"Qlik Journey through LendingClub Issued Loans Analysis"

1. INTRODUCTION

LendingClub is a US peer-to-peer lending company, headquartered in San Francisco, California. It was the first peer-to-peer lender to register its offerings as securities with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and to offer loan trading on a secondary market. LendingClub is the world's largest peer-to-peer lending platform.

1.1 Overview

This project aims to enhance LendingClub's lending strategy through data-driven insights derived from detailed analysis of loan data using Qlik Sense. By creating an interactive data visualization platform, the project seeks to identify patterns and trends in borrower behavior and market dynamics that can inform more effective decision-making and risk management.

1.2 Purpose:

The primary objective of this project is to utilize data analytics to refine LendingClub’s loan approval and management processes. This will be achieved by:

- Providing a deeper understanding of borrower profiles.
- Identifying key risk factors associated with loan defaults.
- Enabling dynamic adjustments to lending criteria based on real-time data insights.

- Improving overall financial performance by reducing default rates and enhancing loan portfolio quality.

1.3 Technical Architecture

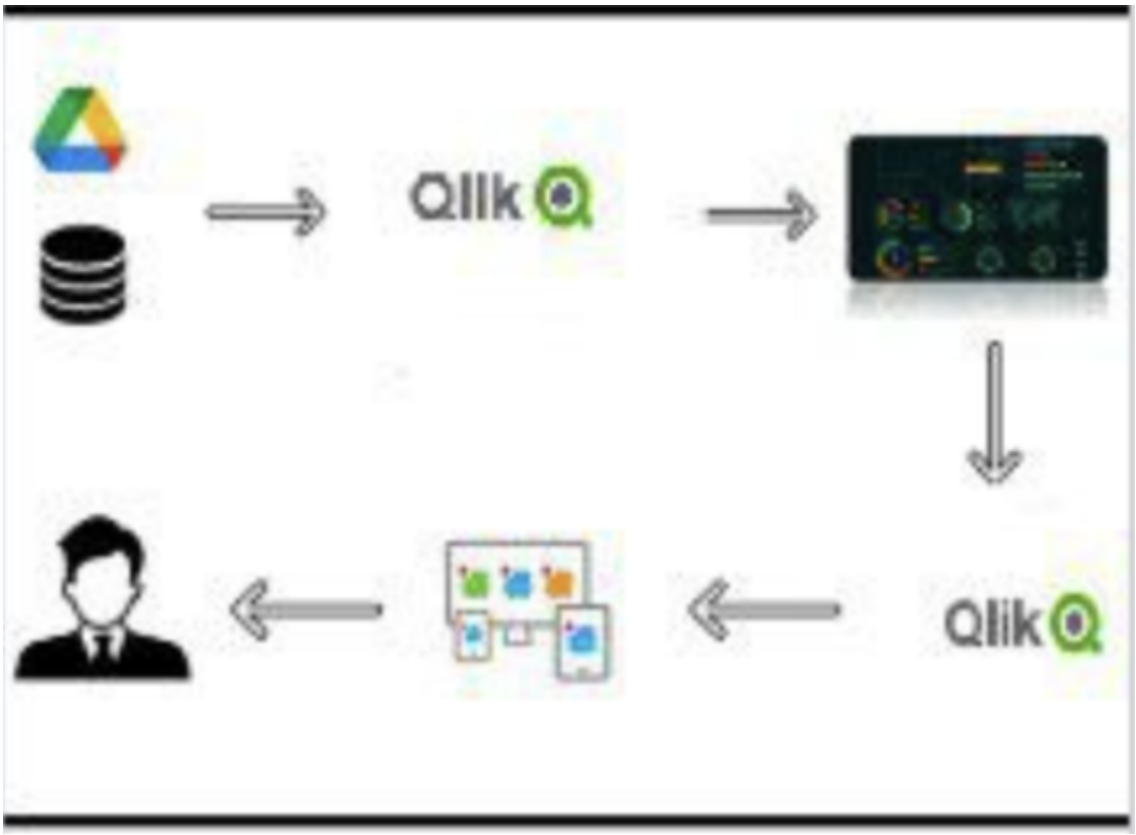

FIG 1:Technical infrastructure

The technical infrastructure for this project includes:

- **Data Sources:** Aggregation of LendingClub's issued loans dataset, including borrower information, loan attributes, and performance metrics.
- **ETL Processes:** Extraction, Transformation, and Loading of data into Qlik Sense.
- **Data Modeling:** Creation of data models to support comprehensive analysis.

- **Visualization Layer:** Development of dashboards and visual analytics tools.
- **Integration and Deployment:** Ensuring seamless integration with existing systems and deploying the solution for use by various stakeholders.

2. Define Problem / Problem Understanding

2.1 Specify the business problem

The specific business problem addressed by this project is the inadequacy of the current lending strategy, which lacks comprehensive insights from LendingClub loan data. This results in:

- Poor risk assessment capabilities.
- Inaccurate prediction of loan default rates.
- Inability to dynamically adjust lending criteria based on evolving market conditions.
- Inefficiencies in identifying profitable borrower segments and optimizing loan offerings.

2.2 Business requirements

To address these challenges, the project needs to fulfill the following business requirements:

- Data Integration: Comprehensive integration of LendingClub’s loan data for analysis.
- Risk Analysis: Tools to assess and predict borrower risk and loan performance.
- Market Insights: Insights into market dynamics and trends affecting lending strategies.

- Predictive Analytics: Development of predictive models to forecast loan defaults.
- Dynamic Adjustment: Mechanisms to adjust lending criteria in real-time based on data insights.
- Reporting and Visualization: Creation of detailed reports and interactive dashboards for decision-makers.

2.3 Literature Survey

A comprehensive literature survey is essential to understand existing methodologies, tools, and best practices in optimizing lending strategies and risk management in the context of peer-to-peer lending platforms such as LendingClub. This survey aims to identify relevant studies on data analytics in finance, peer-to-peer lending trends, and similar analyses conducted by financial institutions to enhance their decision-making processes.

1. Introduction to Peer-to-Peer Lending and its Challenges
   - Overview of Peer-to-Peer Lending:

     An exploration of the development and growth of peer-to-peer (P2P) lending platforms, focusing on their role in the financial ecosystem, and the benefits they offer compared to traditional lending institutions.
   - Challenges in P2P Lending:

     Discuss the inherent challenges faced by P2P lending platforms such as default risk, credit assessment accuracy, market volatility, and regulatory compliance.

2. Data Analytics in Financial Services
   - Role of Data Analytics:

Examination of the transformative role data analytics plays in financial services, particularly in enhancing decision-making, improving risk management, and personalizing financial products.

- Analytical Techniques and Tools:

Review of various analytical techniques (e.g., machine learning, statistical modeling) and tools (e.g., Qlik Sense, Tableau) used in the financial industry for data analysis and visualization.

3. Risk Management Strategies in Lending

- Credit Risk Assessment Models:

Study of different models used for assessing credit risk, including traditional scoring systems (e.g., FICO) and advanced machine learning models. Emphasis on how these models evaluate borrower risk and predict loan defaults.

- Predictive Analytics in Risk Management:

Investigation of how predictive analytics can forecast loan performance and default probabilities. Analysis of case studies where predictive models have successfully reduced default rates and optimized lending portfolios.

4. Peer-to-Peer Lending Trends

- Market Analysis of P2P Lending:

Analysis of current trends in the P2P lending market, including borrower demographics, loan purposes, and performance metrics. Identification of key factors influencing the growth and stability of P2P lending.

- Comparative Studies:

Comparison of LendingClub with other P2P lending platforms (e.g., Prosper, Funding Circle) to identify common practices and

unique approaches in data utilization and risk management.

5. Case Studies of Data-Driven Lending Strategies

- Financial Institutions Leveraging Data Analytics:

Detailed examination of case studies where financial institutions have successfully implemented data-driven approaches to enhance lending strategies. This includes banks, credit unions, and fintech companies.

- Impact on Lending Performance:

Analysis of the impact these data-driven strategies have had on lending performance, such as improvements in default prediction accuracy, portfolio diversification, and overall financial health.

6. Best Practices for Data Utilization in Lending

- Data Integration and Management:

Best practices for integrating diverse data sources and managing large datasets to ensure data quality and consistency. Focus on data governance frameworks and the importance of maintaining data privacy and security.

- Effective Visualization Techniques:

Techniques for creating effective data visualizations that facilitate decision-making. Emphasis on the importance of intuitive dashboards and real-time data updates.

- Continuous Improvement and Adaptation:

The need for continuous improvement in analytical models and strategies based on evolving market conditions and technological advancements. Importance of feedback loops and adaptive learning in maintaining the relevance and accuracy of lending strategies.

7. Conclusion and Research Gaps

- Summary of Findings:

Summarize the key insights gained from the literature survey, highlighting successful methodologies and tools used in optimizing lending strategies and risk management.

- Identified Research Gaps:

Identify gaps in the current research where further study is needed. This could include areas such as real-time data integration, advanced predictive modeling techniques, and the impact of emerging technologies (e.g., AI, blockchain) on P2P lending.

- Future Research Directions:

Propose future research directions to address these gaps and enhance the understanding of data-driven lending strategies. Encourage exploration of innovative approaches and interdisciplinary collaborations to advance the field.

3. Data Collection

3.1 Collect the dataset

Data collection is the process of gathering and measuring information on variables of interest, in an established systematic fashion that enables one to answer stated research questions, test hypotheses, evaluate outcomes and generate insights from the data.

The data collection process involves:

- Gathering data from LendingClub’s issued loans, including borrower demographics, loan details, payment history, and default status.
- Ensuring data completeness, accuracy, and relevance for the analysis.
- Addressing any data privacy and security concerns in accordance with regulatory requirements.

- Storing the data in a secure and accessible format for further processing and analysis.

3.2 Connect Data with Qlik Sense

Establishing a robust connection between the collected dataset and Qlik Sense involves:

- Setting up the data source within Qlik Sense.
- Configuring necessary access permissions and ensuring data integrity during transfer.
- Testing the connection to ensure smooth data import and real-time updates.
- Documenting the connection setup process for future reference and maintenance.

4. Data Preparation

Preparing the data for visualization involves cleaning the data to remove irrelevant or missing data, transforming the data into a format that can be easily visualized, exploring the data to identify patterns and trends, filtering the data to focus on specific subsets of data, preparing the data for visualization software, and ensuring the data is accurate and complete. This process helps to make the data easily understandable and ready for creating visualizations to gain insights into the performance and efficiency. Since the data is already cleaned, we can move to visualization.

4.1 Prepare the Data for Visualization

Preparing the data for visualization includes:

- Data Cleaning: Removing duplicates, handling missing values, and correcting inaccuracies.
- Data Transformation: Normalizing data formats, creating derived attributes, and aggregating data where necessary.
- Data Structuring: Organizing data into dimensions (e.g., borrower age, loan amount) and measures (e.g., default rate, repayment period).
- Data Validation: Ensuring the prepared data meets quality standards and is ready for visualization.
- Documentation: Keeping detailed records of data preparation steps to ensure reproducibility and transparency.

5. Data Visualizations

Data visualization is the process of creating graphical representations of data to help people understand and explore the information. The goal of data visualization is to make complex data sets more accessible, intuitive, and easier to interpret. By using visual elements such as charts, graphs, and maps, data visualizations can help people quickly identify patterns, trends, and outliers in the data.

5.1 Visualizations

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Developing insightful visualizations includes:

- **Charts and Graphs:** Creating various types of charts (bar, line, pie) to represent different aspects of the data.

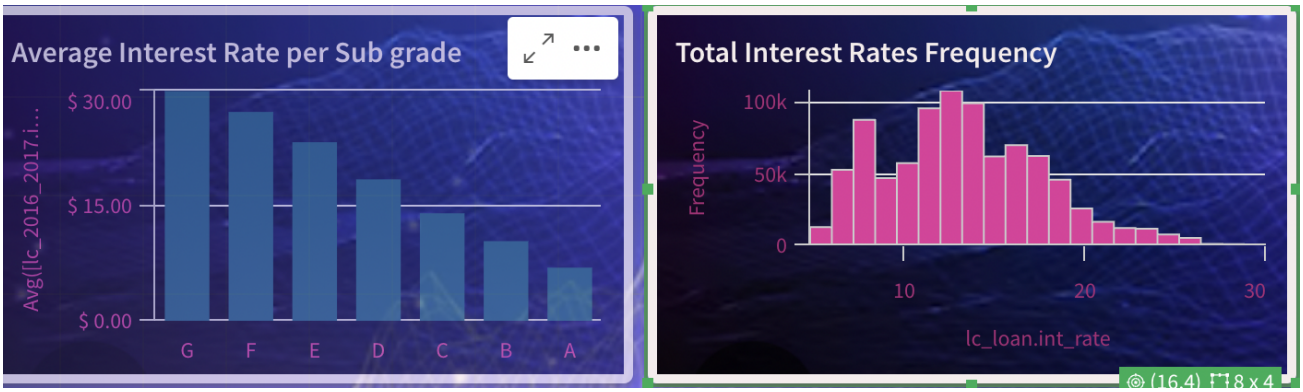

FIG 2 BAR CHARTS and HISTOGRAMS

- **Heatmaps:** Using heatmaps to show the intensity of loan performance metrics across different regions or borrower segments.
- **Trend Analysis:** Visualizing trends over time to identify patterns in borrower behavior and loan performance.
- **Predictive Models:** Displaying outputs of predictive models to forecast default rates and other key indicators.
- **Interactivity:** Ensuring visualizations are interactive, allowing users to filter and drill down into specific data points.
- **User Feedback:** Iteratively refining visualizations based on feedback from stakeholders to ensure they meet business needs.
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FIG 3 KPI's

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6. Dashboard

Dashboards can be used in a variety of settings, such as business, finance, manufacturing, healthcare, and many other industries. They can be used to track key performance indicators (KPIs), monitor performance metrics, and display data in the form of charts, graphs, and tables.

6.1 Responsive and Design of Dashboard

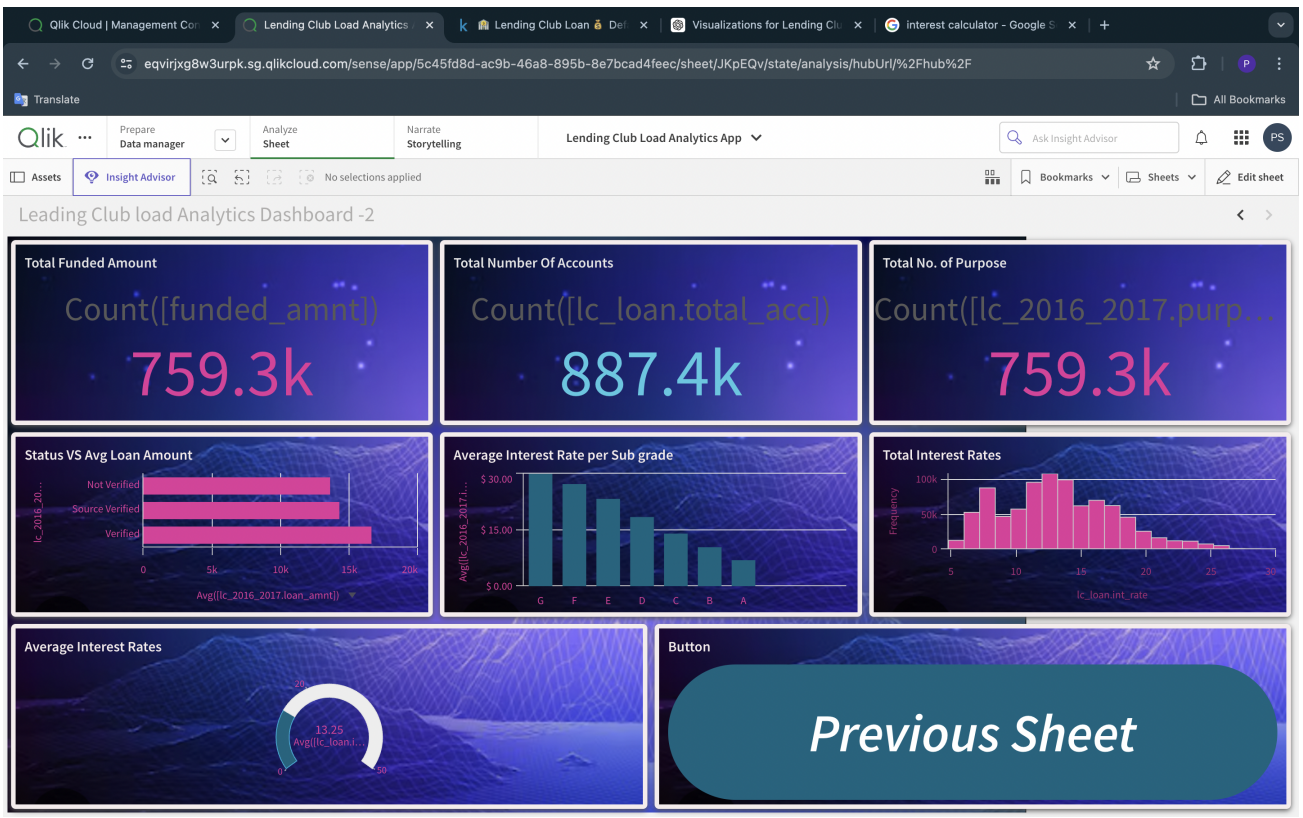


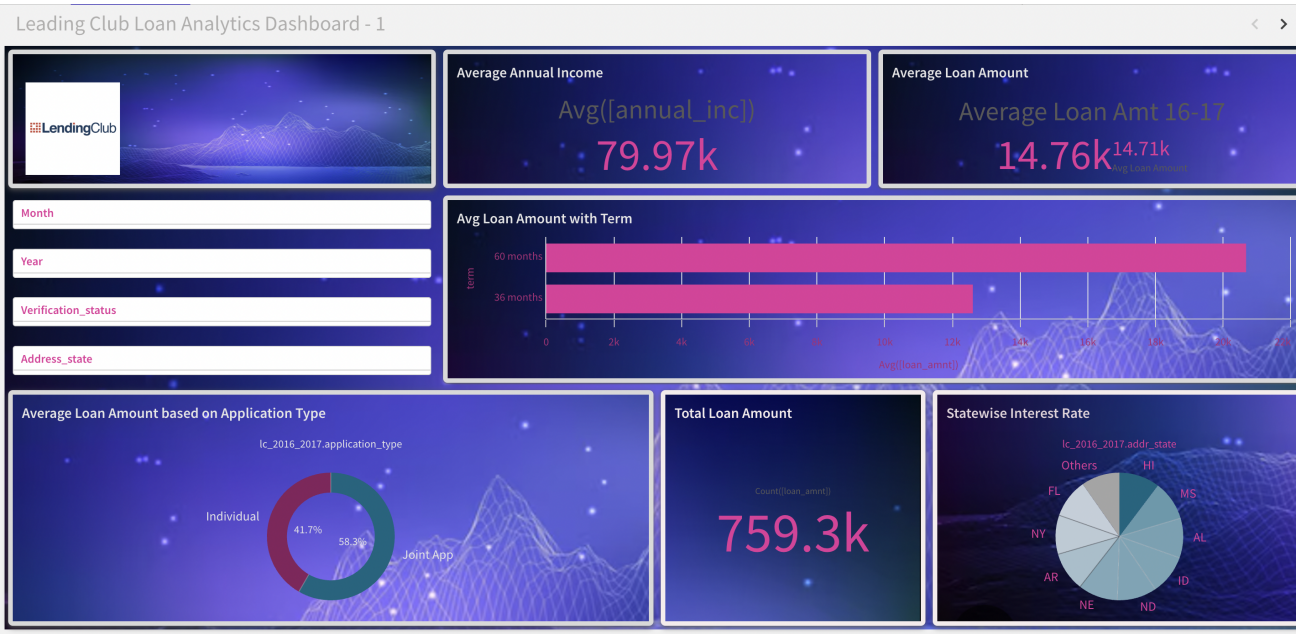
FIG 4 DASHBOARD/SHEET

Designing an effective dashboard involves:

- User-Centric Design: Ensuring the dashboard is intuitive and meets the needs of its users (e.g., loan officers, risk

managers).

- Responsiveness: Designing the dashboard to be responsive and accessible on various devices (desktops, tablets, smartphones).
- Key Metrics: Highlighting key performance indicators (KPIs) such as loan approval rates, default rates, and borrower demographics.
- Customization: Allowing users to customize the dashboard to display the most relevant information for their role.
- Usability Testing: Conducting usability testing to identify and address any issues with the dashboard's design and functionality.
- Continuous Improvement: Regularly updating the dashboard based on user feedback and evolving business needs.



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7. Report

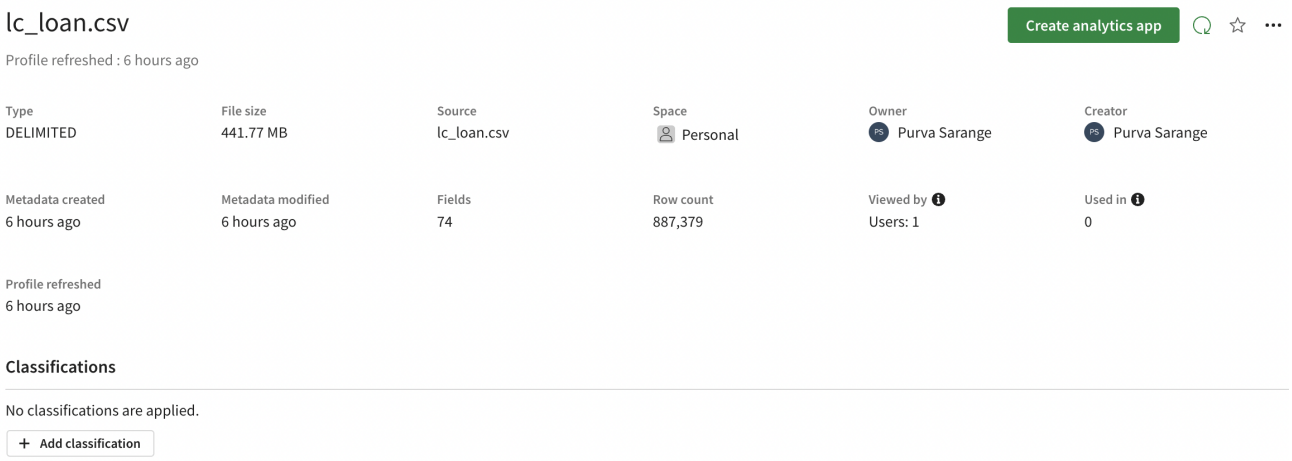
7.1 Report Creation

Creating comprehensive reports involves:

- Executive Summary: Providing a high-level overview of the key findings and recommendations.
- Detailed Analysis: Including detailed sections on borrower behavior, market trends, risk factors, and predictive model outputs.
- Visualizations: Incorporating relevant visualizations to support the narrative and highlight critical insights.
- Actionable Insights: Offering clear, actionable recommendations for improving the lending strategy.
- Stakeholder Specific: Tailoring reports to different stakeholders, ensuring that each report addresses their specific concerns and information needs.
- Distribution: Ensuring reports are easily accessible to all relevant stakeholders through email, internal portals, or integrated directly within the Qlik Sense dashboard.

8. Performance Testing

8.1 Amount of Data Rendered



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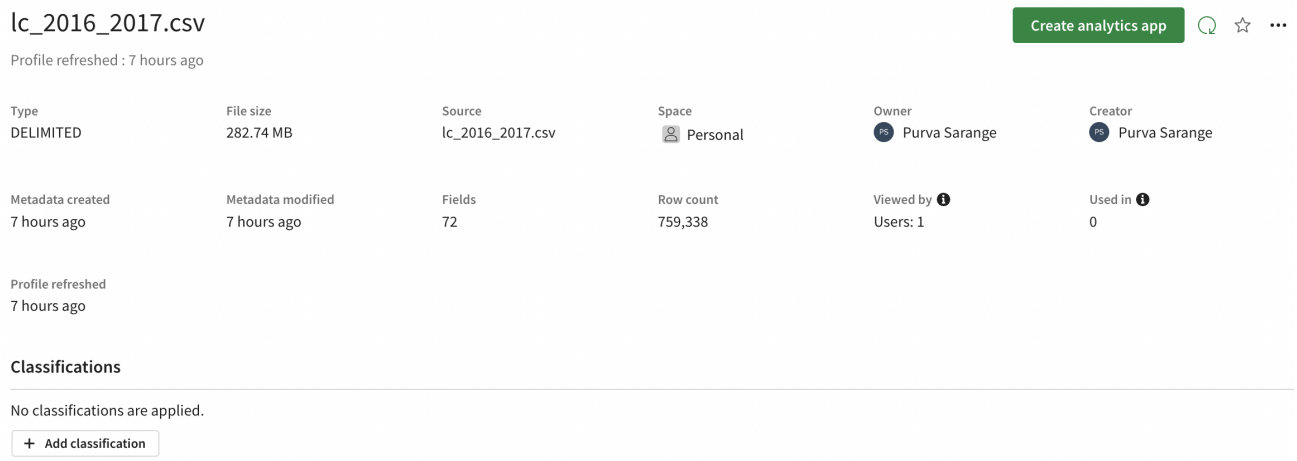

FIG 7 Dataset-2 info

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8.2 Utilization of Data Filters

- Filter Functionality: Testing various filtering options to ensure they provide accurate and relevant results.
- User Experience: Ensuring filters are intuitive and easy to use, enhancing the overall user experience.
- Documentation: Documenting the filter setup and usage guidelines to assist users in making the most of the filtering options.

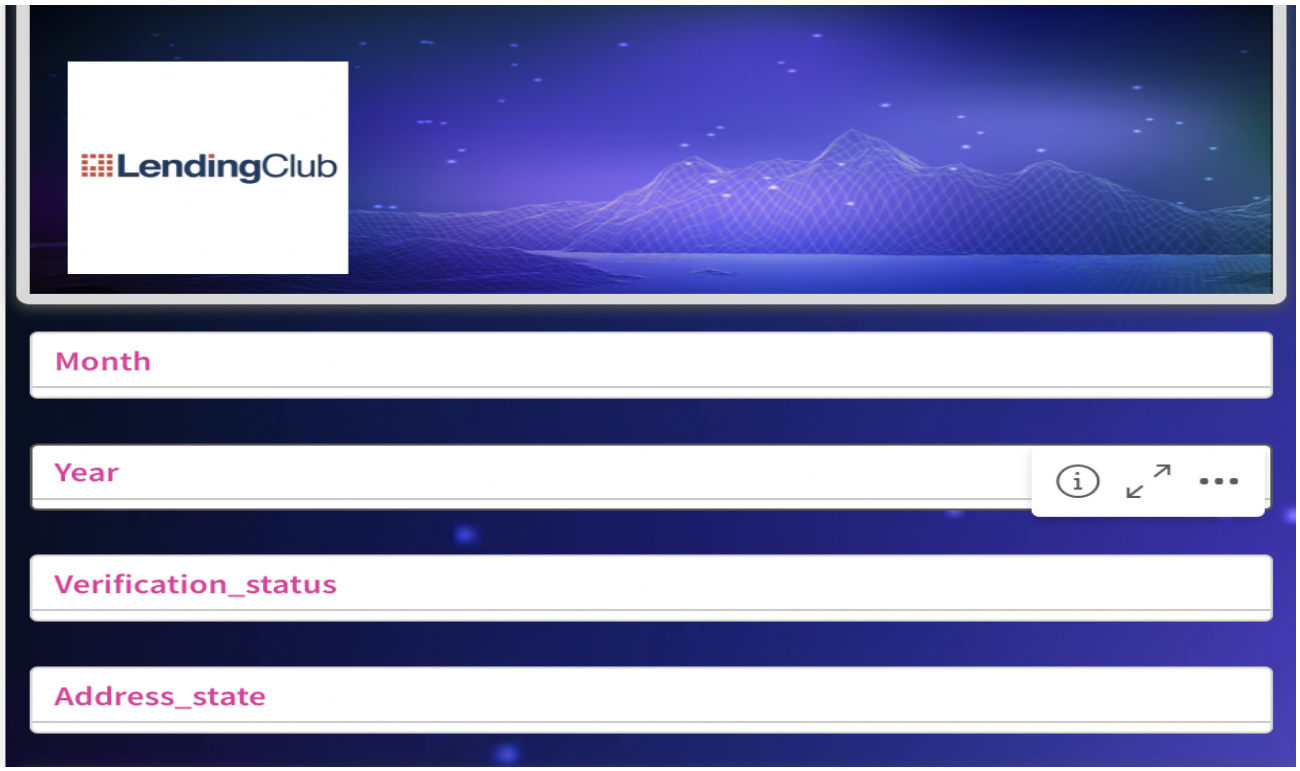

FIG 8 FILTERS

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CONCLUSION

Based on the visualizations and data analyzed from the Leading Club Loan Analytics Dashboard, several key conclusions can be drawn regarding the loan performance and trends within Lending Club. Here are the main takeaways:

1.Loan Distribution and Approval Rates:

- The data reveals significant insights into the distribution of loans across different categories such as loan purpose, grade, and term. Higher-grade loans tend to have better approval rates and lower default rates.

2.Interest Rates and Borrower Profiles:

- Interest rates vary significantly across different grades, with lower-grade loans attracting higher interest rates due to increased risk. Borrower profiles, including credit scores and income levels, strongly influence the assigned interest rates and loan terms.

3.Default Rates and Risk Assessment:

- Default rates are prominently higher in loans with longer terms and lower grades. Effective risk assessment strategies should focus on these high-risk categories to mitigate potential losses.

4.Geographic Trends:

- Geographic analysis shows varying loan performance across different states. Some states exhibit higher default rates, indicating potential regional economic factors influencing borrower behavior.

5.Recommendations for Future Strategy:

- To optimize loan performance, Lending Club should consider refining their risk assessment models to better predict and mitigate defaults, especially in high-risk categories.

- Increasing focus on higher-grade loans can enhance overall portfolio performance.

- Tailored loan products and interest rates based on borrower profiles can attract more creditworthy applicants.

- Regional strategies should be developed to address specific geographic trends and economic conditions impacting loan performance.

These conclusions offer a comprehensive view of the loan portfolio's current status and provide strategic insights for improving lending practices and mitigating risks.

This summary is based on the detailed visualizations and data provided in the Leading Club Loan Analytics Dashboard.

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