### Part\_I\_exploration\_template

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#### 1 Loan Data From Prosper - Data Exploration

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#### 1.2 Introduction

The 'Loan Data From Prosper' data set contains 113,937 loans with 81 variables on each loan, including loan amount, borrower rate (or interest rate), current loan status, borrower income, and many others. Prosper is the first peer-to-peer lending marketplace in the US founded way back in 2005. Since then, this company has facilitated more than USD 12 billion in loans to more than 770,000 people (https://www.prosper.com/about).

#### 1.3 Preliminary Wrangling

We are first going to load all the required packages

```
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
```

We then load our 'prosperLoanData.csv' data set and then display the first 5 rows for basic visual exploration.

```
3 0EF5356002482715299901A
                                             658116 2012-10-22 11:02:35.010000000
        4 0F023589499656230C5E3E2
                                             909464 2013-09-14 18:38:39.097000000
          CreditGrade Term LoanStatus
                                                    ClosedDate BorrowerAPR \
        0
                     C
                          36
                              Completed
                                          2009-08-14 00:00:00
                                                                     0.16516
        1
                   NaN
                          36
                                 Current
                                                           NaN
                                                                     0.12016
        2
                    HR
                              Completed
                          36
                                         2009-12-17 00:00:00
                                                                     0.28269
                                 Current
        3
                   NaN
                          36
                                                           NaN
                                                                     0.12528
        4
                   NaN
                          36
                                 Current
                                                           NaN
                                                                     0.24614
           BorrowerRate LenderYield
                                                   LP_ServiceFees LP_CollectionFees \
        0
                  0.1580
                               0.1380
                                                          -133.18
                                                                                   0.0
        1
                  0.0920
                               0.0820
                                                             0.00
                                                                                   0.0
        2
                                                           -24.20
                  0.2750
                               0.2400
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                                          . . .
        3
                               0.0874
                                                          -108.01
                  0.0974
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                                          . . .
        4
                  0.2085
                               0.1985
                                                           -60.27
                                                                                   0.0
                                          . . .
           LP\_Gross Principal Loss \quad LP\_Net Principal Loss \quad LP\_Non Principal Recovery payments
        0
                              0.0
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                              0.0
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        1
        2
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        3
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        4
                              0.0
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           PercentFunded Recommendations InvestmentFromFriendsCount
        0
                      1.0
                                          0
                                                                       0
                      1.0
                                          0
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        1
        2
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                      1.0
                                                                       0
        3
                      1.0
                                          0
                                                                       0
        4
                      1.0
                                                                       0
          InvestmentFromFriendsAmount Investors
        0
                                    0.0
                                               258
        1
                                    0.0
                                                1
        2
                                    0.0
                                               41
        3
                                    0.0
                                               158
        4
                                    0.0
                                                20
        [5 rows x 81 columns]
In [3]: # Display any 5 rows raandomly to further visualize our dataset
        df.sample(5)
Out[3]:
                              ListingKey ListingNumber
                                                                      ListingCreationDate \
        108598 F4953536175053465764C1D
                                                   551153 2012-01-12 18:14:01.193000000
        92810
                FA503469014383155436805
                                                   436038 2009-11-30 19:29:23.280000000
                                                  779732 2013-05-15 16:42:03.260000000
        75712
                F7CF3578490716780E3CB7E
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944986 2013-10-10 06:41:11.453000000

642C3591705950370A4927E

74815

108598 92810 75712 74815 73797	CreditGrade Term I NaN 60 NaN 36 NaN 36 NaN 36 NaN 36 E 36	Current Current	ClosedDate NaN 2011-06-14 00:00:00 NaN NaN 2010-07-29 00:00:00	BorrowerAPR \ 0.14766 0.25785 0.26528 0.19144 0.21178
	BorrowerRate Lend	lerYield .	LP_ServiceFe	es \
108598	0.1296	0 1100	298.	
92810	0.2350	0 0050	23.	
75712	0.2272	0.0470	49.	
74815	0.1550	0 4450	32.	
73797	0.1900	0 4000	41.	
108598 92810 75712 74815 73797 108598 92810 75712	LP_CollectionFees 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 LP_NonPrincipalReco	LP_GrossPri  overypayments 0.0 0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 8 PercentFunded Re	0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0
75712 74815		0.0		0
74013		0.0		0
13191	InvestmentFromFrien			
108598		0		0.0 199
92810		0		0.0 72
75712		0		0.0 1
74815		0		0.0 1
73797		0		0.0 124

[5 rows x 81 columns]

In [4]: # Find the number of rows and columns in the dataset  ${\tt df.shape}$ 

Out[4]: (113937, 81)

From the above observation using the shape() method, our data frame has 113937 rows and  $81\,$ 

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 113937 entries, 0 to 113936

Data columns (total 81 columns):

ListingKey 113937 non-null object ListingNumber 113937 non-null int64 ListingCreationDate 113937 non-null object 28953 non-null object CreditGrade Term 113937 non-null int64 LoanStatus 113937 non-null object ClosedDate 55089 non-null object 113912 non-null float64 BorrowerAPR BorrowerRate 113937 non-null float64 113937 non-null float64 LenderYield EstimatedEffectiveYield 84853 non-null float64 EstimatedLoss 84853 non-null float64 EstimatedReturn 84853 non-null float64 ProsperRating (numeric) 84853 non-null float64 ProsperRating (Alpha) 84853 non-null object ProsperScore 84853 non-null float64 ListingCategory (numeric) 113937 non-null int64 BorrowerState 108422 non-null object Occupation 110349 non-null object EmploymentStatus 111682 non-null object EmploymentStatusDuration 106312 non-null float64 IsBorrowerHomeowner 113937 non-null bool CurrentlyInGroup 113937 non-null bool GroupKey 13341 non-null object DateCreditPulled 113937 non-null object 113346 non-null float64 CreditScoreRangeLower CreditScoreRangeUpper 113346 non-null float64 FirstRecordedCreditLine 113240 non-null object CurrentCreditLines 106333 non-null float64 OpenCreditLines 106333 non-null float64 TotalCreditLinespast7years 113240 non-null float64 113937 non-null int64 OpenRevolvingAccounts OpenRevolvingMonthlyPayment 113937 non-null float64 InquiriesLast 6Months 113240 non-null float64 TotalInquiries 112778 non-null float64 113240 non-null float64 CurrentDelinquencies AmountDelinquent 106315 non-null float64 DelinquenciesLast7Years 112947 non-null float64 PublicRecordsLast10Years 113240 non-null float64 PublicRecordsLast12Months 106333 non-null float64 RevolvingCreditBalance 106333 non-null float64 BankcardUtilization 106333 non-null float64 AvailableBankcardCredit 106393 non-null float64 TotalTrades 106393 non-null float64 TradesNeverDelinquent (percentage) 106393 non-null float64

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106393 non-null float64
TradesOpenedLast6Months
DebtToIncomeRatio
                                        105383 non-null float64
IncomeRange
                                        113937 non-null object
IncomeVerifiable
                                        113937 non-null bool
StatedMonthlyIncome
                                        113937 non-null float64
                                        113937 non-null object
LoanKey
TotalProsperLoans
                                        22085 non-null float64
TotalProsperPaymentsBilled
                                        22085 non-null float64
                                        22085 non-null float64
OnTimeProsperPayments
{\tt ProsperPaymentsLessThanOneMonthLate}
                                        22085 non-null float64
{\tt ProsperPaymentsOneMonthPlusLate}
                                        22085 non-null float64
ProsperPrincipalBorrowed
                                        22085 non-null float64
ProsperPrincipalOutstanding
                                        22085 non-null float64
ScorexChangeAtTimeOfListing
                                        18928 non-null float64
LoanCurrentDaysDelinquent
                                        113937 non-null int64
{\tt LoanFirstDefaultedCycleNumber}
                                        16952 non-null float64
LoanMonthsSinceOrigination
                                        113937 non-null int64
LoanNumber
                                        113937 non-null int64
                                        113937 non-null int64
LoanOriginalAmount
LoanOriginationDate
                                        113937 non-null object
                                        113937 non-null object
LoanOriginationQuarter
MemberKey
                                        113937 non-null object
MonthlyLoanPayment
                                        113937 non-null float64
LP_CustomerPayments
                                        113937 non-null float64
LP_CustomerPrincipalPayments
                                        113937 non-null float64
LP_InterestandFees
                                        113937 non-null float64
LP ServiceFees
                                        113937 non-null float64
LP_CollectionFees
                                        113937 non-null float64
                                        113937 non-null float64
LP_GrossPrincipalLoss
LP_NetPrincipalLoss
                                        113937 non-null float64
LP_NonPrincipalRecoverypayments
                                        113937 non-null float64
PercentFunded
                                        113937 non-null float64
Recommendations
                                        113937 non-null int64
{\tt InvestmentFromFriendsCount}
                                        113937 non-null int64
{\tt InvestmentFromFriendsAmount}
                                        113937 non-null float64
                                        113937 non-null int64
Investors
dtypes: bool(3), float64(50), int64(11), object(17)
memory usage: 68.1+ MB
```

#### **Check for Duplicates**

By choosing any of the IDs in the dataset, we chan get the numbe of unique values using the nunique() function

Out[6]: 113066

From the above reuslts, there seems to be multiple loan identifiers. Let us use the duplicated() and count() method to prove and then display the first five values

```
In [8]: # Count the number of duplicated 'ListingKey'
        df[df.ListingKey.duplicated() == True].count()['ListingKey']
Out[8]: 871
In [9]: # Show the first five duplicated 'ListingKey'
        df[df.ListingKey.duplicated() == True]['ListingKey'].head()
Out[9]: 9
                OFO43596202561788EA13D5
                0A0635972629771021E38F3
        999
        2539
                2D2635984503681189056B4
        4942
               4B7E3590031274113F1FD34
        5812
                94B035909835592957503E6
        Name: ListingKey, dtype: object
```

It is suprising that the sum of duplicated rows for the entire dataset gives a result of 0 as shown below:

After thorough analysis, I found out that there is a column, 'ProsperScore' with problems. According to the data dictionary, this column should have values that do not exceed 10. This column has some incorrect values as shown in the example below:

We are going to drop this column 'ProsperScore' which has problems and then check for the sum of duplicated rows again

#### Out[13]: 871

Now we are able to see the 871 duplicated rows as realized before. Next, we are going to drop all these duplicated rows and check again.

From the above cells, we realize that we no longer have duplicates, and the shape of our dataset has now changed to 113,066 rows and 80 columns

#### Selecting the Target Columns/Variables

This dataset has 81 columns/variables. Four our analysis, we are going to choose 20 variables of the most interesting ones. The data dictionary will assist us to know the most relevant variables (https://www.google.com/url?q=https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key%3D0AllIqIyvWZdadDo

```
Out[19]:
                             LoanKey LoanOriginationDate
                                                                      ClosedDate \
           E33A3400205839220442E84
                                      2007-09-12 00:00:00
                                                            2009-08-14 00:00:00
           9E3B37071505919926B1D82
                                      2014-03-03 00:00:00
         1
                                                                             NaN
         2 6954337960046817851BCB2
                                      2007-01-17 00:00:00
                                                            2009-12-17 00:00:00
         3 A0393664465886295619C51
                                      2012-11-01 00:00:00
                                                                             NaN
         4 A180369302188889200689E
                                      2013-09-20 00:00:00
                                                                             NaN
           LoanStatus Term LoanOriginalAmount MonthlyLoanPayment
            Completed
                          36
                                             9425
                                                                330.43
              Current
                          36
                                            10000
         1
                                                                318.93
         2
           Completed
                                                                123.32
                          36
                                             3001
         3
              Current
                          36
                                            10000
                                                                321.45
              Current
         4
                          36
                                            15000
                                                                563.97
            ListingCategory (numeric)
                                        BorrowerAPR BorrowerRate CreditGrade
         0
                                             0.16516
                                                            0.1580
         1
                                     2
                                             0.12016
                                                            0.0920
                                                                            NaN
         2
                                     0
                                             0.28269
                                                            0.2750
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         3
                                    16
                                             0.12528
                                                            0.0974
                                                                            NaN
         4
                                     2
                                             0.24614
                                                            0.2085
                                                                            NaN
                                  CreditScoreRangeLower CreditScoreRangeUpper
           ProsperRating (Alpha)
         0
                              NaN
                                                    640.0
                                                                            659.0
         1
                                Α
                                                    680.0
                                                                            699.0
         2
                              NaN
                                                    480.0
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         3
                                Α
                                                    800.0
                                                                            819.0
         4
                                D
                                                    680.0
                                                                            699.0
                                               {f Stated Monthly Income}
                                                                      DebtToIncomeRatio
               IncomeRange
                             IncomeVerifiable
            $25,000-49,999
                                          True
                                                        3083.333333
                                                                                    0.17
            $50,000-74,999
                                          True
                                                        6125.000000
                                                                                    0.18
         1
            Not displayed
         2
                                          True
                                                        2083.333333
                                                                                    0.06
           $25,000-49,999
         3
                                         True
                                                        2875.000000
                                                                                    0.15
         4
                 $100,000+
                                                        9583.333333
                                                                                    0.26
                                          True
           EmploymentStatus
                              IsBorrowerHomeowner
              Self-employed
                                              True
         0
         1
                   Employed
                                             False
         2
              Not available
                                             False
                   Employed
         3
                                              True
         4
                   Employed
                                              True
In [20]: # Get the number of rows and columns for the 'df_target' dataframe
         df_target.shape
Out[20]: (113066, 20)
In [21]: # Further explore the 'df_target' dataframe
         df_target.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Int64Index: 113066 entries, 0 to 113936
Data columns (total 20 columns):
LoanKey
                             113066 non-null object
                             113066 non-null object
LoanOriginationDate
ClosedDate
                             55076 non-null object
LoanStatus
                             113066 non-null object
                             113066 non-null int64
                             113066 non-null int64
LoanOriginalAmount
MonthlyLoanPayment
                             113066 non-null float64
ListingCategory (numeric)
                             113066 non-null int64
BorrowerAPR
                             113041 non-null float64
BorrowerRate
                             113066 non-null float64
                             28953 non-null object
CreditGrade
ProsperRating (Alpha)
                             83982 non-null object
{\tt CreditScoreRangeLower}
                             112475 non-null float64
CreditScoreRangeUpper
                             112475 non-null float64
IncomeRange
                             113066 non-null object
IncomeVerifiable
                             113066 non-null bool
StatedMonthlyIncome
                             113066 non-null float64
DebtToIncomeRatio
                             104594 non-null float64
                             110811 non-null object
EmploymentStatus
IsBorrowerHomeowner
                             113066 non-null bool
dtypes: bool(2), float64(7), int64(3), object(8)
memory usage: 16.6+ MB
```

#### Handling issues in our 'df\_target' dataset

By looking at the result of the info() function above, we still have some issues.

1. We are going to set 'LoanKey' column as the index

return super(DataFrame, self).rename(\*\*kwargs)

- 2. Rename columns which have white spaces in their names
- 3. Change the 'LoanOriginationDate' and 'ClosedDate' columns to a proper datatype, i.e, datetime

```
In [24]: # Convert Date Columns to datetime
         df_target.LoanOriginationDate = pd.to_datetime(df_target.LoanOriginationDate)
         df_target.ClosedDate = pd.to_datetime(df_target.ClosedDate)
/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/pandas/core/generic.py:4405: SettingWithCopyWarning:
A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
Try using .loc[row_indexer,col_indexer] = value instead
See the caveats in the documentation: http://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/indexing.html#
  self[name] = value
In [25]: # Show infomation about the data frame by listing all columns, their null-count and the
         df_target.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Index: 113066 entries, E33A3400205839220442E84 to 00AF3704550953269A64E40
Data columns (total 19 columns):
LoanOriginationDate
                         113066 non-null datetime64[ns]
ClosedDate
                         55076 non-null datetime64[ns]
LoanStatus
                         113066 non-null object
Term
                         113066 non-null int64
LoanOriginalAmount
                         113066 non-null int64
MonthlyLoanPayment
                         113066 non-null float64
                         113066 non-null int64
ListingCategory
BorrowerAPR
                         113041 non-null float64
BorrowerRate
                         113066 non-null float64
CreditGrade
                         28953 non-null object
ProsperRating
                         83982 non-null object
CreditScoreRangeLower
                         112475 non-null float64
CreditScoreRangeUpper
                         112475 non-null float64
IncomeRange
                         113066 non-null object
IncomeVerifiable
                         113066 non-null bool
                         113066 non-null float64
StatedMonthlyIncome
DebtToIncomeRatio
                         104594 non-null float64
{\tt EmploymentStatus}
                         110811 non-null object
IsBorrowerHomeowner
                         113066 non-null bool
dtypes: bool(2), datetime64[ns](2), float64(7), int64(3), object(5)
memory usage: 15.7+ MB
```

#### **Further Exploration**

I picked an interest in these cateforical colums/variables: IncomeRange, ProsperRating and CreditGrade

```
Out[26]: array(['$25,000-49,999', '$50,000-74,999', 'Not displayed', '$100,000+',
                 '$75,000-99,999', '$1-24,999', 'Not employed', '$0'], dtype=object)
In [27]: # Display the number of unique values for 'IncomeRange' using the value_counts() function
         df_target.IncomeRange.value_counts()
Out[27]: $25,000-49,999
                            31940
         $50,000-74,999
                            30749
         $100,000+
                            17188
         $75,000-99,999
                           16780
         Not displayed
                             7741
         $1-24,999
                             7241
         Not employed
                              806
                              621
         Name: IncomeRange, dtype: int64
     From the above cell, we see two categories, 'Not employed' and '$0' which have less
     or the same meaning. We are going to lessen the number of categories by renaming the
     latter to have values of the former.
In [28]: # Lessen number of 'IncomeRange' categories by 1
         df_target.IncomeRange.replace({'$0': 'Not employed'}, inplace = True)
/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/pandas/core/generic.py:5890: SettingWithCopyWarning:
A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame
See the caveats in the documentation: http://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/indexing.html#
  self._update_inplace(new_data)
     Since this project aims at producing good exploratory and explanatory visuals, let us
     make our categorical columns to be ordered
In [29]: # Display the unique values for 'ProsperRating' using unique() function
         df_target.ProsperRating.unique()
Out[29]: array([nan, 'A', 'D', 'B', 'E', 'C', 'AA', 'HR'], dtype=object)
In [30]: # Display the number of unique values for 'ProsperRating' using the value_counts() fund
         df_target.ProsperRating.value_counts()
Out[30]: C
               18096
         В
               15368
               14390
         Α
         D
               14170
         Ε
                9716
                6917
         HR.
```

AA

5325

Name: ProsperRating, dtype: int64

```
In [31]: # Display the unique values for 'CreditGrade' using unique() function
         df_target.CreditGrade.unique()
Out[31]: array(['C', nan, 'HR', 'AA', 'D', 'B', 'E', 'A', 'NC'], dtype=object)
In [32]: # Display the number of unique values for 'CreditGrade' using the value_counts() functi
         df_target.CreditGrade.value_counts()
               5649
Out[32]: C
               5153
               4389
         В
               3509
         AA
         HR
               3508
         Α
               3315
         Ε
               3289
         NC
                141
         Name: CreditGrade, dtype: int64
In [33]: # Convert IncomeRange, CreditGrade & ProsperRating into ordered categorical types
         dict_var = {'IncomeRange': ['Not displayed', 'Not employed', '$1-24,999', '$25,000-49,99
                                     '$50,000-74,999', '$75,000-99,999', '$100,000+'],
                     'CreditGrade': ['AA', 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'HR', 'NC'],
                     'ProsperRating': ['AA', 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'HR']}
         for var in dict_var:
             var_ordered = pd.api.types.CategoricalDtype(ordered = True, categories = dict_var[v
             df_target[var] = df_target[var].astype(var_ordered)
/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/ipykernel_launcher.py:9: SettingWithCopyWarning:
A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
Try using .loc[row_indexer,col_indexer] = value instead
See the caveats in the documentation: http://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/indexing.html#
  if __name__ == '__main__':
In [34]: # Notice the changes in the datatypes
         df_target.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Index: 113066 entries, E33A3400205839220442E84 to 00AF3704550953269A64E40
Data columns (total 19 columns):
LoanOriginationDate
                         113066 non-null datetime64[ns]
ClosedDate
                         55076 non-null datetime64[ns]
LoanStatus
                         113066 non-null object
                         113066 non-null int64
Term
LoanOriginalAmount
                         113066 non-null int64
MonthlyLoanPayment
                         113066 non-null float64
ListingCategory
                         113066 non-null int64
```

```
BorrowerAPR
                          113041 non-null float64
BorrowerRate
                          113066 non-null float64
CreditGrade
                          28953 non-null category
ProsperRating
                          83982 non-null category
CreditScoreRangeLower
                          112475 non-null float64
                          112475 non-null float64
CreditScoreRangeUpper
IncomeRange
                          113066 non-null category
IncomeVerifiable
                          113066 non-null bool
                          113066 non-null float64
StatedMonthlyIncome
                          104594 non-null float64
DebtToIncomeRatio
                          110811 non-null object
EmploymentStatus
IsBorrowerHomeowner
                          113066 non-null bool
dtypes: bool(2), category(3), datetime64[ns](2), float64(7), int64(3), object(2)
memory usage: 13.5+ MB
In [35]: # Get the number of rows and columns for the modified 'df_target' dataset
         df_target.shape
Out[35]: (113066, 19)
In [36]: # Show descriptive statistics for the numeric columns
         df_target.describe()
Out[36]:
                                LoanOriginal Amount
                                                     MonthlyLoanPayment
                                                                          ListingCategory
                          Term
                113066.000000
                                     113066.000000
                                                          113066.000000
                                                                            113066.000000
         count
         mean
                     40.800170
                                       8314.762307
                                                             271.932742
                                                                                 2.776838
         std
                     10.421518
                                       6237.007841
                                                             192.549979
                                                                                 3.998188
         min
                     12.000000
                                       1000.000000
                                                                0.000000
                                                                                 0.000000
         25%
                     36.000000
                                       4000.000000
                                                             130.950000
                                                                                  1.000000
         50%
                                                             217.370000
                     36.000000
                                       6300.000000
                                                                                 1.000000
         75%
                     36.000000
                                      12000.000000
                                                             370.570000
                                                                                 3.000000
                                      35000.000000
                                                            2251.510000
                                                                                20.000000
                     60.000000
         max
                  BorrowerAPR
                                 BorrowerRate
                                                CreditScoreRangeLower
                                                        112475.000000
                113041.000000
                                113066.000000
         count
         mean
                      0.218980
                                     0.192946
                                                            685.524961
                      0.080483
                                     0.074917
                                                            66.635895
         std
         min
                      0.006530
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25%	679.00000	3.199396e+03	0.140000
50%	699.000000	4.666667e+03	0.220000
75%	739.000000	6.824688e+03	0.320000
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#### 1.3.1 What is the structure of your dataset?

My original dataset has 113,937 rows and 81 columns. But the target dataset with only columns of interest has 113,066 rows and 19 columns.

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

My main features of interest include; Loan Amount and the interest rate the loan.

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

These include; date when the loan was taken, loan status, term, debt income ratio, income, employment situation, and housing situation.

#### 1.4 Univariate Exploration

#### 1.4.1 Qn.1 How are loans distributed in the loan status categories?

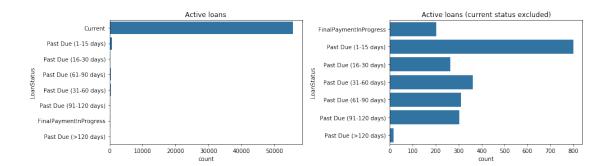
To get answers for the question, we are going to analyze and explore 'LoanStatus'

```
Out[37]: Current
                                    55730
         Completed
                                    38061
         Chargedoff
                                    11992
         Defaulted
                                     5018
         Past Due (1-15 days)
                                      800
         Past Due (31-60 days)
                                      361
         Past Due (61-90 days)
                                      311
         Past Due (91-120 days)
                                      304
         Past Due (16-30 days)
                                      265
         FinalPaymentInProgress
                                      203
         Past Due (>120 days)
                                       16
         Cancelled
         Name: LoanStatus, dtype: int64
```

Using the 'ClosedDate' column, we can divide 'LoanStatus' into 2 distinct groups, Active Loans & Not Active Loans

```
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A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
Try using .loc[row_indexer,col_indexer] = value instead
See the caveats in the documentation: http://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/indexing.html#
  self.obj[key] = _infer_fill_value(value)
/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/pandas/core/indexing.py:543: SettingWithCopyWarning:
A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
Try using .loc[row_indexer,col_indexer] = value instead
See the caveats in the documentation: http://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/indexing.html#
  self.obj[item] = s
Out[38]: 1.0
                57990
         0.0
                55076
         Name: ActiveLoanStatus, dtype: int64
    We are going to plot a Bar plot for Active Loans Status. One subplot shows Active loans
    with all status categories shown and teh second bar plot excludes 'Current' status for
     a clear exploration
In [39]: # Create two subplots for Active Loans. The second plot has 'Current' excluded
         plt.figure(figsize = (14, 4))
         # Subplot 1
         plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
         # set base color for plots
         base_color = sb.color_palette()[0]
         sb.countplot(data = df_target[df_target.ActiveLoanStatus == 1],
                      y = 'LoanStatus', color = base_color, orient = 'h')
         plt.xticks(rotation = 0)
         plt.title('Active loans')
         # subplot 2
         plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
         order = ['FinalPaymentInProgress', 'Past Due (1-15 days)',
                  'Past Due (16-30 days)', 'Past Due (31-60 days)',
                  'Past Due (61-90 days)', 'Past Due (91-120 days)',
                  'Past Due (>120 days)']
         sb.countplot(data = df_target[df_target.LoanStatus.isin(order)],
                      y = 'LoanStatus', order = order, color = base_color, orient = 'h')
         plt.xticks(rotation = 0)
         plt.title('Active loans (current status excluded)')
```

plt.tight\_layout();



#### 1.4.2 Observations 1

Cancelled

5000 10000 15000

- Loans without any issue in the 'Current' status are the most dorminant among the active loans
- When the 'current' status is excluded, the highes amount is in the '1-15 days' category

Now, let us look at the bar plots for Not Active loans category.

```
In [40]: # Create two subplots for Not Active Loans. The second plot has 'Completed' status excl
          plt.figure(figsize = (12, 3))
          # Subplot 1
          plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
          sb.countplot(data = df_target[df_target.ActiveLoanStatus == 0], y = 'LoanStatus', color
          plt.xticks(rotation = 0)
          plt.title('Non-Active loans')
          # Subplot 2
          plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
          sb.countplot(data = df_target[df_target.LoanStatus.isin(['Defaulted', 'Chargedoff', 'Ca
                        y = 'LoanStatus', color = base_color)
          plt.xticks(rotation = 0)
          plt.title('Not Active loans (completed status excluded)')
          plt.tight_layout();
                        Non-Active loans
                                                          Not Active loans (completed status excluded)
      Completed
                                                 Defaulted
       Defaulted
                                               oanStatus
Chargedoff
      Chargedoff
```

Cancelled

12000

10000

6000

count

20000 25000 30000 35000 40000

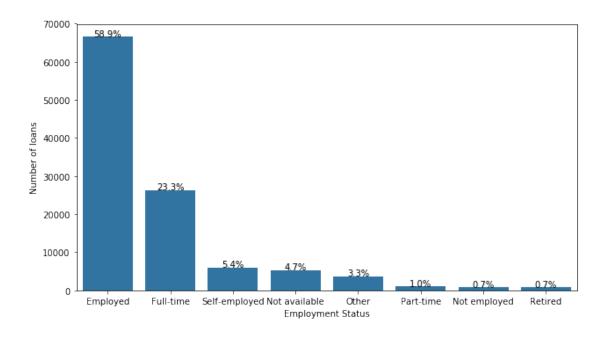
#### 1.4.3 Observations 2

- Loans in the 'Completed' status are the most dorminant among the Not active loans
- When the 'Completed' status is excluded, i.e. when we consider not active loans in the notpaid group, we have more of the charged off loans (the chance of repayment is minimal) than the defaulted ones.
- We do not have any loan in the 'Cancelled' category.

#### 1.4.4 Qn.2 How is the employment status of borrowers distributed?

Using a Bar chart, we are going to see the distribution of employment status categories.

```
In [41]: plt.figure(figsize = [9, 5]) # Size of the figure
         status_counts = df_target.EmploymentStatus.value_counts()
         status_order = status_counts.index
        max_count = status_counts[0]
         max_prop = max_count / df.shape[0]
         tick_props = np.arange(0, max_prop, 0.1)
         tick_names = ['{:0.2f}'.format(v) for v in tick_props]
         g = sb.countplot(data = df, x = 'EmploymentStatus', color = base_color, order = status_
         plt.xticks(rotation = 0)
         plt.xlabel('Employment Status')
         plt.ylabel('Number of loans')
         # values must be ordered from the largest for this to work
         for i in range(status_counts.shape[0]):
             count = status_counts[i]
             pct_string = '\{:0.1f\}\%'.format(100 * count / df.shape[0])
             plt.text(i, count + 10, pct_string, ha = 'center')
         plt.tight_layout()
```



#### 1.4.5 Observations

• It is observed that majority of the Borrowers are employed and the category with least number of borrowers is 'Retired'

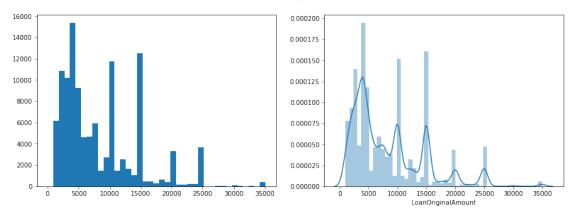
#### 1.4.6 Qn.3 How is the Loan amount distributed?

We are going to use two subplots to show how Loan Amount is distributed. First is a histogram showing clearly the bars and the second one is a distplot which on addition to the hitogram bars, adds a smooth line graph for clarity.

```
In [42]: plt.figure(figsize = (15, 5))
    plt.suptitle('Distribution of the Original Loan Amount')

# First subplot - the histogram
    plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
    bins = np.arange(0, df_target['LoanOriginalAmount'].max()+900, 900)
    plt.hist(data = df, x = 'LoanOriginalAmount', bins = bins)

# Second subplot - the distplot
    plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
    sb.distplot(df_target['LoanOriginalAmount']);
```



#### 1.4.7 Observation

- As shown in the histogram, Loan amounts are skewed to the right
- The amount that is most frequently loaned is around 4,000

#### 1.4.8 Qn.4 Which term has the vast majority of loans?

Let us use a bar plot to see distribution of loan terms.

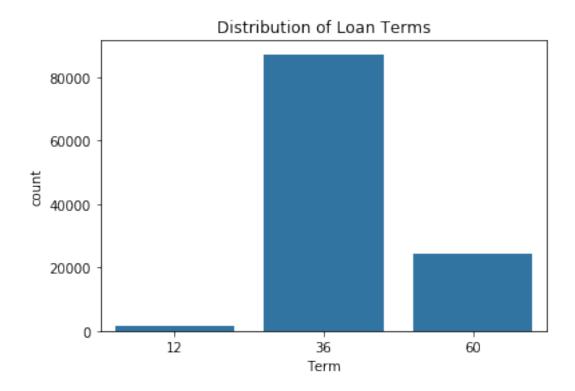
```
In [43]: # Find the unique values for the terms and display their espective value counts.

df_target.Term.value_counts()
```

```
Out [43]: 36 87224
60 24228
12 1614
```

Name: Term, dtype: int64

We can see that Loan terms have 3 unique values/categories, that is, 36 months, 60 months and 12 months.



#### 1.4.9 Observation

• The vast majority of loans have a term of 36 months. This is followed by 60 months and then 12 months

#### 1.4.10 Qn.5 What is the comparison between BorrowerAPR and BorrowerRate?

Before we plot graphs to show the comparison, we have to remember that Borrow-erAPR has missing values. We shall first fill in the missing values using the mean() because the arange() function does not work with nulls.

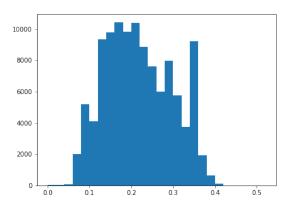
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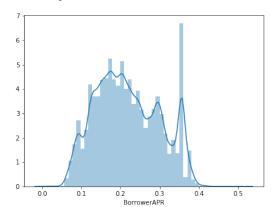
After filling in the missing values, when we check for total number of missing values, we get 0 as shown below:

```
In [47]: df_target.BorrowerAPR.isnull().sum()
Out[47]: 0
```

Now we are ready to have our plots. We are having two subplots. First is a histogram showing clearly the bars and the second one is a distplot which on addition to the hitogram bars, adds a smooth line graph for clarity.

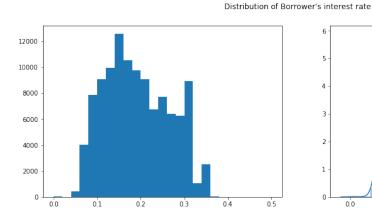


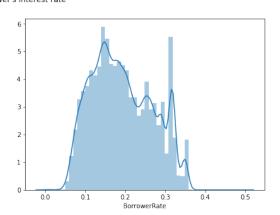




Let us also have visuals for 'BorrowerRate'. Still, we are having two subplots. First is a histogram showing clearly the bars and the second one is a distplot which on addition to the hitogram bars, adds a smooth line graph for clarity.

```
plt.hist(data = df_target, x = 'BorrowerRate', bins = bins)
# plot 2
plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
sb.distplot(df_target['BorrowerRate']);
```



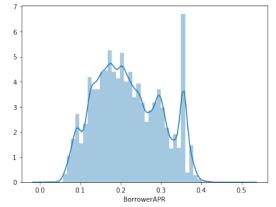


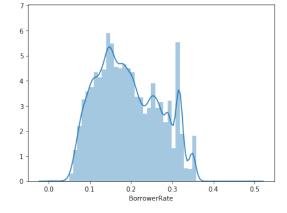
Now let us have the distplots generated from the 2 variables put together in one plot as subplots for clear comparison.

```
In [50]: plt.figure(figsize = (15, 5))
    plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)

# 'BorrowerAPR' distplot
g = sb.distplot(df_target['BorrowerAPR'])

# 'BorrowerRate' distplot
plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
sb.distplot(df_target['BorrowerRate'])
plt.ylim(g.get_ylim());
```





#### 1.4.11 Observations 1

 From the visualizations above, BorrowerAPR and BorrowerRate have almost similar distributions

Let us further explore their descriptive statistics using the describe() function

```
In [51]: # display the descriptive statistics of the two variables, 'BorrowerAPR' and 'BorrowerAPR' df_target[['BorrowerAPR', 'BorrowerRate']].describe()
```

Out[51]:		${\tt BorrowerAPR}$	${ t BorrowerRate}$
	count	113066.000000	113066.000000
	mean	0.218980	0.192946
	std	0.080474	0.074917
	min	0.006530	0.000000
	25%	0.156290	0.134000
	50%	0.209860	0.184000
	75%	0.283860	0.250600
	max	0.512290	0.497500

#### 1.4.12 Observations 2

- The results in the cell above further comfirm that BorrowerAPR and BorrowerRate contain the same information.
- BorrowerAPR rate is somewhat larger since it contains fees.

So, we are going to keep just one of them and drop the other one:

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See the caveats in the documentation: http://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/indexing.html#errors=errors)

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

- Loan amount distribution skewed to the right and is multimodal. The amount that is most frequently loaned is 4,000, followed by 15,000 and then 10,000
- The interest rate variables, BorrowerAPR and BorrowerRate contain the same information. I dropped one and remained with the Annual Percentage Rate (BorrowerAPR)

# 1.4.14 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?

Yes, there were some unsual distributions. - I had to lessen the number of categories for income ranges by 1. I did this by joining '\$0' category with the 'Not Empoloyed' category

More so, I created a new column called 'ActiveLoanStatus' using the 'ClosedDate' column, to divide 'LoanStatus' into 2 distinct groups, Active Loans & Not Active Loans. I did this to quickly filter all active or not active loan statuses.

#### 1.5 Bivariate Exploration

ActiveLoanStatus

IncomeVerifiable

IsBorrowerHomeowner

#### 1.5.1 Qn.1 What are numeric variables correlated to eachother?

Using a heatmap, let us preview the correlations between our numeric variables

```
In [53]: # correlations
          plt.figure(figsize = [15, 8])
           sb.heatmap(df_target[['BorrowerAPR', 'LoanOriginalAmount',
                                      'MonthlyLoanPayment', 'CreditScoreRangeLower',
                                      'StatedMonthlyIncome', 'DebtToIncomeRatio',
                                      'Term', 'ActiveLoanStatus',
                                      'IncomeVerifiable', 'IsBorrowerHomeowner']]
                        .corr(), annot = True, fmt = '.3f',
                        cmap = 'rocket_r', center = 0)
           plt.show();
                    1.000
           BorrowerAPR
                                  0.932
       LoanOriginalAmount
                                  1.000
                                                                                              0.6
       MonthlyLoanPayment
     CreditScoreRangeLower
                                         1.000
                                                                                              0.3
       StatedMonthlyIncome
                                                      1.000
                                                                           -0 601
        DebtToIncomeRatio
                                                                                              0.0
                                                             1.000
               Term
```

StatedMonthlyIncome

0.294

Monthly Loan Paymen

-0 601

0.068

1.000

-0.3

#### 1.5.2 Observation 1

As shown in the heatmap, some variables are positively correlated, others correlated negatively, and others not correlated

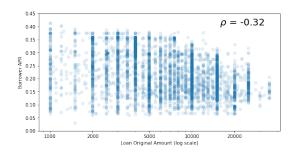
Based on the correlations, we are going to focus on our dependent variables of interest, BorrowerAPR and LoanOriginalAmount. So we are going to explore the following relationships: - BorrowerAPR Vs. LoanOriginalAmount - BorrowerAPR Vs. CreditScoreRangeLower - LoanOriginalAmount Vs. MonthlyLoanPayment - LoanOriginalAmount Vs. CreditScoreRangeLower

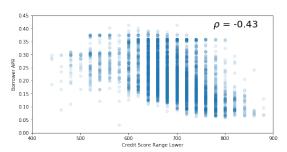
Let us begin with sublots showing BorrowerAPR Vs. LoanOriginalAmount and BorrowerAPR Vs. CreditScoreRangeLower.

```
In [54]: # Take a sample of 5000 from the dataset
         sample = np.random.choice(df_target.shape[0], 5000, replace = False)
         df_samp = df_target.iloc[sample,:]
         plt.figure(figsize = (20, 10))
         # BorrowerAPR Vs. LoanOriginalAmount subplot
         plt.subplot(2, 2, 1)
         g = plt.scatter(data = df_samp, x = 'LoanOriginalAmount', y = 'BorrowerAPR', alpha = 1/
         plt.xscale('log')
         plt.xlabel('Loan Original Amount (log scale)')
         plt.ylabel('Borrower APR')
         plt.ylim((0, 0.45))
         plt.xticks([1000, 2000, 5000, 10000, 20000], [1000, 2000, 5000, 10000, 20000])
         # display the correlation
         ax = plt.gca()
         coef = df_target[['LoanOriginalAmount', 'BorrowerAPR']].corr().iloc[1,0]
         label = r'$\rho$ = ' + str(round(coef, 2))
         ax.annotate(label, xy = (0.75, 0.9), size = 20, xycoords = ax.transAxes)
         # BorrowerAPR Vs. CreditScoreRangeLower subplot
         plt.subplot(2, 2, 2)
         plt.scatter(data = df_samp, x = 'CreditScoreRangeLower',
                     y = 'BorrowerAPR', alpha = 1/10)
         plt.xlabel('Credit Score Range Lower')
         plt.ylabel('Borrower APR')
         plt.xlim((400, 900))
         plt.ylim((0, 0.45))
```

```
# display the correlation
ax = plt.gca()
coef = df_target[['CreditScoreRangeLower', 'BorrowerAPR']].corr().iloc[1,0]
label = r'$\rho$ = ' + str(round(coef, 2))
ax.annotate(label, xy = (0.75, 0.9), size = 20, xycoords = ax.transAxes)
plt.suptitle('Borrower APR strongest relationships', size = 18);
```

Borrower APR strongest relationships

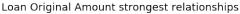


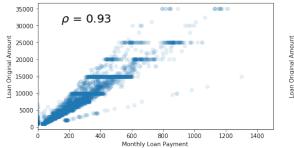


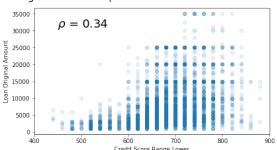
#### 1.5.3 Observation 2

 BorrowerAPR and loan original amount, BorrowerAPR and Credit Score Range Lower have negative correlation and it is somehow visible in the scatter plots. Both of these plots make a logical sense.

Next, we look at LoanOriginalAmount Vs. MonthlyLoanPayment and LoanOriginalAmount Vs. CreditScoreRangeLower







#### 1.5.4 Observation 3

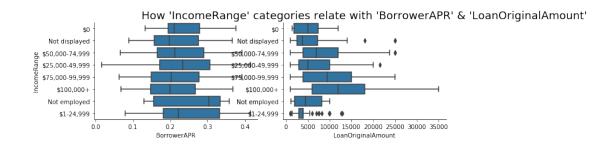
- Loan Original amount and Monthly Loan Payment have a very high positive correlation
- Also, Loan Original amount and Credit Score Range Lower have a positive correlation and it is very visible in the scatter plots. This makes a logical sense.

Let us first create three Lists variables, numeric\_vars, bool\_vars, and ordered\_categoric\_vars, to store numeric variables, boolean variables and ordered categoric variables respectively.

### 1.5.5 Qn.3 How do the different 'IncomeRange' categories relate with 'BorrowerAPR' & 'LoanOriginalAmount'?

Using box plots, we can see how each category Income Range relates to Borrower APR and Loan Original Amount in general

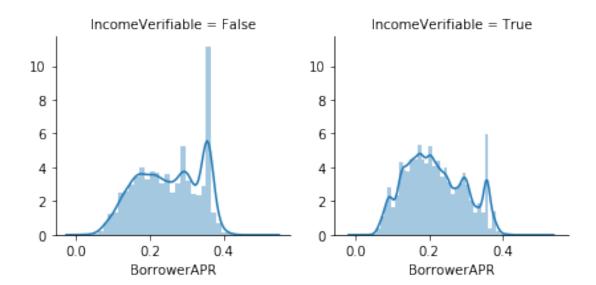
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#### 1.5.6 Qn.4 How does Income Verifiable Status affect Borrower APR?

Using Facet grid, we explore how the Income verifiable status affects the interest rate of the borower.

```
In [58]: # Plot the facet grid of BorrowerAPR on IncomeVerifiable
    g = sb.FacetGrid(data = df_target, col = 'IncomeVerifiable')
    g.map(sb.distplot, 'BorrowerAPR');
```

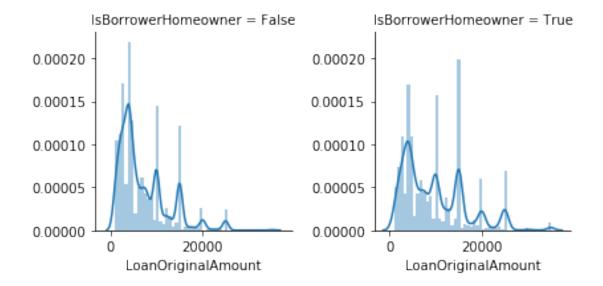


#### 1.5.7 Observation

• It is observed that Borrowers with a verifiable income tend to benefit from a relatively lower rate.

#### 1.5.8 Qn.5 Does Owning a home affect the Loan amount?

Using Facet grid, we explore if owning a home by the borrower affects the Loan Amount.



#### 1.5.9 Observation

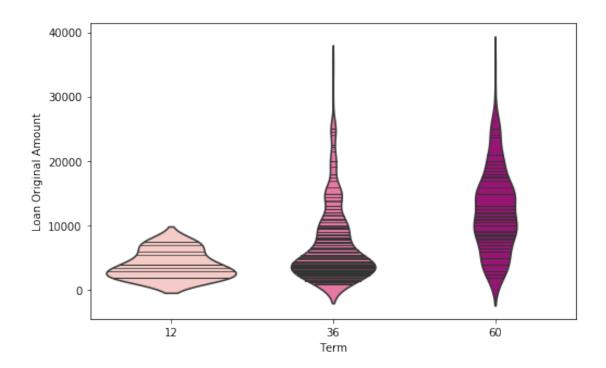
• Those Borrowers who own a home generally get higher loan amounts.

#### 1.5.10 Qn.6 How does Loan Oiginal Amount relate to Term?

We now use violin plots to see the area of concentration of Loan Amount as distributed in the loan terms. These plots also hep us do identify outliers just like box plots.

```
In [60]: plt.figure(figsize = (8, 5)) # Figue size

# Violin plot
vio = sb.violinplot(data = df_samp, x = "Term", y = "LoanOriginalAmount", inner = 'stice
plt.ylabel('Loan Original Amount')
plt.show();
```



#### 1.5.11 Observation

- From the Violin plots shown, Majority of Borrowers with a term of 12 months are given a Loan Amount between 1K and 6k.
- For Borrowers with a term of 36 months, the majority get up to 6k but a few can get up up to 18k. There are some outliers clearly seen
- For Borowers with 60 months, the majority get Loan amount up to 18k but a few can get up to 28k. There are also a few outlier seen

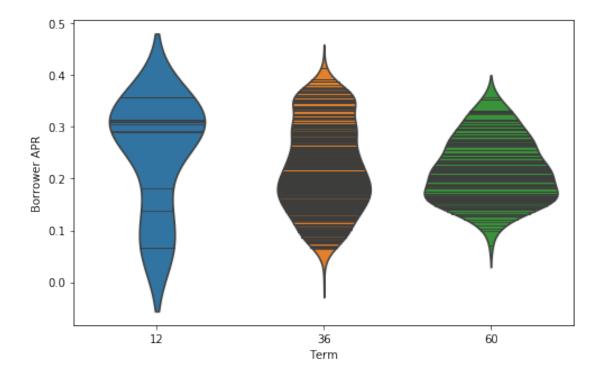
#### 1.5.12 Qn.7 How does BorrowerAPR relate to Term?

Using violin plots to see the area of concentration of Borrowe Interest Rate as distributed in the loan terms. These plots also hep us do identify outliers just like box plots.

```
In [61]: plt.figure(figsize = (8,5)) # Figure size

# Violin plot
vio = sb.violinplot(data = df_samp, x = "Term", y = "BorrowerAPR", inner = 'stick', pal
```

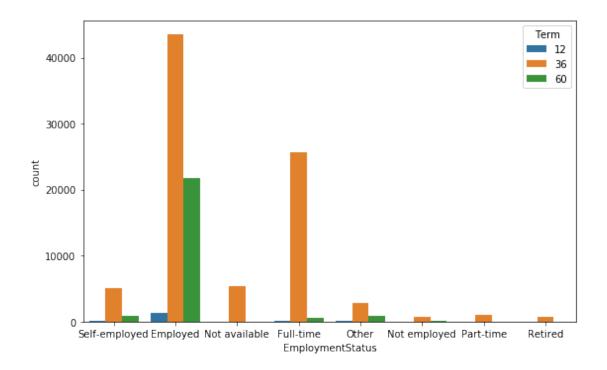
```
plt.ylabel('Borrower APR')
plt.show();
```



#### 1.5.13 Observation

- From the Violin plots plotted, with a term of 12 months, BorrowerAPR is concentrated between 0.05 and 0.31.
- With a term of 36 months, BorrowerAPR is concentrated between 0.1 and 0.35.
- With a term of 60 months, it is concentrated between 0.15 and 0.21 and then some good concentration from 0.21 to 0.32

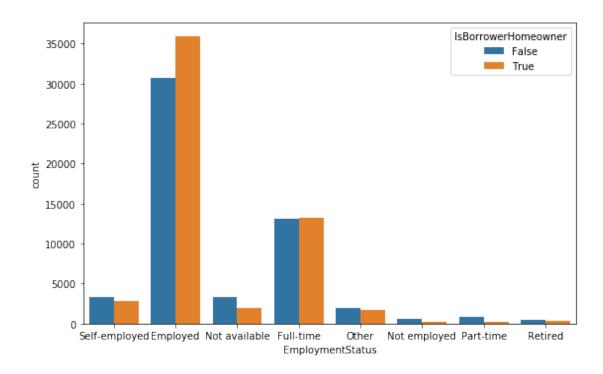
#### 1.5.14 Qn.7 How do Employment Status categories with Terms affect the Loan Count?



#### 1.5.15 Observation

• It is seen that employed borrowers get loans with term 60 much more frequently than other groups

### 1.5.16 Qn.8 How do Employment Status categories with Home Owner Status affect the Loan Access?



#### 1.5.17 Observations

• It is observed that employed borrowers are the only group with strongly more home owners among others.

# 1.5.18 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?

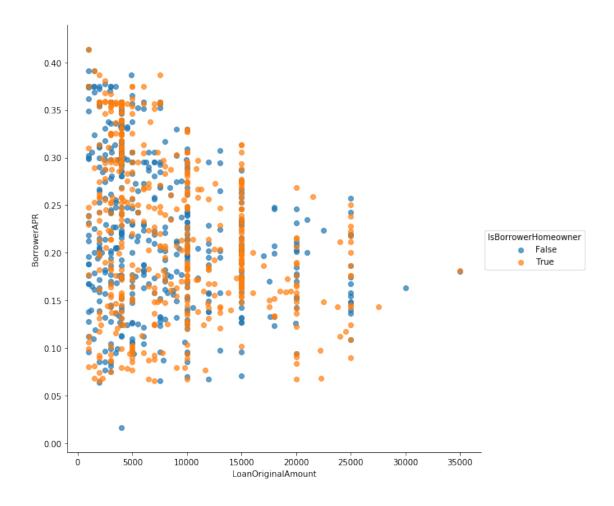
- Borrower APR is negatively correlated with the loan original amount. Borrower APR is negatively correlated with credit score range lower. All of which makes sense. If you can borrow larger amounts, you are likely a more solvent borrower, therefore you get a lower interest rate and you have a higher credit score
- There is a positive correlation between loan original amount with monthly loan payment and with credit score.

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

- Higher income borrowers and home owners borrow higher amounts for lower rates compared with lower income borrowers.
- Unemployed borrowers pay the highest interest among all employment statuses.

#### 1.6 Multivariate Exploration

### 1.6.1 Qn.1 How do Home owners compare to non home owners in terms of Loan amount and BorrowerAPR?

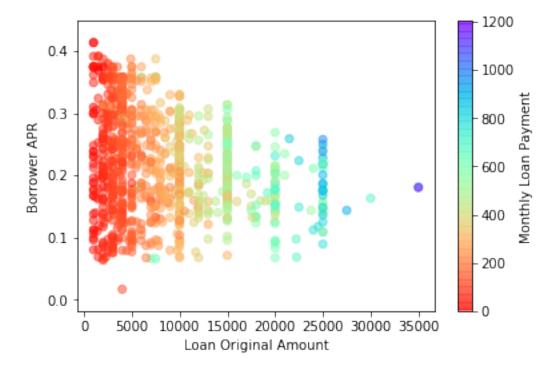


#### 1.6.2 Observations

• I can be observed that home owners borrow higher amounts more frequently

## 1.6.3 Qn.2 What is the relationship between loan amounts, interest rate and monthly loan payment?

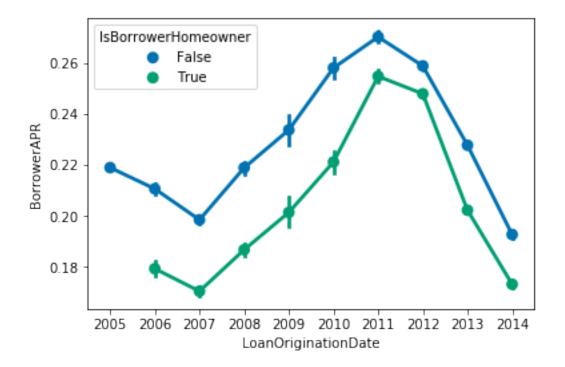
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plt.ylabel('Borrower APR')
plt.xlabel('Loan Original Amount')
plt.show()
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#### 1.6.4 Observation

• It is observed that the higher the loan amounts, the lower the interest rate and the higher the monthly payments

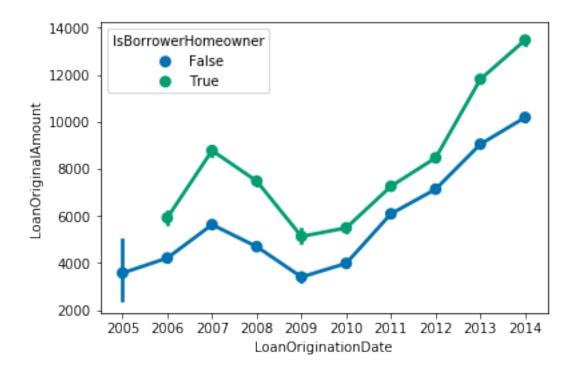
#### 1.6.5 Qn.3 How does owning a house affects the borrower's interest rate thoughout the years?



#### 1.6.6 Observation

• It is observed that borrowers not owning a house pay a higher interest throughout the years as opposed to their counterparts who own the house.

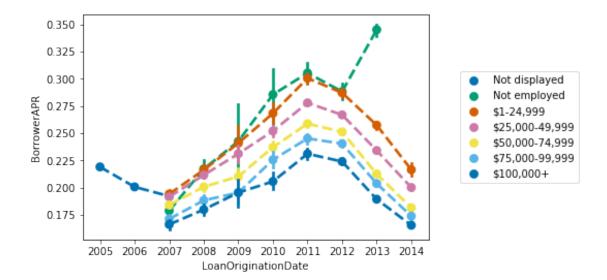
# 1.6.7 Qn.4 How does owning a house affects the borrower's Loan Amount thoughout the years?



#### 1.6.8 Observation

• It is observed that borrowers who own a house borrow more money on average throughout the years as opposed to their counterparts who do not own the house.

#### 1.6.9 Qn.5 Does Income Range affect the borrower's Interest rate throughout the years?



#### 1.6.10 Observation

• It is observed that Income Range does not seem to affect much the Borrower's Interest Rate.

#### 1.6.11 Qn.6 Does Income Range affect the borrower's Loan Amount throughout the years?

#### 1.6.12 Observation

• Income range generally affects the borrower's Loan Amount throughout the years. Borrowers with higher income rates more frequently receive higher Loan Amounts through the years.

# 1.6.13 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 higher the loan amounts, the lower the interest rate and the higher the monthly payments
- Borrowers who do not own a house pay a higher interest throughout the years
- Borrowers who own a house borrow more money on average throughout the years
- There is an upward trend in Loan Amounts for the last few years.
- Borrowers with higher income rates more frequently receive higher Loan Amounts through the years.

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

Yes, I found out that house ownership and income range are essential for borrower segmentation. It is observed that home owners borrow higher amounts more frequently and borrowers with higher income rates more frequently receive higher Loan Amounts through the years.

#### 1.7 Conclusions

Below is the summary of the main findings: - The amount that is most frequently loaned is 4,000, followed by 15,000 and then 10,000. - The interest rate variables, BorrowerAPR and BorrowerRate contain the same information. - Borrower APR is negatively correlated with the loan original amount. Borrower APR is negatively correlated with credit score range lower. - There is a positive correlation between loan original amount with monthly loan payment and with credit score. - Higher income borrowers and home owners borrow higher amounts for lower rates compared with lower income borrowers. - Unemployed borrowers pay the highest interest among all employment statuses. - The higher the loan amounts, the lower the interest rate and the higher the monthly payments - Borrowers who do not own a house pay a higher interest throughout the years - Borrowers who own a house borrow more money on average throughout the years - There is an upward trend in Loan Amounts for the last few years. - Borrowers with higher income rates more frequently receive higher Loan Amounts through the years.