

Lending Club Case Study

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Assignment Module

Exploratory Data Analysis(EDA)

Assignment Title

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Assignment Objective

Right lending decisions based on the likelihood of :
1. Applicants likely to default (Reduce credit loss)
2. Creditworthy applicants (Increased business opportunities)

Introduction

Lending Club Inc., as the largest online loan marketplace, offers a variety of loans including personal, business, and medical procedure financing through an efficient online platform. A major challenge they face, common in the lending industry, is credit loss, which occurs when borrowers default on their loans. These defaulters, referred to as 'charged-off' customers, represent the largest source of financial loss. To mitigate this, the company aims to identify these high-risk applicants. The objective is to understand the key factors that indicate the likelihood of a loan default, allowing the company to refine its loan portfolio and enhance its risk assessment strategies.

Problem Statement

The aim of this analysis is to use Exploratory Data Analysis to understand the key driving factors which indicate whether a customer is likely to default on a loan. To achieve this, we will make use of various data cleaning, exploration as well as visualisation techniques using Python.

Analysis Approach

Data Clean-up and preparation process

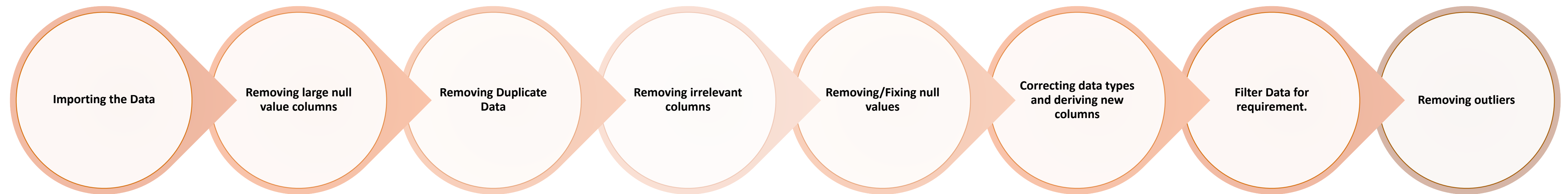
Univariate
Analysis

Distribution Analysis

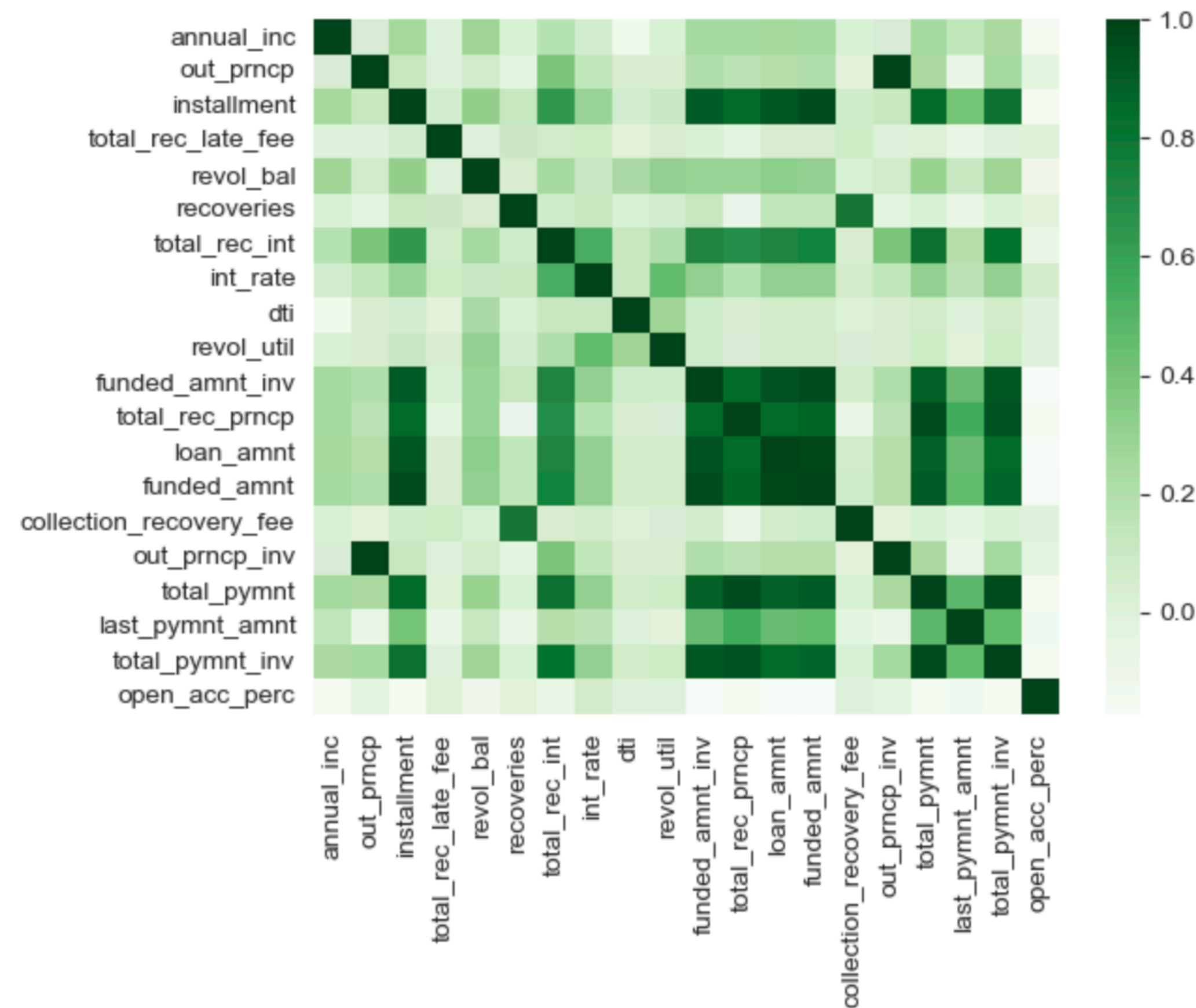
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Conclusion

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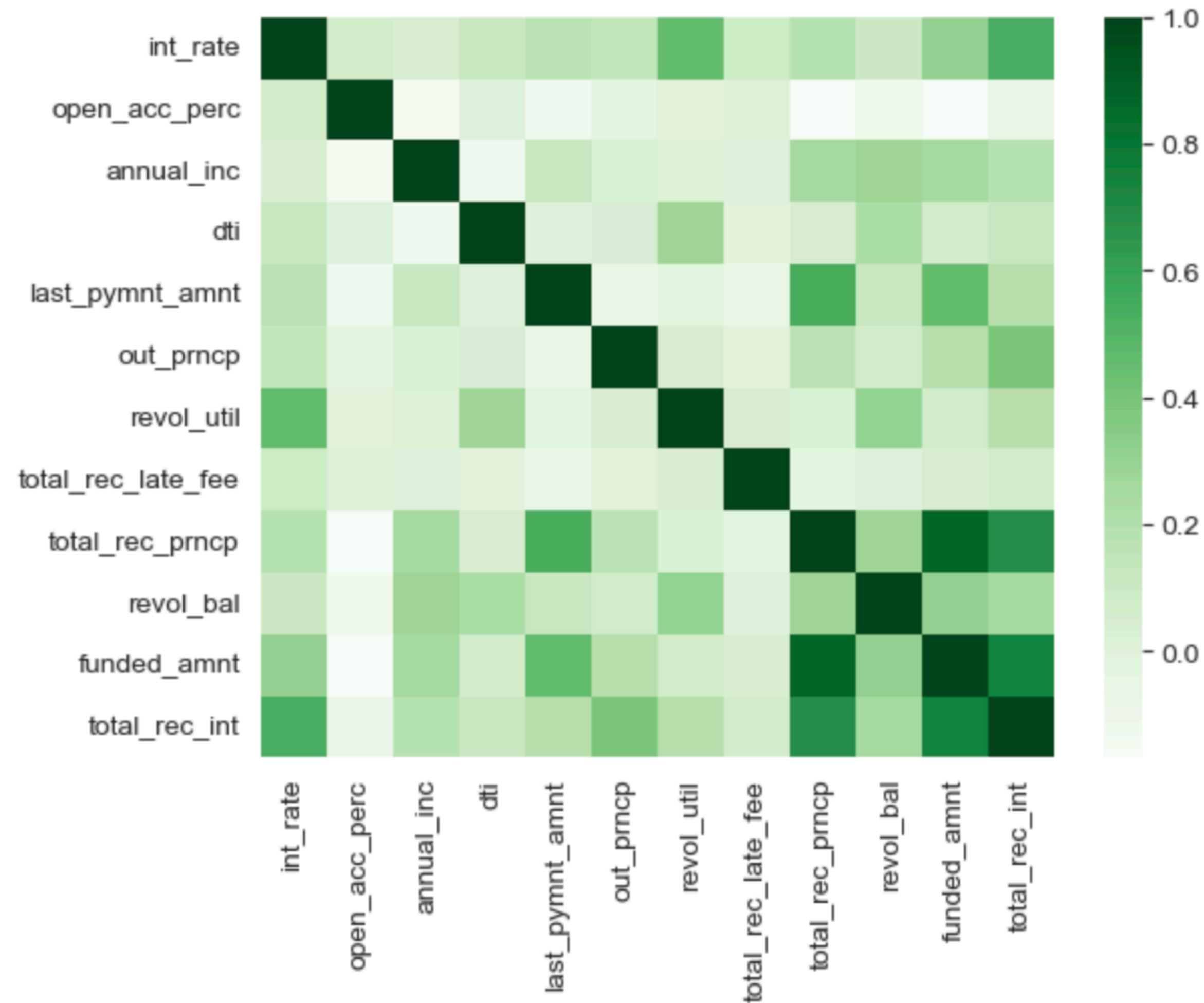


Correlated features within continuous variables to identify possible proxies



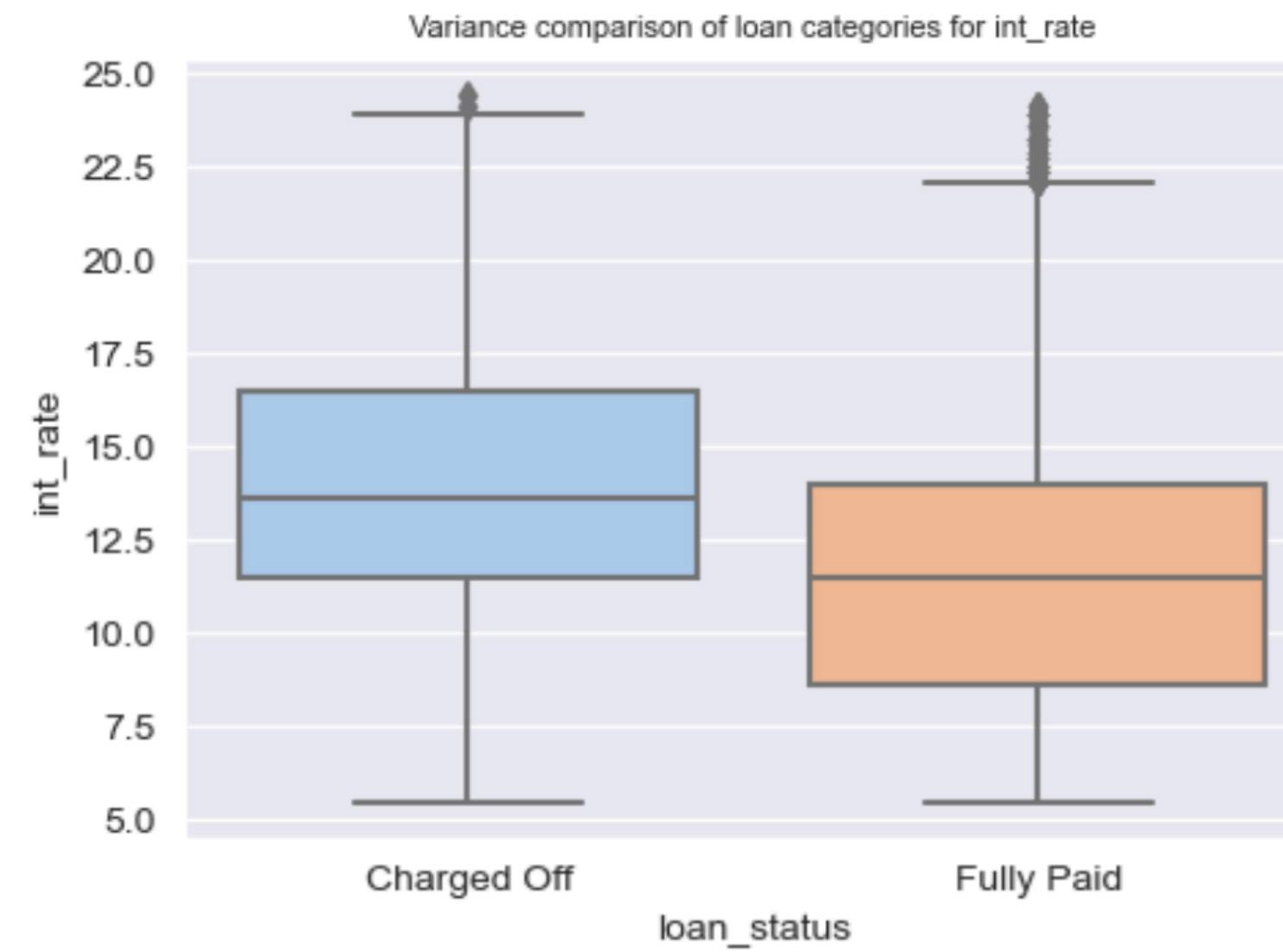
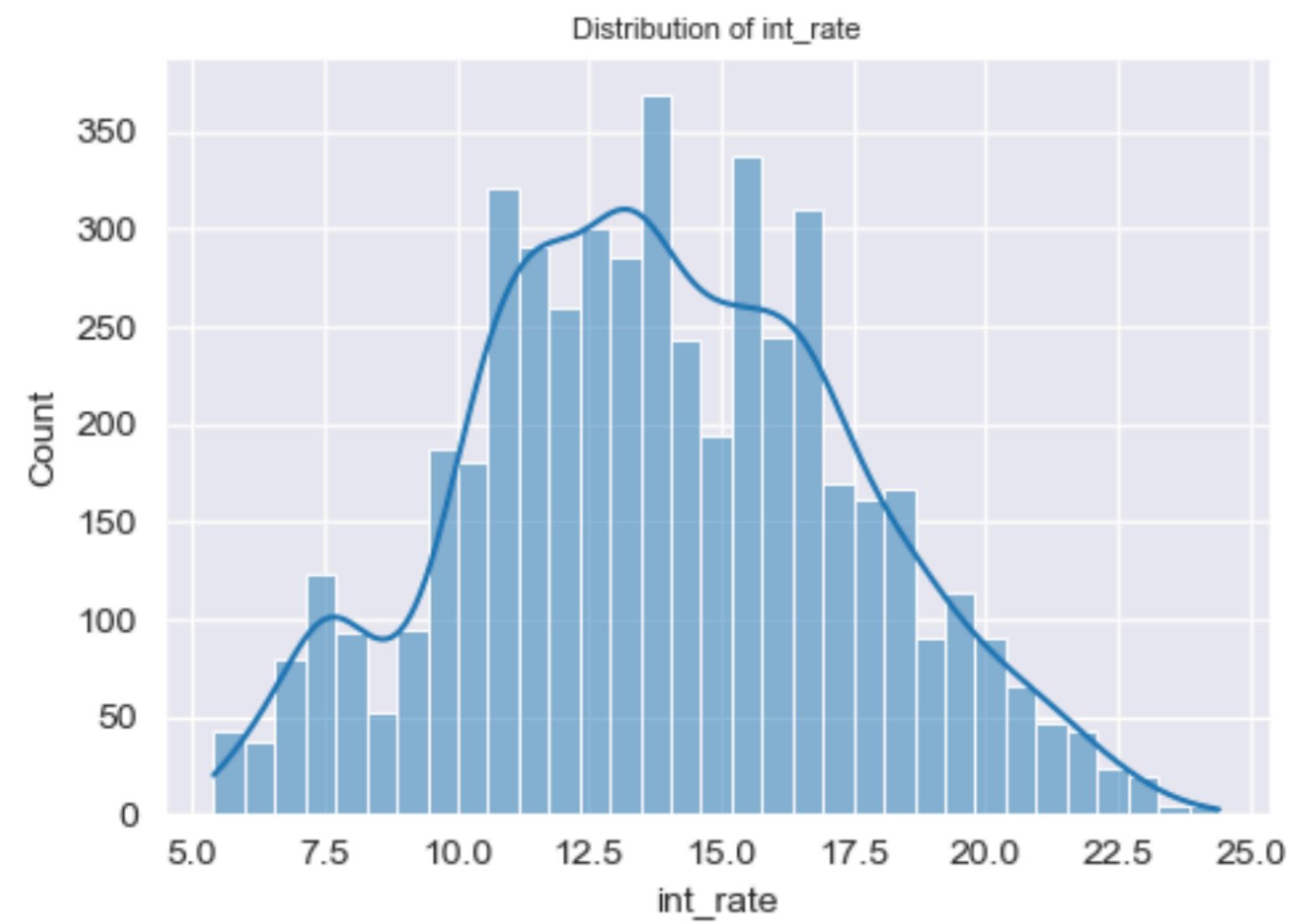
We immediately see some very obvious patterns. `loan_amnt`, `funded_amnt`, `funded_amnt_inv` and `installment` are a very tightly correlated group that all quantify one thing i.e. the amount of money loaned to the borrower. We can keep `funded_amnt` and drop the rest.

Correlated features

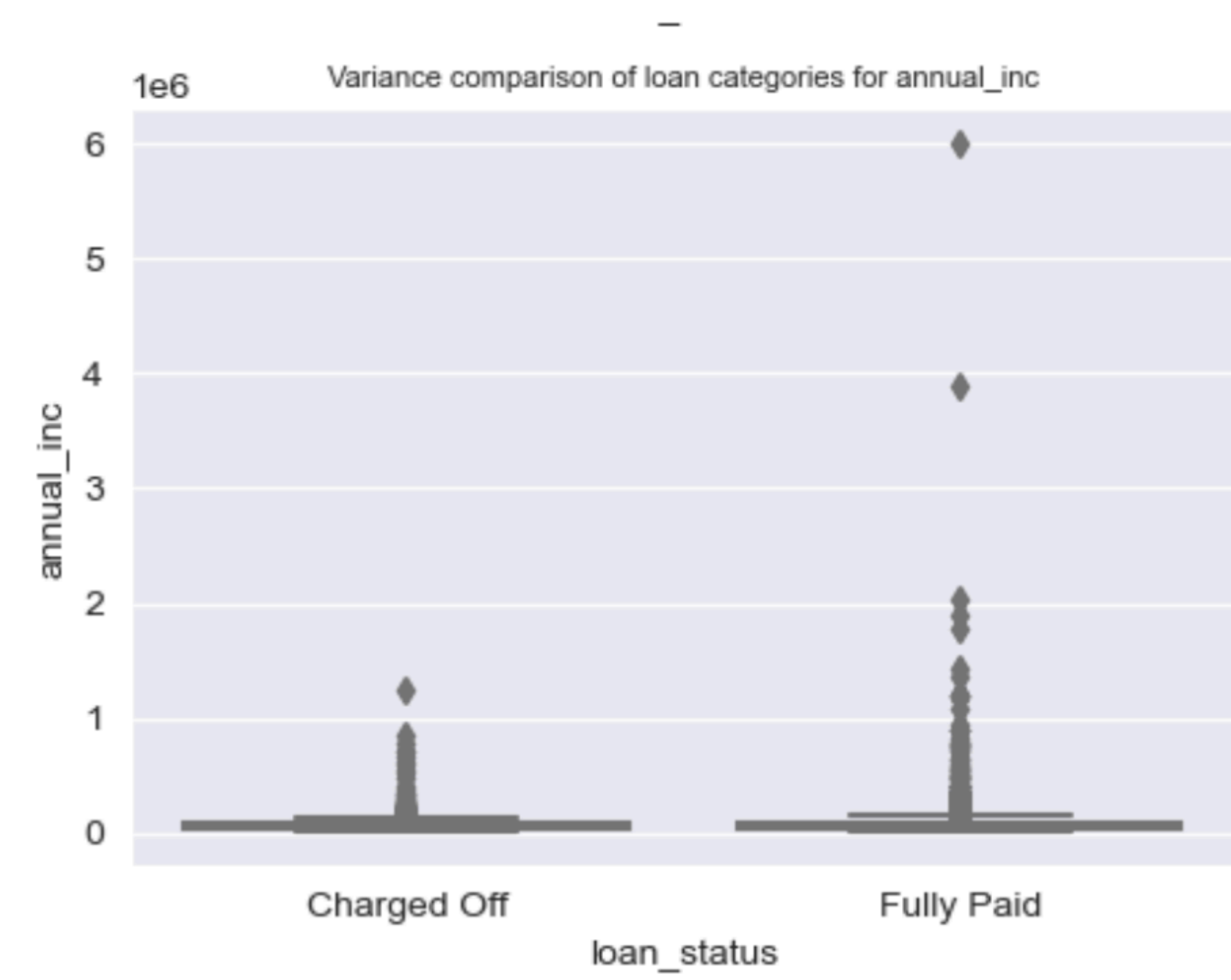
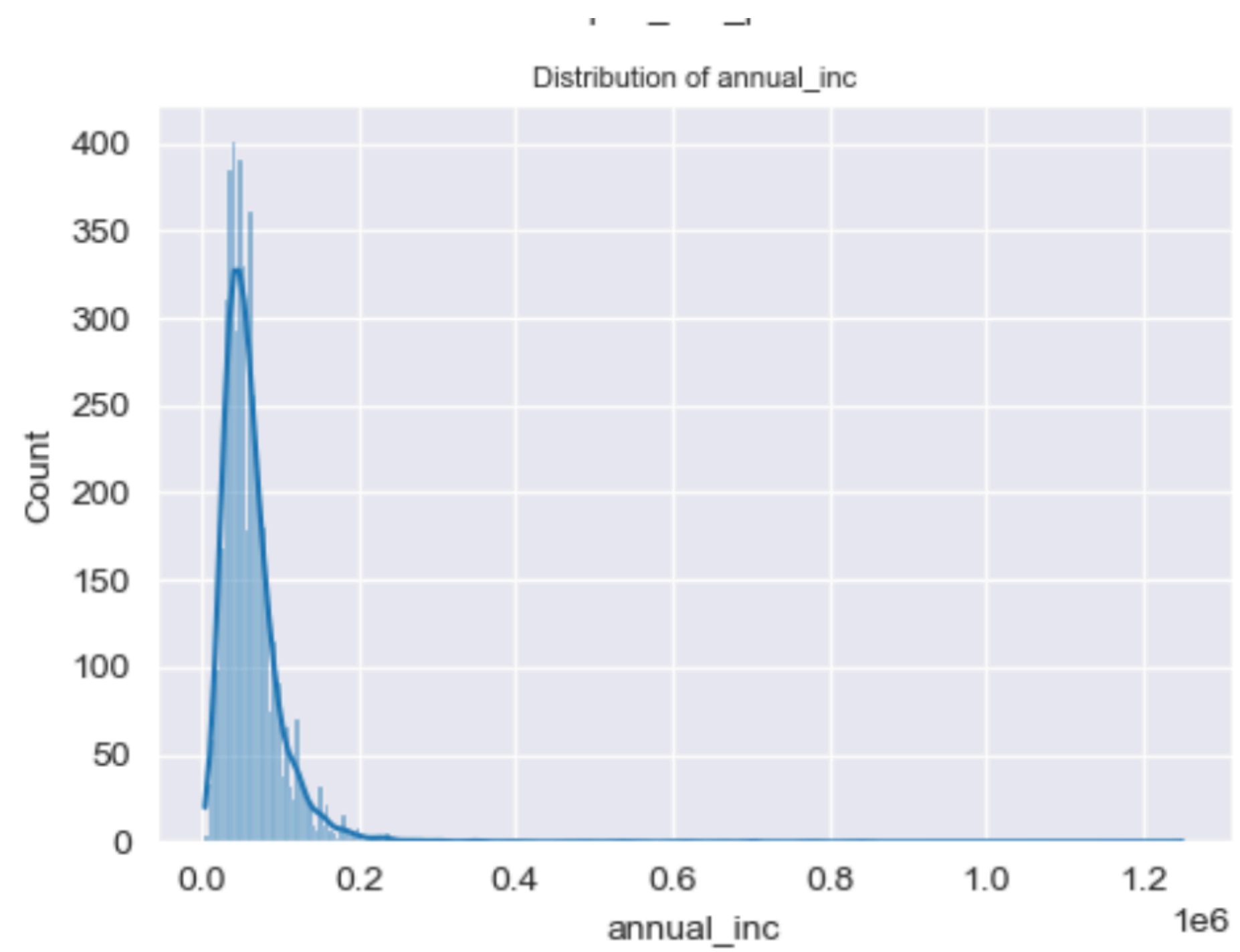


Distribution Analysis - Continuous Variables

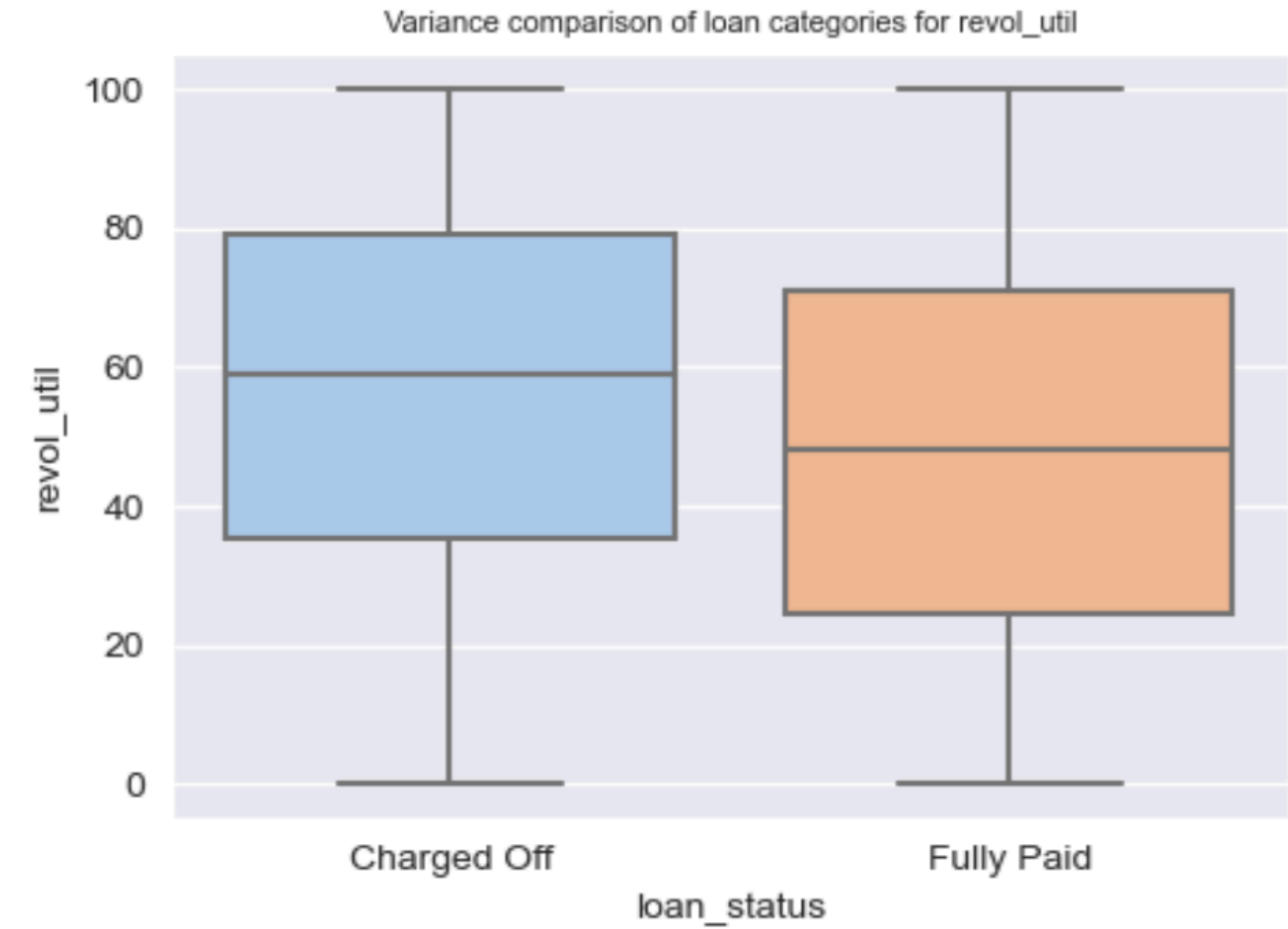
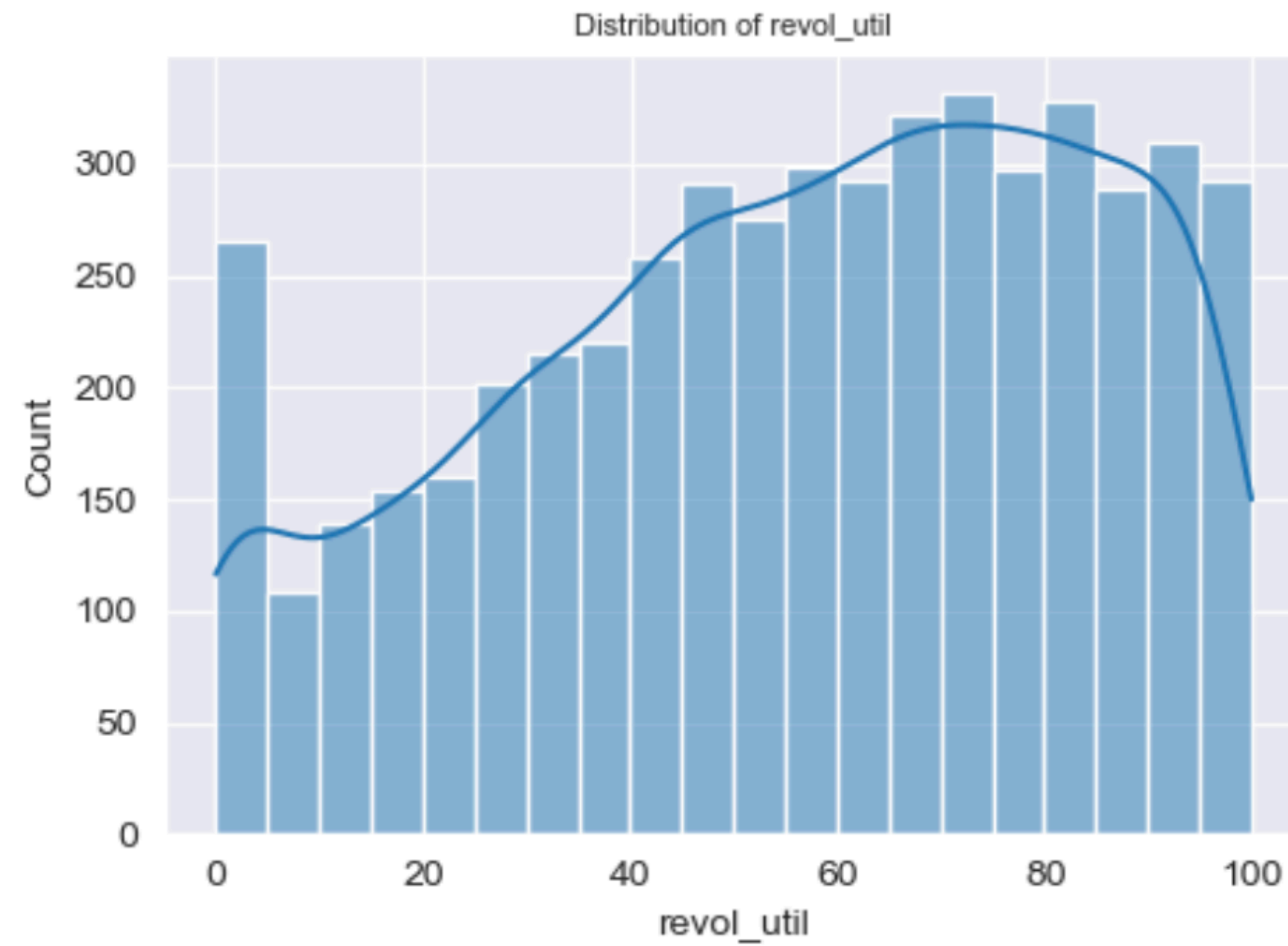
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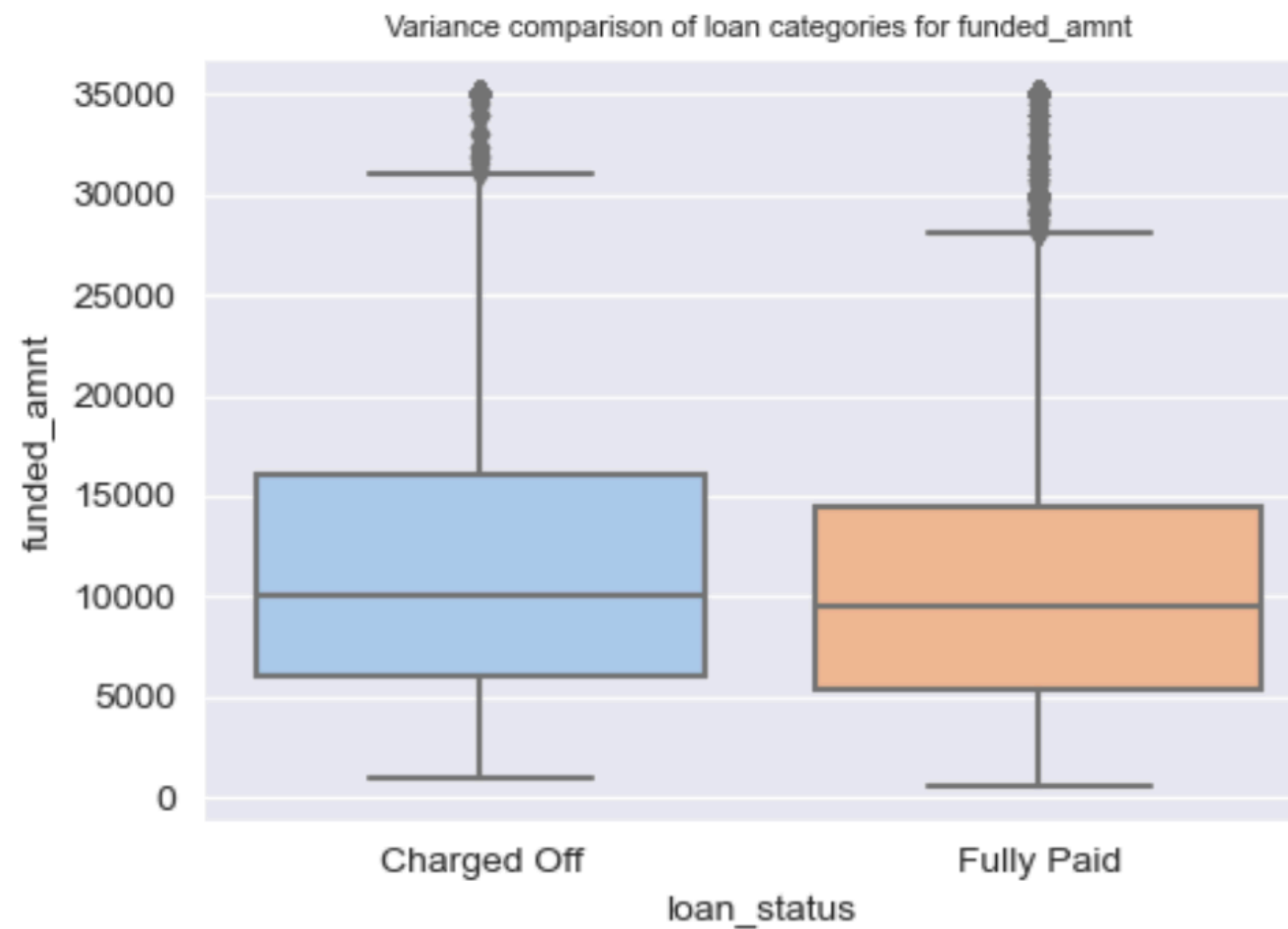
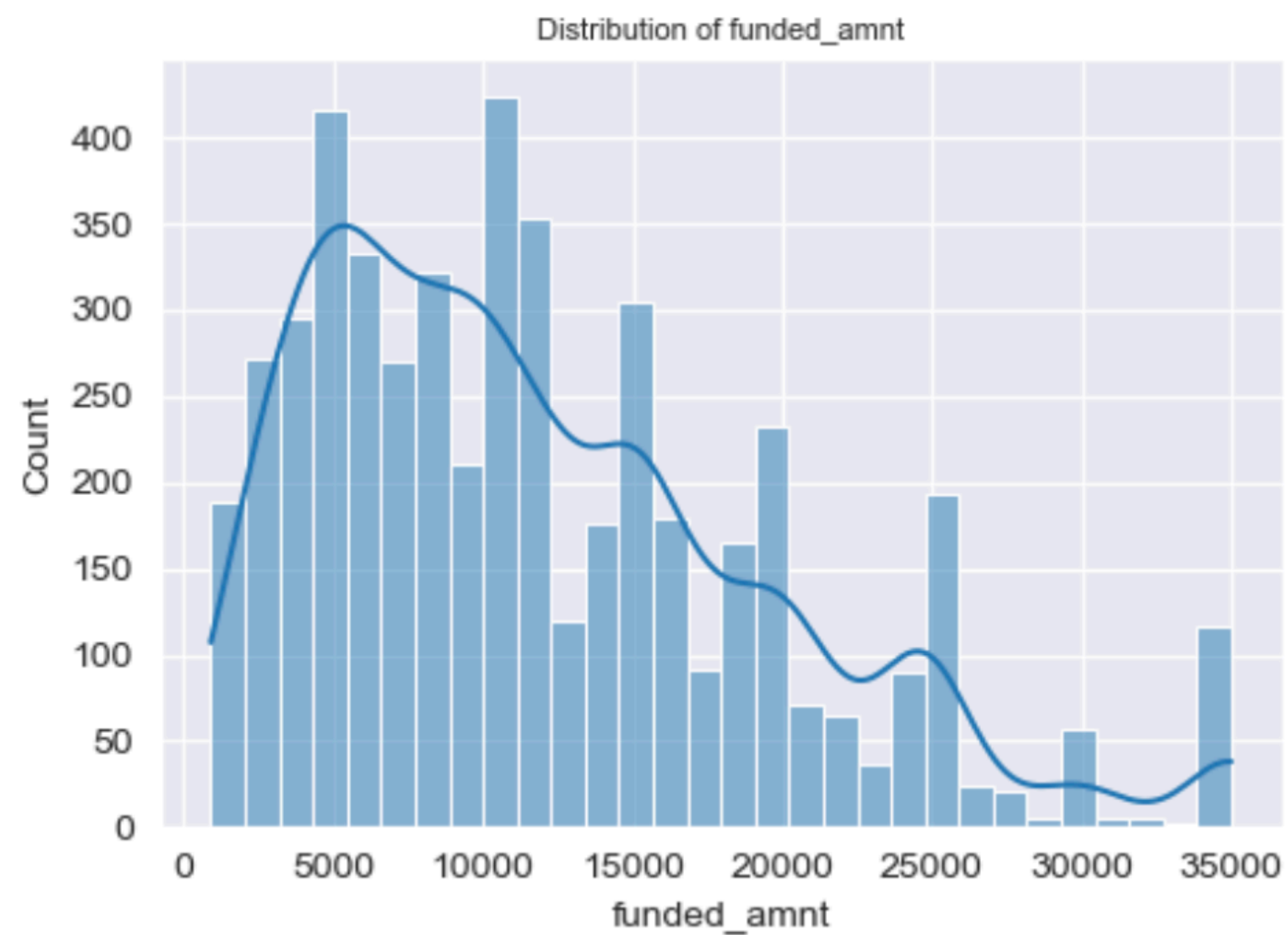
Annual Income



Amount of Revolving Credit



Loan Amount Funded

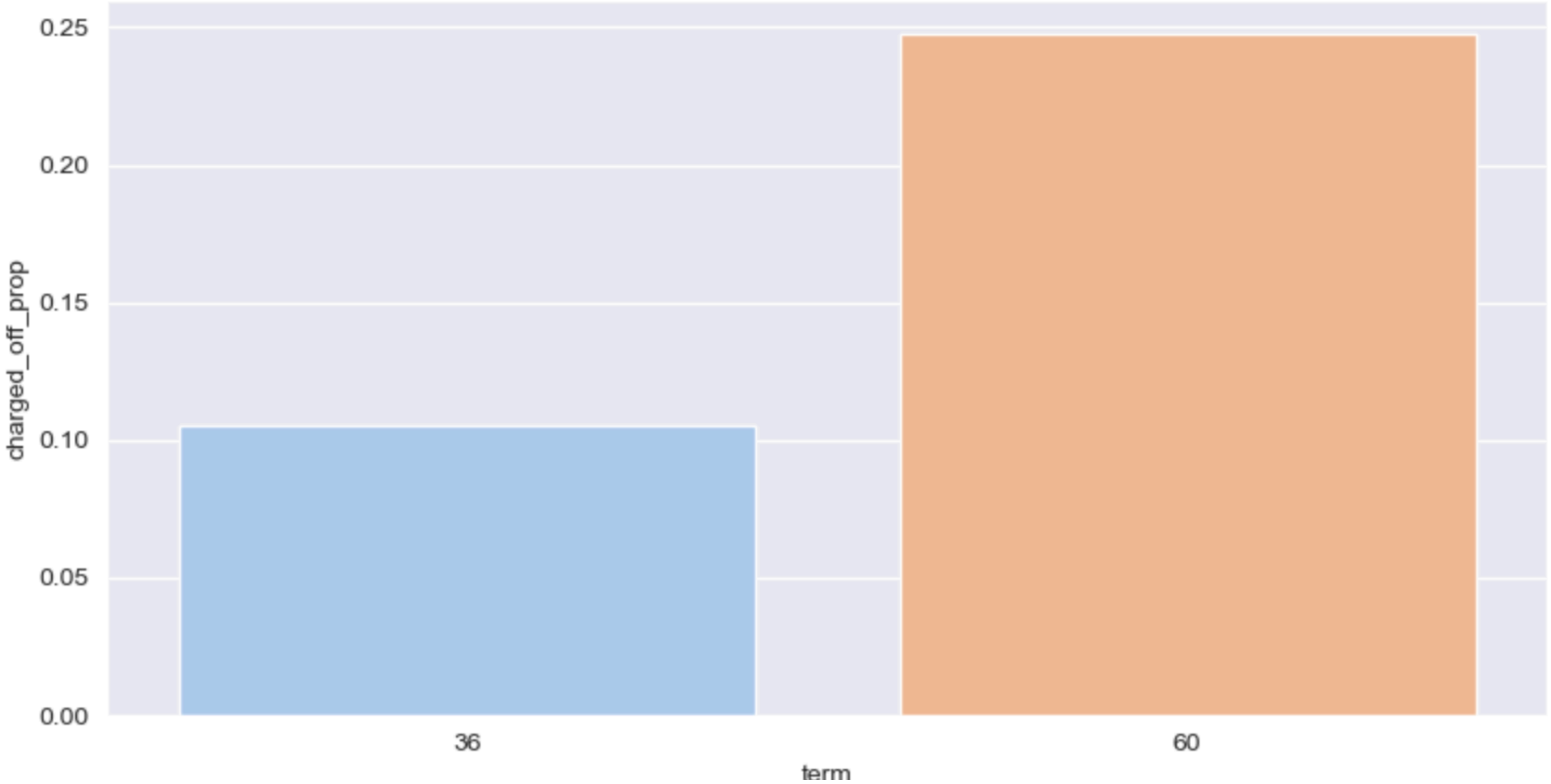


Observation

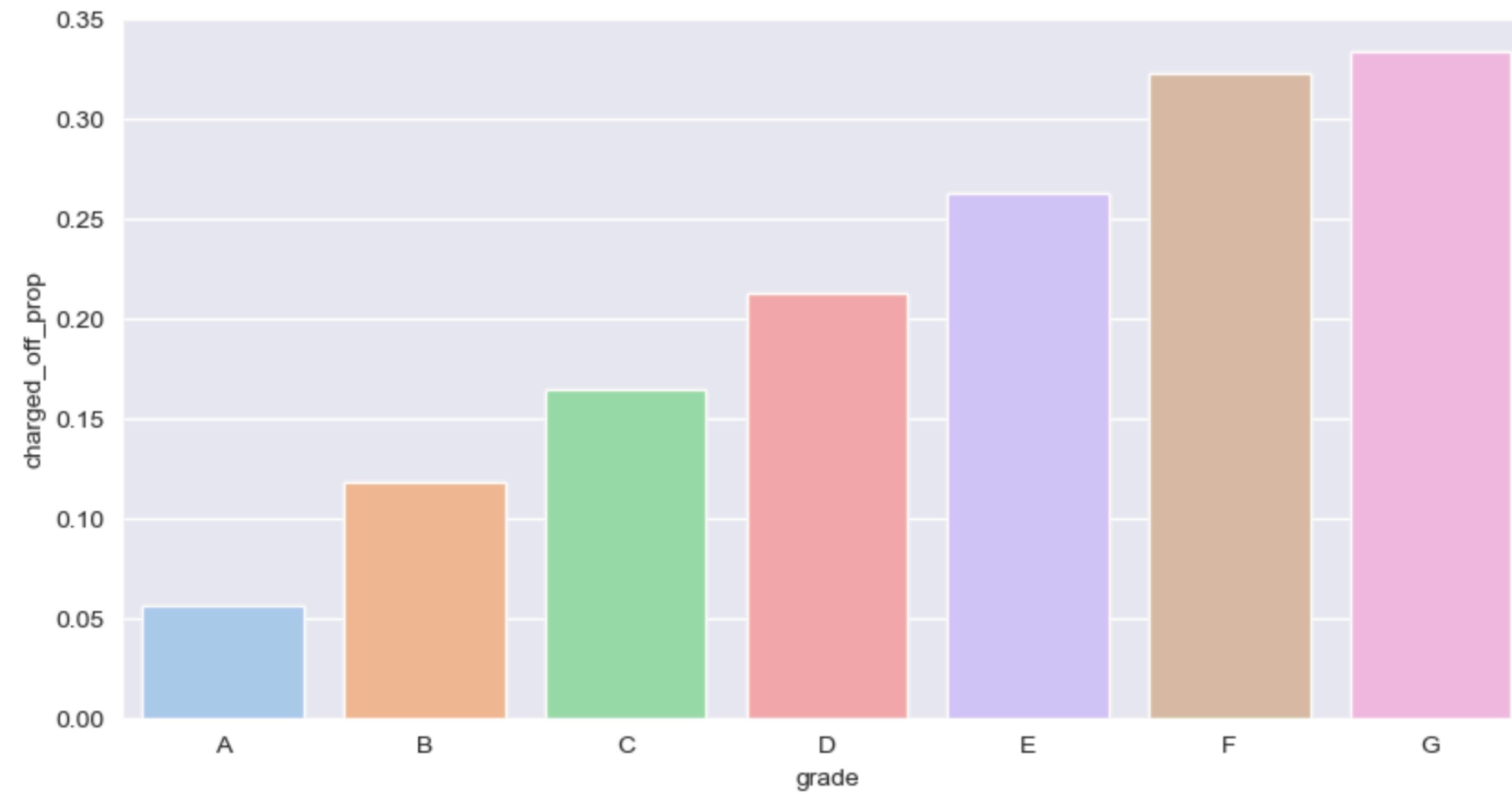
We can see from this analysis that `loan_status` is significantly dependent on variation in `int_rate`, `funded_amnt` and `revol_util`.

Distribution Analysis - Categorical Variables

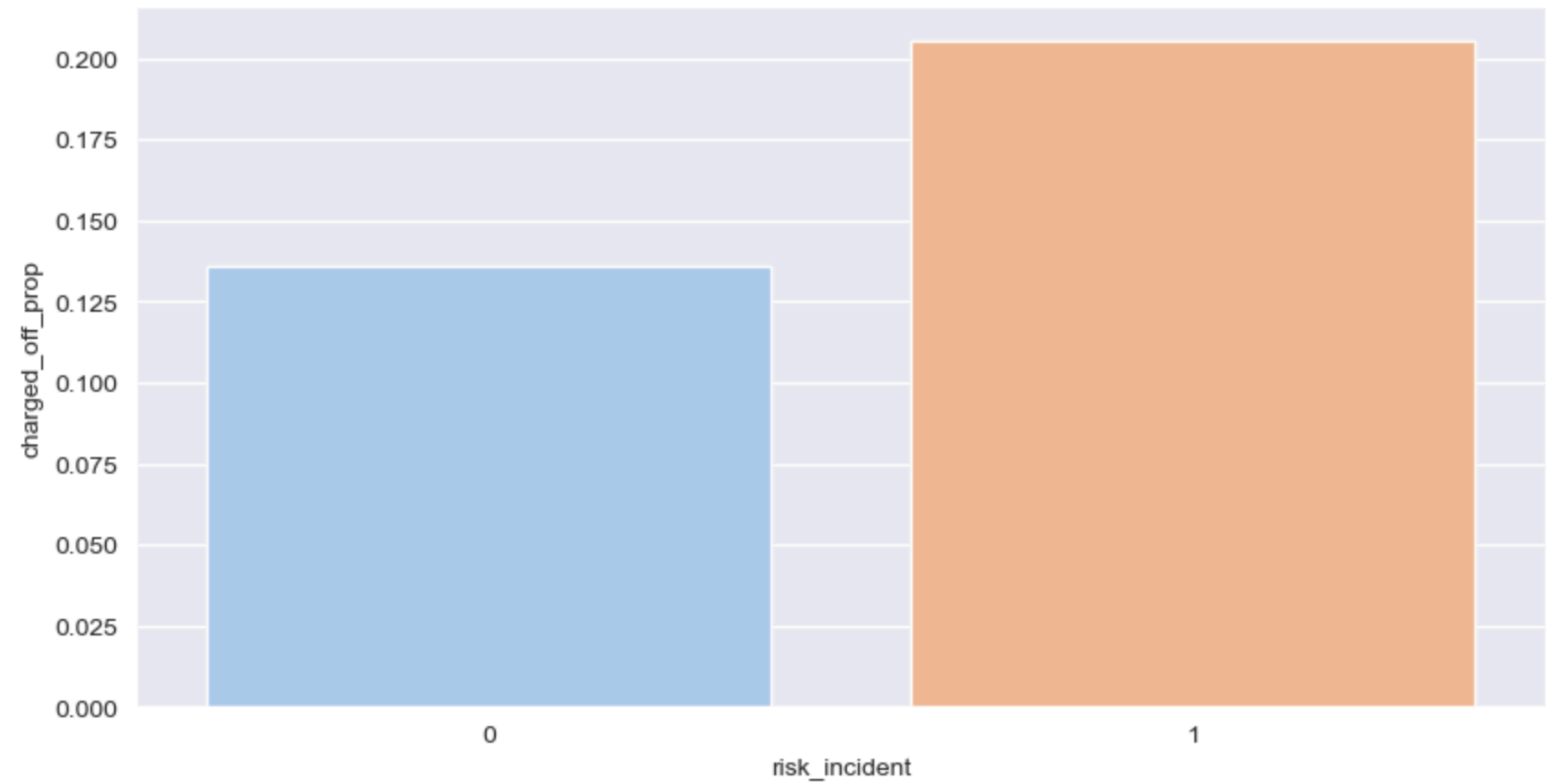
Term of Loan



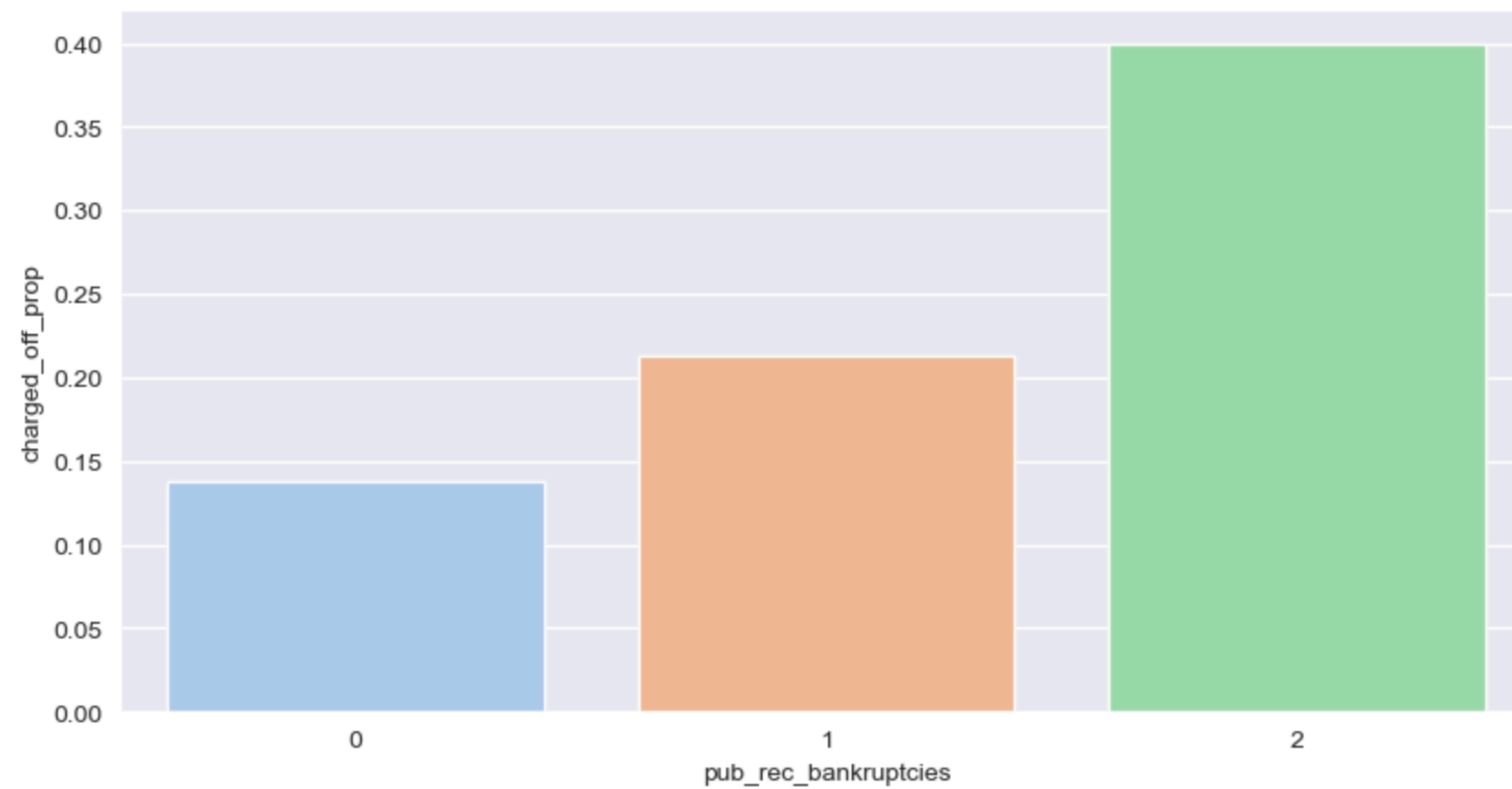
Loan Grade



**Risk_incident(Derived Metric) from
mths_since_last_record**



Number of publicly recorded bankruptcies



verification_status



Observation

From the above charts, it is obvious that among the categorical features, `term` is the most prominent indicator of a potential defaulter. Other prominent indicators are `grade`, `risk_incident` and `pub_rec_bankruptcies`.

Although `verification_status` shows a very prominent correlation with loan status, we cannot use it as an indicator because loans are more likely to be given out to verified sources so we will obviously have more charge-offs for higher verification levels.

Conclusion:

The following are the list of prominent indicators of a loan defaulter as obtained from the above analysis.

- `int_rate` -> interest rate
- `annual_inc` -> annual income
- `revol_util` -> amount of revolving credit
- `funded_amnt` -> loan amount funded
- `term` -> term of loan
- `grade` -> loan grade (higher grade points to higher risk of default)
- `risk_incident` -> derived metric indicating whether the borrower has had any publicly recorded credit risk incident in the past, based on `mths_since_last_record`
- `pub_rec_bankruptcies` -> number of publicly recorded bankruptcies

Thank you