Part_I_exploration_template

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1 Part I - Loans Data from Prosper Exploration

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1.2 Introduction

This data set contains 113,937 loans with 81 variables on each loan, including loan amount, borrower rate (or interest rate), current loan status, borrower income, and several others.

1.3 Preliminary Wrangling

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In [1]: # import all packages and set plots to be embedded inline
   import numpy as np
   import pandas as pd
   import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
   import seaborn as sb

%matplotlib inline
```

Load in your dataset and describe its properties through the questions below. Try and motivate your exploration goals through this section.

```
In [2]: df = pd.read_csv('prosperLoanData.csv')
        df.head()
Out [2]:
                        ListingKey ListingNumber
                                                             ListingCreationDate
          1021339766868145413AB3B
                                           193129 2007-08-26 19:09:29.263000000
        1 10273602499503308B223C1
                                          1209647 2014-02-27 08:28:07.900000000
        2 0EE9337825851032864889A
                                            81716 2007-01-05 15:00:47.090000000
        3 0EF5356002482715299901A
                                           658116 2012-10-22 11:02:35.010000000
        4 0F023589499656230C5E3E2
                                           909464 2013-09-14 18:38:39.097000000
          CreditGrade Term LoanStatus
                                                 ClosedDate BorrowerAPR \
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                         36 Completed
                                       2009-08-14 00:00:00
                                                                 0.16516
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                               Current
                                                                 0.12016
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        2
                   HR.
                         36 Completed
                                       2009-12-17 00:00:00
                                                                 0.28269
        3
                  NaN
                         36
                               Current
                                                        {\tt NaN}
                                                                 0.12528
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4	NaN	36 Curre	nt		NaN	0.24614		
	BorrowerRate	LenderYield		. LP_Sei	rviceFees	LP_Collecti	onFees \	
0	0.1580	0.1380			-133.18		0.0	
1	0.0920	0.0820			0.00		0.0	
2	0.2750	0.2400			-24.20		0.0	
3	0.0974	0.0874			-108.01		0.0	
4	0.2085	0.1985			-60.27		0.0	
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	LP_GrossPrinci	palLoss LP	_NetPr	cincipalLoss	LP_NonPri	ncipalRecove	rypayments	\
0	_	0.0	_	0.0	_	1	0.0	
1		0.0		0.0			0.0	
2		0.0		0.0			0.0	
3		0.0		0.0			0.0	
4		0.0		0.0			0.0	
1		0.0		0.0			0.0	
	PercentFunded	Recommendat	tions	InvestmentFi	romFriends	Count \		
0	1.0		0			0		
1	1.0		0			0		
2	1.0		0			0		
3	1.0		0			0		
4	1.0		0			0		
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1		0.0		1				
2		0.0		41				
3		0.0		158				
4		0.0		20				
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Data colum	ns (total 81 co	olumns):						
ListingKey			113	3937 non-nul	l object			
ListingNum	ber		113	3937 non-nul	l int64			
ListingCre	ationDate		113	3937 non-null	l object			
CreditGrad	.e		289	953 non-null	object			
Term					•			
LoanStatus			113		l object			
ClosedDate				89 non-null	=			
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 ${\tt EstimatedEffectiveYield}$

EstimatedLoss	84853 non-null float64
EstimatedReturn	84853 non-null float64
ProsperRating (numeric)	84853 non-null float64
ProsperRating (Alpha)	84853 non-null object
ProsperScore	84853 non-null float64
ListingCategory (numeric)	113937 non-null int64
BorrowerState	108422 non-null object
Occupation	110349 non-null object
EmploymentStatus	111682 non-null object
EmploymentStatusDuration	106312 non-null float64
IsBorrowerHomeowner	113937 non-null bool
CurrentlyInGroup	113937 non-null bool
GroupKey	13341 non-null object
DateCreditPulled	113937 non-null object
CreditScoreRangeLower	113346 non-null float64
CreditScoreRangeUpper	113346 non-null float64
FirstRecordedCreditLine	113240 non-null object
CurrentCreditLines	106333 non-null float64
OpenCreditLines	106333 non-null float64
TotalCreditLinespast7years	113240 non-null float64
OpenRevolvingAccounts	113937 non-null int64
OpenRevolvingMonthlyPayment	113937 non-null float64
InquiriesLast6Months	113240 non-null float64
TotalInquiries	112778 non-null float64
CurrentDelinquencies	113240 non-null float64
AmountDelinquent	106315 non-null float64
DelinquenciesLast7Years	112947 non-null float64
PublicRecordsLast10Years	113240 non-null float64
PublicRecordsLast12Months	106333 non-null float64
RevolvingCreditBalance	106333 non-null float64
BankcardUtilization	106333 non-null float64
AvailableBankcardCredit	106393 non-null float64
TotalTrades	106393 non-null float64
TradesNeverDelinquent (percentage)	106393 non-null float64
TradesOpenedLast6Months	106393 non-null float64
DebtToIncomeRatio	105383 non-null float64
IncomeRange	113937 non-null object
IncomeVerifiable	113937 non-null bool
StatedMonthlyIncome	113937 non-null float64
LoanKey	113937 non-null object
TotalProsperLoans	22085 non-null float64
TotalProsperPaymentsBilled	22085 non-null float64
OnTimeProsperPayments	22085 non-null float64
ProsperPaymentsLessThanOneMonthLate	22085 non-null float64
ProsperPaymentsOneMonthPlusLate	22085 non-null float64
ProsperPrincipalBorrowed	22085 non-null float64
ProsperPrincipalOutstanding	22085 non-null float64
ScorexChangeAtTimeOfListing	18928 non-null float64
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${\tt LoanCurrentDaysDelinquent}$	113937 non-null int64
${\tt LoanFirstDefaultedCycleNumber}$	16952 non-null float64
${\tt Loan Months Since Origination}$	113937 non-null int64
LoanNumber	113937 non-null int64
LoanOriginalAmount	113937 non-null int64
LoanOriginationDate	113937 non-null object
${ t LoanOriginationQuarter}$	113937 non-null object
MemberKey	113937 non-null object
${ t Monthly Loan Payment}$	113937 non-null float64
LP_CustomerPayments	113937 non-null float64
$ t LP_CustomerPrincipalPayments$	113937 non-null float64
$ t LP_InterestandFees$	113937 non-null float64
LP_ServiceFees	113937 non-null float64
LP_CollectionFees	113937 non-null float64
$ t LP_GrossPrincipalLoss$	113937 non-null float64
$ t LP_{ t NetPrincipalLoss}$	113937 non-null float64
${ t LP_NonPrincipalRecoverypayments}$	113937 non-null float64
PercentFunded	113937 non-null float64
Recommendations	113937 non-null int64
${\tt InvestmentFromFriendsCount}$	113937 non-null int64
${\tt InvestmentFromFriendsAmount}$	113937 non-null float64
Investors	113937 non-null int64

dtypes: bool(3), float64(50), int64(11), object(17)

memory usage: 68.1+ MB

In [4]: df.describe()

	${ t Listing Number}$	Term	Borrowe	rAPR	Borrower	Rate \		
count	1.139370e+05	113937.000000	113912.00	0000	113937.00	0000		
mean	6.278857e+05	40.830248	0.21	8828	0.19	2764		
std	3.280762e+05	10.436212	0.08	0364	0.07	4818		
min	4.000000e+00	12.000000	0.00	6530	0.00	0000		
25%	4.009190e+05	36.000000	0.15	6290	0.13	4000		
50%	6.005540e+05	36.000000	0.20	9760	0.18	4000		
75%	8.926340e+05	36.000000	0.28	3810	0.25	0000		
max	1.255725e+06	60.000000	0.51	2290	0.49	7500		
	LenderYield	EstimatedEffec	tiveYield	Esti	matedLoss	Estimated	.Return '	١
count	113937.000000	848	53.000000	848	53.000000	84853.	000000	
mean	0.182701		0.168661		0.080306	0.	096068	
std	0.074516		0.068467		0.046764	0.	030403	
min	-0.010000		-0.182700		0.004900	-0.	182700	
25%	0.124200		0.115670		0.042400	0.	074080	
50%	0.173000		0.161500		0.072400	0.	091700	
75%	0.240000		0.224300		0.112000	0.	116600	
max	0.492500		0.319900		0.366000	0.	283700	
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	ProsperRating (numeric)	ProsperScore		LP_ServiceFees `	\
count	84853.000000	84853.000000		113937.000000	
mean	4.072243	5.950067		-54.725641	
std	1.673227	2.376501		60.675425	
min	1.000000	1.000000		-664.870000	
25%	3.000000	4.000000		-73.180000	
50%	4.000000	6.000000		-34.440000	
75%	5.000000	8.000000		-13.920000	
max	7.000000	11.000000		32.060000	
	LP_CollectionFees LP_Gr	ossPrincipalLoss	LP_Ne	tPrincipalLoss \	
count	113937.000000	113937.000000		113937.000000	
mean	-14.242698	700.446342		681.420499	
std	109.232758	2388.513831	·	2357.167068	
min	-9274.750000	-94.200000)	-954.550000	
25%	0.00000	0.000000)	0.00000	
50%	0.00000	0.000000)	0.00000	
75%	0.00000	0.000000)	0.00000	
max	0.000000	25000.000000)	25000.000000	
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[8 rows x 61 columns]

In [5]: df.shape

Out[5]: (113937, 81)

1.3.1 What is the structure of your dataset?

This dataset contains 113,937 rows and 81 columns. It therefore has multiple features that can be observed (81). Most of the data is numeric, although there is also some descriptive data. For example, the Loan Status provides information on whether or not a loan has been paid back in full.

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

This data evidently contains numerous features, most of which will not be explored. To start off, the main interests I have in this dataset is the interest rate, as well as the APR and the effect this may have on the Loan Amount borrowed by customers.

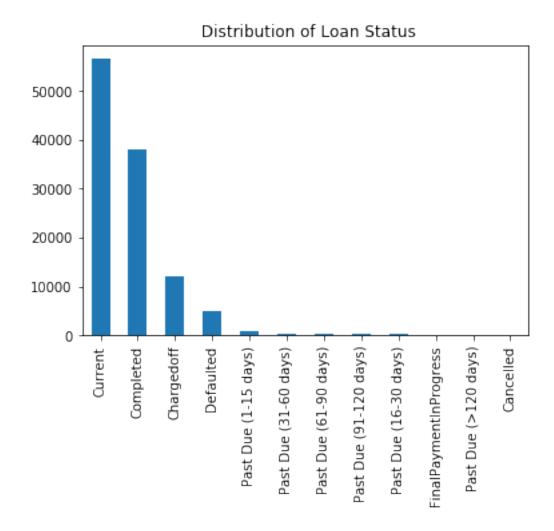
1.3.3 What features in the dataset do you think will help support your investigation into your feature(s) of interest?

Features in the dataset that may have influence on the APR include: Prosper Score, Employment Status. I'd also like to see the yield/return for each loan, in relation to the APR.

1.4 Univariate Exploration

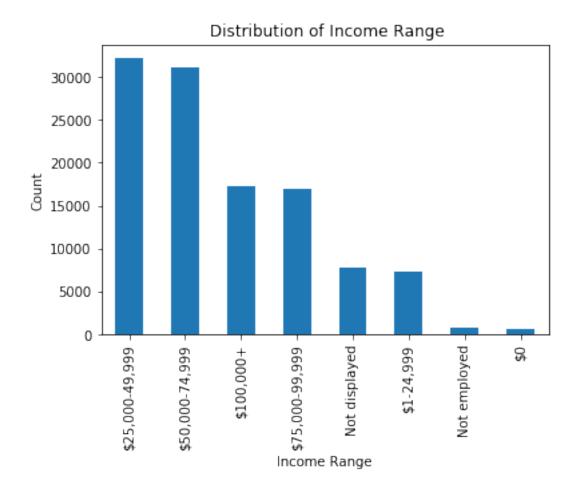
In this section, investigate distributions of individual variables. If you see unusual points or outliers, take a deeper look to clean things up and prepare yourself to look at relationships between variables.

First, let's observe the distribution of the loan status.



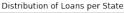
Most loans are current or completed. Some of the variables that could have an effect on this include Employment Status and Income Range. We'll examine if these variables have an effect on the loan status later.

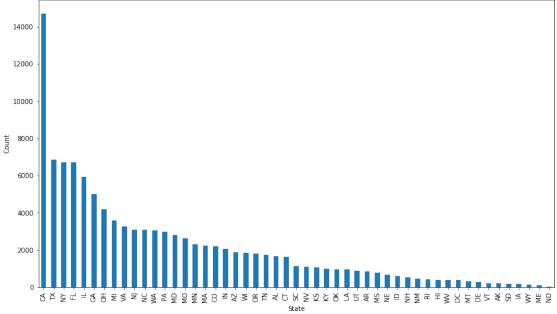
Next, let's look at the income range for the customers.



This is a relatively typical distribution. Most people earn between USD 25,000 - USD 50,000. Again, we'll look into any correlation between this and features such as Loan Amounts taken, Loan Term, etc.

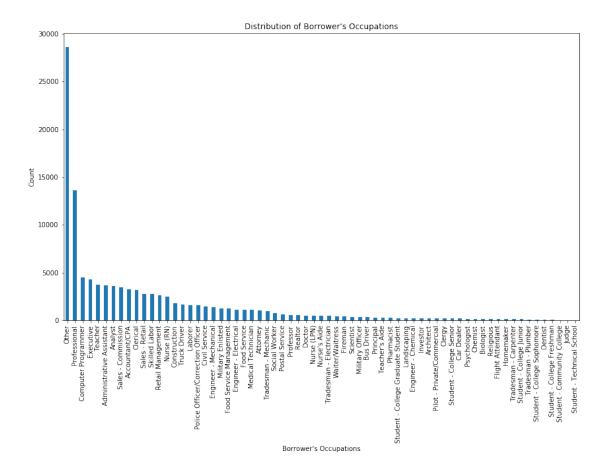
Let's observe the number of loans taken per state.





It seems most borrowers come from California, Texas and New York. In the bivariate analysis section, I will examine the employment status and/or income range per state as this would be hepful in understanding if this could be reaso for the high amounts of borrowing in California, Texas, New York, etc.

It would be interesting to discover the distribution of occupations across the entire set of customers.

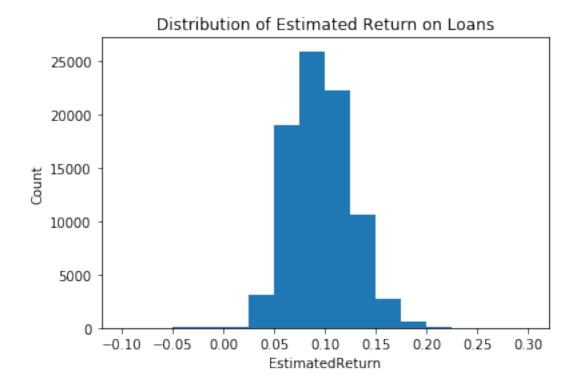


Wow. As the number of occupations is quite high, it may be difficult to obtain definitive correlations between this and other data. While it may be possible to further classify these occupations, we already have quite a large set of features which may provide more useful information. Let's proceed with our other variables for now.

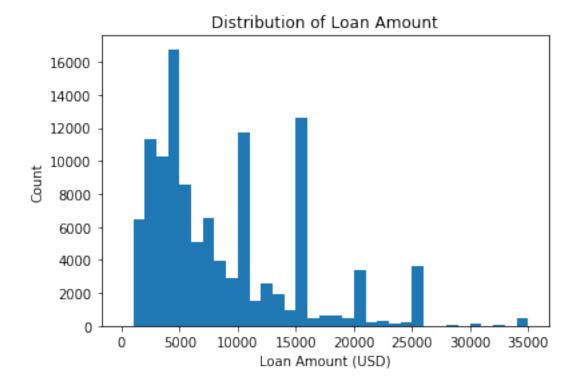
Let's examine the estimated return for the loans borrowed.

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In [10]: x= df['EstimatedReturn'].dropna().values
    bins = np.arange(-0.1, df['EstimatedReturn'].max()+0.025, 0.025)
    def hist(x, xlabel, ylabel, title):

        ax = plt.subplot(1,1,1)
        ax.hist(x, bins = bins)
        ax.set_xlabel(xlabel)
        ax.set_ylabel(ylabel)
        ax.set_title(title)
        plt.show()
    hist(x, 'EstimatedReturn', 'Count', 'Distribution of Estimated Return on Loans')
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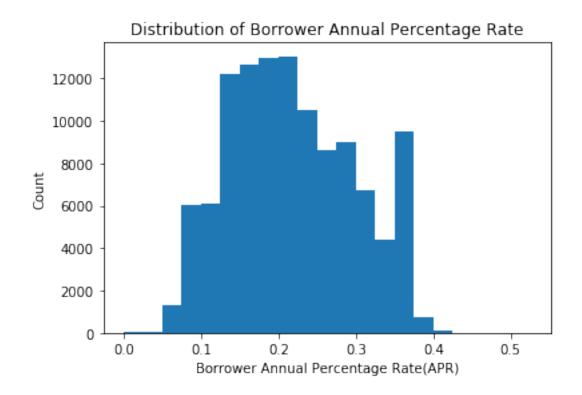
It seems most loans are expected to provide returns of about 8-10%. This seems pretty standard as customers would likely shy away from high interest rates. Again, we'll later examine any correlation between this and features such as Loan Amounts taken, Loan Term, etc.

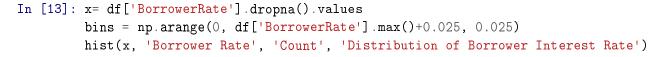


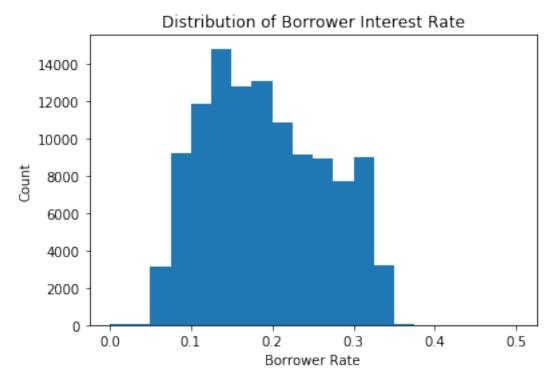
The most common amount customers tended to borrow is USD 5,000. Also interesting to note is tendency to borrow sums to the nearest 5,000. (10,000, 15,000, 20,000 etc)

Let's observe the distribution of the Annual Percentage Rate for borrowers

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In [12]: x= df['BorrowerAPR'].dropna().values
    bins = np.arange(0, df['BorrowerAPR'].max()+0.025, 0.025)
    hist(x, 'Borrower Annual Percentage Rate(APR)', 'Count', 'Distribution of Borrower Annual
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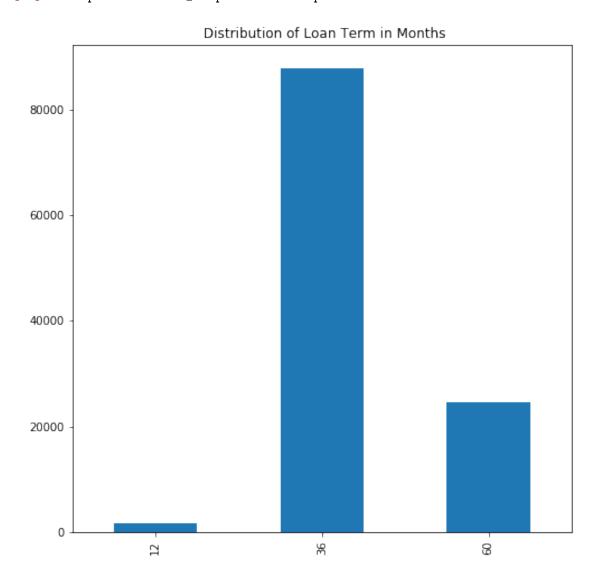




The distribution of the interest rate and the APR seems quite similar. To simplify the rest of the explorations, let's use the APR.

Let's examine how many months it takes to pay back a loan.

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More than half the customers prefer to pay the loan back in 36 months. Later, we'll examine the relationship between this variable and the amount of the loan borrowed to see if there's any correlation.

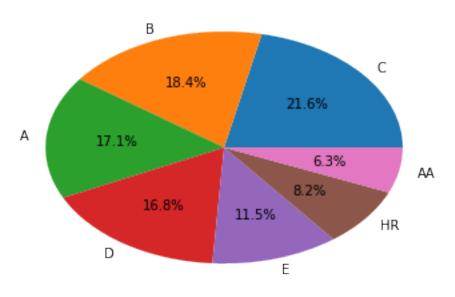
Let's visualise the distribution of the rating using a pie chart

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In [15]: #Creating a pie chart to visualise the Prosper Rating as percentages
    x = df['ProsperRating (Alpha)'].value_counts()
    labels = ['C', 'B', 'A', 'D', 'E', 'HR', 'AA']

def pie_plot(x, xlabel, title):
    ax = plt.subplot(1,1,1)
    ax.pie(x, autopct='%1.1f%%', labels = labels)
    ax.set_xlabel(xlabel)
    ax.set_title(title)
    plt.show()

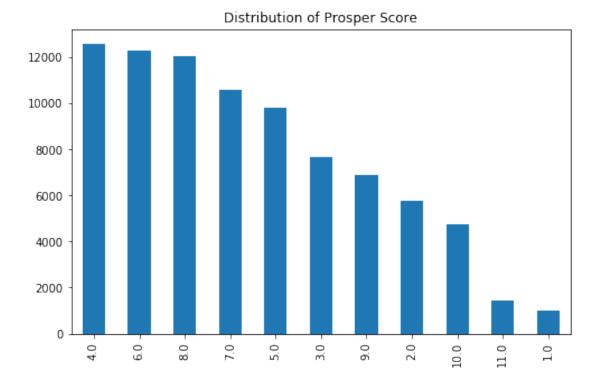
pie_plot(x, 'ProsperRating', 'Percentages of ProsperRating')
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Percentages of ProsperRating



However, the prosper rating doesn't provide much information as it is not ordered. Let's try and get the distribution from the Prosper Score instead.

ProsperRating



From the distribution above, it is evident that most customers are associated with an average risk in terms of paying back the loan. It is also interesting to note that the smallest group is 1.0, hence very few customers are associated with extreme risk.

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

Initially, I was interested in the APR and the interest rate. However, their distributions are quite similar and therefore to simplify this exploration, I'll examine the relationship between other variables and just the APR. As of this stage, for the variables I chose to examine, no transformations were necessary.

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

I was suprised that the loan amount distribution was skewed to the left, meaning that most borrowers take loans of less than 10,000 USD, and am keen to explore whether factors such as income range or employment status contribute to the loan amount. As of this stage, for the variables I chose to examine, no transformations were necessary.

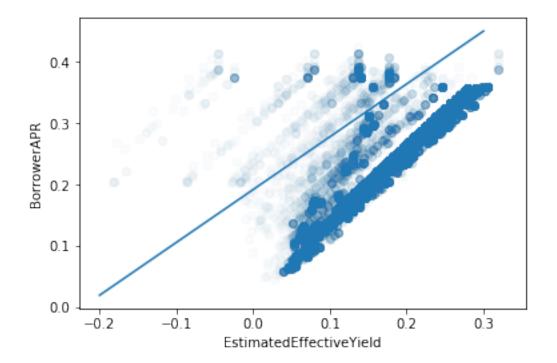
1.5 Bivariate Exploration

In this section, investigate relationships between pairs of variables in your data. Make sure the variables that you cover here have been introduced in some fashion in the

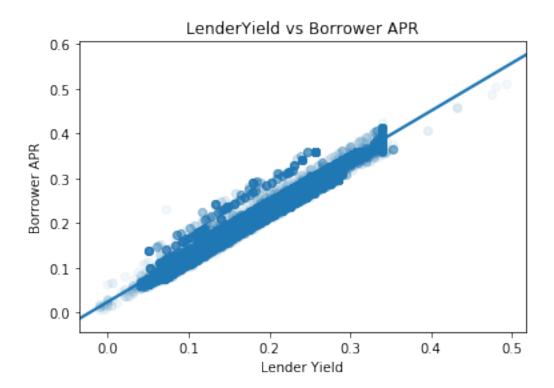
previous section (univariate exploration).

We'll begin by examining the effect between the Estimated Effective Yield and the Borrower APR

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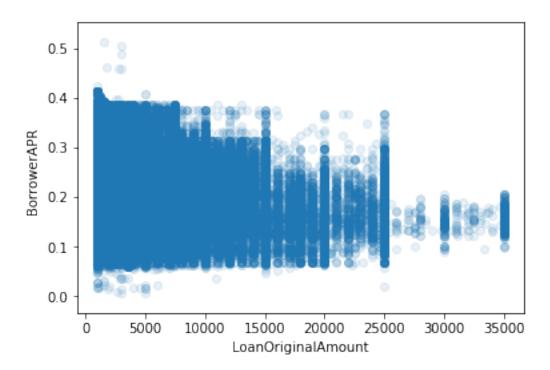


It seems that there's a strong, positive correlation btween the Estimated Effective Yield and the BorrowerAPR.



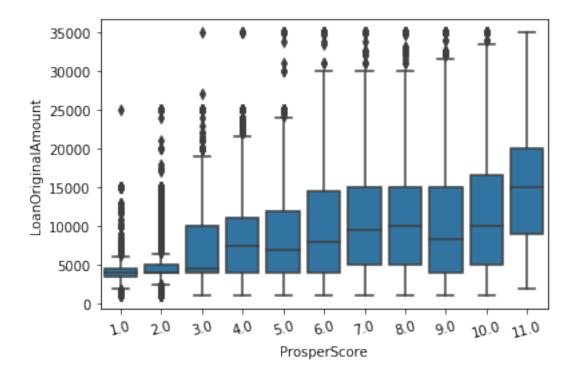
Once again, it is evident that the Lender Yield and the Borrowers' Annual Percentage Rate is positively correlated, i.e the higher a borrower's annual percentage rate, the greater the yield(return) on the loan.

Next, let's examine if there's any correlation between the annual percentage rate for borrowers and the loan amount.



This plot indicates a slight negative correlation betweenthe two variables which means that customers who take out larger loans have lower interest rates. This may be a strategy from the bank to get customers to borrower larger amounts of loans.

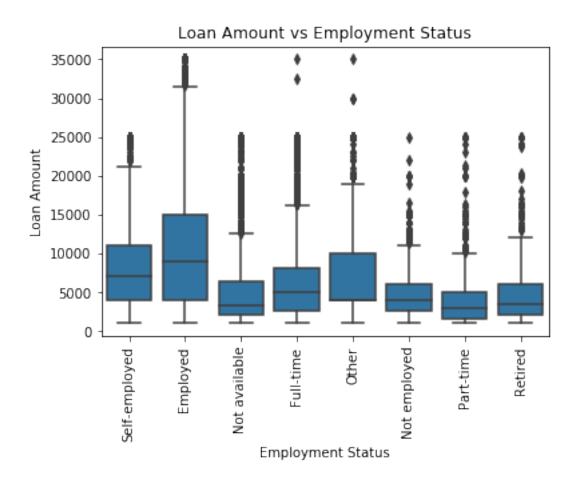
Let's examine if there's any correlation between the Prosper Score for borrowers and the loan amount.



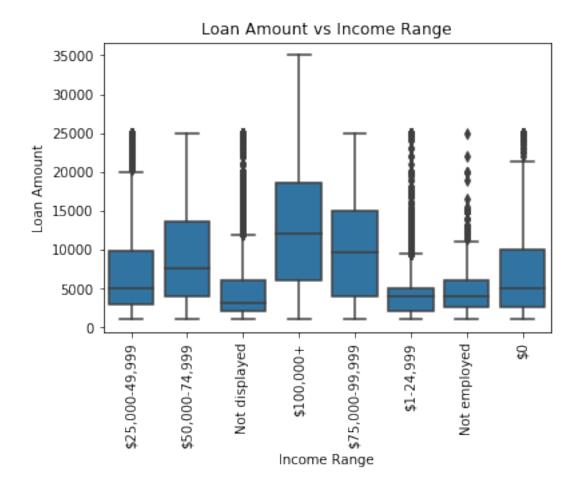
As seen from the box plot above, and as expected, the Prosper score (which is a a custom risk score built using historical Prosper data which ranges from 1-10, with 10 being the best, or lowest risk score) is directly proportional to the loan amount. This plot makes sense because one would expect that a customer with the lowest risk score would obtain the highest loan amount. It's also interesting to note the outliers on lower Prosper Scores. For example, the outlier(s) with a score of 2.0 meaning there is significant risk but still able to obtain a loan of \$ 35000 +.

Let's see if one's employment status has an effect on the Loan Amount.

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In [21]: sb.boxplot(data=df, x='EmploymentStatus', y='LoanOriginalAmount', color = sb.color_pale
    plt.xticks(rotation=90);
    plt.title('Loan Amount vs Employment Status');
    plt.xlabel('Employment Status');
    plt.ylabel('Loan Amount');
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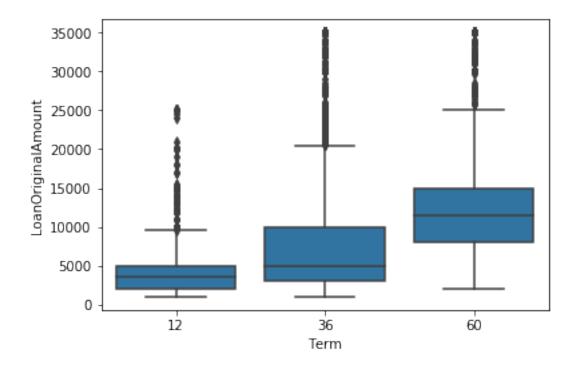
Evidently, employed people take out/ are eligible for the highest amount of loans. Let's examine if one's income range has an effect on the Loan Amount.



To a certain extent, income range is directly proportional to the loan amount. We can see that the highest loan amounts are taken by customers who earn USD 100, 000+, followed by those who earn between 75,000 - 99,999 and so on. However it is also interesting to note that customers who earn no income are also eligible for a significant amount in loans (up to USD 10,000)

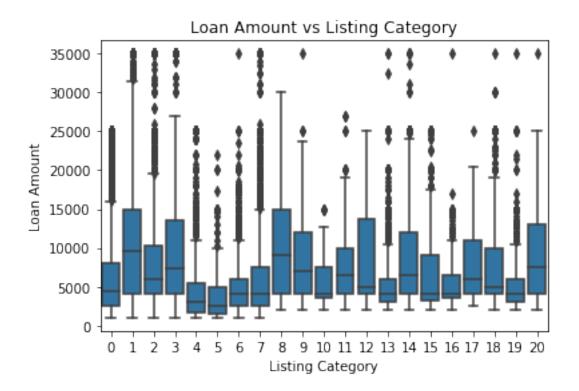
Let's observe the relationship between the loan amount and the term take to repay the loan.

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In [23]: sb.boxplot(data=df, x='Term', y='LoanOriginalAmount', color = sb.color_palette()[0])
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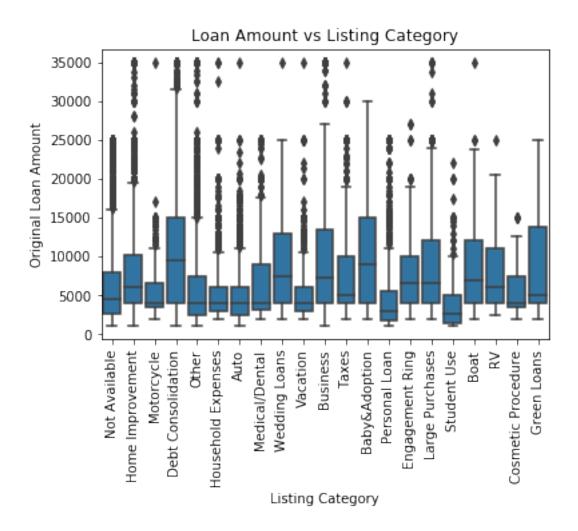


As expected, term is directly proportional to the Loan Amount. This is intuitive because the larger the amount, the more likely that one would need a longer period of time to pay it off.

Is there a correlation between the Listing Category (the reason the loan was taken) and the amount borrowed?

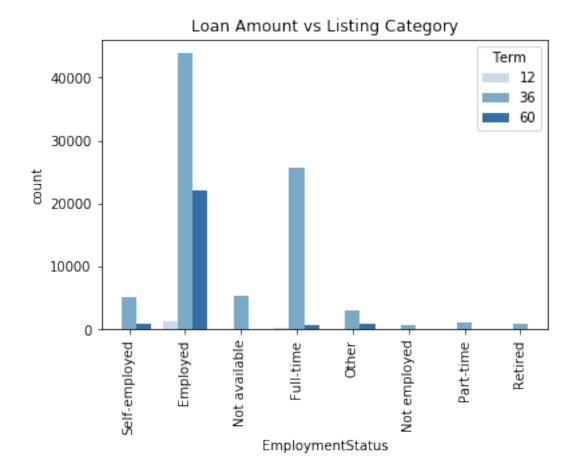


The listing categories as they are do not provide us with much information. Let's replace the numeric values with the categories that they represent.



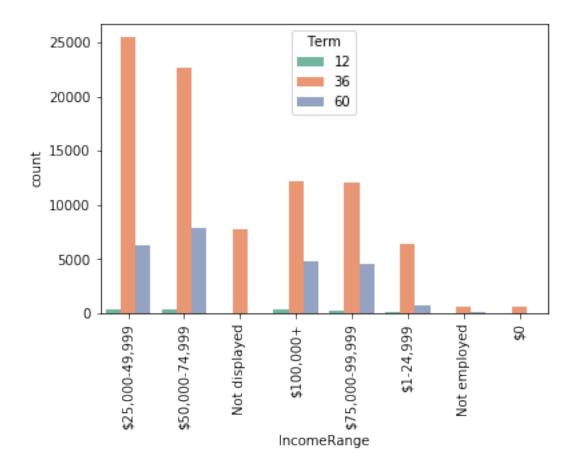
From this plot, it is clear that the top categories that largest loan amounts are for the following reasons: 1. Debt Consolidation 2. Wedding Loans 3. Baby & Adoption

This either means that these categories are expensive, e.g. Weddings in the United States are known to be quite costly, or it could also mean that a large number of the population is taking up loans for these reasons.



Regardless of employement status, it is evident that most people do not opt for a 12 month term. 36 months was the most popular term followed by 60 months. It's also interesting to note that 60 months is remarkably common among employed customers. This is likely due to the fact that they have a consistent income stream and would be able to sustain payments over a longer period of time.

Let's explore whether there's any correlation between the term and the income range for the borrower.



Similarly, at each income level, there is a clear order of preference with respect to the preferred term for loan repayment. That is, most people prefer a 36 month term, some people opt for a 60 month term, and very few people opt for a 12 month term.

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

As as expected, the Prosper score is directly proportional to the loan amount. This means because that a customer with the lowest risk score would obtain the highest loan amount. It was evident also that the Lender Yield and Estimated Effective Yield are both positively correlated with the APR i.e the higher a borrower's annual percentage rate, the greater the yield(return) on the loan. Another notable factor was that the loan term was not directly proportional to either income range or employment status. Regardless of the employment status and / or income range, most customers opted for a 36 month term.

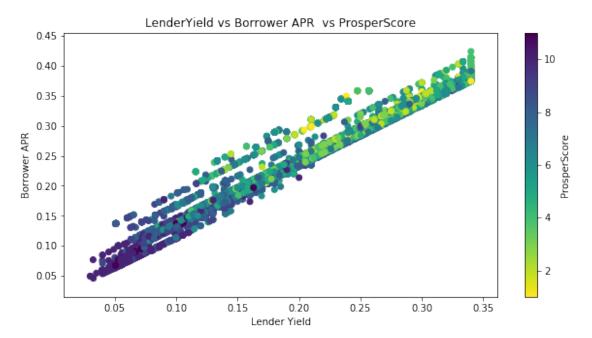
1.5.2 Did you observe any interesting relationships between the other features (not the main feature(s) of interest)?

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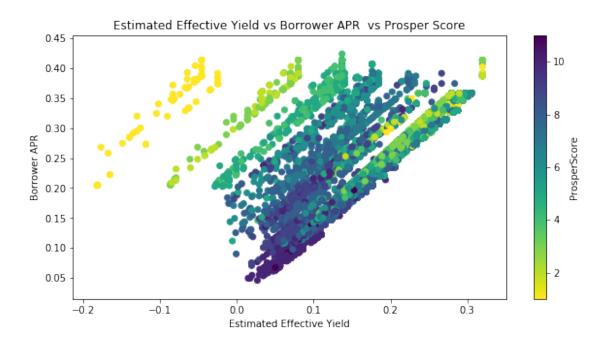
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1.6 Multivariate Exploration

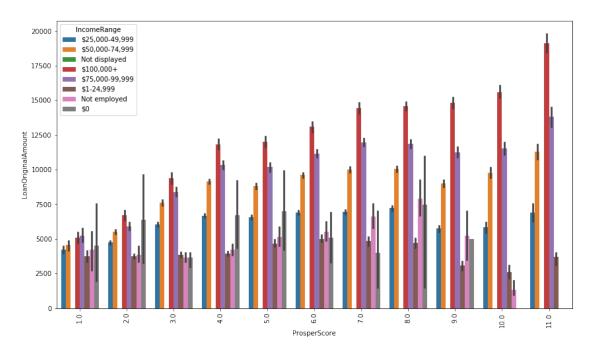
Create plots of three or more variables to investigate your data even further. Make sure that your investigations are justified, and follow from your work in the previous sections.



We observe that prosper score is negatively correlated with the APR. This is likely due to the fact that customers with lower risk classifications are offered lower annual percentage rates.



As with the previous plot, we observe that prosper score is largely, negatively correlated with the APR. This is likely due to the fact that customers with lower risk classifications are offered lower annual percentage rates.



From the above plot, we can observe that at each Prosper Rating, customers who make USD 100,000 + are able to obtain/ take out larger loan amounts. Additionally, this plot confirms the direct proportionality between the loan amount obtained and the prosper score rating(i.e the highest loan amounts are obtained by those with the lowest risk classification.)

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

Using multivariate plots the relationship between the original amount, the Propser Score and the income range was analysed. The correlation between the amount and the income range was as observed in the previous section with customers earning USD 100, 000 + obtaining the highest amount of loans. We observed that prosper score is negatively correlated with the APR. This is likely due to the fact that customers with lower risk classifications are offered lower annual percentage rates.

1.6.2 Were there any interesting or surprising interactions between features?

Yes it was interesting to observe that even users who's income was 0 USD were able to get loans, and sometimes larger amounts than users with a higher income range.