

# ML

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```
library(tidyverse)
```

```
## -- Attaching core tidyverse packages ----- tidyverse 2.0.0 --
## v dplyr      1.1.4      v readr      2.1.5
## v forcats    1.0.0      v stringr   1.5.1
## v ggplot2    3.5.1      v tibble    3.2.1
## v lubridate  1.9.3      v tidyr     1.3.1
## v purrr      1.0.2
## -- Conflicts ----- tidyverse_conflicts() --
## x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
## x dplyr::lag()     masks stats::lag()
## i Use the conflicted package (<http://conflicted.r-lib.org/>) to force all conflicts to become errors
```

```
library(tidytext)
library(tm)
```

```
## Loading required package: NLP
##
## Attaching package: 'NLP'
##
## The following object is masked from 'package:ggplot2':
##
##   annotate
```

```
library(textstem)
```

```
## Loading required package: koRpus.lang.en
## Loading required package: koRpus
## Loading required package: sylly
## For information on available language packages for 'koRpus', run
##
##   available.koRpus.lang()
##
## and see ?install.koRpus.lang()
##
## Attaching package: 'koRpus'
##
## The following object is masked from 'package:tm':
##
```

```
##      readTagged
##
## The following object is masked from 'package:readr':
##
##      tokenize
```

```
library(caret) # Stratified Sampling
```

```
## Loading required package: lattice
##
## Attaching package: 'caret'
##
## The following object is masked from 'package:purrr':
##
##      lift
```

```
library(dplyr)
library(e1071) # SVM
library(caret) # KNN
library(class) # KNN
```

```
reddit_data <- read.csv('merged_data.csv', stringsAsFactors = FALSE)

# Create stance based on score values
reddit_data <- reddit_data %>%
  mutate(stance = case_when(
    score > 0 ~ "Favorable",
    score < 0 ~ "Oppose",
    TRUE ~ "Neutral"
  )) %>%
  mutate(stance = as.factor(stance))
```

After performing simple random sampling (SRS), only 400 records were retained. Such a random sample may lead to some issues. The original dataset includes three stance categories: Favorable, Neutral, and Oppose. However, after random sampling, the Neutral and Oppose classes may have extremely few samples, or even just 0 or 1 instance.

As a result, when performing cross-validation, training, or evaluating models such as K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), the model is exposed almost exclusively to the Favorable class. This leads to evaluation metrics like Sensitivity or Positive Predictive Value showing NaN values.

These metrics are calculated as  $TP / (TP + FN)$ . If the denominator is zero—such as when the model never predicts or encounters examples from a class—the result is NaN.

Therefore, stratified sampling was ultimately chosen to ensure that samples were drawn proportionally from each stance category, preserving class balance in the dataset.

```
# Stratified sampling (take proportional, fixed sample size from each stance)
set.seed(100)
sample_index <- createDataPartition(reddit_data$stance, p = 400 / nrow(reddit_data), list = FALSE)
reddit_data <- reddit_data[sample_index, ]

reddit_data$post_id <- as.character(reddit_data$comment_id)
sum(is.na(reddit_data$comment))
```

```
## [1] 0
```

```
sum(reddit_data$comment == "")
```

```
## [1] 0
```

```
glimpse(reddit_data)
```

```
## Rows: 401
## Columns: 12
## $ url      <chr> "https://www.reddit.com/r/vaxxhappened/comments/1j55mqg/ant~
## $ author   <chr> "SuggestiveParsnip", "Rugkrabber", "PrimeMinisterOwl", "IAm~
## $ date     <chr> "2025-03-07", "2025-03-14", "2025-02-22", "2025-02-19", "20~
## $ timestamp <chr> "2025-03-06 19:15:39", "2025-03-14 08:46:57", "2025-02-22 1~
## $ score    <int> 5, 1, 42, 11, 7, 25, 3, 11, 4, 7, 2, 70, 21, 107, 11, 15, 6~
## $ upvotes  <int> 5, 1, 42, 11, 7, 25, 3, 11, 4, 7, 2, 70, 21, 107, 11, 15, 6~
## $ downvotes <int> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ golds    <int> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ comment  <chr> "bingo it\031s always about the money", "oh bullshit he mad~
## $ comment_id <chr> "3_2_1", "3_4_2_1_2_1", "7", "1_4", "2_1_1", "5", "35", "3_~
## $ stance   <fct> Favorable, Favorable, Favorable, Favorable, Favorable, Favo~
## $ post_id  <chr> "3_2_1", "3_4_2_1_2_1", "7", "1_4", "2_1_1", "5", "35", "3_~
```

```
# Text preprocessing (using the comment column)
```

```
reddit_corpus <- Corpus(VectorSource(reddit_data$comment))
```

```
reddit_corpus <- tm_map(reddit_corpus, content_transformer(tolower))
```

```
## Warning in tm_map.SimpleCorpus(reddit_corpus, content_transformer(tolower)):  
## transformation drops documents
```

```
reddit_corpus <- tm_map(reddit_corpus, removeNumbers)
```

```
## Warning in tm_map.SimpleCorpus(reddit_corpus, removeNumbers): transformation  
## drops documents
```

```
reddit_corpus <- tm_map(reddit_corpus, removePunctuation)
```

```
## Warning in tm_map.SimpleCorpus(reddit_corpus, removePunctuation):  
## transformation drops documents
```

```
reddit_corpus <- tm_map(reddit_corpus, removeWords, stopwords("english"))
```

```
## Warning in tm_map.SimpleCorpus(reddit_corpus, removeWords,  
## stopwords("english")): transformation drops documents
```

```
reddit_corpus <- tm_map(reddit_corpus, lemmatize_words)
```

```
## Warning in tm_map.SimpleCorpus(reddit_corpus, lemmatize_words): transformation  
## drops documents
```

```

# Build Term-Document Matrix
reddit_dtm <- DocumentTermMatrix(reddit_corpus)

# Remove sparse terms (appearing in less than 1% of posts)
reddit_dtm <- removeSparseTerms(reddit_dtm, 0.99)

# Convert to data frame
reddit_dtm_df <- as.data.frame(as.matrix(reddit_dtm))
reddit_dtm_df$post_id <- reddit_data$post_id
reddit_dtm_df$stance <- reddit_data$stance

glimpse(reddit_dtm_df)

## Rows: 401
## Columns: 320
## $ always      <dbl> 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ money       <dbl> 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ anyone      <dbl> 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ back        <dbl> 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ can         <dbl> 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, ~
## $ choice      <dbl> 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ fucking     <dbl> 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, ~
## $ get         <dbl> 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, ~
## $ information <dbl> 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ just        <dbl> 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, ~
## $ made        <dbl> 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ medical     <dbl> 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ need        <dbl> 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ now         <dbl> 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, ~
## $ one         <dbl> 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ people      <dbl> 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, ~
## $ read        <dbl> 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ right       <dbl> 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ sick        <dbl> 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ something   <dbl> 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ told        <dbl> 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ without     <dbl> 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ dying       <dbl> 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, ~
## $ going       <dbl> 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, ~
## $ start       <dbl> 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ thats       <dbl> 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ well        <dbl> 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ like        <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ said        <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ someone     <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ keep        <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ think       <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, ~
## $ afraid      <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ even        <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ given       <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ hell        <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ 'next'      <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ theyre      <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, ~

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## \$ trump	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ least	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ let	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ please	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ take	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ already	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ job	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ post	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ available	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, ~
## \$ big	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ cases	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ death	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ doctors	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ far	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ kid	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ measles	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ theres	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ vaccine	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ yet	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ called	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ hate	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ important	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ means	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ old	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ vaccines	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, ~
## \$ years	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ almost	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ 'don\031t'	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ forget	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ care	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ chance	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ didnt	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ die	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ died	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ doesnt	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ might	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ prevent	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ still	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, ~
## \$ children	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, ~
## \$ covid	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, ~
## \$ different	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 3, 0, 0, ~
## \$ effects	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, ~
## \$ enough	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, ~
## \$ flu	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, ~
## \$ happens	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, ~
## \$ immunity	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, ~
## \$ make	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, ~
## \$ never	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, ~
## \$ really	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, ~
## \$ reason	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, ~
## \$ saw	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, ~
## \$ school	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, ~
## \$ shot	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, ~
## \$ side	<dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0, ~

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## $ daughter      <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ safe          <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ times         <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ obviously     <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ thinking      <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ possibly      <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ home          <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ positive      <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ within        <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ tested        <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ post_id       <chr> "3_2_1", "3_4_2_1_2_1", "7", "1_4", "2_1_1", "5", "35", "~
## $ stance        <fct> Favorable, Favorable, Favorable, Favorable, Favorable, Fa~
```

```
write.csv(reddit_data, "reddit_stratified_400.csv", row.names = FALSE)
```

## Dataset Split

```
# Data splitting (80% training, 20% testing)
set.seed(100)
test <- reddit_dtm_df %>% sample_frac(.2)
train <- reddit_dtm_df %>% anti_join(test, by = 'post_id') %>% select(-post_id)
test <- test %>% select(-post_id)

# Ensure valid feature names
colnames(train) <- make.names(colnames(train))
colnames(test) <- make.names(colnames(test))

test_raw <- reddit_dtm_df %>% sample_frac(.2)
write.csv(test_raw, "reddit_test_set_with_id.csv", row.names = FALSE)
```

## Model Development

### Support Vector Machine (SVM)

```
svm_model <- svm(stance ~ ., data = train, kernel = 'linear', cost = 1)
```

```
## Warning in svm.default(x, y, scale = scale, ..., na.action = na.action):
## Variable(s) 'means' and 'measures' and 'play' constant. Cannot scale data.
```

```
svm_pred <- predict(svm_model, test)
svm_cm <- confusionMatrix(svm_pred, test$stance)
print("SVM Confusion Matrix:")
```

```
## [1] "SVM Confusion Matrix:"
```

```
print(svm_cm)
```

```
## Confusion Matrix and Statistics
##
##           Reference
## Prediction  Favorable Neutral Oppose
##   Favorable      65       3      6
##   Neutral        1       0      0
##   Oppose         4       1      0
##
## Overall Statistics
##
##           Accuracy : 0.8125
##           95% CI : (0.7097, 0.8911)
##   No Information Rate : 0.875
##   P-Value [Acc > NIR] : 0.9624
##
##           Kappa : -0.0118
##
##   McNemar's Test P-Value : 0.4936
##
## Statistics by Class:
##
##           Class: Favorable Class: Neutral Class: Oppose
## Sensitivity                0.9286         0.0000         0.0000
## Specificity                0.1000         0.9868         0.9324
## Pos Pred Value             0.8784         0.0000         0.0000
## Neg Pred Value             0.1667         0.9494         0.9200
## Prevalence                 0.8750         0.0500         0.0750
## Detection Rate             0.8125         0.0000         0.0000
## Detection Prevalence       0.9250         0.0125         0.0625
## Balanced Accuracy          0.5143         0.4934         0.4662
```

## K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN)

```
# Create training and testing datasets for features and labels
train_features <- train %>% select(-stance)
test_features <- test %>% select(-stance)

train_label <- train$stance
test_label <- test$stance

# Build KNN model (K=3)
set.seed(100)
knn_pred <- knn(train = train_features,
               test = test_features,
               cl = train_label,
               k = 3)

pred_actual <- data.frame(predicted = knn_pred, actual = test_label)
head(pred_actual)
```

```
##   predicted   actual
## 1 Favorable Favorable
```

```
## 2 Favorable Favorable
## 3 Favorable Favorable
## 4 Favorable Favorable
## 5 Favorable Favorable
## 6 Favorable Favorable
```

```
# Confusion matrix and model performance metrics
```

```
knn_cm <- confusionMatrix(pred_actual$predicted, pred_actual$actual)
```

```
print("KNN Confusion Matrix:")
```

```
## [1] "KNN Confusion Matrix:"
```

```
print(knn_cm)
```

```
## Confusion Matrix and Statistics
```

```
##
```

```
##           Reference
```

```
## Prediction  Favorable Neutral Oppose
```

```
##  Favorable      69         4         6
```

```
##   Neutral       0         0         0
```

```
##   Oppose        1         0         0
```

```
##
```

```
## Overall Statistics
```

```
##
```

```
##           Accuracy : 0.8625
```

```
##           95% CI : (0.7673, 0.9293)
```

```
##   No Information Rate : 0.875
```

```
##   P-Value [Acc > NIR] : 0.7048
```

```
##
```

```
##           Kappa : -0.0185
```

```
##
```

```
##   McNemar's Test P-Value : NA
```

```
##
```

```
## Statistics by Class:
```

```
##
```

```
##           Class: Favorable Class: Neutral Class: Oppose
```

```
## Sensitivity      0.9857      0.00      0.0000
```

```
## Specificity      0.0000      1.00      0.9865
```

```
## Pos Pred Value   0.8734      NaN      0.0000
```

```
## Neg Pred Value   0.0000      0.95      0.9241
```

```
## Prevalence       0.8750      0.05      0.0750
```

```
## Detection Rate    0.8625      0.00      0.0000
```

```
## Detection Prevalence 0.9875      0.00      0.0125
```

```
## Balanced Accuracy 0.4929      0.50      0.4932
```

```
# Precision and Recall for each class (multi-class classification)
```

```
precision_recall <- knn_cm$byClass[, c("Pos Pred Value", "Sensitivity")]
```

```
print("Precision and Recall by Class (KNN):")
```

```
## [1] "Precision and Recall by Class (KNN):"
```

```
print(precision_recall)
```

```
##              Pos Pred Value Sensitivity
## Class: Favorable      0.8734177    0.9857143
## Class: Neutral              NaN    0.0000000
## Class: Oppose         0.0000000    0.0000000
```

```
# Compute and display average Precision and Recall
```

```
avg_precision <- mean(precision_recall[, "Pos Pred Value"], na.rm=TRUE)
avg_recall <- mean(precision_recall[, "Sensitivity"], na.rm=TRUE)
```

```
cat("KNN Accuracy:", knn_cm$overall['Accuracy'], "\n")
```

```
## KNN Accuracy: 0.8625
```

```
cat("KNN Average Precision:", avg_precision, "\n")
```

```
## KNN Average Precision: 0.4367089
```

```
cat("KNN Average Recall:", avg_recall, "\n")
```

```
## KNN Average Recall: 0.3285714
```

To ensure that every stance category is represented in the dataset, stratified sampling was used instead of simple random sampling to select 400 data points.

However, the results of model development still show NaN or zero values. This is mainly due to the extremely imbalanced distribution of classes in the original data. Even with stratified sampling, categories like Neutral and Oppose may still have very few examples.

For instance:

If Neutral accounts for only 5% of the total data, it would contribute around 20 records to the sample. If Oppose accounts for 7.5%, that's only about 30 records.

After splitting the 400-sample dataset into 80% training and 20% testing, the test set might end up with only about 4 Neutral and 6 Oppose examples.

With such small numbers, the model may fail to detect these minority classes entirely—leading to sensitivity values of 0 and precision values of NaN.

## Model Evaluation

```
# Function to calculate F1-score
```

```
calculate_f1 <- function(precision, recall){
  (2 * precision * recall) / (precision + recall)
}
```

```
# Calculate metrics for SVM
```

```
svm_accuracy <- svm_cm$overall['Accuracy']
svm_precision <- mean(svm_cm$byClass[, "Pos Pred Value"], na.rm=TRUE)
svm_recall <- mean(svm_cm$byClass[, "Sensitivity"], na.rm=TRUE)
svm_f1 <- calculate_f1(svm_precision, svm_recall)
```

```
cat("SVM metrics:", "\n", "Accuracy:", svm_accuracy, "\n", "Precision:", svm_precision, "\n", "Recall:", svm_recall, "\n")
```

```
## SVM metrics:
## Accuracy: 0.8125
## Precision: 0.2927928
## Recall: 0.3095238
## F1 Score: 0.3009259
```

```
# Calculate metrics for KNN
```

```
knn_accuracy <- knn_cm$overall['Accuracy']
knn_precision <- mean(knn_cm$byClass[, "Pos Pred Value"], na.rm=TRUE)
knn_recall <- mean(knn_cm$byClass[, "Sensitivity"], na.rm=TRUE)
knn_f1 <- calculate_f1(knn_precision, knn_recall)
cat("KNN metrics:", "\n", "Accuracy:", knn_accuracy, "\n", "Precision:", knn_precision, "\n", "Recall:", knn_recall, "\n", "F1 Score:", knn_f1, "\n")
```

```
## KNN metrics:
## Accuracy: 0.8625
## Precision: 0.4367089
## Recall: 0.3285714
## F1 Score: 0.375
```

```
# Compare based on Accuracy and F1 Score
```

```
if (svm_accuracy > knn_accuracy & svm_f1 > knn_f1){
  best_model <- svm_model
  best_model_name <- "SVM"
  best_cm <- svm_cm
  best_pred <- svm_pred
  best_accuracy <- svm_accuracy
  best_f1 <- svm_f1
} else {
  best_model <- "KNN"
  best_model_name <- "KNN"
  best_cm <- knn_cm
  best_pred <- knn_pred
  best_accuracy <- knn_accuracy
  best_f1 <- knn_f1
}
```

```
cat("Best Model Selected:", best_model_name, "\n")
```

```
## Best Model Selected: KNN
```

```
cat("Accuracy:", best_accuracy, "\n")
```

```
## Accuracy: 0.8625
```

```
cat("F1 Score:", best_f1, "\n")
```

```
## F1 Score: 0.375
```

```
# Compare predictions of the best model with manually assigned labels
```

```
result_df <- data.frame(
  Actual = test$stance,
```

```
Predicted = best_pred  
)
```

```
head(result_df)
```

```
##      Actual Predicted  
## 1 Favorable Favorable  
## 2 Favorable Favorable  
## 3 Favorable Favorable  
## 4 Favorable Favorable  
## 5 Favorable Favorable  
## 6 Favorable Favorable
```

```
output_df <- reddit_data %>%  
  select(post_id, comment, stance)  
write.csv(output_df, "reddit_stratified_400_with_manually_labels.csv", row.names = FALSE)
```

```
““
```