



Exploring with Python

Consumer Complaints

- Consumer Complaints Database (Raw data length: 903983)
- Which is collected from CFPB database



Consumer Complaint

Complaint narrative ☆☆
WordCloud
Misspelled ratio





Financial Products

- Products/Sub-products
- Selection from pre-list options

Company

- financial institutions
 - Different sizes







DATES

- Date received
- Date sent to company
- Process time

Responses & Disputes

- Responses from company
- Whether response timely
 - Whether consumer disputes response





Issues

- Issues/Sub-issues
- Selection from pre-list options





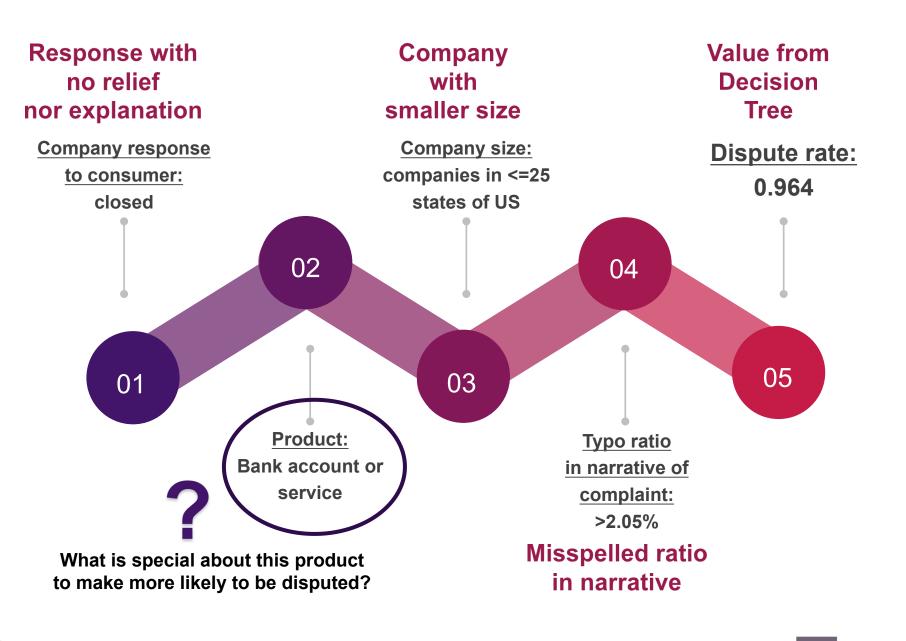




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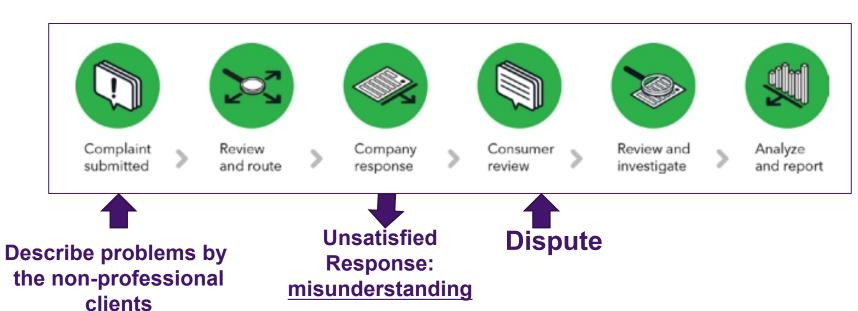
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WHETHER DISPUTE

THE COMPANY'S RESPONSE

 Records of complaints with narrative

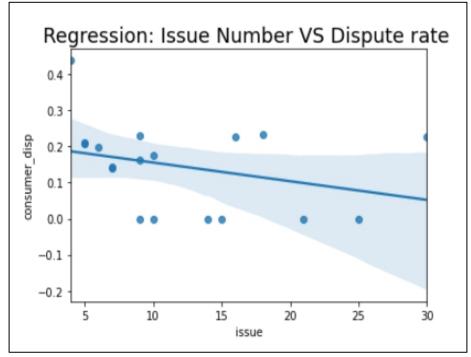


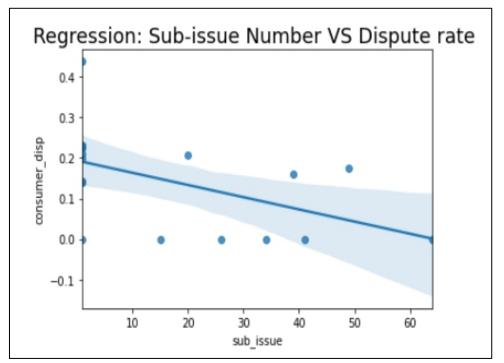






*Bank account and service is a product with few issue-selections and non sub-issue selection.



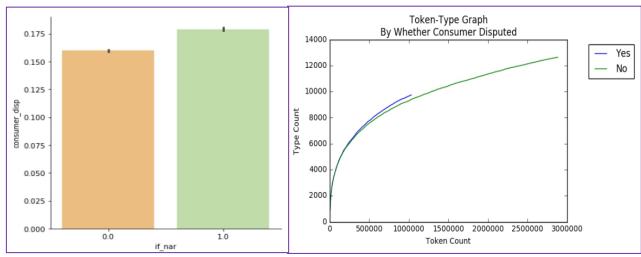




Finding #1:
Issue & sub-issue selections of products are negatively related to dispute rate.



*Narrative and dispute



Higher dispute rate in complaints with narrative

Higher word diversity in complaints with narrative(blue line)



Managerial Insight #1: To CFPB:

Make more issue/sub-issue subjects for most disputed products, and thus to avoid the misunderstanding between consumer and company and to save time for both parties.





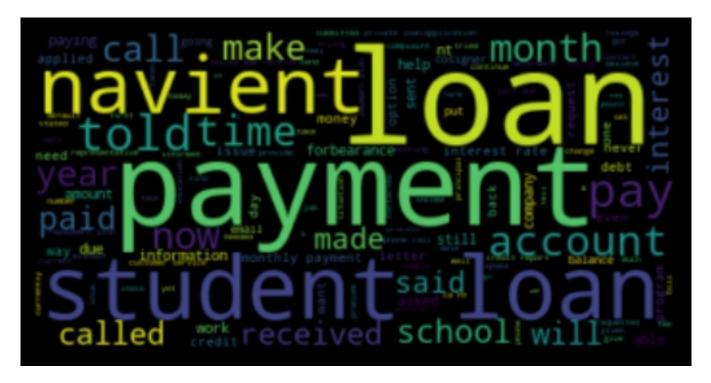


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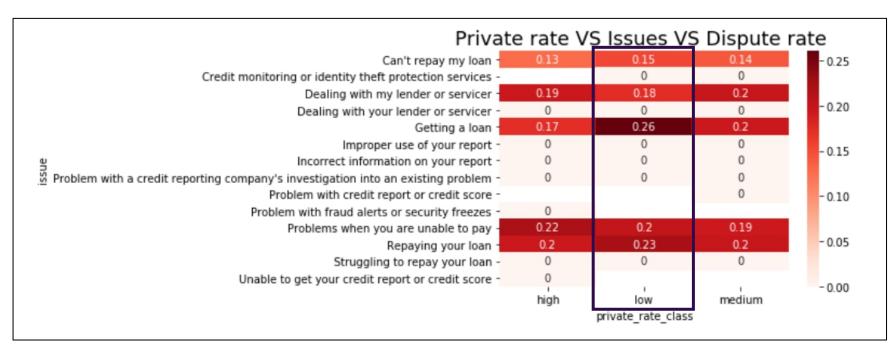
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What can we find in the wordcloud within student loan?

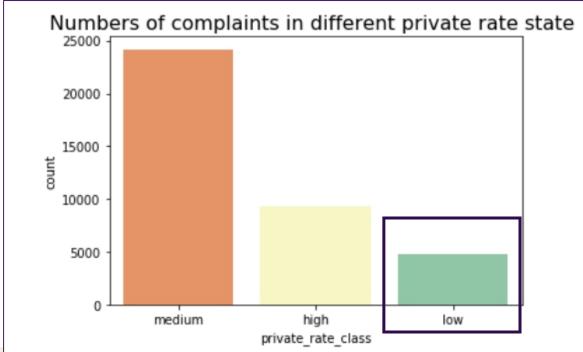


Other than student and loan, the most common keyword is **payment**. We can know that a lot of problems are related to **repayment**.







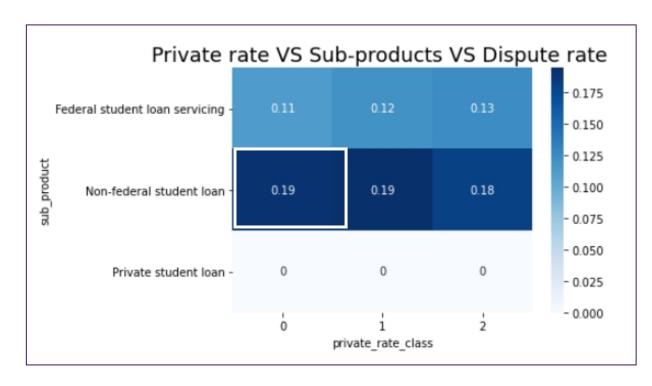


- high (private school in state:over 50%)
- medium (private school in state:between 30% and 50%)
- low (private school in state:below 30%)

Although the number of complaints is small, the disputed rate is highest in states where private school rate is low.



After research with clustering, we found...





Finding #2

In states where private school rate is low, responses to nonfederal student loan are more like to be disputed.



Managerial Insight #2

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Suspicous sending period

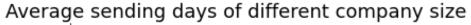
Longest process period: 1962 days!

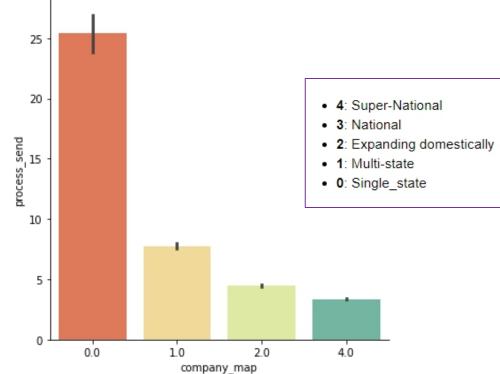


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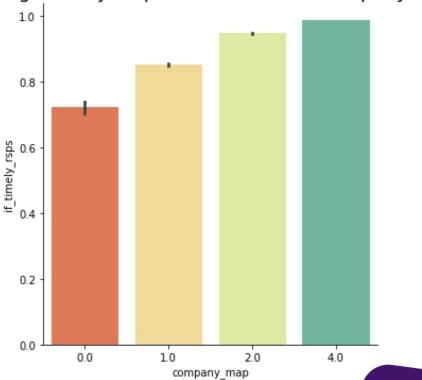


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Average timely response of different company size



Complaints



Financial

institutions

Actually, not all issues are under regulation of CFPB. Some will be passed to appropriate regulators before delivery to companies.





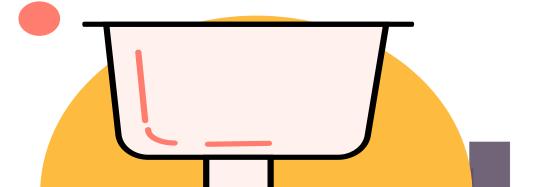
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Conclusion