

Predicting Legal Needs

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Opening Question



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Questions I

- ▶ Is it a legal issue?
- ▶ What kind of legal issue is it?
- ▶ How to deal with it?

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+ Civil and Human Rights RI-00-00-00-00 ≡ 20	+ Courts and Lawyers CO-00-00-00-00 ≡ 9
+ Crime and Prisons CR-00-00-00-00 ≡ 16	+ Disaster Relief DI-00-00-00-00 ≡ 8
+ Education ED-00-00-00-00 ≡ 10	+ Environmental Justice EN-00-00-00-00 ≡ 7
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+ Veterans and Military VE-00-00-00-00 ≡ 10	+ Work and Employment Law WO-00-00-00-00 ≡ 8

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Housing HO-00-00-00-00 8

Discrimination around housing HO-01-00-00-00

Eviction from a home HO-02-00-00-00

Foreclosure on a home HO-08-00-00-00

Housing Assistance and Subsidized Housing HO-03-00-00-00

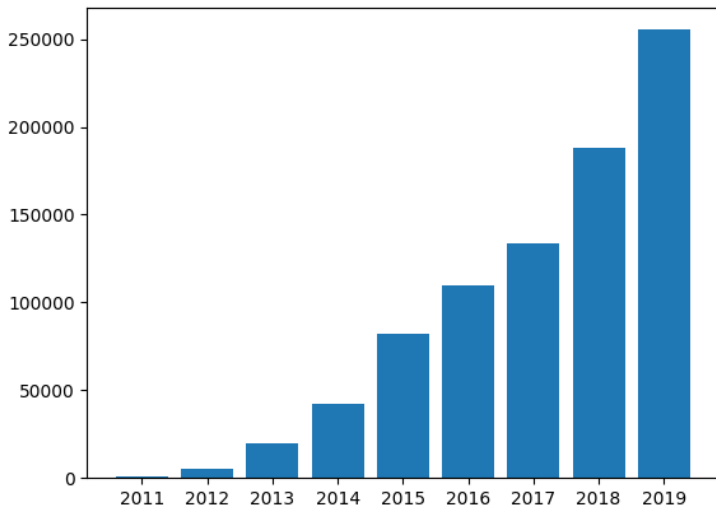
Owning or buying a home HO-04-00-00-00

Problems with living conditions HO-05-00-00-00

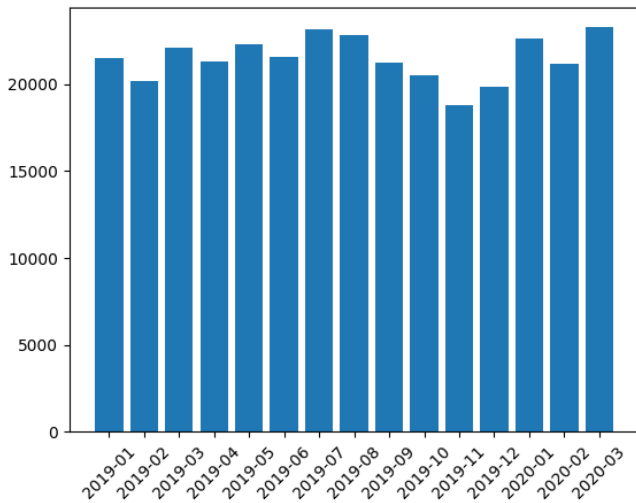
Renting or leasing a home HO-06-00-00-00

Utilities, Energy, and Heating at home HO-07-00-00-00

Annual Submissions(2010 - 2019)



Monthly Submissions(01/2019 - 03/2020)



Questions II

- ▶ Can Reddit data shed a light to legal trend?
- ▶ Are there seasonality effects?
- ▶ How does society react to pandemic?

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Learned Hands



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[Michigan] "Intent to Vacate"

Hoping someone could help me out.

I made it clear when I signed by lease as well as multiple times orally throughout the year that I was looking for a house and my intention to stay at this apartment was only till the end of my lease, if not sooner (at which point I would notify them).

It was made clear to me that if I wanted to leave early I would have to give notice. That's fine. But my intention was to leave when my lease was up. It was not made clear that there was a 60 day intent to vacate clause under all circumstances.

Is there anyway I can fight this? My lease is up Aug 6th and they expect 60 days. I do not wish to spend two months rent somewhere that I will not be living. They will assuredly be able to rent this unit almost immediately.

any help would be appreciated.



Do you see a legal issue around **Family** in this post? Check all that apply, if any.



Learned Hands

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1	5b60e59cda52255c20cff79a	Groundwater leaking out of street 24/7. Ground...	0.0	0.0
2	5b60e59cda52255c20cff7a0	How do I get my mom's license taken away. My m...	0.0	0.0
3	5b60e59cda52255c20cff7bf	My boss hasn't paid me. What do i do?. I work ...	NaN	NaN
4	5b60e59cda52255c20cff7b8	[Texas] I signed a non-compete contract, but t...	0.0	0.0
...
2772	5b60e66dda52255c20df433f	Do you and your parents get deported because o...	0.0	0.0
2773	5b60e66dda52255c20df43ae	Wondering the legality of a minor (me) being a...	0.0	0.0
2774	5b60e66dda52255c20df4462	Can I sue a billion dollar company in small cl...	0.0	0.0
2775	5b60e66dda52255c20df4448	Sued by creditor and currently in settlement n...	0.0	0.0
2776	5b60e66dda52255c20df4491	(CA) Sales job. Income based on performance. A...	0.0	0.0

Reddit Legal Advice

- ▶ `http:reddit.com/r/legal_advice`
- ▶ First submission: April 20, 2010
- ▶ 906,693 submissions(04/2010 - 03/2020)
- ▶ 21,490 / month (01/2019 - 03/2020)
- ▶ 5,005 / week (01/2020 - 03/2020)
- ▶ 740 / day (02/2020 - 03/2020)

Pushshift API

github.com/heeh/subreddit_downloader/sample.py

```
import requests
```

```
# Retrieve 1000 submissions with specified fields
```

```
url = "https://api.pushshift.io/reddit/search/  
      submission/?subreddit=legaladvice&  
      fields=id,created_utc,title,selftext&  
      size=1000&after=2020-01-01&before=2020-01-31"
```

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subs = requests.get(url)
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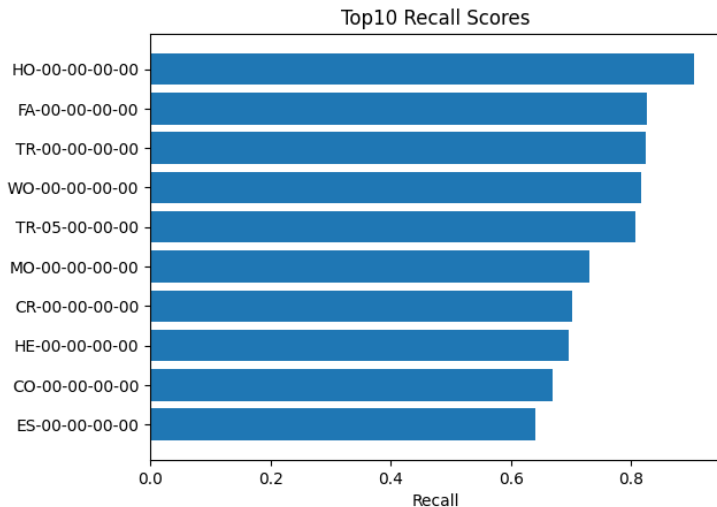
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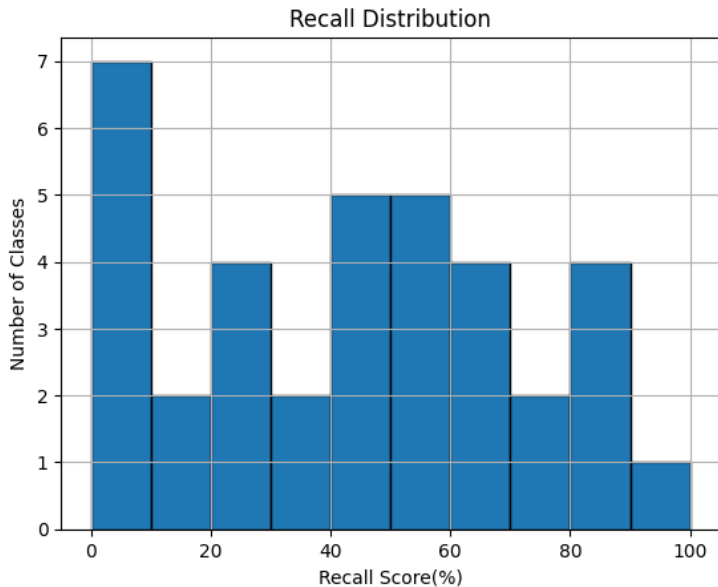
Model

- ▶ Input representation: TF-IDF
- ▶ Logistic regression with L1 regularization
- ▶ Grid search over powers of 2

Recall Top 10



Recall Distribution



Input



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Output

Class	Prediction(%)
TR-00-00-00-00	0.9561
CO-00-00-00-00	0.6452
MO-00-00-00-00	0.3711
BU-00-00-00-00	0.0486
TO-00-00-00-00	0.0211
FA-00-00-00-00	0.0131
CR-00-00-00-00	0.0129
TR-01-00-00-00	0.0087
HO-06-00-00-00	0.0061
ED-00-00-00-00	0.0043

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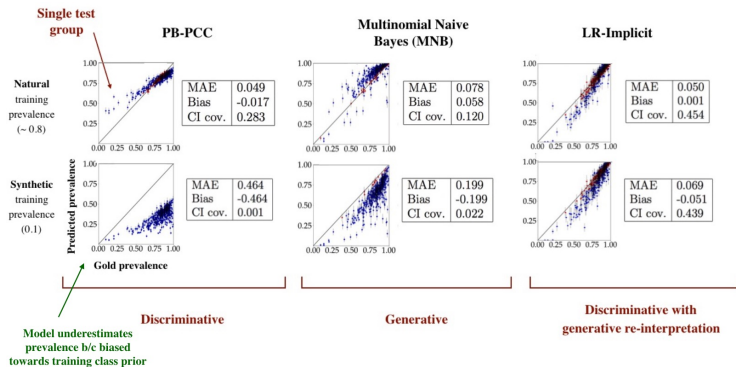
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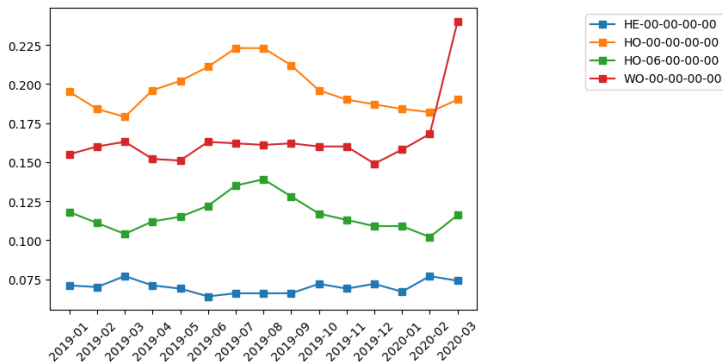
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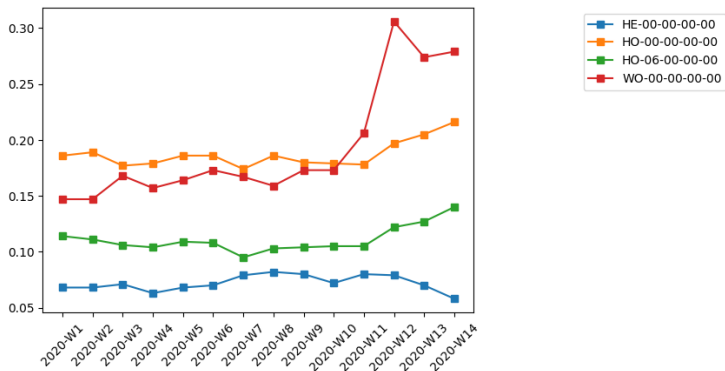
(Katherine and O'Connor, 2018)

Monthly Prevalence



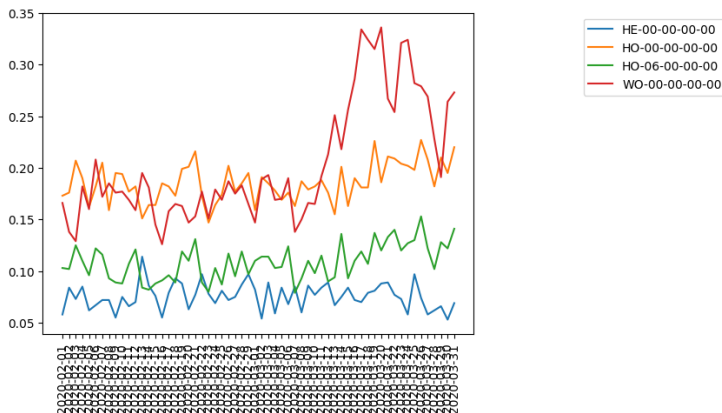
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- ▶ HO-00: Housing
- ▶ HO-06: Renting or leasing a home
- ▶ HE-00: Health

Weekly Prevalence



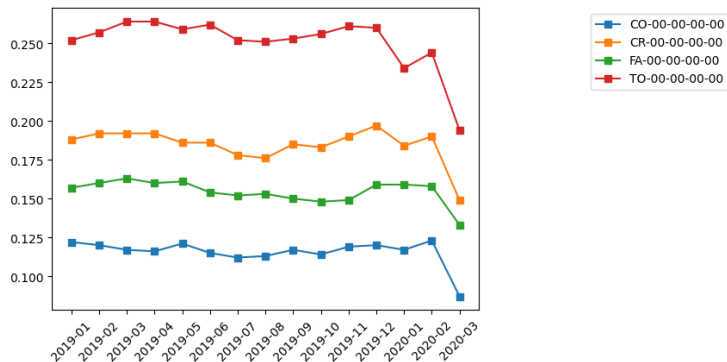
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Daily Prevalence



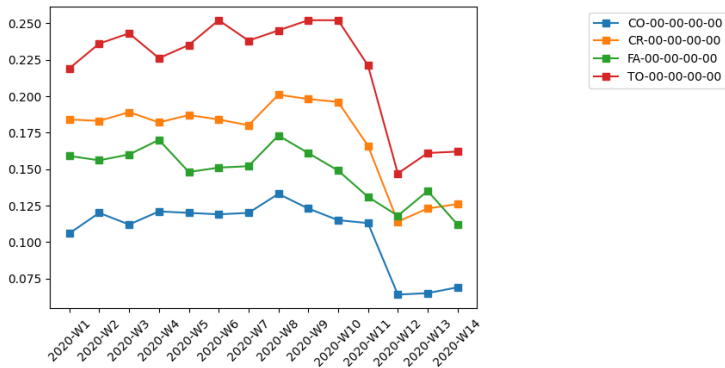
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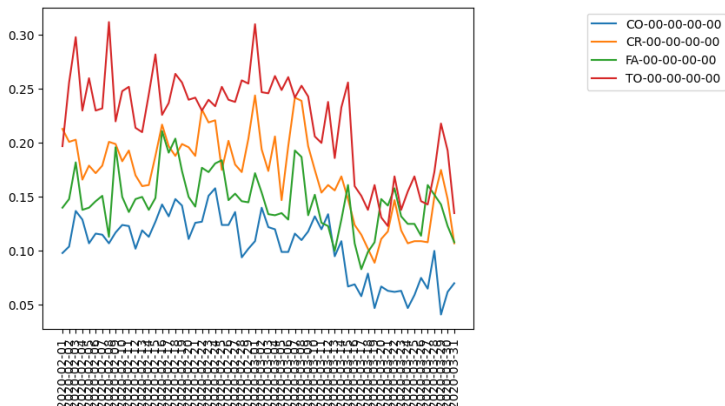
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- ▶ FA-00: Family
- ▶ CO-00: Courts and Lawyers

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Summary

- ▶ Provide people better insight regarding their issues by classification
- ▶ Shows seasonality
- ▶ How natural disaster affects legal needs

Todo

- ▶ More labeled data(Currently 16 classes available)
- ▶ Dataset from other communities
- ▶ California statewide legal help portal (<https://lawhelpca.org/>)
- ▶ System to automate and improve the model

Reference

- ▶ Keith, K., & O'Connor, B. (2018). Uncertainty-aware generative models for inferring document class prevalence. In Proceedings of EMNLP.

End

Thank you for listening!