# Part I - Loan Data from Prosper Dataset Exploration

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### Introduction

Loan Data from Prosper is a dataset with over 110,000 loan entries on 81 variables. In this document though, it is modified to have only 14,882 loan entries on 13 variables. The selected variables are TermMonths (originally "Term", but renamed "TermMonths"), LoanStatus, BorrowerAPR, BorrowerRate, ListingCategory, BorrowerState, Occupation, EmploymentStatus, IsBorrowerHomeowner, IncomeRange, and LoanOriginalAmount. Two other variables, JobStatus and Term, will also be created during the analysis of the dataset, making up the 13 variables of the modified dataset in this document.

- · TermMonths is the length of the loan in months
- Term states the term each month length represents (short term, mid term, and long term)
- LoanStatus means the status of the loan which could be completed, current, charged off, defaulted, cancelled, final payment in progress, or past due. Past due usually includes the range in which the number of days for which the loan is past due falls into in parentheses.

During the analysis, the rows with "Current" values will be removed from our dataset as they will not be needed.

- ListingCategory contains the listing category that the borrower selected when posting their listing for the loan.
- BorrowerAPR is the borrower's Annual Percentage Rate, which is the totality of all the cost of a loan to a borrower (including the interest rate) in a year expressed in percentage.
- BorrowerRate is the interest rate a borrower gets for a loan.
- IsHomeonwer contains a boolean value (True/False) for whether the borrower owns a home.
- Occupation, EmploymentStatus, and IncomeRange contain the occupation, employment status and income range of the borrower respectively.
- BorrowerState is the state of residence of borrower

- LoanOriginalAmount is the original amount loaned to the borrower.
- JobStatus states if the borrower is working or not.

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# **Preliminary Wrangling**

In this section, the dataset is assessed and issues found are cleaned. The cleaning process would involve the removal of variables not necessary for this analysis.

```
In [1]:
         ▶ # import all packages and set plots to be embedded inline
            import numpy as np
            import pandas as pd
            import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
            import seaborn as sb
            %matplotlib inline
In [2]:
         ▶ #load dataset into a dataframe
            prosper_loans = pd.read_csv("prosperLoanData.csv")

▶ def drop_unwanted_cols(df, list_of_cols_to_keep):
In [3]:
                """This function selects out unwanted columns in a dataframe
                and drops them"""
                new list = []
                for col in df.columns:
                    if col not in list_of_cols_to_keep:
                        new_list.append(col)
                return df.drop(new_list, axis = 1)
           #create a list of wanted columns
In [4]:
            wanted_cols = ["Term","LoanOriginalAmount", "LoanStatus", "BorrowerAP
            #apply the drop_unwanted_cols function to the dataframe
            prosper_loans = drop_unwanted_cols(prosper_loans, wanted_cols)
```

**Assess data** 

In [5]: 

#view random rows of dataframe
prosper\_loans.sample(15)

Out[5]:

|        | Term | LoanStatus | BorrowerAPR | BorrowerRate | ListingCategory (numeric) | BorrowerState | Осс                    |
|--------|------|------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| 65127  | 36   | Current    | 0.24205     | 0.2045       | 1                         | CA            |                        |
| 61714  | 36   | Completed  | 0.14207     | 0.1350       | 2                         | GA            | Trad<br>M              |
| 24023  | 36   | Completed  | 0.17160     | 0.1499       | 7                         | WI            | Account                |
| 13513  | 36   | Completed  | 0.23428     | 0.2193       | 0                         | NaN           |                        |
| 9649   | 60   | Completed  | 0.28160     | 0.2557       | 1                         | LA            | Prof                   |
| 91966  | 36   | Current    | 0.22712     | 0.1899       | 1                         | MI            | Skille                 |
| 70108  | 36   | Chargedoff | 0.35797     | 0.3177       | 6                         | NC            | Admin<br>A             |
| 68080  | 36   | Current    | 0.17611     | 0.1400       | 1                         | GA            | C <sub>(</sub><br>Prog |
| 11300  | 60   | Current    | 0.18222     | 0.1585       | 1                         | NY            |                        |
| 91288  | 60   | Current    | 0.31159     | 0.2849       | 1                         | ТХ            | Truc                   |
| 47140  | 36   | Chargedoff | 0.33973     | 0.2999       | 15                        | AL            | Skille                 |
| 110234 | 36   | Chargedoff | 0.29776     | 0.2900       | 0                         | TX            |                        |
| 34957  | 60   | Current    | 0.22140     | 0.1970       | 1                         | СО            | Account                |
| 78809  | 36   | Current    | 0.23131     | 0.1940       | 1                         | MD            |                        |
| 68712  | 36   | Completed  | 0.36716     | 0.3400       | 1                         | МО            | Account                |

In [6]: 

#check number of rows and columns of dataframe prosper\_loans.shape

Out[6]: (113937, 11)

```
In [7]:
         ▶ #check summarized info of dataset
            prosper_loans.info()
            <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
            RangeIndex: 113937 entries, 0 to 113936
            Data columns (total 11 columns):
                 Column
                                            Non-Null Count
                                                             Dtype
                 _____
                                                              _ _ _ _ _
             0
                 Term
                                            113937 non-null int64
             1
                 LoanStatus
                                            113937 non-null object
             2
                 BorrowerAPR
                                            113912 non-null
                                                             float64
             3
                                            113937 non-null
                                                             float64
                 BorrowerRate
                                                             int64
                 ListingCategory (numeric) 113937 non-null
             5
                                            108422 non-null object
                 BorrowerState
                 Occupation
                                            110349 non-null
                                                             object
             7
                 EmploymentStatus
                                            111682 non-null
                                                             object
             8
                                            113937 non-null
                 IsBorrowerHomeowner
                                                             bool
             9
                 IncomeRange
                                            113937 non-null
                                                             object
             10 LoanOriginalAmount
                                            113937 non-null
                                                             int64
            dtypes: bool(1), float64(2), int64(3), object(5)
            memory usage: 8.8+ MB
```

#### **Note**

The listing category is present in the dataset in numeric form as **ListingCategory** (numeric) variable. Each number has a word meaning and would be converted to the meaning in word during cleaning.

```
▶ #check values count for loan status variable
In [11]:
             prosper_loans.LoanStatus.value_counts()
   Out[11]: Current
                                       56576
                                       38074
             Completed
             Chargedoff
                                       11992
             Defaulted
                                        5018
             Past Due (1-15 days)
                                         806
             Past Due (31-60 days)
                                         363
             Past Due (61-90 days)
                                         313
             Past Due (91-120 days)
                                         304
             Past Due (16-30 days)
                                         265
             FinalPaymentInProgress
                                         205
             Past Due (>120 days)
                                          16
             Cancelled
                                           5
             Name: LoanStatus, dtype: int64
In [12]:
          ▶ #check for the unique values in the EmploymentStatus column
             prosper_loans.EmploymentStatus.unique()
   Out[12]: array(['Self-employed', 'Employed', 'Not available', 'Full-time', 'O
             ther',
                    nan, 'Not employed', 'Part-time', 'Retired'], dtype=object)
In [13]:
          #check for number of null values in each column
             prosper_loans.isnull().sum()
   Out[13]: Term
                                             0
             LoanStatus
                                             0
             BorrowerAPR
                                            25
             BorrowerRate
                                             0
             ListingCategory (numeric)
                                             0
             BorrowerState
                                          5515
             Occupation
                                          3588
             EmploymentStatus
                                          2255
             IsBorrowerHomeowner
                                             0
             IncomeRange
                                             0
             LoanOriginalAmount
                                             0
             dtype: int64
          ▶ #check for the unique values in the IncomeRange column
In [14]:
             prosper_loans.IncomeRange.unique()
   Out[14]: array(['$25,000-49,999', '$50,000-74,999', 'Not displayed', '$100,00
             0+',
                    '$75,000-99,999', '$1-24,999', 'Not employed', '$0'], dtype=o
```

bject)

```
▶ #check employment status of people with $0 income range values
In [15]:
             prosper_loans[prosper_loans["IncomeRange"] == "$0"]["EmploymentStatus"]
   Out[15]: array(['Full-time', 'Self-employed', 'Retired', 'Employed', 'Part-ti
             me',
                    'Not employed'], dtype=object)
          ▶ #obtain unique values for ListingCategory
In [16]:
             prosper_loans["ListingCategory (numeric)"].unique()
   Out[16]: array([ 0, 2, 16, 1, 7, 13, 6, 15, 20, 19, 3, 18, 8, 4, 11, 1
             4, 5,
                     9, 17, 10, 12])
In [17]:
          ▶ #obtain value counts of each unique value in ListingCategory (numeric
             prosper_loans["ListingCategory (numeric)"].value_counts().sort_values
   Out[17]: 17
                      52
             12
                      59
             9
                      85
             10
                      91
             8
                     199
                     217
             11
             16
                     304
             5
                     756
             19
                     768
             20
                     771
             14
                     876
             18
                     885
             15
                    1522
             13
                    1996
             4
                    2395
             6
                    2572
             3
                    7189
             2
                    7433
             7
                   10494
             0
                   16965
                   58308
             Name: ListingCategory (numeric), dtype: int64
```

### **Issues Noticed**

- Too many variations of "Past Due" values in **LoanStatus** column
- · Listing category in numbers
- ListingCategory (numeric) column name
- "Not Available" values in EmploymentStatus column
- IncomeRange values of "Not Displayed"
- "Not employed" IncomeRange values
- Rows with \$0 income range for borrowers with a job (that is borrowers with full-time or parttime or employed or self-employed employment status)
- Rows with "Current" loan status (LoanStatus)

- Rows with "Other" value in **EmploymentStatus** column
- · Job status column needed
- · Term column name
- · A column depicting term in words needed
- TermMonths, Term and IncomeRange datatypes
- Null rows

### Clean data

First, the duplicate rows noticed in the assessment phase will be dropped.

```
In [19]: #drop duplicated rows
loans_clean.drop_duplicates(inplace = True)
```

During the assessment of the **LoanStatus** column, various variations of "Past Due" values were noticed. This is as the "Past Due" values were recorded with a range of the number of days for which the loan was past due in parentheses.

Below, each of these variations will be modified into simply "Past Due".

```
In [20]: M def rename_pastdue(x):
    """The function renames every variation of "Past Due" values
    to just "Past Due"""

    if "Past Due" in x:
        return "Past Due"
    else:
        return x
In [21]: M #apply rename pastdue on LoanStatus column
```

Below, **ListingCategory (numeric)** values will be converted to their various meanings in words and the column will be renamed.

### Note

Each number in the **ListingCategory** (numeric) column and its meaning:

0 - Not Available, 1 - Debt Consolidation, 2 - Home Improvement, 3 - Business, 4 - Personal Loan, 5 - Student Use, 6 - Auto, 7 - Other, 8 - Baby&Adoption, 9 - Boat, 10 - Cosmetic Procedure, 11 - Engagement Ring, 12 - Green Loans, 13 - Household Expenses, 14 - Large Purchases, 15 - Medical/Dental, 16 - Motorcycle, 17 - RV, 18 - Taxes, 19 - Vacation, 20 - Wedding Loans

```
| #obtain value counts of each unique value in ListingCategory (numeric
In [22]:
             loans_clean["ListingCategory (numeric)"].value_counts().sort_values()
   Out[22]: 17
                      52
             12
                      58
             9
                      85
                      91
             10
             8
                     196
             11
                     214
             16
                     304
             5
                     756
             20
                     762
             19
                     764
             14
                     863
             18
                     882
             15
                    1507
             13
                    1984
             4
                    2393
             6
                    2568
             3
                    7145
             2
                    7379
             7
                   10427
             0
                   16518
                   57247
             Name: ListingCategory (numeric), dtype: int64
In [23]:

    def list_category(x):

                 """This function changes each numeric value in the "ListingCatego
                 to its appropriate word meaning"""
                 7 : "Other", 8 : "Baby & Adoption", 9 : "Boat", 10
                                11 : "Engagement Ring", 12 : "Green Loans", 13 : "
14 : "Large Purchases", 15 : "Medical/Dental", 16
                                18 : "Taxes", 19 : "Vacation", 20 : "Wedding Loans
                 for key, value in cat_listing.items():
                     if x == key:
                         return cat_listing[key]
```

```
In [24]:
          ⋈ #apply function
             loans_clean["ListingCategory (numeric)"] = loans_clean["ListingCatego"]
             loans_clean["ListingCategory (numeric)"].value_counts().sort_values()
   Out[24]: RV
                                       52
             Green Loans
                                       58
                                       85
             Boat
             Cosmetic Procedure
                                       91
                                      196
             Baby & Adoption
                                      214
             Engagement Ring
             Motorcycle
                                      304
             Student Use
                                      756
             Wedding Loans
                                      762
             Vacation
                                      764
             Large Purchases
                                      863
                                      882
             Taxes
                                     1507
             Medical/Dental
             Household Expenses
                                     1984
             Personal Loan
                                     2393
             Auto
                                     2568
             Business
                                     7145
                                     7379
             Home Improvement
             Other
                                    10427
             No+ Available
                                    16610
In [25]:
          ▶ #Rename the "ListingCategory (numeric)" column
             loans_clean.rename(columns = {"ListingCategory (numeric)" : "ListingC
             #confirm
             loans_clean.head(1)
   Out[25]:
```

|   | Term | LoanStatus | BorrowerAPR | BorrowerRate | ListingCategory | BorrowerState | Occupation | E |
|---|------|------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|---|
| 0 | 36   | Completed  | 0.16516     | 0.158        | Not Available   | CO            | Other      |   |

For some columns (e.g EmploymentStatus, ListingCategory and IncomeRange), values such as "Not Available", "Not available" or "Not Displayed" are given. First, a function will be created to capitalize only the first letters of each word in a string and applied to EmploymentStatus and IncomeRange columns. Afterwards, another function would be created to convert the above-listed values to null values, and the function would be applied to the data frame.

```
In [27]:
          ▶ #apply function on dataframe
             loans_clean["EmploymentStatus"] = loans_clean["EmploymentStatus"].app
             loans_clean["IncomeRange"] = loans_clean["IncomeRange"].apply(make_ti
             #view random rows
             print(loans_clean.EmploymentStatus.unique())
             loans_clean.IncomeRange.unique()
             ['Self-Employed' 'Employed' 'Not Available' 'Full-Time' 'Other' nan
              'Not Employed' 'Part-Time' 'Retired']
   Out[27]: array(['$25,000-49,999', '$50,000-74,999', 'Not Displayed', '$100,00
                    '$75,000-99,999', '$1-24,999', 'Not Employed', '$0'], dtype=o
             bject)
In [28]:
          ▶ | def change_to_null(x):
                 """The function changes "Not Available" and "Not
                 Displayed" values in a column to null values"""
                 if x == "Not Available" or x == "Not Displayed":
                     return np.nan
                 else:
                     return x
In [29]:
          ⋈ #apply on dataframe
             loans_clean = loans_clean.applymap(change_to_null)
             loans_clean.query('EmploymentStatus == "Not Available" or IncomeRange
   Out[29]:
               Term LoanStatus BorrowerAPR BorrowerRate ListingCategory BorrowerState Occupation En
```

During the assessment, it was noted that some rows having \$0 income range also belonged to borrowers with jobs. That is borrowers with full-time, self-employed, employed, and part-time employment statuses.

The \$0 income range record for those borrowers may have been an error. Therefore, rows with such entries (rows having \$0 **IncomeRange** value and full-time or self-employed or part-time **EmploymentStatus**) will be removed.

```
#drop rows in zero_with_job
In [31]:
              loans_clean.drop(zero_with_job.index, inplace = True)
In [32]:
          ▶ #confirm for "Full-Time" EmploymentStatus
              loans_clean.query('IncomeRange == "$0" & EmploymentStatus == "Full-Ti
   Out[32]:
                Term LoanStatus BorrowerAPR BorrowerRate ListingCategory BorrowerState Occupation En
In [331:
           ▶ #confirm for "Self-Employed" EmploymentStatus
              loans_clean.query('IncomeRange == "$0" & EmploymentStatus == "Self-Em
   Out[33]:
                Term LoanStatus BorrowerAPR BorrowerRate ListingCategory BorrowerState Occupation En
In [34]:
          ▶ #confirm for "Employed" EmploymentStatus
              loans_clean.query('IncomeRange == "$0" & EmploymentStatus == "Employe
   Out[34]:
                Term LoanStatus BorrowerAPR BorrowerRate ListingCategory BorrowerState Occupation En
             #confirm for "Part-Time" EmploymentStatus
In [35]:
              loans_clean.query('IncomeRange == "$0" & EmploymentStatus == "Part-Ti
   Out[35]:
                Term LoanStatus BorrowerAPR BorrowerRate ListingCategory BorrowerState Occupation En
```

As seen during assessment, some rows have "Not Employed" values in the **IncomeRange** column, which means the borrowers to whom those row records belong have no job. Therefore, those "Not Employed" values will be replaced with "\$0" values.

```
In [36]: M def zero_dollar(x):
    """This function replaces every "Not Employed"
    value with a "$0" value"""
    if x == "Not Employed":
        return "$0"
    else:
        return x
```

For this analysis, current loan entries will not be needed. Therefore, rows with "Current" values in the **LoanStatus** column will be dropped.

Out[38]:

Term LoanStatus BorrowerAPR BorrowerRate ListingCategory BorrowerState Occupation En

Below, rows for which the value in **EmploymentStatus** are "Other" will be dropped as they have no clear interpretation and will not be useful in this analysis.

Out[39]:

Term LoanStatus BorrowerAPR BorrowerRate ListingCategory BorrowerState Occupation En

The **EmploymentStatus** variable has 6 unique values: "Full-Time", "Part-Time", "Self-Employed", "Employed", "Not Employed", and "Retired".

Of the 6 unique variables, 4 ("Full-Time", "Part-Time", "Self-Employed", and "Employed") represent borrowers who work or have a job, and only 2 ("Not Employed" and "Retired") represent borrowers without jobs.

Below, a new column will be created for job status with values stating if a borrower is working or not.

```
In [40]:

    def job_status(col_name):

                 """This function returns a list containing values
                 of "Working" or "Not Working" for a borrower's job
                 status_list = []
                 for x in col_name:
                      if x == "Not Employed" or x == "Retired":
                          status_list.append("Not Working")
                      else:
                          status_list.append("Working")
                 return status list
In [41]:
          ▶ #apply the function to the EmploymentStatus column
             #and assign the list returned to a new variable
             job_status_list = job_status(loans_clean.EmploymentStatus)
             #create new column for job status in clean loans dataframe
             loans_clean["JobStatus"] = job_status_list
In [42]:
          ▶ #confirm for borrowers with "Full-Time" employment status
             loans_clean.query('EmploymentStatus == "Full-Time" & JobStatus == "No
   Out[42]:
               Term LoanStatus BorrowerAPR BorrowerRate ListingCategory BorrowerState Occupation En
In [43]:
          ▶ #confirm for borrowers with "Part-Time" EmploymentStatus
             loans_clean.query('EmploymentStatus == "Part-Time" & JobStatus == "No
   Out[43]:
                Term LoanStatus BorrowerAPR BorrowerRate ListingCategory BorrowerState Occupation En
In [44]:
          | #confirm for borrowers with "Self-Employed" EmploymentStatus
             loans_clean.query('EmploymentStatus == "Self-Employed" & JobStatus ==
   Out[44]:
               Term LoanStatus BorrowerAPR BorrowerRate ListingCategory BorrowerState Occupation En
In [45]:
          ₩ #confirm for borrowers with "Employed" EmploymentStatus
             loans_clean.query('EmploymentStatus == "Employed" & JobStatus == "Not
   Out[45]:
                Term LoanStatus BorrowerAPR BorrowerRate ListingCategory BorrowerState Occupation En
```

```
▶ #confirm for borrowers with "Not Employed" EmploymentStatus
In [46]:
              loans_clean.query('EmploymentStatus == "Not Employed" & JobStatus ==
   Out[46]:
                Term LoanStatus BorrowerAPR BorrowerRate ListingCategory BorrowerState Occupation
           #confirm for borrowers with "Retired" EmploymentStatus
In [47]:
              loans_clean.query('EmploymentStatus == "Retired" & JobStatus == "Work
   Out[47]:
                Term LoanStatus BorrowerAPR BorrowerRate ListingCategory BorrowerState Occupation En
          The Term variable in the dataset is given in terms of the number of months. There are three
          groups: 12 months, 36 months and 60 months.
          To represent them in "Term" (Short Term, Mid Term, and Long Term), a new feature will be
          created. But first, the initial Term variable will be renamed as TermMonths and the new feature to
          be created will be named Term.
              #Rename Term variable
In [48]:
              loans_clean.rename(columns = {"Term" : "TermMonths"}, inplace = True)
              #confirm
              loans_clean.head(1)
   Out[48]:
                 TermMonths LoanStatus BorrowerAPR BorrowerRate ListingCategory
                                                                          BorrowerState Occupa
               0
                         36 Completed
                                                                                  CO
                                          0.16516
                                                       0.158
                                                                     NaN
           In [49]:
                  """This function returns a list of the term
                  (in words) each loan belongs in"""
                  term_list = []
                  for x in col_name:
                       if x == 12:
                           term_list.append("Short Term")
                       elif x == 36:
                           term_list.append("Mid Term")
                       else:
```

term\_list.append("Long Term")

return term\_list

0

```
▶ #apply function to TermMonths column
In [50]:
             term_words_list = term_words(loans_clean.TermMonths)
             #create a new variable for the term in words
             loans_clean["Term"] = term_words_list
In [51]:
          ▶ #confirm by viewing random rows
             print(loans_clean.TermMonths.value_counts())
             loans_clean.Term.value_counts()
             36
                   49535
             60
                    4276
             12
                    1505
             Name: TermMonths, dtype: int64
   Out[51]: Mid Term
                           49535
             Long Term
                            4276
             Short Term
                            1505
             Name: Term, dtype: int64
```

**TermMonths**, **IncomeRange**, and **Term** variables are ordinal variables, that is, their unique values are sequential. Therefore, their datatype should be "category", showing that they are ordered.

Hence, below the datatype for each of the variables are changed into "category" by specifying the order of their unique values.

```
In [53]:
          #confirm
             loans_clean.dtypes
   Out[53]: TermMonths
                                     category
             LoanStatus
                                       object
             BorrowerAPR
                                      float64
                                      float64
             BorrowerRate
             ListingCategory
                                       object
                                       object
             BorrowerState
             Occupation
                                       object
             EmploymentStatus
                                       object
             IsBorrowerHomeowner
                                         bool
             IncomeRange
                                     category
             LoanOriginalAmount
                                        int64
             JobStatus
                                       object
             Term
                                     category
             dtype: object
```

Lastly, null rows were also noticed during the assessment of the dataset. Below, the null rows will be dropped.

# What is the structure of your dataset?

The clean Loan Data from Prosper dataset **loans\_clean** has 14,882 loan entries on 13 variables (14,882 rows and 13 columns). It consists of numeric, nominal categorical, and ordinal categorical variables.

The numeric variables are: BorrowerAPR, BorrowerRate, and LoanOriginalAmount.

The **nominal categorical variables** are: LoanStatus, ListingCategory, Occupation, EmploymentStatus, BorrowerState, IsBorrowerHomeowner, and JobStatus.

The ordinal categorical variables are: TermMonths, and IncomeRange, and Term.

Below, the unique values in each of the variables are arranged in increasing order.

(smallest --> greatest) **TermMonths**: 12, 36, 60

IncomeRange: \$0, \$1-24,999, \$25,000-49,999, \$50,000-74,999, \$75,000-99,999, \$100,000+

Term: Short Term, Mid Term, Long Term

# What is/are the main feature(s) of interest in your dataset?

I am mainly interested in determining the features that affect loan status, the features that tell the proportion of loans taken for student use that was completed, and how the length of a loan affects the interest rate. I am also interested in the features that determine if loan amount increases with increasing income range, if higher loan amounts are usually associated with longer loan length, and if borrowers who take loan for debt consolidation are mostly high income earners?

# What features in the dataset do you think will help support your investigation into your feature(s) of interest?

The following features: **LoanStatus**, **Term**, **ListingCategory**, **LoanOriginalAmount**, **IncomeRange**, and **BorrowerRate** will be useful in determining the outcome of my investigation into the features of interest stated above.

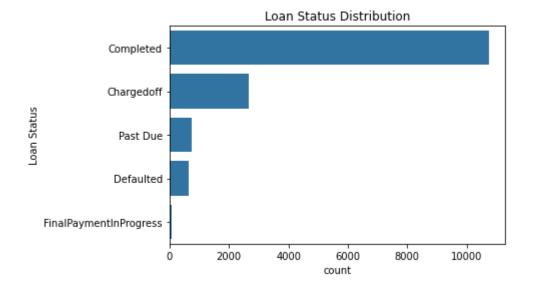
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# **Univariate Exploration**

This section involves investigation of distributions of individual variables in the dataset.

What is the status of most loans?

# 



### **Observations**

- Most borrowers complete their loans.
- There are more borrowers whose loans are charged off than there are those with their loans past due.
- The number of borrowers who defaulted on their loans is only slightly less than those for whom their loans are past due.
- Borrowers with their final payment in progress are the least.

How are the interest rates distributed?

# In [57]: #summary statistics on borrower rate loans\_clean.BorrowerRate.describe()

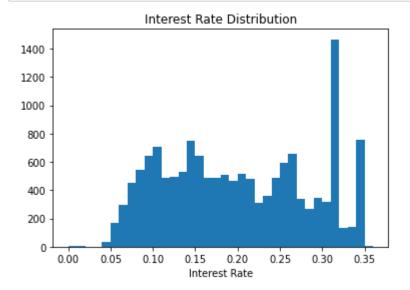
Out[57]: count 14882.000000 mean 0.201281 0.085881 std 0.000000 min 25% 0.128825 50% 0.194500 75% 0.271200 0.360000 max

Name: BorrowerRate, dtype: float64

```
In [58]: #visualize borrow rate variable
#create bin edges
bins = np.arange(0, loans_clean.BorrowerRate.max() + 0.01, 0.01)

#plot
plt.hist(data = loans_clean, x = "BorrowerRate", bins = bins)

plt.xlabel("Interest Rate");
#plt.xlim(0.03, 0.37)
plt.title("Interest Rate Distribution");
```



### **Observations**

- · It is multi-modal
- The highest peak is for interest rate between 0.31 and 0.32
- There are outliers between 0.00 and 0.02, also between 0.35 and 0.36

```
In [59]: #investigate outliers
#check rows with interest rate betwee 0 and 0.02
low_rates = loans_clean.query('BorrowerRate >= 0.00 & BorrowerRate <
    low_rates</pre>
```

### Out[59]:

|        | TermMonths | LoanStatus | BorrowerAPR | BorrowerRate | ListingCategory       | BorrowerState |
|--------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 15993  | 36         | Chargedoff | 0.01823     | 0.0100       | Debt<br>Consolidation | NY            |
| 37201  | 36         | Completed  | 0.02998     | 0.0100       | Student Use           | CA A          |
| 50251  | 36         | Completed  | 0.01325     | 0.0001       | Debt<br>Consolidation | AR            |
| 78920  | 36         | Completed  | 0.01987     | 0.0000       | Debt<br>Consolidation | NJ            |
| 105191 | 36         | Chargedoff | 0.02998     | 0.0100       | Personal Loan         | NY            |
| 112717 | 36         | Completed  | 0.01315     | 0.0000       | Other                 | CA            |

In [60]: #obtain summary statistics for rows with interest rate between 0.35 a
high\_rates = loans\_clean.query('BorrowerRate >= 0.35 & BorrowerRate <
high\_rates.LoanOriginalAmount.describe()</pre>

Out[60]: count 554.000000 mean 3342.194946 3047.936633 std 1000.000000 min 25% 1500.000000 50% 2525.500000 75% 4000,000000 25000.000000 max

Name: LoanOriginalAmount, dtype: float64

Out[61]: 35000

### For interest rates between 0 and 0.02:

There are two loan entries or rows with 0 value interest rates and an original loan amount of \$25,000 and \$3,000 respectively.

A third loan entry with an original loan amount of \$5,000 has an interest rate of 0.0001 which is lower than the interest rate for a loan amount of \$1,500.

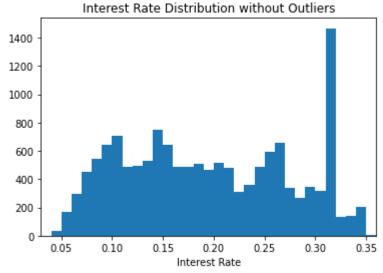
The two other loan entries with original loan amounts of \$1,500 and \$2,000 have relatively low interest rates compared to other loans of the same amount.

### For interest rates between 0.35 and 0.36:

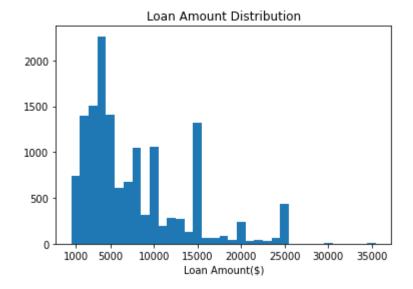
Interest rates in this range are relatively high and seeing how no rows with original loan amounts of \$35,000 have an interest rate in that range, it is possible that the record of interest rates for these rows is erroneous.

To be safe, these rows will be dropped, and a new plot will be created for the **BorrowerRate** variable.

```
In [62]:
             #drop BorrowerRate outlier rows
             loans_clean.drop(low_rates.index, inplace = True)
             loans_clean.drop(high_rates.index, inplace = True)
             #confirm
             #for low interest rates
             loans_clean.query('BorrowerRate >= 0.00 & BorrowerRate < 0.02')</pre>
   Out[62]:
                TermMonths LoanStatus BorrowerAPR BorrowerRate ListingCategory BorrowerState Occupati
             #for high interest rates
In [63]:
             loans_clean.query('BorrowerRate >= 0.35 & BorrowerRate < 0.36')</pre>
   Out[63]:
                TermMonths LoanStatus BorrowerAPR BorrowerRate ListingCategory BorrowerState Occupati
           ▶ #revisualize borrow rate variable
In [64]:
             #create bin edges
             bins = np.arange(0, loans_clean.BorrowerRate.max() + 0.01, 0.01)
             #plot
             plt.hist(data = loans_clean, x = "BorrowerRate", bins = bins)
             plt.xlabel("Interest Rate");
             plt.xlim(0.03, 0.36)
             plt.title("Interest Rate Distribution without Outliers");
```



```
#obtain summary statistics for LoanOriginalAmount variable
In [65]:
             loans_clean.LoanOriginalAmount.describe()
                      14322.000000
   Out[65]: count
                       7540.879067
             mean
                       5885.548949
             std
                       1000.000000
            min
             25%
                       3200.000000
             50%
                       5000.000000
             75%
                      10000.000000
                      35000.000000
             max
             Name: LoanOriginalAmount, dtype: float64
In [66]:
          #create bin edges
            bins = np.arange(500, 35500 + 1000, 1000)
             #plot
             plt.hist(data = loans_clean, x = "LoanOriginalAmount", bins = bins)
             #create tick labels
             ticks = [1000, 5000, 10000, 15000, 20000, 25000, 30000, 35000]
             tick_labels = ["{}".format(tick) for tick in ticks]
            plt.xticks(ticks, tick_labels)
             #plt.xlim(0, 25500)
            plt.xlabel("Loan Amount($)")
            plt.title("Loan Amount Distribution");
```



- · The data distribution is multimodal
- There are outliers having values of 30,000 and 35,000

In [67]:

#investigate outliers
loans\_clean.query('LoanOriginalAmount > 27000 and LoanOriginalAmount

Out[67]:

| Borre | ListingCategory       | BorrowerRate | BorrowerAPR | LoanStatus | TermMonths |        |
|-------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------|
|       | Debt<br>Consolidation | 0.1414       | 0.17754     | Past Due   | 36         | 2636   |
|       | Business              | 0.1034       | 0.13138     | Completed  | 36         | 10825  |
|       | Debt<br>Consolidation | 0.1639       | 0.20053     | Completed  | 36         | 15459  |
|       | Debt<br>Consolidation | 0.1249       | 0.14760     | Completed  | 60         | 41694  |
|       | Debt<br>Consolidation | 0.1399       | 0.16294     | Completed  | 60         | 44659  |
|       | Debt<br>Consolidation | 0.1299       | 0.15833     | Completed  | 36         | 46741  |
|       | Motorcycle            | 0.1679       | 0.20462     | Completed  | 36         | 49022  |
|       | Debt<br>Consolidation | 0.1399       | 0.16294     | Completed  | 60         | 50066  |
|       | Vacation              | 0.1399       | 0.17601     | Past Due   | 36         | 51770  |
|       | Debt<br>Consolidation | 0.1599       | 0.19645     | Completed  | 36         | 56440  |
|       | Debt<br>Consolidation | 0.1349       | 0.15783     | Completed  | 60         | 61917  |
|       | Debt<br>Consolidation | 0.1153       | 0.14348     | Completed  | 36         | 62729  |
|       | Debt<br>Consolidation | 0.1203       | 0.14857     | Past Due   | 36         | 65984  |
|       | Business              | 0.0949       | 0.12274     | Completed  | 36         | 79411  |
|       | Business              | 0.1819       | 0.20593     | Completed  | 60         | 81597  |
|       | Debt<br>Consolidation | 0.1203       | 0.14857     | Completed  | 36         | 82248  |
|       | Debt<br>Consolidation | 0.0930       | 0.12081     | Completed  | 36         | 83858  |
|       | Debt<br>Consolidation | 0.1639       | 0.20053     | Past Due   | 36         | 90748  |
|       | Business              | 0.1099       | 0.13227     | Completed  | 60         | 94875  |
|       | Debt<br>Consolidation | 0.1519       | 0.17522     | Past Due   | 60         | 96715  |
|       | Debt<br>Consolidation | 0.1159       | 0.14409     | Completed  | 36         | 101601 |
|       |                       |              |             |            |            |        |

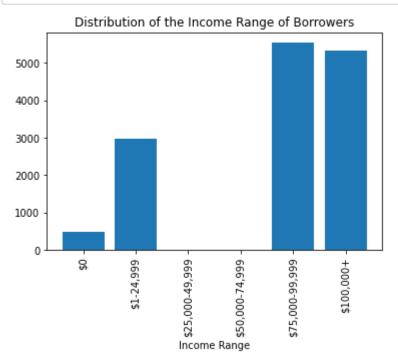
| TermMonths | LoanStatus | BorrowerAPR | BorrowerRate | ListingCategory | Borre |
|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|-------|
|            |            |             |              |                 | ,     |

**108637** 36 FinalPaymentInProgress 0.14409 0.1159 Other

These outliers are quite valid, and so will not be dropped.

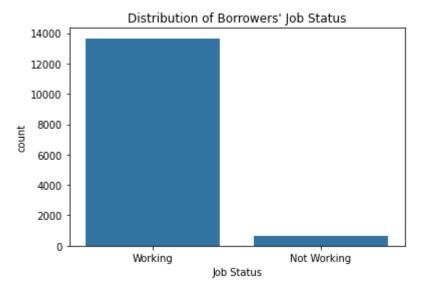
### What income range do most borrowers belong in?

```
In [68]: #obtain number of count for each income range
    range1 = loans_clean.query('IncomeRange == "$0"').IncomeRange.count()
    range2 = loans_clean.query('IncomeRange == "$1-24,999"').IncomeRange.
    range3 = loans_clean.query('IncomeRange == "$25,000-49,999"').IncomeR
    range4 = loans_clean.query('IncomeRange == "$50,000-74,999"').IncomeR
    range5 = loans_clean.query('IncomeRange == "$75,000-99,999"').IncomeR
    range6 = loans_clean.query('IncomeRange == "$100,000+"').IncomeRange.
```



- Most of the borrowers have an income range of \$75,000-99,999. This is closely followed by borrowers in the \$100,000+ income range.
- · Borrowers in the \$0 income range are the least.
- There are more borrowers in the \$1-24,999 income range than there are in \$0 income range, but they are less than those in \$100,000+ income range.
- Lastly, there are no borrowers in the \$25,000-49,999 and \$50,000-74,999 income range.

### Are there more borrowers with job than there are those without?



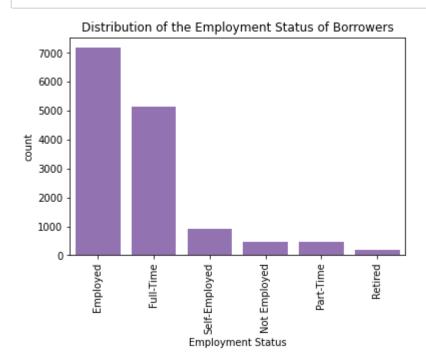
### **Observations**

- There are only a few borrowers without a job.
- There is a large difference in number between borrowers with job and borrowers without jobs.

Below, the **EmploymentStatus** variable will be visualized to further explain the reason for the large difference between borrowers that are working and those not working.

What employment status has the highest frequency?

## 



### **Observations**

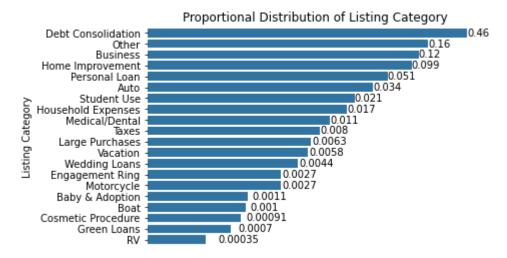
- The highest employment status count belongs to borrowers with "Employed" status, followed by those with "Full-Time" status.
- The count of borrowers with "Self-Employed", "Not-Employed", "Part-Time", and "Retired" statuses are relatively less than the count of borrowers with "Employed" and "Full-Time" employment statuses.
- There are more self-employed borrowers than not employed and part-time borrowers.
- The "Not Employed" bar looks almost equal / slightly less than the "Part-Time" status bar.
- · Retired borrowers are the least.

This explains the large difference between the number of borrowers with jobs and those without.

### What listing category has the highest proportion?

```
In [73]: # #create group order from highest count of values to least
group_order = loans_clean.ListingCategory.value_counts().index
#create tick marks and labels for x-axis
ticks = [1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000, 2000, 5000, 10000]
x_labels = ['{}'.format(tick) for tick in ticks]
```

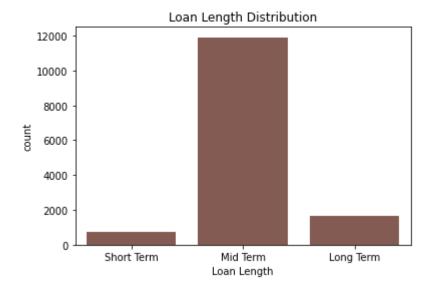
```
In [74]:
          ▶ #visualize proportion of each listing category
             #plot a horizontal bar chart
            ax = sb.countplot(data = loans_clean, y = "ListingCategory", color =
             #rescale the x-axis in logarithm
            plt.xscale("log")
            plt.xticks(ticks, x_labels)
            plt.xticks(rotation = 90)
            plt.ylabel("Listing Category");
             #turn off top, bottom, right, and left spine
            ax.spines["top"].set_visible(False)
            ax.spines["bottom"].set_visible(False)
            ax.spines["right"].set_visible(False)
            ax.spines["left"].set_visible(False)
             #turn off x-axis
            ax.get_xaxis().set_visible(False)
             #include the proportion of each listing category as text om their app
             for i in range(col_count.shape[0]):
                 count = col_count[i]
                count_str = "{:0.2}".format(count / total_sum)
                plt.text(count + 2, i, count_str, va = "center")
            plt.title("Proportional Distribution of Listing Category");
```



- Almost half the listings are for debt consolidation.
- Only approximately 2% of listings are for student use.

Are there more loans with longer loan lengths?

# 



### **Observations**

- There are by far more mid term loans than there are long term and short term loans.
- Short term loans are the fewest

# Discuss the distribution(s) of your variable(s) of interest. Were there any unusual points? Did you need to perform any transformations?

The loan status was unevenly distributed across completed, charged off, past due, defaulted, and final payment in progress. The majority of the loans were completed, and this was followed by loans charged off. Loans with final payment in progress had the least number of counts or frequency, and there was only a small difference between the number of loans past due and the number of defaulted loans.

There were more borrowers with an income range of \$75,000-99,999, and this was closely followed by borrowers with an income range of \$100,000+. Fewer borrowers were in the \$0 income range, and the borrowers in the \$1-24,999 income range were greater than those in the \$0 range by a wide margin but less than those in the \$100,00+ range.

The frequency of borrowers working in the job status variable was by far more than those not working.

Almost half the values in the listing category were "Debt Consolidation", with the least being "RV" with only a percentage proportion of 0.035%. Also, only approximately 2% of the listings were for "Student Use".

The scale of the x-axis (axis representing count/frequency) was transformed to a log scale because of the large values its large range of values.

Compared to mid term loans, there were only a few long and short term loans, as more than half the loans were mid term. Short term loans were the least in number.

# Of the features you investigated, were there any unusual distributions? Did you perform any operations on the data to tidy, adjust, or change the form of the data? If so, why did you do this?

In the interest rate variable (**BorrowerRate**), there were some outliers on both extremes (high and low). The interest rate values were considered either too high or too low when compared with the trend of interest rate for their loan amount, and the rows were dropped to be safe.

Outliers were also present in the loan amount variable (**LoanOriginalAmount**), but these rows were not dropped as they were considered valid.

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# **Bivariate Exploration**

In this section, relationships between pairs of variables in the dataset will be investigated.

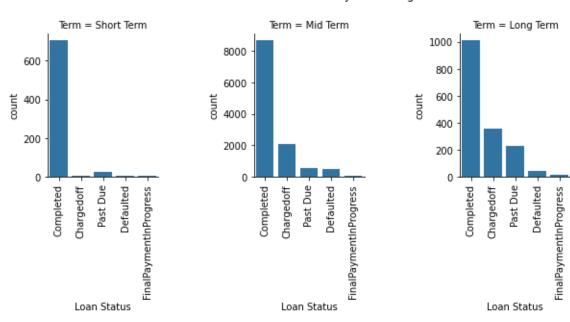
Does loan length affect loan status?

## 

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warnings.warn(warning)

### Loan Status Distribution by Loan Length



#### **Short Term**

- · Most loans are completed.
- Only a very few loans are charged off or defaulted or have their final payment in progress.
- The amount of loans past due are more that those charged off, defaulted, or that have their final payment in progress, but is by far less than completed loans.

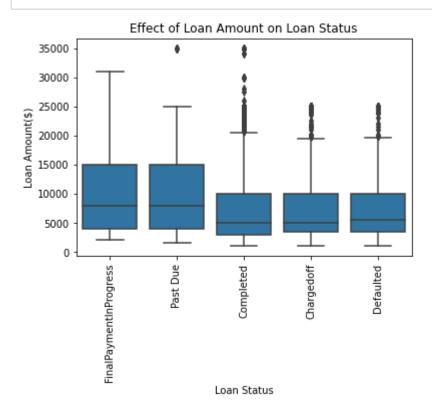
### **Mid Term**

- The majority of the loans are completed, and only a very few have their final payment in progress.
- An amount of the loans far less than that of loans that are completed, but greater than those
  of loans that are past due, defaulted, and have their final payment in progress are charged
  off.
- Loans that are past due are present in the same amount as defaulted loans.

### **Long Term**

- More loans are completed than charged off or past due or defaulted.
- · Less than half the loans are charged off.
- There is a slight decrease from the number of loans charged off to the number of loans past due
- Only a very few loans are defaulted, and fewer have their final payment in progress.

What is the effect of loan amount on loan status?



- Generally, as the loan amount decreases, it goes from final payment in progress to past due to completed and then to defaulted and chargedoff.
- There are high outlier loan amounts with past due and completed statuses.

### What percentage of loans taken for student use gets completed?

```
In [78]: #select out rows with listing category as Student Use
student_use = loans_clean.query('ListingCategory == "Student Use"')

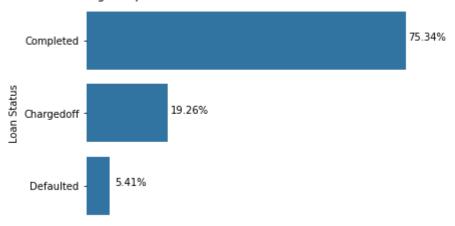
#get the count for each loan status
loan_stats_count = student_use.LoanStatus.value_counts()

#get the total number of loan status values
total_student_stats = loan_stats_count.sum()

#obtain status order for the student use data
stat_order = loan_stats_count.index
```

```
H #visualize
In [79]:
            g = sb.countplot(data = student_use, y = "LoanStatus", color = base_c
                         order = stat_order)
             #input percentage of each status as texts on their respective bars
             for i in range(loan_stats_count.shape[0]):
                 count = loan_stats_count[i]
                pct_text = "{:0.2f}%".format(100 * (count/total_student_stats))
                plt.text(count + 15, i , pct_text, ha = "center");
             #remove spines
            g.spines["top"].set_visible(False)
            g.spines["right"].set_visible(False)
            g.spines["left"].set_visible(False)
            g.spines["bottom"].set_visible(False)
             #remove y-axis
            g.get_xaxis().set_visible(False)
            plt.ylabel("Loan Status")
            plt.title("Percentage Proportion of Loan Status for Loans Taken for S
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Percentage Proportion of Loan Status for Loans Taken for Student Use

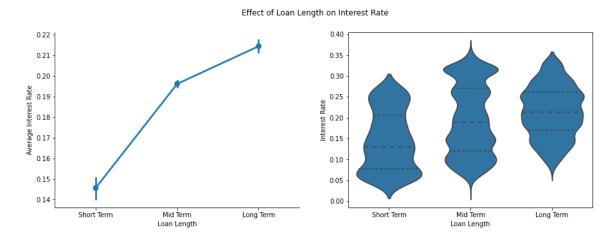


### **Observations**

- More than half the loans are completed
- A few percent of the loans were charged off and defaulted, with charged-off loans being more than defaulted loans.

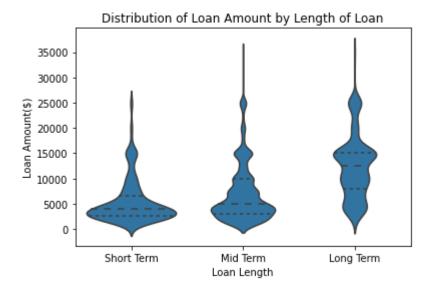
How does the length of a loan affect interest rate?

```
In [80]:
          ⋈ #set fig size
             plt.figure(figsize = (15, 5))
             #subplot for point plot
            plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
            g = sb.pointplot(data = loans_clean, x = "Term", y = "BorrowerRate",
                          color = base_color);
             #remove top and right spines
            g.spines["top"].set_visible(False)
            g.spines["right"].set_visible(False)
            plt.xlabel("Loan Length")
            plt.ylabel("Average Interest Rate")
             #subplot for violin plot
             plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
             sb.violinplot(data = loans_clean, x = "Term", y = "BorrowerRate",
                           color = base_color, inner = "quartile");
            plt.xlabel("Loan Length")
            plt.ylabel("Interest Rate")
             #set title of figure
             plt.suptitle("Effect of Loan Length on Interest Rate");
```



- There is a positive relationship between both variables.
- · The distributions are multimodal.
- · Generally, there is an increase in interest rate from short term to long term.
- Most of the interest rate values for long term loans are between 0.15 and 0.27.

### Are higher loan amount usually associated with long loan length?

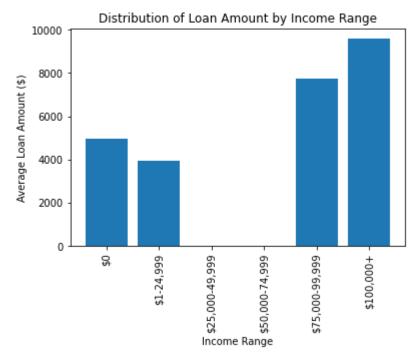


### **Observations**

- The relationship is positive. There is an increase in loan amount as loan length increases.
- · The distributions are multimodal.
- Most short term loans are less than \$5,000.
- Long term loans has its highest distribution of loan amount at about \$15,000.

### Does loan amount increase with increasing income range?

```
In [84]: #plot bar plot
plt.bar(x_num, y_values, tick_label = labels)
plt.xticks(rotation = 90)
plt.xlabel("Income Range")
plt.ylabel("Average Loan Amount ($)");
plt.title("Distribution of Loan Amount by Income Range");
```



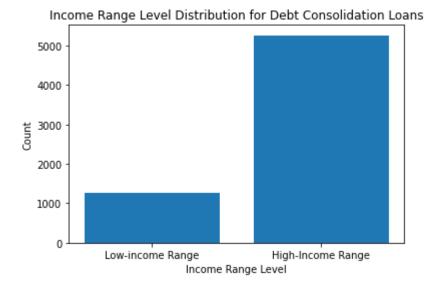
- The average loan amount of the \$1-24,999 income range is slightly less than that of the \$0 income range.
- Generally, there is an increase in loan amount from the \$0 income range to \$100,000+.

### Are borrowers who take loans for debt consolidation mostly high-income earners?

From the univariate exploration of this dataset, it has been established that there are no borrowers in the \$25,000-49,999 and \$50,000-74,999 income range. Hence the low-income range in this analysis will only consist of the \$0 and \$1-24,999 income ranges, and the high-income ranges are \$75,000-99,999 and \$100,000+.

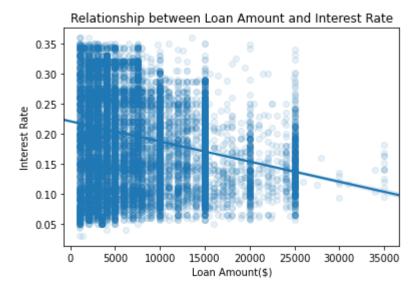
```
In [86]: #get total value for low income earners
#sum of count for income range $0 - $74,999
total_low_inc = cons_inc1 + cons_inc2

#get total value for higher income earners
#sum of count for income range $75,000-99,999
#and $100,0000+
total_high_inc = cons_inc5 + cons_inc6
```



• There is a higher number of high-income earners.

### Does interest rate increase with an increase in loan amount?



#### **Observations**

- The relationship is negative.
- There is a decrease in interest rate as loan amount increases.

# Talk about some of the relationships you observed in this part of the investigation. How did the feature(s) of interest vary with other features in the dataset?

One interesting relationship was seen between loan length and interest rate. The bivariate visualization of both variables showed a positive relationship, as the interest rate increased with increasing loan length, from short to long term.

A positive relationship was also noticed between loan amount and loan length. As loan amount increased, there was also an increase in loan length with progression from short to mid, and then to long term.

Another relationship noticed was that between income range, and loans listed in the debt consolidation category. From the visualization created, there were by far more high-income earners who took loans for debt consolidation than there were low-income earners.

# Did you observe any interesting relationships between the other features (not the main feature(s) of interest)?

An interesting relationship was noticed between loan amount and interest rate. The visualization of the relationship showed a decrease in interest rate as loan amount increased.

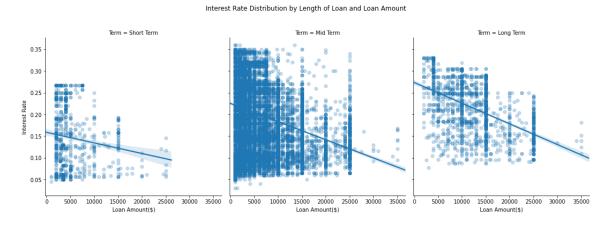
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# **Multivariate Exploration**

Here, the relationship between interest rates, loan amount and loan length, as well as that between loan amount/interest rate, loan status and loan length will be visualized.

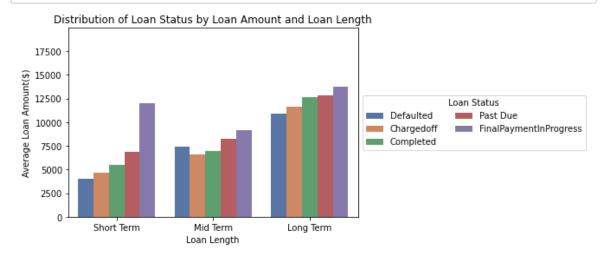
During the bivariate exploration of the dataset, separate visualizations were created between different pairs of these variables, but a single visualization combining some of the different pairs will help us gain a better understanding of the data.

What is the relationship between interest rates, loan amount and loan length?



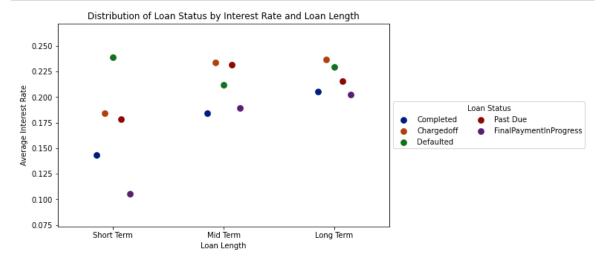
- Generally, there is an increase in loan amount as loan length increases.
- As the loan amount increases, the interest rate decreases.
- Also, there is a general increase in interest rate from short to long term (loan length).

### What trend does loan status follow with increasing loan amount and loan length?



### **Observations**

- · Generally, as loan amount increases, there is an increase in loan length.
- Each term has loan statuses distributed across "Defaulted", "Chargedoff", "Completed", "Past Due", and "FinalPaymentInProgress".
- Generally, as loan amount increases, loan status goes from defaulted to charged off to completed to past due and to final payment in progress in each loan length.
- There is an exception with mid term loans where increasing loan amount causes loan status
  to go from charged off to completed to defaulted to past due, and finally to final payment in
  progress.



- Generally, there is an increase in interest rates from short to long term (loan length).
- Loans with high-interest rates are usually past due, defaulted, or charged off.
- Each term has its loan status spread across final payment in progress, completed, past due, defaulted, and charged off.
- For short term loans, as interest rate increases, loan status goes from final payment in progress to completed to past due to charged off to defaulted.
- For mid term loans, as interest rate increases, loan status goes from completed to final payment in progress to defaulted to past due to charged off.
- For long term loans, as interest rate increases, loan status goes from final payment in progress to completed to past due to defaulted to charged off with increasing interest rate.

Talk about some of the relationships you observed in this part of the investigation. Were there features that strengthened each other in terms of looking at your feature(s) of interest?

The distribution of loan status by loan amount followed the same pattern in the short and long term loan lengths, although, for the short term loan length, loans with their final payment in progress had a much higher average loan amount than the loans with other statuses. For the mid term loan length though, defaulted loans had a higher average loan amount than charged off and completed loans.

The visualization of the relationship between loan amount, loan status and loan length allowed for a better understanding of the distribution of the various loan statuses by loan amount, across the different loan lengths. In the same way, the visualization of the relationship between interest rate, loan status and loan length provided a better understanding of the distribution of the various loan statuses by interest rate, across the different loan lengths.

### Were there any interesting or surprising interactions between features?

In the visualization of the relationship between loan amount, interest rate and loan length, it was seen that increasing loan amount is associated with a decrease in interest rate across the three loan lengths.

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### **Conclusions**

In the exploration of the modified Loan Data from Prosper dataset, various visualizations were created to find relationships between variables. First relationships were created in pairs, and then multiple pairs were combined for a better understanding of the relationship between some variables. The results of the exploration showed that:

75.34% of loans taken for student use are usually completed. Only 19.26% of the loans are charged off, and only an even smaller percentage, 5.41%, are defaulted.

Across each loan length, from short to long term, interest rates as well as loan amount, increases, and higher loan amounts usually have a lower interest rate. This could be a result of other factors/variables which were not included in this analysis such as the borrower's credit risk rating, as high-risk borrowers usually get high-interest rates.

Loans are mostly taken for debt consolidation, and these debt consolidation loans are usually taken by borrowers with high incomes (\$75,000-100,000+). Also, generally, loan amounts increase with an increase in income range.

Lastly, irrespective of loan length, loans with high-interest rates, are usually either not paid in time, become defaulted or are charged off, and lower loan amounts are likely to become defaulted or charged off. This reiterates the effect of increasing loan amounts on interest rates.