



Consumer Complaints Classification

ML with Advanced Optimization

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Best Model: Logistic Regression + SMOTE

F1-Score: 0.7465 (74.65%) | +2.49% improvement

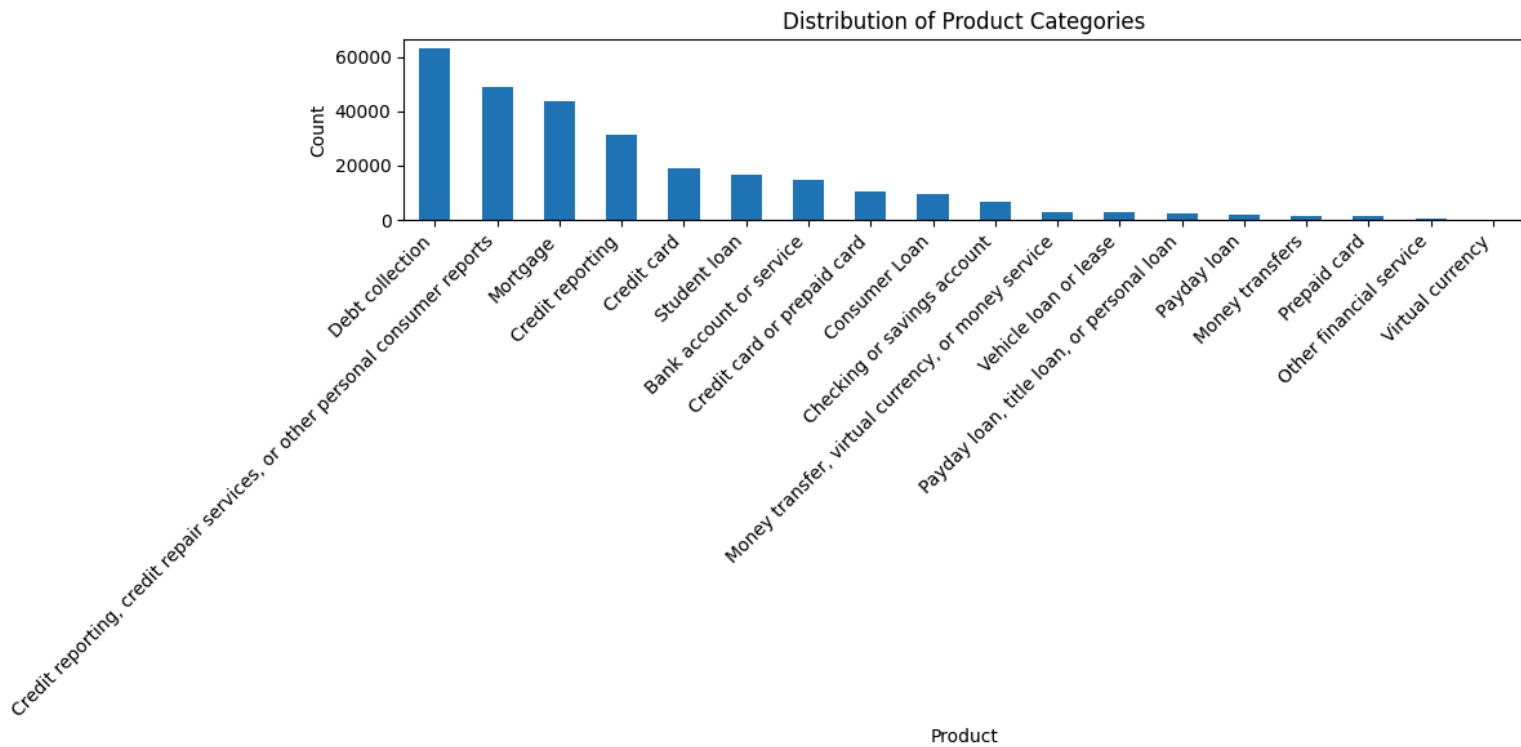


Overview

Metric	Value
Total Complaints	277,814
Sample Size	10,000
Classes	5 categories
Class Imbalance	3.36:1
Features	5,000 TF-IDF
Train/Val/Test	60/20/20



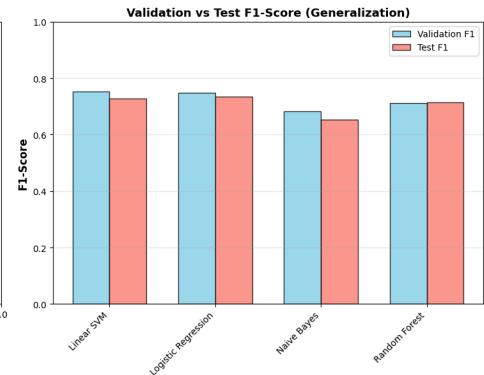
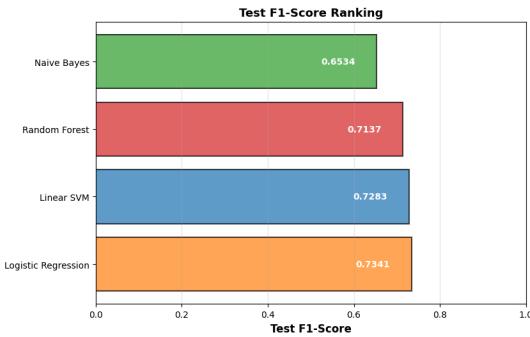
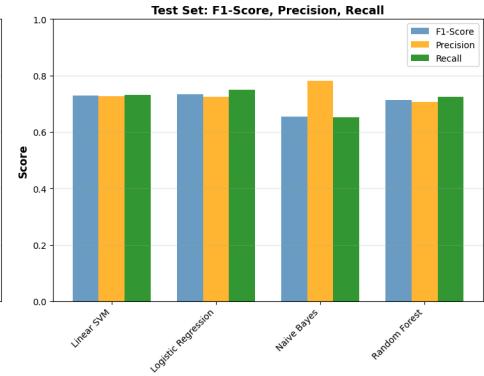
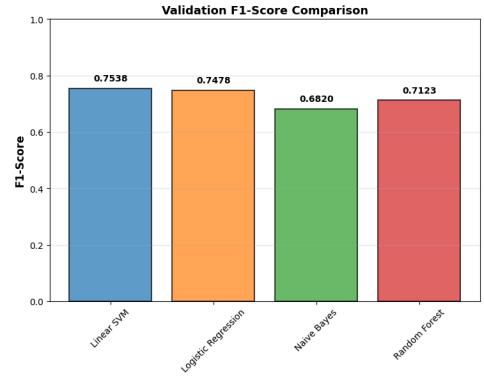
Class Distribution



Debt Collection (30.7%) dominates, Credit Repair (7.9%) minority



Model Comparison



Baseline Winner: Linear SVM (F1: 0.7500)

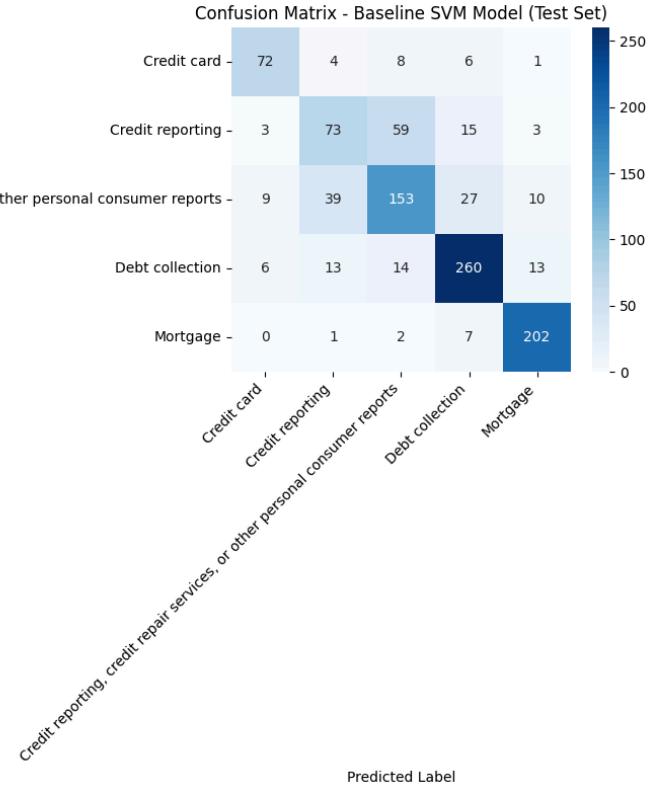
Baseline Results

Model	F1-Score
Linear SVM	0.7500 ★
Logistic Regression	0.7416
Random Forest	0.7186
Naive Bayes	0.6060



Confusion Matrix

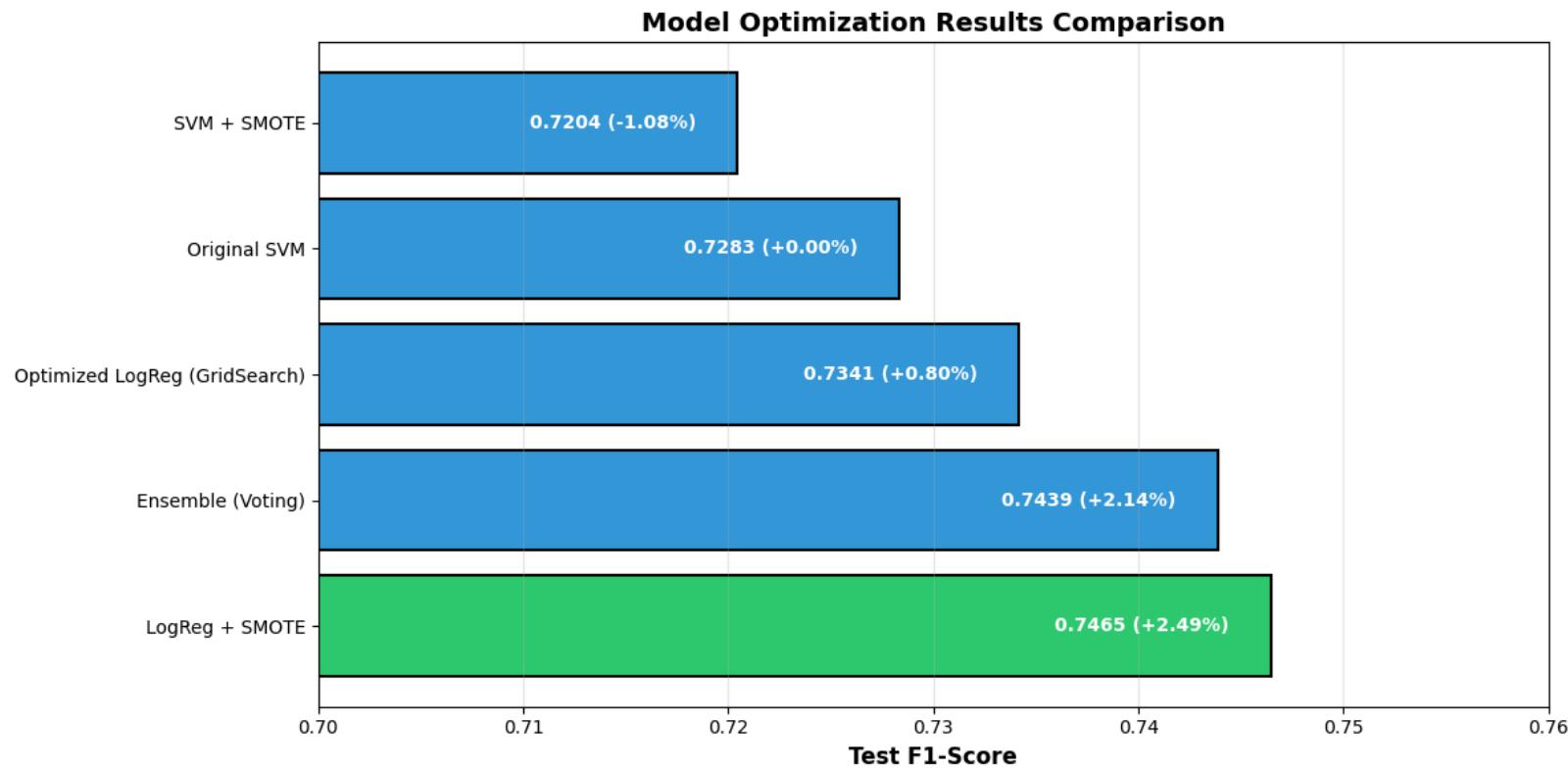
True Label



Strong on majority, weak on minority classes



Optimization Techniques



Results Comparison

Technique	F1-Score	Improvement
Baseline SVM	0.7283	-
GridSearchCV	0.7341	+0.80%
Voting Classifier	0.7439	+2.14%
SMOTE (LogReg)	0.7465	+2.49% 



Best Model: SMOTE + Logistic Regression

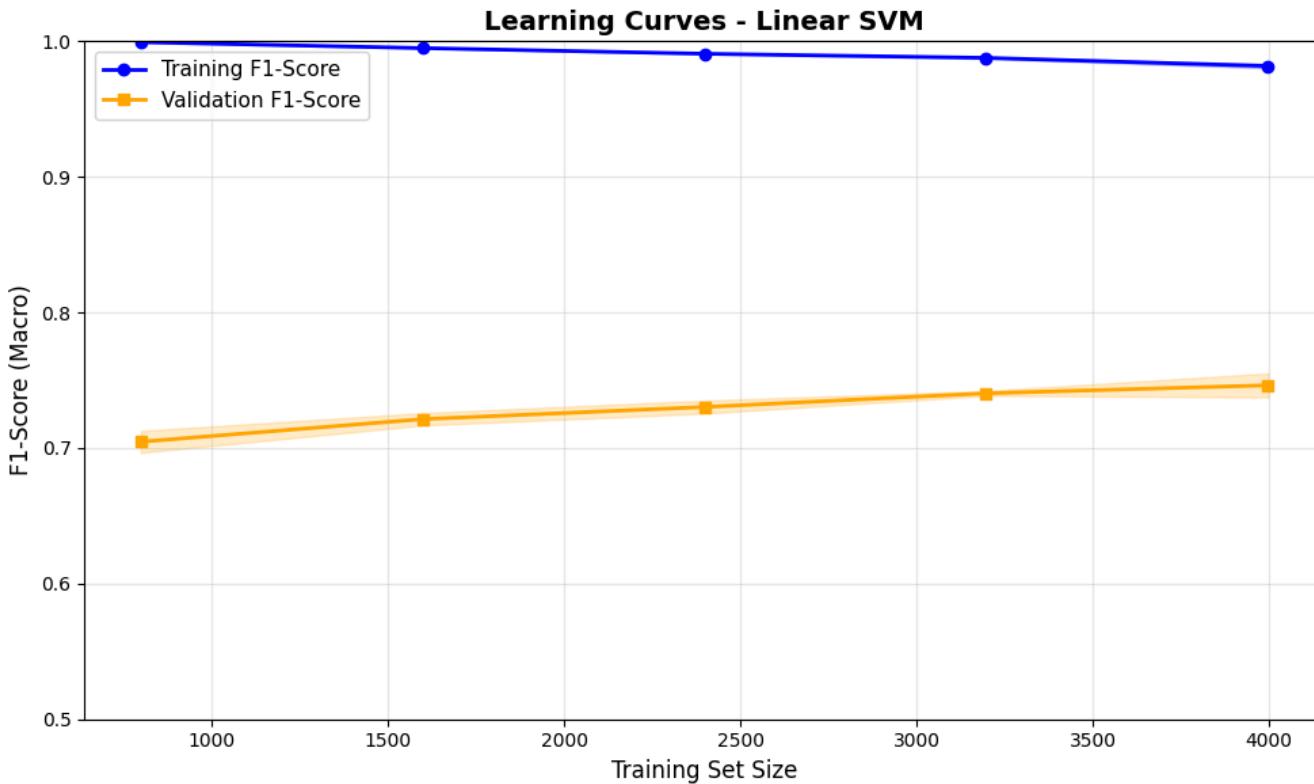
Final Metrics:

- Accuracy: 0.7515
- Precision: 0.7393
- Recall: 0.7561
- F1-Score: 0.7465

Why SMOTE Works: Handles 3.36:1 class imbalance effectively



Learning Curves



~10% gap = healthy generalization, no overfitting

Per-Class Performance

Category	F1-Score
Mortgage	0.92
Debt Collection	0.86
Credit Card	0.79
Credit Repair	0.69
Credit Reporting	0.55

SMOTE improved minority class recall by 2-4%



Key Insights

✓ What Works:

- TF-IDF captures complaint essence
- SMOTE handles imbalance (+2.49%)
- Balanced Precision \approx Recall (no bias)
- Good generalization (train-val alignment)

⚠ Challenges:

- Semantic overlap between categories
- Limited minority class samples
- TF-IDF loses word context
- Inherent imbalance ceiling



Recommendations

1. Word Embeddings (Word2Vec, GloVe, FastText)
2. Deep Learning (LSTM, CNN, Transformers)
3. Collect More Data for minority classes
4. Use Metadata (product code, issue)
5. Hybrid Ensemble approaches

✓ Conclusion

Technical Achievement:

- ✓ 277K complaints → 10K samples
- ✓ 5,000 TF-IDF features
- ✓ 4 models evaluated
- ✓ 3 optimization techniques
- ✓ 74.65% F1-score (+2.49%)

Status: 🚀 Complete

Repository: github.com/wizard17-star/Consumer-Complaints-Classification

Notebook: COMPLETE_ANALYSIS.ipynb

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