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# *Financial Complaints*

## *Text-Mining Analysis*

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### Problem Definition



**Banks record 117% increase in customers' complaints**

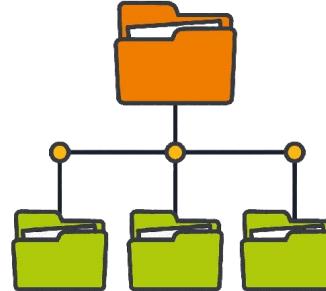
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- Financial companies face a growing volume of customer complaints.
- Prompt and accurate resolution of these complaints is essential.
- However, the increasing number of complaints poses a challenge due to limited company resources.

### Project Goal

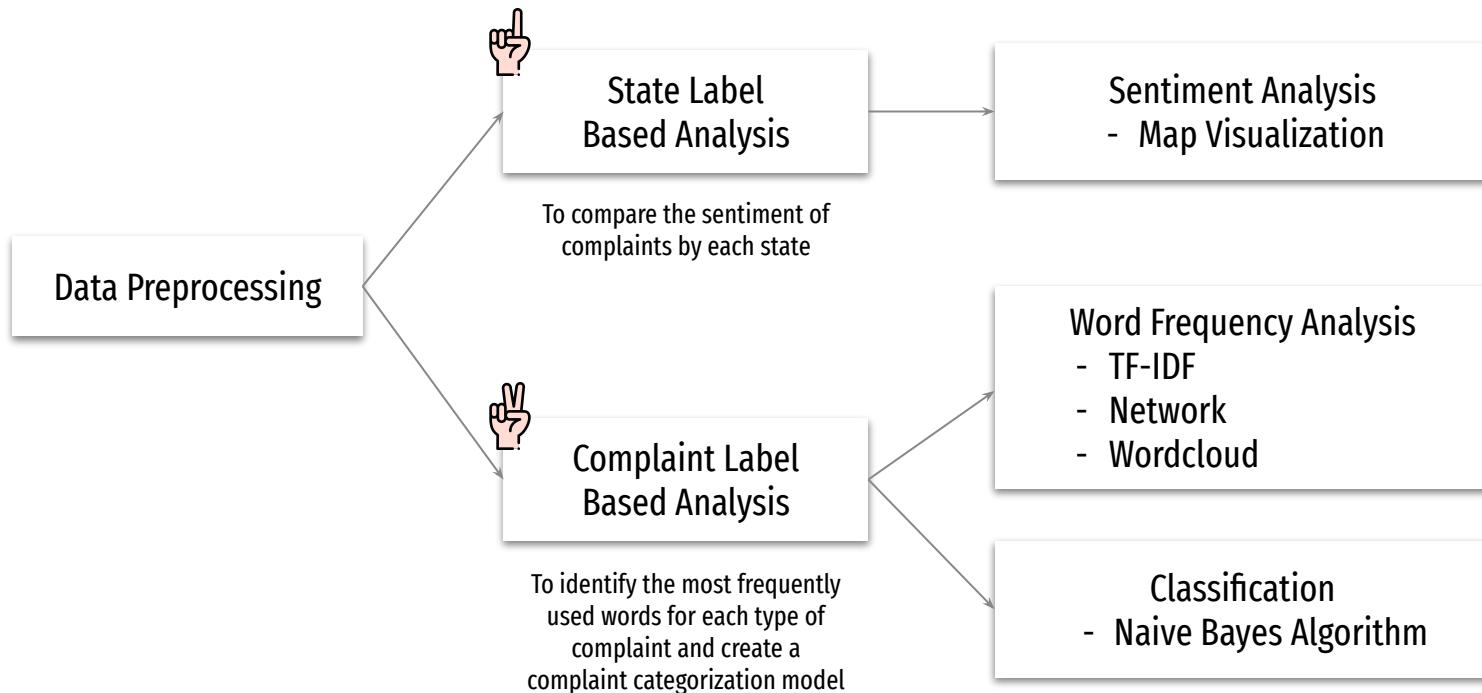


Identify states with the highest complaints and negative sentiments.  
Understand specific consumer complaints in those states and focus on them for more efficient resolution.



Analyze word frequency by complaint label, create a machine learning model for efficient classification, enabling effective and fast resolution of increasing complaints.

## Analysis Overview



## Data Source



Consumer Financial  
Protection Bureau

Filter results by...

Date CFPB received the complaint [Show +](#)

Product / sub-product [Show +](#)

Issue / sub-issue [Show +](#)

State [Show +](#)

ZIP code [Show +](#)

Company name [Show +](#)

Did company provide a timely  
response? [Show +](#)

Filter



Most popular Bank

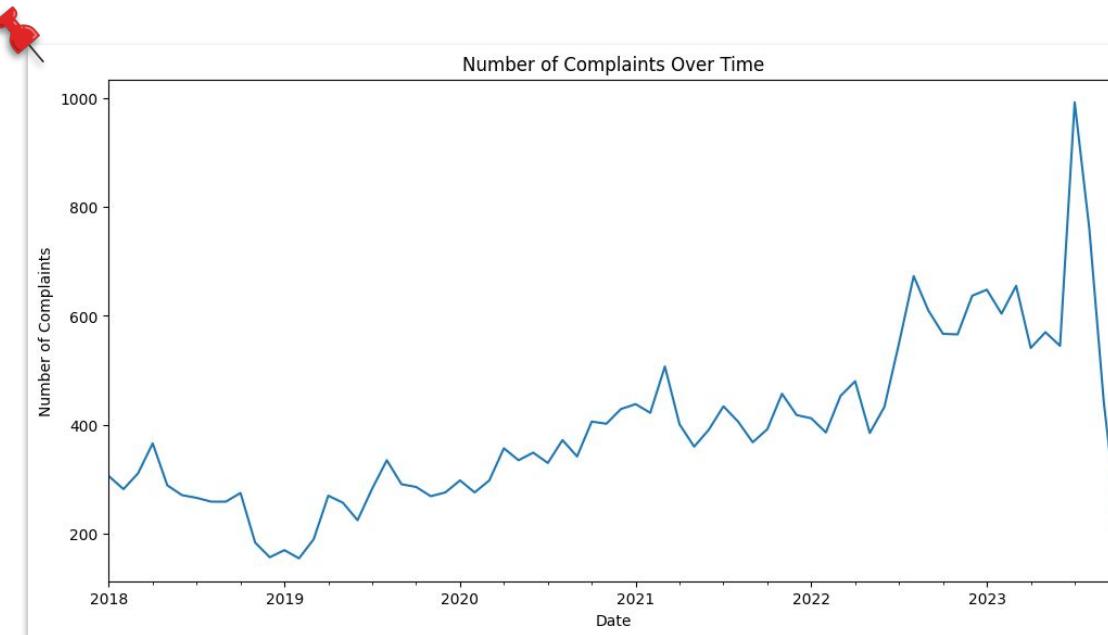


2018~2023

Extracted DataFrame

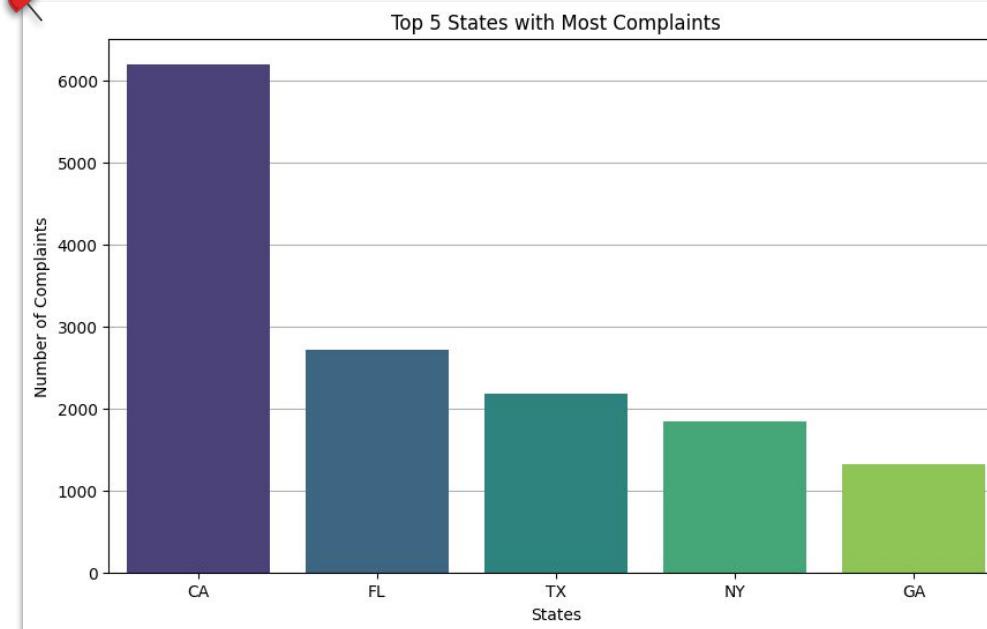
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## Complaints Over Years



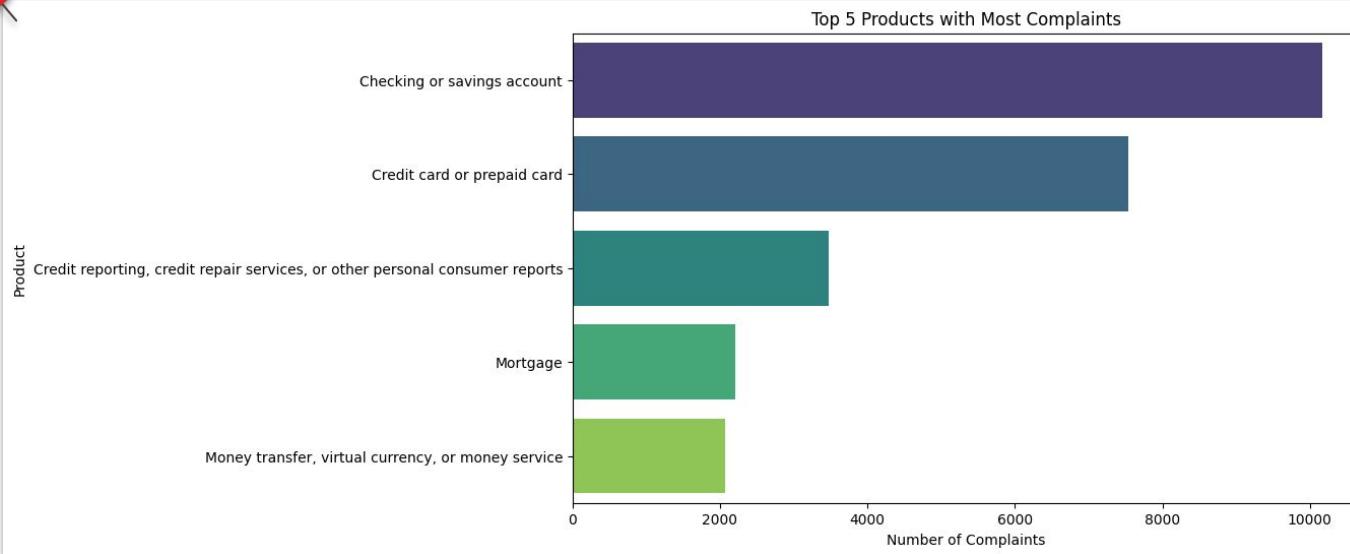
Increase in the number of complaints by year

## Top States with Most Complaints



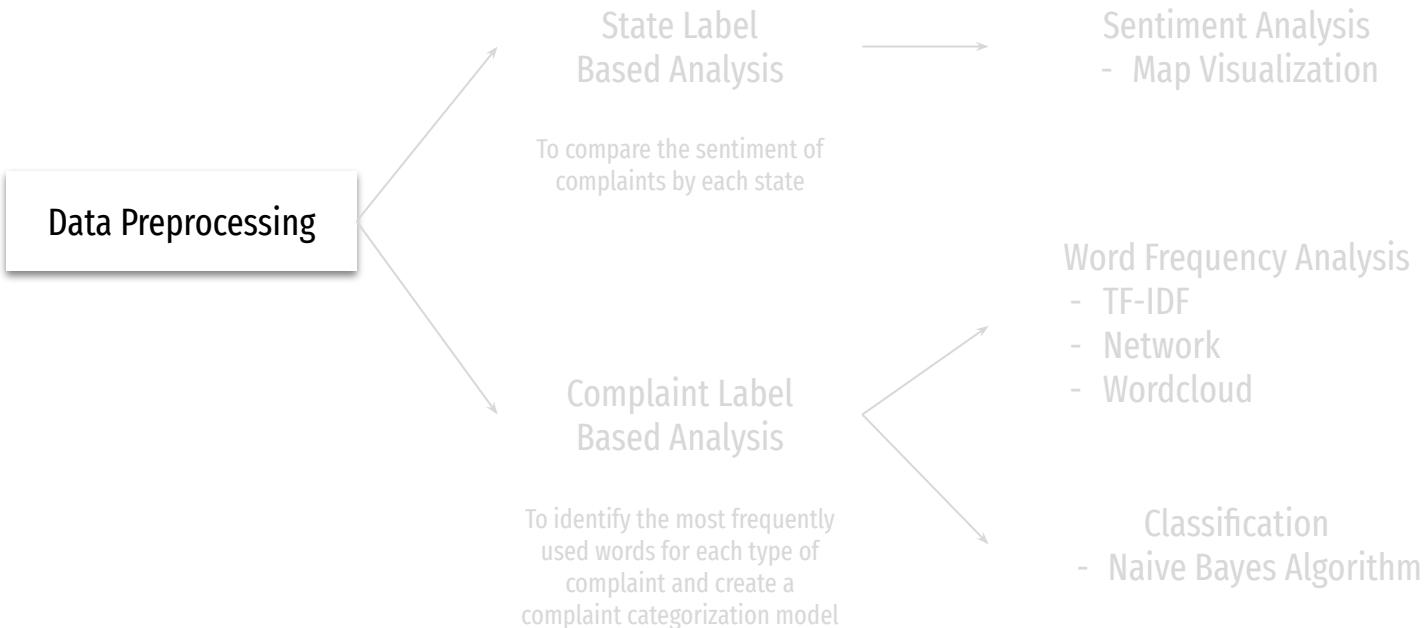
The number of complaints is highest in California, followed by Florida, and Texas.

## Top Products with Most Complaints



Checking or savings account is the “Product” with the most complaints

## Analysis Overview

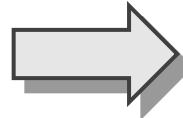


## Column Selection

<Original Data>

Date.received  
**Product**  
Sub.product  
Issue  
Sub.issue  
**Consumer.complaint.narrative**  
Company.public.response  
Company  
**State**  
ZIP.code  
Tags  
Consumer.consent.provided.  
Submitted.via  
Date.sent.to.company  
Company.response.to.consumer  
Timely.response.  
Consumer.disputed.  
Complaint.ID

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<Selected Columns>

**Date**  
**Label**

- Card&Account
- Credit\_Managaement
- Loan

**Complaint**  
**State**

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## Column Selection

- Credit card or prepaid card
- Credit card
- Prepaid card
- Checking or savings account
- Money transfer, virtual currency, or money service

Card&Account

- Credit reporting, credit repair services, or other personal consumer reports
- Credit reporting or other personal consumer reports
- Debt or credit management
- Debt collection

Credit Management

- Mortgage
- Vehicle loan or lease
- Payday loan, title loan, or personal loan
- Student loan
- Payday loan, title loan, personal loan, or advance loan

Loan

## Preprocessing Steps



Corpus

Text Pre-processing

DTM

text

1 Dear Agent of the CFPB, or to whom it may concern, This message regards obstruction by Bank of America, which is attempting to account that I am under no obligation to maintain. \n\nIn XXXX, I contacted my mortgage company, Bank of America, to request that the mortgage be cancelled. They refused, because I had just switched home-owner's insurance and they needed proof of insurance, which was placed policy. At that time, which was Monday, XXXX XXXX, I was in contact with XXXX XXXX ( XXXX ), and she told me that I would need to provide proof of payment to prevent the lender-placed policy from being executed. Without a lender-placed policy, I would be free to agree to that Friday ( XXXX XXXX ) as a deadline, because that was the date they had scheduled to send the letter to give notice. I would provide the required documentation and she would see to it that the escrow account was closed. \n\nMeanwhile, directly, which was done by his employee XXXX XXXX ( XXXX ), who requested payment and provided payment instructions to me ( XXXX ). However, when Ms. XXXX contacted Bank of America, which was evidently just after the aforementioned email, she was told to close escrow. In her words, quoted from an email to me sent one hour after the previous one ( XXXX XXXX, XXXX XXXX ) : " I will contact Bank of America, to verify some info and they informed me that they will be escrowing the insurance, so they asked me to forward the last email with the payment instructions. " Apparently, Ms. XXXX failed to properly inform her insurance department and they went ahead with the escrow payment, contrary to my request and in violation of my agreement with Ms. XXXX. \n\nAfter payment was cancelled, but Ms. XXXX obstructed my attempts to settle the matter, and rather than risk making a payment to my insurance agent, I sent an email ( dated Fri. XXXX XXXX ) to my insurance agent Ms. XXXX : [ beginning of quoted email ] XXXX recommendation, I am putting the three of us in conversation. \n\nAt this point, here is the resolution I would like to propose: BofA to XXXX/XXXX of XXXX should proceed for this year's insurance premium. ( XXXX, please do not proceed with the credit premium should not be made from escrow -- please bill me directly. \n\nMs. XXXX, please cancel the pending property tax payment noted on the escrow account ), and instruct the relevant departments not to make any future payments from that account. \n\nPlease note on the escrow account, please close it immediately. \n\nPlease let me know whether this solution is possible. \n\nThank you for receiving a reply to this email. My insurance agent did as requested, but Bank of America not only failed to remove the upcoming tax bill from item 2 and 3, but has increased my escrow payment, as of the mortgage bill due XXXX XXXX. \n\nRegarding the tax issue, his matter have been obstructed by Ms. XXXX and Bank of America. Previously, during the conversation between myself and Ms. XXXX, he stated that property tax should be removed from the escrow account. At that time, my request was refused -- Ms. XXXX cited the Bank of America that property tax should not be removed from the escrow account when they are due less than two months from the present date. However, as I explained on XXXX XXXX, Bank of America stated that property tax should be removed from the escrow account when they are due less than two months from the present date. \n\nDate for my city tax as XXXX XXXX, XXXX. In fact, property taxes are and have always been due in the City of XXXX XXXX on April 1st and sent out, not the due date. The website of the XXXX XXXX City Collector of Revenue leaves no doubt: " Each XXXX, the notice to all landowners. Taxes are due by XX/XX/XXXX of each year " ( XXXX XXXX XXXX ). \n\nIndeed, Bank of America is a fact that in past years tax payments made by Bank of America from escrow on my behalf were dated XXXX XXXX ( XXXX ) and XXXX. I informed this to Ms. XXXX on XXXX XXXX and she agreed that she would see to it that the tax payment was removed, but she would not do it until the next time she received a bill from the city. \n\nI have attached a copy of the email exchange between myself and Ms. XXXX, which shows the communication between us.

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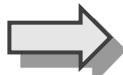


Corpus

Text Pre-processing

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> lapply(docs, content)[c(10, 100, 1000)] # Check the content
$ 10
[1] "I have been requesting Bank of America remove PMI from my account for over 5 years. \n\nI w
t the letter stated Bank of America needs a property valuation with a fee of {$100.00}. \n\nI pa
unt of {$100.00}. On XX/XX/2023 I called Bank of America about PMI removal and spoke to someone
To my surprise He advised that regardless of what the original letter stated it was no longer val
0 days. \n\nWhere in that original letter does it state This letter is valid for 30 days. Or
no later than 30 days. \n\nThis is unfair to consumers and should have been disclosed. It appear
once again. \n\nHow much money is Bank of America making by holding these PMI payments for years
nd delays to avoid deleting PMI."
$ 100
[1] "We are in a Hurricane Irma FEMA designated area ( XXXX Florida- XXXX , FL vicinity ). \n\nW
eferred minimum payment grace period on our Bank of America credit card ending in -XXXX. \n\nWe
ent as promised in XX/XX/XXXX until we filed a CFPB complaint in XX/XX/XXXX. Bank of America I
elp us resolve the issue for deferred minimum payment. \n\nWhen the deferred minimum payment iss
a, it was done very poorly. \n\nBank of America has been the LEAST helpful to Hurricane Irma vic
e can name a dozen other banks who have been so much more understanding and helpful. Bank of Ame
account hurricane fees of {$27.00} on XX/XX/XXXX ; {$38.00} on XX/XX/XXXX ; {$38.00} on XX/XX/XXXX
as caused us great emotional distress by reporting to the credit bureaus a late payment notificati
ment until Hurricane Irma. Our local TV station is requesting to do an in-depth expose on the tr
ed Hurricane Irma victims in our area, which has been horrible. \n\nWe should not be charged rid
on XX/XX/XXXX ; {$38.00} on XX/XX/XXXX ; {$38.00} on XX/XX/XXXX nor be subjected to a credit bur
to Hurricane Irma. We feel like Bank of America has no compassion for Hurricane Irma victims, es
category. \n\nXXXX XXXX"
$ 1000
[1] "XXXX % XXXX check could not be processed by a XXXX insurance carrier. The Check has the c
ansit & Account number along with Item number encoded. \nOn the first failed attempt BofA validat
ut could not locate an attempt for the item to clear the bank. \n\nAfter XXXX attempts to process
of America, I authorized the transaction using the card as the medium. \n\nIn a followup call, B
by transferring the card based transaction into the promotion. \n\nIn short, this scheme of prov
itutes a bait & switch in an attempt to defraud the customer. \n\nI requested he log a customer
ich he committed to do, but could not ( or would not ) tell me if I would be contracted in resp
ed him that I would make this regulator complaint to be sure the complaint was heard an acted on
```



```
> lapply(docs, content)[c(10, 100, 1000)] # Check the content
$ 10
[1] "request bank america remove pmi account account eligible letter bank america property va
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mer send payment late day unfair consumer disclose process delay money bank america hold pmi p
lete pmi"
$ 100
[1] "hurricane irma designate florida fl vicinity apply grant defer minimum payment grace
ive payment deferment promise file cfpb complaint bank america irma relief resolve issue defe
nt issue correct bank america bank america helpful hurricane irma victim bank institution do
ica charge credit card account hurricane fee additionally bank america emotional distress repe
cation late payment hurricane irma local station request indepth expose treatment bank americ
ble charge ridiculous hurricane fee subject credit bureau late payment notification hurricane
rricane irma victim minority category"
$ 1000
[1] "check process insurance carrier check customary route transit account numb numb encode fo
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quest log customer complaint commit contract response complaint inform regulator complaint co
```

Corpus



Text Pre-processing



DTM

```
> lapply(docs, content)[c(10, 100, 1000)] # Check the content
$`10`
[1] "request bank america remove pmi account account eligible letter bank america property va
america pmi removal speak pmi department surprise advise original letter statedit valid day of
mer send payment late day unfair consumer disclose process delay money bank america hold pmi p
lete pmi"

$`100`
[1] "hurricane irma fema designate florida fl vicinity apply grant defer minimum payment grace
eive payment deferment promise file cfpb complaint bank america irma relief resolve issue def
ent issue correct bank america bank america helpful hurricane irma victim bank institution doz
ica charge credit card account hurricane fee additionally bank america emotional distress rep
cation late payment hurricane irma local station request indepth expose treatment bank americ
ble charge ridiculous hurricane fee subject credit bureau late payment notification hurricane
ricane irma victim minority category"

$`1000`
[1] "check process insurance carrier check customary route transit account numb numb encode fo
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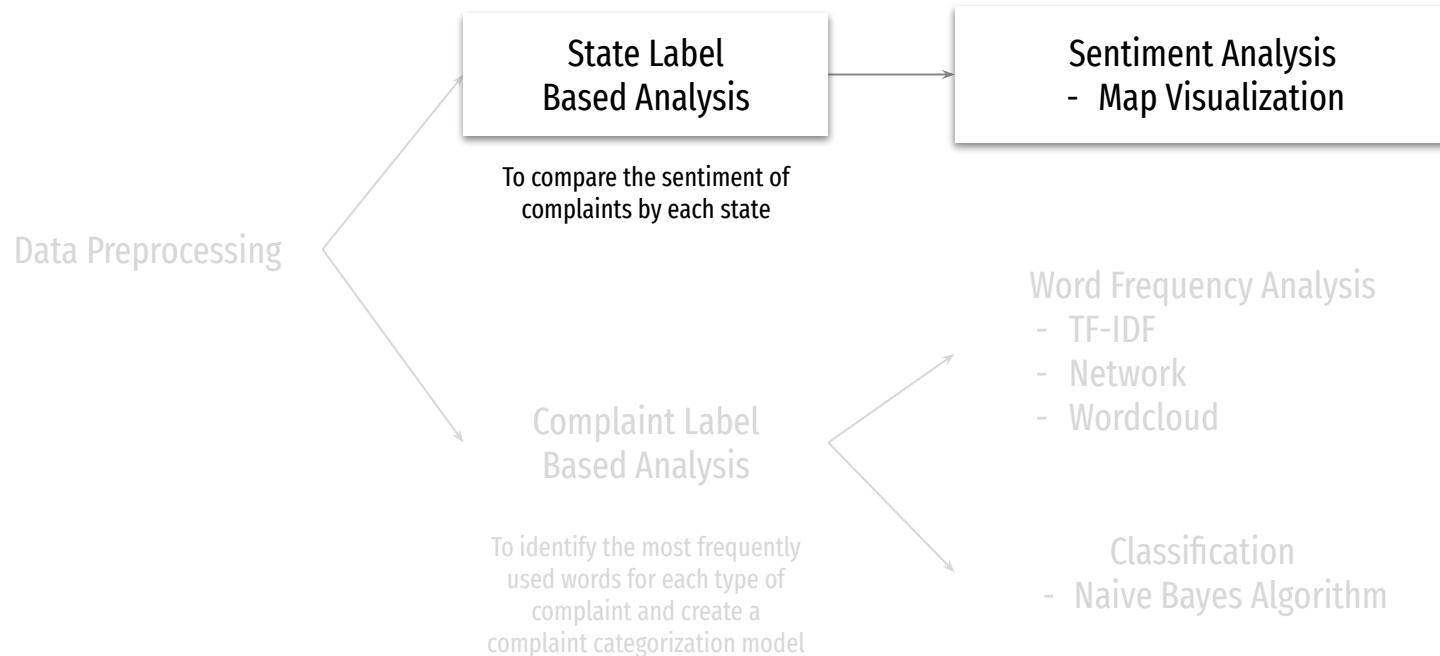


```
> inspect(dtm) # Check the DTM
<<DocumentTermMatrix (documents: 27536, terms: 703)>>
Non-/sparse entries: 912738/18445070
Sparsity : 95%
Maximal term length: 14
Weighting : term frequency (tf)
Sample : 

Terms
Docs account america bank card check credit money payment receive report
10068 35 1 1 0 1 98 0 28 0 116
10807 8 5 10 0 1 2 4 1 1 1
13893 30 15 38 0 57 0 1 4 18 5
15010 35 1 1 0 1 98 0 28 0 116
20395 19 0 7 0 0 19 1 7 6 75
21676 11 1 1 1 1 68 0 16 0 102
24375 14 20 36 1 1 2 4 13 1 4
26884 23 0 1 0 3 29 1 3 3 73
5283 6 1 1 0 1 53 0 11 0 82
5513 15 1 1 0 1 74 0 18 0 109
```

- Limit the word length (3, Inf)
- Lower (0.05%) and upper limits (95%) for the number of documents that appear
- Remove rows with sparsity over 0.99

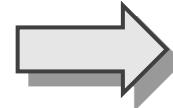
## Analysis Overview



## Preprocessing Steps

Use sentiment method 'afinn'

```
> State.affin %>% head()  
# A tibble: 6 × 3  
  State word      value  
  <chr> <chr>    <dbl>  
1 AE    fraudulent -4  
2 AE    charges    -2  
3 AE    no         -1  
4 AE    no         -1  
5 AE    restricted -2  
6 AE    dire       -3
```



Sum of each group value

```
> total_State_sum %>% head()  
# A tibble: 6 × 2  
  State value  
  <chr> <dbl>  
1 AE    -43  
2 AK    -157  
3 AL    -190  
4 AP    -2  
5 AR    -56  
6 AZ    -954
```

## Standardization

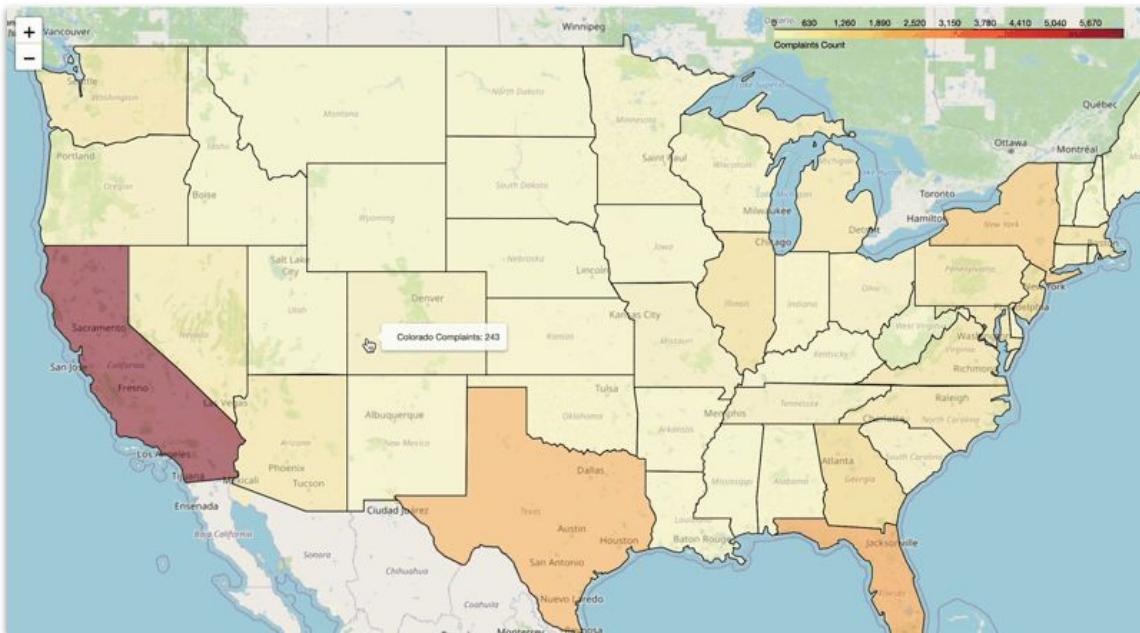
```
> total_State_sum %>% head()  
# A tibble: 6 × 4  
  State value count    pro  
  <chr> <dbl> <int> <dbl>  
1 AE     -43      6  -7.17  
2 AK     -157     14 -11.2  
3 AL     -190     34 -5.59  
4 AP      -2      2   -1  
5 AR     -56      31 -1.81  
6 AZ     -954    174 -5.48
```

**Sentiment Score of a State**

**Complaint Count of a State**

To standardize the varying counts across states,  
we create a column named 'pro' by dividing the value by the count.

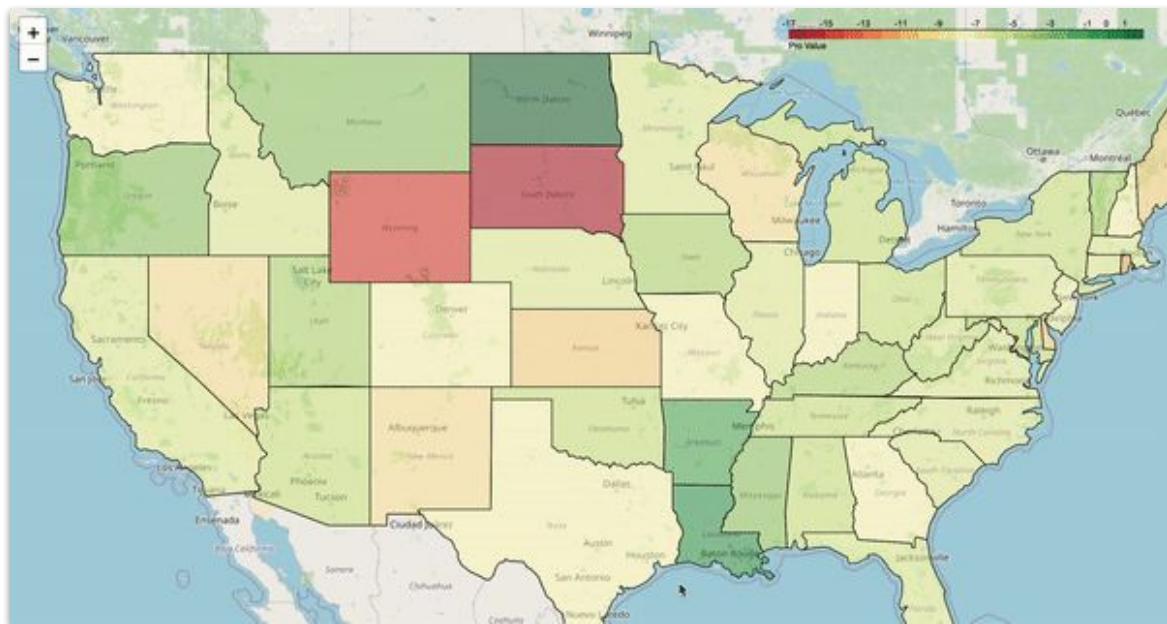
## Complaint Visualization



Top 5 States by  
Number of Complaints

1. California
2. Florida
3. Texas
4. New York
5. Georgia

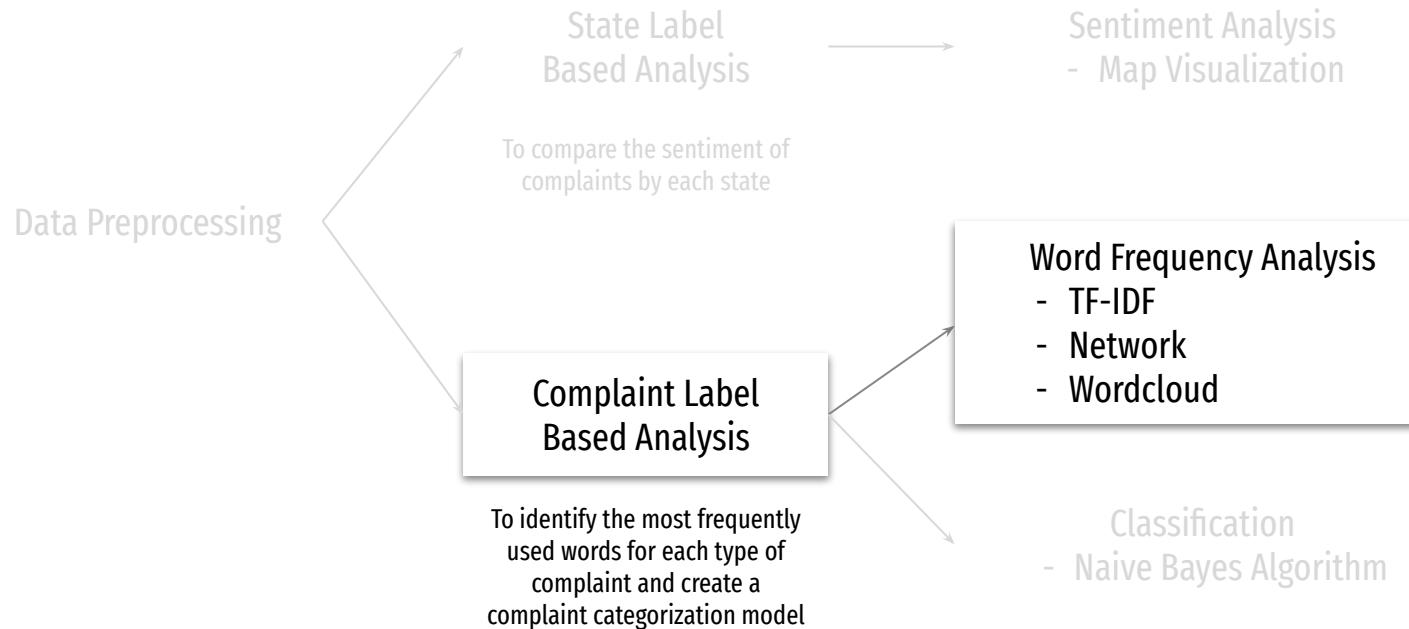
## Sentiment Visualization



Top 5 States by  
Negative Sentiments

1. South Dakota
2. Hawaii
3. Wyoming
4. Alaska
5. Rhode Island

## Analysis Overview



## Top 5 TF-IDF words

```
> comp.table %>% arrange(desc(TF)) %>% head(10)
  doc      term    TF  TF_IDF W_TF_IDF
1   1     bank 72151      0      0
2   1  account 59281      0      0
3   1  america 44265      0      0
4   1     card 28405      0      0
5   1    check 23326      0      0
6   1   credit 23046      0      0
7   1    money 18978      0      0
8   1    claim 17623      0      0
9   1  receive 17414      0      0
10  1   charge 17022      0      0
```

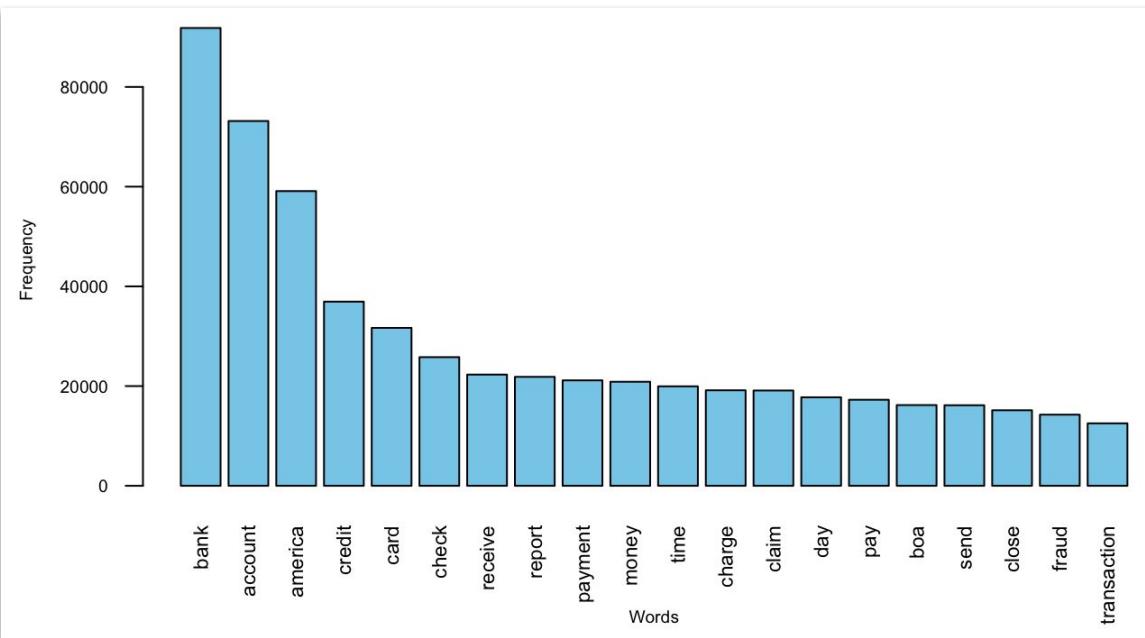
```
> comp.table %>% arrange(desc(TF_IDF)) %>% head(10)
  doc      term    TF  TF_IDF W_TF_IDF
1   3       pmi 218 345.5218  0.001
2   1 merchandise 371 217.0211  0.000
3   1      flight 349 204.1519  0.000
4   1 fraudster 306 178.9985  0.000
5   1       chip 276 161.4497  0.000
6   1      puppy  94 148.9865  0.000
7   1 cellphone 81 128.3820  0.000
8   1   harmless 81 128.3820  0.000
9   1 mastercard 198 115.8226  0.000
10  1 redeposit 64 101.4376  0.000
```

↑   ↑  
 High TF does not guarantee high TF-IDF

```
> top_terms_df # Print the result (Top 5 TF-IDF words in each document)
```

	Doc_id	Term1	Term2	Term3	Term4	Term5
Card&Account	1	merchandise	flight	fraudster	chip	puppy
Credit_management	2	subscriber	antedate	creditreporting	permissible	furnishers
Loan	3	pmi	ltv	haf	recontrust	recast

## Top 20 Words



Top 5 Words by Word Frequency

1. bank
2. account
3. america
4. credit
5. card

## Correlation of High Frequency Words with Other Words

```
> findAssocs(dt, c("bank", "account", "america", "credit", "card"), 0.25) # Check the high frequency words with correlation
```

**\$bank**

	fraud	receive	money	time	check	customer	day	department	send	claim
	0.35	0.34	0.33	0.33	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.28
	fund	issue	phone	transfer	contact	numb	letter	provide	transaction	
	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.26	0.26	0.25	0.25	0.25	

**\$account**

	close	check	fraud	numb	transfer	money	access	day	fund	time department
	0.38	0.32	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.29	0.28	0.27	0.27	0.27 0.26

**\$america**

	receive	fraud	letter	send	time	claim				
	0.32	0.28	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.25				

**\$credit**

	report	fair	collection	andor	agency	history	requirement	procedure	public
	0.56	0.49	0.44	0.42	0.41	0.41	0.39	0.38	0.38
	practice	proper	score	legal	request	federal	collect	consumer	bureau
	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.35	0.34	0.33	0.32	0.32	0.31
	debt	maintain	original	dispute	law	license	confirmation	purpose	commission
	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.27	0.27	0.26
	creditor								
	0.26								

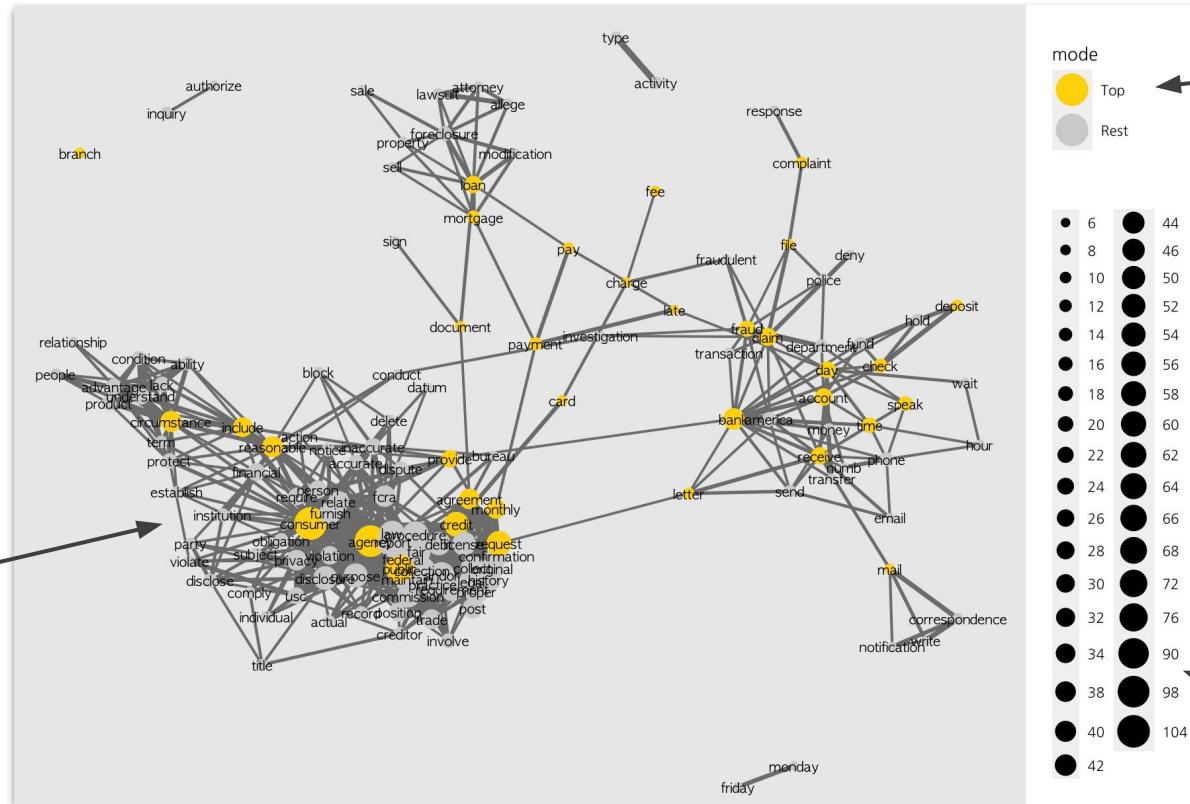
**\$card**

	debit	charge	activate						
	0.34	0.30	0.28						

Correlation ≥ 0.25

## Network Analysis

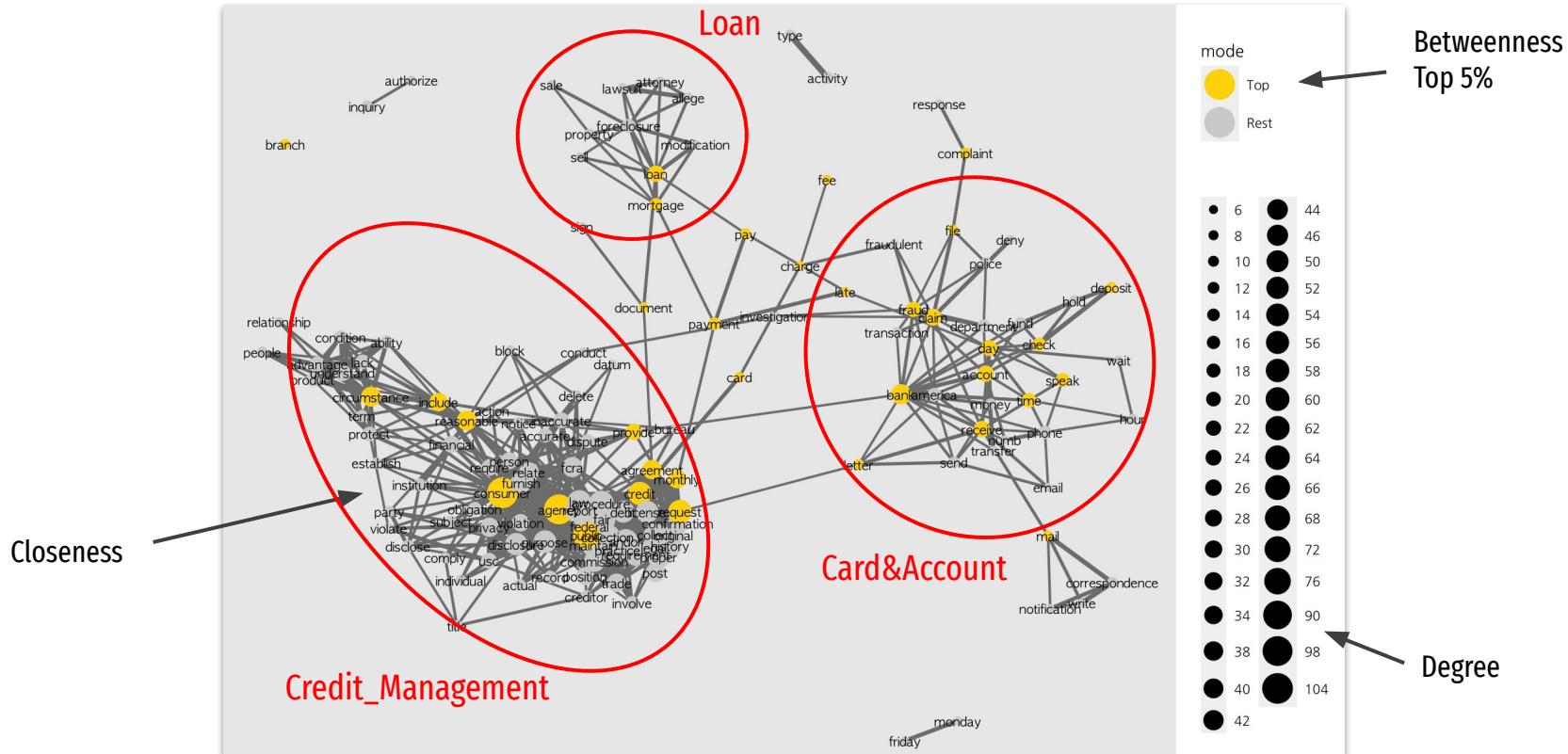
Closeness



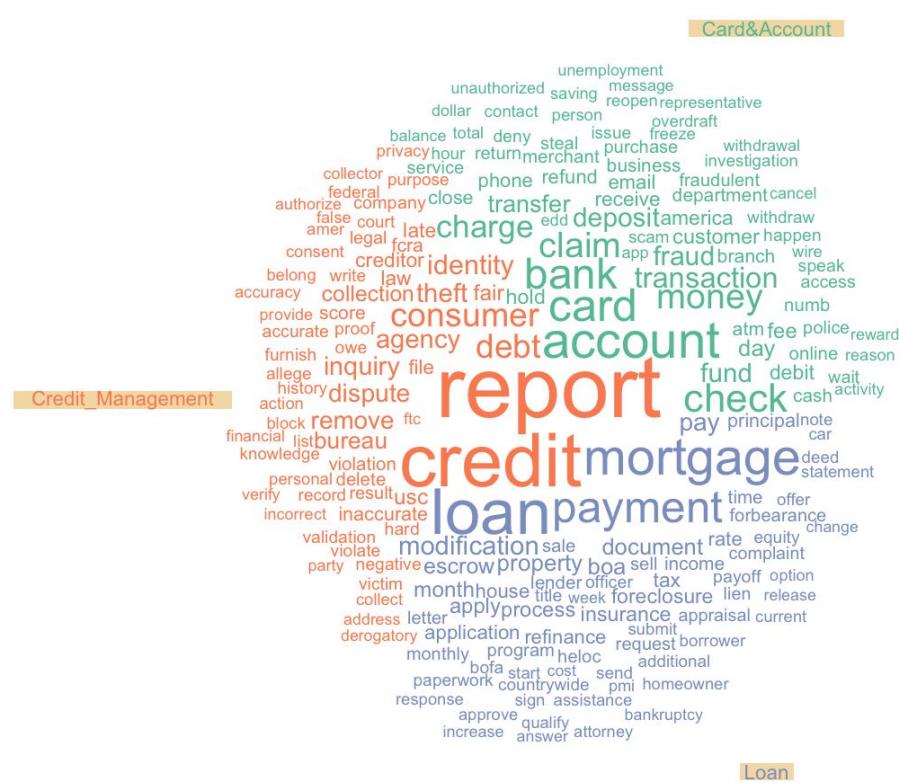
Betweenness  
Top 5%

Degree

## Network Analysis



## Comparison Wordcloud

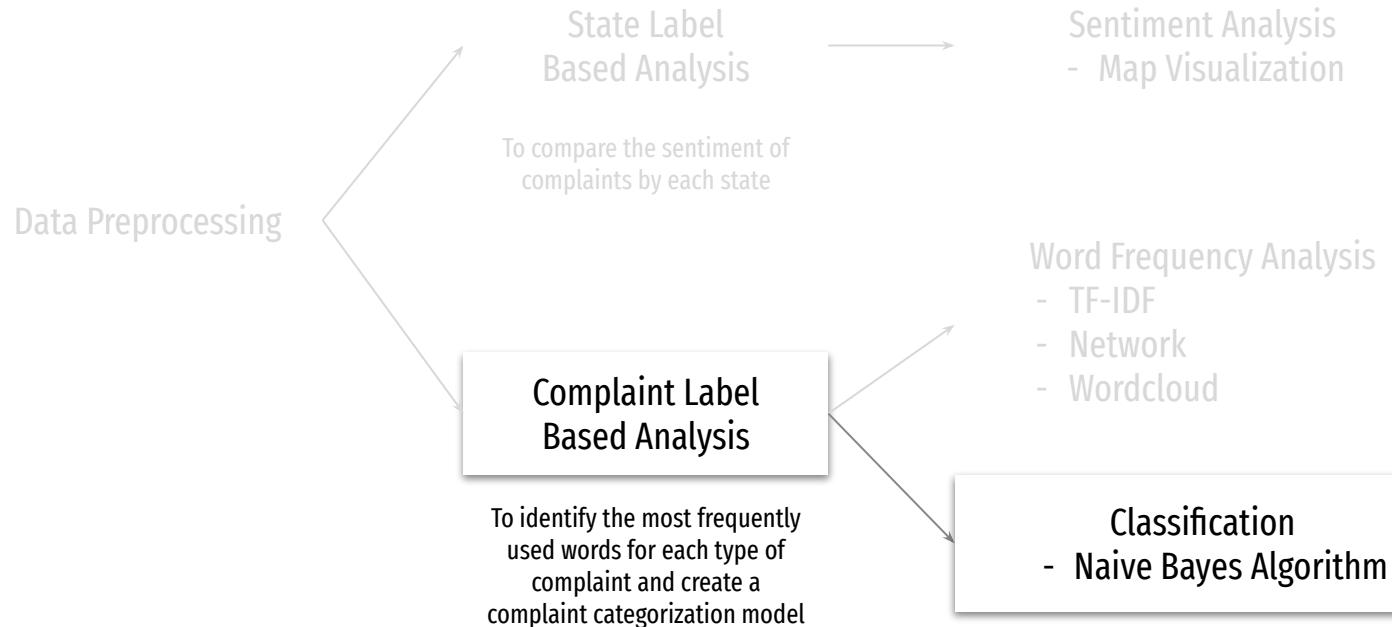


	aaa	abandon	abide	ability	abnormal	abovementioned
Card&Account	56	37	60	387	20	12
Credit_Management	23	8	31	139	1	5
Loan	0	15	12	70	0	0

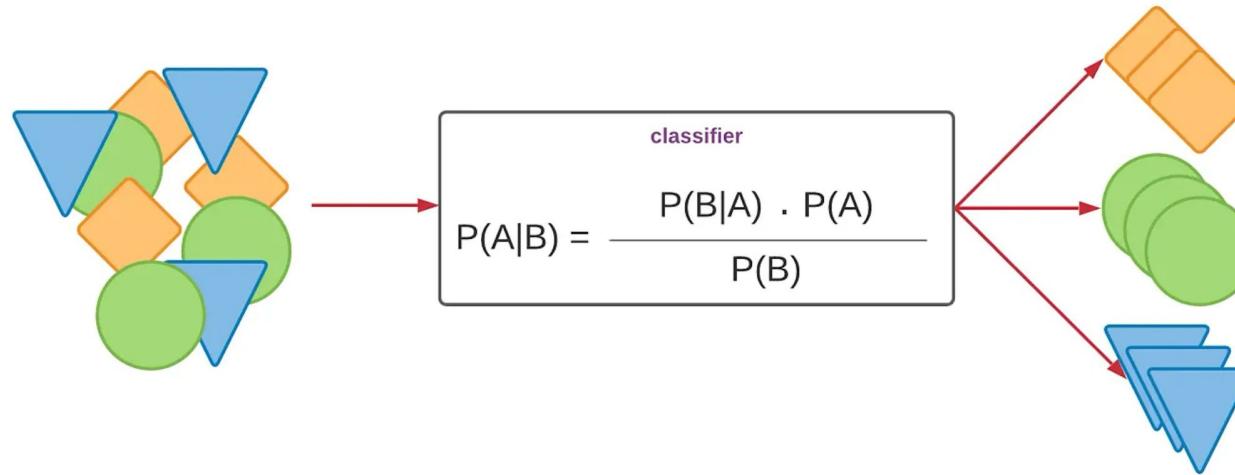
```
set.seed(123)
```

```
# Create a comparison cloud by transposing the matrix
# Rows become words, columns become categories
comparison.cloud(t(comparison.label),
  # Title size
  title.size = 0.7,
  # Color palette from Set2 with 3 colors
  colors = brewer.pal(3, "Set2"),
  # Title color palette
  title.colors = brewer.pal(3, "Set2"),
  # Random order False
  random.order=FALSE,
  # Title background color
  title.bg.colors = "wheat",
  # Rotation percentage (0 for horizontal)
  rot.per = 0,
  # Scale for word sizes
  scale = c(3, 0.5),
  # Maximum number of words
  max.words = 200)
```

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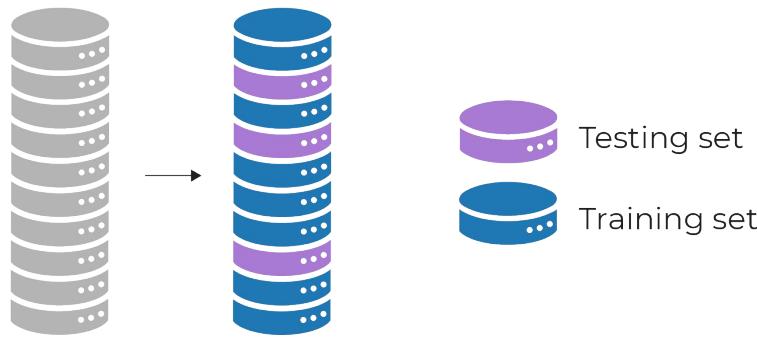


## Naive Bayes Classification



Naive Bayes classification algorithm is a probabilistic machine learning method based on Bayes' theorem, assuming independence between features, and is particularly effective for text classification tasks.

## Train & Test Set Split

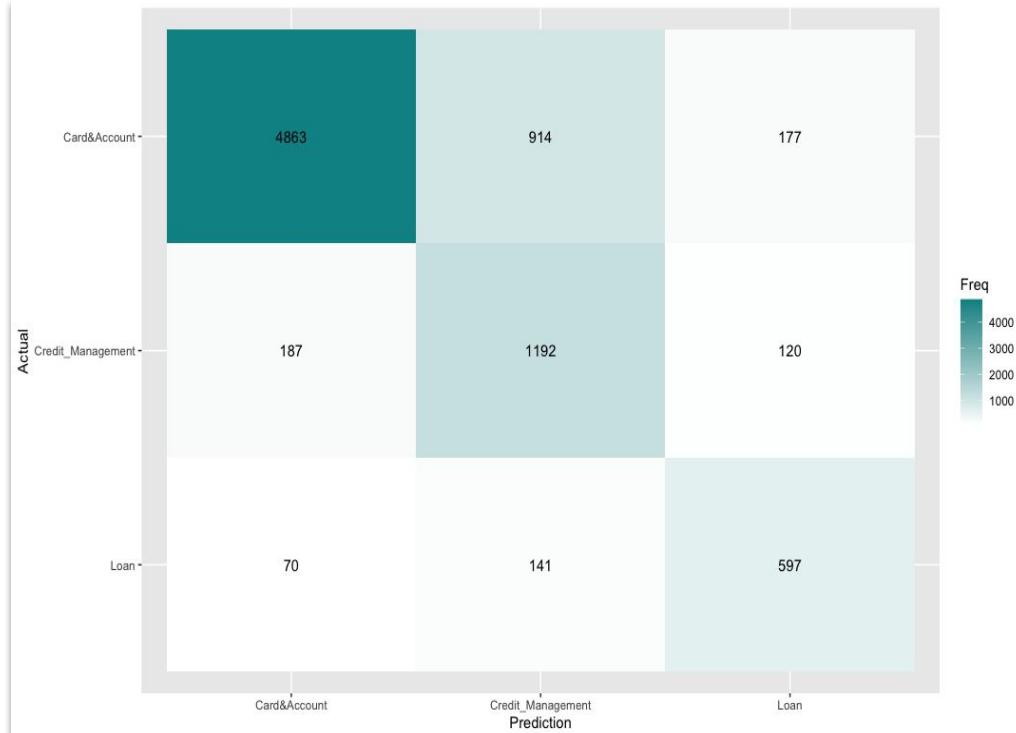


```
> table(y.train) # Number of labels in train data  
y.train  
Card&Account Credit_Management      Loan  
    14002            3455        1818  
> table(y.test) # Number of labels in test data  
y.test  
Card&Account Credit_Management      Loan  
    5995            1451        815
```

Train and test set well reflect the proportions of the entire dataset.

```
> prop.table(table(complaint$type)) # Entire dataset  
  
Card&Account Credit_Management      Loan  
    0.72621296      0.17816676      0.09562028  
> prop.table(table(y.train)) # Train dataset  
y.train  
Card&Account Credit_Management      Loan  
    0.72643320      0.17924773      0.09431907  
> prop.table(table(y.test)) # Test dataset  
y.test  
Card&Account Credit_Management      Loan  
    0.72569907      0.17564460      0.09865634
```

## Accuracy of the Model



$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + FP + FN + TN}$$

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

$$\text{F1 Score} = 2 \times \frac{\text{Precision} \times \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$$

```
> evaluate_model(y.test, complaint.nb.pred)
Accuracy: 0.81
Precision: 0.53
Recall: 0.8
F1 Score: 0.64
```

# CONCLUSION



## State-Label Based Complaint Analysis

- California had the highest complaint volume.
- South Dakota exhibited the most severe dissatisfaction based on sentiment analysis.
- Identifying high-complaint states helps allocate resources strategically.

## Complaint-Label Based Analysis & Classification

- Word frequency analysis unveiled prevalent complaint-related words and correlations between other words.
- The classification model streamlines complaint categorization for swift issue resolution.
- Efficiently managing consumer complaints is anticipated through these insights.

## *REFERENCES*

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