

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

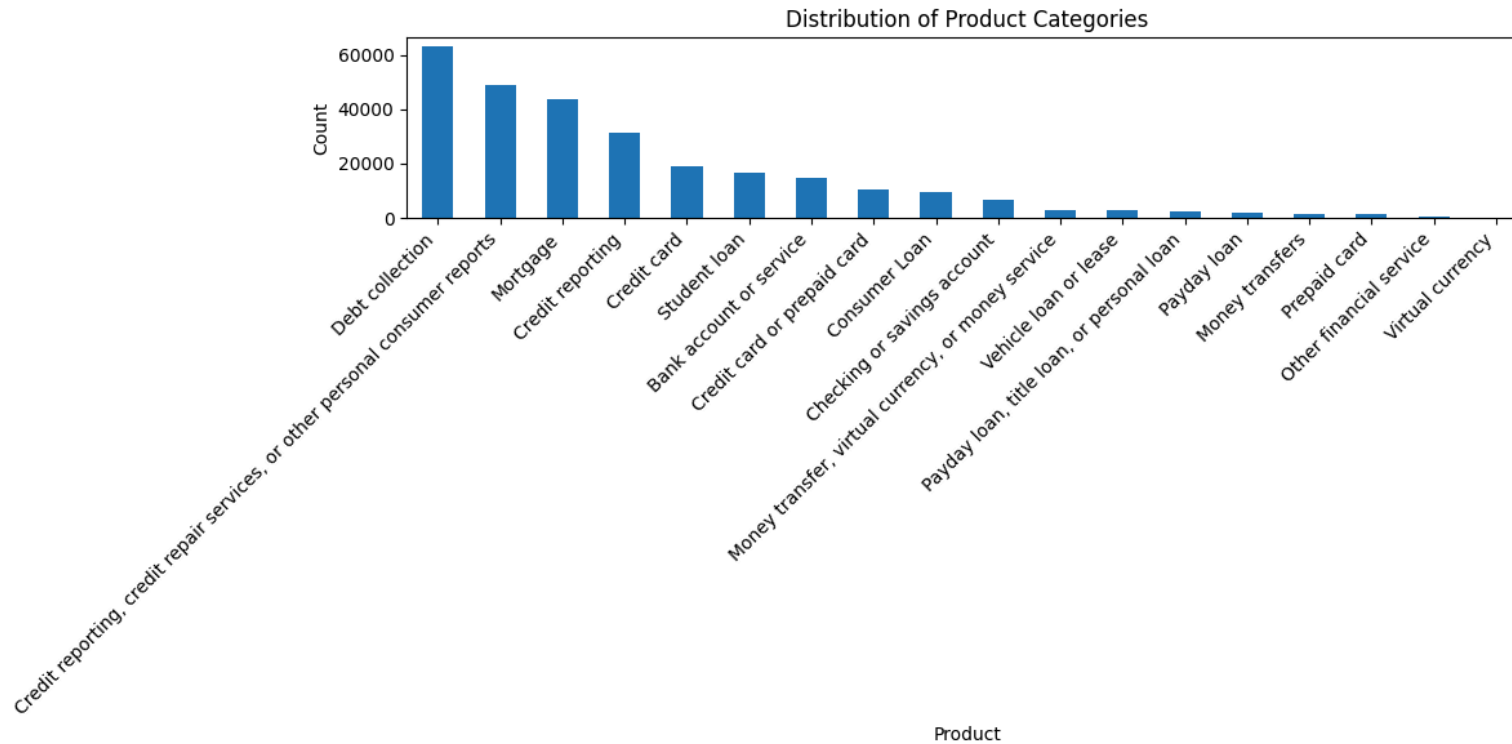


Overview

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



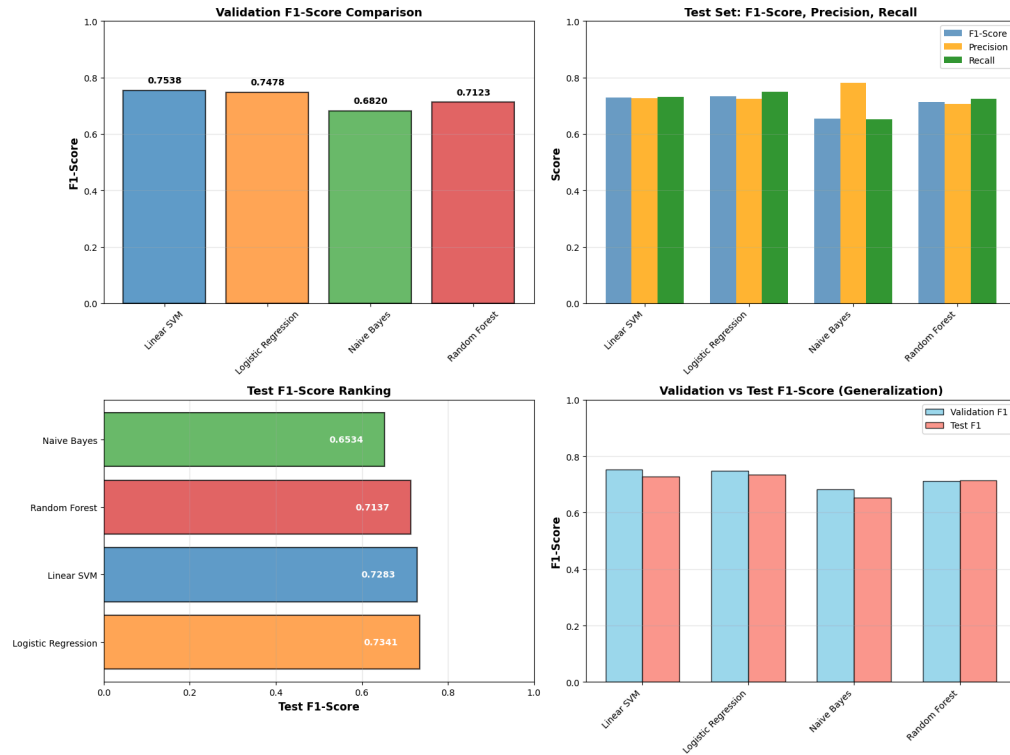
Class Distribution



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



Model Comparison



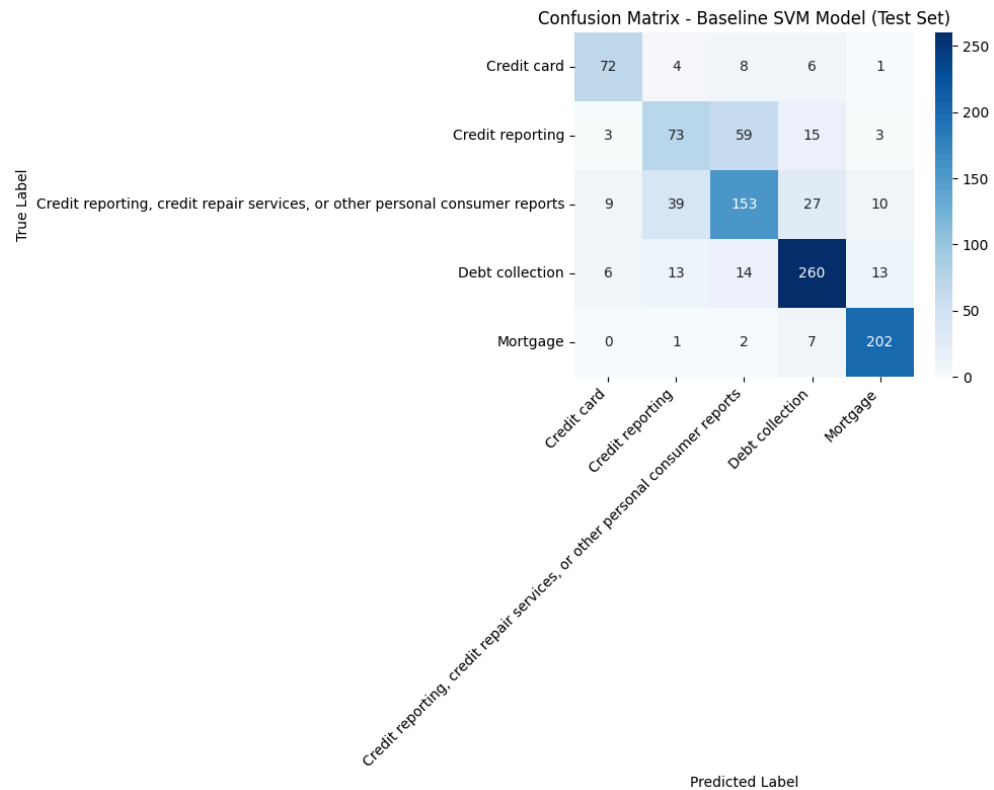
Baseline Winner: Linear SVM (F1: 0.7500)

Baseline Results

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



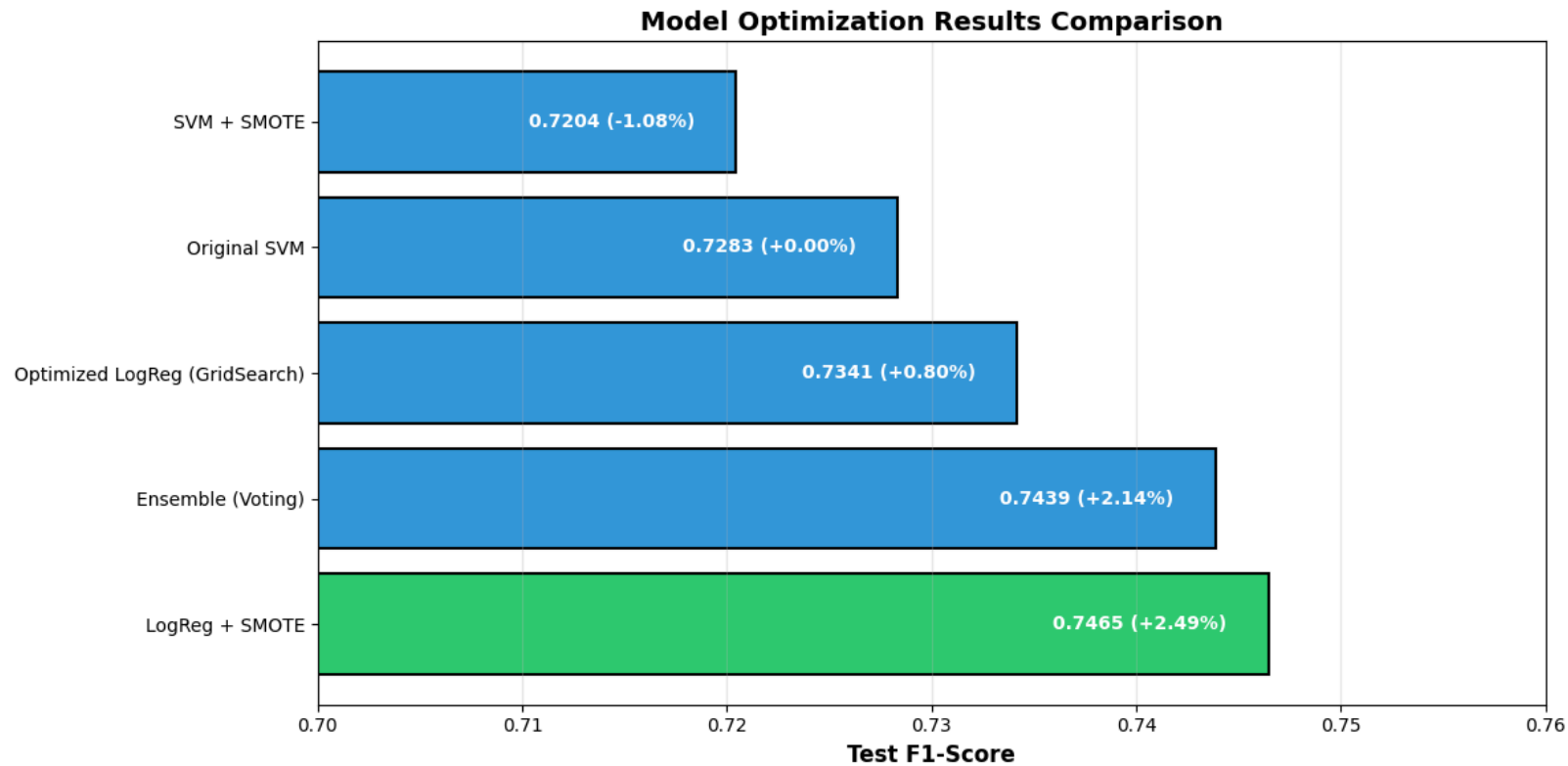
Confusion Matrix



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

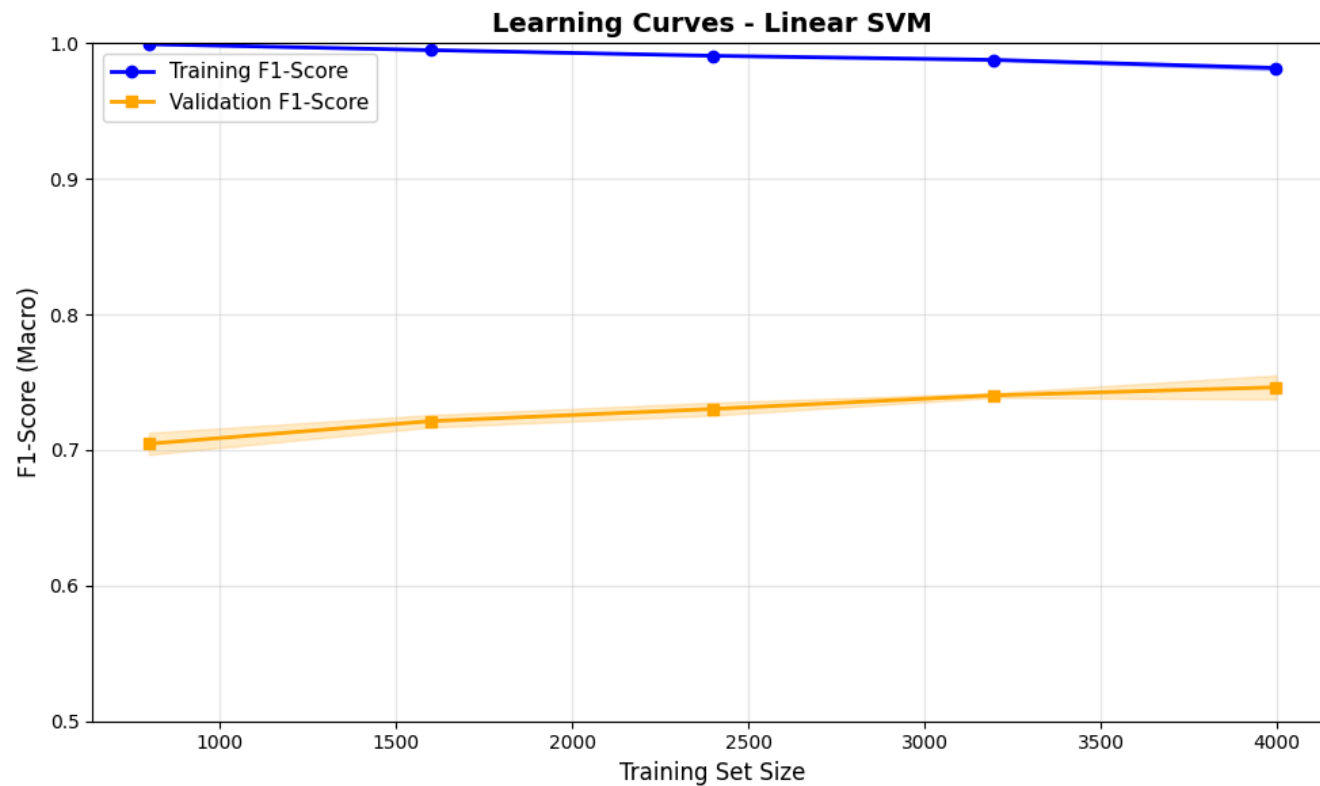
Final Metrics:

- 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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