Zipf's Law Meets Pop: Exploring Word Frequencies in Justin Bieber's Lyrics

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Zipf's Law:-

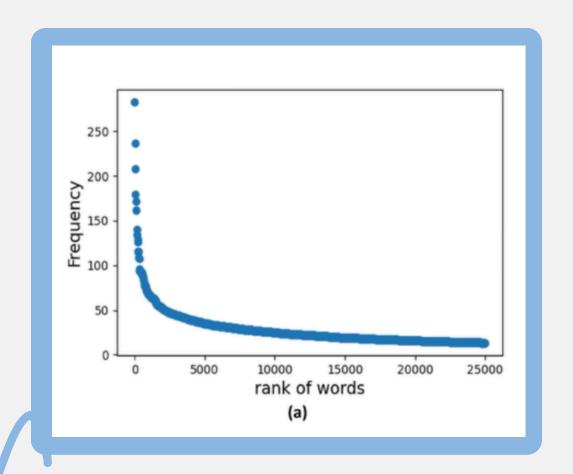
- States that in any large sample of natural language, the frequency of any word inversely proportional to its rank.
- The 2nd most frequent word occurs \~half as often as the most frequent, and so on.
- Can this mathematical law apply to something as artistic as pop lyrics ???

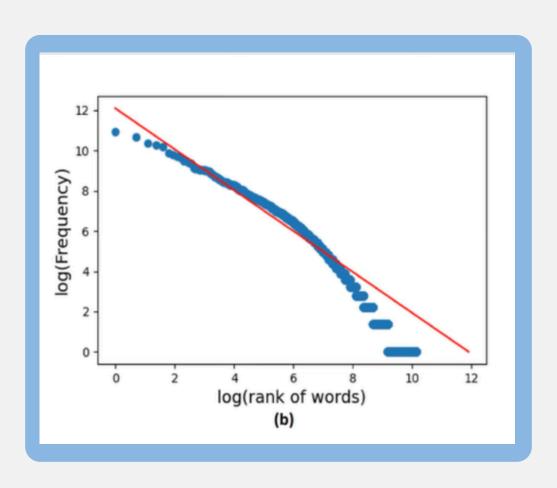


Objective

To examine if Justin Bieber's lyrics follow Zipf's Law, analyze whether word frequency is inversely proportional to its rank in the frequency table.

- If we plot word frequency versus rank, we should observe a rapidly declining curve.
- If we plot the same data on a log-log scale, the points should form a roughly straight line indicating a power-law distribution.





BASIC EDA OF OUR DATASET

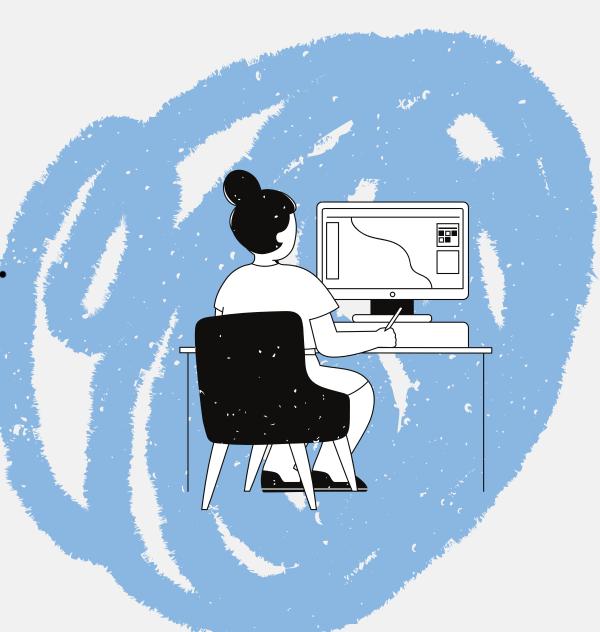
• Top 10 frequent words:

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[('love', 1099),
('girl', 977),
('know', 893),
('like', 842),
('baby', 794),
('bieber', 641),
('go', 627),
('youre', 615),
('one', 608),
('never', 578)]
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• 347 songs analyzed.

Over 57,235 total words.

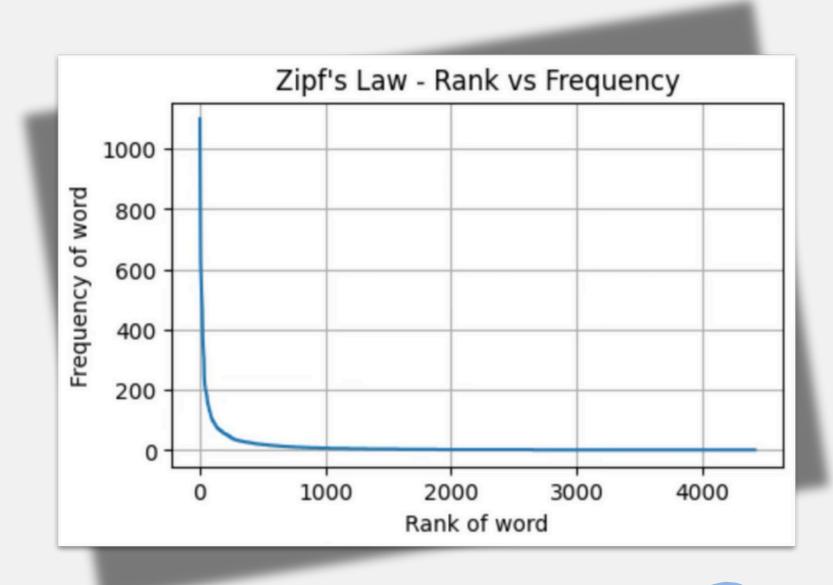
• 4420+ unique words.



Zipf's Law Visualization

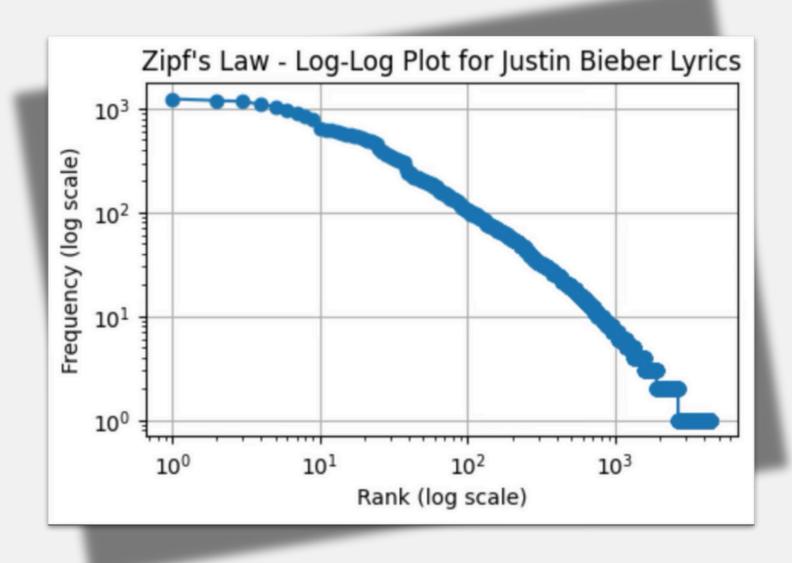
• Graph of actual word frequency vs rank:

- Curve demonstrates steep drop initially, then gradual tail.
- "The data exhibits a near-Zipfian distribution, typical of natural language."





<u>INSIGHTS</u>



• Common emotional themes: love, loss, self-worth.

- High rank words dominated by stopwords.
- Lyrics reflect human language patterns, even in music.

Challenges

Cleaning lyrical text and removing noise

Handling stopwords and contractions (e.g., I'm, don't)

Learnings

Natural language follows beautiful mathematical patterns

Hands-on Zipf's Law implementation & EDA







Roles and Responsibilities

- Data Exploration and Visualization Lead
- Implementation and Coding Expert
- Content and Research Coordinator
- Presentation and Documentation Designer



Thank you very much!

We loved exploring Zipf's Law through pop music

We would love to have your feedback.