

THE DATA & MUSIC COMPANY

# HOW TO MAKE YOUR SONG A "BOP"

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# OUR VISION

We are a group of data scientists that help independent artists excel in the music industry using data-driven recommendations.



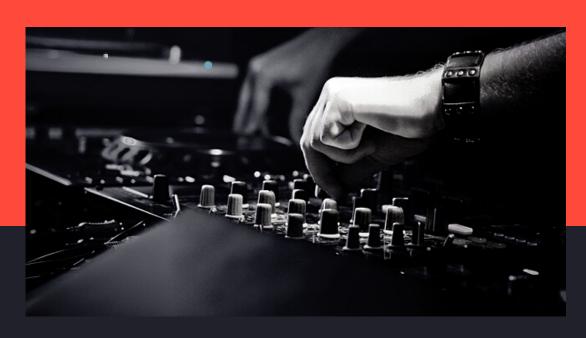
# DO LYRICS HAVE AN EFFECT ON ITS SUCCESS IN THE BILLBOARDS?

NULL: LYRICS **DO NOT** HAVE AN EFFECT ON ITS SUCCESS.

ALTERNATE: LYRICS **DO** HAVE AN EFFECT ON ITS SUCCESS.



# Methodology - CRISP-DM







# BUSINESS UNDERSTANDING

Lyrically, how are the top 25 songs different than the rest?

# MODELING

Random Forest Classifier Naive Bayes Classifier

# DATA UNDERSTANDING

Billboard Top 100 (1970-2020) and Lyrics from Genius (2,000+ songs)

## EVALUATION

How can we make our models better?

# DATA PREPARATION

Get the data ready

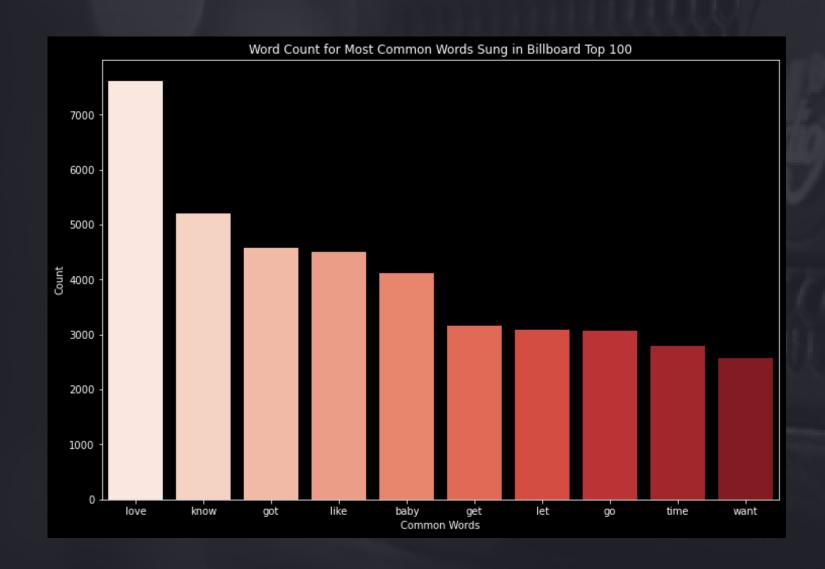
## DEPLOYMENT

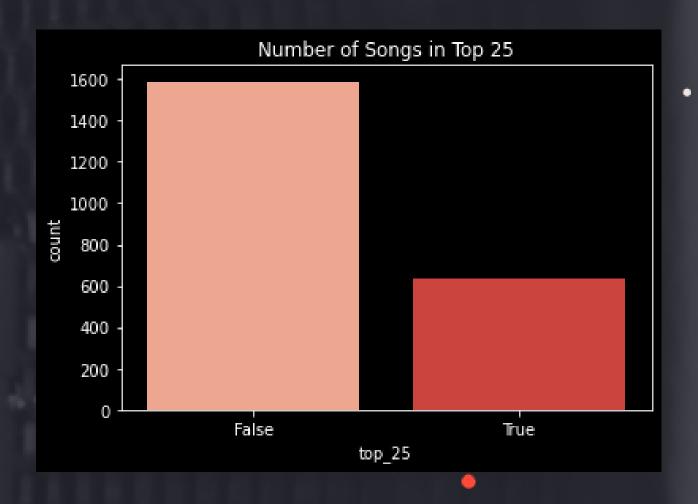
Recommendations to Follow

# EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS

### THE DATA

Over 2,200 songs from 1970 - 2020 Most commonly used word: "Love"





## TOP ARTISTS

- 19: Madonna
- 18: Elton John, Taylor Swift
- 16. Drake
- 15: Rihanna

# RESULTS

# LITTLE IMPACT

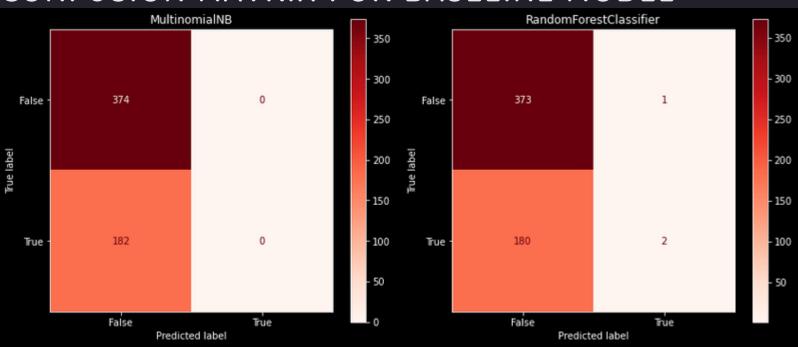
Baseline:

67% for Naive Bayes 67% for Random Forest

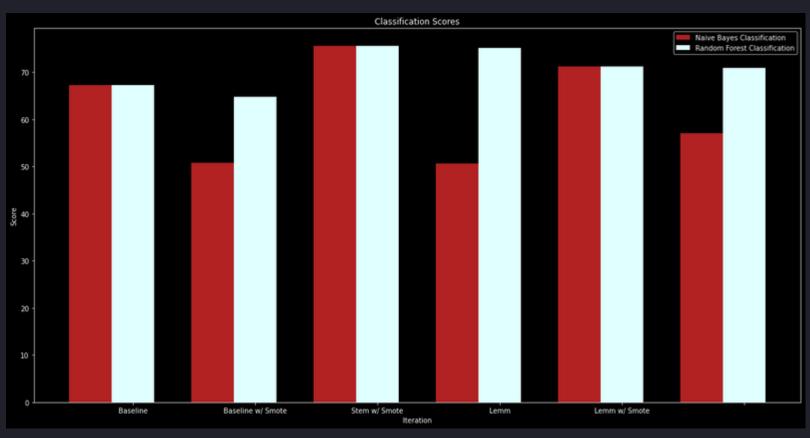
Best Model Performance: 76% for Naive Bayes 76% for Random Forest

Results are just as good as saying False for every prediction, therefore we fail to reject our null hypothesis.

#### CONFUSION MATRIX FOR BASELINE MODEL



### ACCURACY SCORES FOR CLASSIFICATION MODELS



# RECOMMENDATIONS



# FOCUS ON THE BEAT OF THE SONG

Words have little impact on whether a song will make the top 25 or not, so the tempo and musical composition of the instruments may have more influence on whether a song is a hit or not.



# RECOMMENDATIONS



# WRITE ABOUT RELATABLE TOPICS

Though our model could not predict if a song is in the Top 25 or not, we do know that each song in our database is a Billboard Top 100. That data also shows the most common word is "love", a concept many have strong feelings for. The second most common word is "know".

# RECOMMENDATIONS

MAKE A SONG ABOUT ANYTHING YOU WANT TO SING ABOUT

Because our model could not predict a songs success based on words alone, it shows that songs about dancing would do just as fine as a song about a breakup. Write what you want to write about.



# Future Work

# SCRAPE MORE SONG LYRICS

My data only contained songs from Billboard Top 100. Song lyrics tha aren't hits could help classify better.

# ADD ADDITIONAL FEATURES

Songs are so much more than its lyrics, it's a combination of sound and tempo that make it the creation it is. Additional features can help build a better model.

# CLASSIFY FOR GENRES

Do certain words appear more in certain genres? We'll find out next time.

# FINAL WORDS



Music is the movement of sound to reach the soul for the education of its virtue.

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# Thank you!

# CONTACT US

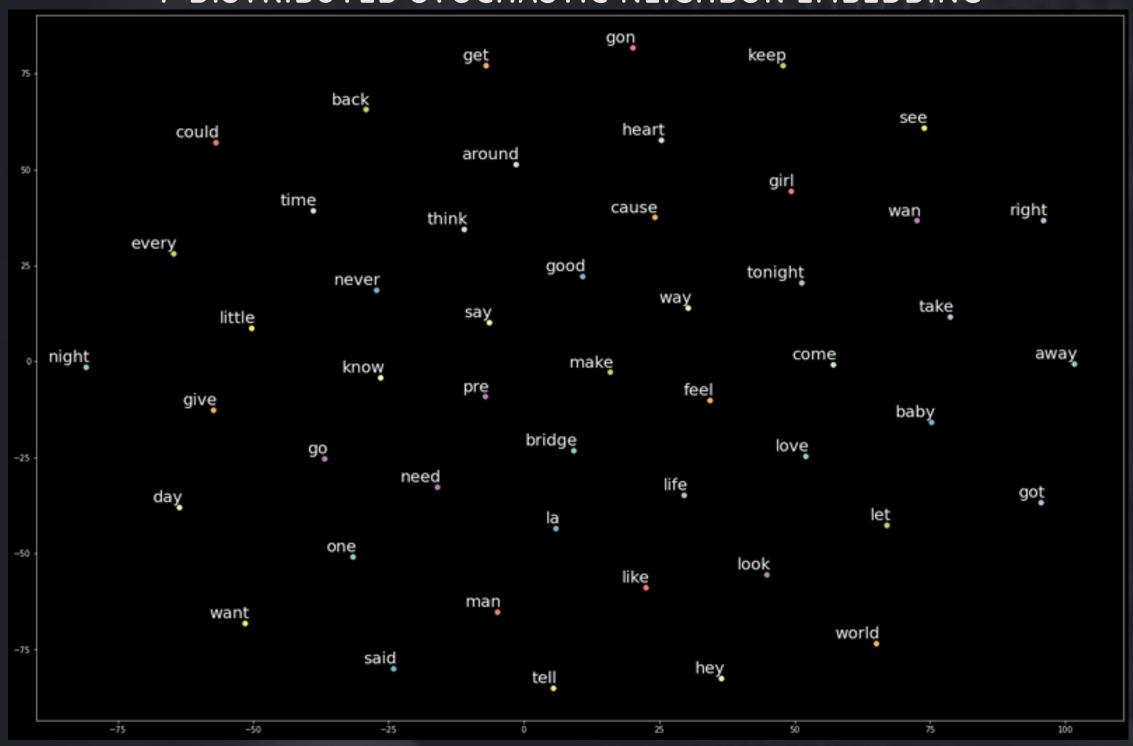
# WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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# **APPENDIX**

#### T-DISTRIBUTED STOCHASTIC NEIGHBOR EMBEDDING



#### LATENT DIRICHLET ALLOCATION

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Topics found by bag of words LDA
Topic #1: baby love take whoa
Topic #2: know back gon go
Topic #3: night way eyes like
Topic #4: got want like bad
Topic #5: la good like got
Topic #6: get dance tonight let
Topic #7: like got hey go
Topic #8: love know time got
Topic #9: like little ya let
Topic #10: let doo baby go
Topics found by tf-idf LDA
Topic #1: gon come baby take
Topic #2: love heart baby know
Topic #3: keep got eyes like
Topic #4: need want say one
Topic #5: like night think feel
Topic #6: away day take say
Topic #7: go back life time
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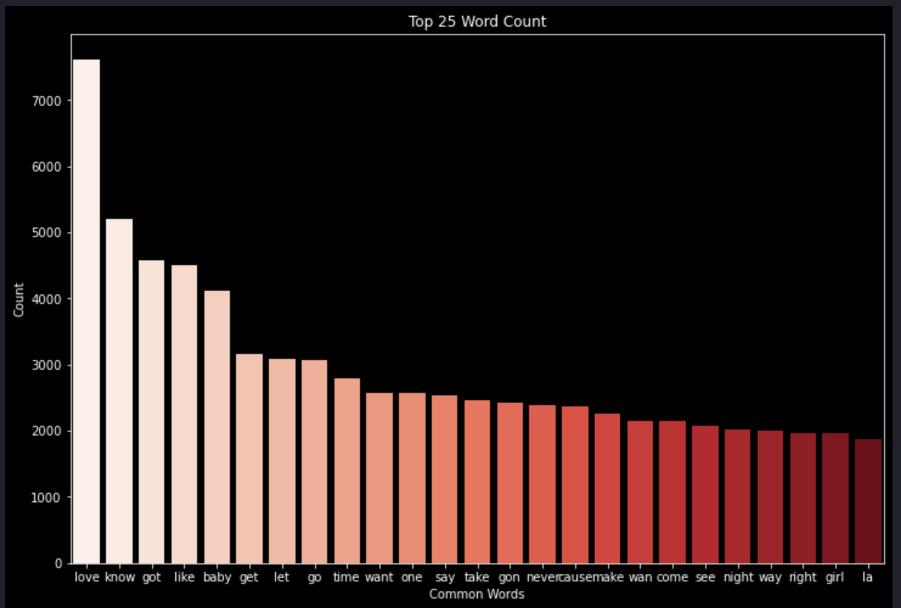
Topic #8: wan get got give

Topic #9: baby girl good love

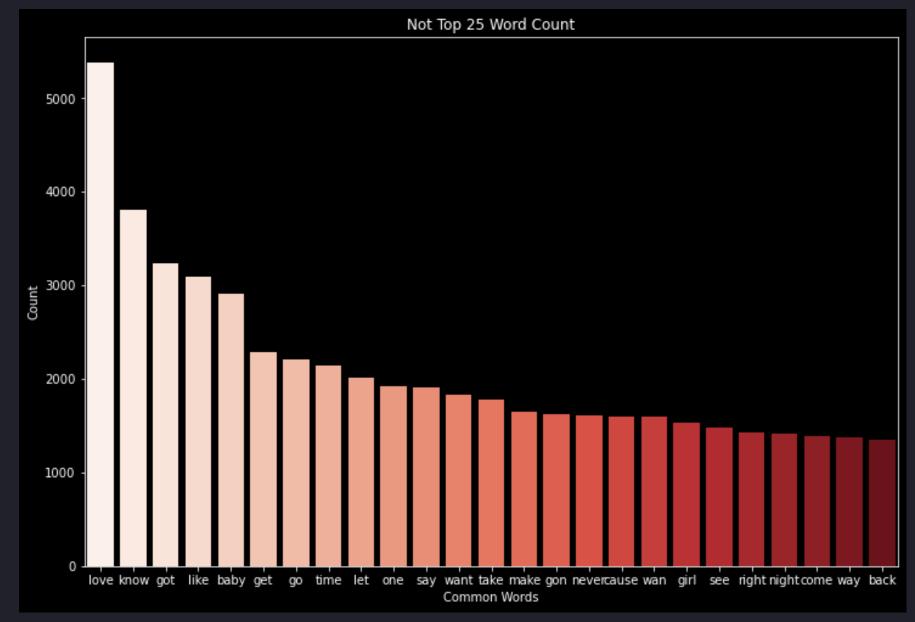
Topic #10: never could let know

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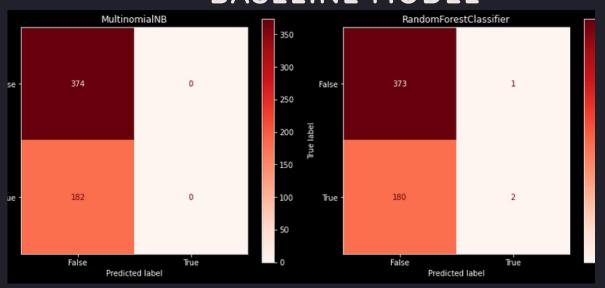


# NON TOP 25

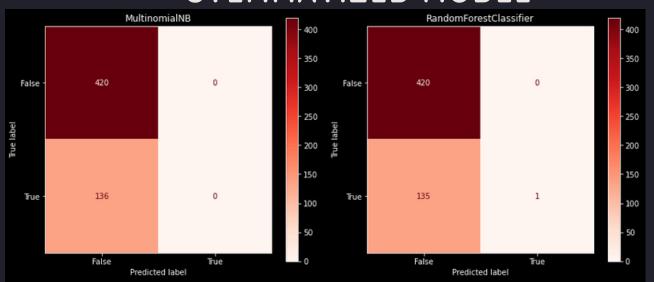


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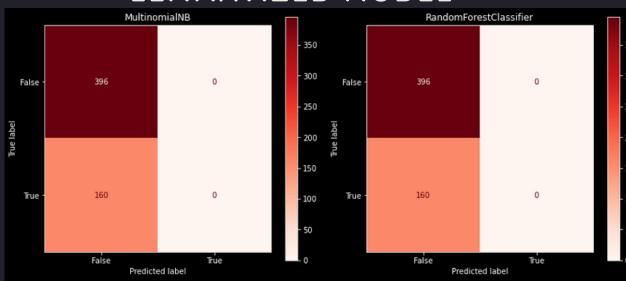
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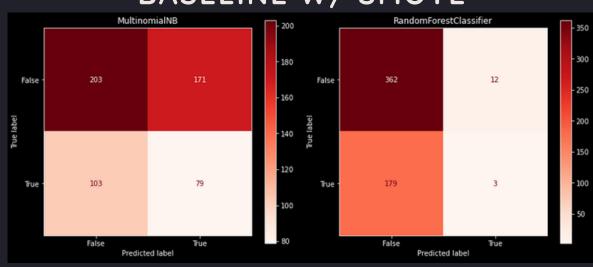
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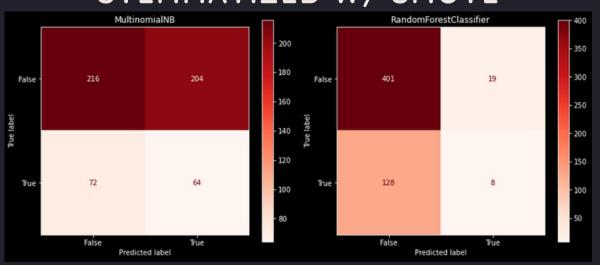
#### LEMMATIZED MODEL



# BASELINE W/ SMOTE



## STEMMATIZED W/ SMOTE



## LEMMATIZED W/ SMOTE

