# Data Wrangling

August 26, 2023

# \*\*

Data Wrangling\*\*

#### Import Packages

```
[99]: import os
from dotenv import load_dotenv

import datetime as dt

from tqdm import tqdm

import math
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns

from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.linear_model import Lasso
from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV

from statsmodels.stats.outliers_influence import variance_inflation_factor
```

## Set Correct Options for the Notebook

```
[100]: # Load in the dotenv variables
load_dotenv()
# Show all the columns in the .head() method
pd.set_option('display.max_columns', None)
# Turn all plots dark to help my eyes
plt.style.use('dark_background')
```

The data was taken from kaggle and contains Loan Data information on the borrowers. Below I used Kaggle's API to download the dataset. I had trouble getting it to work inline in the notebook so I used these commands in the terminal.

```
[101]: '''
       # Download the data from the kaggle api
       kaggle datasets download -d ranadeep/credit-risk-dataset
       # unzip the data
       unzip credit-risk-dataset.zip -d credit-risk-dataset
[101]: '\n# Download the data from the kaggle api\nkaggle datasets download -d
       ranadeep/credit-risk-dataset\n# unzip the data \nunzip credit-risk-dataset.zip
       -d credit-risk-dataset \n'
      Set Directory
[102]: # Get the path from the environment from the dotenv file without extra add-ons
       project_path = os.getenv('Project_Path')[2:78]
       # Change notebook directory back one so that it can acess the data
       os.chdir(project_path)
      Load the Data
[103]: # Load in the data with low_memory as False so that it can understand dtype
       loan = pd.read_csv('./data/raw/loan.csv', low_memory = False)
       # Print out the shape of the dataset
       print(loan.shape)
       # Print out a sample of the dataset
       loan.head()
      (887379, 74)
[103]:
                                         funded_amnt
                                                      funded_amnt_inv
               id member_id loan_amnt
                                                                             term \
       0 1077501
                     1296599
                                 5000.0
                                              5000.0
                                                               4975.0
                                                                        36 months
                                              2500.0
                                                                        60 months
       1 1077430
                     1314167
                                 2500.0
                                                               2500.0
                                                                        36 months
       2 1077175
                     1313524
                                 2400.0
                                              2400.0
                                                               2400.0
       3 1076863
                    1277178
                                10000.0
                                             10000.0
                                                              10000.0
                                                                        36 months
       4 1075358
                                                               3000.0
                                                                        60 months
                    1311748
                                 3000.0
                                              3000.0
          int_rate
                    installment grade sub_grade
                                                                emp_title emp_length \
       0
             10.65
                         162.87
                                                                      NaN 10+ years
                                    В
                                             B2
       1
             15.27
                          59.83
                                    С
                                             C4
                                                                    Ryder
                                                                            < 1 year
                          84.33
                                    C
             15.96
                                             C5
                                                                      NaN 10+ years
       3
             13.49
                         339.31
                                    С
                                             C1
                                                      AIR RESOURCES BOARD
                                                                            10+ years
       4
             12.69
                          67.79
                                             B5
                                                University Medical Group
                                                                               1 year
                        annual inc verification status
                                                          issue d loan status \
        home_ownership
       0
                   RENT
                            24000.0
                                               Verified Dec-2011
                                                                    Fully Paid
                            30000.0
                                        Source Verified Dec-2011 Charged Off
       1
                   RENT
       2
                   RENT
                            12252.0
                                           Not Verified Dec-2011
                                                                    Fully Paid
       3
                   RENT
                            49200.0
                                        Source Verified Dec-2011
                                                                    Fully Paid
```

```
4
            RENT
                      80000.0
                                   Source Verified Dec-2011
                                                                     Current
  pymnt_plan
                                                                 url \
0
              https://www.lendingclub.com/browse/loanDetail...
              https://www.lendingclub.com/browse/loanDetail...
1
2
              https://www.lendingclub.com/browse/loanDetail...
           n https://www.lendingclub.com/browse/loanDetail...
3
4
           n https://www.lendingclub.com/browse/loanDetail...
                                                    desc
                                                                  purpose \
0
     Borrower added on 12/22/11 > I need to upgra...
                                                           credit card
1
     Borrower added on 12/22/11 > I plan to use t...
                                                                    car
2
                                                     NaN
                                                          small business
3
     Borrower added on 12/21/11 > to pay for prop...
                                                                  other
4
     Borrower added on 12/21/11 > I plan on combi...
                                                                  other
                   title zip_code addr_state
                                                        deling_2yrs
                                                   dti
0
                             860xx
                                                27.65
                                                                 0.0
                Computer
                             309xx
                                            GA
                                                 1.00
                                                                 0.0
1
                    bike
2
   real estate business
                             606xx
                                            IL
                                                 8.72
                                                                 0.0
3
                personel
                             917xx
                                            CA
                                                20.00
                                                                 0.0
4
                             972xx
                                            ΩR.
                                               17.94
                                                                 0.0
                Personal
  earliest cr line
                     ing last 6mths
                                      mths since last deling
0
          Jan-1985
                                 1.0
                                                           NaN
                                 5.0
1
          Apr-1999
                                                           NaN
          Nov-2001
                                 2.0
                                                           NaN
3
          Feb-1996
                                 1.0
                                                          35.0
          Jan-1996
                                 0.0
                                                          38.0
   mths_since_last_record
                             open_acc
                                        pub_rec
                                                 revol_bal
                                                             revol_util
0
                                  3.0
                                            0.0
                                                    13648.0
                                                                    83.7
                       NaN
                                  3.0
1
                       NaN
                                            0.0
                                                     1687.0
                                                                     9.4
2
                                  2.0
                                                                    98.5
                       NaN
                                            0.0
                                                     2956.0
3
                       NaN
                                 10.0
                                            0.0
                                                     5598.0
                                                                    21.0
4
                       NaN
                                 15.0
                                            0.0
                                                    27783.0
                                                                    53.9
   total_acc initial_list_status
                                    out_prncp
                                                out_prncp_inv
                                                                  total_pymnt
         9.0
0
                                 f
                                           0.0
                                                           0.0
                                                                  5861.071414
1
         4.0
                                 f
                                           0.0
                                                           0.0
                                                                  1008.710000
2
        10.0
                                 f
                                           0.0
                                                           0.0
                                                                  3003.653644
3
        37.0
                                 f
                                           0.0
                                                           0.0
                                                                 12226.302212
4
        38.0
                                 f
                                         766.9
                                                         766.9
                                                                  3242.170000
                                        total_rec_int
                                                        total_rec_late_fee
   total_pymnt_inv
                     total_rec_prncp
                              5000.00
0
           5831.78
                                               861.07
                                                                       0.00
1
                               456.46
                                               435.17
                                                                       0.00
           1008.71
```

```
2
            3003.65
                              2400.00
                                               603.65
                                                                       0.00
3
           12226.30
                             10000.00
                                               2209.33
                                                                      16.97
4
            3242.17
                              2233.10
                                               1009.07
                                                                       0.00
                collection_recovery_fee last_pymnt_d
                                                        last_pymnt_amnt
   recoveries
0
         0.00
                                    0.00
                                                                   171.62
                                               Jan-2015
       117.08
1
                                     1.11
                                              Apr-2013
                                                                   119.66
2
         0.00
                                    0.00
                                              Jun-2014
                                                                   649.91
3
         0.00
                                     0.00
                                              Jan-2015
                                                                   357.48
         0.00
                                     0.00
                                              Jan-2016
                                                                    67.79
  next_pymnt_d last_credit_pull_d collections_12_mths_ex_med
           NaN
                           Jan-2016
                                                               0.0
1
           NaN
                           Sep-2013
2
                           Jan-2016
                                                               0.0
           NaN
3
            NaN
                           Jan-2015
                                                               0.0
4
      Feb-2016
                           Jan-2016
                                                               0.0
   mths_since_last_major_derog policy_code application_type
                                           1.0
0
                             NaN
                                                      INDIVIDUAL
                             NaN
                                           1.0
                                                      INDIVIDUAL
1
2
                             NaN
                                           1.0
                                                      INDIVIDUAL
3
                             NaN
                                           1.0
                                                      INDIVIDUAL
4
                             NaN
                                           1.0
                                                      INDIVIDUAL
   annual_inc_joint
                      dti_joint verification_status_joint
                                                               acc now deling \
0
                 NaN
                             NaN
                                                                           0.0
1
                 NaN
                             NaN
                                                         NaN
                                                                           0.0
                             NaN
2
                 NaN
                                                         NaN
                                                                           0.0
3
                             NaN
                                                                           0.0
                 NaN
                                                         NaN
4
                 NaN
                             NaN
                                                         NaN
                                                                          0.0
                                open_acc_6m
                                              open_il_6m
                                                           open_il_12m
   tot_coll_amt
                  tot_cur_bal
0
                           NaN
                                         NaN
                                                      NaN
             NaN
                                                                    NaN
                                         NaN
                                                      NaN
                                                                    NaN
1
             NaN
                           NaN
2
             NaN
                           NaN
                                         NaN
                                                      NaN
                                                                    NaN
3
             NaN
                           NaN
                                         NaN
                                                      NaN
                                                                    NaN
             NaN
                           NaN
                                         NaN
                                                      NaN
                                                                    NaN
   open_il_24m
                 mths_since_rcnt_il
                                       total_bal_il
                                                      il_util
                                                                open rv 12m
0
            NaN
                                 NaN
                                                 NaN
                                                          NaN
                                                                        NaN
            NaN
                                 NaN
1
                                                 NaN
                                                          NaN
                                                                        NaN
2
           NaN
                                 NaN
                                                 NaN
                                                          NaN
                                                                        NaN
3
           NaN
                                 NaN
                                                 NaN
                                                          NaN
                                                                        NaN
           NaN
                                 NaN
                                                                        NaN
                                                 NaN
                                                          NaN
   open_rv_24m max_bal_bc all_util total_rev_hi_lim inq_fi total_cu_tl \
```

0	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
1	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
2	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
3	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
4	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN

```
inq_last_12m
0 NaN
1 NaN
2 NaN
3 NaN
4 NaN
```

The data is large and complex. In the read\_csv() function I had to specify low\_memory = False because some columns had too many different data types for the read\_csv() function to be able to quickly determine the data type of each column.

The first step in data wrangling is to separate out the features (X) from the target variable (y). When I initially started this project I had believed that y was loan\_status because it was listed on the kaggle website, and was a clear representation of how the loan had fared. After much data wrangling and looking closely at the dataset I realized that it was hard to use many of the features while having loan\_status be the target variable. Too many of the features have information on the loan after origination. If the purpose of the project was to try to find the best loans to invest in, then I cannot use features that are collected during the term of the loan.

In order to use many of the features of the dataset, I need a question that has a later time frame. If I try to find how much each borrower will still pay back on their loans, I can use the features that are during the term of the loan. This can create a market or evaluation for the value of the existing loans that would be valuable for loan investors or institutions who are thinking of selling off their loans for immediate liquidity.

Below I separated out every column of the dataset that had information on the amount that the borrower has already paid and the amount that they owe. With the remaining columns I'll be able to create a multiplier that will provide an estimate on how much the borrower will pay.

#### 0.1 Cleaning up the Dataset

**Unique Values** The easiest features to clean are ones that have constant values since they provide no information. Below I looked at how many unique values each feature has. I will drop every feature that has only 1 unique value.

```
[105]: X.nunique().sort values(ascending = True)
[105]: policy_code
                                    1
                                    2
       pymnt_plan
       application_type
                                    2
                                    2
       initial list status
                                    2
       term
       emp_title
                               299271
                               327342
       tot_cur_bal
       url
                               887379
       member_id
                               887379
       id
                               887379
       Length: 64, dtype: int64
[106]: | # Drop the 'policy_code' feature since there is only one policy code
       X.drop('policy_code', axis = 1, inplace = True)
```

#### 0.1.1 Categorical Columns

In order to analyze the data, all of the features have to have only numerical values. Some columns contain numbers but need to be cleaned in order to be fully numeric where as others are purely categorical and either need to be one-hot encoded or dropped if they have too many unique values.

Below I printed out a list of all of the categorical columns.

```
[107]: # Use dtypes to find all of the columns that are not int or float in X
      [X.dtypes.index[i] for i,type in enumerate(X.dtypes) if type not in_
       [107]: ['term',
       'grade',
       'sub grade',
       'emp_title',
       'emp_length',
       'home_ownership',
       'verification_status',
       'issue_d',
       'pymnt_plan',
       'url',
       'desc',
       'purpose',
       'title',
```

```
'zip_code',
        'addr_state',
        'earliest_cr_line',
        'initial_list_status',
        'last_pymnt_d',
        'next_pymnt_d',
        'last_credit_pull_d',
        'application_type',
        'verification_status_joint']
      term of the loan
[108]: X['term'].unique()
[108]: array([' 36 months', ' 60 months'], dtype=object)
      The term variable represents how long loan is for and has two values: 36 months and 60 months.
      I can convert those strings to 3, and 5 respectively to represent the years.
[109]: # replace the string values with numerical values, use a dictionary to be
       X['term'].replace({' 36 months':3, ' 60 months':5}, inplace = True)
       # Show the column
       X['term']
[109]: 0
                 3
                 5
       2
                 3
       3
                 3
                 5
       887374
                 3
       887375
                 3
       887376
                 5
       887377
                 5
       887378
       Name: term, Length: 887379, dtype: int64
      grade and sub_grade for the loans
[110]: # Show all the different possible grades
       print('Grade:', X['grade'].unique())
       # Show all the different possible sub grades
       print('Grade:', X['sub_grade'].unique())
      Grade: ['B' 'C' 'A' 'E' 'F' 'D' 'G']
      Grade: ['B2' 'C4' 'C5' 'C1' 'B5' 'A4' 'E1' 'F2' 'C3' 'B1' 'D1' 'A1' 'B3' 'B4'
       'C2' 'D2' 'A3' 'A5' 'D5' 'A2' 'E4' 'D3' 'D4' 'F3' 'E3' 'F4' 'F1' 'E5'
       'G4' 'E2' 'G3' 'G2' 'G1' 'F5' 'G5']
```

There is also the subgrade column which differentiates the quality of loans within the different grades. Since there are 5 subgrades for each grade, I can convert the subgrade to .2 downgrade of the grade

```
[111]: # Convert the grades into numbers that can be analyzed
       X['grade'] = X['grade'].replace({'A':7, 'B':6, 'C':5, 'D':4, 'E':3, 'F':2, 'G':
        →1})
       # Add in the subgrade as a .2 change in the grade
       X['grade'] = [X['grade'][i] - ((int(sub[-1]) - 1)/5)  for i, sub in_
        ⇔enumerate(X['sub_grade'])]
       # Show the grade
       X['grade']
[111]: 0
                 5.8
                 4.4
       1
       2
                 4.2
       3
                 5.0
                 5.2
       4
                 5.2
       887374
       887375
                 5.2
                 3.8
       887376
                 2.6
       887377
                 5.2
       887378
       Name: grade, Length: 887379, dtype: float64
```

With grade incorporating both grade and sub\_grade, I can drop sub\_grade.

```
[112]: # Drop sub_grade from X
X.drop('sub_grade', axis = 1, inplace = True)
```

emp\_title: The type of employment for the borrower.

```
[113]: X['emp_title'].unique()
```

Unfortunately it appears that many of the borrowers put the name of their employer instead of their profession. I can confirm this better by using the value\_counts() method from pandas.

Thomas J. Paul, Inc.

Piggie Toes Preschool

greystone park psychiatric hospital

Las Vegas Motropolitan Police Department

Manager Hotel Operations Oasis

Name: emp\_title, Length: 299271, dtype: int64

While the most common values are types of professions, it appears that there are many values that have just the name of the employers. If I take a look at all of the values in emp\_title that appear over 1000 times I'll get a better sense of the common professions I should try to simplify the column into.

```
[115]: # find all the different types of jobs that the borrower could have print(len(X['emp_title'].value_counts()[X['emp_title'].value_counts() > 1000]))

# See how common each of the different employment types
X['emp_title'].value_counts()[X['emp_title'].value_counts() > 1000]
```

48

[115]:	Teacher	13469
	Manager	11240
	Registered Nurse	5525
	Owner	5376
	RN	5355
	Supervisor	4983
	Sales	4212
	Project Manager	3988
	Driver	3569
	Office Manager	3510
	General Manager	3178
	Director	3156
	manager	3138
	teacher	2925
	owner	2849
	Engineer	2671
	President	2598
	driver	2429
	Vice President	2351
	Attorney	2136
	Operations Manager	2071
	Accountant	2035
	Administrative Assistant	2019
	Sales Manager	1846
	Account Manager	1725
	sales	1724
	Police Officer	1720
	supervisor	1675

```
Executive Assistant
                              1603
Analyst
                              1538
Store Manager
                              1515
Technician
                              1462
Nurse
                              1426
truck driver
                              1387
Truck Driver
                              1387
Software Engineer
                              1344
Paralegal
                              1299
Controller
                              1246
Consultant
                              1242
Assistant Manager
                              1199
Program Manager
                              1188
Branch Manager
                              1177
Server
                              1120
Administrator
                              1103
Principal
                              1073
Account Executive
                              1072
Mechanic
                              1044
Business Analyst
                              1013
Name: emp_title, dtype: int64
```

What stands out in this column is that many of the employment types seem to be variations on the same profession. For instance there are a lot of different kinds of managers even though they are all in the managerial profession. I can combine all of these to create a much more consolidated column.

Below I created a dictionary where the keys are the profession and the values are lists of all phrases that would be associated with that profession.

```
[116]: | Professions = {'Manager': ['manag', 'supervisor', 'superintendent', 'lead', |
        'Healer':['nurse', 'nursing', 'cna', 'lpn', 'physician', L
        →'doctor', 'pharmacist', 'counselor', 'therapist', 'rn', 'paramedic'],
                      'Technical': ['engineer', 'mechanic', 'electrician', 'machinist', |

→ 'machining', 'technician', 'it', 'software', 'tech', 'welder'],
                      'Executive':['president', 'owner', 'ceo', 'partner', 'vp'],
        ⇔'Designer': ['designer'],
                     'Vol': ['firefighter', 'social worker', 'army', 'officer', __

¬'sheriff', 'deputy', 'sergeant', 'agent', 'colonel', 'USAF'],

                      'Director':['director', 'coordinator'], 'Accountant':
        ⇔['accountant', 'bookkeeper', 'controller', 'accounting'], 'Sales':['sales', ⊔

¬'realt'],
                      'Finance':['financial','underwriter', 'broker', 'cfo','bank'],

¬'Analyst':['analyst','consult', 'analysis','estimator'],
                      'Clergy':['pastor','rabbi','priest', 'imam', 'minister'],
```

```
'Service':['bartender', 'server', 'service', 'diner', 'grill',⊔

→'attendant', 'cashier', 'aesthetician', 'dealer', 'cook', 'chef'],

'Manlab':['maintenance', 'maintenence', 'laborer', 'lumber', □

→'custodian', 'carpenter'],

'Operator':['operator', 'pilot', 'driver'], 'Assistant':

→['assistant', 'secretary', 'receptionist'], 'Law':

→['attorney', 'esq', 'paralegal'],

'Education':

→['teacher', 'principal', 'professor', 'school', 'educator'], 'Admin':['admin']}
```

Below I created a new column that assumed that all missing values were unemployed. Then I iterated through the Professions dictionary and for each value I searched through the entire column to see if any cells contained that value. If they did, then I changed the entire cell to be the corresponding key from the dictionary.

```
[117]: # Fill in the missing values with unemployed for analysis
X['emp_title_cons'] = X['emp_title'].fillna('Unemployed')
for key, value in tqdm(Professions.items()):
    for v in value:
        # Create a boolean mask for all employments that are managerial
        prof = X['emp_title_cons'].str.contains(v, case=False)
        # Change the value of those to 'Manager'
        X.loc[prof, 'emp_title_cons'] = key
```

```
0%| | 0/20 [00:00<?, ?it/s]100%| | 20/20 [00:32<00:00, 1.65s/it]
```

With the employment titles consolidated, I can look at the employment titles with over 1000 instances again to see how effective the grouping was.

```
[118]: # find all the different types of jobs that the borrower could have print(len(X['emp_title_cons'].value_counts()[X['emp_title_cons'].value_counts()___ \iff 1000]))

# See how common each of the different employment types
X['emp_title_cons'].value_counts()[X['emp_title_cons'].value_counts() > 1000]
```

22

[118]:	Manager	141239
	Technical	119770
	Unemployed	51462
	Healer	50322
	Director	32973
	Education	29821
	Executive	28111
	Vol	25647
	Operator	24758
	Service	22252

```
Analyst
                       21481
Assistant
                       18877
Sales
                       17653
Finance
                       12007
Accountant
                       10458
Admin
                        9648
Manlab
                        5969
Clerk
                        5333
Designer
                        2466
Law
                        1942
Clergy
                        1392
Account Executive
                        1072
Name: emp_title_cons, dtype: int64
```

There is a marked improvement here with "Manager" accounting for over 150,000 of the observations. It is possible that some of the profession types are mistakes but I intentionally put spaces before and after 'lead' so that the code would only capture instances of the word lead itself.

Below I changed the emp\_type column to have only professions with more than 1000 instances. The rest I classified as other.

```
[119]: common_proffs = X['emp_title_cons'].value_counts()[X['emp_title_cons'].

solvalue_counts() > 1000]

# Create a feature that has the most common profession types, store the rest as

solvator.

X['emp_type'] = [x if x in common_proffs.index else 'other' for x in

structure x in the common proffs.index else 'other' for x in

structure x in the common proffs.index else 'other' for x
```

With a workable list of professions that the borrowers have, I can one-hot encode them for later analysis and drop the columns that created emp\_type.

```
[120]: # Convert all of the columns into dummy variables
X = pd.get_dummies(X, columns = ['emp_type'], drop_first = True)
# Drop emp_title and emp_title_cons now that there is no need for them.
X.drop(['emp_title', 'emp_title_cons'], axis = 1, inplace = True)
```

emp\_length: employment length of the borrower.

```
[121]: # Show all of the different employement lengths
X['emp_length'].unique()
```

This column appears to have numerical values that are encased in strings. If I can separate the number from the surrounding string and change its type to a number than this column can become numerical.

```
[122]: # Replace the non-existant values with 0
X['emp_length'] = X['emp_length'].fillna(0)
# Replace the less than one year with the average of .5
X['emp_length'] = X['emp_length'].replace('< 1 year', 0.5)
# Get rid of all non-numerical characters to convert the values into numerical
X['emp_length'] = X['emp_length'].replace(r'[a-zA-Z+]', '', regex = True)
# Change the type from string to numerical
X['emp_length'] = X['emp_length'].astype('float')</pre>
```

home\_ownership: The housing situation of the borrower

```
[123]: # Look at all the types of home ownership
X['home_ownership'].unique()
```

```
[123]: array(['RENT', 'OWN', 'MORTGAGE', 'OTHER', 'NONE', 'ANY'], dtype=object)
```

Since OTHER, NONE, and ANY can all mean the same thing, I think it best to combine the three of them into OTHER

```
[124]: # Switch home_ownership rare values to other.
X['home_ownership'].replace({'NONE': 'OTHER','ANY':'OTHER'}, inplace = True)
```

With a consolidated home\_ownership column, I can now one-hot encode it for later analysis

```
[125]: # Create dummy columns for the different types of home ownership
X = pd.get_dummies(X, columns = ['home_ownership'], drop_first = True)
```

verification\_status: Whether or not Lending club was able to verify the information the borrower submitted.

```
[126]: X['verification_status'].unique()
```

```
[126]: array(['Verified', 'Source Verified', 'Not Verified'], dtype=object)
```

verification\_status has 3 unique values that determine if the information has been verified, the source of the information has been verified or if neither the source nor the information has been verified. I will make this into a dummy variable later on.

```
[127]: # Create dummy variables for the different verification statuses
X = pd.get_dummies(X, columns = ['verification_status'], drop_first = True)
```

issue\_d: the month and year in which the loan was issued.

```
[128]: X['issue_d'].head()
```

```
[128]: 0 Dec-2011
1 Dec-2011
2 Dec-2011
3 Dec-2011
4 Dec-2011
```

Name: issue\_d, dtype: object

issue\_d is a very important feature because I'll be able to use it to determine how much time is left on the loan but it isn't a feature that will influence a borrower's ability to pay back the loan. For that reason I'll drop it from this dataset.

```
[129]: # Drop issue_d from the X dataset
X.drop('issue_d', axis = 1, inplace = True)
```

pymnt\_plan: Indicates whether there has been a payment plan put in place for the borrower to pay off the loan that wasn't the original schedule.

```
[130]: X['pymnt_plan'].unique()
```

```
[130]: array(['n', 'y'], dtype=object)
```

There are only two values in this column either a 'n' for no or a 'y' for yes. Since it is a binary choice I can represent it numerically as 0 for n and 1 for y.

```
[131]: # Convert pyment_plan to a binary variable
X['pymnt_plan'] = np.where(X['pymnt_plan'] == 'y', 1, 0)
```

url of the page that contains the loan. Needs a login to access it.

```
[132]: X['url'].unique()
```

The URL column appears to be the same website with the id column as the loan\_id at the end of it. I can test this by trying to see if the characters up until the id= are always the same.

```
[133]: # Grab the first part of the url and see if it always the same.
X['url'].str[:61].unique()
```

Now that I know that the start of the url is always the same I can check to see if the ID part of the url is the exact same as the id column itself.

```
[134]: # subtract the set of the id part of the url column from the id column.
set(X['id']) - set(X['url'].str[61:].astype('int'))
```

[134]: set()

The code above returned an empty set which means that there is no difference between the id column and the number at the end of the url. This means that the url is redundant and can be dropped.

```
[135]: # Drop the url column from X
X.drop('url', axis = 1, inplace = True)
```

desc: A summary for the reason the borrower is taking the loan

```
[136]: # Find how many people didn't put a description
print(X['desc'].isna().sum())

# Print a sample of some of the descriptions
X['desc'].unique()
```

761351

[136]: array([' Borrower added on 12/22/11 > I need to upgrade my business
 technologies.<br/>',

' Borrower added on 12/22/11 > I plan to use this money to finance the motorcycle i am looking at. I plan to have it paid off as soon as possible/when i sell my old bike. I only need this money because the deal im looking at is to good to pass up.<br/>
br><br/>
Borrower added on 12/22/11 > I plan to use this money to finance the motorcycle i am looking at. I plan to have it paid off as soon as possible/when i sell my old bike. I only need this money because the deal im looking at is to good to pass up. I have finished college with an associates degree in business and its takingmeplaces<br/>
',

nan, ...,

'I need a lower interest loan to pay off my citifinancial loan. ',

'I am looking for a loan to pay my credit cards off as well as making some very much needed auto repairs',

'I am in my senior year of college in obtaining a bachelors degree in criminal justice. I do not qualify for financial aid and have used all stafford loans available. My tuition is approx. \$1200 a month and I have 10 courses left which adds up to over \$10,000. I need some assistance to cover my tuition until my graduation date which is August of 2009.'],

dtype=object)

The desc variable is significantly more in depth than the title or purpose variable but unfortunately most of the borrowers never submitted one. Since most of the important information that could be gleaned from the desc column is most likely contained within title and purpose which have litle to no missing values, I will drop this column.

```
[137]: X.drop('desc', axis = 1, inplace = True)
```

purpose: The reason the borrower applied and took the loan

```
[138]: # View all the unique reasons for why people are getting a loan.
X['purpose'].unique()
```

This column needs to be one-hot encoded since there are no clear numerical map for the categorical values of this column. .

```
[139]: X = pd.get_dummies(X, columns = ['purpose'], drop_first = True)
```

title: The title that the borrower put for the loan

```
[140]: print(len(X['title'].unique()))
   X['title'].unique()
```

63145

This appears to be a worse version of purpose as there are over 63,000 different titles and the content from them appears to be very similar to the content in the purpose variable. For that reason I'll drop title

```
[141]: X.drop('title', axis = 1, inplace = True)
```

```
zip_code: The borrower's zipcode
```

```
[142]: print(len(X['zip_code'].unique()))
X['zip_code'].head()
```

935

```
[142]: 0 860xx

1 309xx

2 606xx

3 917xx

4 972xx
```

Name: zip\_code, dtype: object

While it looks like there are numbers to be used in this column, these are zipcodes and not orders of magnitude. Therefore if I removed the xs I would still have a categorical column. I could one-hot encode the zip codes but that would produce over 800 million values and I'm not sure that my laptop would be able to easily run calculations on that amount of data so the simplest thing to do is to drop them.

```
[143]: # Drop zip_code from the X dataset
X.drop('zip_code', axis = 1, inplace = True)
```

addr\_state: Initials for the state the borrower is from

```
[144]: # Print out the number of states that are used
print(len(X['addr_state'].unique()))
# Print out the list of states used.
(X['addr_state'].unique())
```

51

```
[144]: array(['AZ', 'GA', 'IL', 'CA', 'OR', 'NC', 'TX', 'VA', 'MO', 'CT', 'UT', 'FL', 'NY', 'PA', 'MN', 'NJ', 'KY', 'OH', 'SC', 'RI', 'LA', 'MA', 'WA', 'WI', 'AL', 'CO', 'KS', 'NV', 'AK', 'MD', 'WV', 'VT', 'MI', 'DC', 'SD', 'NH', 'AR', 'NM', 'MT', 'HI', 'WY', 'OK', 'DE', 'MS', 'TN', 'IA', 'NE', 'ID', 'IN', 'ME', 'ND'], dtype=object)
```

While there are 50 states, there are borrowers from Washington, D.C. brings the total to 51. Unlike zipcodes, 51 is a much more reasonable number to one-hot encode.

```
[145]: # Create a dummy variable for each state that a borrower is from X = pd.get_dummies(X, columns = ['addr_state'], drop_first = True)
```

earliest\_cr\_line: The date of the earliest line of credit that the borrower had

```
[146]: print(X['earliest_cr_line'].isna().sum())
    print(X['earliest_cr_line'].dtype)
    X['earliest_cr_line'].head()
```

29 object

[146]: 0 Jan-1985 1 Apr-1999 2 Nov-2001 3 Feb-1996 4 Jan-1996

Name: earliest\_cr\_line, dtype: object

While it does appear that this column is in a datetime format, it is actually on object that needs to be converted. There are still 29 missing values but I will fill them in with the issue\_d as the loan itself is a form of credit.

```
[147]: # Fill in missing dates for the earliest credit line column
X['earliest_cr_line'] = X['earliest_cr_line'].fillna(loan['issue_d'])
# Convert the earliest credit line of the borrower
X['earliest_cr_line'] = pd.to_datetime(X['earliest_cr_line'])
```

In order to include this variable in the multicollinearity and lasso calculations I need to convert it from datetime to numeric.

```
[148]: # Convert the variable from datetime to numeric.

X['earliest_cr_line'] = X['earliest_cr_line'].map(dt.datetime.toordinal)
```

```
[149]: X['initial_list_status'].unique()
[149]: array(['f', 'w'], dtype=object)
       'w' represents loans that were offered to institutions that would be bought as a full loan. 'f'
      represents loans that went straight to investors who would by a portion of the loan instead of all of
      it. Since there are only to values, I can binary encode this variable to have 'f' \rightarrow 0 and 'w' \rightarrow 1.
[150]: # Convert pyment_plan to a binary variable
       X['initial_list_status'] = np.where(X['initial_list_status'] == 'w', 1, 0)
      last_pymnt_d: The last time that the borrower paid lending club in mm-yyyy
[151]: print(X['last_pymnt_d'].isna().sum())
       X['last_pymnt_d'].head(10)
      17659
[151]: 0
             Jan-2015
             Apr-2013
       1
             Jun-2014
       2
       3
             Jan-2015
       4
             Jan-2016
       5
             Jan-2015
       6
             Jan-2016
       7
             Jan-2015
       8
             Apr-2012
             Nov-2012
       Name: last_pymnt_d, dtype: object
      This variable cannot be consistent over the training and test sets that I plan to train the models
      on. I will drop this variable
[152]: X.drop('last_pymnt_d', axis = 1, inplace = True)
      next_pymnt_d: The next time that the borrower is expected to pay lending club in
      mm-yyyy
[153]: print(X['next_pymnt_d'].isna().sum())
       X['next_pymnt_d'].head(10)
      252971
[153]: 0
                  NaN
       1
                  NaN
       2
                  NaN
       3
                  NaN
       4
             Feb-2016
       5
                  NaN
             Feb-2016
```

initial\_list\_status: Listing status for if the loan was offered as whole or fractional.

```
7 NaN
8 NaN
9 NaN
Name: next_pymnt_d, dtype: object
```

This variable has a large amount of missing values from all of the loans that have been fully paid or charged off. It is not a variable that will be consistent over the training and test sets.

```
[154]: X.drop('next_pymnt_d', axis = 1, inplace = True)
```

last\_credit\_pull\_d: The last time lending club pulled the credit score of the borrower mm-yyyy

```
[155]: print(X['last_credit_pull_d'].isna().sum())
    print(X['last_credit_pull_d'].dtype)
    X['last_credit_pull_d'].head()
```

53 object

```
[155]: 0 Jan-2016
```

- 1 Sep-2013
- 2 Jan-2016
- 3 Jan-2015
- 4 Jan-2016

Name: last\_credit\_pull\_d, dtype: object

There are 53 missing values that I can fill by the issue date because lending club pulls credit for every single loan so presumably there should have been a credit pull around the issue date.

```
[156]: # Fill in missing dates for the last credit pull column
X['last_credit_pull_d'] = X['last_credit_pull_d'].fillna(loan['issue_d'])
```

Similar to what I did with earliest\_cr\_line I will convert this column to numeric so that I can analyze its multicollinearity and feature importance.

```
[157]: # Convert the date that the lending company got a credit report
X['last_credit_pull_d'] = pd.to_datetime(X['last_credit_pull_d'])
X['last_credit_pull_d'] = X['last_credit_pull_d'].map(dt.datetime.toordinal)
```

application\_type: Whether or not the loan application is joint or individual

```
[158]: X['application_type'].unique()
```

```
[158]: array(['INDIVIDUAL', 'JOINT'], dtype=object)
```

Since the only two values are 'INDIVIDUAL' and 'JOINT', I can use binary encoding to transform it into a numerical column by having 'INDIVIDUAL' -> 0 and 'JOINT' -> 1

```
[159]: # Convert pyment_plan to a binary variable
X['application_type'] = np.where(X['application_type'] == 'JOINT', 1, 0)
```

verification\_status\_joint: Same as the verification\_status but for joint applications.

```
[160]: X['verification_status_joint'].unique()
```

```
[160]: array([nan, 'Not Verified', 'Verified', 'Source Verified'], dtype=object)
```

The reason why there are missing values in this column is because most of the loans are to individual people. I can fill in the nan with some value that will allow me to use the pandas funtion get dummies

```
[161]: # Fill the missing values in the application.
X['verification_status_joint'].fillna('indiv')

# One-hot encode the joint verification status
X = pd.get_dummies(X, columns = ['verification_status_joint'], drop_first = □
→False)
```

## 0.1.2 Columns to drop:

• id: This is not a relational database so there is no value in having a variable that can tie this dataset to others.

\

• member\_id: same as ID, there are no other datasets for that need a bridge variable.

```
[162]: # drop all of the columns that I had mentioned earlier.
X.drop(['id', 'member_id'], axis = 1, inplace = True)
```

```
[163]: X.head()
```

[163]:	loan_am	nt funded_	amnt funded	_amnt_inv	term	int_rate	installment	١
0	5000	.0 50	00.0	4975.0	3	10.65	162.87	
1	2500	.0 25	00.0	2500.0	5	15.27	59.83	
2	2400	.0 24	00.0	2400.0	3	15.96	84.33	
3	10000	.0 100	00.0	10000.0	3	13.49	339.31	
4	3000	.0 30	00.0	3000.0	5	12.69	67.79	
	grade	emp_length	annual_inc	pymnt_plan	dt	i delinq	_2yrs \	
0	5.8	10.0	24000.0	0	27.6	35	0.0	
1	4.4	0.5	30000.0	0	1.0	00	0.0	

0	5.8	10.0	24000.0	0	27.65	0.0
1	4.4	0.5	30000.0	0	1.00	0.0
2	4.2	10.0	12252.0	0	8.72	0.0
3	5.0	10.0	49200.0	0	20.00	0.0
4	5.2	1.0	80000.0	0	17.94	0.0

```
3
              728690
                                  1.0
                                                           35.0
4
              728659
                                  0.0
                                                           38.0
                                       pub_rec revol_bal revol_util
   mths_since_last_record
                            open_acc
0
                       NaN
                                  3.0
                                            0.0
                                                   13648.0
                       NaN
                                  3.0
                                            0.0
                                                    1687.0
                                                                     9.4
1
                                                                    98.5
2
                       NaN
                                  2.0
                                            0.0
                                                    2956.0
3
                                 10.0
                                            0.0
                       NaN
                                                    5598.0
                                                                    21.0
4
                                 15.0
                                            0.0
                                                   27783.0
                                                                    53.9
                       NaN
   total_acc initial_list_status last_pymnt_amnt last_credit_pull_d \
0
         9.0
                                               171.62
                                                                     735964
         4.0
                                  0
                                               119.66
                                                                     735112
1
2
        10.0
                                  0
                                               649.91
                                                                     735964
3
        37.0
                                  0
                                               357.48
                                                                     735599
4
        38.0
                                  0
                                                67.79
                                                                     735964
   collections_12_mths_ex_med
                                mths_since_last_major_derog application_type
0
                                                           NaN
                            0.0
                                                                                 0
1
                                                           NaN
2
                            0.0
                                                           NaN
                                                                                 0
3
                            0.0
                                                           NaN
                                                                                 0
4
                            0.0
                                                           NaN
                                                                                 0
   annual_inc_joint dti_joint
                                 acc_now_delinq tot_coll_amt
                                                                  tot_cur_bal
0
                 NaN
                             NaN
                                              0.0
                                                             NaN
                                                                           NaN
                 NaN
                             NaN
                                              0.0
                                                             NaN
                                                                           NaN
1
2
                 NaN
                             NaN
                                              0.0
                                                             NaN
                                                                           NaN
3
                 NaN
                             NaN
                                              0.0
                                                             NaN
                                                                           NaN
4
                             NaN
                                              0.0
                 NaN
                                                             NaN
                                                                           NaN
                                           open_il_24m
                                                          mths_since_rcnt_il \
   open_acc_6m
                open_il_6m
                              open_il_12m
                         NaN
0
           NaN
                                       NaN
                                                    NaN
                                                                          NaN
            NaN
                         NaN
                                       NaN
                                                    NaN
                                                                          NaN
1
2
           NaN
                         NaN
                                       NaN
                                                    NaN
                                                                          NaN
3
           NaN
                         NaN
                                       NaN
                                                    NaN
                                                                          NaN
4
           NaN
                         NaN
                                      NaN
                                                    NaN
                                                                          NaN
                  il_util open_rv_12m open_rv_24m max_bal_bc
   total bal il
                                                                    all util
0
             NaN
                      NaN
                                    NaN
                                                  NaN
                                                               NaN
                                                                          NaN
1
             NaN
                      NaN
                                    NaN
                                                  NaN
                                                               NaN
                                                                          NaN
             NaN
                      NaN
                                    NaN
                                                  NaN
                                                                          NaN
2
                                                               NaN
3
             NaN
                      NaN
                                    NaN
                                                  NaN
                                                               NaN
                                                                          NaN
4
             NaN
                      NaN
                                    NaN
                                                  NaN
                                                               NaN
                                                                          NaN
                                                            emp_type_Accountant
                              total_cu_tl
                                            inq_last_12m
   total_rev_hi_lim
                      inq_fi
0
                         NaN
                                        NaN
                                                       NaN
                 NaN
```

```
0
1
                  NaN
                            NaN
                                           NaN
                                                           NaN
2
                  NaN
                            NaN
                                           NaN
                                                           NaN
                                                                                       0
3
                  NaN
                            NaN
                                           NaN
                                                           NaN
                                                                                       0
4
                  NaN
                            NaN
                                           NaN
                                                           NaN
                                                                                       0
   emp_type_Admin
                      emp_type_Analyst
                                           emp_type_Assistant
                                                                   emp_type_Clergy
0
                  0
                                       0
                                                               0
                                                                                   0
1
                  0
                                       0
                                                               0
                                                                                   0
2
                  0
                                       0
                                                               0
                                                                                   0
3
                  0
                                       0
                                                               0
                                                                                   0
4
                  0
                                       0
                                                               0
                                                                                   0
   emp_type_Clerk
                      emp_type_Designer
                                            emp_type_Director
                                                                  emp_type_Education
0
                  0
                                         0
                                                               0
                                                                                       0
                  0
1
                                         0
                                                               0
                                                                                      0
2
                  0
                                        0
                                                               0
                                                                                       0
3
                  0
                                        0
                                                               0
                                                                                       0
4
                  0
                                        0
                                                               0
                                                                                       0
   emp_type_Executive
                          emp_type_Finance
                                                emp_type_Healer
                                                                    emp_type_Law
0
                       0
                                            0
1
                       0
                                            0
                                                                0
                                                                                 0
2
                       0
                                            0
                                                                0
                                                                                 0
3
                                            0
                       0
                                                                0
                                                                                 0
4
                       0
                                            0
                                                                0
                                                                                 0
                        emp_type_Manlab
   emp_type_Manager
                                            emp_type_Operator
                                                                  emp_type_Sales
0
                     0
                                         0
                                                                                  0
                     0
                                        0
1
                                                               0
                                                                                  0
2
                     0
                                        0
                                                               0
                                                                                  0
3
                     0
                                        0
                                                                                  0
                                                               0
4
                     0
                                        0
                                                               0
                                                                                  0
                        emp_type_Technical
                                               emp_type_Unemployed
                                                                        emp_type_Vol
   emp_type_Service
                     0
                                            0
0
                     0
                                            0
                                                                     0
1
                                                                                     0
                     0
2
                                            0
                                                                     1
                                                                                     0
3
                     0
                                            0
                                                                     0
                                                                                     0
                     0
4
                                            1
                                                                     0
                                                                                     0
                     home_ownership_OTHER
                                               home_ownership_OWN
   emp_type_other
                  0
                                            0
                                                                    0
0
                  1
                                            0
                                                                    0
1
2
                  0
                                            0
                                                                    0
3
                  1
                                            0
                                                                    0
4
                  0
                                            0
                                                                    0
```

```
verification_status_Source Verified
   home_ownership_RENT
0
                       1
                                                                1
1
2
                       1
                                                                0
3
                       1
                                                                1
                       1
                                                                1
   verification_status_Verified purpose_credit_card
0
                                 1
                                 0
1
                                                        0
2
                                 0
                                                        0
3
                                 0
                                 0
   purpose_debt_consolidation purpose_educational purpose_home_improvement
0
1
                               0
                                                      0
                                                                                   0
2
                               0
                                                      0
                                                                                   0
3
                               0
                                                                                   0
4
                                                                                   0
   purpose_house
                   purpose_major_purchase purpose_medical
                                                                purpose_moving
0
                0
                                           0
                0
                                           0
                                                              0
                                                                                0
1
2
                0
                                           0
                                                              0
                                                                                0
                0
3
                                           0
                                                              0
                                                                                0
4
                0
                                                purpose_small_business
   purpose_other
                   purpose_renewable_energy
0
                0
                                             0
                                                                        0
1
2
                0
                                             0
                                                                        1
3
                                             0
                                                                        0
4
                                             0
                                                                        0
   purpose_vacation purpose_wedding
                                         addr_state_AL
                                                          addr_state_AR
0
                   0
                                      0
                                                       0
                                                                        0
                   0
                                      0
                                                       0
                                                                        0
1
2
                    0
                                                       0
                                      0
                                                                        0
3
                    0
                                      0
                                                       0
                                                                        0
                                                                        0
4
                                      0
                                   addr_state_CO
                                                     addr_state_CT
                                                                     addr_state_DC
   addr_state_AZ
                   addr_state_CA
0
                1
                                 0
                                                  0
                                                                  0
                0
                                 0
                                                  0
                                                                  0
                                                                                   0
1
2
                0
                                 0
                                                  0
                                                                  0
                                                                                   0
3
                0
                                                  0
                                                                  0
                                                                                   0
                                 1
```

4	0	0	0	0	0	
	addr_state_DE	addr_state_FL	addr_state_GA	addr_state_HI	addr_state_IA	\
0	0	0	0	0	0	
1	0	0	1	0	0	
2	0	0	0	0	0	
3	0	0	0	0	0	
4	0	0	0	0	0	
	addr_state_ID	addr_state_IL	addr_state_IN	addr_state_KS	addr_state_KY	\
0	0	0	0	0	0	
1	0	0	0	0	0	
2	0	1	0	0	0	
3	0	0	0	0	0	
4	0	0	0	0	0	
	addr_state_LA	addr_state_MA	addr_state_MD	addr_state_ME	addr_state_MI	\
0	0	0	0	0	0	
1	0	0	0	0	0	
2	0	0	0	0	0	
3	0	0	0	0	0	
4	0	0	0	0	0	
	addr state MN	addr_state_MO	addr state MS	addr state MT	addr state NC	\
0	0	0	0	0	0	•
1	0	0	0	0	0	
2	0	0	0	0	0	
3	0	0	0	0	0	
4	0	0	0	0	0	
-	Ū				•	
	addr_state_ND	addr_state_NE	addr_state_NH	addr_state_NJ	addr_state_NM	\
0	0	0	0	0	0	
1	0	0	0	0	0	
2	0	0	0	0	0	
3	0	0	0	0	0	
4	0	0	0	0	0	
	addr_state_NV	addr_state_NY	addr_state_OH	addr_state_OK	addr_state_OR	\
0	0	0	0	0	0	
1	0	0	0	0	0	
2	0	0	0	0	0	
3	0	0	0	0	0	
4	0	0	0	0	1	
	addr atata DA	addm atata DT	oddr gtoto CC	oddr gtoto CD	oddr gtoto TN	\
^	addr_state_PA		addr_state_SC			\
0	0	0	0	0	0	
1	0	0	0	0	0	

```
2
                                 0
                                                                   0
                                                                                    0
                 0
                                                  0
3
                 0
                                 0
                                                  0
                                                                   0
                                                                                    0
4
                 0
                                                  0
                                                                                    0
                                 0
                                                                   0
   addr_state_TX
                    addr_state_UT
                                     addr_state_VA
                                                      addr_state_VT
                                                                       addr_state_WA
0
                 0
                                 0
                 0
                                 0
                                                                                    0
1
                                                  0
                                                                   0
2
                 0
                                 0
                                                  0
                                                                   0
                                                                                    0
3
                 0
                                 0
                                                  0
                                                                   0
                                                                                    0
4
                 0
                                 0
                                                  0
                                                                   0
                                                                                    0
   addr_state_WI
                    addr_state_WV
                                     addr_state_WY
0
                 0
                                 0
                                                  0
1
2
                 0
                                 0
                                                  0
3
                 0
                                 0
                                                  0
4
                 0
                                                  0
                                 0
   verification_status_joint_Not Verified
0
1
                                             0
2
                                             0
3
                                             0
4
                                             0
   verification_status_joint_Source Verified
0
1
                                                0
2
                                                0
                                                0
3
4
                                                0
   verification_status_joint_Verified
0
                                        0
1
2
                                        0
                                        0
3
                                        0
```

# 0.2 Missing Values

```
[164]: plt.figure(figsize = (30,7));
# Plot missing values for each column
plt.bar(x = X.columns, height = X.isna().sum()/X.shape[0])
# hide the names of the columns for a cleaner graph
plt.xticks([]);
# Set the scale to log so I can see every column that has a missing value
```

```
plt.yscale('log');
```

```
10<sup>-1</sup>
10<sup>-2</sup>
10<sup>-2</sup>
10<sup>-3</sup>
10<sup>-4</sup>
10<sup>-8</sup>
10<sup>-8</sup>
```

```
[165]: list(X.columns[X.isna().sum()/X.shape[0] > 0])
```

```
[165]: ['annual_inc',
        'delinq_2yrs',
        'inq_last_6mths',
        'mths_since_last_delinq',
        'mths_since_last_record',
        'open_acc',
        'pub_rec',
        'revol_util',
        'total_acc',
        'collections_12_mths_ex_med',
        'mths_since_last_major_derog',
        'annual_inc_joint',
        'dti_joint',
        'acc_now_delinq',
        'tot_coll_amt',
        'tot_cur_bal',
        'open_acc_6m',
        'open_il_6m',
        'open_il_12m',
        'open_il_24m',
        'mths_since_rcnt_il',
        'total_bal_il',
        'il_util',
        'open_rv_12m',
        'open_rv_24m',
        'max_bal_bc',
        'all_util',
        'total_rev_hi_lim',
        'inq_fi',
        'total_cu_tl',
        'inq_last_12m']
```

The imputation of values for this dataset is the most challenging aspect of this project. There are

many columns that have large swaths of missing values that need reasonable values filled in so as to allow the algorithms to capture the existing patterns in the data instead of artificial ones coming from synthetic data.

My assumption was that most missing values were zeroes that people forgot to fill out on forms or didn't bother with. For instance 'open\_il\_12m' refers to the number of opened installment accounts in the last 12 months. If there isn't any information on the number of installment accounts, then there likely aren't any installment accounts.

Values such as 'mths\_since\_last\_delinq' or months since last delinquent are different because if someone was never delinquent than the correct answer isn't 0 which would imply that they are currently delinquent but a very high number. The higher the value, the better the outcome on their loan. I can use 1000 since it is 83 years worth of non-delinquency.

```
[166]: # Create a list with all of the columns that have missing values to be filled,
       ⇔with 0
      fill_with_zero = ['annual_inc', 'delinq_2yrs', 'inq_last_6mths', 'open_acc',
                        'pub_rec', 'revol_util', 'total_acc', __
        ⇔'collections_12_mths_ex_med',
                        'acc now deling', 'tot coll amt', 'tot cur bal',
       'open_il_6m', 'open_il_12m', 'open_il_24m', 'total_bal_il', u
       'open_rv_12m', 'open_rv_24m', 'max_bal_bc', 'all_util', ...
        'inq_fi', 'total_cu_tl', 'inq_last_12m']
      # Fill those columns with O
      X[fill_with_zero] = X[fill_with_zero].fillna(0)
[167]: # Create a list with all of the columns that have missing values to be filled,
       →with 1000
      fill_with_1000 = ['mths_since_last_delinq', 'mths_since_last_record',
                        'mths_since_last_major_derog', 'mths_since_rcnt_il']
      # Fill those columns with O
      X[fill_with_1000] = X[fill_with_1000].fillna(1000)
[168]: # List out all the columns that still having missing values
      list(X.columns[X.isna().sum()/X.shape[0] > 0])
[168]: ['annual_inc_joint', 'dti_joint']
[169]: # Combine annual inc columns joint and indiv into one.
      X['annual_inc'] = [loan['annual_inc'][i] if math.isnan(x) else x for i, x in_
       ⇔enumerate(loan['annual_inc_joint'])]
      # Create a column that documents if the column above is joint or indiv
      X['inc_joint'] = np.where(loan['annual_inc_joint'].isnull(), 0, 1)
```

```
[170]: # Combine dti columns joint and indiv into one.
      X['dti'] = [X['dti'][i] if math.isnan(x) else x for i, x in_
       ⇔enumerate(X['dti_joint'])]
       # Create a column that documents if the column above is joint or indiv
      X['dti_joint'] = np.where(loan['dti_joint'].isnull(), 0, 1)
[171]: # Check to see if there are still missing columns
      list(X.columns[X.isna().sum()/X.shape[0] > 0])
[171]: ['annual_inc', 'annual_inc_joint']
[172]: # Drop 'annual_inc_joint' now that it has been added to 'annual_inc'
      X.drop('annual_inc_joint', axis = 1, inplace = True)
       # Fill in the missing values with 0 as the assumption is there is no income
      X['annual_inc'].fillna(0, inplace = True)
[173]: # Check to see if there are still missing columns
      list(X.columns[X.isna().sum()/X.shape[0] > 0])
[173]: []
[174]: # Initialize the standard scaler
      scaler = StandardScaler()
       # Fit and transform X into a dataframe so that I can keep using pandas
      X_scaled = pd.DataFrame(scaler.fit_transform(X), columns = X.columns)
[175]: X_scaled.head()
[175]:
         loan_amnt funded_amnt funded_amnt_inv
                                                      term int_rate installment \
      0 -1.156460
                      -1.155635
                                       -1.152256 -0.654724 -0.592611
                                                                        -1.121467
      1 -1.452829
                      -1.452198
                                       -1.445430 1.527360 0.461735
                                                                        -1.543440
                                       -1.457275 -0.654724 0.619202
      2 -1.464683
                      -1.464061
                                                                        -1.443107
      3 -0.563724
                      -0.562507
                                       -0.557025 -0.654724 0.055515
                                                                        -0.398905
      4 -1.393555
                      -1.392886
                                       -1.386203 1.527360 -0.127055
                                                                        -1.510842
            grade emp_length annual_inc pymnt_plan
                                                            dti delinq_2yrs \
                                            -0.003357 1.147690
                                                                   -0.364672
      0 0.763889
                     1.134870
                               -0.789014
      1 -0.314193
                  -1.398891 -0.696292
                                            -0.003357 -2.063920
                                                                   -0.364672
      2 -0.468204
                               -0.970563
                                            -0.003357 -1.133577
                                                                   -0.364672
                    1.134870
      3 0.147842
                     1.134870
                                -0.399582
                                            -0.003357 0.225784
                                                                   -0.364672
      4 0.301854
                    -1.265535
                                 0.076390
                                            -0.003357 -0.022468
                                                                   -0.364672
         earliest_cr_line inq_last_6mths mths_since_last_delinq
                -1.771866
                                 0.305877
      0
                                                         0.975849
                 0.143584
                                 4.312132
                                                         0.975849
      1
      2
                 0.491479
                                 1.307441
                                                         0.975849
                                 0.305877
                -0.281622
                                                        -1.021784
```

```
4
          -0.293034
                           -0.695687
                                                    -1.015574
   mths_since_last_record open_acc
                                       pub_rec
                                                 revol bal
                                                            revol_util
0
                                                 -0.145932
                 0.427154 -1.607499 -0.335522
                                                               1.201140
1
                 0.427154 -1.607499 -0.335522
                                                 -0.679268
                                                             -1.912396
2
                 0.427154 -1.795553 -0.335522
                                                 -0.622684
                                                              1.821333
                                                -0.504878
3
                 0.427154 -0.291124 -0.335522
                                                             -1.426299
4
                 0.427154 0.649144 -0.335522
                                                  0.484341
                                                             -0.047627
                                    last_pymnt_amnt
                                                      last_credit_pull_d
   total acc
              initial_list_status
 -1.373775
                          -0.97077
                                           -0.415561
                                                                 0.302329
  -1.796028
                          -0.97077
                                           -0.426398
                                                                -3.540893
1
   -1.289324
                          -0.97077
                                           -0.315809
                                                                0.302329
3
    0.990842
                          -0.97077
                                           -0.376798
                                                                -1.344122
                                                                0.302329
    1.075293
                          -0.97077
                                           -0.437216
                                mths_since_last_major_derog
   collections_12_mths_ex_med
                                                              application_type
0
                     -0.107149
                                                    0.576897
                                                                      -0.024004
1
                     -0.107149
                                                    0.576897
                                                                      -0.024004
2
                     -0.107149
                                                    0.576897
                                                                      -0.024004
3
                     -0.107149
                                                    0.576897
                                                                      -0.024004
4
                     -0.107149
                                                                      -0.024004
                                                    0.576897
   dti joint
              acc_now_delinq
                               tot coll amt
                                             tot_cur_bal
                                                           open acc 6m
0 -0.023957
                    -0.064298
                                  -0.021004
                                                -0.843347
                                                             -0.103891
  -0.023957
                   -0.064298
                                  -0.021004
                                                -0.843347
                                                             -0.103891
                                                             -0.103891
  -0.023957
                    -0.064298
                                  -0.021004
                                                -0.843347
 -0.023957
                   -0.064298
                                  -0.021004
                                                -0.843347
                                                            -0.103891
   -0.023957
                    -0.064298
                                  -0.021004
                                                -0.843347
                                                             -0.103891
                                          mths_since_rcnt_il total_bal_il
   open_il_6m
               open_il_12m
                             open_il_24m
0
                               -0.109934
    -0.107375
                 -0.094692
                                                     0.154904
                                                                   -0.100884
1
    -0.107375
                 -0.094692
                               -0.109934
                                                     0.154904
                                                                   -0.100884
2
    -0.107375
                 -0.094692
                               -0.109934
                                                     0.154904
                                                                   -0.100884
3
    -0.107375
                 -0.094692
                               -0.109934
                                                     0.154904
                                                                   -0.100884
    -0.107375
                 -0.094692
                               -0.109934
                                                     0.154904
                                                                   -0.100884
                                                                total_rev_hi_lim
    il_util
             open_rv_12m
                           open_rv_24m max_bal_bc all_util
0 -0.139209
               -0.105267
                             -0.117038
                                         -0.116273 -0.149047
                                                                        -0.79786
1 -0.139209
               -0.105267
                                         -0.116273 -0.149047
                                                                        -0.79786
                             -0.117038
2 -0.139209
               -0.105267
                                         -0.116273 -0.149047
                             -0.117038
                                                                        -0.79786
3 -0.139209
               -0.105267
                            -0.117038
                                         -0.116273 -0.149047
                                                                        -0.79786
4 -0.139209
               -0.105267
                            -0.117038
                                         -0.116273 -0.149047
                                                                        -0.79786
                           inq_last_12m
     inq_fi
             total_cu_tl
                                         emp_type_Accountant
                                                                emp_type_Admin
0 -0.085105
               -0.076504
                              -0.088306
                                                                     -0.104843
                                                    -0.109205
1 -0.085105
               -0.076504
                              -0.088306
                                                    -0.109205
                                                                     -0.104843
```

```
2 -0.085105
                -0.076504
                               -0.088306
                                                      -0.109205
                                                                       -0.104843
3 -0.085105
                -0.076504
                               -0.088306
                                                      -0.109205
                                                                       -0.104843
4 -0.085105
                -0.076504
                               -0.088306
                                                      -0.109205
                                                                       -0.104843
   emp_type_Analyst
                      emp_type_Assistant
                                            emp_type_Clergy
                                                              emp_type_Clerk
           -0.157505
0
                                -0.147428
                                                  -0.039637
                                                                    -0.077757
                                                  -0.039637
1
           -0.157505
                                -0.147428
                                                                    -0.077757
2
           -0.157505
                                -0.147428
                                                  -0.039637
                                                                    -0.077757
3
                                                                    -0.077757
           -0.157505
                                -0.147428
                                                  -0.039637
4
           -0.157505
                                -0.147428
                                                  -0.039637
                                                                    -0.077757
                       emp_type_Director
                                            emp_type_Education
   emp_type_Designer
0
           -0.052789
                                -0.196448
                                                      -0.186479
1
           -0.052789
                                -0.196448
                                                      -0.186479
2
                                -0.196448
           -0.052789
                                                      -0.186479
3
           -0.052789
                                -0.196448
                                                      -0.186479
4
           -0.052789
                                -0.196448
                                                      -0.186479
   emp_type_Executive
                        emp_type_Finance
                                            emp_type_Healer
                                                              emp_type_Law
0
             -0.180873
                                -0.117117
                                                  -0.245189
                                                                  -0.046832
                                -0.117117
                                                                  -0.046832
1
             -0.180873
                                                  -0.245189
             -0.180873
                                -0.117117
2
                                                  -0.245189
                                                                 -0.046832
3
             -0.180873
                                -0.117117
                                                  -0.245189
                                                                 -0.046832
4
             -0.180873
                                                  -0.245189
                                                                 -0.046832
                                -0.117117
   emp_type_Manager
                      emp_type_Manlab
                                         emp type Operator
                                                             emp type Sales
                                                 -0.169413
0
           -0.435078
                             -0.082293
                                                                   -0.142468
1
           -0.435078
                             -0.082293
                                                 -0.169413
                                                                   -0.142468
2
           -0.435078
                             -0.082293
                                                 -0.169413
                                                                  -0.142468
3
                                                 -0.169413
                                                                   -0.142468
           -0.435078
                             -0.082293
4
           -0.435078
                             -0.082293
                                                 -0.169413
                                                                  -0.142468
                                                                   emp_type_Vol
   emp_type_Service
                      emp_type_Technical
                                            emp_type_Unemployed
0
           -0.160378
                                -0.395006
                                                        4.030308
                                                                      -0.172517
1
           -0.160378
                                -0.395006
                                                       -0.248120
                                                                      -0.172517
2
           -0.160378
                                -0.395006
                                                        4.030308
                                                                      -0.172517
3
           -0.160378
                                -0.395006
                                                       -0.248120
                                                                      -0.172517
4
           -0.160378
                                 2.531605
                                                       -0.248120
                                                                      -0.172517
                    home_ownership_OTHER
                                            home ownership OWN
   emp_type_other
0
         -0.631040
                                -0.016276
                                                      -0.330681
1
         1.584686
                                -0.016276
                                                      -0.330681
2
                                -0.016276
        -0.631040
                                                      -0.330681
3
         1.584686
                                -0.016276
                                                      -0.330681
4
        -0.631040
                                -0.016276
                                                      -0.330681
```

verification\_status\_Source Verified \

home\_ownership\_RENT

```
0
                 1.2214
                                                     -0.768632
1
                 1.2214
                                                      1.301013
2
                 1.2214
                                                     -0.768632
3
                 1.2214
                                                      1.301013
4
                 1.2214
                                                      1.301013
   verification_status_Verified purpose_credit_card
0
                        1.431317
                                              1.817653
1
                       -0.698657
                                             -0.550160
2
                       -0.698657
                                             -0.550160
3
                       -0.698657
                                             -0.550160
4
                       -0.698657
                                             -0.550160
                                                      purpose_home_improvement
   purpose_debt_consolidation purpose_educational
0
                     -1.201443
                                           -0.021838
                                                                       -0.249058
                                                                       -0.249058
1
                     -1.201443
                                           -0.021838
2
                                                                       -0.249058
                     -1.201443
                                           -0.021838
3
                     -1.201443
                                           -0.021838
                                                                       -0.249058
4
                                                                       -0.249058
                     -1.201443
                                           -0.021838
   purpose_house
                  purpose_major_purchase
                                           purpose_medical purpose_moving
0
       -0.064769
                                 -0.140912
                                                   -0.098577
                                                                    -0.078349
1
       -0.064769
                                 -0.140912
                                                   -0.098577
                                                                   -0.078349
2
                                -0.140912
                                                  -0.098577
                                                                   -0.078349
       -0.064769
3
       -0.064769
                                 -0.140912
                                                   -0.098577
                                                                    -0.078349
       -0.064769
                                -0.140912
                                                  -0.098577
                                                                   -0.078349
                   purpose_renewable_energy purpose_small_business
   purpose_other
0
       -0.225373
                                   -0.025464
                                                            -0.108777
1
       -0.225373
                                   -0.025464
                                                            -0.108777
2
       -0.225373
                                   -0.025464
                                                             9.193151
3
                                   -0.025464
        4.437084
                                                            -0.108777
4
        4.437084
                                   -0.025464
                                                            -0.108777
   purpose_vacation purpose_wedding
                                        addr_state_AL
                                                        addr_state_AR
0
          -0.073251
                            -0.051496
                                            -0.113061
                                                            -0.086828
1
          -0.073251
                            -0.051496
                                            -0.113061
                                                            -0.086828
2
          -0.073251
                            -0.051496
                                            -0.113061
                                                            -0.086828
3
          -0.073251
                            -0.051496
                                            -0.113061
                                                            -0.086828
4
          -0.073251
                            -0.051496
                                            -0.113061
                                                            -0.086828
   addr_state_AZ
                                  addr_state_CO
                   addr_state_CA
                                                  addr_state_CT
                                                                  addr state DC
0
        6.517162
                       -0.413398
                                       -0.147149
                                                       -0.124436
                                                                       -0.052423
1
       -0.153441
                       -0.413398
                                       -0.147149
                                                       -0.124436
                                                                       -0.052423
                       -0.413398
2
                                                                       -0.052423
       -0.153441
                                       -0.147149
                                                       -0.124436
3
       -0.153441
                        2.418977
                                                       -0.124436
                                                                       -0.052423
                                       -0.147149
4
                       -0.413398
                                                       -0.124436
                                                                       -0.052423
       -0.153441
                                       -0.147149
```

```
addr_state_DE
                   addr_state_FL
                                   addr_state_GA
                                                   addr_state_HI
                                                                   addr_state_IA
0
        -0.05327
                       -0.271536
                                       -0.184084
                                                        -0.071949
                                                                        -0.003972
1
        -0.05327
                                                                        -0.003972
                       -0.271536
                                        5.432297
                                                        -0.071949
2
        -0.05327
                       -0.271536
                                       -0.184084
                                                        -0.071949
                                                                        -0.003972
3
        -0.05327
                       -0.271536
                                       -0.184084
                                                        -0.071949
                                                                        -0.003972
4
        -0.05327
                       -0.271536
                                       -0.184084
                                                        -0.071949
                                                                        -0.003972
                                                                   addr state KY
   addr_state_ID
                   addr_state_IL
                                   addr_state_IN
                                                    addr state KS
0
       -0.003677
                                                        -0.094934
                                                                        -0.098635
                       -0.204067
                                       -0.125636
1
       -0.003677
                       -0.204067
                                       -0.125636
                                                        -0.094934
                                                                        -0.098635
                                                        -0.094934
2
       -0.003677
                        4.900357
                                       -0.125636
                                                                        -0.098635
3
       -0.003677
                       -0.204067
                                       -0.125636
                                                        -0.094934
                                                                        -0.098635
                                                        -0.094934
4
       -0.003677
                       -0.204067
                                       -0.125636
                                                                        -0.098635
   addr_state_LA
                   addr_state_MA
                                   addr_state_MD
                                                    addr_state_ME
                                                                   addr_state_MI
0
       -0.109885
                       -0.154136
                                       -0.155806
                                                        -0.024331
                                                                        -0.163067
1
                                        -0.155806
       -0.109885
                       -0.154136
                                                        -0.024331
                                                                        -0.163067
2
       -0.109885
                       -0.154136
                                                        -0.024331
                                                                        -0.163067
                                       -0.155806
3
       -0.109885
                       -0.154136
                                       -0.155806
                                                        -0.024331
                                                                        -0.163067
       -0.109885
                       -0.154136
                                       -0.155806
                                                        -0.024331
                                                                        -0.163067
   addr_state_MN
                   addr_state_MO
                                   addr_state_MS
                                                    addr_state_MT
                                                                   addr_state_NC
0
        -0.13532
                       -0.127556
                                       -0.065744
                                                        -0.053768
                                                                         -0.16928
1
        -0.13532
                       -0.127556
                                        -0.065744
                                                        -0.053768
                                                                         -0.16928
2
        -0.13532
                       -0.127556
                                       -0.065744
                                                        -0.053768
                                                                         -0.16928
3
        -0.13532
                       -0.127556
                                       -0.065744
                                                        -0.053768
                                                                         -0.16928
        -0.13532
                       -0.127556
                                       -0.065744
                                                        -0.053768
                                                                         -0.16928
                                                                   addr_state_NM
   addr_state_ND
                   addr_state_NE
                                   addr_state_NH
                                                    addr_state_NJ
0
        -0.02324
                       -0.036428
                                        -0.069732
                                                        -0.197322
                                                                        -0.074813
1
        -0.02324
                       -0.036428
                                        -0.069732
                                                        -0.197322
                                                                        -0.074813
2
        -0.02324
                       -0.036428
                                       -0.069732
                                                        -0.197322
                                                                        -0.074813
3
        -0.02324
                       -0.036428
                                        -0.069732
                                                        -0.197322
                                                                        -0.074813
                                       -0.069732
        -0.02324
                       -0.036428
                                                                        -0.074813
                                                        -0.197322
   addr_state_NV
                   addr_state_NY
                                   addr_state_OH
                                                    addr_state_OK
                                                                   addr_state_OR
0
       -0.119254
                       -0.301818
                                                         -0.09589
                                                                        -0.111481
                                       -0.185863
1
                                                                        -0.111481
       -0.119254
                       -0.301818
                                       -0.185863
                                                         -0.09589
2
       -0.119254
                       -0.301818
                                       -0.185863
                                                         -0.09589
                                                                        -0.111481
3
       -0.119254
                       -0.301818
                                       -0.185863
                                                         -0.09589
                                                                        -0.111481
       -0.119254
                       -0.301818
                                       -0.185863
                                                         -0.09589
                                                                         8.970130
                   addr_state_RI
                                   addr_state_SC
                                                    addr_state_SD
   addr_state_PA
                                                                   addr_state_TN
0
       -0.191506
                       -0.066381
                                        -0.110158
                                                        -0.045272
                                                                        -0.121394
1
       -0.191506
                       -0.066381
                                        -0.110158
                                                        -0.045272
                                                                        -0.121394
2
       -0.191506
                       -0.066381
                                       -0.110158
                                                        -0.045272
                                                                        -0.121394
```

```
3
       -0.191506
                      -0.066381
                                      -0.110158
                                                     -0.045272
                                                                     -0.121394
4
       -0.191506
                      -0.066381
                                      -0.110158
                                                     -0.045272
                                                                     -0.121394
   addr_state_TX
                  addr_state_UT addr_state_VA
                                                 addr_state_VT addr_state_WA
0
       -0.295217
                      -0.084316
                                      -0.174612
                                                     -0.045046
                                                                     -0.149636
1
       -0.295217
                      -0.084316
                                      -0.174612
                                                     -0.045046
                                                                     -0.149636
2
       -0.295217
                      -0.084316
                                      -0.174612
                                                     -0.045046
                                                                     -0.149636
3
       -0.295217
                      -0.084316
                                      -0.174612
                                                     -0.045046
                                                                     -0.149636
       -0.295217
                      -0.084316
                                                     -0.045046
                                      -0.174612
                                                                     -0.149636
                                 addr_state_WY
   addr state WI addr state WV
0
       -0.114958
                      -0.070478
                                       -0.04786
1
       -0.114958
                      -0.070478
                                       -0.04786
2
       -0.114958
                      -0.070478
                                       -0.04786
3
       -0.114958
                      -0.070478
                                       -0.04786
4
       -0.114958
                      -0.070478
                                       -0.04786
   verification_status_joint_Not Verified \
0
                                 -0.017861
                                 -0.017861
1
2
                                 -0.017861
3
                                 -0.017861
4
                                 -0.017861
   verification_status_joint_Source Verified \
0
                                    -0.008291
1
                                    -0.008291
2
                                    -0.008291
3
                                    -0.008291
4
                                    -0.008291
   verification_status_joint_Verified inc_joint
0
                             -0.01372 -0.024004
1
                             -0.01372 -0.024004
2
                             -0.01372 -0.024004
3
                             -0.01372 -0.024004
4
                             -0.01372 -0.024004
```

## Multicollinearity

```
[176]: # Function to get rid of all the diagonals in correlation heatmaps
def zero_diagonal_heatmap(dfx, min = 0, max = None, color_map = None,
threshhold = 0):
    # give the max a base value
    if max is None:
        max = dfx.shape[1]
    # Create a numpy matrix that is easy to manipulate
    cm = np.array(abs(dfx.iloc[:,min:max].corr(numeric_only = False)))
```

```
# Create a loop that replaces all the diagonal values with 0

for i in range(len(cm)):
    # Loop thorough the other axis of values
    for j in range(len(cm)):
        # All diagonal values happen when i == j
        if i == j:
            # set the diagonal value equal to 0
            cm[i,j] = 0

df_cm = pd.DataFrame(cm, columns = list(dfx.columns)[min:max], index =

list(dfx.columns)[min:max])

# Make the plot bigger

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))

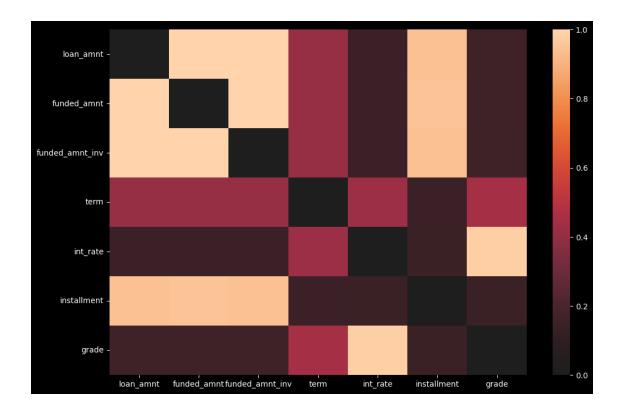
# Plot the heatmap

ax = sns.heatmap(df_cm, cmap = color_map, center = threshhold, vmin = 0, use of the columns of the c
```

# [177]: zero\_diagonal\_heatmap(X\_scaled)



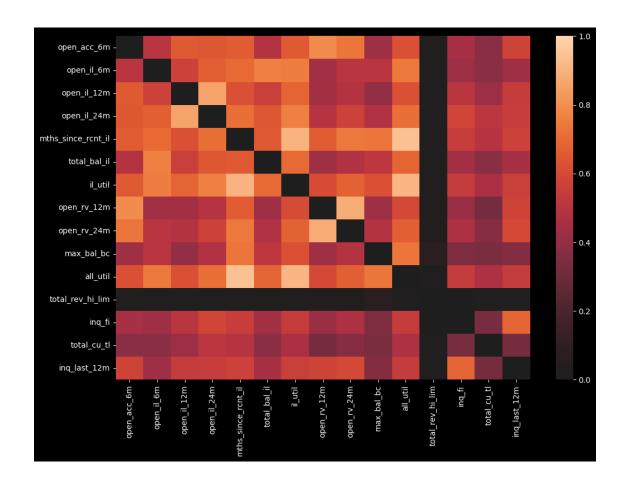
```
[178]: # Create a heatmap of the first 7 columns
zero_diagonal_heatmap(X_scaled, 0, 7)
```



'loan\_amnt' is the amount the requested amount of money for the loan from the borrower, 'funded\_amnt' is the amount of money that has been committed to the loan, and 'funded\_amnt\_inv is the amount of money investors have committed to the loan. Since loan amount is the only variable that the applicant has control over, I believe it is the only relevant variable to keep. 'installment' is the monthly payment if the loan originates, this is a function of the loan amount and the term and can be dropped. 'int\_rate' is the interest rate of the loan and it is directly determined by the grade that lending club gives the loan. I can pick one of the two and it will contain the information of the other.

```
[179]: # Drop all the columns that are clearly collinear that are the least interesting X_scaled.drop(['funded_amnt','funded_amnt_inv', 'installment','int_rate'], axis_ 
== 1, inplace = True)
```

[180]: zero\_diagonal\_heatmap(X\_scaled, 27, 42)



```
[181]: # Create a function that takes a dataframe and a correlation level

def corr_dict(dfx, corr = 0.7):

# Create the correlation with absolute values to measure collinearity

corr_mat = abs(dfx.corr(numeric_only = False)) > corr # type: ignore

# Define the dictionary outside the function for uses

global correl_dict

# Create a dictionary with sorted values so that it is easy to see the nexture steps

correl_dict = dict(corr_mat.sum().sort_values(ascending = False))

# Subtract each value by one for the self correlation on the diagonal

correl_dict = {key: value - 1 for key, value in correl_dict.items() if_uevalue != 1}

# Print the dictionary

print(correl_dict)
```

```
# Almost always the default value will be None
           if still high mcl is None:
               # # the default list is the keys from correl_dict whose values are at_{\sqcup}
        →least min_corr
               still_high_mcl = [key for key, value in correl_dict.items() if value >= __
        →min corr]
               # Drop all date time objects from the list by using the ending d as and
        \rightarrow identifier
               still_high_mcl = [element for element in still_high_mcl if not element.
        →endswith("_d")]
           # Store the correlation matrix in a variable for easy use
           still_corr = abs(X_scaled[still_high_mcl].corr(numeric_only = True))
           # Put the index and column names as the feature names
           still_corr.columns = still_high_mcl
           still_corr.index = still_high_mcl
           # Iterate through all the features in the list
           for shm in still_high_mcl:
               # create a list of all the features that have a correlation of over 7
               corrs2 = still_corr.index[still_corr[shm] > corr].tolist() #type: ignore
               # remove the self correlation
               corrs2.remove(shm)
               # input the feature and list into the dictionary
               correlations2.update({shm: corrs2})
           # print the result
           print(correlations2)
[183]: # Find the number of features each feature is correlated with
       corr_dict(X_scaled)
      {'all_util': 5, 'il_util': 5, 'mths_since_rcnt_il': 5, 'open_il_24m': 4,
      'inc_joint': 3, 'application_type': 3, 'verification_status_joint_Not Verified':
      3, 'open_rv_24m': 3, 'open_il_6m': 3, 'dti_joint': 3, 'max_bal_bc': 2,
      'open_rv_12m': 2, 'total_bal_il': 2, 'open_acc_6m': 2, 'open_il_12m': 1,
      'total_rev_hi_lim': 1, 'mths_since_last_record': 1, 'pub_rec': 1, 'revol_bal':
[184]: | # Get the list of features each feature is correlated with.
       corr_list(corr = 0.7, min_corr = 1)
      {'all_util': ['il_util', 'mths_since_rcnt_il', 'open_il_24m', 'open_il_6m',
      'max_bal_bc'], 'il_util': ['all_util', 'mths_since_rcnt_il', 'open_il_24m',
      'open_il_6m', 'total_bal_il'], 'mths_since_rcnt_il': ['all_util', 'il_util',
      'open_il_24m', 'open_rv_24m', 'max_bal_bc'], 'open_il_24m': ['all_util',
      'il util', 'mths since rcnt il', 'open il 12m'], 'inc joint':
      ['application_type', 'verification_status_joint_Not Verified', 'dti_joint'],
      'application_type': ['inc_joint', 'verification_status_joint_Not Verified',
      'dti_joint'], 'verification_status_joint_Not Verified': ['inc_joint',
      'application_type', 'dti_joint'], 'open_rv_24m': ['mths_since_rcnt_il',
```

```
'open_rv_12m', 'open_acc_6m'], 'open_il_6m': ['all_util', 'il_util',
'total_bal_il'], 'dti_joint': ['inc_joint', 'application_type',
'verification_status_joint_Not Verified'], 'max_bal_bc': ['all_util',
'mths_since_rcnt_il'], 'open_rv_12m': ['open_rv_24m', 'open_acc_6m'],
'total bal il': ['il util', 'open il 6m'], 'open acc 6m': ['open rv 24m',
'open_rv_12m'], 'open_il_12m': ['open_il_24m'], 'total_rev_hi_lim':
['revol_bal'], 'mths_since_last_record': ['pub_rec'], 'pub_rec':
['mths_since_last_record'], 'revol_bal': ['total_rev_hi_lim']}
```

One set of features that is consistently multicollinear is the features that are measured in 6 months, 12 months, and 24 months. It isn't surprising that they are collinear since they are measuring the same thing but it is important to combine them so that I can preserve their information without confusing their impact. The simplest way to do this is to set the time frame equal and then compare.

```
[185]: # Scale the number of 6 month installment accounts to 12
       X_scaled['il_6'] = X_scaled['open_il_6m'] * 2
       # Scale the number of 24 month installment accounts to 12
       X_scaled['il_24'] = X_scaled['open_il_24m'] / 2
       # Take the max out of all the scaled features to find if there is a spike in_{\sqcup}
        \hookrightarrow install accounts.
       X_scaled['open_install_acc'] = X_scaled[['il_6', 'open_il_12m', 'il_24']].
        \rightarrowmax(axis = 1)
       # Scale the number of 24 month revolving accounts to 12
       X_scaled['rv_24'] = X_scaled['open_rv_24m'] / 2
       # Take the max out of all the scaled features to find if there is a spike in_{\sqcup}
        ⇔revolving accounts.
       X_scaled['open_revolving'] = X_scaled[['open_rv_12m', 'rv_24']].max(axis = 1)
       # Drop all the original columns now that they are useless.
       X_scaled.drop(['il_6', 'open_il_12m', 'il_24', 'open_rv_12m', 'rv_24', __
        o'open_il_6m', 'open_il_24m','open_rv_24m'], axis = 1, inplace = True)
       corr_dict(X_scaled)
      {'mths_since_rcnt_il': 5, 'open_install_acc': 4, 'il_util': 4, 'all_util': 4,
```

[186]: # Find the number of features each feature is correlated with again.

```
'inc_joint': 3, 'dti_joint': 3, 'application_type': 3,
'verification_status_joint_Not Verified': 3, 'open_revolving': 2,
'total_bal_il': 2, 'max_bal_bc': 2, 'revol_bal': 1, 'total_rev_hi_lim': 1,
'open_acc_6m': 1, 'pub_rec': 1, 'mths_since_last_record': 1}
```

[187]: # Get the list of features each feature is correlated with again. corr\_list(corr = 0.7, min\_corr = 1)

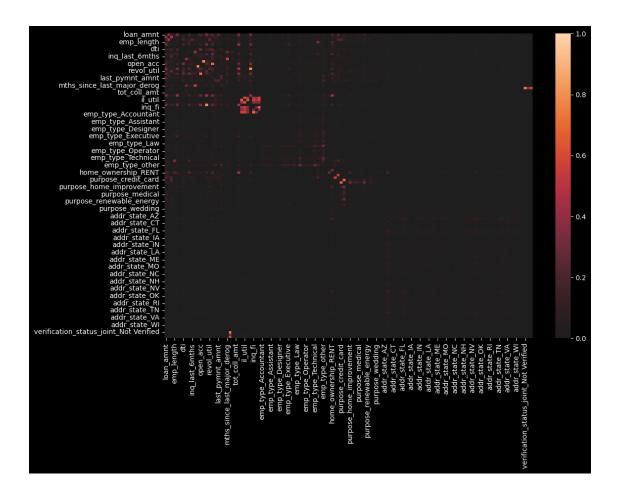
```
{'mths_since_rcnt_il': ['open_install_acc', 'il_util', 'all_util',
'open revolving', 'max_bal_bc'], 'open install_acc': ['mths_since_rcnt_il',
'il_util', 'all_util', 'total_bal_il'], 'il_util': ['mths_since_rcnt_il',
'open_install_acc', 'all_util', 'total_bal_il'], 'all_util':
```

```
['mths_since_rcnt_il', 'open_install_acc', 'il_util', 'max_bal_bc'],
'inc_joint': ['dti_joint', 'application_type', 'verification_status_joint_Not
Verified'], 'dti_joint': ['inc_joint', 'application_type',
'verification_status_joint_Not Verified'], 'application_type': ['inc_joint',
'dti_joint', 'verification_status_joint_Not Verified'],
'verification_status_joint_Not Verified': ['inc_joint', 'dti_joint',
'application_type'], 'open_revolving': ['mths_since_rcnt_il', 'open_acc_6m'],
'total_bal_il': ['open_install_acc', 'il_util'], 'max_bal_bc':
['mths_since_rcnt_il', 'all_util'], 'revol_bal': ['total_rev_hi_lim'],
'total_rev_hi_lim': ['revol_bal'], 'open_acc_6m': ['open_revolving'], 'pub_rec':
['mths_since_last_record'], 'mths_since_last_record': ['pub_rec']}
```

Criteria for choosing collinear features - features that have default values of 0 are better than features with undefined values. - dollar amounts over number of accounts. They give more information and once they are properly scaled they will be more useful. - The more information the variable contains the better. - Synthesized features are better than original features.

il util max\_bal\_bc total\_rev\_hi\_lim

[189]: zero\_diagonal\_heatmap(X\_scaled)



To make sure that I had fully eliminated the multicollinearity I calculated every remaining feature's

Variance Inflation Factor (VIF). The formula for VIF is:

$$VIF = \frac{1}{1 - R^2}$$

Where  $R^2$  is the R-squared value that represents correlations.

```
[193]: | # Create vif function with a dataframe as the argument
       def vif(dfx):
           #calculate the vif for the dataframe to see if it is non collinear
           vifs = [variance inflation factor(dfx.values, i) for i in range(dfx.
        \hookrightarrowshape [1])
           # Put those numbers into a dictionary
           vif_dict = {dfx.columns[i]:vifs[i] for i in range(dfx.shape[1])}
           # Create a filtered dictionary to find out how many features have a VIF
        under 2.5
           filtered_dict = {k: v for k, v in vif_dict.items() if v < 2.5}</pre>
           # Print the amount of columns that aren't collinear out of all the columns
           print(f"{len(filtered_dict)} out of {len(dfx.columns)} features have a vifu
        \Rightarrow< 2.5")
           # Create a sorted dictionary based on the values
           vif_dict = {k:v for k, v in sorted(vif_dict.items(), key=lambda item:
        →item[1], reverse = True)}
           # Print the result
           print(vif dict)
```

## [194]: vif(X\_scaled)

```
57 out of 123 features have a vif < 2.5
{'emp_type_other': 169.57974002764598, 'emp_type_Manager': 111.7147586447447,
'emp_type_Technical': 97.59897197456667, 'addr_state_CA': 51.094645200048134,
'emp_type_Unemployed': 46.39212956418784, 'emp_type_Healer': 45.254717422269884,
'addr_state_NY': 31.767745462942365, 'addr_state_TX': 30.633566724669535,
'emp_type_Director': 30.59330240518125, 'emp_type_Education': 27.89717101959111,
'addr_state_FL': 26.705856680717247, 'emp_type_Executive': 26.408281585647327,
'purpose_debt_consolidation': 24.96764806132425, 'emp_type_Vol':
24.23857849854677, 'emp_type_Operator': 23.461031656313015, 'emp_type_Service':
21.245410815327098, 'emp_type_Analyst': 20.537956437604667,
'purpose_credit_card': 18.93967828897951, 'emp_type_Assistant':
18.239376685202956, 'emp_type_Sales': 17.13106743520082, 'addr_state_IL':
16.424458850979022, 'addr state NJ': 15.502262195704335, 'addr state PA':
14.716247800285, 'addr_state_OH': 13.980629680318021, 'addr_state_GA':
13.74480709611746, 'addr_state_VA': 12.536294915046794, 'emp_type_Finance':
12.043774061171954, 'addr_state_NC': 11.88644182350205, 'addr_state_MI':
11.147880276767328, 'emp_type_Accountant': 10.636077148271605, 'addr_state_MD':
10.29940975567778, 'addr_state MA': 10.110592376611661, 'addr_state AZ':
10.032653547892291, 'emp_type_Admin': 9.900472150565802, 'addr_state_WA':
9.604463414936513, 'addr_state_CO': 9.335793678183599, 'addr_state_MN':
```

```
8.09825045258343, 'addr_state_MO': 7.3337478164256416, 'addr_state_IN':
7.156485816507435, 'addr_state_CT': 7.036377600696594, 'addr_state_TN':
6.755168526348449, 'addr_state_NV': 6.5577667265598, 'emp_type_Manlab':
6.5364938162900845, 'purpose_home_improvement': 6.521215768226548,
'addr state WI': 6.175510070761902, 'addr state AL': 6.011851495010638,
'emp_type_Clerk': 5.952461595533043, 'addr_state_OR': 5.87356020795903,
'addr state SC': 5.763179271570182, 'addr state LA': 5.739137666645026,
'purpose_other': 5.6022187340814265, 'addr_state_KY': 4.837516798054074,
'addr state OK': 4.629869513098388, 'addr state KS': 4.55823347482431,
'addr_state_AR': 3.9876202810025814, 'addr_state_UT': 3.8173769222531315,
'emp_type_Designer': 3.29235512104278, 'addr_state_NM': 3.224544717816936,
'addr_state_HI': 3.0593367943517693, 'addr_state_WV': 2.979129559660258,
'addr_state_NH': 2.9350223110414437, 'purpose_major_purchase':
2.8961488105820443, 'emp type Law': 2.8076997711159604, 'addr state RI':
2.755806044102352, 'il_util': 2.7308005905563095, 'addr_state MS':
2.725067872453719, 'total_acc': 2.3412784187313673, 'emp_type_Clergy':
2.29732842794935, 'inq_last_12m': 2.272432327564242, 'open_acc':
2.236904562835468, 'purpose_small_business': 2.176687879808439, 'addr_state_MT':
2.155466265716131, 'addr_state_DE': 2.134154484319103, 'addr_state_DC':
2.1003725611804636, 'ing fi': 2.027959693450723, 'open acc 6m':
1.9692331466328516, 'purpose medical': 1.9542082569980301, 'addr state WY':
1.916714690815398, 'grade': 1.8826323466447483, 'tot_cur_bal':
1.8817770223027797, 'addr_state_SD': 1.8212586202969663, 'dti_joint':
1.8138557594089295, 'addr_state_VT': 1.8123857317559084, 'loan_amnt':
1.770450023225754, 'verification_status_Verified': 1.6876383832952806,
'max_bal_bc': 1.6706128393200244, 'home_ownership_RENT': 1.6655753043101997,
'purpose_moving': 1.6129660556591545, 'term': 1.6119942311081126,
'mths_since_last_deling': 1.6025300556111002,
'verification_status_joint_Verified': 1.5951578280856389, 'purpose_vacation':
1.5330136777572476, 'addr_state_NE': 1.5329177157986424,
'verification_status_Source Verified': 1.5316244200874691,
'mths_since_last_major_derog': 1.5014338644346426, 'revol_bal':
1.4842587244820489, 'purpose house': 1.4200368732846809, 'annual inc':
1.411788066763737, 'dti': 1.3580820245624448, 'revol_util': 1.3431387213056754,
'total cu tl': 1.313277509616113, 'earliest cr line': 1.2774740226005623,
'purpose wedding': 1.2676206035373658, 'addr state ME': 1.2389826625507752,
'emp length': 1.23015208079886, 'addr state ND': 1.2176282318766618,
'verification_status_joint_Source Verified': 1.21746162184719,
'last_credit_pull_d': 1.2155761978077833, 'delinq_2yrs': 1.203056931316467,
'inq_last_6mths': 1.1700827644410172, 'home_ownership_OWN': 1.1557264940598269,
'last_pymnt_amnt': 1.1515113802060482, 'initial_list_status': 1.128468138127505,
'pub_rec': 1.0729805349528614, 'purpose_renewable_energy': 1.0650906758641836,
'purpose_educational': 1.0559243025772849, 'acc_now_deling': 1.0219935281968442,
'collections_12_mths_ex_med': 1.014027801963101, 'addr_state_IA':
1.0075443124569217, 'addr_state_ID': 1.005791675253549, 'home_ownership_OTHER':
1.0037427138737391, 'tot_coll_amt': 1.0008889405120973, 'pymnt_plan':
1.0001515259612508}
```

```
[197]: corr_dict(X_scaled, corr = .5)
      {'il_util': 4, 'inq_last_12m': 3, 'open_acc_6m': 2, 'inq_fi': 2,
      'purpose credit card': 1, 'dti joint': 1, 'mths since last major derog': 1,
      'max_bal_bc': 1, 'total_acc': 1, 'verification_status_Source Verified': 1,
      'verification_status_Verified': 1, 'verification_status_joint_Verified': 1,
      'mths_since_last_delinq': 1, 'purpose_debt_consolidation': 1, 'open_acc': 1}
[198]: corr_list(corr= .6, min_corr = 1)
      {'il_util': ['open_acc_6m', 'max_bal_bc'], 'inq_last_12m': ['inq_fi'],
      'open_acc_6m': ['il_util'], 'inq_fi': ['inq_last_12m'], 'purpose_credit_card':
      ['purpose_debt_consolidation'], 'dti_joint': [], 'mths_since_last_major_derog':
      [], 'max_bal_bc': ['il_util'], 'total_acc': ['open_acc'],
      'verification_status_Source Verified': [], 'verification_status_Verified': [],
      'verification_status_joint_Verified': [], 'mths_since_last_delinq': [],
      'purpose_debt_consolidation': ['purpose_credit_card'], 'open_acc':
      ['total acc']}
[195]: X_scaled.drop(['emp_type_other', 'addr_state_CA', ], axis = 1, inplace = True)
[196]: vif(X_scaled)
      115 out of 121 features have a vif < 2.5
      {'purpose_debt_consolidation': 24.96761119362853, 'purpose_credit_card':
      18.93961785627865, 'purpose_home_improvement': 6.5212061819225475,
      'purpose_other': 5.602217767774178, 'purpose_major_purchase': 2.896130530451369,
      'il_util': 2.730798750721492, 'total_acc': 2.3412250411725206, 'inq_last_12m':
      2.2724305415892028, 'open_acc': 2.2366887915277776, 'purpose_small_business':
      2.1766772917631436, 'inq_fi': 2.027958161959543, 'open_acc_6m':
      1.969223020722815, 'purpose medical': 1.9541917795725594, 'grade':
      1.882609031023419, 'tot_cur_bal': 1.8817109187706282, 'dti_joint':
      1.8138544467538595, 'loan_amnt': 1.7700889155867419,
      'verification status Verified': 1.6876008414952248, 'max bal bc':
      1.67059263851143, 'home_ownership_RENT': 1.6649091693054299, 'purpose_moving':
      1.612957560969563, 'term': 1.6119723224069213, 'mths_since_last_deling':
      1.6024830947155813, 'verification_status_joint_Verified': 1.5951568502705917,
      'purpose_vacation': 1.5330036609346471, 'verification_status_Source Verified':
      1.531580136517418, 'mths_since_last_major_derog': 1.501287811129522,
      'revol_bal': 1.4842361387733702, 'addr_state_TX': 1.4710102981603153,
      'addr_state_NY': 1.4451569706399565, 'purpose_house': 1.4200324341093116,
      'annual_inc': 1.411719771951544, 'addr_state_FL': 1.3856905162976025,
      'emp_type_Manager': 1.3846289802441962, 'emp_type_Unemployed':
      1.375953539616218, 'dti': 1.3579245825891364, 'revol_util': 1.3429068081647426,
      'total_cu_tl': 1.3132247928287366, 'emp_type_Technical': 1.291253306726926,
      'earliest_cr_line': 1.2774538519434466, 'purpose_wedding': 1.2676155303887011,
      'addr_state_IL': 1.2367942449247422, 'emp_length': 1.229640725680606,
      'verification_status_joint_Source Verified': 1.2174567422552078,
      'last_credit_pull_d': 1.2153732889718927, 'addr_state_PA': 1.2150862304066916,
```

```
'delinq_2yrs': 1.2030519679157148, 'addr_state_GA': 1.2027119102739965,
      'addr_state_NC': 1.1744377442178562, 'addr_state_VA': 1.173599554052189,
      'inq_last_6mths': 1.170005112914522, 'addr_state_MI': 1.167534979071377,
      'emp type Healer': 1.1595810943404903, 'home ownership OWN': 1.1557259923910626,
      'last_pymnt_amnt': 1.1515071804270436, 'emp_type_Executive': 1.1435806737986498,
      'addr state MD': 1.1398098047832472, 'addr state AZ': 1.1366589905091007,
      'addr_state_MA': 1.133407108180576, 'initial_list_status': 1.128389047723271,
      'addr_state_WA': 1.127056734443586, 'addr_state_CO': 1.126097731275573,
      'emp_type_Director': 1.1185216937061957, 'addr_state_MN': 1.111092139024878,
      'addr_state_IN': 1.1080028479183648, 'addr_state_MO': 1.104552350953598,
      'emp_type_Education': 1.0999518529880863, 'addr_state_TN': 1.0958630462702927,
      'addr_state_CT': 1.0905781695634875, 'addr_state_AL': 1.08680622935313,
      'emp_type_Vol': 1.0856810680418014, 'emp_type_Operator': 1.0853554300692798,
      'addr_state_NV': 1.0841331667014709, 'addr_state_WI': 1.0838599850181452,
      'addr_state_SC': 1.0790555747547514, 'addr_state_LA': 1.0789413239840797,
      'emp_type_Analyst': 1.0748841656080348, 'pub_rec': 1.0729507946244885,
      'addr_state_OR': 1.0727078127290053, 'emp_type_Service': 1.0708955288083002,
      'emp_type_Assistant': 1.06592784508023, 'addr_state_KY': 1.0656549519342704,
      'purpose renewable energy': 1.065090388165688, 'addr state OK':
      1.0620347311872813, 'emp type Sales': 1.0590093693419453, 'addr state KS':
      1.0584012271526348, 'purpose_educational': 1.0559240389158238, 'addr_state_AR':
      1.0519412080590325, 'addr_state_UT': 1.0447937645886771, 'emp_type_Accountant':
      1.0364811525268898, 'addr_state_NM': 1.0364600347939292, 'emp_type_Finance':
      1.036374254004344, 'addr_state_WV': 1.035090185088152, 'emp_type_Admin':
      1.0322020039686417, 'addr_state_MS': 1.0316747889622462, 'addr_state_HI':
      1.0312558285234903, 'addr_state_NH': 1.0299181430529991, 'addr_state_RI':
      1.0263658039473804, 'emp_type_Manlab': 1.0222894653635657, 'acc_now_deling':
      1.0219905270476908, 'emp_type_Clerk': 1.0206809614570438, 'addr_state_MT':
      1.0188570977775266, 'addr_state_DE': 1.0178363363690994, 'addr_state_DC':
      1.0169735661498065, 'addr_state_WY': 1.0158492688032048, 'addr_state_SD':
      1.0146824568977704, 'collections_12_mths_ex_med': 1.014024859903138,
      'addr_state_VT': 1.0135005534468404, 'addr_state_NE': 1.0093473303132385,
      'emp_type_Designer': 1.0091182896478026, 'emp_type_Law': 1.007220539009543,
      'emp type Clergy': 1.005854682864526, 'addr state ME': 1.0052699934125424,
      'addr state ND': 1.0041975392687317, 'home ownership OTHER': 1.003742575348957,
      'addr state IA': 1.0012945682069592, 'tot coll amt': 1.0008888908688367,
      'addr_state_ID': 1.000435302095682, 'pymnt_plan': 1.0001514705171868}
[203]: | X_scaled.drop(['purpose_debt_consolidation'], axis = 1, inplace = True)
[204]: vif(X_scaled)
      119 out of 120 features have a vif < 2.5
      {'il_util': 2.7307888242024836, 'total_acc': 2.34122363770942, 'inq_last_12m':
      2.2724287817188364, 'open_acc': 2.2362154778845387, 'inq_fi': 2.027957789717889,
      'open_acc_6m': 1.9692149833036792, 'grade': 1.8825266359843544, 'tot_cur_bal':
      1.8816856234174637, 'dti_joint': 1.8138513300300452, 'loan_amnt':
```

'addr\_state\_OH': 1.2136184480397716, 'addr\_state\_NJ': 1.211756939901659,

```
1.76378376631423, 'verification_status_Verified': 1.6875362019651317,
'max_bal_bc': 1.6705891495577427, 'home_ownership_RENT': 1.6649046553273368,
'term': 1.6113500489848105, 'mths_since_last_deling': 1.6024581712519677,
'verification_status_joint_Verified': 1.5951548391405679,
'verification status Source Verified': 1.5314865482589934,
'mths_since_last_major_derog': 1.5012617294420394, 'revol_bal':
1.4840021620392303, 'addr state TX': 1.471009052033995, 'addr state NY':
1.445139520674233, 'annual_inc': 1.4115003680493299, 'addr_state_FL':
1.3856881112765589, 'emp type Manager': 1.3845719470330107,
'emp_type_Unemployed': 1.3758843463096149, 'dti': 1.3568266538343439,
'revol_util': 1.3404689847207572, 'total_cu_tl': 1.313216696550245,
'emp_type_Technical': 1.291252864896083, 'earliest_cr_line': 1.2774538426875484,
'addr_state_IL': 1.236793043311825, 'emp_length': 1.2295347307952664,
'verification_status_joint_Source Verified': 1.2174567012313438,
'addr_state_PA': 1.2150812972677942, 'last_credit_pull_d': 1.2140420349666088,
'addr_state_OH': 1.2136099740784634, 'addr_state_NJ': 1.2117561619082107,
'delinq_2yrs': 1.2030420768765697, 'addr_state_GA': 1.2027109402714755,
'addr_state_NC': 1.1744360565205412, 'addr_state_VA': 1.1735991837449828,
'inq_last_6mths': 1.1699938360933184, 'addr_state_MI': 1.1675327406173073,
'emp type Healer': 1.1595726960576076, 'home ownership OWN': 1.1556346606602725,
'last pymnt amnt': 1.1513341738552931, 'emp type Executive': 1.1435483886317626,
'addr_state_MD': 1.139809707927233, 'addr_state_AZ': 1.1366565574300957,
'addr_state_MA': 1.1333957445531833, 'initial_list_status': 1.1282615470377386,
'addr_state_WA': 1.1270557903662477, 'addr_state_CO': 1.1260946762503712,
'purpose_credit_card': 1.1221073903675312, 'emp_type_Director':
1.1184903635699266, 'addr_state MN': 1.111089812879824, 'addr_state IN':
1.1079998719019568, 'addr_state MO': 1.1045512858739144, 'emp_type_Education':
1.099945224104737, 'addr_state_TN': 1.0958594251080822, 'addr_state_CT':
1.0905774354390236, 'addr_state_AL': 1.0868059692953485,
'purpose_home_improvement': 1.0859889095512643, 'emp_type_Vol':
1.0856756631964963, 'emp_type_Operator': 1.0853548688948504, 'addr_state_NV':
1.0841331538525212, 'addr_state_WI': 1.0838585857943173, 'purpose_other':
1.0792270558935455, 'addr_state_SC': 1.0790555482931103, 'addr_state_LA':
1.0789353312786993, 'emp_type_Analyst': 1.0748773175088338, 'pub_rec':
1.072882602580039, 'addr state OR': 1.072704089026199, 'emp type Service':
1.0708780679243441, 'emp type Assistant': 1.065852142672351, 'addr state KY':
1.0656546322556582, 'addr state OK': 1.062033248172776, 'emp type Sales':
1.0590011240943042, 'addr_state_KS': 1.058401215690259, 'addr_state_AR':
1.051938265638769, 'addr_state_UT': 1.0447901011894005,
'purpose_small_business': 1.0400080197076909, 'emp_type_Accountant':
1.0364722234800476, 'addr_state_NM': 1.0364568579215143, 'emp_type_Finance':
1.0363311115149034, 'addr_state_WV': 1.0350897034065472, 'emp_type_Admin':
1.0321939421946484, 'addr_state_MS': 1.0316741156182487, 'addr_state_HI':
1.0312541185818314, 'addr_state_NH': 1.0299139919431572,
'purpose_major_purchase': 1.029421341791009, 'addr_state_RI': 1.02636078843678,
'emp_type_Manlab': 1.0222840437021758, 'acc_now_deling': 1.0219903082614925,
'emp_type_Clerk': 1.0206739950427475, 'purpose_moving': 1.019002022618076,
'addr_state_MT': 1.01885669067497, 'purpose_medical': 1.0178710196559664,
```

```
'addr_state_DE': 1.0178345137750904, 'addr_state_DC': 1.0169695912928167, 'addr_state_WY': 1.0158399393098407, 'addr_state_SD': 1.0146792946358334, 'collections_12_mths_ex_med': 1.0140236676392183, 'purpose_vacation': 1.0138077193121813, 'addr_state_VT': 1.0135003335191375, 'purpose_wedding': 1.012731673605749, 'purpose_educational': 1.0115037506358027, 'purpose_house': 1.010585488111, 'addr_state_NE': 1.0093460943965555, 'emp_type_Designer': 1.0091124645236929, 'emp_type_Law': 1.0072052221037187, 'emp_type_Clergy': 1.005846092220493, 'addr_state_ME': 1.00526910748636, 'addr_state_ND': 1.0041965609613241, 'home_ownership_OTHER': 1.003740834803285, 'purpose_renewable_energy': 1.0016474231528574, 'addr_state_IA': 1.0012934740261756, 'tot_coll_amt': 1.0008888906939468, 'addr_state_ID': 1.0004330794741287, 'pymnt_plan': 1.000151470516797}
```

While I wanted all of the features to be under 2.5, The dataset is still large and running the vif function takes over 10 minutes to run. I will first perform feature selection and then I will return to vif.

##

## Lasso Regularization

Lasso Regularization is a technique for variable selection that uses regression to evaluate the effect that features have on a target variable. The idea is to add a penalty term that contains the coefficient or slope of the variables with respect to the target variable multiplied by parameter.

$$Loss(\beta_1, ... \beta_n) = SSD + \alpha |\beta|$$

Where  $\beta$  is the coefficient of the feature, SSD is the sum of squared distances of the point to the regression line and  $\alpha$  is the penalty's parameter. If there is more than a single feature, then we can sum the coefficients:

$$Loss(\beta_1, ...\beta_n) = SSD + \alpha * \sum_{i=1}^{n} |\beta_i|$$

Lasso aims to reduce the loss in equation (3). If a feature is not important, then changing its slope will not move the regression line close enough to the data points to decrease the loss function with a non-zero value. If a feature is important, the regression line will move towards the data and minimize the SSD faster than it increases the penalty term. Since only features with non-zero coefficients are meaningful, I can discard all the features with a coefficient of zero.

First we will run a gridsearch to find the best value of  $\alpha$ , and then we will use the coeffecients from that value of  $\alpha$  to determine which features stay in the model.

```
[207]: # Create Lasso model
lasso = Lasso(max_iter = 50000)

# Define hyperparameter grid with a value less than 00.5 since that was the be
params = {'alpha': np.linspace(.0001, .01, 20)}

# Perform grid search
```

```
grid_search = GridSearchCV(estimator=lasso, param_grid=params, cv=8)
       # fit the gridsearch of parameters to the data
       grid_search.fit(X_scaled, y_binary)
       # Print best hyperparameters
       print("Best hyperparameters: ", grid_search.best_params_)
      Best hyperparameters: {'alpha': 0.01}
[208]: # Find the coefficients of lasso regularization
       lasso = Lasso(alpha = .001)
       # Fit the lasso regularization to the data
       lasso.fit(X_scaled, y_binary)
       # Create a dictionary of all the features and their corresponding lasso \Box
       ⇔coefficients
       lasso_dict = {X_scaled.columns[i]:lasso.coef_[i] for i in range(len(X_scaled.

columns)) if list(lasso.coef_)[i] != 0}
       # Create a list of all the features that don't have a lasso coefficient of zero
       lasso_features = [X_scaled.columns[i] for i in range(len(X_scaled.columns)) if ___
        →list(lasso.coef_)[i] != 0]
       # Print the features and coefficients
       print(lasso_dict)
       # Print the number of features are left from lasso
       print(len(lasso_dict))
      {'loan_amnt': -0.010391316872062236, 'term': 0.002948502470419479, 'grade':
      0.03788254325234942, 'annual_inc': 0.0022825117307152722, 'pymnt_plan':
      -0.00023065455231244378, 'inq_last_6mths': -0.016965471271241, 'pub_rec':
      0.00328094929656237, 'revol_bal': 0.00017543217177538116, 'revol_util':
      -0.005030065433174285, 'total_acc': -0.001725540484437378,
      'initial_list_status': 0.010934774737318688, 'last_pymnt_amnt':
      0.04433076049762753, 'last_credit_pull_d': 0.051610620607713674,
      'collections_12_mths_ex_med': 0.0004269000786191071,
      'mths since last major derog': -0.003163609410562672, 'dti joint':
      0.0007302915041974671, 'tot_cur_bal': 0.0021794962954110103, 'open_acc_6m':
      0.0023301194338613833, 'il_util': 0.004372566069389636, 'max_bal_bc':
      0.0015211874387965623, 'inq_last_12m': 0.001700906513944068,
      'emp_type_Accountant': 0.0014560825330323078, 'emp_type_Admin':
      0.0011180935599351067, 'emp_type_Analyst': 0.0020839310189119495,
      'emp_type_Assistant': 0.001716231097294549, 'emp_type_Clergy':
      0.0004086759716117618, 'emp_type_Clerk': 0.0003684051643701604,
      'emp_type_Designer': 8.386470181023748e-05, 'emp_type_Director':
      0.003250926563873108, 'emp_type_Education': 0.001905001710557324,
      'emp_type_Executive': 0.0028161364298661838, 'emp_type_Healer':
      0.001802276485713458, 'emp_type_Manager': 0.00534780536249633,
      'emp_type_Operator': 0.00017582019867604627, 'emp_type_Technical':
```

0.0017201398884130043, 'emp\_type\_Vol': 0.0013373643692269049,

```
'home_ownership_OTHER': -9.787280568326191e-05, 'home_ownership_RENT':
      -0.0034307500430190156, 'verification_status_Source Verified':
      0.0006960764915860841, 'verification_status_Verified': -0.002840233859866113,
      'purpose_credit_card': 0.0010696145226728286, 'purpose_major_purchase':
      0.0006338286983715384, 'purpose other': 0.00030442720791727033,
      'purpose_small_business': -0.0025923711676408053, 'purpose_wedding':
      0.0008600910780396444, 'addr state AL': -2.717313790854032e-05, 'addr state CO':
      0.00023737701126124214, 'addr_state_DC': 0.0003228253473749971, 'addr_state_FL':
      -0.0008238996713227565, 'addr state IL': 0.0018622525159464468, 'addr state KS':
      0.0003714578370217212, 'addr_state_ME': 0.0005063581439605373, 'addr_state_MS':
      0.0004445402559083527, 'addr_state ND': 0.00031819850705387936, 'addr_state NE':
      0.0007900323376744395, 'addr_state_NH': 1.8891369076422682e-05, 'addr_state_NV':
      -0.0006201602888351354, 'addr_state_NY': -0.000804910934598037, 'addr_state_SC':
      0.0004239016727849242, 'addr state TX': 0.0011805290982262464, 'addr state VA':
      -0.00022906652147532304}
      61
[211]: df = X_scaled[lasso_dict.keys()]
[212]: vif(df)
      60 out of 61 features have a vif < 2.5
      {'il util': 2.503648536830864, 'open acc 6m': 1.9535214353509527, 'tot cur bal':
      1.770654329297814, 'grade': 1.7439133806542608, 'loan_amnt': 1.7138957829652597,
      'max_bal_bc': 1.6615584854813974, 'inq_last_12m': 1.6414880361328827,
      'verification_status_Verified': 1.625458267723455, 'term': 1.5872880178470525,
      'verification_status_Source Verified': 1.523078231850744, 'revol_bal':
      1.4016325218077512, 'annual_inc': 1.330297515878795, 'home_ownership_RENT':
      1.3073547671221735, 'total_acc': 1.2448280761753376, 'revol_util':
      1.2440126800569045, 'emp_type_Manager': 1.2293581030145195,
      'last credit_pull_d': 1.1823828739055637, 'emp_type_Technical':
      1.1632605142157963, 'inq_last_6mths': 1.1554307323054438, 'last_pymnt_amnt':
      1.140772579699193, 'initial_list_status': 1.1210513382502567,
      'emp type Executive': 1.1074575667950384, 'emp type Healer': 1.0974140074627614,
      'purpose_credit_card': 1.090279220777798, 'mths_since_last_major_derog':
      1.0872113114911621, 'emp type Director': 1.0761671055142379,
      'emp_type_Education': 1.0593520442957665, 'purpose_other': 1.0584937234060041,
      'addr_state_NY': 1.0554819306031729, 'addr_state_TX': 1.0515488522453607,
      'emp_type_Vol': 1.0511714498170022, 'emp_type_Operator': 1.0502161947572395,
      'pub_rec': 1.0497176483600994, 'emp_type_Analyst': 1.0460144044523427,
      'emp_type_Assistant': 1.0392069571630331, 'addr_state_FL': 1.0390726711554674,
      'purpose_small_business': 1.0315205970379795, 'addr_state_IL':
      1.0262364921930622, 'emp_type_Accountant': 1.0217594682580176,
      'purpose_major_purchase': 1.0206314648766086, 'addr_state_VA':
      1.020258725151585, 'emp_type_Admin': 1.0192132595134875, 'addr_state_CO':
      1.0133330322712164, 'emp_type_Clerk': 1.0117102129881905, 'addr_state_AL':
      1.0112905135137134, 'collections_12_mths_ex_med': 1.010775638772582,
```

'purpose\_wedding': 1.0107579856757944, 'addr\_state\_NV': 1.0095052605905286,

```
'addr_state_SC': 1.0094403966131993, 'addr_state_KS': 1.0067548263507855,
'emp_type_Designer': 1.0054892655608172, 'addr_state_MS': 1.005021981570084,
'emp_type_Clergy': 1.0034703330142034, 'addr_state_DC': 1.0034678554709804,
'addr_state_NH': 1.0032999442711354, 'dti_joint': 1.0031683280406816,
'home_ownership_OTHER': 1.0030594050709054, 'addr_state_NE': 1.0015282820188407,
'addr_state_ME': 1.0014568397523846, 'addr_state_ND': 1.0009243078467163,
'pymnt_plan': 1.000111548764211}
[213]: df.to_csv('./data/interim/wrangled', index = False)
```