

INTRODUCTION TO DATA SCIENCE MID PROJECT SEC - D GROUP - 4

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Dataset Description:

The given dataset is a modified version of the "Loan Approval Classification Dataset" available in <u>Kaggle</u>. The dataset contains information about individuals seeking loan approval. This is a supervised dataset with the target variable being "loan_status" containing 2 categorical values: 0 (Rejected) and 1 (Accepted).

Apart from the target variable, this dataset contains 13 attributes (excluding the target) with a mixture of numeric and categorical types. The total dataset contains 201 instances. A brief overview of the dataset attribute types (with the total class values for categorical) is given below:

Column Name	Description	Туре
person_age	Age of the person	Numeric (integer)
person_gender	Gender of the person	Categorical (male, female)
person_eduation	Highest education level of the person	Categorical (Associate, Bachelor, Doctorate, High School, Master)
person_income	Annual income	Numeric (Continuous)
person_emp_exp	Years of employment experience	Numeric (integer)
person_home_ownership	Home ownership status	Categorical (MORTGAGE, OWN, OTHER, RENT)
loan_amnt	Loan amount request	Numeric (Continuous)
loan_intent	Purpose of the loan	Categorical (PERSONAL, EDUCATION, MEDICAL, VENTURE, DEBTCONSOLIDATION)
loan_int_rate	Loan interest rate	Numeric (Continuous)
loan_percent_income	Loan amount as a percentage of annual income	Numeric (Continuous)
cb_person_cred_hist_length	Length of credit history in years	Numeric (integer)
credit_score	Credit score of the person	Numeric (Continuous)
previous_loan_defaults_on_file	Indicator of previous loan defaults	Categorical (YES, NO)
loan_status	Loan approval status	Categorical (accepted, rejected)

The primary questions explored in this project were:

- What are the key demographic and financial factors that influence whether a loan gets approved or rejected?
- How do categorical attributes (such as education level, gender, and home ownership) impact loan approval?
- What relationships or correlations exist among the numeric variables (income, loan amount, credit score, etc.)?
- How can missing values, outliers, and class imbalance be effectively handled to ensure the dataset is suitable for modeling?
- After preprocessing, does the dataset show a more balanced, reliable structure for future predictive analysis?

1. Load all the libraries needed:

Code:

install.packages("dplyr")
install.packages('openxlsx')
install.packages("stringdist")
install.packages("corrplot")

library(dplyr) library(openxlsx) library(stringdist) library(corrplot)

Description:

dplyr: To manipulate the column & row contents of dataframes.

openxisx: Open, Read & Write to an Excel file.

stringdist: Matching strings with predefined valid values.

Corrplot: used to visualize correlation matrices in a graphical and easy-to-interpret

way.

2. Load the data:

Code:

data <- read.xlsx("Midterm Dataset Section(C).xlsx")

Description:

By using the 'openxlsx' library, the Excel file contents were converted to an R data frame.

3. Check the data summary:

Code:

str(data) summary(data)

Description:

str(data) shows a small overview of the columns in 'data'. And **summary(data)** shows a short summary of each column (minimum and maximum values, mean, median, 1st quartile, and 3rd quartile values for numeric attributes, and the instance count for categorical attributes and the number of missing values for all attributes).

```
'data.frame': 201 obs. of 14 variables:
                  : num 21 21 25 23 24 NA 22 24 22 21 ...
: chr "female" "female" "female" "female" ...
: chr "Master" "High School" "High School" "Bachelor" ...
$ person_age
$ person_gender
$ person education
$ loan_percent_income
                               : num 0.49 NA 0 0.44 0.53 0.19 0.37 0.37 0.35 0.13 ...
$ cb_person_cred_hist_length : num 3 2 3 2 4 2 3 4 2 3 ...
                               : num 561 504 635 675 586 532 701 585 544 640 ...
$ credit_score
$ previous_loan_defaults_on_file: chr "No" "Yes" "No" "No" ...
                              : num 1011111 NA1...
$ loan_status
> summary(data)
person_age person_gender
Min. : 21.00 Length:201
                                   person_education person_income
                                                                       person_emp_exp
                                                                                       person_home_ownership loan_amnt
                                                                       Min. : 0.000 Length:201
                                   Length:201
                                                      Min. : 12282
                                                                                                             Min. : 1000
1st Qu.: 22.00 Class :character Class :character 1st Qu.: 60501
                                                                       1st Qu.: 0.000 Class:character
                                                                                                              1st Ou.:10000
Median: 23.00 Mode:character Mode:character
                                                     Median : 85284
                                                                       Median : 1.000 Mode :character
                                                                                                              Median :25000
Mean : 27.39
                                                     Mean : 149875
                                                                       Mean : 2.761
                                                                                                              Mean :20553
                                                     3rd Qu.: 241060 3rd Qu.: 3.000
                                                                                                              3rd Qu.:28000
3rd Qu.: 25.00
                                                     Max. :3138998 Max. :125.000
NA's :4
Max. :350.00
                                                                                                              Max.
                                                                                                                    :35000
NA's
                  loan_int_rate loan_percent_income cb_person_cred_hist_length credit_score previous_loan_defaults_on_file Min. : 5.42 Min. :0.0000 Min. :2.00 Min. :484.0 Length:201
 loan_intent
                                                     Min. :2.00 Min. :484.0
                   1st Qu.:10.65 1st Qu.:0.0900
                                                     1st Qu.:2.00
                                                                               1st Qu.:595.0
                                                                                               Class :character
Mode :character
                   Median :11.83 Median :0.2350
                                                     Median :3.00
                                                                              Median :630.0
                                                                                               Mode :character
                                                                              Mean :628.5
3rd Qu.:665.0
Max. :807.0
                   Mean :12.29
                                  Mean :0.2293
                                                     Mean :2.99
                  3rd Qu.:14.42 3rd Qu.:0.3425
Max. :20.00 Max. :0.5300
NA's :1
                                                     3rd Qu.:4.00
                                                   Max. :4.00
 loan_status
Min. :0.0000
1st Qu.:0.0000
Median :1.0000
Mean :0.6162
3rd Qu.:1.0000
Max. :1.0000
NA's :3
```

Before:	After:
Screenshot:	
factor() is used to rename/annotate the current a contains the current attribute values in 'loan_staway: 0 -> "rejected" & 1: "accepted"	
Description:	
Code: annotated <- distinct_data annotated\$loan_status <- factor(annotated\$loan_levels = c(0, 1), labels = c("rejected", "accepted")	-
5. Annotating Target Attribute:	
> nrow(data) [1] 201 > nrow(distination) [1] 200 >	ct(data))
Screenshot:	
nrow() returns the number of instances of the distinct() returns another dataset with only the Finally, the dataset returned using distinct() 'distinct_data'.	unique instances.
_ ` ` '	
distinct_data <- distinct(data)	
nrow(data) nrow(distinct(data))	
Code:	
4. Check and Remove Duplicate Rows:	

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loan_status	loan_status
1	rejected
0	rejected
1	rejected

6. Visualizing the class distribution for categorical columns:

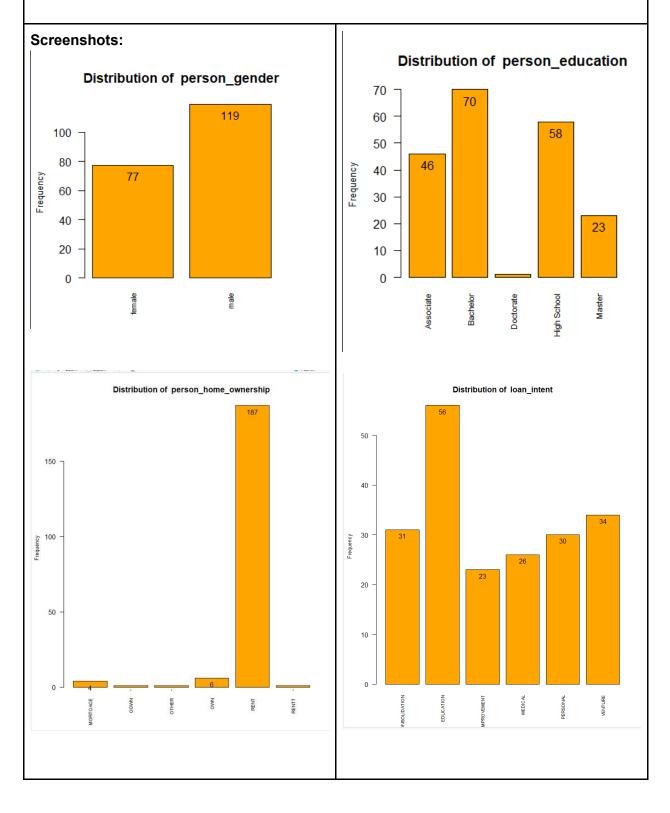
Code:

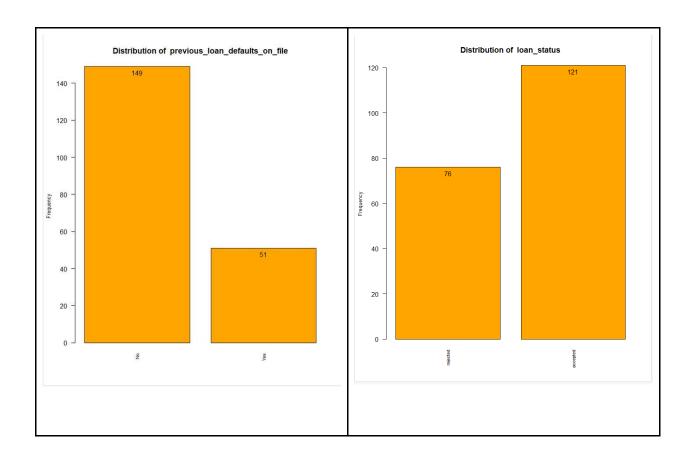
```
categorical cols <- names(annotated)[sapply(annotated, function(x) is.factor(x) |
is.character(x))]
categorical cols
plotCategoricalCols <- function(data = annotated, col)</pre>
 counts <- table(data[[col]])
 bar positions <- barplot(counts,
                 main = paste("Distribution of ", col),
                 col = "orange",
                 xlab = "",
                 ylab = "Frequency",
                 cex.lab = 0.8,
                 cex.names = 0.9,
                las = 2)
text(bar_positions, counts, labels = counts, pos = 1, cex = 1)
plotCategoricalCols(annotated, "person gender")
plotCategoricalCols(annotated, "person education")
plotCategoricalCols(annotated, "person_home_ownership")
plotCategoricalCols(annotated, "loan intent")
plotCategoricalCols(annotated, "previous loan defaults on file")
plotCategoricalCols(annotated, "loan status")
```

Description:

Returns the frequency of unique values of a specific column and visualizes them into a bar

plot using the **barplot()** function. The 'categorical_cols' array holds the values of the names of all the columns that are holding character or factor type data.





7. Fixing Invalid Values in the Categorical Columns:

```
Code:
fixed_invalid_categorical <- annotated
valid_values <- c("MORTGAGE", "OWN", "OTHER", "RENT")
fix values <- function(column, valid values) {
 sapply(column, function(value) {
  closest <- valid values[which.min(stringdist::stringdist(value, valid values))]</pre>
  return(closest)
})
}
fixed_invalid_categorical <- fixed_invalid_categorical %>%
 mutate(person home ownership = fix values(person home ownership, valid values))
plotCategoricalCols(fixed invalid categorical, "person home ownership")
```

Fixing the invalid attribute values of a column by matching them with the values. If the values are valid, then keep them as they are, but if the values are invalid, replace them with the closest matching valid value.

This line: closest <- valid_values[which.min(stringdist::stringdist(value, valid_values))] Matches a 'value' with the list of values in 'valid_values' using the function from 'stringdist' library. If the 'value' is already valid, it will match with the 'valid_values' and if it's an invalid value then it will match with the list of 'valid values' and the closest matching 'valid_value' is returned and replaced from the invalid.



8. Convert the values of categorical columns into lowercase letters.

Code:

categorical_cols
lowered <- fixed invalid categorical

for (col in categorical_cols) {
 lowered[[col]] <- tolower(lowered[[col]])
}

Description:

The attribute values of categorical columns were in both capital letters and small letters, which

is a critical aspect while mapping them to numeric values. To overcome this issue, all the attributes of all the categorical columns have been converted to lowercase letters using the **tolower()** method.

Screenshots:

Before:			After:		
person_home_ownership	loan_amnt ÷	loan_intent	person_home_ownership	loan_amnt ‡	loan_intent
RENT	35000	PERSONAL	rent	35000	personal
OWN	1000	EDUCATION	o wn	1000	education
MORTGAGE	5500	MEDICAL	mortgage	5500	medical
RENT	35000	MEDICAL	rent	35000	medical
RENT	35000	MEDICAL	rent	35000	medical
OWN	2500	VENTURE	o wn	2500	venture
RENT	35000	EDUCATION	rent	35000	education

9. Visualizing the missing values

Code:

```
colSums(is.na(lowered[categorical_cols]))
for (col_name in categorical_cols)
{
    cat(col_name, " -> ", which(is.na(lowered[col_name])), "\n")
```

2.

```
barplot(colSums(is.na(lowered[categorical_cols])), las = 2, col = "blue",
    main = "Missing Values per Categorical Column",
    xlab = "", ylab = "Count of missing Values",
    cex.lab = 0.9,
    cex.names = 0.9)
```

Description:

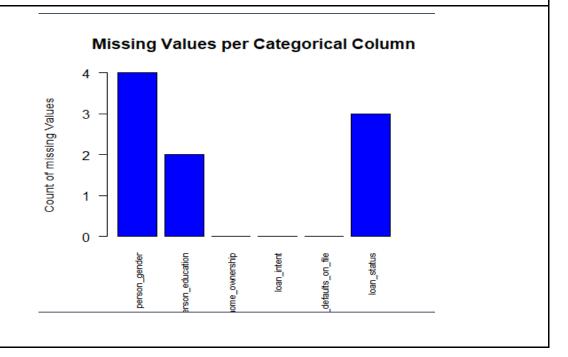
The 1st code snippet returns the number of missing values for every categorical column using the **colSums()** function that sums all the occurrences of 'TRUE' values returned by **is.na()** function.

The 2nd snippet shows the instance index where the missing values are present for each of the categorical columns. For this **which()** function is used which returns the indexes of instances where at least one attribute value is 'NA'.

The 3rd code snippet returns a bar plot showing the missing values in all the categorical columns using the **barplot()** function.

```
Screenshot:
1st & 2nd code output:
             > colSums(is.na(lowered[categorical_cols]))
                            person_gender
                                                person_education
                                                                           person_home_ownership
                                                                                                                loan_intent
             previous_loan_defaults_on_file
                                                         loan_status
            > for (col_name in categorical_cols)
            + cat(col_name, " -> ", which(is.na(lowered[col_name])), "\n")
             person_gender -> 8 17 189 197
             person_education -> 9 16
             person_home_ownership ->
            loan_intent ->
             previous_loan_defaults_on_file ->
            loan_status -> 9 15 18
```

>



10. Discard rows with NULL values for Categorical Columns

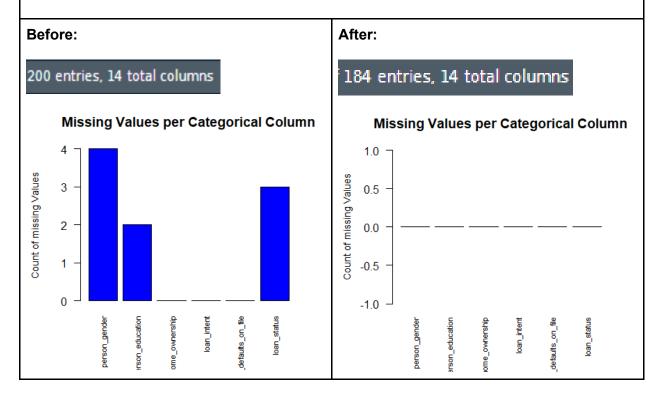
Code:

discraded_null <- lowered
discraded_null <- na.omit(discraded_null)</pre>

Description:

This is one of the techniques to handle null values. This technique removes all the instances containing NULL or missing values. The **na.omit(discraded_null)** function returns the dataset with all of its null values removed.

Screenshot:



11. Handle NULL values with Top down Approach for Categorical Columns.

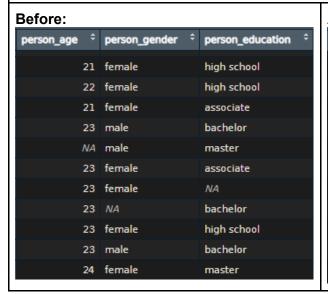
```
top_down <- lowered
categorical_cols <- names(top_down)[sapply(top_down, function(x) is.factor(x) |
is.character(x))]
for (col in categorical_cols) {
  for (i in seq_len(nrow(top_down))[-1]) {</pre>
```

```
if (is.na(top_down[[col]][i])) {
    top_down[[col]][i] <- top_down[[col]][i - 1]
    }
  }
}</pre>
```

This technique replaces the NULL values with the previous instance value of the same column. A loop is running till the end of the column and checking if any instance value is null or not; if the condition finds any null values then replace them with the previous value. Here is the condition: if (is.na(bottom_up[[col]][i])).

top_down[[col]][i] <- top_down[[col]][i - 1] this line replacing the previous instance value with the NULL value.

Screenshot:





12. Handle NULL values with Bottom Up Approach for Categorical Columns.

```
bottom_up <- lowered
categorical_cols <- names(bottom_up)[sapply(bottom_up, function(x) is.factor(x) |
is.character(x))]

for (col in categorical_cols) {
   for (i in seq_len(nrow(bottom_up) - 1)) {
     if (is.na(bottom_up[[col]][i])) {
       bottom_up[[col]][i] <- bottom_up[[col]][i + 1]
     }
   }
}</pre>
```

}

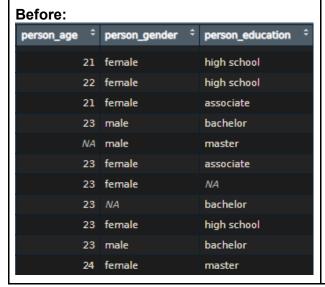
Description:

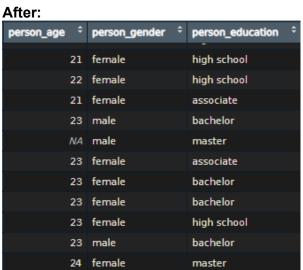
This technique handles the NULL values by replacing them with the value of the next instance of the same column.

A loop runs till the end of a column and checks if any instance is NULL or not. If the condition finds any NULL value then replace the value with the next instance value .Here is the condition: if (is.na(bottom_up[[col]][i]))

bottom_up[[col]][i] <- bottom_up[[col]][i + 1] this line replacing the NULL value with the next instance value.

Screenshot:





13. Replace NULL values with MODE for categorical columns

```
most_frequent_data <- lowered categorical_cols <- names(most_frequent_data)[sapply(most_frequent_data, function(x) is.factor(x) | is.character(x))]

for (col in categorical_cols) {
   most_frequent <- names(sort(table(most_frequent_data[[col]]), decreasing = TRUE))[1]
   most_frequent_data[[col]][which(is.na(most_frequent_data[[col]]))] <- most_frequent
}
```

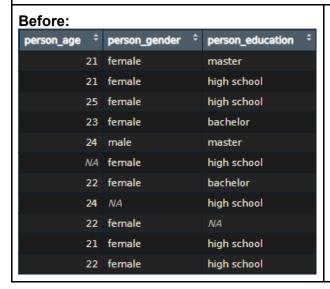
Mode is the most frequent value of the whole column, and for handling null values for categorical columns, the mode value (the attribute value with more instances) was used.

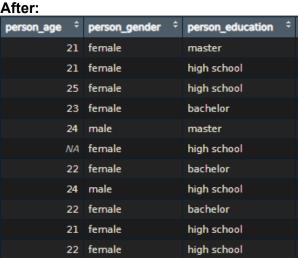
A loop runs till the end of the column for finding Null values. If the condition finds a null value then replace them with mode value.

names(sort(table(most_frequent_data[[col]]), decreasing = TRUE))[1], this line of code
returns the mode value of a column.

most_frequent_data[[col]][which(is.na(most_frequent_data[[col]]))] <- most_frequent, this line of code replacing the null values with the mode value.

Screenshot:





For handling the missing values of categorical columns, Mean and Median cannot be used. Generally, the most frequent value is used to handle the missing values. So, Mode has been used to replace all the "NA" values.

14. Label Encoding for the Categorical Columns

```
levels = education,
labels = 0:(length(education) - 1))

home_ownership <- unique(label_encoded$person_home_ownership)
label_encoded$person_home_ownership <- factor(label_encoded$person_home_ownership,
levels = home_ownership,
labels = 0:(length(home_ownership) - 1))

intent <- unique(label_encoded$loan_intent)
label_encoded$loan_intent <- factor(label_encoded$loan_intent,
levels = intent,
labels = 0:(length(intent) - 1))

loan_defaults_on_file <- unique(label_encoded$previous_loan_defaults_on_file)
label_encoded$previous_loan_defaults_on_file <- factor(label_encoded$previous_loan_defaults_on_file,
levels = loan_defaults_on_file,
labels = 0:(length(loan_defaults_on_file) - 1))
```

This technique maps all the attributes of a categorical column to a numeric value. **gender <- unique(label_encoded\$person_gender)**, this line of code takes all the unique

yalues of a categorical column.

label_encoded\$person_gender <- factor(label_encoded\$person_gender, this line of code maps all the unique values to a numeric value.

Screenshot:

Before:

person_age		person_gender	person_education ‡	person_income ‡	person_emp_exp ÷	person_home_ownership
	21	female	master	71948	0	rent
	21	female	high school	12282	0	o wn
	25	female	high school	12438	3	mortgage
	23	female	bachelor	79753	0	rent
	24	male	master	66135	1	rent
	NA	female	high school	12951	0	o wn
	22	female	bachelor	NA	1	rent
	24	male	high school	95550	5	rent
	22	female	bachelor	100684	3	rent
	21	female	high school	12739	0	o wn
	22	female	high school	102985	0	rent
	21	female	associate	13113	0	o wn
	23	male	bachelor	114860	3	rent
	NA	male	master	130713	0	rent

After: person_age person_gender person_education person_income person_emp_exp person_home_ownership 21 0 0 0 71948 21 0 1 0 1 12282 25 0 3 2 12438 0 0 23 0 79753 0 24 1 66135 1 0 1 0 1 NA 0 12951 22 0 1 0 24 1 1 95550 5 0 22 0 100684 3 0 21 0 12739 0 1 0 0 22 0 1 102985 21 0 0 1 13113 23 1 114860 3 0 NA 1 0 130713 0 0

15. Summary of the Numeric Columns

Code:

str(label encoded)

numeric_cols <- names(label_encoded)[sapply(label_encoded, is.numeric)]
summary(label_encoded[numeric_cols])</pre>

Description:

str(data) shows a small overview of the numeric columns. And **summary()** shows a short summary of each numeric column (minimum and maximum values, mean, median, 1st quartile, and 3rd quartile values for numeric attributes and the number of missing values for all attributes).

```
labels = 0:(length(loan_defaults_on_file) - 1))
> str(label_encoded)
 'data.frame': 200 obs. of 14 variables:
 $ person_gender
$ person_education
$ person_education
$ person_income
$ num 71948 12282 12438 79753 66135 ...
$ person_emp_exp
$ num 0 0 3 0 1 0 1 5 3 0 ...
$ person_home_ownership
$ person_home_ownership
$ loan_amnt
$ num 35000 1000 5500 35000 2500 35000 35000 35000 1600 ...
$ loan_intent
$ loan_int_rate
$ loan_percent_income
$ loan_percent_income
$ sch person_scad bist_loapth
$ num 0.49 NA 0 0.44 0.53 0.19 0.37 0.37 0.35 0.13 ...
$ loan_total_income
$ loan_scal_income
$ loan_scal_income
$ loan_percent_income
$ loan_scal_income
 $ cb_person_cred_hist_length : num  3  2  3  2  4  2  3  4  2  3 ...
                                                                       : num 561 504 635 675 586 532 701 585 544 640 ...
 $ credit_score
 \ previous_loan_defaults_on_file: Factor w/ 2 levels "0","1": 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
 $ loan_status : chr "accepted" "rejected" "accepted" "accepted" ...
> numeric_cols <- names(label_encoded)[sapply(label_encoded, is.numeric)]</pre>
> summary(label_encoded[numeric_cols])
   person_age person_income person_emp_exp
                                                                                                                   loan_amnt
                                                                                                                                                      loan_int_rate loan_percent_income cb_person_cred_hist_length
 Min. : 21.00 Min. : 12282 Min. : 0.00 Min. : 1000 Min. : 5.42 Min. :0.0000 Min. :2.00
 Mean : 27.42 Mean : 150236 Mean : 2.77 Mean :20493 Mean :12.30 Mean :0.2284 Mean :2.99
3rd Qu.: 25.00 3rd Qu.: 241074 3rd Qu.: 3.00 3rd Qu.:28000 3rd Qu.:14.45 3rd Qu.:0.3400 3rd Qu.:4.00 Max. :350.00 Max. :3138998 Max. :125.00 Max. :35000 Max. :20.00 Max. :0.5300 Max. :4.00 NA's :4 NA's :4
  credit_score
 Min. :484.0
 1st Qu.:594.8
 Median :629.0
 Mean :628.2
 3rd Qu.:664.2
 Max. :807.0
```

16. Plotting the Numeric Columns

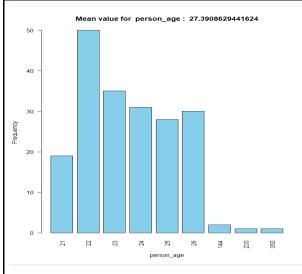
```
Code:
```

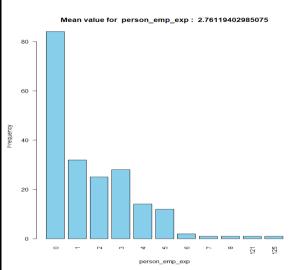
```
plotFreq <- function(col_name)
{
    # Create bar plot
    barplot(table(data[[col_name]]),
        main = paste("Mean value for ", col_name, ": ", mean(data[[col_name]], na.rm =
TRUE)),
    col = "skyblue",
        xlab = col_name,
        ylab = "Frequency",
        las = 2)
}

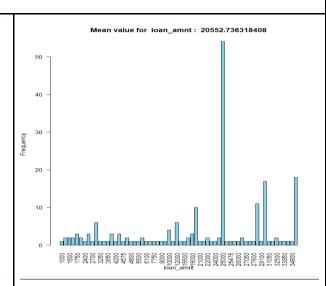
plotFreq("person_age")
plotFreq("person_income")
plotFreq("person_emp_exp")
plotFreq("loan_amnt")</pre>
```

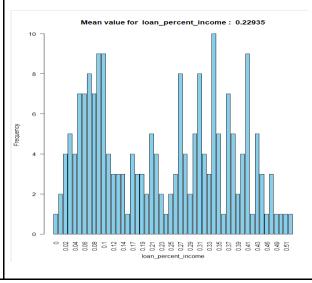
```
plotFreq("loan_int_rate")
plotFreq("loan_percent_income")
plotFreq("cb_person_cred_hist_length")
plotFreq("credit_score")
```

This code snippet returns the frequency of the values in all the numeric columns. Then the frequency is shown using a **barplot()**.









17. Plotting the NULL values of Numeric Columns

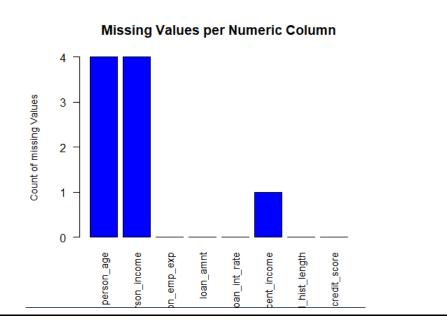
Code:

```
colSums(is.na(label_encoded))
for (col_name in numeric_cols)
{
  cat(col_name, " -> ", which(is.na(label_encoded[col_name])), "\n")
}
barplot(colSums(is.na(label_encoded[numeric_cols])), las = 2, col = "blue",
        main = "Missing Values per Numeric Column",
        xlab = "", ylab = "Count of missing Values",
        cex.lab = 0.9,
        cex.names = 0.9)
```

Description:

This code snippet returns a plot with all the numeric columns containing missing or NULL values.



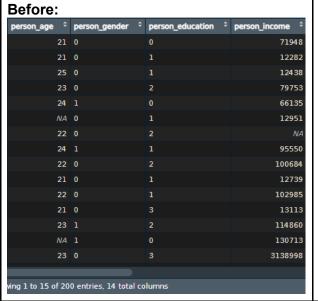


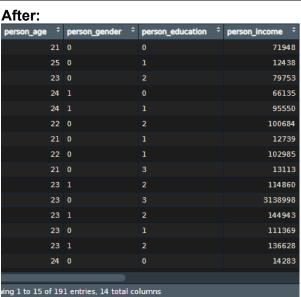
18. Discard numeric entries with missing or NULL values for Numerical Columns.

```
discraded_null_numeric <- label_encoded discraded_null_numeric <- na.omit(discraded_null_numeric)
```

This is one of the techniques to handle null values. This technique removes all the instances containing NULL or missing values. The **na.omit(discraded_null_numeric)** function returns the dataset with all of its null values removed from the numeric columns.

Screenshot:





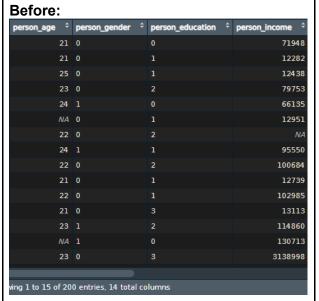
19. Handling NULL values with Top Down Approach for Numerical Columns.

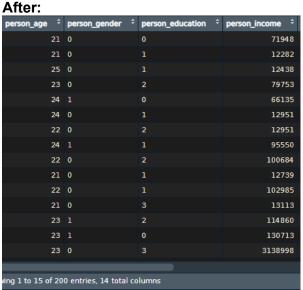
```
top_down_numeric_null <- label_encoded

for (col in numeric_cols) {
   for (i in seq_len(nrow(top_down_numeric_null))[-1]) {
     if (is.na(top_down_numeric_null[[col]][i])) {
       top_down_numeric_null[[col]][i] <- top_down_numeric_null[[col]][i - 1]
     }
   }
}</pre>
```

This approach is for replacing NULL values using the previous value of the column. This is a similar technique with 11 no technique.

Screenshot:





20. Handling NULL values with Bottom Up Approach for Numerical Columns.

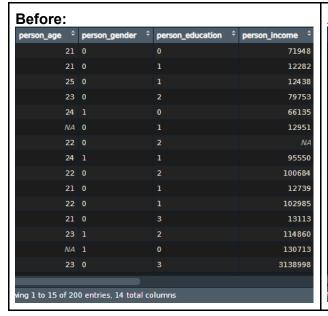
Code:

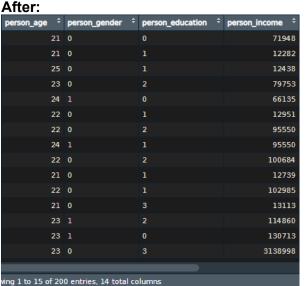
```
bottom_up_numeric_null <- label_encoded

for (col in numeric_cols) {
   for (i in seq_len(nrow(bottom_up_numeric_null) - 1)) {
      if (is.na(bottom_up_numeric_null[[col]][i])) {
      bottom_up_numeric_null[[col]][i] <- bottom_up_numeric_null[[col]][i + 1]
      }
   }
}</pre>
```

Description:

This approach is for replacing NULL values using the next value of the column. This is a similar technique with 12 no technique.





21. Handling NULL values with MODE Approach for Numerical Columns.

Code:

mode_replaced_numeric_null <- label_encoded

for (col in numeric_cols) {
 most_frequent <- names(sort(table(mode_replaced_numeric_null[[col]]), decreasing =
 TRUE))[1]
 mode replaced numeric null[[col]][which(is.na(mode replaced numeric null[[col]]))] <--</pre>

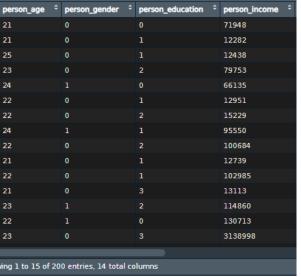
Description:

most frequent

This approach is for replacing NULL values using the MODE value of the column. This is a similar technique with 13 no technique.

Before:	After:
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22. Handling NULL values with MEAN Approach for Numerical Columns.

Code:

```
mean_replaced_numeric_null <- label_encoded

for (col in numeric_cols) {
   if (any(is.na(mean_replaced_numeric_null[[col]]))) {
      mean_value <- round(mean(mean_replaced_numeric_null[[col]], na.rm = TRUE))
      mean_replaced_numeric_null[[col]][which(is.na(mean_replaced_numeric_null[[col]]))] <-
mean_value
   }
}</pre>
```

Description:

This approach is for replacing NULL values with the MEAN value of the column.

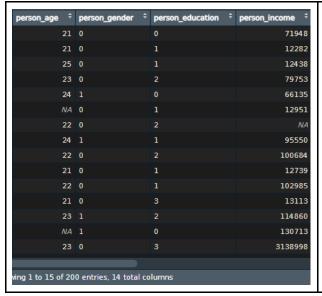
A loop is running until the last attribute of a column to check for NULL values.

if (any(is.na(mean_replaced_numeric_null[[col]]))), this is the condition to check for NULL values and if the condition finds a NULL value it replace it with the MEAN value.

mean_replaced_numeric_null[[col]][which(is.na(mean_replaced_numeric_null[[col]]))]

<- mean_value, this is the code for replacing the NULL value with MEAN value.

Screenshot:	
Before:	After:



person_age ÷	person_gender ‡	person_education ‡	person_income ‡
21	0	0	71948
21	0	1	12282
25	0	1	12438
23	0	2	79753
24			66135
27	0	1	12951
22	0	2	150236
24	1	1	95550
22	0	2	100684
21	0	1	12739
22	0	1	102985
21	0	3	13113
23		2	114860
27	1	0	130713
23	0	3	3138998
wing 1 to 15 of 20	0 entries, 14 total co	olumns	

23. Handling NULL values with MEDIAN Approach for Numerical Columns.

Code:

```
median_replaced_numeric_null <- label_encoded

for (col in numeric_cols) {
   if (any(is.na(median_replaced_numeric_null[[col]]))) {
     median_value <- median(median_replaced_numeric_null[[col]], na.rm = TRUE)
     median_replaced_numeric_null[[col]][which(is.na(median_replaced_numeric_null[[col]]))] <-
median_value
   }
}</pre>
```

Description:

This technique replaces the NULL values with the median value of a column.

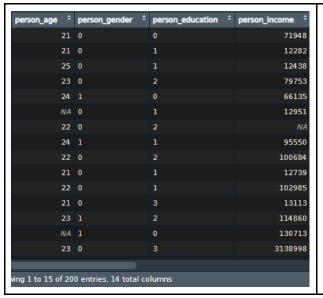
A loop is running in a column until the column's last attribute to find the NULL value from the column.

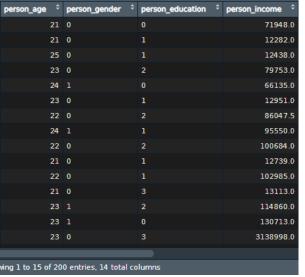
if (any(is.na(median_replaced_numeric_null[[col]]))), this is the line of the condition of checking NULL values.

median_replaced_numeric_null[[col]][which(is.na(median_replaced_numeric_null[[col]]))] <- median_value, this replace the median value with the NULL value

S	CI	re	e	ns	sh	0	t:

Before: A	After:
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For handling 'NA' values there are several techniques, but Median has been used because the dataset contains outlier values and mean does not work well when the dataset contains outliers. Aside from the missing values, the distribution of the dataset is skewed. So, the mode value is not suitable for numeric columns. That's why the median has been used.

24. Finding the Standard Deviation for all the Numeric Columns

Code:

median replaced numeric null %>% summarise if(is.numeric, sd)

Description:

This returns the standard Deviation of all the numeric columns.

```
> median_replaced_numeric_null %>% summarise_if(is.numeric, sd)
   person_age person_income person_emp_exp loan_amnt loan_int_rate loan_percent_income cb_person_cred_hist_length credit_score
1 29.72641 237273.4 12.24199 10740.73 3.156219 0.1408948 0.7829207 50.61006
> |
```

25. Applying Z score to check and handle all the Outlier in the Numerical Columns

Code:

```
z_score_outlier_handeled <- median_replaced_numeric_null
for (col in numeric_cols) {
   z_scores <- scale(z_score_outlier_handeled[[col]])

   z_score_outlier_handeled <- z_score_outlier_handeled[abs(z_scores) <= 3, ]
}</pre>
```

Description:

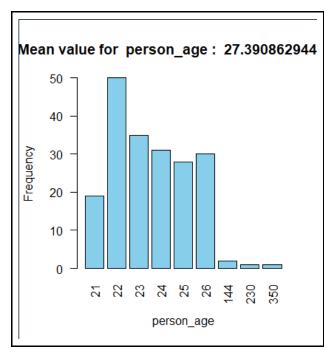
This technique helps to check all the outliers in the numeric columns. This identifies and handles all the outliers from the numeric values.

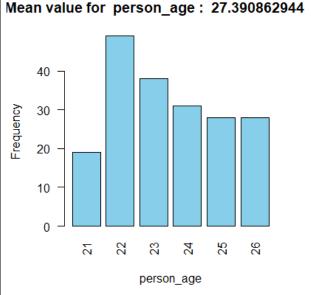
z_scores <- scale(z_score_outlier_handeled[[col]]), this line returns all the outliers.
z_score_outlier_handeled <- z_score_outlier_handeled[abs(z_scores) <= 3, by this line
of code all the outliers have been handled in between the z-score 3. If the value of z is greater
than 3, it marks those values as outliers and discard them.</pre>

Screenshot:

Before:			
person_age ‡	person_gender ‡	person_education ‡	person_income ÷
23	1	0	130713.0
23	0	3	3138998.0
23	0	2	86047.5
23	1	2	144943.0
23	0	1	111369.0
23	1	2	136628.0
24	0	0	14283.0
25	1	2	195718.0
25	1	1	165792.0
22	0	0	79255.0
24	0	2	13866.0
22	1	2	97420.0
24	0	1	82443.0
21	0	3	14288.0
23	1	1	14293.0
22	0	2	79054.0
21	0	2	14988.0
21	1	1	86047.5
230	1	2	144855.0
wing 14 to 32 of 2	00 entries, 14 total c	olumns	

After: person_age person_gender person_education person_income 23 1 114860.0 130713.0 86047.5 23 1 144943.0 23 0 111369.0 136628.0 14283.0 195718.0 25 1 165792.0 79255.0 13866.0 82443.0 21 0 14288 0 14293.0 22 0 79054.0 21 0 14988.0 86047.5 114645.0 ng 12 to 31 of 193 entries, 14 total columns





26. Using IQR to check and handle the outliers

Code:

```
iqr_outlier_handled <- median_replaced_numeric_null

for (col in numeric_cols) {
    Q1 <- quantile(iqr_outlier_handled[[col]], 0.25, na.rm = TRUE)
    Q3 <- quantile(iqr_outlier_handled[[col]], 0.75, na.rm = TRUE)
    IQR <- Q3 - Q1

lower_bound <- Q1 - 1.5 * IQR
    upper_bound <- Q3 + 1.5 * IQR

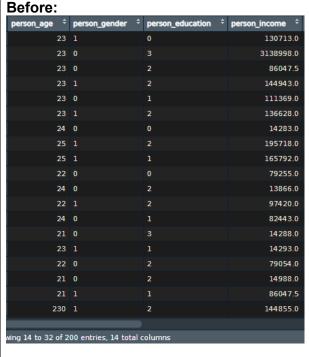
iqr_outlier_handled <- iqr_outlier_handled[iqr_outlier_handled[[col]] >= lower_bound &
    iqr_outlier_handled[[col]] <= upper_bound, ]
}</pre>
```

Description:

This technique finds and handles outliers. **IQR <- Q3 - Q1,** by this line of code, it detects the outliers. If the value is greater than Q3 and less than Q1, then the value is marked as an outlier.

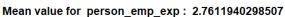
iqr_outlier_handled <- iqr_outlier_handled[iqr_outlier_handled[[col]] >= lower_bound &
iqr_outlier_handled[[col]] <= upper_bound, this code is removing all the values that are
higher than upper_bound and lower than lower_bound.</pre>

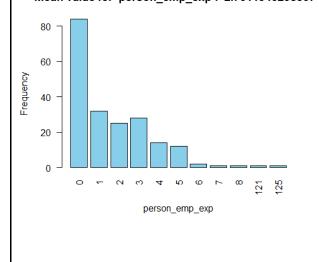
Screenshot:



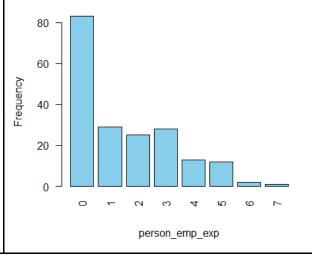
After: person_age







Mean value for person_emp_exp: 2.761194029



27. Applying CHI square to get the range of Numeric columns

Code:

sapply(z_score_outlier_handeled[numeric_cols], function(x) if(is.numeric(x)) sd(x, na.rm = TRUE))

```
chi_squared <- z_score_outlier_handeled

person_income_bins <- cut(chi_squared$person_income, breaks = 4)
levels(person_income_bins)
levels(person_income_bins) <- c("Low", "Lower Middle", "Upper Middle", "High")
chi_squared$person_income <- person_income_bins

amount <- cut(chi_squared$loan_amnt, breaks = 3)
levels(amount)
levels(amount) <- c("Small", "Medium", "Large")
chi_squared$loan_amnt <- amount

str(chi_squared)
```

This code helps to convert numeric column to categorical column and helps to find the perfect range for doing so.

cut(chi_squared\$person_income, breaks = 4), By this code, the person_income_bins column has been partitioned into 4 categories.

chi_squared\$person_income <- person_income_bins, this line of code replacing the numeric values to the categorical values.

```
Screenshot:
```

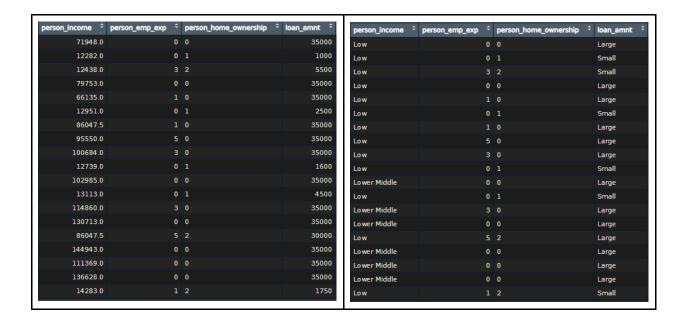
```
sapply(z_score_outlier_handeled[numeric_cols], function(x) if(is.numeric(x)) sd(x, na.rm = TRUE))

        person_age
        person_income
        person_emp_exp
        loan_amnt

        1.600005e+00
        1.064568e+05
        1.764366e+00
        1.069695e+04

                                                                                                                     loan_int_rate
            1.600005e+00
                                                                1.764366e+00
                                                                                                                        3.187572e+00
     loan_percent_income cb_person_cred_hist_length
1.424372e-01 7.826243e-01
                                                               credit_score
                                                                 4.764235e+01
                       1.4243/20-01
                                                           /.826243e-U1
                                                                                                4./642350+01
    > chi_squared <- z_score_outlier_handeled
    > person_income_bins <- cut(chi_squared$person_income, breaks = 4)
     > levels(person_income_bins)
    [1] "(1.19e+04,9.96e+04]" "(9.96e+04,1.87e+05]" "(1.87e+05,2.74e+05]" "(2.74e+05,3.62e+05]" > levels(person_income_bins) <- c("Low", "Lower Middle", "Upper Middle", "High")
     > chi_squared$person_income <- person_income_bins
     > amount <- cut(chi_squared$loan_amnt, breaks = 3)
     > levels(amount)
     [1] "(966,1.23e+04]"
                                        "(1.23e+04,2.37e+04]" "(2.37e+04,3.5e+04]"
```

Before: After:



28. Normalizing the numeric values

Code:

```
normalized_numeric <- chi_squared

col_min <- min(normalized_numeric[["credit_score"]])

col_max <- max(normalized_numeric[["credit_score"]])

normalized_numeric[["credit_score"]] <- (normalized_numeric[["credit_score"]] - col_min) /

(col_max - col_min)

normalized_numeric[["loan_int_rate"]] <- (normalized_numeric[["loan_int_rate"]] / 100)
```

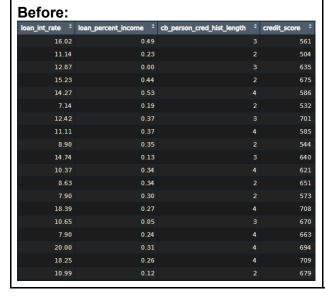
Description:

This technique helps to normalize the numeric value and convert every value in a range on 0-1. The large numbers are squeezed between 0-1 for easy representation.

normalized_numeric[["credit_score"]] -- (normalized_numeric[["credit_score"]] -- col_min) / (col_max - col_min), Min-max algorithm has been used to normalize the numeric data.

normalized_numeric[["loan_int_rate"]] <- (normalized_numeric[["loan_int_rate"]] / 100, this line of code convert all the values to 0 - 1.

Screenshot:



After: loan_int_rate loan_percent_income 0.49 0.32905983 0.00 0.64529915 0.81623932 0.43589744 0.20512821 0.92735043 0.43162393 0.0890 0.35 0.25641026 0.6666667 0.58547009 0.34 0.0863 0.71367521 0.38034188 0.1065 0.05 0.79487179 0.76495726 0.89743590 0.26 0.1825 0.96153846 0.1099 0.83333333

29. Filtering the numeric values

Code:

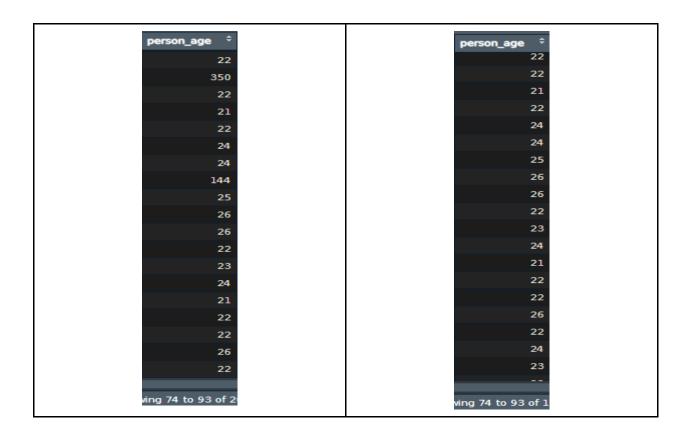
normalized_numeric_filtered <- median_replaced_numeric_null %>% filter(person_age < 80)

Description:

This code is filtering the outliers and replacing those with median values.

Screenshot:

Before: After:



30. Using upsampling in the numeric columns to balance the dataset

Code:

```
balanced_data <- normalized_numeric_filtered
table(balanced_data$loan_status)
plotCategoricalCols(balanced_data, "loan_status")

minority_class <- filter(balanced_data, loan_status == "rejected")
majority_class <- filter(balanced_data, loan_status == "accepted")

num_to_add <- nrow(majority_class) - nrow(minority_class)
num_to_add <- num_to_add + 20

upsampled_minority <- slice_sample(minority_class, n = num_to_add, replace = FALSE)

balanced_data <- bind_rows(majority_class, minority_class, upsampled_minority)

table(balanced_data$loan_status)

plotCategoricalCols(balanced_data, "loan_status")
```

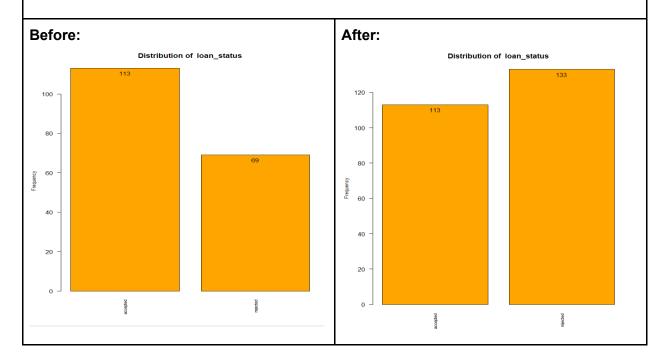
Description:

This technique has been used to make the dataset balanced. By doing upsampling, the minor

category increases its instance numbers.

upsampled_minority <- slice_sample(minority_class, n = num_to_add, replace = FALSE), by this line of code, the minor category has been increased.

Screenshot:



31. Applying Downsampling to balance the dataset

Code:

minority_class <- filter(balanced_data, loan_status == "accepted")
majority class <- filter(balanced_data, loan_status == "rejected")

downsampled majority class <- majority class %>% sample n(nrow(minority class))

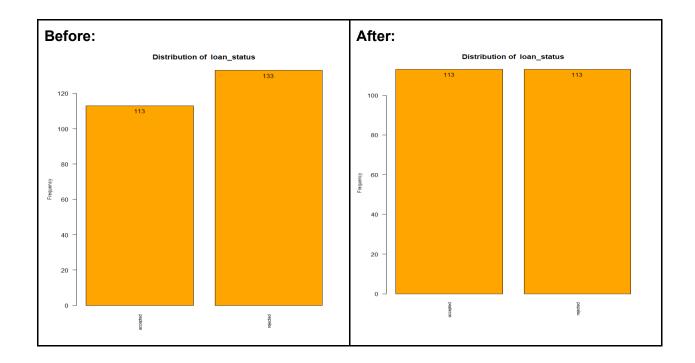
balanced data <- bind rows(downsampled majority class, minority class)

table(balanced_data\$loan_status)
plotCategoricalCols(balanced_data, "loan_status")

Description:

This technique helps to reduce the size of instances of the major class of a column.

downsampled_majority_class <- majority_class %>% sample_n(nrow(minority_class)),
this code helps to reduce the number of instances of the majority class in a column.



32. Summary after the preprocessed dataset

Code:

str(balanced_data) summary(balanced_data)

Description:

This shows the summary of the dataset after preprocessing

Screenshot:

Before Preprocessing:

```
> str(data)
'data.frame': 201 obs. of 14 variables:
                                : num 21 21 25 23 24 NA 22 24 22 21 ...

: chr "female" "female" "female" "female" ...

: chr "Master" "High School" "High School" "Bachelor" ...
$ person_age
$ person_gender
$ person_education
$ person_income
                                 : num 71948 12282 12438 79753 66135 ...
: num 35000 1000 5500 35000 35000 2500 35000 35000 35000 1600 ...

: chr "PERSONAL" "EDUCATION" "MEDICAL" "MEDICAL" ...

: num 16 11.1 12.9 15.2 14.3 ...
$ loan_intent
$ loan_int_rate
$ loan_percent_income
                                 $ cb_person_cred_hist_length : num 3 2 3 2 4 2 3 4 2 3 ...
$ credit score
                                  : num 561 504 635 675 586 532 701 585 544 640 ...
$ previous_loan_defaults_on_file: chr "No" "Yes" "No" "No" ...
$ loan_status
                                 : num 10111111NA1...
> summary(data)
                                                                            person_emp_expperson_home_ownershiploan_amntMin. : 0.000Length:201Min. : 1001st Qu.: 0.000Class :character1st Qu.:1000
  person_age
                 person_gender
                                      person_education
                                                          person_income
                                                         Min. : 12282
1st Qu.: 60501
                                                                                                                      Min. : 1000
Min. : 21.00 Length:201
                                      Length: 201
1st Qu.: 22.00 Class :character Class :character
                                                                                                                      1st Ou.:10000
Median: 23.00 Mode :character Mode :character
                                                         Median : 85284
                                                                            Median : 1.000 Mode :character
                                                                                                                      Median :25000
Mean : 27.39
                                                          Mean : 149875
                                                                            Mean : 2.761
                                                                                                                      Mean :20553
                                                          3rd Qu.: 241060
3rd Qu.: 25.00
                                                                            3rd Qu.: 3.000
                                                                                                                      3rd Qu.:28000
Max. :350.00
NA's :4
                                                          Max. :3138998 Max. :125.000
NA's :4
                    loan_int_rate loan_percent_income cb_person_cred_hist_length credit_score previous_loan_defaults_on_file Min. : 5.42 Min. :0.0000 Min. :2.00 Min. :484.0 Length:201
 loan_intent
                                                         Min. :2.00 Min. :484.0
1st Qu.:2.00 1st Qu.:595.0
Lenath: 201
                   1st Ou.:10.65 1st Ou.:0.0900
Class :character
                                                                                                      Class :character
                    Median :11.83
                                                          Median :3.00
Mode :character
                                     Median :0.2350
                                                                                     Median :630.0
                                                                                                      Mode :character
                                                                                    Mean :628.5
3rd Qu.:665.0
                                     Mean :0.2293
                    Mean :12.29
                                                          Mean :2.99
                                     3rd Qu.:0.3425
                                                         3rd Qu.:4.00
                    3rd Qu.:14.42
                                    Max. :0.5300
NA's :1
                                                                                    Max. :807.0
                    Max. :20.00
                                                        Max. :4.00
 loan_status
Min. :0.0000
1st Qu.: 0.0000
Median :1.0000
Mean : 0.6162
3rd Ou.:1.0000
Max. :1.0000
NA's :3
```

After Preprocessing:

```
> str(balanced_data)
  'data.frame': 238 obs. of 14 variables:
                                          : num 22 24 26 24 21 22 25 22 25 21 ..
  $ person_age
                                          : Factor w/ 2 levels "0","1": 2 1 2 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 ...

: Factor w/ 5 levels "0","1","2","3",...: 4 3 3 3 3 1 3 4 3 2 ...

: Factor w/ 4 levels "Low","Lower Middle",...: 3 1 4 3 2 3 4 4 4 3 ...
  $ person_gender
  $ person_education
  $ person_income
                                         : num 1 0 5 3 0 1 0 2 0 0 ...

: Factor w/ 4 levels "0","1","2","3": 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...

: Factor w/ 3 levels "Small","Medium",..: 1 1 2 1 3 3 2 3 3 2 ...

: Factor w/ 6 levels "0","1","2","3",...: 2 1 4 3 4 4 5 1 3 2 ...
  $ person_emp_exp
  $ person_home_ownership
  $ loan_amnt
  $ loan_intent
  $ loan_int_rate
                                          : num    0.1148    0.0729    0.0788    0.1269    0.0599    ...
  $ loan_percent_income
                                          : num 0.05 0.11 0.06 0.05 0.19 0.09 0.06 0.09 0.08 0.07 ...
  $ cb_person_cred_hist_length : num 3 3 4 2 4 2 2 2 4 4 ...
```

```
person_age
in. :21.00
                  person_gender person_education
0: 92 0:25
                                                     n person_income person_emp_exp person_home_ownership loan_amnt
Low :117 Min. :0.000 0:222 Small : 68
                                                                                                                                        loan_intent
Min.
                                                                                                                         Small : 68
                                                                                                                                        0:36
                                                      Low :117
Lower Middle: 24
Upper Middle: 63
1st Qu.:22.00
                                                                            1st Qu.:0.000
Median :1.000
                  1:146
                                  1:66
                                                                                               1: 10
                                                                                                                        Medium: 35
                                                                                                                                        1:67
Median :23.00
                                   2:92
                                                                                                                                        2:33
                                                                                                                        Large :135
Mean
       :23.55
                                                             : 34
                                                                            Mean
3rd Qu.:25.00
                                                                            3rd Qu.:3.000
                                                                                                                                        4:29
loan_int_rate
                   loan\_percent\_income \ cb\_person\_cred\_hist\_length \ \ credit\_score \ previous\_loan\_defaults\_on\_file \ loan\_status
        :0.0542
                                                                          Min. : NA 0:158
1st Qu.: NA 1: 80
Min.
                  Min.
                          :0.0000
                                          Min.
                                                  :2.000
                                                                          Min.
                                                                                                                               Lenath:238
1st Qu.:0.1063
                   1st Qu.:0.0800
                                           1st Qu.:2.000
                                                                                                                               class :character
Median :0.1184
                   Median :0.1750
Mean :0.2026
                                          Median :3.000
Mean :2.996
                                                                          Median : NA
                                                                                                                               Mode :character
                  Mean
                                                                          Mean
3rd Qu.: 0.1433
                   3rd Qu.:0.3275
                                           3rd Qu.:4.000
                                                                          3rd Qu.: NA
                                       Max. :4.000
       :0.2000
                  Max. :0.5300
                                                                          Max. :
NA's :2
                                                                                  :238
```

From the before and after summaries of the dataset, it can be seen that handling the missing values & outliers, the overall measures of central tendencies as well as the spread have decreased, which was the initial goal of data preprocessing. The target attribute was encoded, as well as some of the numeric columns with high standard deviation (person_income, loan_amnt) which were also encoded.

33. Correlation Matrix

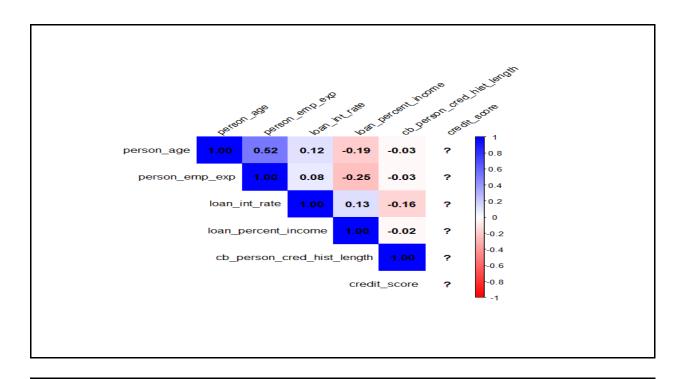
```
numeric_data <- dplyr::select_if(balanced_data, is.numeric)

cor_matrix <- cor(numeric_data, use = "pairwise.complete.obs")

library(corrplot)
corrplot(cor_matrix,
    method = "color",
    type = "upper",
    addCoef.col = "black",
    tl.col = "black",
    tl.srt = 45,
    col = colorRampPalette(c("red", "white", "blue"))(200))
```

Description:

This technique demonstrates **downsampling**, which is used to handle class imbalance in a dataset. When one class (the *majority class*) has far more instances than another (the *minority class*), models may become biased toward the majority.



34. Export preprocessed dataset

Code:

write.xlsx(balanced_data, "data_preprocessed.xlsx")

Description:

This code exported the preprocessed dataset named "data_preprocessed" in .xlsx format.

Screenshot:

Before preprocess

person_age	person_ge	ender person_education	person_income pe	rson_emp_exp person_home_ownership	loan_amnt	loan_intent	loan_int_rate l	loan_percent_	cb_person_cred_hist_length credit_s	score previous_	kloan_status
21	female	Master	71948	0 RENT	35000	PERSONAL	16.02	0.49	3	561 No	1
21	female	High School	12282	0 OWN	1000	EDUCATION	11.14	#VALUE!	2	504 Yes	0
25	female	High School	12438	3 MORTGAGE	5500	MEDICAL	12.87	0	3	635 No	1
23	female	Bachelor	79753	0 RENT	35000	MEDICAL	15.23	0.44	2	675 No	1
24	male	Master	66135	1 RENTT		MEDICAL	14.27	0.53	4	586 No	1
	female	High School	12951	0 OWN		VENTURE	7.14	0.19	2	532 No	1
22	female	Bachelor		1 RENT	35000	EDUCATION	12.42	0.37	3	701 No	1
24		High School	95550	5 RENT		MEDICAL	11.11	0.37	4	585 No	1
	female		100684	3 RENT		PERSONAL	8.9	0.35	2	544 No	
	female	High School	12739	0 OWN		VENTURE	14.74	0.13	3	640 No	1
	female	High School	102985	0 RENT		VENTURE	10.37	0.34	4	621 No	1
	female	Associate	13113	0 OWN		HOMEIMPROVEM		0.34	2	651 No	1
23	male	Bachelor	114860	3 RENT		VENTURE	7.9	0.3	2	573 No	1
	male	Master	130713	0 RENT		EDUCATION	18.39	0.27	4	708 No	1
23	female	Associate	3138998	0 RENT		EDUCATION	7.9	0.25	4	583 No	
	female			5 MORTGAGE		DEBTCONSOLID/		0.05	3	670 Yes	0
23		Bachelor	144943	0 RENT		EDUCATION	7.9	0.24	4	663 No	0
	female	High School	111369	0 RENT		MEDICAL	20	0.31	4	694 No	
	male	Bachelor	136628	0 RENT		DEBTCONSOLIDA		0.26	4	709 No	1
	female	Master	14283	1 MORTGAGE		EDUCATION	10.99	0.12	2	679 No	1
	male	Bachelor	195718	0 RENT		VENTURE	7.49	0.18	4	684 Yes	0
	male	High School	165792	4 RENT		PERSONAL	16.77	0.21	2	662 No	0
	female	Master	79255	0 RENT		EDUCATION	17.58	0.43	4	691 No	1
24	female	Bachelor	13866	0 OWN	1500	PERSONAL	7.29	0.11	3	600 Yes	0

After preprocess:

erson_age	person_gen(person_edu	person_inco	person_emp person_hom	loan_amnt	loan_intent	loan_int_rat(lo	an_percen c	b_person_c	credit_score pre	vious_loaloan_stat
22	1 1	Upper Middl		Small	1	0.0788	0.05	2	0.60683761 1	rejected
23	0 1	High	3 0	Large	5	0.1385	0.07	3	0.35470085 1	rejected
26	1 0	Upper Middl		Medium	4	0.1149	0.07	4	0.79487179 1	rejected
23	1 2	Upper Middl		Large	2	0.1479	0.14	3	0.57264957 1	rejected
22	0 0	Upper Middl		Small	3	0.1038	0.05	2	0.79059829 1	rejected
26	1 2	High	5 0	Medium	3	0.0788	0.06	4	0.85470085 1	rejected
22	0 2	High	0 0	Small	3	0.1158	0.04	2	0.5042735 1	rejected
24	1 2	Upper Middl	3 0	Small	2	0.1269	0.05	2	0.64102564 0	rejected
22	1 1	High	0 0	Large	1	0.1941	0.07	2	0.65384615 1	rejected
25	1 1	Lower Middl	4 0	Large	o	0.1677	0.21	2	0.76068376 0	rejected
26	1 1	High	3 0	Large	2	0.1417	0.09	2	0.67521368 1	rejected
26	1 2	High	5 0	Large	1	0.1533	0.07	3	0.9017094 1	rejected
21	1 2	Upper Middl		Large	5	0.1399	0.1	2	0.91880342 0	rejected
26	1 2	High	5 0	Large	1	0.1533	0.07	3	0.9017094 1	rejected
24	1 1	Upper Middl	0 0	Small	2	0.1101	0.02	4	0.1025641 1	rejected
25	0 2	Upper Middl	3 0	Large	4	0.1991	0.11	2	0.65384615 1	rejected
22	1 1	Upper Middl	3 0	Medium	1	0.1479	0.06	3	0.60683761 1	rejected
23	1 2	High	1 0	Large	o	0.1101	0.1	4	0.53418803 0	rejected
25	0 2	Lower Middl	1 0	Large	5	0.1269	0.23	3	0.58974359 0	rejected
25	1 3	Upper Middl	2 0	Medium	o	0.1435	0.1	3	0.4017094 0	rejected
24	0 1	Upper Middl	4 0	Small	1	0.0849	0.04	4	0.51282051 1	rejected
22	0 3	Upper Middl		Medium	o	0.1183	0.09	4	0.44444444 1	rejected
23		Upper Middl		Medium	5	0.089	0.08	3	0.93589744 0	rejected
25	0 2	High	0 0	Medium	4	0.1442	0.06	2	0.75641026 1	rejected

Conclusion:

Through this project, the dataset was carefully examined and preprocessed to handle issues such as missing values, invalid categorical entries, skewed distributions, and outliers. Multiple strategies (including top-down, bottom-up, mean, median, and mode imputation) were tested for missing data, while outlier detection techniques such as Z-score and IQR were applied. Class imbalance was addressed using both upsampling and downsampling to create a more balanced dataset.

The main findings indicate that variables such as credit score, income, loan amount, and loan percent income play a significant role in influencing loan approval decisions. Correlation analysis further revealed important relationships among numeric features that could guide predictive modeling.

However, some limitations were encountered:

- The dataset size (201 instances) is relatively small, which may restrict generalizability.
- Imputation methods for missing values may introduce bias, especially when replacing with median or mode.
- Even after balancing, some degree of information loss occurs due to downsampling the majority class.

Overall, the preprocessing steps improved the dataset's quality and readiness for further machine learning applications, ensuring more reliable insights in loan approval prediction tasks.