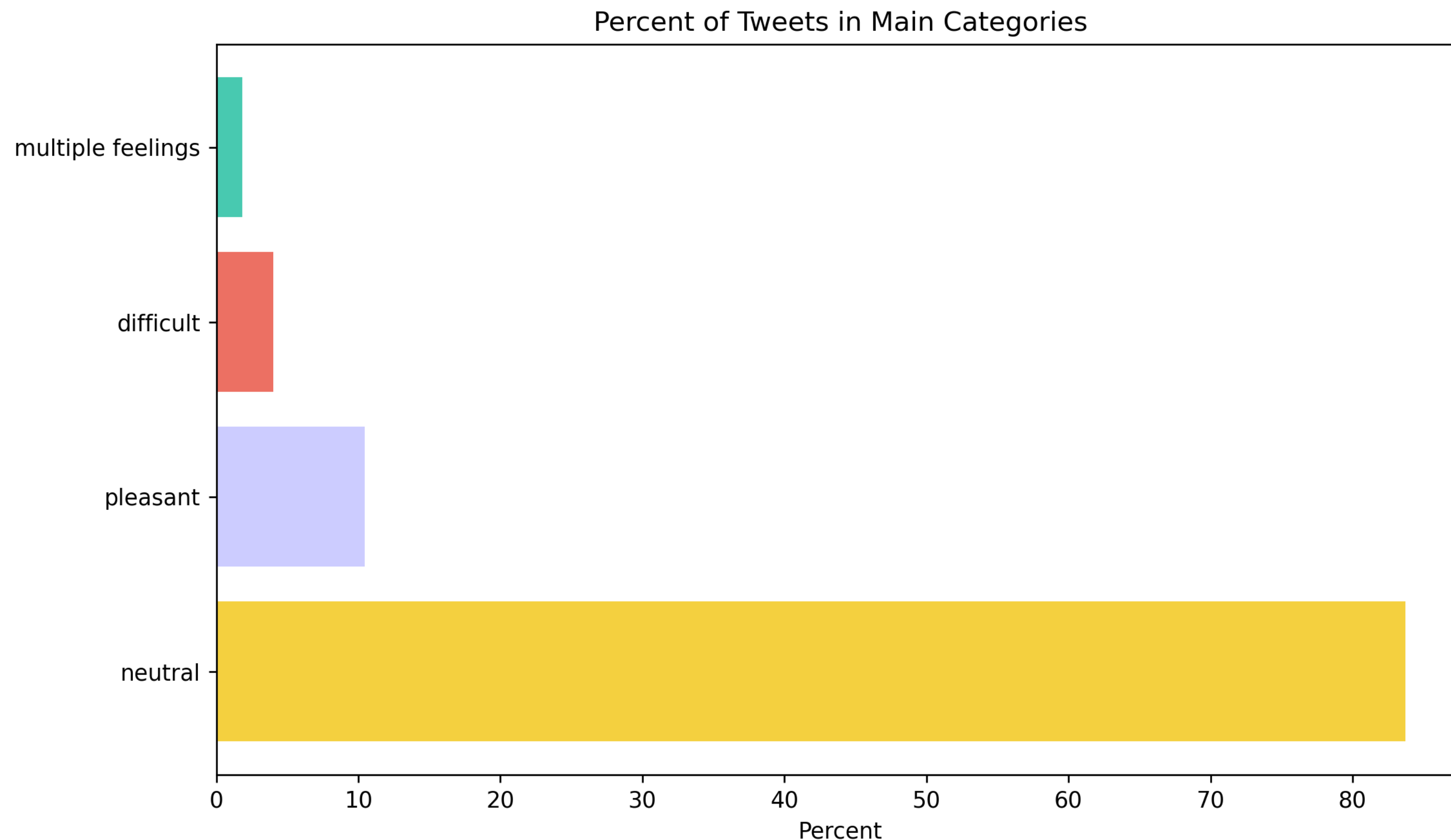
Pleasant | Difficult | Neutral | Multi-Feelings

- The neutral category captures all the tweets that didn't match for any of the 240 feeling words.
- The Multi-Feelings category contains various combinations of the 240 feeling words.
- Majority of tweets were neutral.
 - 20,936 out of 25,010 tweets



Main Categories

Pleasant | Difficult | Neutral | Multi-Feelings



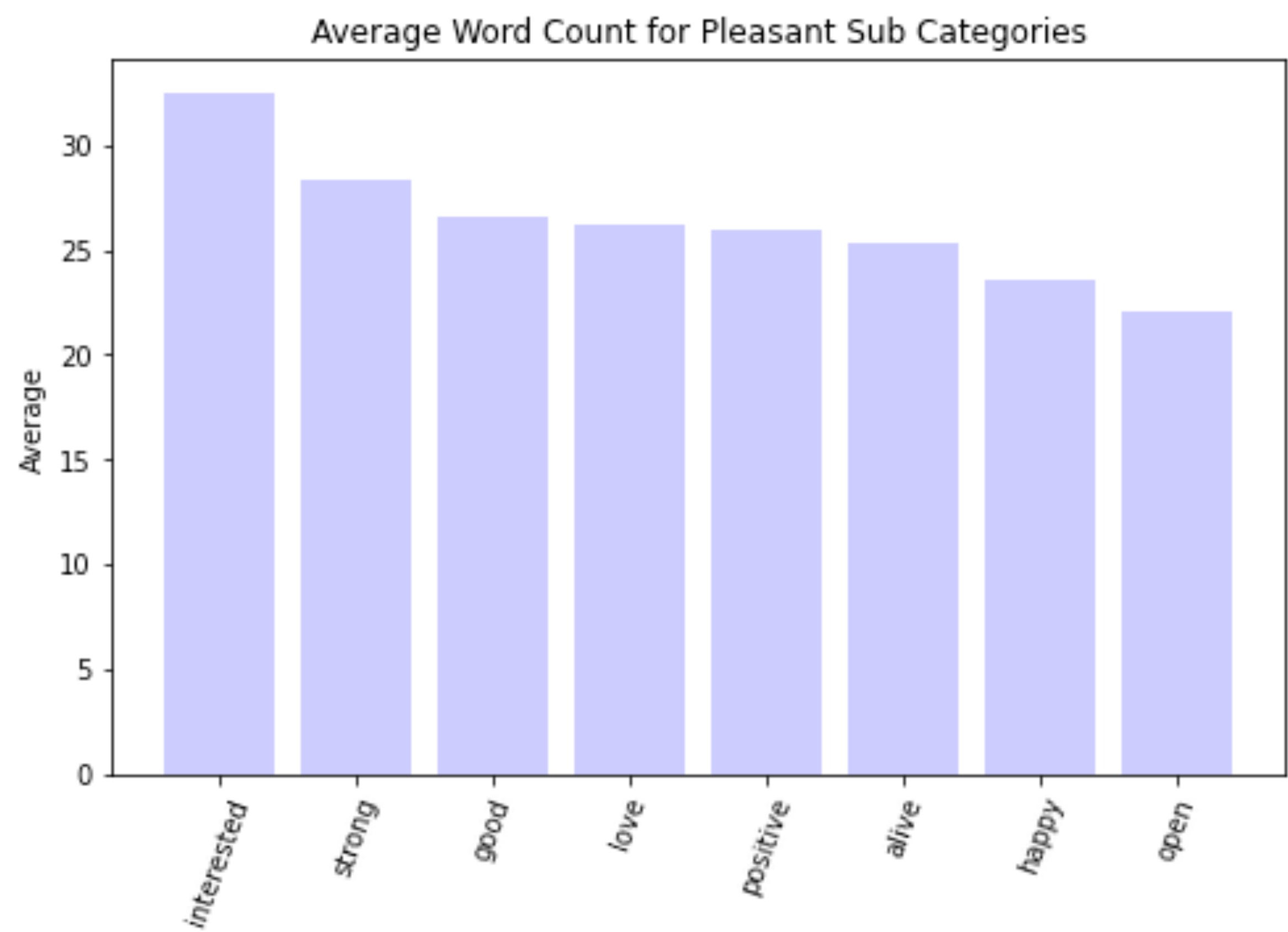
- The neutral category takes up roughly 84% of all tweets
- Pleasant category 10%
- Difficult category 4%
- Multi-Feelings 2%

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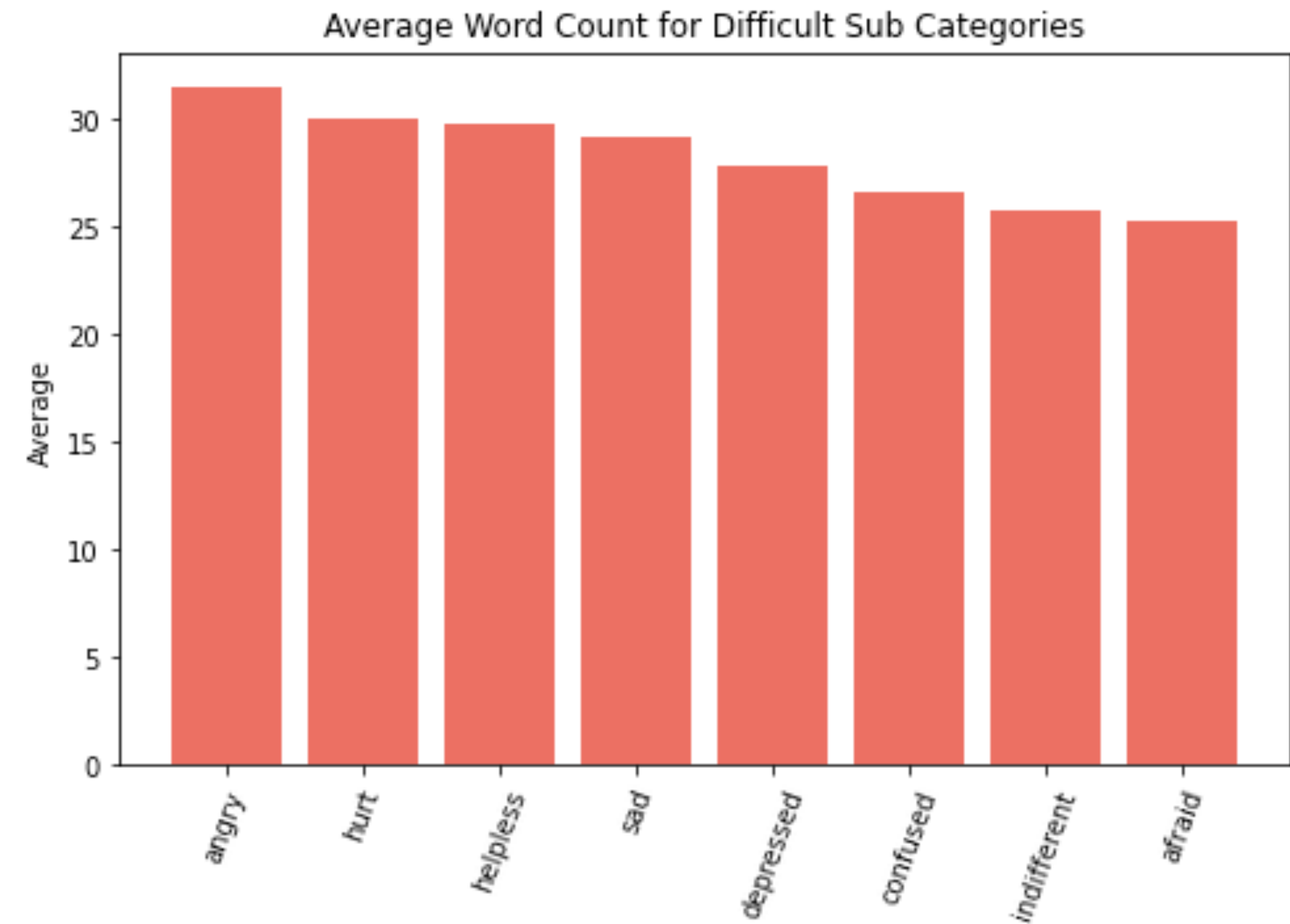


Tweet Length

Pleasant vs Difficult



Top Three for Pleasant
Interested: 32.5 | Strong: 28 | Good: 26.5

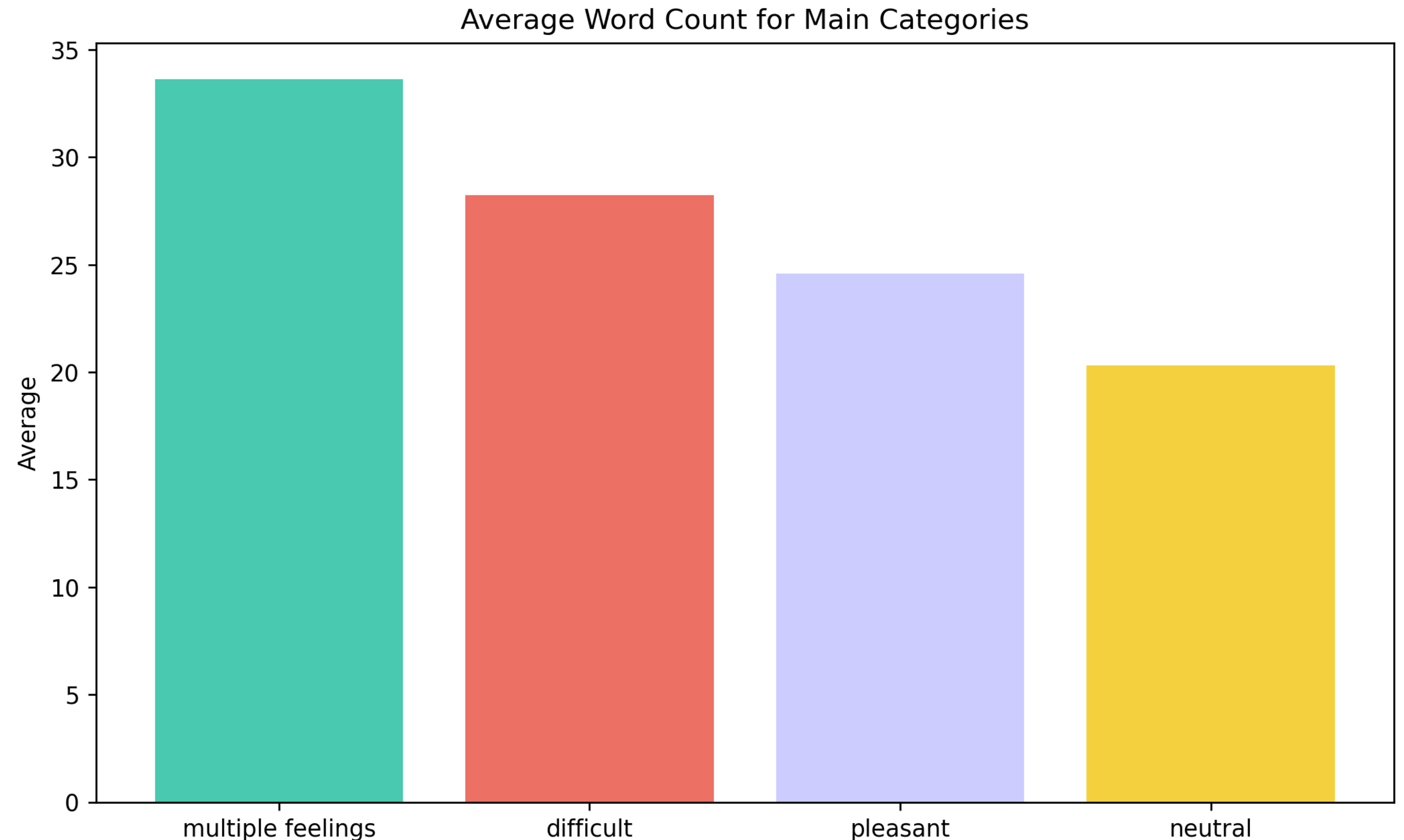


Top Three for Difficult
Angry: 31.5 | Hurt: 30 | Helpless: 29.8

Tweet Length

Main Categories

- Despite having only 2% of the overall tweets, the Multi-Feelings category has the highest average of 33.6 words.
- The Difficult category has the second highest average of 28 words per tweet.
- The Pleasant category is in third with an average of 24.5
- Surprisingly, the Neutral category that takes up 84% of tweets has an average of 20 words.



Tweets

Pleasant & Difficult

Subcategory: Open | Word: Kind



Name

@Username

hug & kiss are overrated have ever let someone know ur favorite kind of coffee specifically iced americano & he labelled it as "sewage waste" but he still remembers and order it for you when you he gets you out of jail but she chose that "sewage waste" over you 😂 vincenzo

12:29 PM · Apr 19, 2021

44 Retweets 1 Quote Tweet 163 Likes



Subcategory: Angry | Word: Insulting



Name

@Username

deadone104 bruh stop using the "didn't understand" excuse that chapter was insulting to every dedicated aot fan

12:28 PM · Apr 19, 2021

2 Retweets 40 Likes



Subcategory: Interested | Word: Curious



Name

@Username

curious why would anyone wanna buy or wear this bikini 😂 don't wear better right although if you like to see how this bikini looks like on me out of water like this tweet 250 likes i tweet the clear out of water pics

12:28 PM · Apr 19, 2021

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Everything considered

- Twitter users often tweet relatively more pleasant messages than difficult ones.
- It is ambiguous if users have a wide emotional vocabulary for describing their feelings. There are 3,000 English words to express emotions, and only 240 words were used to analyze the tweets.
- Regarding the lengths of tweets, the type of emotional expression affecting the word count is questionable. However, the Difficult category did have more words per tweet on average than the Pleasant category.



Q&A