turbo-aug-23-24-clustering

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1 PROJECT TITLE: Borrower Segmentation and Credit Risk Profiling Using Clustering Techniques

1.1 PROJECT OVERVIEW

This project leverages unsupervised clustering methods to segment borrowers based on their loan repayment behavior and overall credit profile. By applying data wrangling, feature engineering, and K-Means clustering, the analysis uncovers inherent patterns in repayment performance and differentiates clients into distinct risk groups. Key objectives include:

- Client Segmentation: Grouping borrowers based on metrics such as payment consistency, delay frequency, and recovery trends to reveal varying levels of risk.
- Segment Characterization: Profiling each cluster to identify defining financial and behavioral attributes, such as outstanding balances, fee structures, and revenue generation.
- Feature Importance Analysis: Employing techniques like Random Forest and PCA to determine which variables—such as loan age, days interest calculated, and revenue per loan—are most influential in driving credit risk.

These insights support targeted risk management strategies, inform tailored lending approaches, and enhance overall credit portfolio decision-making.

1.2 PROJECT OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of this clustering analysis is to segment borrowers based on their loan repayment behavior and overall credit profile. By grouping clients into distinct clusters, the analysis aims to uncover inherent patterns in repayment performance, identify key characteristics of each borrower class, and determine the most influential features driving creditworthiness. These insights will enable targeted risk management, inform tailored lending strategies, and enhance credit portfolio decision-making.

1.2.1 Key Analysis Areas

- a) Client Segmentation by Repayment Behavior Objective: To group clients into distinct segments based on historical repayment data and behavior patterns. Description: This analysis will employ clustering techniques to classify borrowers according to metrics such as payment consistency, delay frequency, and recovery trends. The resulting segments will reflect varying levels of risk and repayment discipline, providing a foundation for further analysis.
- b) Characterization of Borrower Segments Objective: To identify and profile the key financial and behavioral characteristics within each borrower segment. **Description:** Post-clustering,

each segment will be analyzed to determine its defining attributes—such as outstanding balances, interest rates, and revenue contributions. This profiling will help in understanding the risk profile and performance trends within and across clusters.

c) Feature Importance Analysis for Credit Profiling - Objective: To determine which features most significantly influence the clustering outcome and, by extension, the creditworthiness of borrowers. - Description: Using methods such as Random Forest and PCA, the model will rank feature importance, highlighting the critical variables (e.g., age, days of interest calculated, revenue per loan) that drive borrower segmentation. This will provide actionable insights into the primary factors that differentiate high-risk from low-risk clients.

1.2.2 Data Features

- -loan_id: Unique identifier for the loan.
- -agent_id: Identifier for the agent handling the loan.
- -loan amount: The total amount of the loan.
- -loan_balance: The remaining balance of the loan.
- -amount paid: The total amount paid back so far.
- -outstanding_principle: The remaining principal amount that has not been paid.
- -outstanding_daily_interest: The daily interest that has not been paid.
- -outstanding_setup_fees: The setup fees that have not been paid.
- -outstanding_penalty_fees: The penalty fees that have not been paid.
- **-interest earned:** The interest earned on the loan.
- -principle_repayment: The total amount repaid toward the principal of the loan.
- -setup_fees_repayment: The total amount repaid toward the setup fees.
- -daily interest repayment: The daily interest that has been repaid.
- -penalty fees repayment: The penalty fees that have been repaid.
- -status id: Status of the loan.
- **-defaulted:** Indicates if the loan has defaulted.
- -eligible amount: The amount eligible for repayment.
- -created_at: The date the loan was created.
- -due_date: The due date for the loan repayment.
- -last_repayment_date: The date of the last repayment.
- -days interest calculated: The number of days interest has been calculated.
- **-age:** The age of the loan in days.
- -is **npl:** Binary indicator designating whether a loan is classified as non-performing.

- -created_month: Month and year extracted from the loan creation date to facilitate time series analysis.
- -due_month: Month and year extracted from the loan due date to enable monthly trend analysis.
- -last_repayment_month: Month and year extracted from the date of the last repayment for temporal repayment pattern analysis.
- -days_since_last_repayment: The number of days elapsed since the most recent repayment, indicating recent borrower activity.
- -days_past_due: The number of days a payment is overdue, computed as the difference between the current date and the due date (with negative values adjusted to zero).
- -aging_bucket: Categorical grouping of loans based on days past due (e.g., '0-30', '31-60', '61-90', '>90') used for risk stratification.
- -collection_rate: The percentage of the eligible amount that has been repaid, reflecting repayment efficiency.
- **-revenue_earned:** Aggregate revenue derived from interest, penalty fees, and daily interest repayment.
- **-outstanding_revenue:** Sum of the remaining principal, daily interest, setup fees, and penalty fees yet to be repaid.
- -revenue_per_loan: Ratio of total revenue earned to the initial loan amount, representing the revenue yield per loan.

1.2.3 Methodology

- **-Data Wrangling and preparation:** Data will be loaded, cleaned and prepared for modeling ensuring accuracy and regularity across the whole data range.
- -Modeling (Clustering Analysis): After standardization and appropriate scaling of the data, it will be subjected to K-means clustering algorithm.
- -Visualization and Interpration of Clusters: Graphical representations will be created to visualize the clusters as well as key characteristics distinguishing varying clusters.

1.3 DATA UNDERSTANDING

1.3.1 Imports & Parsing

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import required libraries
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import matplotlib.cm as cm
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
from sklearn.metrics import silhouette_score, calinski_harabasz_score,
silhouette_samples
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from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline
from sklearn.pipeline import make_pipeline
from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler
import warnings

# Ensures plots are generated within the notebook
%matplotlib inline
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[2]: # NB: Filepath can be adjusted depending on current working environment
filepath = 'C:/Users/Hp/Documents/WORK/TURBO GROUP/model_data_1.xlsx'

# Read the file into the working environment
df = pd.read_excel(filepath, parse_dates=True, date_format='%d/%b/%Y')
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1.3.2 Data Wrangling

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max
                    436.738347
                                              1972.549331
                                                                 4490.971691
std
       principle_repayment
                                           last repayment date
               2.697850e+05
                                                         288446
count
               2.365215e+04
                                 2024-03-08 20:17:56.333178368
mean
min
               2.000000e-02
                                           2023-01-09 00:00:00
25%
               3.469000e+03
                                           2023-11-29 00:00:00
50%
               9.649000e+03
                                           2024-04-03 00:00:00
75%
               2.200000e+04
                                           2024-06-23 00:00:00
max
               2.065000e+06
                                           2024-12-07 00:00:00
std
               5.778920e+04
                                                            NaN
       days_interest_calculated
                                                          is_npl
                                             age
                   288446.000000
                                   288446.000000
                                                   288446.000000
count
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max
                      171.000000
                                      356.000000
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                        7.589373
std
                                       22.309433
                                                        0.222884
       days_since_last_repayment
                                    days_past_due
                                                  collection_rate
                    288446.000000
                                    203590.000000
                                                     288446.000000
count
                       263.305558
                                                         18.466052
mean
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min
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                       157.000000
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                                                          8.489266
75%
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                                       253,000000
                                                         22,550000
                       688.000000
                                       688.000000
                                                       2140.659418
max
                       143.683535
                                        84.259027
                                                         27.992265
std
      revenue earned outstanding revenue
                                            revenue per loan
        2.697850e+05
                             2.884460e+05
                                               269785.000000
count
        2.335622e+03
                                                     0.124602
mean
                             2.406899e+03
min
        0.00000e+00
                            -1.035150e+05
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                             0.00000e+00
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75%
        1.952000e+03
                             0.000000e+00
                                                     0.172874
        1.689189e+06
                             2.646558e+06
                                                     1.540000
max
        8.626842e+03
                             2.442476e+04
std
                                                     0.161615
```

[8 rows x 28 columns]

```
[6]: # Generate a list of features to visualize using the pairplot

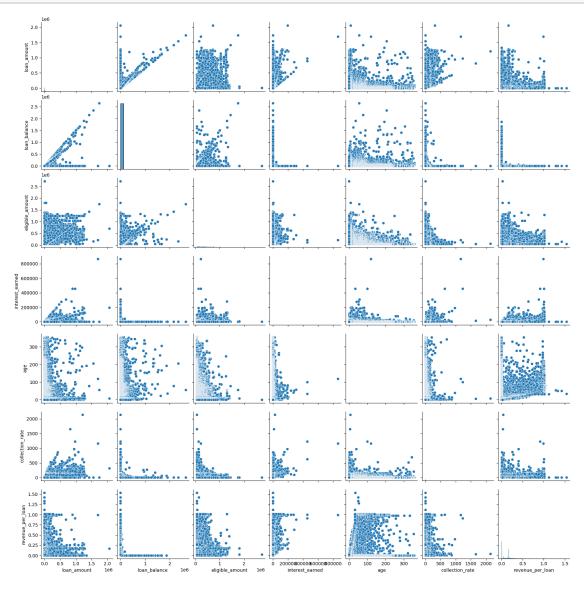
pair_features = ['loan_amount', 'loan_balance', 'eligible_amount',

'interest_earned', 'age', 'collection_rate', 'revenue_per_loan']

# Generate the pairplot

sns.pairplot(df[pair_features], diag_kind='auto')

plt.show();
```



```
[7]: # Obtain metadata of the dataframe df.info()
```

RangeIndex: 288446 entries, 0 to 288445 Data columns (total 33 columns): Column Non-Null Count Dtype _____ _____ ____ 0 loan id 288446 non-null object 1 agent id 288446 non-null int64 2 loan_amount 288446 non-null int64 3 loan balance 288446 non-null float64 4 amount_paid 288446 non-null float64 5 outstanding_principle 288446 non-null float64 6 outstanding_daily_interest 288446 non-null float64 7 288446 non-null float64 outstanding_setup_fees 8 outstanding_penalty_fees 288446 non-null float64 interest_earned 288446 non-null float64 10 principle_repayment 269785 non-null float64 11 setup_fees_repayment 269785 non-null float64 269785 non-null float64 12 daily_interest_repayment 13 penalty_fees_repayment 269785 non-null float64 14 status id 288446 non-null int64 15 defaulted 288446 non-null int64 288446 non-null float64 16 eligible amount 17 created_at 288446 non-null datetime64[ns] 203590 non-null datetime64[ns] 18 due_date last_repayment_date 288446 non-null datetime64[ns] 20 days_interest_calculated 288446 non-null int64 21 288446 non-null int64 22 is_npl 288446 non-null int64 23 created_month 288446 non-null object 24 due_month 203590 non-null object last_repayment_month 288446 non-null object 26 days_since_last_repayment 288446 non-null int64 27 days_past_due 203590 non-null float64 28 aging_bucket 288446 non-null object 29 collection rate 288446 non-null float64 30 revenue earned 269785 non-null float64 31 outstanding_revenue 288446 non-null float64 32 revenue_per_loan 269785 non-null float64 dtypes: datetime64[ns](3), float64(17), int64(8), object(5) memory usage: 72.6+ MB [8]: | # List out and enumerate the columns present in the dataframe print (df.columns,sep='\n') print(f'The DataFrame has a total of {len(df.columns)} columns.')

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>

Index(['loan_id', 'agent_id', 'loan_amount', 'loan_balance', 'amount_paid',

'outstanding_principle', 'outstanding_daily_interest',

```
'outstanding_setup_fees', 'outstanding_penalty_fees', 'interest_earned',
'principle_repayment', 'setup_fees_repayment',
'daily_interest_repayment', 'penalty_fees_repayment', 'status_id',
'defaulted', 'eligible_amount', 'created_at', 'due_date',
'last_repayment_date', 'days_interest_calculated', 'age', 'is_npl',
'created_month', 'due_month', 'last_repayment_month',
'days_since_last_repayment', 'days_past_due', 'aging_bucket',
'collection_rate', 'revenue_earned', 'outstanding_revenue',
'revenue_per_loan'],
dtype='object')
```

The DataFrame has a total of 33 columns.

```
[9]: # Calculate the count of NaN values per column as a ratio of the overall
    nan_counts = df.isna().sum() / len(df)

# Filter to include only columns with NaN values
    nan_columns_df = nan_counts[nan_counts > 0].reset_index()
    nan_columns_df.columns = ['Column', 'NaN_Count_Ratio']

# Print out the results
    print(nan_columns_df)
```

```
Column NaN_Count_Ratio
                                     0.064695
0
        principle_repayment
1
       setup fees repayment
                                     0.064695
2
  daily_interest_repayment
                                     0.064695
     penalty_fees_repayment
3
                                     0.064695
                   due date
4
                                     0.294183
5
                  due_month
                                     0.294183
              days_past_due
6
                                     0.294183
7
             revenue_earned
                                     0.064695
           revenue_per_loan
                                     0.064695
```

- Since deleting null values would result in a data loss of 6% at best and 30% at worst, it is imperative that alternative cleaning methods are applied to minimize data loss. The first strategy is to fill in all null values within monetary columns with zeros as it can be assumed that no revenue/fees were collected in these cases.
- Lastly, the 'age' column can be used to make inferences regarding the columns with missing date values.

```
[11]: # Even though the 'due date' column has null values but the 'age column doesnt;
      # hence, we can use the age of the loan in days to find the missing values in \square
       → the 'due_date' column
      df['calculated due date'] = df['created at'] + pd.to timedelta(df['age'],

ounit='d')
[12]: # Combine pre-existing due dates with calculated due dates
      df['due_date'] = pd.to_datetime(df['due_date']) # Ensure existing dates are in_
       \hookrightarrow datetime format
      df['due_date'] = df['due_date'].fillna(df['calculated_due_date'])
[13]: similar_count = (df['due_date'] == df['calculated_due_date']).sum()
      print(f"Number of similar values: {similar_count}")
     Number of similar values: 119571
[14]: # Add a column to indicate if the values are similar
      df['is_similar'] = df['due_date'] == df['calculated_due_date']
      print(df['is_similar'].value_counts())
     is_similar
     False
              168875
     True
              119571
     Name: count, dtype: int64
[15]: # Calculate 'due month' using new 'calculated due month' column
      df['due_month'] = df['calculated_due_date'].dt.to_period('M')
[16]: df.isna().sum()
[16]: loan_id
                                         0
                                         0
      agent_id
      loan_amount
                                         0
      loan_balance
                                         0
      amount_paid
      outstanding_principle
                                         0
      outstanding_daily_interest
                                         0
      outstanding_setup_fees
                                         0
      outstanding_penalty_fees
                                         0
      interest earned
                                         0
      principle repayment
                                         0
      setup_fees_repayment
                                         0
      daily_interest_repayment
                                         0
     penalty_fees_repayment
                                         0
      status_id
                                         0
      defaulted
                                         0
```

```
eligible_amount
                                        0
      created_at
      due_date
                                        0
                                        0
      last_repayment_date
      days_interest_calculated
                                        0
      age
                                        0
      is_npl
                                        0
      created_month
                                        0
      due month
                                        0
      last_repayment_month
                                        0
      days_since_last_repayment
                                        0
      days_past_due
                                    84856
      aging_bucket
                                        0
                                        0
      collection_rate
      revenue_earned
                                        0
      outstanding_revenue
                                        0
                                        0
      revenue_per_loan
      calculated_due_date
                                        0
                                        0
      is_similar
      dtype: int64
[17]: # The timestamp (6/8/2024 12:00:00 AM) is fixed as that is the period of \Box
       →analysis required for the project,
      # consequently, we calculate 'days past due' using this value
      # Define the fixed timestamp for calculation
      fixed_timestamp = pd.Timestamp('2024-06-08 00:00:00')
      # Compute the number of days past the due date if the loan is overdue
      df['days_past_due'] = (fixed_timestamp - df['due_date']).dt.days
      # Apply a lambda function to ensure no negative values
      df['days_past_due'] = df['days_past_due'].apply(lambda x: max(x, 0))
[18]: # Ensure the column no longer has null values
      df['days_past_due'].isna().sum()
[18]: np.int64(0)
[19]: # Confirm that the dataset has no ore null values
      df.isna().sum()
[19]: loan_id
                                    0
                                    0
      agent_id
      loan amount
                                    0
      loan balance
                                    0
      amount_paid
                                    0
```

0

```
outstanding_principle
                                0
outstanding_daily_interest
                                0
outstanding_setup_fees
                                0
outstanding_penalty_fees
                                0
interest_earned
                                0
principle_repayment
                                0
setup_fees_repayment
                                0
daily_interest_repayment
                                0
penalty_fees_repayment
                                0
status id
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defaulted
                                0
eligible_amount
                                0
created at
                                0
due_date
                                0
last_repayment_date
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days_interest_calculated
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age
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created_month
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due_month
                                0
last_repayment_month
                                0
days_since_last_repayment
                                0
days_past_due
                                0
aging bucket
                                0
collection_rate
                                0
revenue earned
                                0
outstanding_revenue
                                0
revenue_per_loan
                                0
calculated_due_date
                                0
                                0
is_similar
dtype: int64
```

• Now that all null values have been eliminated from the data, we are now ready to do some modeling.

 \mathbf{NB} : 'defaulted', 'status_id', and 'is_npl' columns have similar outputs hence can be used interchangably

```
[20]: df.columns
```

```
'days_since_last_repayment', 'days_past_due', 'aging_bucket',
'collection_rate', 'revenue_earned', 'outstanding_revenue',
'revenue_per_loan', 'calculated_due_date', 'is_similar'],
dtype='object')
```

1.4 DATA MODELING

1.4.1 Feature Engineering

Case 1: Determining Feature importance using Random Forest

• At this juncture we begin selecting features that will be most relevant to the modeling that is to be performed. We drop all date and categorical columns from the dataset and focus on numerical columns mainly.

```
[21]: # Select only the numeric features that could be relevant to correlation
     numerical features = [
          'loan_amount', 'loan_balance', 'amount_paid', 'outstanding_principle',
          'outstanding_daily_interest', 'outstanding_setup_fees',
       ⇔'outstanding_penalty_fees',
          'interest_earned', 'principle_repayment', 'setup_fees_repayment',
          'daily_interest_repayment', 'penalty_fees_repayment', 'eligible_amount',
          'days_interest_calculated', 'age', 'days_since_last_repayment', u

    days_past_due',

          'collection rate', 'revenue earned', 'outstanding revenue',
      ]
      # Add the 'defaulted' column (or 'is npl' depending on which you use) to the
       ⇔ features to calculate correlation
     features = numerical_features + ['is_npl']
      # Select only the relevant columns from the dataframe
     df_selected = df[features].copy()
```

[22]: #Obtain metadata of the selected dataframe df_selected.info()

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 288446 entries, 0 to 288445
Data columns (total 22 columns):
```

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	loan_amount	288446 non-null	int64
1	loan_balance	288446 non-null	float64
2	amount_paid	288446 non-null	float64
3	outstanding_principle	288446 non-null	float64
4	outstanding_daily_interest	288446 non-null	float64

```
outstanding_setup_fees
      6
                                                        float64
          outstanding_penalty_fees
                                       288446 non-null
      7
          interest_earned
                                       288446 non-null
                                                         float64
      8
          principle_repayment
                                       288446 non-null
                                                        float64
      9
          setup fees repayment
                                       288446 non-null
                                                        float64
      10
          daily interest repayment
                                       288446 non-null
                                                        float64
          penalty fees repayment
                                       288446 non-null
                                                        float64
      12
          eligible_amount
                                       288446 non-null
                                                         float64
          days_interest_calculated
                                       288446 non-null
                                                         int64
      13
                                                         int64
      14
                                       288446 non-null
                                       288446 non-null
          days_since_last_repayment
                                                         int64
      15
          days_past_due
                                       288446 non-null
                                                         int64
      16
                                       288446 non-null
                                                         float64
      17
          collection_rate
                                       288446 non-null
                                                         float64
      18
          revenue_earned
      19
          outstanding_revenue
                                       288446 non-null
                                                         float64
          revenue_per_loan
                                       288446 non-null
                                                         float64
      21
          is_npl
                                       288446 non-null
                                                         int64
     dtypes: float64(16), int64(6)
     memory usage: 48.4 MB
[23]: # Statistical summary of the selected dataframe
      df_selected.describe()
[23]:
              loan amount
                           loan balance
                                                        outstanding principle
                                           amount paid
      count
             2.884460e+05
                           2.884460e+05
                                          2.884460e+05
                                                                  2.884460e+05
      mean
             2.394264e+04
                           2.408474e+03
                                          2.338799e+04
                                                                  1.820662e+03
      std
             5.840495e+04
                           2.442308e+04
                                          5.850679e+04
                                                                  1.751825e+04
             1.000000e+00
                           0.000000e+00
                                          0.000000e+00
                                                                 -1.030000e+05
     min
      25%
             3.500000e+03
                           0.000000e+00
                                          2.768000e+03
                                                                  0.000000e+00
      50%
             9.946000e+03
                           0.000000e+00
                                          8.839470e+03
                                                                  0.000000e+00
      75%
             2.250000e+04
                           0.000000e+00
                                          2.211000e+04
                                                                  0.000000e+00
             2.065000e+06
                           2.646558e+06
                                          2.567576e+06
                                                                  1.741500e+06
      max
             outstanding_daily_interest
                                          outstanding_setup_fees
                          288446.000000
                                                   288446.000000
      count
      mean
                             415.676313
                                                       47.308286
      std
                            5349.097861
                                                      436.738347
      min
                           -2334.000000
                                                     -925.000000
      25%
                                0.000000
                                                        0.000000
      50%
                                0.000000
                                                        0.000000
      75%
                                0.000000
                                                        0.000000
      max
                          620924.000000
                                                    43538.000000
             outstanding_penalty_fees
                                        interest_earned principle_repayment
                        288446.000000
                                          288446.000000
                                                                 2.884460e+05
      count
      mean
                           123.252379
                                            1266.009303
                                                                 2.212198e+04
                          1972.549331
                                            4490.971691
                                                                 5.619063e+04
      std
```

288446 non-null

float64

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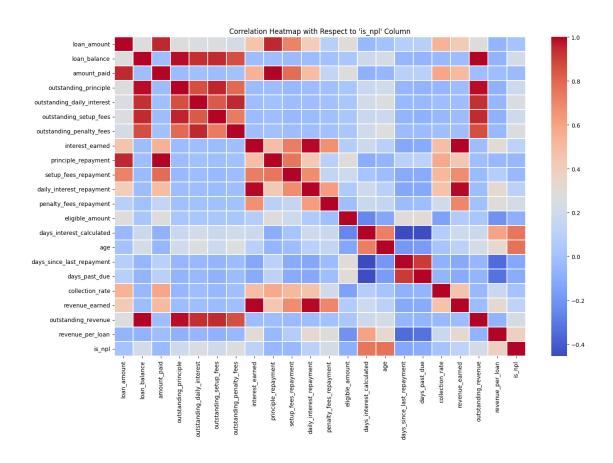
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min
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                                          0.000000
                                                             0.000000e+00
25%
                        0.00000
                                         52.500000
                                                             2.510000e+03
50%
                        0.000000
                                        288.000000
                                                             8.169000e+03
75%
                        0.00000
                                       1079.000000
                                                             2.050000e+04
                   240596.000000
                                     865866.000000
                                                             2.065000e+06
max
       setup_fees_repayment
                                  eligible_amount
                                                    days_interest_calculated
               288446.000000
                                     2.884460e+05
                                                                288446.000000
count
                  347.499927
                                     1.718977e+05
                                                                     6.801814
mean
std
                  879.681848
                                     1.981511e+05
                                                                     7.589373
min
                    0.000000
                                     5.000000e+04
                                                                     0.000000
25%
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                                     5.000000e+04
                                                                     0.00000
50%
                  125.000000
                                     5.000000e+04
                                                                     7.000000
75%
                  358.000000
                                     2.390975e+05
                                                                     7.000000
                51625.000000
                                     2.726780e+06
                                                                   171.000000
max
                       days_since_last_repayment
                                                    days_past_due
                  age
                                    288446.000000
                                                    288446.000000
count
       288446.000000
             9.795598
                                       263.305558
                                                       108.795657
mean
           22.309433
                                       143.683535
                                                       124.306566
std
min
             0.000000
                                         0.00000
                                                         0.00000
25%
             1.000000
                                       157.000000
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50%
            7.000000
                                       238.000000
                                                        66.000000
75%
             8.000000
                                       364.000000
                                                       192.000000
           356.000000
                                       688.000000
                                                       516.000000
max
       collection_rate
                         revenue_earned
                                          outstanding_revenue
                                                                 revenue_per_loan
         288446.000000
                           2.884460e+05
                                                  2.884460e+05
                                                                    288446.000000
count
mean
              18.466052
                           2.184519e+03
                                                  2.406899e+03
                                                                         0.116541
             27.992265
                           8.362877e+03
                                                  2.442476e+04
                                                                         0.159276
std
                           0.000000e+00
                                                 -1.035150e+05
                                                                         0.000000
min
               0.000000
25%
               2.481383
                           6.000000e+01
                                                  0.000000e+00
                                                                         0.005000
50%
                           4.110000e+02
                                                  0.000000e+00
               8.489266
                                                                         0.065596
75%
              22.550000
                            1.750000e+03
                                                  0.000000e+00
                                                                         0.172846
           2140.659418
                           1.689189e+06
                                                  2.646558e+06
                                                                         1.540000
max
               is_npl
       288446.000000
count
            0.052426
mean
            0.222884
std
min
             0.00000
25%
             0.000000
50%
             0.000000
75%
             0.000000
             1.000000
max
```

[8 rows x 22 columns]

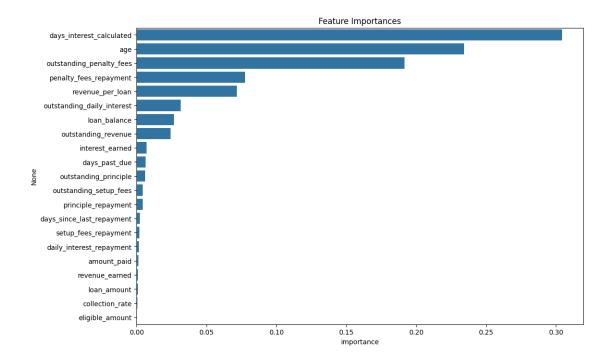
```
[24]: # Calculate correlation matrix
      correlation_matrix = df_selected.corr()
      # Filter the correlation matrix to only show correlations with the 'defaulted'
       ⇔column (or 'is_npl')
      correlation_with_defaulted = correlation_matrix[['is_npl']].
       sort_values(by='is_npl', ascending=False)
      # Print the correlation of all features with 'defaulted'
      print(correlation_with_defaulted)
                                   is_npl
     is_npl
                                  1.000000
                                 0.765282
     age
     days_interest_calculated
                                 0.752808
     revenue_per_loan
                                 0.391772
     outstanding_penalty_fees
                                 0.265645
     outstanding_daily_interest 0.251620
     penalty_fees_repayment
                                 0.229860
     outstanding_revenue
                                 0.217277
     loan balance
                                 0.217276
     outstanding_setup_fees
                                 0.198514
     outstanding_principle
                                 0.191247
     revenue_earned
                                 0.124582
                                 0.111966
     interest earned
     daily_interest_repayment
                                 0.106349
     loan_amount
                                 0.010341
     collection_rate
                                 0.007988
     amount_paid
                                -0.038347
     setup_fees_repayment
                                -0.041138
     principle_repayment
                                -0.048876
     eligible amount
                                -0.085644
     days_past_due
                                 -0.102401
     days_since_last_repayment -0.119254
[25]: # Generate the heatmap
      plt.figure(figsize=(16, 10))
      sns.heatmap(correlation_matrix, annot=False, cmap='coolwarm', linewidths=0.1)
      # Title and labels
      plt.title("Correlation Heatmap with Respect to 'is_npl' Column")
      # Save the heatmap as an image
```

plt.savefig('correlation_heatmap.png')

plt.show()



```
[26]: # Define X & y for the Random Forest Classifier
      X = df[numerical_features]
      y = df['is_npl']
      # Create and fit a Random Forest Classifier
      rf = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=100, random_state=42)
      rf.fit(X, y)
      # Obtain feature importances
      feature_importances = pd.DataFrame(rf.feature_importances_,
                                         index=X.columns,
                                         columns=['importance']).
       sort_values('importance', ascending=False)
      # Plot feature importances
      plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
      sns.barplot(x=feature_importances.importance, y=feature_importances.index)
      plt.title('Feature Importances')
      # Save plot as image
      plt.savefig('RF_feature_importance.png')
      plt.show()
```

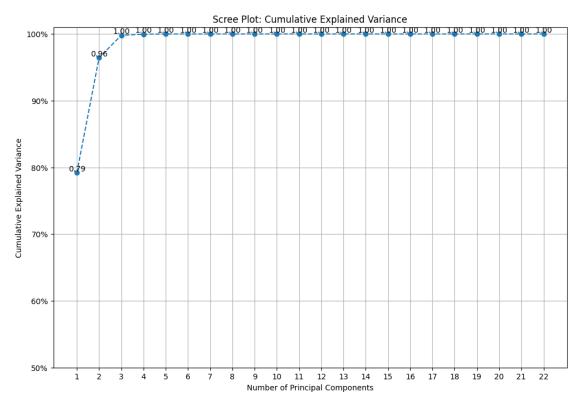


Case 2: Determining Feature Importance using PCA

```
[27]: # Create and fit a PCA object
pca = PCA(n_components=len(df_selected.columns))
pca.fit(df_selected)

# Calculate cumulative explained variance
cumulative_explained_variance = pca.explained_variance_ratio_.cumsum()
```

```
# Add title and labels
plt.title('Scree Plot: Cumulative Explained Variance')
plt.xlabel('Number of Principal Components')
plt.ylabel('Cumulative Explained Variance')
plt.grid()
# Save the scree plot as an image
plt.savefig('scree_plot.png')
plt.show();
```



```
[29]: print(pca.explained_variance_ratio_)

[7.91886401e-01 1.72395533e-01 3.36991049e-02 1.72512557e-03
2.71065770e-04 1.01164193e-05 6.40286809e-06 4.38873223e-06
8.84627404e-07 5.52366002e-07 3.77159257e-07 2.96114250e-08
8.86647761e-09 7.82843252e-09 3.64152165e-10 2.65604644e-13
2.56739972e-13 6.40477948e-17 1.83883118e-19 0.00000000e+00
0.00000000e+00 0.00000000e+00]

[30]: print(type(pca.explained_variance_ratio_))
```

<class 'numpy.ndarray'>

```
[31]: cumulative_variance = np.cumsum(pca.explained_variance_ratio_)
num_components = np.argmax(cumulative_variance >= 0.99) + 1 # +1 to convert_

index to count

print(f"The principal components required to explain 99% of the variance in_
this dataset are {num_components}.")
```

The principal components required to explain 99% of the variance in this dataset are 3.

• With further refinement through PCA we identify that a minimum of 3 principal components are required to describe upto 99.% of the variance in the data. Furthermore, by use of RandomForest we are able to obtain a sorted list of the most important features.

1.4.2 Cluster Assignment

The following features were found to have the greatest impact on loan performance according to Random Forest feature importance as well as PCA analyses. The features chosen for clustering i.e cluster_features are chosen as a result of their higher relative correlation with respect to the 'is_npl' column with a threshold of approximately \pm 0.2. The features chosen are as follows;

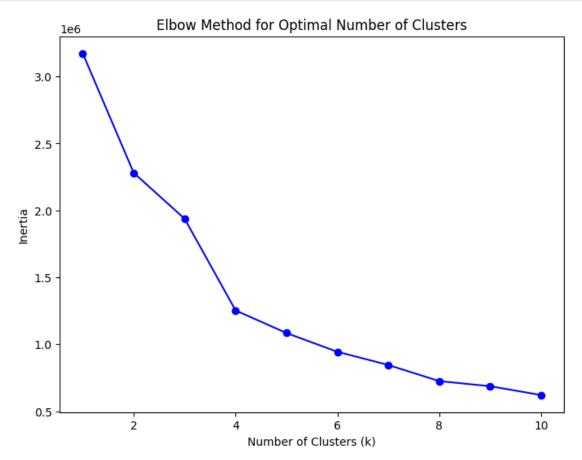
- 'age'
- 'days interest calculated'
- 'revenue_per_loan'
- 'outstanding_penalty_fees'
- 'outstanding daily interest'
- 'penalty_fees_repayment'
- 'outstanding revenue'
- 'loan balance'
- 'outstanding setup fees'
- 'outstanding_principle'
- 'is_npl'

From the above information, the following can be deduced;

- 'age', 'days_interest_calculated' have the highest influence on default rate('is_npl) with correlations exceeding +0.75
- 'revenue_per-loan', 'outstanding_penalty_fees', 'outstanding_daily_interest' have moderate influence on default rate with corrlations between +0.25 but less than +0.75.
- 'penalty_fees_repayment', 'outstanding_revenue', 'loan_balance' have weak influence on the taget variable with correlations between +0.2 and +0.25
- 'Despite 'outstanding_setup_fees', 'outstanding_principle' having the least influence on the default rate with correlations slightly less than +0.2, they were included in the model for robustness.

```
'is_npl']
      # Select these features from the dataset
      df_cluster = df[cluster_features].copy()
      # Check for missing values (you already handled null values earlier)
      print(df_cluster.isnull().sum())
     age
                                   0
     days_interest_calculated
     revenue_per_loan
                                   \cap
                                   0
     outstanding_penalty_fees
     outstanding_daily_interest
                                   0
     penalty_fees_repayment
                                   0
     outstanding revenue
                                   0
     loan_balance
                                   0
     outstanding_setup_fees
     outstanding_principle
                                   0
     is_npl
                                   0
     dtype: int64
[33]: # Define the preprocessing pipeline
      preprocessor = Pipeline(steps=[
          ('scaler', StandardScaler()) # Standardizes the features
      1)
      # Apply preprocessing to the selected features
      df_scaled = preprocessor.fit_transform(df[cluster_features]) # Note: df_scaled_
       ⇒is now ready for clustering
[34]: # Create a pipeline with preprocessing and KMeans
      K_range = range(1, 11) # Test for 1 to 10 clusters
      for k in K_range:
          clustering_pipeline = Pipeline(steps=[
              ('preprocessor', preprocessor), # Preprocessing step
              ('kmeans', KMeans(n_clusters=k, random_state=42))
          1)
          clustering_pipeline.fit(df[cluster_features])
          inertia.append(clustering_pipeline['kmeans'].inertia_) # Store inertia
      # Plot the Elbow curve
      plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
      plt.plot(K_range, inertia, 'bo-')
      plt.title('Elbow Method for Optimal Number of Clusters')
      plt.xlabel('Number of Clusters (k)')
```

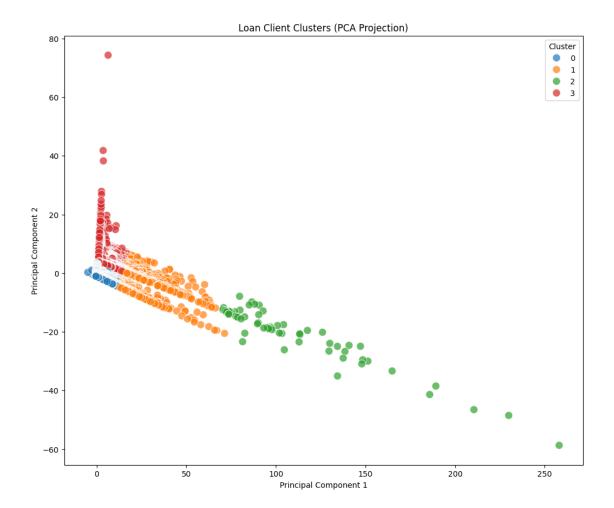
```
plt.ylabel('Inertia')
# Save the Elbow curve as an image
plt.savefig('clusters_elbow_curve.png')
plt.show();
```



```
0 37c8a45dbbcf8e09189064ea4457adb0 0
1 975d6d720f528cf94f523d6ba1d5c111 0
2 6cb7205ddab12cc7c8cb1d7df1c6ce86 0
3 c9138fc7078f254aeea92f1d17807bd2 0
4 35b052df405c78add3a3c152ecbaeeff 0
```

1.4.3 Visualization of Clusters

```
[37]: from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
      # Add PCA for dimensionality reduction
      pca_pipeline = Pipeline(steps=[
          ('preprocessor', preprocessor), # Preprocessing step
          ('pca', PCA(n_components=3)) # PCA for 2D visualization
      ])
      # Transform the data to 2D
      df_pca = pca_pipeline.fit_transform(df[cluster_features])
      # Visualize the clusters
      plt.figure(figsize=(12, 10))
      sns.scatterplot(x=df_pca[:, 0], y=df_pca[:, 1], hue=df['Cluster'],
       ⇒palette='tab10', s=100, alpha=0.7)
      plt.title('Loan Client Clusters (PCA Projection)')
      plt.xlabel('Principal Component 1')
      plt.ylabel('Principal Component 2')
      # Save plot as image for Powerpoint presentation
      plt.savefig('clusters_pca_projection.png')
      plt.show();
```



1.4.4 Cluster Summary (Numerical)

```
[38]: # Summarize the average characteristics of each cluster and store it as and DataFrame

cluster_summary = df.groupby('Cluster')[cluster_features].mean().reset_index()

# Display the resulting DataFrame

cluster_summary_table = pd.DataFrame(data = cluster_summary)

cluster_summary_table
```

```
[38]:
         Cluster
                              days_interest_calculated revenue_per_loan \
                         age
               0
                    5.768090
                                               5.446174
                                                                  0.101959
      0
                                                                  0.000150
      1
               1
                   68.088685
                                              22.646789
      2
               2
                                                                  0.000000
                 123.112903
                                              31.032258
               3
                   81.565099
                                              31.185871
                                                                  0.393191
```

outstanding_penalty_fees outstanding_daily_interest \

```
0
                   0.000000
                                               74.654478
               15572.367752
1
                                            49145.900428
2
               97444.726452
                                           265616.540968
3
                1315.303483
                                             3464.717259
   penalty_fees_repayment
                           outstanding_revenue
                                                 loan_balance
0
                 0.00000
                                   8.836605e+02
                                                 8.853328e+02
1
                 0.000000
                                   2.728224e+05 2.728223e+05
2
                 0.000000
                                   1.139863e+06 1.139862e+06
3
                                   1.387675e+04 1.387661e+04
               841.312595
   outstanding_setup_fees
                           outstanding_principle
                                                      is_npl
                20.677085
0
                                       788.328933
                                                   0.00000
1
              5144.893823
                                    202959.222110
                                                   0.623853
2
             17154.312097
                                    759646.957097
                                                   0.935484
3
               243.105480
                                      8853.627161
                                                   0.997482
```

[39]: # Optionally, save to a CSV file if needed #cluster_summary_table.to_csv("cluster_summary_table.csv", index=False)

1.5 KEY INSIGHTS

1.5.1 Feature Importance

The following features from the original dataset were found to have the greatest influence on a client's ability to fulfill their loan repayment obligations: - 'age' - 'days_interest_calculated' - 'revenue_per_loan' - 'outstanding_penalty_fees' - 'outstanding_daily_interest' - 'penalty_fees_repayment' - 'outstanding_revenue' - 'loan_balance' - 'outstanding_setup_fees' - 'outstanding_principle' - 'is_npl'

1.5.2 Explanation of Results of K Means Clustering

1.) Cluster 0 (Low-Risk Borrowers)

- Relatively low age indicating that borrowers tend to pay back loans within a short period. - Minimal outstanding penalty fees and daily interest indicating timely loan repayments. - High revenue per loan averaging approximately 10% for this group. - Low loan balance averaging less than 1000 units. - This suggests responsible borrowers who repay on time, generating steady income.

2.) Cluster 1 (High-Risk Defaulters)

- Relatively high age (averaging roughly 9 weeks) stipulating clients borrowing loans over longer periods of time. High levels of outstanding fees including outstanding; setup fees, principle, revenue daily interest and penalty fees. Tendency not to pay penalty fees indicates lack of commitment to loan repayment responsibilities. Very low revenue per loan ratio, shows poor return on investment from this group of clients.
- Extremely high outstanding loan balances, suggesting prolonged non-repayment.
- This cluster represents long-term defaulters.

3.) Cluster 2 (Moderate-Risk Borrowers with Partial Repayments)

- High loan age (averaging roughly 10 weeks), even higher than that in Cluster 1. Some penalty fees have been repaid, unlike Cluster 1, indicating a desire to pay back the money borrowed by the clients in this group. Reasonable outstanding loan balance; which averages at about 12,700 units as compared to cluster 1, whose outstanding loan balance averages out at abround 269,605 units. Despite having lower outstanding loan balances, they still pose risk to the loanbook.
- This cluster consists of borrowers making partial repayments but struggling.

4.) Cluster 3 (Extreme Defaulters with Large Loans)

- Very high outstanding balances, setup fees, and penalties even when compared to cluster 1(High Risk Defaulters)
- Zero revenue per loan, indicating severe non-payment and no benefit of the business from this group of clients.
- Highest outstanding principle, suggesting large loan sizes.
- This represents the riskiest segment, possibly requiring legal action or write-offs.

Inferences:

- Clusters 0 and 2 contain manageable borrowers, with Cluster 0 being the most profitable. Cluster 2 is categorized by clients who though risky, show initiative in fulfilling their loan obligations. Measures should be established to incentivize this group (cluster 2) to make more regular and timely payments.
- Clusters 1 and 3 pose high financial risk, with Cluster 3 being the most problematic. Loan agents should focus on mitigating risk in Clusters 1 and 3, possibly through stricter lending criteria or tailored repayment plans.

1.6 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Generate stricter criteria for borrowing large sums of money over extended periods(as noted in clusters 1 & 3) as this has shown to be problematic once the recovery stage is reached. These common features amonst risky borrowers should be targeted and mitigated to prevent exposure of the business to averse risk.
- 2. Generate short as well as long term strategies to recover loan book portfolio at risk. Short term strategies can include establishing incentives for early/timely loan and fees repayments.

1.6.1 NEXT STEP(S)

Develop an early warning loan default detection machine-learning model

• Using time-series as well as sequential modelling to create a system that is able to detect and flag loans likely to go into default in the near future.

1.7 CONCLUSION

The clustering analysis successfully delineated four distinct borrower segments, each exhibiting unique repayment behaviors and risk profiles. Low-risk borrowers demonstrated prompt repayment and stable revenue contributions, while high-risk segments—particularly the extreme defaulters—were characterized by prolonged non-repayment and substantial outstanding balances. The feature importance analysis further highlighted critical predictors of credit risk, underscoring the significance of loan age, days interest calculated, and revenue per loan. These findings not only validate

the effectiveness of unsupervised clustering in credit risk assessment but also lay the groundwork for advanced predictive modeling, such as early warning systems for loan defaults. Overall, the project provides actionable insights to optimize loan management practices and mitigate potential financial risks.

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