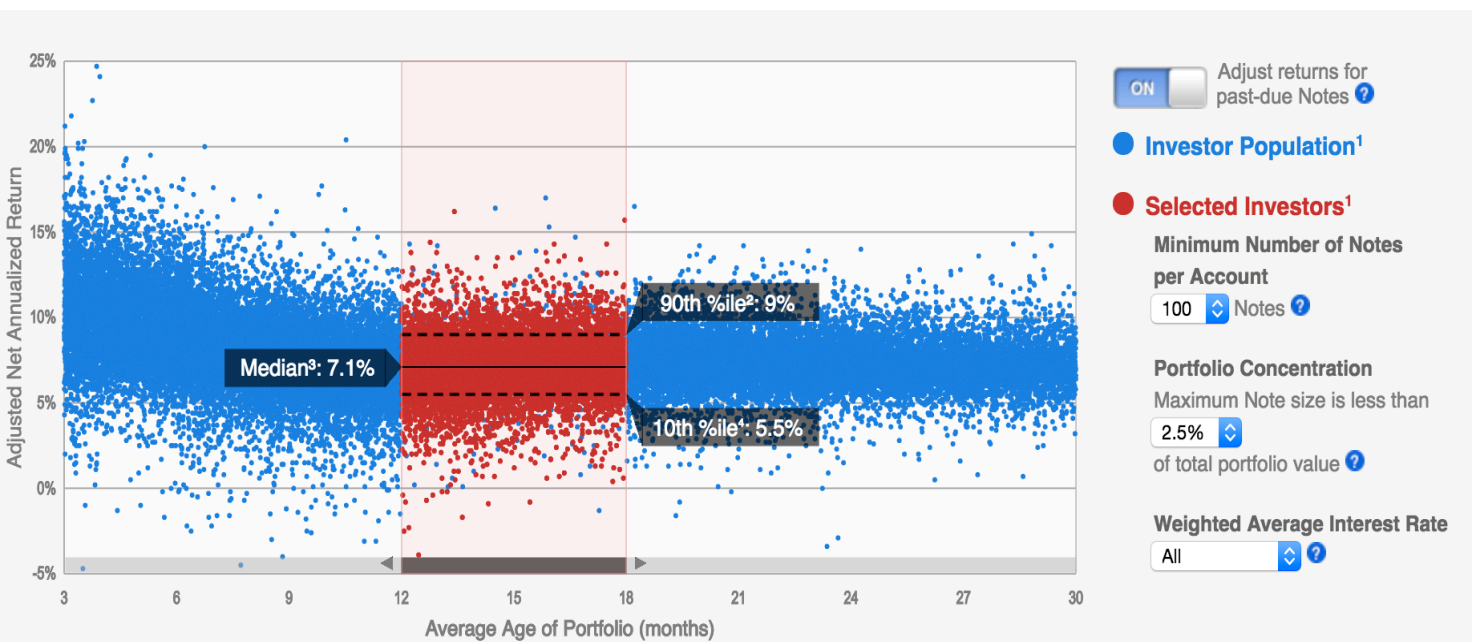
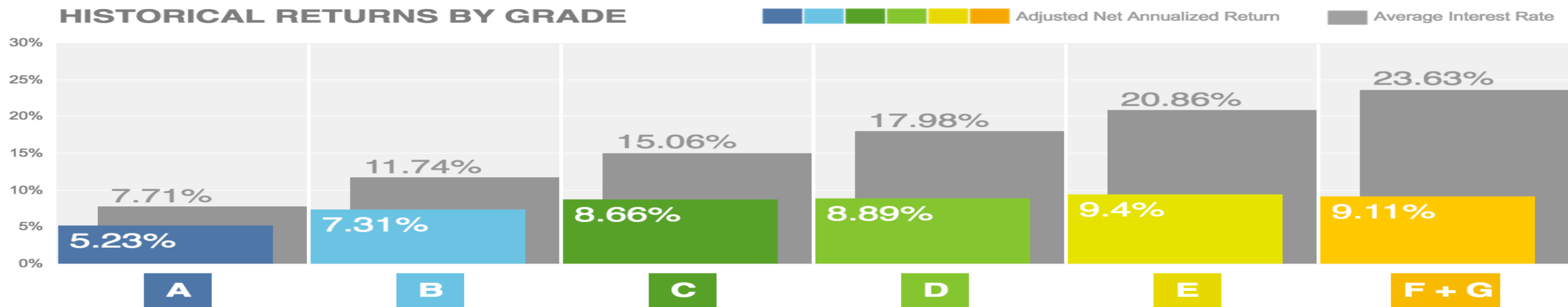


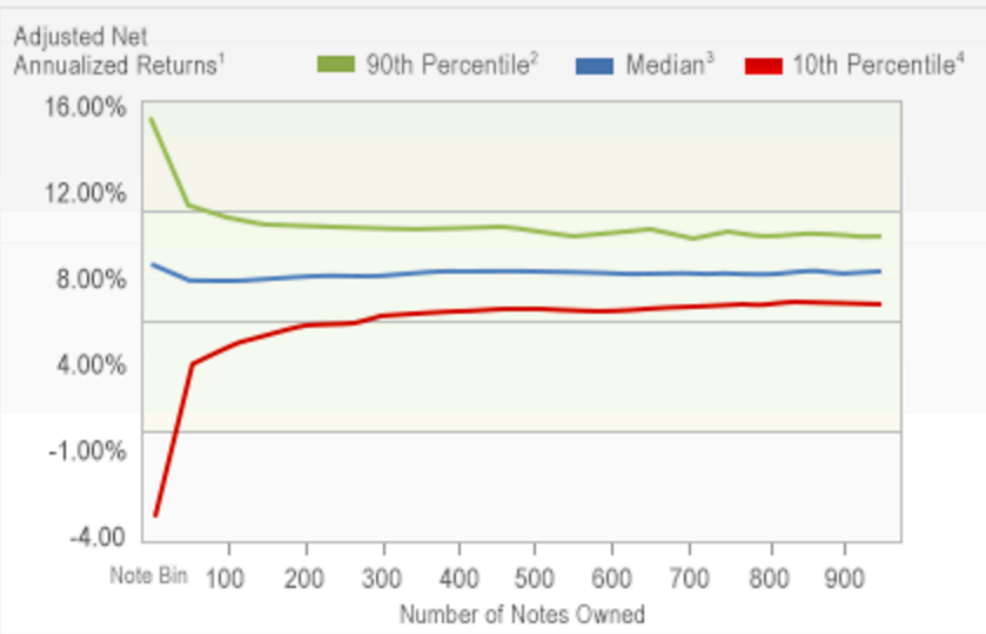
Invest with P2P Lending

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The platform



Diversification Can Reduce Volatility of Returns



How to invest

- Ideal Investment
 - Lend to borrowers with high interest rate
 - Target borrowers with less default possibility
- Automated investment with customized filters

Add Filters

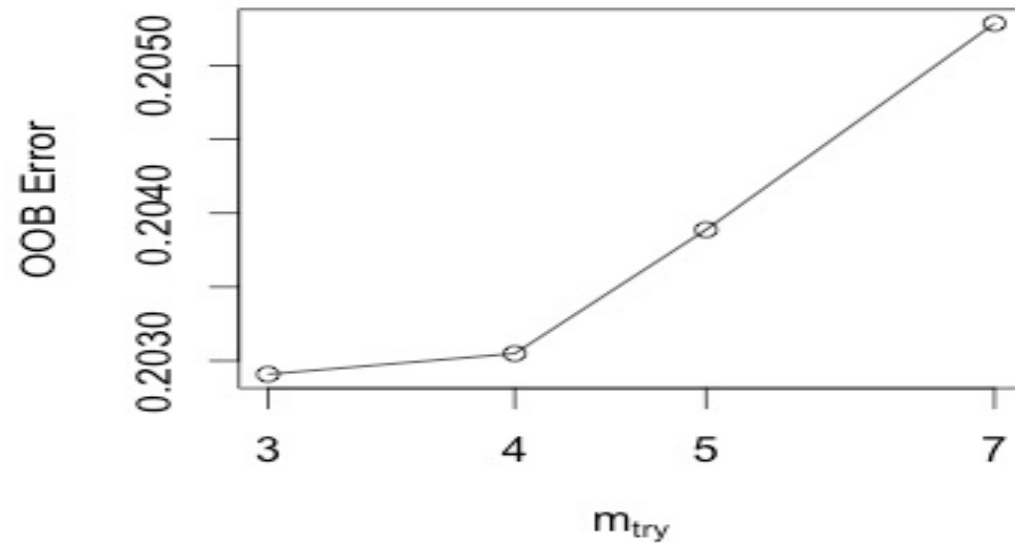
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<input type="checkbox"/> Review Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Verified Income	<input type="checkbox"/> Funding Progress
<input type="checkbox"/> Listing Expires in	<input type="checkbox"/> Exclude Relisted Loans	<input type="checkbox"/> CREDIT Score
<input type="checkbox"/> Max Debt-to-Income Ratio	<input type="checkbox"/> Earliest CREDIT line	<input type="checkbox"/> Open Credit Lines
<input type="checkbox"/> Total CREDIT Lines	<input type="checkbox"/> Revolving credit balance	<input type="checkbox"/> Revolving balance utilization
<input type="checkbox"/> Inquiries in the last 6 months	<input type="checkbox"/> Months Since Last Delinquency	<input type="checkbox"/> Months Since Last Record
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Ownership	<input type="checkbox"/> Min length of Employment	<input type="checkbox"/> Location State
<input type="checkbox"/> Keyword	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Records	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delinquencies (Last 2 yrs)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Collections Excluding Medical	<input type="checkbox"/> Major Derogatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint Applications
<input type="checkbox"/> Total collection amount ever	<input type="checkbox"/> Accounts now delinquent	<input type="checkbox"/> Total current balance

Find right filters

- Reasonable Expectations
 - With an ideal credit policy, default should be purely random
 - Even 1 -2 filters are sufficient for investment
- Data: 2007-2011 Issued Loan Data
 - <https://www.lendingclub.com/info/download-data.action>
 - *Look at loans rated as D & E*
- Define y
 - Loan_Status (Late (16-30 days)", "Late (31-120 days)", "Default", "Charged Off")
- Define X
 - Remove variables with over 20% missing values
 - Remove categorical variables with only one factor
 - Remove missing values
 - 19 variables with 8939 records

Random Forest Model

- Split Data 80/20 as test and training
- Tune Max_Features
 - `bestmtry <- tuneRF(trainingData[-9],trainingData$loan_status, ntreeTry=5000, stepFactor=1.5,improve=0.001, trace=TRUE, plot=TRUE, dobest=FALSE)`



Random Forest

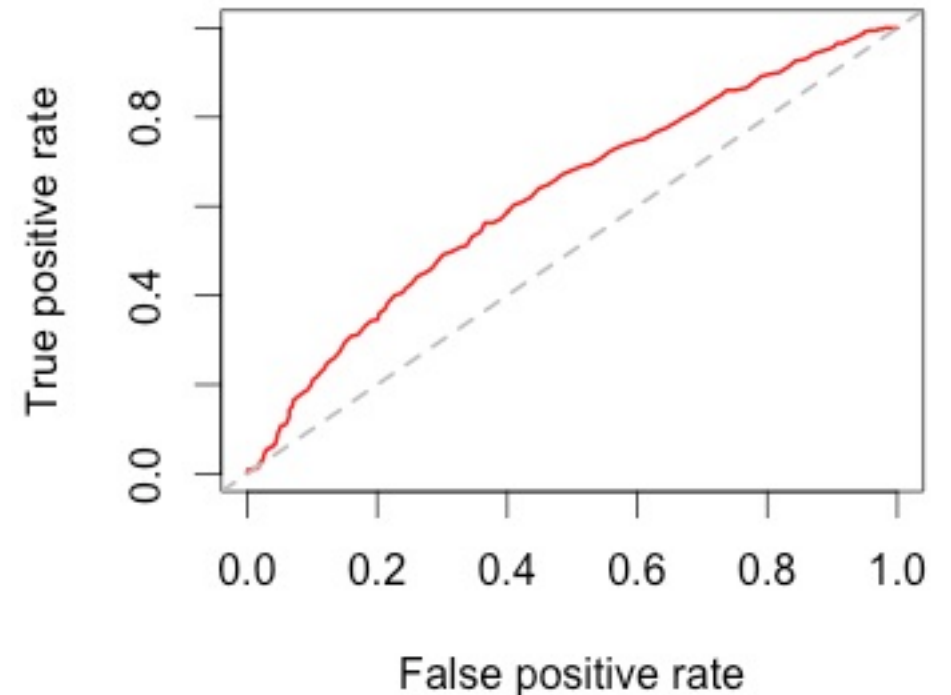
- Run the Model

- `rf.Master = randomForest(loan_status ~., data = trainingData, mtry=3, importance = TRUE, na.action = na.omit, n.trees=20000, type="classification")`

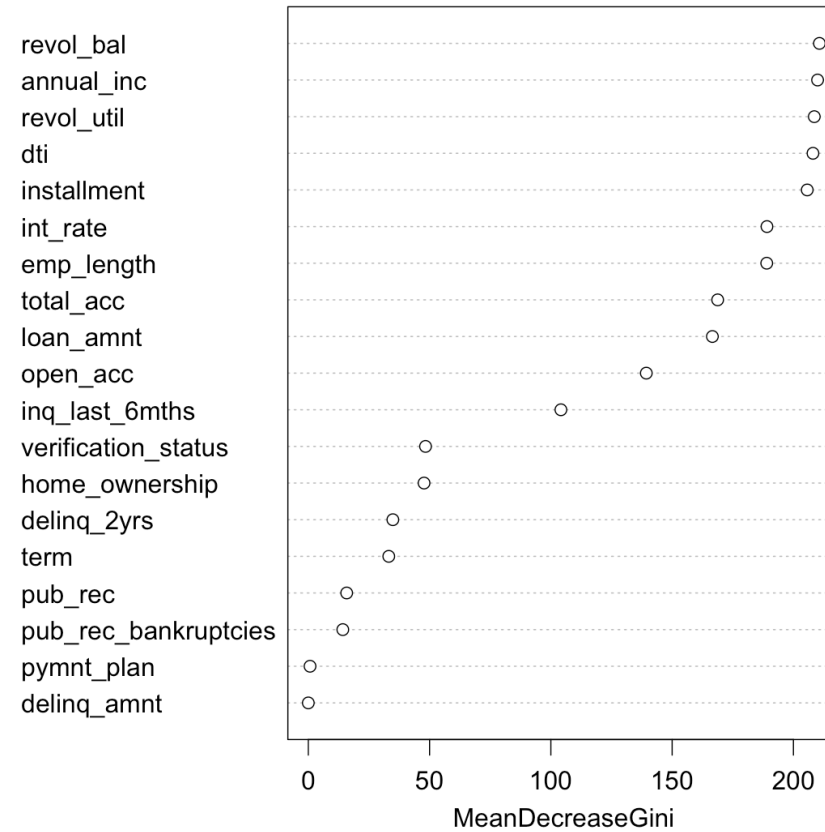
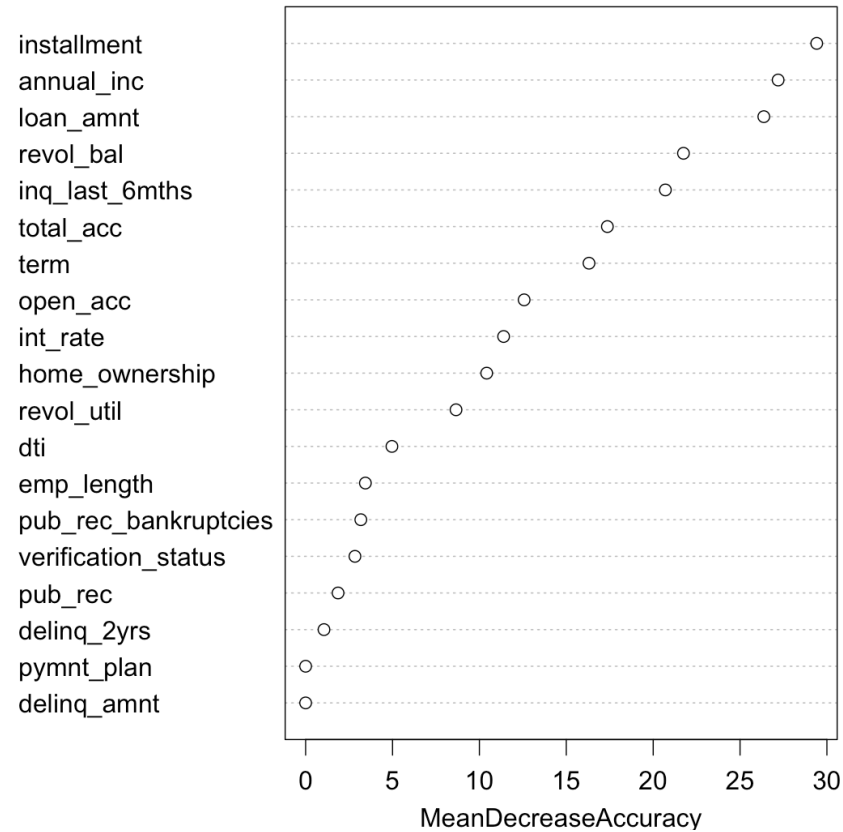
- Plot ROC

```
default.rf.pr = predict(rf.Master, type="prob", newdata=testingData)[,2]
default.rf.pred = prediction(default.rf.pr, testingData$loan_status)
default.rf.perf = performance(default.rf.pred, "tpr", "fpr")
plot(default.rf.perf, main="ROC Curve for Random Forest", col=2, lwd=2)
abline(a=0, b=1, lwd=2, lty=2, col="gray")
```

ROC Curve for Random Forest



Important Variables



- Deploy filters:
 - D & E gives 20% default rate
 - Income ≥ 50000 & loan_amount ≤ 5000 returns with 16% default rate
 - Only 22% of the notes meet criteria. Slower investment