Maximum Daily Cash Transaction Limit Enforcement in Nigeria Cash-Lite Economy

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ABSTRACT

A cash-lite economy is an economy whereby there is reduction in the high usage/volume of cash in circulation. It encourages the use of electronic payment channels and reduces the cost of cash production and transportation. This paper focuses on preventing daily over limit cash transaction as a security measure, to enforce the Nigeria Apex Bank cash-lite policy, on daily raw cash transaction limits and the associated penalties. The paper presents a remedy to stabilize and achieve the purpose of the new cash-lite policy in Nigeria economy.

At the point of every transaction it checks for the existence of any previous transaction on that particular day, especially transaction(s) of the same type (namely withdrawals or deposits) and the similarity between the account owner’s particulars using Bayes’ theorem, to calculate the P(X). If the P(X) ≥ 0.5 that is calculated result (that is transaction calculated result greater than maximum daily stipulated transaction), it will conclude that those earlier transactions having the same particulars have been carried out by the same person who is about to transact at the transaction point. Having done this, it then calculates the total amount of transact(s) for that day (including the earlier transactions). If the calculated total transaction is beyond the set daily limit, it will subtract the daily limit from the total transaction and calculates the excess charges on individual account using 2% for cash deposits, 3% for cash withdrawal and on corporate account using 3% for cash deposits and 5% for cash withdrawal, on the added excess transactions.

(Keywords: multiple financial transaction, Bayes’ Theorem, Central Bank of Nigeria, CBN, electronic payment)

INTRODUCTION

There is reduction in the usage/volume of cash in circulation in a cash-lite economy; it encourages the use of electronic payment channels and reduces the cost of cash production and transportation. According to Preeti and Manvi (2017) a cashless economy is one in which all the transactions are done through electronic channels such as debit/credit cards, Immediate Payment Service (IMPS), National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT), and Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS). However, E-banking is a framework of electronic payment systems which is the backbone of an effective functioning cashless system (Aderiyike and Owoicho, 2015). It is not the complete absence of cash, it is an economy setting in which goods and services are bought and paid for through electronic media.

The introduction of cash-lite economy policy by Nigeria Apex Bank was aimed at reducing cost of cash management, increasing efficiency of the payments system, and driving financial inclusion according to (Musa, 2015). This policy was designed to provide mobile payment services, breakdown the traditional barriers hindering financial inclusion of millions of Nigerians, and bring in low-cost, secure and convenient financial services to urban, semi-urban, and rural areas across the country (Emengini and Alio, 2014). It aimed at reducing the dominance of cash in the system, by promoting the use of alternative payment channels. As a result of this, the regulator has limited daily cash withdrawals/lodgment by bank customers in the country (ThisDay, 2013).

The pilot phase commenced in Lagos in January 2012. According to the CBN, the policy was later extended to some other states by the year 2013. The new policy on cash-based transactions (withdrawals and deposits) in banks, aim at
Reducing *not eliminating* the amount of physical cash (coins and notes) circulating in the economy and encouraging more electronic-based transactions for payment of goods, services, transfers, and so on. (Central Bank of Nigeria, 2011).

Table 1 and 2 present the total daily cumulative cash and ATM deposits/withdrawals, across all accounts owned by an individual or a corporate entity in Nigeria (Okunade, 2013). Through the system, users can pay utility bills, school fees, hotel and airline bookings, and house rents, among other transactions or using a mobile phone device(s). One important thing about mobile money is the fact that it thrives on agency network, thereby taking traditional banking and its cumbersome processes in the cities to the streets in sub-urban areas where accredited mobile money agents also operate (ThisDay, 2012).

A cash-lite economy enforces law, prevents corruption, promotes literacy, reduces crime committed with cash, promotes e-business, creates jobs, enhances banking ethics and so on. A cashless or mixed economy reduces risk level in lending transactions. This allows the lender to place more priority on the viability of the transaction; furthermore, the domiciliation clause in lending transactions will have better security value. This is because it will be easier for the lender to know when the business proceeds are not being routed through the transaction account. It is an obvious improvement on the status quo, as at today a significant percentage of the bad loans in our banks are fallouts of borrowers default on domiciliation clauses in contracts, the policy will enhance the efficacy of monetary policy operations and economic stabilization measures and balance genuine currency transaction demands and speculative market behaviors, as at March 2011, currencies in circulation stood at N1.42 trillion, while those outside banks’ vaults, stood at N1.025 trillion as at February, 2011. Cashless banking is the route to financial inclusiveness and inclusive development (BusinessDay, 2012).

The policy is commendable given the fact that transactions in goods and services in the Nigerian economy are heavily cash-based. This imposes enormous costs on the banking system and customers in form of high rates and other charges. According to the CBN, the direct cost of cash management to the banking industry in 2009 was N114.5 billion, with an estimated cost of N192 billion by 2012. The spiraling cash management cost, most of which are passed to customers in the form of bank charges and lending rates, is as a result of the country’s cash dominant economy (Business Day, 2012).

In Nigeria, almost everything is paid for in cash. In super markets, cheques are hardly accepted, and when applied, delivery of goods and services is only completed when the beneficiary gets value from the bank. Therefore, Nigeria has remained a cash-based economy, despite the growth in the country’s banking sector, the billions of Naira invested in electronic banking over the years, and the cost of handling cash which is eating into banks’ profits and liquidity on which banks will be spending N192 billion on cash handling by this year, noting that this would be passed on to customers in terms of fees and interest charges.

Table 1: Individual Accounts (Source Okunade, 2013).

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Table 2: Corporate accounts, (Source Okunade, 2013).

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The Nigeria Apex Bank then adopted the measure of cash-lite economy to curb dominance of cash in the economy, with its attendant implication for cost, security and money laundering, among others. According to ThisDay (2012), “it is estimated that over 70 per cent of cash in circulation in the Nigerian economy exists outside the formal banking system”. This means government spends a lot of money replacing cash with new ones; this has cost implications for the economy. Moreover, physical cash has life span; it gets destroyed easily. If cash is not in the formal system it cannot be used for lending, but if you know an aggregate, that is, how much money is available to kick-start the economy, it makes lending and production easier (Business Day, 2012). The disadvantages of transacting businesses with cash, outweighs its advantages, noting that in 2009, the total cost spent on cash-in-transit was N27.3 billion, while cash processing stood at N69 billion. The high cost of processing cash, revenue leakages, and inefficient treasury management, among others, are some of the negative side of a cash-based economic system (Michael, 2011).

High usage of cash results in a number of challenges across the whole banking system. Some of them include robberies and cash-related crimes; high cost of processing borne by every entity across the value chain (that is, from Apex Bank, to banks, to the operating entities as well example, staff required to process cash transactions that manually operate the process); revenue leakage arising from significant handling of cash; inefficient treasury management due to nature of cash processing; limitations of monetary policy due to high volumes of cash outside the formal economy, and this encourages money-laundering, terrorist funding, among related acts.

To address these challenges, the cash policy was introduced to encourage cash-lite payments and to encourage electronics transaction. Okunade (2013) in his paper focus on how to prevent multiple opening of different types of bank accounts, that may be used as an avenue to abstain the charges attached to maximum daily limit exceeding. However, this paper considered individual and organizations that had already opened multiple bank account. Even before the advent of cash-lite economy and as such were able to abstain from the daily exceeded limit penalty.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Factors Militating Against the Development of Cashless Policy

There are factors militating against the development of the cashless policy, among the issues are instituted from infrastructural and technology instability according to (Guardian, 2012). Multiple opening of Bank account to boycott over limit daily cash transaction policy penalty and the security issue, specific needs of the consumers is that they want low-risk, maximum security payments services that preserve the confidentiality of any private information (Nick, 2008).

Cashless Policy

Over the course of history, there have been many different forms of payment systems. Originally, barter was quite common. Eventually, various forms of money were introduced. In the mid-twentieth century, charge cards debuted. Ever since then, pundits have been predicting the demise of paper instruments and the emergence of a “cashless society.” Today, we still pay with cash and cheques, but several other payment instruments, such as credit and debit cards, are widely used. The use of paper money is declining, but at a slow pace. As more payment systems have been introduced, researchers have begun to critically examine their costs from both private and social perspective. From a private perspective, researchers have examined the incentives payers have for choosing a given type of payment instrument, the incentives retailers may have for accepting such instruments, and why various payment methods are used in different settings. From a social perspective, researchers have examined whether economic welfare would increase if certain payment instruments displaced others such as, if electronic instruments displaced paper-based instruments (Daniel et al, 2004).

According to the research conducted by Business Day (2012), for the lower segment, 61.2% said they have ATM cards and use them. Only 10% said they don’t have and do not want. It was discovered also that it is more likely for the Top/middle segment individuals to have more than one account (70% of those in this segment has at least three accounts) than for a low segment individual. The top/middle segment...
refers to highly educated individuals who have a minimum of HND (Higher National Diploma) education. In most cases these individuals are acquainted with and use the Internet. The lower class is made up of those with lower educational qualifications. Individuals and corporate organizations spread their Bank daily transaction across virtually all the Banks as an alternative to circumvent the cash-lite economy daily cash transaction limit and associated penalty. For the policy to be effective there should be preventive measures to debar the account users from circumventing the policy limit and associated penalty. This research shall be limited to the Nigeria cash-lite economy and to daily cash transactions limit enforcement.

**Modes of Cashless Transactions**

Following are the modes or tools used for transactions in Nigeria cash-lite according to Ezeokoli, Ugochukwu, Agu and Akabogu, (2016)

i. **Automated Teller Machines (ATMs):** This is also called automated Banking machine or automatic till machine or remote service unit. It is a specialized computer that permits bank customers to gain access to their accounts using a magnetically encoded plastic card and a code number called PIN (Personal Identification Number). It enables the customers to perform several banking operations without the help of a teller, such as to withdraw cash, make deposits, pay bills, obtain bank statements, effect cash transfers.

ii. **Point of Sale (POS) Terminals:** Point of Sale (POS) terminals facilitate the payment and receipt of money using credit/debit cards at the point of sale. Such as outlets, churches, hotels, fuel stations, restaurants, supermarkets, and so on. Collections at point of sale are credited to merchant accounts on the next working day.

iii. **Nigerian Interbank Settlement Scheme (NIBSS) Funds Transfers:** This is a computerized network transaction within a bank accounts or across different bank's accounts at separate financial institutions. It is instant transfer of funds between banks for single or multiple beneficiaries for individual amounts not exceeding N10million.

iv. **Cheques:** Cheques not exceed the maximum of N10million can be issue in favor of third party, that must pass through the CBN clearing house.

v. **Bank Drafts also called Bank Manager's Cheque:** Bank draft not exceed the maximum of N10million can be issue in favor of third party, that must pass through the CBN clearing house. The advantage of bank drafts over cheques is that, bank draft is more or less physical cash at hand, it cannot bounce except in case of fraud.

vi. **Real Time Gross Settlements (RTGS):** This is meant for large value instantaneous fund transfers. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) System is used for fund transfers of up to N10million while this is used to transfer sums above N10million in favor of a single beneficiary.

vii. **Mobile Money:** This is also called mobile money transfer or mobile wallet. It is payment services operated under financial regulation and performed from or via a mobile device (mobile phone). Such as funds transfers, make payments or receive balance enquiries.

viii. **Electronic Transfers (E-Transfer):** This enable basic bank account transaction via the internet on personal computers, laptops and other devices.

This research aims at developing a system to enforce cash-lite economy policy using a Bayes' Theorem for developing nations such as Nigeria. The objectives are as follow: identification of individual account daily transaction; fraud prevention (Internal and External), proper implementation of Cash-lite policy and limit and associated penalty enforcement.

Okunade (2013) in his paper implement the use of Bayes' theorem to calculate the value of “P(X)” used in determining the existence of an account, at the account opening desk to prevent multiple opening of bank account (that is transactions accounts particular's checkers) as a security measure, to enforce the Nigeria apex bank cash-lite economy policy on raw cash transaction limits and implementation of the associated penalties, over the excessive cash transaction.

ATM is the best and the most common means of effecting cashless policy in Nigeria both learned and unlearned, poor and rich adopt this as an alternative to cash raw cash handle transaction. He suggested that government should embrace and improve on these in order to achieve desired results like other developed countries (Adu, 2016).

Micro- and small-scale business should be encouraged and carry along by making the
necessary infrastructures available and affordable. To be fully empowered and educated to adopt and blend with the policy and associated technology for efficiency and effectiveness (Ebeiyamba, 2014). A cashless society uniformly and further enhances the globalization that characterizes our present time (Ajayi, 2014). Preeti and Manvi (2017) stated from his paper analysis that, despite the general acceptance of cashless from the people based on its benefits such as fight against terrorism, corruption and money laundering. The biggest challenges associated with cashless economy in India is cybercrime and illegal access to primary data. That required strengthen, in Internet Security to protect against online fraud.

Tajudeen (2013) studied the effect of a cashless policy on corruption in Nigeria and concluded on the need for government, to firstly identify the type of corruption they are targeting and tackle the underlying specific drivers of such corruption identified. For the cashless policy to work as intended.

Nigerian economy dominated by oil sector contributed immensely to the GDP of Nigeria, thus banks aggregate credit has little or no significance on the growth of Nigeria economy. However, it is recommended to enforce cashless policy to tackle the major factor of money laundering in Nigeria (Suberu, Afonja, Akande, and Olure-Bank). Inclusion and less use of cash can be successfully achieved in Nigeria by introducing and maintaining a suite of electronic payment products which are accessible at a low price, trusted and valued by customers, businesses and all levels of government (Bankable Frontier Associates, 2013).

**MATERIALS AND METHODS**

The Statistical Bayes’ theorem is used to calculate the value “P(X)” which in turn will be used in determining the daily cash transaction of individual customers as shown, where:

- a = is the first item/particular/data supplied by the customer at the account opening desk and found existing already in the database e.g. first name.
- b = is the second item/particular/data supplied by the customer at the account opening desk and found existing already in the database e.g. middle name.
- c = is the third item/particular/data supplied by the customer at the account opening desk and found existing already in the database e.g. last name.
- z = which is the last item/particular/data supplied by the customer at the account opening desk and found existing already in the database e.g. address.

The above theorem can be broken into x1 or equation 1, x2 or equation 2, later form up P(X) as shown below:

\[ x_1 = a^*b^*c^*.........*z \quad \text{eqn (1)} \]
\[ x_2 = (1-a) ^* (1-b) ^* (1-c) ^*......* (1-z) \quad \text{eqn (2)} \]

Then form up the P(X) shown below from both x1 and x2 or equation (1) and equation (2) above.

\[ P(x) = (X_1 / (X_1 + X_2 )) \text{ or } P(x) = (eqn1/ (eqn1+ eqn 2)) \]

Table 3 was used to calculate the chance value based on the suggested possible combination of six particular set of account users’ outcomes. Possible combination of items in a particular occurrence is shown in Table 3.

### Table 3: Possible Combination of Data Items (Chance Value).

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It is proposed that the result shown in the Table 3 is the possible combination of supplied six sets of account users’ particulars/items, which is within a set of six customers/combinations. It is possible to have 2 customers having the same first name, 2 customers having the same middle name, 2 customers having the same last name, 1 customer having unique date of birth, 5 customers having the same sex, 1 customer having unique next of kin, 4 customer having the same occupation, 1 customer having unique address, 6 customers having the same account type, 1 customer having unique international passport number, 1 customer having unique national identification number, 1 customer having unique passport photograph, 1 customer having unique biometric identification and 1 customer having unique signature. Table 3 is having the following column:

S/n: Means serial number.
Item/Particular: List of customers supplied information/particulars.
C1: First account user’s particulars, among the six (combination) users supplied data.
C2: Second account user’s particulars, among the six (combination) users supplied data.
C3: Third account user’s particulars, among the six (combination) users supplied data.
C4: Forth account user’s particulars, among the six (combination) users supplied data.
C5: Fifth account user’s particulars, among the six (combination) users supplied data.
C6: Sixth account user’s particulars, among the six (combination) users supplied data.

n: number of the given combination which is “6”.
Frequency (F): Number(s) of possible outcome of each particular/item within the six combinations.
Mean ((f/n)): Possible outcome of each particular/item within the six combinations divided by total combinations.
Chance value: This is (1-(f/n)), The frequency divided by the number of the testing combination is subtracted from 1 to make the chance value, having discovered that the particulars/item having less frequency are given lower result than those that are having more frequency which are supposed to be in the reverse case because the particulars/items with lower frequency have the higher (increase) chances of such an account having reached the limited daily cash transaction. Based on the chance value gotten from the Table 3, those results called Chance value are to be applied to calculate the probability of previous transaction of any (new) that is about to execute.

The result of the research is shown in Table 4 which consists of the following columns:

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T1, T2, T3, ……………………., T12: These are list of twelve transactions made for that particular day, that is Transaction1 to Transaction12 with the data/particulars of the account owner’s like first name, middle name, last name, date of birth, signature and so on, who had made some transaction on that particular day. These users’ particulars are used to test for the possibility of numbers of transactions carried out earlier on a particular day by the same user/customer.

Transaction1 (T1): This contains the list/set of data/item retrieved from the customer's information stored in the database who had made transaction 1 (T1) on that same day. The particulars/items 1 to 14 shown in Table 4 are the account user’s particulars/items, retrieved from the database information of the account users. Having checked through the data supplied by account users, the algorithm makes use of the Bayes’ theorem to calculate the possibility of the transaction carried out earlier that might have been carried out by the same account owners.

This is done by supplying the chance values on the Table 3 above to those transactions 1 to 12 on the Table 4’s particulars/data like first name = 0.7, middle name= 0.7, sex=0.18, signature=0.83 and so on which were used to calculate the customers transaction possibility shown in The Table 4 above. For example there are only two particulars/items ticked under the Transaction (T1) in Table 4 which shows that for that particular transaction that is about to take place, having search through the early transaction of the same type (like Withdrawal or Deposit) on that same day, there are only 2 ticked items that match with the first transaction (which are account type and middle name). While for the second transaction (T2), on that same day, there are 4 particulars/items that match with that of the new transaction that is about to take place (first name, last name, sex and occupation).

The algorithm then retrieves from the database the chance values of those matched particulars/items and uses them to calculate the probability (P(X)) of such transaction to have being carried out by same person on different accounts as follow:

Using the Bayes’ Theorem to calculate the P(X) for Transaction1 (T1):

Therefore P(0.7, 0.18) = 0.7*0.18 =0.126 .eqn1

\[(1- (0.7))*(1- (0.18)) = 0.246 \text{ ........... eqn 2}\]

\[0.126 + 0.246 = 0.372 \text{ (Eqn 1 + eqn 2) ... eqn3}\]

\[0.126/0.372 = 0.338 \text{ (Eqn 1 / eqn 3) Answer.}\]

The answer is 0.33 which is less than 0.5 (significant figure).

The algorithm will ignore such transactions that are less than the significant figure (0.5) since the P(0.7, 0.18) = 0.33. If the (Probability of (a,b,c,…,z)) or P(a,b,c,…,z) < 0.5 the algorithm will ignore such a transaction result by not further making use of it to calculate the daily transaction. Those transactions are the P(X) in Table 4 shown above in black ink while those transactions with results P(a,b,c,…,z) or P(X) ≥ 0.5 shown in red ink in Table 4, P(X) above will be used to calculate the daily transaction.

Table 4 shows that the results (P(X)) obtained for the Transactions 1 to 12 (reflecting in black color) are less than 0.5, which shows that such transactions that is about to be performed has no relationship with those early transaction with P(X)≥0.5 while the results (P(X)) obtained for the Transactions 6 to 12 (reflecting in red color) are greater than 0.5 which shows that in the transaction that is about to take place chances of having relationship with earlier transactions 6 to 12 for that particular day is very high. Thereafter the algorithm will then calculate the day transaction amount if within the daily limit or not in order to calculate the penalty charge. The algorithm will sum up the transaction amount (only transaction of same type, Withdrawal or Deposit) for that particular day where the P(X)≥0.5 and subtract the daily limit from the transacted sum to get the excess amount, then calculate the charges associated with the transaction type, if withdrawal 3% and if deposit 2%.

The table below shows the selected six transactions from Table 4 above, for a particular customer in a particular day.

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

This section presents simulated results from analysis to determine the efficiency of the proposed algorithm for determining multiple transactions on an account that exceeds the threshold specified by the Central Bank of Nigeria.
Table 5: A Day Transaction Table for a Particular User.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SN</th>
<th>Transaction (T)</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Transaction Type</th>
<th>Bank</th>
<th>Account Type</th>
<th>Transaction Location</th>
<th>Amount</th>
<th>P(x)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>T1</td>
<td>08/12/2012</td>
<td>Withdrawal</td>
<td>WEMA Bank</td>
<td>Savings</td>
<td>Lagos</td>
<td>₦200,000.00</td>
<td>0.33</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>T3</td>
<td>08/01/2013</td>
<td>Deposit</td>
<td>Union Bank</td>
<td>Current</td>
<td>Abuja</td>
<td>₦220,000.00</td>
<td>0.36</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>T6</td>
<td>08/01/2013</td>
<td>Withdrawal</td>
<td>First Bank</td>
<td>Savings</td>
<td>Ilorin</td>
<td>₦212,000.00</td>
<td>0.74</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>T7</td>
<td>08/01/2013</td>
<td>Deposit</td>
<td>GTB</td>
<td>Savings</td>
<td>Sokoto</td>
<td>₦67,000.00</td>
<td>0.93</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>T8</td>
<td>08/01/2013</td>
<td>Withdrawal</td>
<td>Afri Bank</td>
<td>Current</td>
<td>Ikeja</td>
<td>₦92,000.00</td>
<td>0.88</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>T10</td>
<td>08/01/2013</td>
<td>Withdrawal</td>
<td>UBA</td>
<td>Current</td>
<td>Apapa</td>
<td>₦450,000.00</td>
<td>1.00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

From the Table 5 Customer Transactions with P(X) of 0.5 above written in red ink have the high chance of being carried out by the same person on different transaction type, account type, banks and locations.

**Deposit Transactions**

Transactions T1, T6, T8 and T10 are deposit transactions with P(X) values 0.33, 0.74, 0.88 and 1.00 respectively. Transactions with P(X) ≥ 0.5 having high chance value of being executed by the same person will be added up against that same person and subtracted from the daily transaction limit and then calculate its excess charge of 3% if beyond the daily transaction limit on individual account and 5% on corporate accounts as given below assuming it is an individual account:

\[
T6 = \text{₦212,000.00}, \quad T8 = \text{₦92,000.00}, \quad T10 = \text{₦450,000.00}
\]

Where total withdrawal for that day is:

\[
T1+T2+T3+\ldots+Tn
\]

Excess amount = \((T1+T2+T3+\ldots+Tn)\) - (daily Transaction limit)

Excess amount charges = \((T1+T2+T3+\ldots+Tn)\) - (daily Transaction limit) * 3%

Given \(((T1+T2+T3+\ldots+Tn)\) - (daily Transaction limit)*3)/100

For the above example we have = \(((\text{₦212,000.00} + \text{₦92,000.00} + \text{₦450,000.00}) - \text{₦500,000.00})/3)\)/100

\[= (754,000 - 500,000) \times 3/100 = 7,620.00\]

The excess amount charges of N7620.00 which is going to be displayed, and then ask at the point of transaction that you have carried out the total amount of withdrawal transaction of N754,000.00 for that particular day, that you will be charged for N7620.00 if you still proceed with the transaction and then ask whether you still want to proceed with the transaction or not.

**Withdrawal Transactions**

Transactions T3 and T7 are withdrawal transactions with P(X) values 0.36 and 0.93 respectively. Transactions with P(X) ≥ 0.5 having high chance value of being executed by the same person will be added up against that same person and subtracted from the daily transaction limit and then the calculation of its excess charge of 2% if beyond the daily transaction limit on individual account and 3% on corporate accounts as given below. Assuming one is dealing with individual account:

\[
T1 = \text{₦220,000.00}, \quad T6 = \text{₦67,000.00}
\]

Where total withdrawal for that day is = \(T1+T2+T3+\ldots+Tn\)

Total Transaction for that particular day = \(T1+T2+T3+\ldots+Tn\)

For the above example we have = \((\text{₦220,000.00} + \text{₦67,000.00}) = 287,000.00\) which is within the daily limit. Then the transaction can then be successfully carried out.

**CONCLUSION**

The algorithm helps to identify multiple daily deposit or withdrawal transactions by one individual or the same organization on different transaction type, account type, banks and locations by the account owner in order to circumvent the cash-lite economy policy over limit charges. The Withdrawal and Deposit Transaction explains how the algorithm will help to calculate the excess charges limit.
Table 4 shows the results/outcome of twelve (12) sets of customers transaction in a day where seven (7) customers transactions have \( P(X) \geq 0.5 \) and those 7 transactions are belonging to same person who has executed different transactions in a day.

Table 5 shows the deposit and withdrawal transactions that took place on that same day on different transaction type, account type, banks and locations by an account owner. The method can therefore be applied to control and prevent over limit cash transaction in Nigerian cash-lite economy. The paper recommends embedding of Bayes’ theorem in banking software for daily cash transaction limit and associated penalty calculation, which serves to control, checkmate and prevent multiple cash transactions across the bank and enhance the policy of cash-lite economy in Nigeria.

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