data exploration

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[1]: #imports
      import pandas as pd
      import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
      from datetime import datetime
      import numpy as np
      import seaborn as sns
      from sklearn.preprocessing import OneHotEncoder, FunctionTransformer, __
       →RobustScaler
      from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline
      from sklearn.compose import ColumnTransformer, make_column_selector
      from sklearn.dummy import DummyRegressor
      from sklearn.model selection import train test split
      import os
 [ ]: path = '../data/raw/archive'
      #after this we'll load a portion of the data 50% should be enough
      data = (pd.read_csv(os.path.join(path, 'accepted_2007_to_2018Q4.csv'))
              .sample(frac=1, random_state=1)
              .drop(labels=['id','desc','title'], axis=1)
      #we save it as a parquet file for faster future sessions loading
      os.makedirs('../data/raw', exist_ok=True)
      data.to_parquet('../data/raw/data_chunck.parquet')
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[58]: data = pd.read parquet('.../data/raw/data chunck.parquet').sample(frac=0.1,__
       →random state=0)
      data.describe()
[58]:
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[8 rows x 113 columns]

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[5]: print(data['loan_status'].unique())
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['Current' 'Fully Paid' 'Charged Off' 'In Grace Period'
'Late (31-120 days)'
'Does not meet the credit policy. Status:Charged Off' 'Late (16-30 days)'
'Does not meet the credit policy. Status:Fully Paid' 'Default' None]
```

As the loan status is not binary and some situations are worse than other, instead of classifying good vs bad, we will do a mapping of the risk score in the interval [0, 1], 0 being fully paid and 1 being default.

```
[59]: def data_mapping(data):
          mapping = {
              'Fully Paid': 0,
              'Current': 0,
              'In Grace Period': 0.2,
              'Late (16-30 days)': 0.4,
              'Late (31-120 days)': 0.6,
              'Does not meet the credit policy. Status: Fully Paid': 0,
              'Does not meet the credit policy. Status: Charged Off': 0.8,
              'Charged Off': 0.8,
              'Default': 1
          }
          data['risk_score'] = data['loan_status'].map(mapping)
          data = (data.dropna(subset=['risk_score'])
                   .drop(labels='loan_status', axis=1)
                  )
          return data
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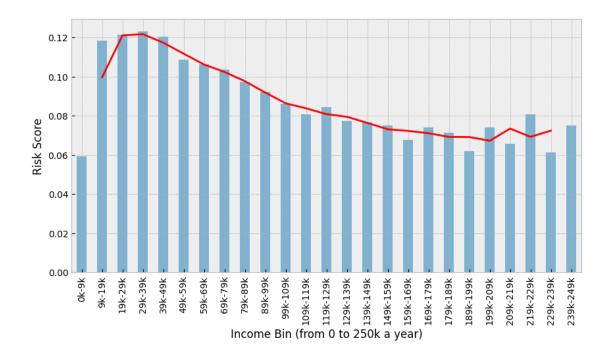
Now what we wanna look for is maybe a correlation in the data, let's check with annual income,

we don't forget to take out outliers, as the mean is $\sim 77k$ and the standard deviation is $\sim 70k$ we take everything above Mean + 2 * Standard Deviation as outlier (we round up to 250k)

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[61]: data = data_mapping(data)
      sample_data = data[['risk_score', 'annual_inc']].copy()
      sample_data = sample_data[sample_data['annual_inc'] < 250_000]</pre>
      sample_data['income_bin'] = pd.cut(sample_data['annual_inc'], bins=25)
      sample_data = (sample_data.drop(labels='annual_inc', axis=1)
                     .groupby(by='income_bin')
                     .mean()
                     )
      #rolling window for trend line
      sample_data['rolling_avg'] = sample_data['risk_score'].rolling(window=3,__
       #for cleaner labels on x axis
      sample data.index = [f"{int(bin.left/1000)}k-{int(bin.right/1000)}k"
                          for bin in sample_data.index]
      #plot
      plt.style.use('bmh')
      fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10,5))
      sample_data['risk_score'].plot(kind='bar', alpha=0.6)
      sample_data['rolling_avg'].plot(color='red', linewidth=2)
      plt.xticks(rotation=90)
      ax.set_ylabel('Risk Score')
      ax.set_xlabel('Income Bin (from 0 to 250k a year)')
      plt.show()
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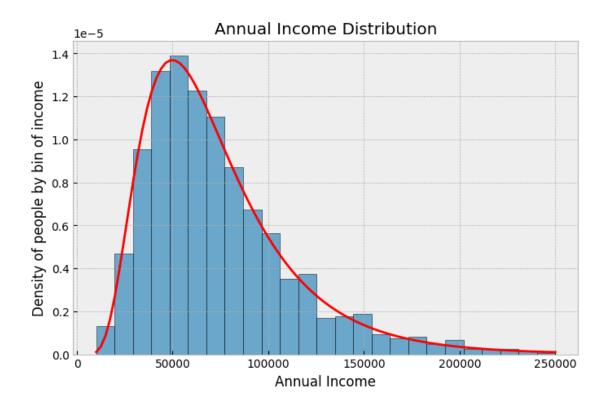
C:\Users\PC\AppData\Local\Temp\ipykernel_11140\2044984029.py:7: FutureWarning: The default of observed=False is deprecated and will be changed to True in a future version of pandas. Pass observed=False to retain current behavior or observed=True to adopt the future default and silence this warning.

.groupby(by='income_bin')



We see a reasonable downward trend between the anual income and the loan risk score, but not a linear relationship, this means there are many other factors influencing the final score.

we may take a look at the income distribution to verify it follow a Log-Normal distribution (what we usually see in income).



The distribution looks good, we may look for correlation in other variables, we will list the variables most correlated with the target value, for categorical data we use label encoding.

Some variables are directly correlated with the target value because they are a result of the event of a loan applicant repaying or defaulting, so we will not be using these in our final model.

We drop all the columns that weren't available at origination the list of columns to keep and to drop are in the 'config.py' file to not disturb user readability.

```
[64]: from config import features_to_drop

data = data.drop(columns=features_to_drop, errors='ignore')
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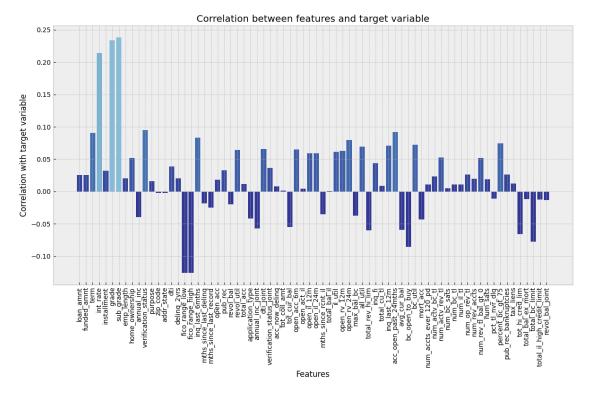
```
[65]: from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder

cat_cols = [col for col in data.columns if data[col].dtype == 'object']
num_cols = [col for col in data.columns if col not in cat_cols]

data_encoded = data.copy()
le = LabelEncoder()

for col in cat_cols:
    data_encoded[col] = le.fit_transform(data[col])
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x = [col for col in data_encoded.columns if (col != 'risk_score')]
y = [data_encoded[col].corr(data_encoded['risk_score']) for col in x]
abs_y = np.abs(y)
colors = plt.cm.RdYlBu_r(y)
plt.figure(figsize=(12,8))
plt.bar(x=x, height=y, color=colors)
plt.hlines(
    y=0,
    xmin=0,
    xmax=123,
    colors='black',
    linestyles='-'
)
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plt.ylabel('Correlation with target variable')
plt.xlabel('Features')
plt.xticks(rotation=90)
plt.title('Correlation between features and target variable')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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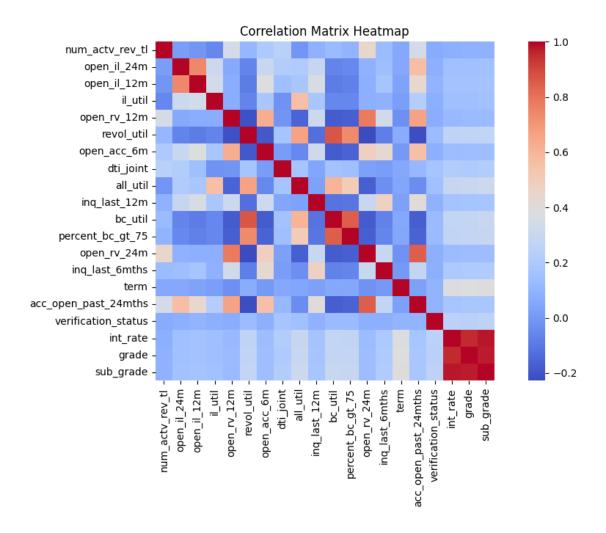


We see that some variables are fairly correlated to the target, but the majority have a correlation $|\rho| < 0.1$.

Some others stand out like, 'int_rate', 'grade' and 'sub-grade', we'll need to decide if these are available at the moment the loan is given or not.

What we can do now is take the ones with the highest correlation coefficient and see how they interact between them.

```
[17]: #we select the 20 most correlated with the target variable
      tmp = list(y)
      tmp.sort()
      #we suppose there are no duplicates
      heavy_corr_values = tmp[-20:]
      indexes = [y.index(val) for val in heavy_corr_values]
      heavy_corr_cols = [x[i] for i in indexes]
      print(heavy_corr_cols)
     ['num_actv_rev_tl', 'open_il_24m', 'open_il_12m', 'il_util', 'open_rv_12m',
     'revol_util', 'open_acc_6m', 'dti_joint', 'all_util', 'inq_last_12m', 'bc_util',
     'percent_bc_gt_75', 'open_rv_24m', 'inq_last_6mths', 'term',
     'acc_open_past_24mths', 'verification_status', 'int_rate', 'grade', 'sub_grade']
[21]: corr_matrix = data_encoded[heavy_corr_cols].corr()
      plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
      sns.heatmap(corr_matrix, annot=False, fmt=".2f", cmap='coolwarm', square=True)
      plt.title('Correlation Matrix Heatmap')
      plt.show()
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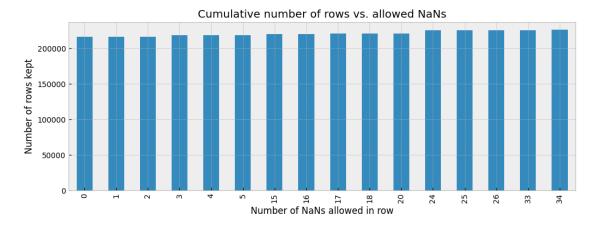
We have some clusters of heavy correlated data, int_rate,grade and sub-grade are all perfectly correlated because they are all a measure of the quality of the client, in fact, these features are decided by the bank analysing the profile of the client then giving what is basically our risk score we are trying to predict, that explains the high linear correlation with the target variable so we add these to our list of leaky columns.

To address multicolinearity we now want to check for the variance inflation factor of each column, which is a mesure of how much variables are correlated.

Before that we also check for columns that may have a lot of missing values, more than 30% missing values is not reasonable to keep and breaks

```
['mths_since_last_delinq', 'mths_since_last_record', 'annual_inc_joint',
'dti_joint', 'open_acc_6m', 'open_act_il', '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', 'inq_fi', 'total_cu_tl', 'inq_last_12m',
'revol_bal_joint']
```

[66]: (226068, 54)



Good News! we can drop all missing value columns and be left with practically all the rows

```
[70]: vif_data = vif_compute(data_encoded)
      def vif_interpret(vif_data):
          no_multico = vif_data[vif_data['VIF'] == 1]
          acceptable = vif data[(vif data['VIF'] > 1) & (vif data['VIF'] < 5)]</pre>
          concerning = vif_data[(vif_data['VIF'] > 5) & (vif_data['VIF'] < 10)]</pre>
          severe = vif data[vif data['VIF'] > 10]
          return (no multico, acceptable, concerning, severe)
      vif_cols = vif_interpret(vif_data)
      print(f'columns with no multicolinearity: {len(vif_cols[0])}')
      print(f'columns with acceptable multicolinearity: {len(vif_cols[1])}')
      print(f'columns with concerning multicolinearity: {len(vif_cols[2])}')
      print(f'columns with severe multicolinearity: {len(vif_cols[3])}')
     C:\Users\PC\AppData\Local\Packages\PythonSoftwareFoundation.Python.3.12 qbz5n2kf
     ra8p0\LocalCache\local-packages\Python312\site-
     packages\statsmodels\stats\outliers influence.py:197: RuntimeWarning: divide by
     zero encountered in scalar divide
       vif = 1. / (1. - r_squared_i)
     columns with no multicolinearity: 0
     columns with acceptable multicolinearity: 13
     columns with concerning multicolinearity: 8
     columns with severe multicolinearity: 33
     This is very concerning as a VIF > 10 indicates that > 90\% of the variance in the feature is explained
     by other features, meaning all these columns are likely close to perfect linear combination of each
     other, we need to use some domain knowledge to determine how to organise them and select the
     most important from them.
 []: print(list(vif_cols[3]['Feature']))
      #we directly drop 'fico_range_*', 'int_rate' because they leak the target_
       ⇒variable
      #'funded_ammnt' and keep 'loan_amnt' because they are 100% correlated
      #'qrade' and keep 'sub_grade' for the same reason
      data_encoded = data_encoded.
       drop(columns=['fico_range_high','fico_range_low','int_rate','funded_amnt','grade'], المالية
       ⇔errors='ignore')
```

return vif_data

['loan_amnt', 'funded_amnt', 'int_rate', 'installment', 'grade', 'sub_grade', 'fico_range_low', 'fico_range_high', 'open_acc', 'pub_rec', 'revol_bal', 'revol util', 'total acc', 'verification status joint', 'tot cur bal',

'total_rev_hi_lim', 'bc_open_to_buy', 'bc_util', 'mort_acc', 'num_actv_bc_tl', 'num_actv_rev_tl', 'num_bc_sats', 'num_bc_tl', 'num_il_tl', 'num_op_rev_tl',

'num_rev_accts', 'num_rev_tl_bal_gt_0', 'num_sats', 'pct_tl_nvr_dlq',

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'tot_hi_cred_lim', 'total_bal_ex_mort', 'total_bc_limit',
'total_il_high_credit_limit']
```

Now we design a quick algorithm to take aways columns with the highest VIF and recalculate VIF values until we reach all values bellow a decided the hold.

```
def feature_selection_algorithm(data, thershold=15):
    highest_vif = np.inf

while(highest_vif > thershold):
    vif_data = vif_compute(data)
        highest_vif = np.max(vif_data['VIF'])
        print(f'highest actual VIF is: {highest_vif}')

        highest_vif_col = vif_data.sort_values(by='VIF', ascending=False).

iloc[0]['Feature']
        data = data.drop(columns=highest_vif_col)
        return data, vif_data
```

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[]: data_test = data_encoded.copy()

data_test, vif_test = feature_selection_algorithm(data_test)
vif_eval = vif_interpret(vif_test)

for i in range(0,4):
    print(vif_eval[i])
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packages\statsmodels\stats\outliers_influence.py:197: RuntimeWarning: divide by zero encountered in scalar divide

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vif = 1. / (1. - r_squared_i)
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highest actual VIF is: inf

We now have to deal with the categorical variables

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[ ]: categoric_data = data[cat_cols]
print(categoric_data.columns.to_list())
```

We'll do some cleaning on features already encoded in others, with no useful information or with very high cardinality

```
[19]: def drop_useless(data):
    print(f'number of cols to drop: {len(cols_to_drop)}')
    print(f'data shape before dropping: {data.shape}')

    data = data.drop(labels=cols_to_drop, axis=1, errors='ignore')
    data = data.dropna()

    print(f'{len(cols_to_drop)} columns dropped successfuly')
    print(f'data shape after dropping: {data.shape}')

    return data
```

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[18]: data = drop_useless(data)
    #we get number of unique entries in each column with categorical data
    object_nunique = list(map(lambda col: data[col].nunique(), cat))
    d = dict(zip(cat, object_nunique))
    sorted(d.items(), key=lambda x: x[1])
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NameError

Cell In[18], line 1

----> 1 data = drop_useless(data)

2 #we get number of unique entries in each column with categorical data
3 object_nunique = list(map(lambda col: data[col].nunique(), cat))

NameError: name 'drop_useless' is not defined
```

```
[16]: #we encode employement lenght and map it to integer values
def emp_lenght_map(categoric_data):
    map_emp_lenght = {
        None: -1,'< 1 year': 0,'1 year':1,'2 years':2,'3 years':3,
        '4 years':4,'5 years':5,'6 years':6,'7 years':7,'8 years':8,
        '9 years':9,'10+ years':10
    }
    categoric_data['length'] = categoric_data['emp_length'].map(map_emp_lenght)
    categoric_data = categoric_data.drop(labels='emp_length',axis=1)
    print('employement lenght encoded successfuly')
    return categoric_data</pre>
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[15]: #we convert to datetime and compute how long it was def earliest_to_date(categoric_data):
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categoric_data = categoric_data.copy()
  categoric_data['earliest_cr_line'] = pd.to_datetime(
      categoric_data['earliest_cr_line'], format='%b-%Y', errors='coerce'
  print(f"Rows with invalid 'earliest_cr_line':_
Grategoric_data['earliest_cr_line'].isna().sum()}")
  #took this part out because we'll need all the columns transformers to \Box
→output the same number of rows, we'll drop them later
  #categoric data = categoric data[categoric data['earliest_cr_line'].
\rightarrownotna()]
  #print(f"Rows with invalid 'earliest_cr_line' after droping:
→{categoric_data['earliest_cr_line'].isna().sum()}")
  today = pd.to_datetime('today')
  categoric_data['credit_history_length'] = (today -__

¬categoric_data['earliest_cr_line']).dt.days

  categoric_data = pd.DataFrame(categoric_data).

drop(columns=['earliest_cr_line'], axis=1)
  print(f"Remaining rows: {len(categoric_data)}, earliest cr data encodedu
⇔successfuly")
  return categoric_data
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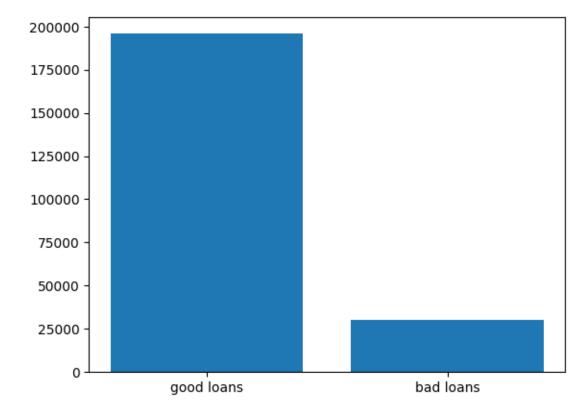
```
[14]: #frequency encoding the last two with high cardinality
def freq_encoding(categoric_data):
    for col in ['purpose', 'addr_state']:
        freq_encoding = categoric_data[col].value_counts(normalize=True)
        categoric_data[col + '_freq'] = categoric_data[col].map(freq_encoding)

    categoric_data.drop(columns=['purpose', 'addr_state'], inplace=True)
    print(f'frequency data encoded successfuly')
    return categoric_data
```

We are finally ready to build a full preprocessing Pipeline, the categorical columns left all are of cardinality <10 we can one hot encode them without exploding the data size

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→'payment_plan_start_date', 'next_pymnt_d', 'issue_d', 'grade', 'hardship_type', 'last_pymnt_d',

¬'last_credit_pull_d', 'hardship_loan_status', 'hardship_flag', 'hardship_status', 'hardship_rea
      #some other columns will be dropped because they represent a leakage, i.e. they_{f L}
       →are unknown at the moment of the prediction
[32]: preprocessor = ColumnTransformer([
          ('scale', RobustScaler(), make_column_selector(dtype_include='number')),
          ('frequency_cols', FunctionTransformer(freq_encoding), freq_cols),
          ('employement_lenght', FunctionTransformer(emp_lenght_map), ['emp_length']),
          ('account_age', FunctionTransformer(earliest_to_date),_
       ('cat_left', OneHotEncoder(), ohe_cols)
      ], verbose=True)
      pipe = Pipeline([
          ('features', preprocessor),
          ('model', DummyRegressor())
      ], verbose=True)
 []: df = pd.read_parquet('../data/raw/data_chunck.parquet').sample(frac=1,_
       →random_state=19)
      df = data_mapping(df)
      df_y = df['risk_score']
      df = df.drop(labels='risk_score',axis=1)
      X_train, X_val, y_train, y_val = train_test_split(df,df_y, test_size=0.8,__
       →random state=19)
 []: X_trans = pipe[:-1].transform(X_train)
 [ ]: pd.DataFrame(X_trans).describe()
     We now need to check data distribution, an unbalanced dataset can make even the best model
     behave poorly
[33]: | df = pd.read_parquet('../data/raw/data_chunck.parquet').sample(frac=0.1,__
       →random_state=1)
      df = data_mapping(df)
```



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[9]: #The proportions ratio.round(2).head()
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[9]: good_loans bad_loans 0 86.61 13.39

We see that we have way more good loans than bad loans, we have two approaches we can consider, upsampling the bad loans by dumplicating some of them or downsampling the good loan by dropping some good rows randomly, as we have many types.

As the class imbalance is very big 87/13 we will use a mix of downsampling and upsampling using SMOTE that creates synthetic data from the minority class (better for generalization than simply duplicationg) and Tomek links to downsample the good loans.

The library imbalanced-learn gives us a function to do exactly that in a few lines of code.

```
[34]: from imblearn.combine import SMOTETomek
      df = num_data_prep(df)
      df = drop useless(df)
      df_y = df['risk_score']
      df = df.drop(columns='risk_score')
      df = pipe[:-1].fit_transform(df)
      smote_tomek = SMOTETomek(random_state=42)
      X_resampled, y_resampled = smote_tomek.fit_resample(df, df_y)
      df = pd.concat([X_resampled, y_resampled], axis=1)
      check_proportion(df)
     number of cols to drop: 26
     data shape before dropping: (167101, 78)
     26 columns dropped successfuly
     data shape after dropping: (167101, 66)
     [ColumnTransformer] ... (1 of 5) Processing scale, total=
     frequency data encoded successfuly
     [ColumnTransformer] (2 of 5) Processing frequency_cols, total=
     employement lenght encoded successfuly
     [ColumnTransformer] (3 of 5) Processing employement length, total=
     Rows with invalid 'earliest_cr_line': 0
     Remaining rows: 167101, earliest cr data encoded successfuly
     [ColumnTransformer] ... (4 of 5) Processing account_age, total=
     [ColumnTransformer] ... (5 of 5) Processing cat left, total= 0.1s
     [Pipeline] ... (step 1 of 1) Processing features, total=
       Cannot execute code, session has been disposed. Please try restarting the Kernel.
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      View Jupyter <a href='command:jupyter.viewOutput'>log</a> for further details.
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