Lending Club - Loan Repayment Prediction Model - Final Report

Introduction

The goal of each and every business is to make profit. For a lender profit depends on whether or not the borrower repays the principal as well as interest. Without repayment the lender will incur a loss and that loss can even potentially be greater than the initial loan amount when lawyer, court and collection fees are taken into consideration. Therefore, it is critically important for a lender to be able to identify whether a potential borrower can and will make all of his or her loan payments. The purpose of this project is to identify the characteristics (limited to those found in the dataset) of persons who are likely to default on their loans and provide a simple framework for borrowers to make such a distinction. In order to make predictions on which potential borrower is or isn't likely to default, binary classification predictive models will be created using a variety of machine learning algorithms. The framework for lenders to make predictions concerning potential borrowers will come in the form of a decision tree.

Literature Review

Benchmarking state-of-the-art classification algorithms for credit scoring: A ten-year update

http://www.business-school.ed.ac.uk/waf/crc_archive/2013/42.pdf (http://www.business-school.ed.ac.uk/waf/crc_archive/2013/42.pdf)

Essentially this paper is a modern update to the landmark benchmarking study of classification algorithms for credit scoring by Baesens, Van Gestel, Viaene, Stepanova, Suykens and Vanthienen in 2003. Since 2003 many new techniques and algorithms have been developed in predictive modeling. This paper builds upon Baesens et al. by including all of the newer state-of-the-art techniques as well as those covered in the previous study. I chose this paper because its goal of comparing of classification algorithms for credit scoring is highly related to the problem this project aims to solve. The paper describes a vector x of m dimensions with each dimension as a feature characterizing an application for a credit products such as a loan. It then goes on to discuss a binary response variable which indicates the existence or non-existence of a default event. The probability of a default event given x is the classification problem being addressed in the study. Finally, a decision maker will take this probability and if it falls under a given threshold the application will be accepted, otherwise it will be rejected. This is essentially the approach I am taking for this capstone project. The Lending Club data set I am using for this project contains over 100 features characterizing the borrower, my vector x. The data set also contains a feature stating the current status of the loan with various possible values that can easily be grouped into default or non-default statuses. This is effectively my binary response variable described in the study. Finally my goal is to estimate the probability of default given a set of borrower characteristics and use that to determine whether they are likely or unlikely to default. Again, this is parallel to the study. The study considered the following classification algorithms.

TABLE 2: CLASSIFICATION ALGORITHMS CONSIDERED IN THE BENCHMARKING STUDY

	Base model selection	Classification algorithm	Acronym	Number of models ¹	
		Bayesian Network	B-Net	4	
Individual classifier		CART	CART	10	
	n.a.	Extreme learning machine	ELM	120	
		Kernalized ELM	ELM-K	200	
		k-nearest neighbor	kNN	22	
		J4.8	J4.8	36	
		Linear discriminant analysis ²	LDA	1	
		Linear support vector machine	SVM-L	29	
		Logistic regression ²	LR	1	
		Multilayer perceptron artificial neural network	ANN	171	

		Naive Bayes	NB	1
		QDA	1	
		RbfNN	5	
		LR-R	27	
		SVM with radial basis kernel function	SVM- Rbf	300
		VP	5	
	Classification	16	933	
		Alternating decision tree	ADT	5
es		Bagged decision trees	Bag	9
qm		Bagged MLP	BagNN	4
suse		Boosted decision trees	Boost	48
ns (n.a.	Logistic model tree	LMT	1
Homogenous ensembles		Random forest	RF	30
mog		Rotation forest	RotFor	25
\mathbf{H}_{0}		Stochastic gradient boosting	SGB	9
	Classification	models from homogeneous ensembles	8	131
	no	Simple average ensemble	AvgS	1
	n.a.	Weighted average ensemble	AvgW	1
	Static direct	Complementary measure	CompM	4
		Ensemble pruning via reinforcement learning	EPVRL	4
		GASEN	GASEN	4
es		Hill-climbing ensemble selection	HCES	12
[qu		HCES with bootstrap sampling	HCES-Bag	16
nse		Matchting pursuit optimization of ensemble classifiers	MPOCE	1
ns 6		Stacking	Stack	6
Heterogeneous ensembles		Top-T ensemble	Top-T	12
roge		Clustering using compound error	CuCE	1
lete	Statio	k-Means clustering	k-Means	1
Ξ	Static indirect	Kappa pruning	KaPru	4
		Margin distance minimization	MDM	4
		Uncertainty weighted accuracy	UWA	4
	Dynamic	Probabilistic model for classifier competence	PMCC	1
	Dynamic	k-nearest oracle	kNORA	1
	Classification	models from heterogeneous ensembles	17	77
Over	all number of	41	1141	

The following table measures the performance of each algorithm in credit scoring classification using Area Under a ROC Curve (AUC). According to the study across all performance measures the top three most accurate classifiers are Random Forests, Bagged (MLP) Neural Networks, and Bagged Decision Trees.

TABLE 5: PERFORMANCE OF INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFIERS AND HOMOGENEOUS ENSEMBLES IN TERMS OF THE AUC

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		AC	GC	Bene1	Bene2	UK	PAK	GMC
	ANN	.926 (.011)	.791 (.014)	<u>.791</u> (.009)	<u>.802</u> (.005)	<u>.742</u> (.008)	<u>.644</u> (.004)	.859 (.003)
	B-Net	.922 (.011)	.764 (.015)	.771 (.009)	.786 (.009)	.703 (.023)	.623 (.004)	<u>.860</u> (.003)
	CART	.856 (.019)	.706 (.031)	.706 (.021)	.713 (.021)	.684 (.012)	.565 (.015)	.797 (.025)
	ELM	.911 (.011)	.778 (.012)	.766 (.010)	.761 (.006)	.650 (.009)	.599 (.003)	.717 (.004)
S	ELM-K	.926 (.012)	.794 (.015)	.787 (.007)	.788 (.005)	.734 (.009)	.643 (.004)	.702 (.004)
ïer	J4.8	.915 (.014)	.734 (.020)	.761 (.012)	.747 (.011)	.500 (.000)	.500 (.000)	.500 (.000)
SSi	k-NN	.906 (.016)	.772 (.010)	.765 (.009)	.754 (.007)	.725 (.014)	.600 (.005)	.739 (.004)
cla	LDA	.929 (.009)	.784 (.012)	.775 (.011)	.779 (.008)	.715 (.010)	.626 (.003)	.692 (.004)
nal	LR	<u>.931</u> (.011)	.784 (.012)	.773 (.012)	.791 (.006)	.720 (.011)	.626 (.003)	.693 (.005)
Individual classifiers	LR-R	.925 (.012)	.778 (.015)	.787 (.007)	.798 (.004)	.690 (.012)	.635 (.004)	.623 (.006)
ndi	NB	.893 (.020)	.777 (.017)	.747 (.013)	.724 (.010)	.701 (.019)	.613 (.006)	.671 (.003)
_	RbfNN	.902 (.019)	.762 (.013)	.760 (.009)	.739 (.007)	.701 (.014)	.604 (.003)	.755 (.007)
	QDA	.917 (.018)	.674 (.148)	.765 (.011)	.780 (.006)	.703 (.012)	.612 (.004)	.811 (.003)
	SVM-L	.924 (.013)	.782 (.014)	.786 (.007)	.796 (.003)	.659 (.014)	.636 (.004)	.733 (.017)
	SVM-Rbf	.926 (.012)	<u>.799</u> (.011)	.786 (.008)	.795 (.004)	.666 (.028)	.630 (.004)	.815 (.009)
	VP	.810 (.030)	.680 (.020)	.698 (.013)	.621 (.017)	.554 (.018)	.567 (.003)	.568 (.024)
	ADT	.929 (.010)	.758 (.012)	.786 (.008)	.794 (.010)	.732 (.008)	.641 (.004)	.860 (.004)
nble	Bag	.930 (.014)	.788 (.014)	.794 (.008)	.805 (.006)	.742 (.007)	.643 (.003)	<u>.864</u> (.003)
nser s	BagNN	.927 (.012)	<u>.802</u> (.010)	.793 (.008)	.802 (.004)	<u>.745</u> (.008)	<u>.646</u> (.004)	.838 (.004)
us e ifier	Boost	.930 (.010)	.772 (.012)	<u>.795</u> (.007)	<u>.808</u> (.005)	.741 (.010)	.643 (.004)	.860 (.003)
eneous en classifiers	LMT	.930 (.013)	.747 (.015)	.780 (.007)	.787 (.006)	.720 (.010)	.630 (.004)	.833 (.017)
Homogeneous ensemble classifiers	RF	<u>.931</u> (.014)	.789 (.013)	.794 (.008)	.805 (.006)	.742 (.007)	.643 (.003)	<u>.864</u> (.003)
	RotFor	.929 (.013)	.773 (.015)	.788 (.007)	.794 (.007)	.502 (.016)	.635 (.002)	.820 (.005)
	SGB	.928 (.013)	.751 (.015)	.786 (.007)	.797 (.006)	.735 (.012)	.642 (.004)	.860 (.003)

An Empirical Comparison of Supervised Learning Algorithms

https://www.cs.cornell.edu/~caruana/ctp/ct.papers/caruana.icml06.pdf (https://www.cs.cornell.edu/~caruana/ctp/ct.papers/caruana.icml06.pdf)

This study compares the performance of eight machine learning algorithms namely, SVMs, neural nets, logistic regression, naïve bayes, memory based learning, random forests, decision trees, bagged trees, boosted trees, and boosted stumps. The performance metrics used are, accuracy, F-score, Lift, ROC Area, average precision, squared error and cross entropy. The study concludes that bagged trees, random forests and neural nets have the best average performance (prior to calibration) over all the metrics and over all the problems. When calibration is taken into account, the overall best performing algorithm is boosted decision trees (calibrated). In close second is Random forests, followed by bagged decision trees (uncalibrated).

Table 3. Normalized scores of each learning algorithm by problem (averaged over eight metrics)

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MODEL	CAL	COVT	ADULT	LTR.P1	LTR.P2	MEDIS	SLAC	HS	$_{ m MG}$	CALHOUS	COD	BACT	MEAN
BST-DT	PLT	.938	.857	.959	.976	.700	.869	.933	.855	.974	.915	.878*	.896*
RF	PLT	.876	.930	.897	.941	.810	.907 *	.884	.883	.937	.903*	.847	.892
BAG-DT	_	.878	.944*	.883	.911	.762	.898*	.856	.898	.948	.856	.926	.887*
BST-DT	ISO	.922*	.865	.901*	.969	.692*	.878	.927	.845	.965	.912*	.861	.885*
RF	_	.876	.946*	.883	.922	.785	.912 *	.871	.891 *	.941	.874	.824	.884
BAG-DT	PLT	.873	.931	.877	.920	.752	.885	.863	.884	.944	.865	.912*	.882
RF	ISO	.865	.934	.851	.935	.767*	.920	.877	.876	.933	.897*	.821	.880
BAG-DT	ISO	.867	.933	.840	.915	.749	.897	.856	.884	.940	.859	.907 *	.877
SVM	PLT	.765	.886	.936	.962	.733	.866	.913*	.816	.897	.900*	.807	.862
ANN	_	.764	.884	.913	.901	.791*	.881	.932*	.859	.923	.667	.882	.854
SVM	ISO	.758	.882	.899	.954	.693 *	.878	.907	.827	.897	.900*	.778	.852
ANN	PLT	.766	.872	.898	.894	.775	.871	.929*	.846	.919	.665	.871	.846
ANN	ISO	.767	.882	.821	.891	.785*	.895	.926 *	.841	.915	.672	.862	.842
BST-DT	_	.874	.842	.875	.913	.523	.807	.860	.785	.933	.835	.858	.828
KNN	PLT	.819	.785	.920	.937	.626	.777	.803	.844	.827	.774	.855	.815
KNN	_	.807	.780	.912	.936	.598	.800	.801	.853	.827	.748	.852	.810
KNN	ISO	.814	.784	.879	.935	.633	.791	.794	.832	.824	.777	.833	.809
BST-STMP	PLT	.644	.949	.767	.688	.723	.806	.800	.862	.923	.622	.915 *	.791
SVM	_	.696	.819	.731	.860	.600	.859	.788	.776	.833	.864	.763	.781
BST-STMP	ISO	.639	.941	.700	.681	.711	.807	.793	.862	.912	.632	.902*	.780
BST-STMP	_	.605	.865	.540	.615	.624	.779	.683	.799	.817	.581	.906 *	.710
DT	ISO	.671	.869	.729	.760	.424	.777	.622	.815	.832	.415	.884	.709
DT	_	.652	.872	.723	.763	.449	.769	.609	.829	.831	.389	.899*	.708
DT	PLT	.661	.863	.734	.756	.416	.779	.607	.822	.826	.407	.890 *	.706
LR	_	.625	.886	.195	.448	.777*	.852	.675	.849	.838	.647	.905 *	.700
LR	ISO	.616	.881	.229	.440	.763 *	.834	.659	.827	.833	.636	.889*	.692
LR	PLT	.610	.870	.185	.446	.738	.835	.667	.823	.832	.633	.895	.685
NB	ISO	.574	.904	.674	.557	.709	.724	.205	.687	.758	.633	.770	.654
NB	PLT	.572	.892	.648	.561	.694	.732	.213	.690	.755	.632	.756	.650
NB	-	.552	.843	.534	.556	.011	.714	654	.655	.759	.636	.688	.481

Conclusion

I was fascinated to discover that from both of the studies I researched, ensemble methods were generally the best performers. I was also pleasantly surprised to find that in both studies, the top three performing algorithms were almost identical. According to Benchmarking state-of-the-art classification algorithms for credit scoring: A ten-year update, the top three classifiers were Random Forests, Bagged (MLP) Neural Networks, and Bagged Decision Trees. Meanwhile according to An Empirical Comparison of Supervised Learning Algorithms, the top three are Boosted Decision Trees, Random Forests and Bagged Decision Trees. In both studies Random Forests and Bagged Decision Trees come out on top. It's important to note that An Empirical Comparison of Supervised Learning Algorithms did not include Bagged Neural Networks. Given the agreement among both studies I have decided to use Random Forests, Bagged (MLP) Neural Networks, and Bagged Decision Trees for this project.

In addition to selecting classification algorithms, metrics for measuring the performance of said algorithms are required. Given the similarities of the goals of my project and the aims of Benchmarking state-of-the-art classification algorithms for credit scoring: A ten-year update, I have decided to use some of its performance measures. Specifically, Percentage Correctly Classified (PCC), and the area under a ROC curve (AUC).

Install all required packages

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In [18]: #install.packages("caret", repos='http://cran.us.r-project.org',dependencies =
          TRUE)
         install.packages("ggplot2", repos='http://cran.us.r-project.org',dependencies
         = TRUE)
         install.packages("psych", repos='http://cran.us.r-project.org',dependencies =
         TRUE)
         install.packages("gmodels", repos='http://cran.us.r-project.org',dependencies
         install.packages("party", repos='http://cran.us.r-project.org',dependencies =
         TRUE)
         #install.packages("e1071", repos='http://cran.us.r-project.org',dependencies =
          TRUE)
         install.packages("unbalanced", repos='http://cran.us.r-project.org',dependenci
         es = TRUE
         install.packages("hmeasure", repos='http://cran.us.r-project.org',dependencies
          = TRUE)
         install.packages("pROC", repos='http://cran.us.r-project.org',dependencies = T
         install.packages("adabag", repos='http://cran.us.r-project.org',dependencies =
          TRUE)
         library(caret)
         library(psych)
         library(lattice)
         library(party)
         library(unbalanced)
         #library(hmeasure)
         library(pROC)
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Warning message:

"package 'ggplot2' is in use and will not be installed"Warning message: "dependencies 'graph', 'Rgraphviz' are not available"

package 'psych' successfully unpacked and MD5 sums checked

The downloaded binary packages are in

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Warning message:

"package 'gmodels' is in use and will not be installed"

package 'party' successfully unpacked and MD5 sums checked

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package 'unbalanced' successfully unpacked and MD5 sums checked

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ge: zoo
Attaching package: 'zoo'
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    as.Date, as.Date.numeric
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Attaching package: 'BBmisc'
The following object is masked from 'package:grid':
    explode
Loading required package: ParamHelpers
Loading required package: stringi
Attaching package: 'mlr'
The following object is masked _by_ '.GlobalEnv':
    db
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The following object is masked from 'package:caret':
    train
Loading required package: foreach
Loading required package: doParallel
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e: iterators
Loading required package: parallel
Warning message:
"package 'pROC' was built under R version 3.3.2"Type 'citation("pROC")' for a
citation.
Attaching package: 'pROC'
The following object is masked from 'package:gmodels':
    ci
The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
    cov, smooth, var
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Dataset

The dataset for this project is the Loan Data dataset from the Lending Club (https://www.lendingclub.com/info/download-data.action (<

Loading Raw Data

```
In [19]: lending_club_2012_2013 <-
    read.csv("lending_club_rfe/LoanStats3b_securev1.csv", header=TRUE)
    lending_club_2007_2011 <-
    read.csv("lending_club_rfe/LoanStats3a_securev1.csv", header=TRUE)</pre>
```

Pruning data set to include only 36 month term loans issued up to February 2013

The reason for this is because all 36 month loans issued February 2013 or earlier have fully come to term.

```
In [20]: lending_club_jan_2013 <- subset(lending_club_2012_2013,issue_d == "Jan-2013")
    lending_club_feb_2013 <- subset(lending_club_2012_2013,issue_d == "Feb-2013")
    lending_club_2012 <- subset(lending_club_2012_2013,grepl("2012",issue_d))
    lending_club_2012_2013_36 <- subset(rbind(lending_club_2012,lending_club_feb_2
    013,lending_club_jan_2013),grepl("36",term))
    lending_club_2011 <- subset(lending_club_2007_2011, grepl("2011",issue_d))
    lending_club_2007_2010 <- lending_club_2007_2011[-NROW(lending_club_2011),]
    lending_club_final <- rbind(lending_club_2007_2010,lending_club_2011,lending_club_2012_2013_36)</pre>
```

Number of records in initial dataset

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In [21]: | nrow(lending_club_final)
119276
```

Adding label (default) to the data set

default:

1 = true (default has occured)

0 = false (default has not occured)

default is the dependent variable which the predictive model aims to predict

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In [22]: # add label (default_status) to dataset
    status <- c("Current","Fully Paid","Late (16-30 days)","Does not meet the cred
    it policy. Status:Charged Off","Charged Off","Default","In Grace Period","Late
        (31-120 days)","Does not meet the credit policy. Status:Fully Paid")
        default_status <- c(0,0,1,1,1,1,1,0)
        lending_club_default <- data.frame(default = default_status[match(lending_club_final$loan_status, status)])
        lending_club_final <- cbind(lending_club_final,lending_club_default)

# remove all records which have default as NA
        lending_club_final <- lending_club_final[-which(is.na(lending_club_final$default)==TRUE),]</pre>
```

Cleaning data set and removing variables/features not known at issuance of loan

The dataset contains variables/features which are only known after the loan is issued. Since the aim of this project is create a predictive model to be used by lenders before the issuance of a loan, the following will be removed:

```
total_pymnt_inv

total_pymnt total_rec_prncp collection_recovery_fee

recoveries

last_pymnt_amnt

total_rec_late_fee

last_pymnt_d

last_pymnt_amnt

next_pymnt_d

out_prncp

out_prncp_inv issue_d

In [23]: lending_club_final <- lending_club_final[, !(colnames(lending_club_final) %in%

c("total_rec_int","total_pymnt_inv","total_pymnt"

,"total_rec_prncp","collection_recovery_fee",
```

Number of Features in Dataset Before Eliminating 'All NA' Fields

"out_prncp_inv","issue_d"))]

"recoveries","last_pymnt_amnt",

"total rec late fee", "last pymnt d",

"last pymnt amnt", "next pymnt d", "out prncp",

```
In [24]: length(colnames(lending_club_final))
104
```

Eliminate features which are all NA and populate NA's with column(feature) averages

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In [25]: # find which varaibles/features are all NA
          na pct <- sapply(lending club final, function(y) sum(is.na(y))/length(y))</pre>
          na pct <- data.frame(na pct)</pre>
          all na <- na pct == 1
          # remove variables/features which are all NA
          lending club final <- lending club final[,-which(all na==TRUE)]</pre>
          # Find which variables/features are significantly comprised of NA values
          na_pct <- sapply(lending_club_final, function(y) sum(is.na(y))/length(y))</pre>
          na_pct <- data.frame(na_pct)</pre>
          sig_na <- na_pct > 0
          sig_na.df <- as.data.frame(sig_na)</pre>
          sig_na.df <- subset(sig_na.df, sig_na.df$na_pct==TRUE)</pre>
          sig na col <- row.names(sig na.df)</pre>
          # create a data frame of variables/features significantly comprised of NA valu
          lending_club_final_na_sig <- lending_club_final[,which(names(lending_club_fina</pre>
          1) %in% sig na col)]
          # remove variables/features which have some NA values
          lending_club_final <- lending_club_final[,-which(sig_na==TRUE)]</pre>
          # change the datatypes of the dataframe above to integer
          lending club final na sig int <- as.data.frame(lapply(lending club final na si
          g,as.integer))
          # apply column averages to NA values
          for(i in 1:ncol(lending club final na sig int)){
            lending_club_final_na_sig_int[is.na(lending_club_final_na_sig_int[,i]), i] <</pre>
          mean(lending club final na sig int[,i],
                    na.rm = TRUE)
          }
          # bring it all together
          lending club final <- cbind(lending club final na sig int,lending club final)</pre>
```

Number of Features in Dataset After Eliminating 'All NA' Features

```
In [26]: length(colnames(lending_club_final))
87
```

Features After Initial Cleansing

```
In [27]: # columns/features in dataset
    colnames(lending_club_final)
```

```
"emp title" "annual inc" "title" "deling 2yrs" "ing last 6mths"
"mths since last deling" "mths since last record" "open acc" "pub rec"
"total acc" "collections 12 mths ex med" "mths since last major derog"
"acc now deling" "tot coll amt" "tot cur bal" "total rev hi lim"
"acc open past 24mths" "avg cur bal" "bc open to buy" "bc util"
"chargeoff within 12 mths" "deling amnt" "mo sin old il acct"
"mo sin old rev tl op" "mo sin rcnt rev tl op" "mo sin rcnt tl" "mort acc"
"mths_since_recent_bc" "mths_since_recent_bc_dlq" "mths_since_recent_inq"
"mths since recent revol delinq" "num accts ever 120 pd" "num actv bc tl"
"num actv rev tl" "num bc sats" "num bc tl" "num il tl" "num op rev tl"
"num rev accts" "num rev tl bal gt 0" "num sats" "num tl 120dpd 2m"
"num tl 30dpd" "num tl 90g dpd 24m" "num tl op past 12m" "pct tl nvr dlq"
"percent bc gt 75" "pub rec bankruptcies" "tax liens" "tot hi cred lim"
"total bal ex mort" "total bc limit" "total il high credit limit" "id" "member id"
"loan amnt" "funded amnt" "funded amnt inv" "term" "int rate" "installment"
"grade" "sub_grade" "emp_length" "home_ownership" "verification_status"
"issue d" "loan status" "pymnt plan" "url" "desc" "purpose" "zip code"
"addr state" "dti" "earliest cr line" "fico range low" "fico range high"
"revol bal" "revol util" "initial list status" "last credit pull d"
"last fico range high" "last fico range low" "policy code" "application type"
"default"
```

From looking at the variables, intuitively I would guess the following should be significant:

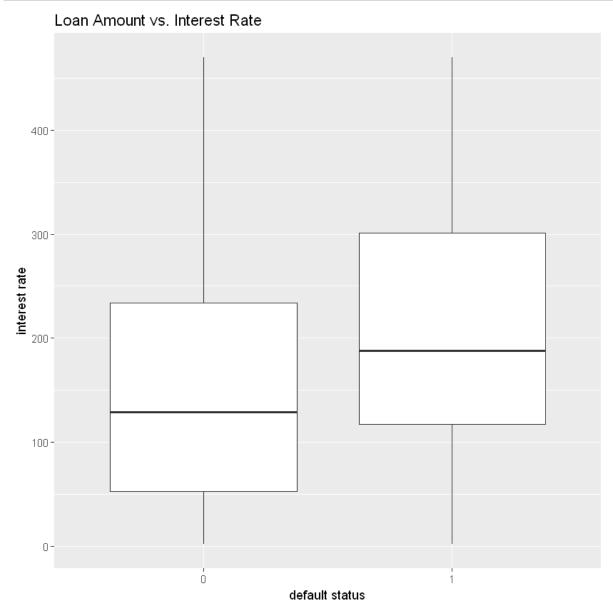
- 1. int rate: Interest rate
- 2. emp_length: Employment length in years. The longer the period of employment the more stable the income
- 3. loan amnt: The loan amount. The larger the loan the more difficult to pay off.
- 4. annual inc: Annual income.
- 5. delinq_2yrs: The number of 30+ days past-due incidences of delinquency in the borrower's credit file for the past 2 years. This gives some insight as to the borrower's reliability.
- 6. fico_range_low: The lower boundary range the borrower's last FICO pulled belongs to. Credit score is very important.
- 7. fico_range_high: The upper boundary range the borrower's last FICO pulled belongs to. Credit score is very important.
- 8. dti: Debt to income ratio. The higher the ratio, the more likely the borrower is to default.
- 9. last fico range high: The upper boundary range the borrower's last FICO pulled belongs to.
- 10. last_fico_range_low: The lower boundary range the borrower's last FICO pulled belongs to.

In the next section, each of the features above will compared to default.

Please note, for a full description of all of the features in this dataset please refer to Appendix A.

int_rate

In [28]: library(ggplot2)
 ggplot(lending_club_final, aes(as.factor(default), as.double(int_rate))) + geo
 m_boxplot() +
 labs(title="Loan Amount vs. Interest Rate", x="default status", y="interest rate")



As can be seen from the boxplot above, default is more likely among higher interest rates. This is as expected.

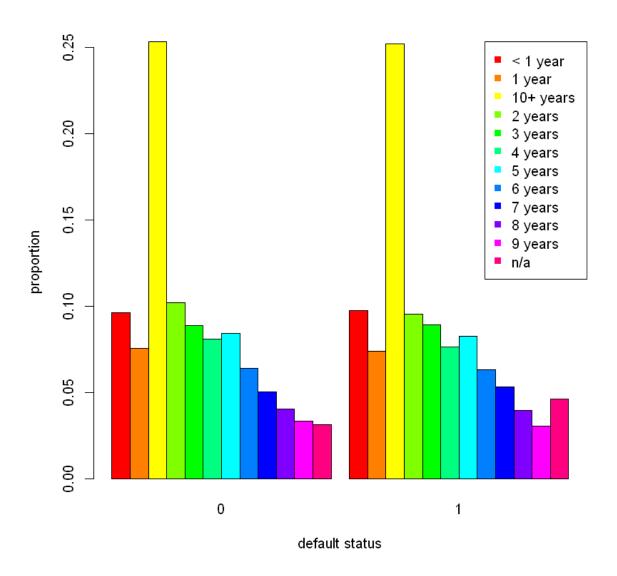
emp_length

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Total Observations in Table: 119273

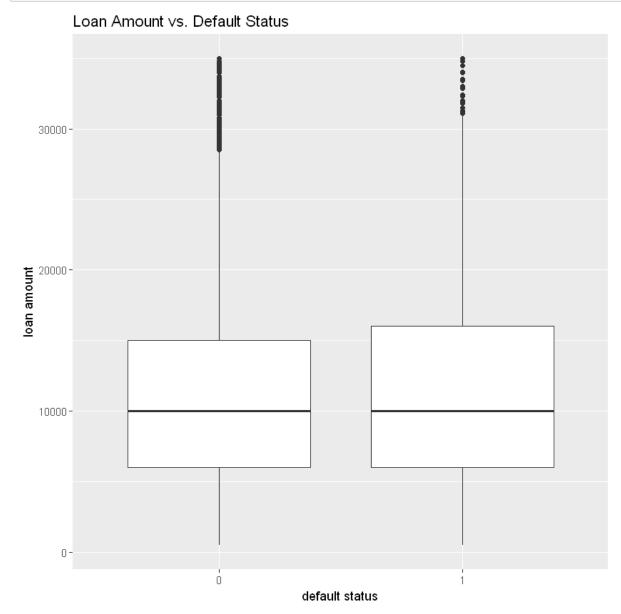
	default.fac	tor	
emp_length.factor	0 	1	Row Total
< 1 year	9815	1669	11484
	0.855	0.145	0.096
	0.096	0.097	ļ ļ
	0.082 	0.014	
1 year	7710	1267	8977
	0.859	0.141	0.075
	0.075	0.074	ļ
	0.065	0.011	
10+ years	25854	4320	30174
	0.857	0.143	0.253
	0.253	0.252	
	0.217	0.036	
2 years	10407	1638	12045
	0.864	0.136	0.101
	0.102	0.096	
	0.087	0.014	
3 years	9085	1528	10613
	0.856	0.144	0.089
	0.089	0.089	
	0.076	0.013	
4 years	8247	1311	9558
	0.863	0.137	0.080
	0.081	0.076	
	0.069	0.011	
5 years	8592	1415	10007
-	0.859	0.141	0.084
	0.084	0.083	ĺ
	0.072	0.012	
6 years	6550	1084	7634
-	0.858	0.142	0.064
	0.064	0.063	ĺ
	0.055	0.009	
7 years	5133	910	6043

	3		- ' -	
	0.849	0.151	0.051	
	0.050	0.053		
	0.043	0.008		
8 years	4114	681	4795	
	0.858	0.142	0.040	
	0.040	0.040		
	0.034	0.006		
9 years	3400	524	3924	
	0.866	0.134	0.033	
	0.033	0.031		
	0.029	0.004		
n/a	3224	795	4019	
	0.802	0.198	0.034	
	0.032	0.046		
	0.027	0.007		
Column Total	102131	17142	119273	
	0.856	0.144		



As can be seen from the diagram above, the distribution of loans by employment length is essentially the same for those who defaulted and those who did not. Therefore, emp_lengh does not have much of a bearing in whether a borrower is likely or not to default.

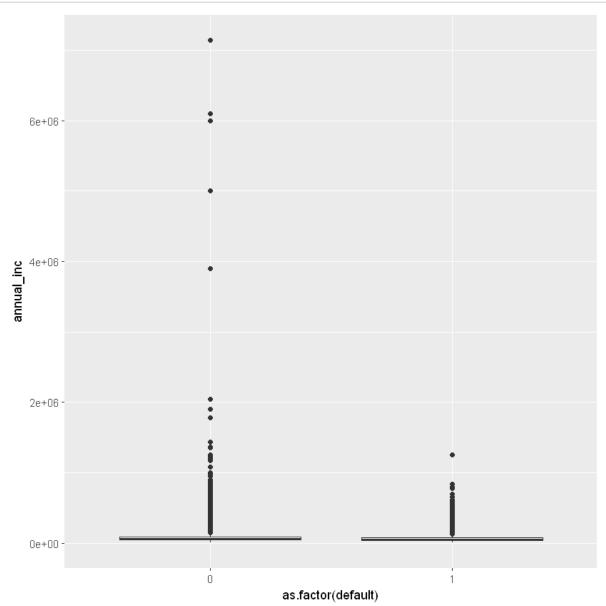
Loan Amount (loan_amnt)



As can be seen from the boxplot above, the loan amount has little bearing on whether or not a borrower is going to default.

Annual Income (annual_inc)

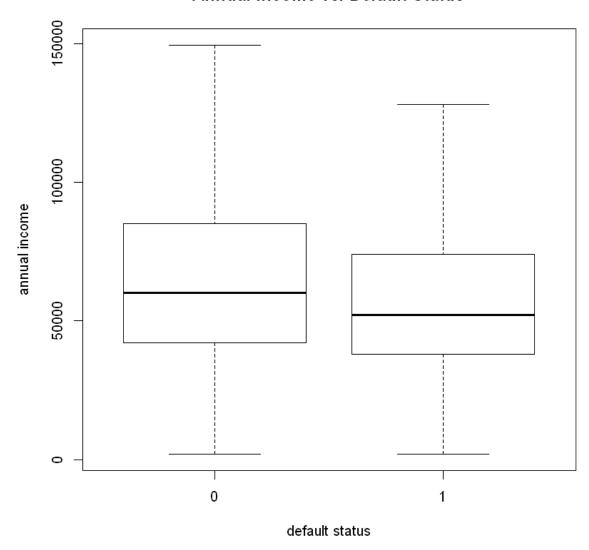
In [31]: ggplot(lending_club_final, aes(as.factor(default), annual_inc)) +
 geom_boxplot()



The boxplot is not visible due to extreme outliers. I will redo boxplot without outliers.

The outlier problem is further illustrated by the summary table above. The minimum annual income is \$1896 and the maximum is \$7,142,000. That's a range of over 7 million!

Annual Income vs. Default Status



From the boxplot above we can see that those who defaulted were more likely to have a lower income. This is as expected.

Number of delinquencies in the last 2 years (delinq_2yrs)

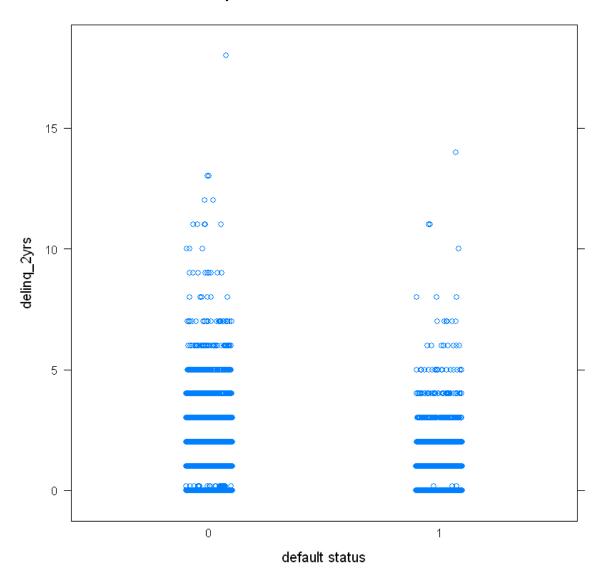
Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.1726 0.0000 18.0000

```
default
```

```
delinq_2yrs
                                0
                                             1
  0
                    8.803595e-01 8.683351e-01
  0.172637616987018 2.545750e-04 1.750088e-04
                    8.836690e-02 9.555478e-02
  1
  2
                    2.057162e-02 2.356785e-02
  3
                    6.325210e-03 7.058686e-03
  4
                    2.065974e-03 2.800140e-03
  5
                    1.047674e-03 1.166725e-03
  6
                    4.601933e-04 5.250263e-04
  7
                    2.545750e-04 3.500175e-04
  8
                    6.853942e-05 1.750088e-04
  9
                    8.812212e-05 0.000000e+00
  10
                    3.916539e-05 5.833625e-05
  11
                    4.895673e-05 1.750088e-04
  12
                    1.958269e-05 0.000000e+00
                    1.958269e-05 0.000000e+00
  13
  14
                    0.000000e+00 5.833625e-05
  18
                    9.791346e-06 0.000000e+00
$`0`
             n mean
                       sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis se
      1 102131 0.17 0.56
                               0
                                    0.02
                                               0
                                                  18
                                                         18 5.83
                                                                    61.53 0
Х1
                                           0
$`1`
                     sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis se
   vars
            n mean
      1 17142 0.19 0.61
                              0
                                   0.04
                                              0 14
                                                        14 5.85
                                                                   60.48 0
attr(,"call")
```

by.default(data = x, INDICES = group, FUN = describe, type = type)

Delinq. 2 Years vs. Default Status



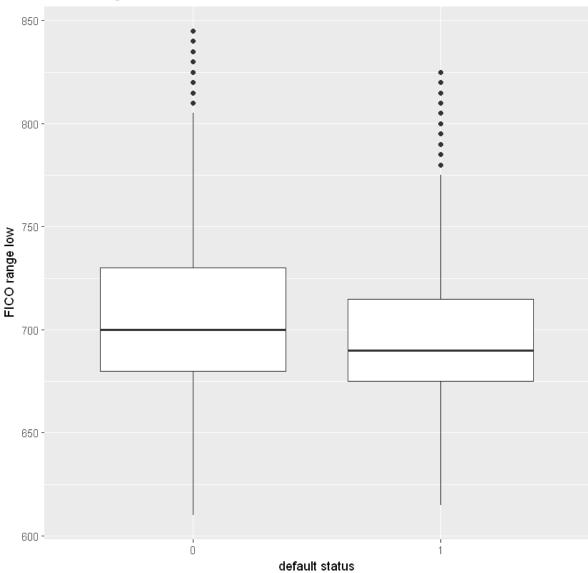
The distributions for the number of delinquencies in the last 2 years by default status are very similar. Number of delinquencies has little bearing on default status.

fico_range_low

```
In [35]: describeBy(lending_club_final$fico_range_low, as.factor(lending_club_final$def
ault))
    ggplot(lending_club_final, aes(as.factor(default), fico_range_low)) + geom_box
    plot() +
        labs(title="FICO Range Low vs. Default Status", x="default status", y="FIC
        O range low")
```

```
$`0`
                         sd median trimmed
                                            mad min max range skew kurtosis
   vars
                 mean
             n
      1 102131 708.85 35.12
                               700 705.68 37.06 610 845
                                                           235 0.74
                                                                       -0.06
Х1
     se
X1 0.11
$`1`
                mean
                        sd median trimmed
                                           mad min max range skew kurtosis
   vars
                              690 693.48 29.65 615 825
Х1
      1 17142 696.79 30.01
                                                          210 0.96
X1 0.23
attr(,"call")
by.default(data = x, INDICES = group, FUN = describe, type = type)
```

FICO Range Low vs. Default Status



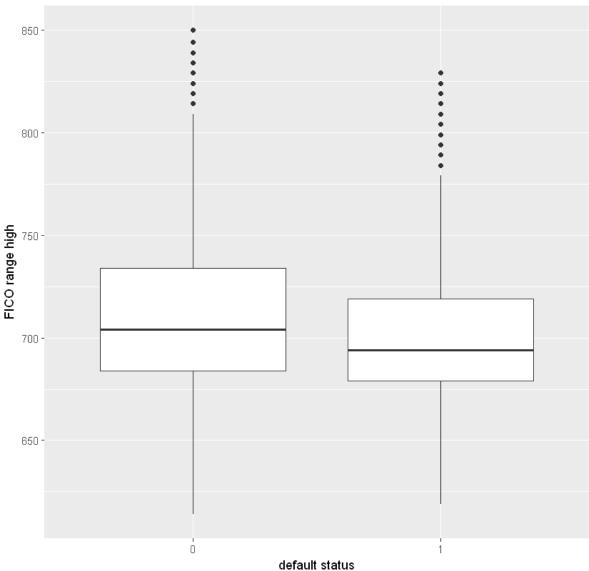
From the boxplots we can see that those who defaulted were more likely to have a lower fico_range_low. This is as expected.

fico_range_high

In [36]: describeBy(lending_club_final\$fico_range_high, as.factor(lending_club_final\$de
 fault))
 ggplot(lending_club_final, aes(as.factor(default), fico_range_high)) + geom_bo
 xplot() +
 labs(title="FICO Range High vs. Default Status", x="default status", y="FI
 CO range high")

```
$`0`
                         sd median trimmed
                                             mad min max range skew kurtosis
   vars
                 mean
             n
      1 102131 712.85 35.12
                               704 709.68 37.06 614 850
                                                           236 0.74
                                                                       -0.06
X1
X1 0.11
$`1`
                mean
                        sd median trimmed
                                           mad min max range skew kurtosis
   vars
Х1
      1 17142 700.79 30.01
                              694 697.48 29.65 619 829
                                                          210 0.96
X1 0.23
attr(,"call")
by.default(data = x, INDICES = group, FUN = describe, type = type)
```

FICO Range High vs. Default Status

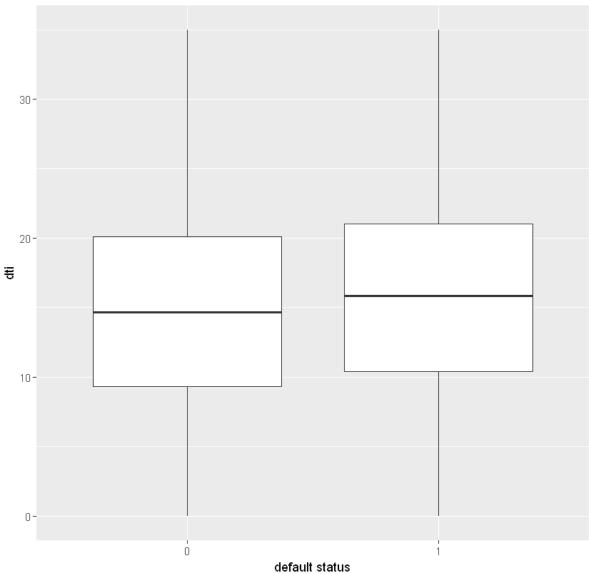


From the boxplots we can see that those who defaulted were more likely to have a lower fico_range_high. This is as expected.

Debt-to-Income Ratio (dti)

```
$`0`
             n mean
                       sd median trimmed mad min
                                                   max range skew kurtosis
   vars
Х1
      1 102131 14.82 7.31 14.65
                                   14.69 8.02
                                               0 34.99 34.99 0.16
                                                                      -0.54
X1 0.02
$`1`
                      sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
   vars
            n mean
 se
      1 17142 15.77 7.32 15.86
                                  15.74 7.84 0 34.95 34.95 0.05
Х1
                                                                     -0.51 0.
06
attr(,"call")
by.default(data = x, INDICES = group, FUN = describe, type = type)
```

DTI Ratio vs. Default Status

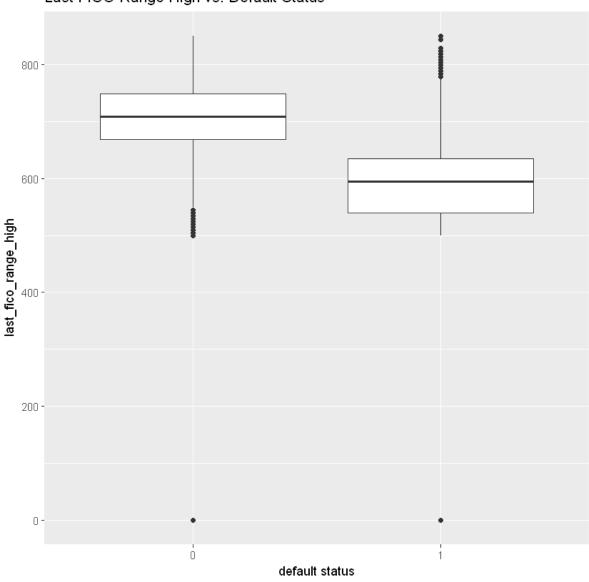


The boxplots above demonstrate that those who defaulted were more likely have a higher DTI (Debt-to-Income) ratio. This is as expected.

last_fico_range_high

\$`0` sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis vars n mean 1 102131 704.46 68.25 709 708.9 59.3 0 850 850 -1.36 8.83 X1 X1 0.21 \$`1` sd median trimmed mean mad min max range skew kurtosis Х1 1 17142 590.82 58.71 594 590.24 66.72 0 850 850 -0.04 0.53 X1 0.45 attr(,"call") by.default(data = x, INDICES = group, FUN = describe, type = type)

Last FICO Range High vs. Default Status



As expected borrowers who default are more likely to have a lower low range FICO score. The interesting thing about this feature is that it seems to have a much larger impact on default status than the other low range FICO score (fico_range_low) and all other features examined so far. I imagine this is because last_fico_range_low is a more recent FICO score and better reflects the borrowers current financial situation.

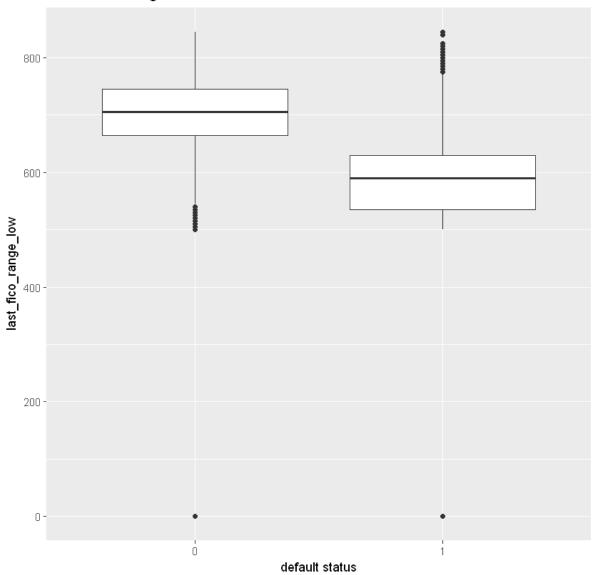
last_fico_range_low

In [39]: describeBy(lending_club_final\$last_fico_range_low, as.factor(lending_club_fina
l\$default))

ggplot(lending_club_final, aes(as.factor(default), last_fico_range_low)) + geo
m_boxplot() +
 labs(title="Last FICO Range Low vs. Default Status", x="default status", y=
ast_fico_range_low")

```
$`0`
   vars
                 mean
                         sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
             n
      1 102131 698.19 81.92
                               705
                                     704.9 59.3
                                                  0 845
                                                          845 -3.5
                                                                       26.62
Х1
     se
X1 0.26
$`1`
                         sd median trimmed
                                             mad min max range skew kurtosis
   vars
                mean
Х1
      1 17142 543.68 175.68
                               590 586.24 66.72
                                                   0 845
                                                           845 -2.49
X1 1.34
attr(,"call")
by.default(data = x, INDICES = group, FUN = describe, type = type)
```

Last FICO Range Low vs. Default Status



As expected having a lower, high range recent FICO score is more likely among borrowers who default. Again similar to last_fico_range_high, last_fico_range_low has a significant impact on whether the borrower is likel to default for similar reasons.

Cleaning data - Little touch-ups

```
In [40]: # convert issue d to POSIX because as factors they have too many levels!
          lending club final$issue d <- as.vector(sapply(lending club final$issue d, fun
          ction(x) paste0(x, "-01"))
          lending club final$issue d <- as.Date(lending club final$issue d,"%b-%Y-%d")</pre>
          lending club final$issue d <-</pre>
          as.numeric(as.POSIXct(lending_club_final$issue_d, format="%Y-b%-%d"))
          # convert int rate to numeric
          lending_club_final$int_rate <- as.character(lending_club_final$int_rate)</pre>
          lending club final$int rate <- as.numeric(substr(lending club final$int rate,1</pre>
          har(lending_club_final$int_rate)-1))
          # convert earliest_cr_line to POSIX
          lending club final$earliest cr line <- as.vector(sapply(lending club final$ear</pre>
          liest_cr_line, function(x) paste0(x,"-01")))
          lending_club_final$earliest_cr_line <- as.Date(lending_club_final$earliest_cr_</pre>
          line, "%b-%Y-%d")
          lending_club_final$earliest_cr_line <- as.numeric(as.POSIXct(lending_club fina</pre>
          1$earliest_cr_line, format="%Y-b%-%d"))
          # convert revol util to numeric
          lending_club_final$revol_util <- as.character(lending_club_final$revol_util)</pre>
          lending club final$revol util <- as.numeric(substr(lending club final$revol ut</pre>
          il,1,nchar(lending_club_final$revol_util)-1))
          # convert last credit pull d to POSIX because as factors they have too many le
          vels!
          lending_club_final$last_credit_pull_d <- as.vector(sapply(lending_club_final$l</pre>
          ast credit pull d, function(x) paste0(x,"-01")))
          lending_club_final$last_credit_pull_d <- as.Date(lending_club_final$last_credi</pre>
          t pull d, "%b-%Y-%d")
          lending club final$last credit pull d <- as.numeric(as.POSIXct(lending club fi</pre>
          nal$last credit pull d, format="%Y-b%-%d"))
          # remove useless variables
          to_remove <- c("url","desc","title","emp_title","id","loan_status","zip_code")</pre>
          lending_club_final <- lending_club_final[ , !(names(lending_club_final) %in% t</pre>
          o remove)]
```

Remove incomplete records

Incomplete records should be removed as long as they are a small portion of the data set < 3%

```
In [41]: nrows <- nrow(lending_club_final)
    ncomplete <- sum(complete.cases(lending_club_final))
    print(1-(ncomplete/nrows))</pre>
```

[1] 0.001224083

Since incomplete rows represent < 3% of data set, remove them.

Number of records after incomplete records removed

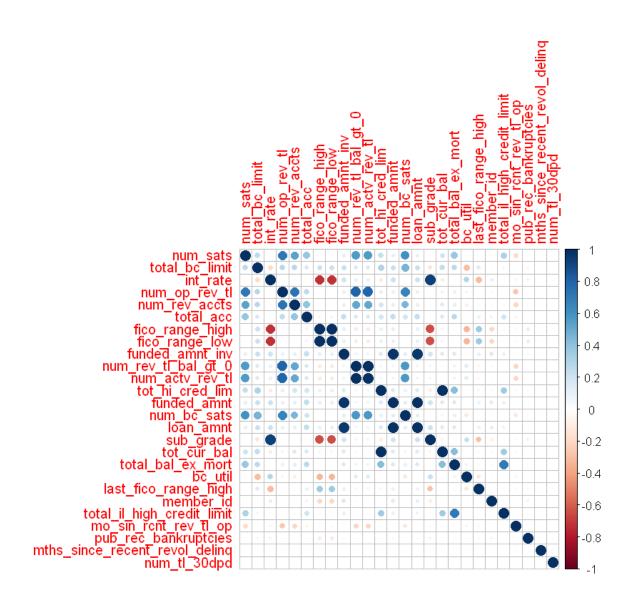
```
In [42]: lending_club_final <- lending_club_final[complete.cases(lending_club_final),]
# how many records in data set so far
lcf_before_na_rm <- nrow(lending_club_final)
lcf_before_na_rm</pre>
119127
```

Correlation Analysis

In this section I will find pair-wise correlations. Highly correlated features are redundant an can possibly diminish the performance of a prediction model.

```
In [43]: lending club final fact as num <- lending club final</pre>
          # change factor columns/ features to numeric
          indx <- sapply(lending club final fact as num, is.factor)</pre>
          lending_club_final_fact_as_num[indx] <-</pre>
          lapply(lending_club_final_fact_as_num[indx], function(x) seq_along(levels(x))[
          # create subset of dataset with only numeric features
          num_feat <- sapply(lending_club_final_fact_as_num, is.numeric)</pre>
          lending_club_final_num_only <- lending_club_final_fact_as_num[,num_feat]</pre>
          # eliminate columns/features which are all the same value
          unilength <- sapply(lending club final num only, function(x) length(unique(x)))
          lending_club_final_num_only <- subset(lending_club_final_num_only, select=unil</pre>
          ength>1)
          # calculate correlation matrix
          correlationMatrix <- cor(lending_club_final_num_only)</pre>
          # summarize the correlation matrix
          #print(correlationMatrix)
          # find features that are highly correlated
          highlyCorrelated <- findCorrelation(correlationMatrix, cutoff=0.6)</pre>
          highCorrelationMatrix <- correlationMatrix[highlyCorrelated,highlyCorrelated]</pre>
          # plot correlation of highly correlated features
          library(corrplot)
          corrplot(highCorrelationMatrix, method="circle")
```

Warning message: "package 'corrplot' was built under R version 3.3.2"



Dataset Balance

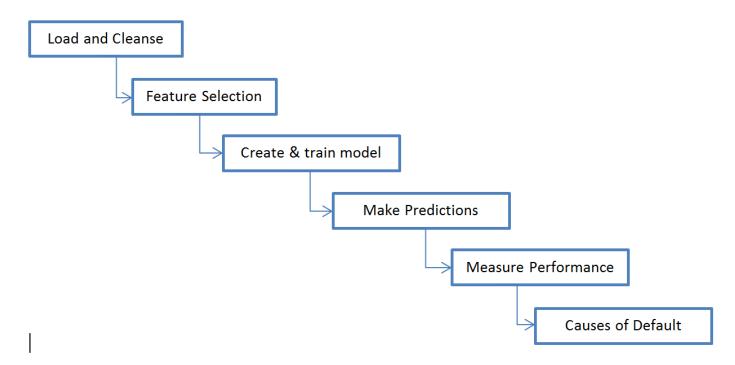
In this section I am going to check if the dataset is balanced. In other words, is the proportion of loans which defaulted similar to those who did not? People normally pay off their loans so the data should be unbalanced.

How many records per class?

What is the proportion per class?

As we can see the dataset is unbalanced and will have to be balanced before creating our predictive models.

Approach



Step 1: Load, Cleanse and Balance

Load dataset and perform initial cleansing. Cleansing will entail removing features which only contain NA values, imputing values into features which have a large proportion of NA values, changing feature data types in order to perform correlation analysis. Imputing will be done by populating NA's with the column average. Finally, the dataset will tested for imbalance and corrected if necessary.

Step 2: Feature Selection

Determine which features are significant and which will be used in the predictive models. Some feature analysis will be performed in order to understand the data but Recursive Feature Elimination (RFE) will be relied upon to determine the optimal feature subset.

Step 3: Create and Train Model

Using the pruned dataset consisting of features determined from steps 1 and 2, create a test and training dataset. Create predictive models on the training dataset for the following algorithms: Random Forests, Bagged Decision Trees, and Support Vector Machines (SVM). Note: Each model is created using the same training dataset.

Step 4: Make Predictions

Use the models on the test dataset and record the results.

Step 5: Measure Performance

This is a sub-step of step 5. For each result set in step 5, measure the Percentage Correctly Classified (PCC), the area under a ROC curve (AUC), and accuracy, then compare the performance of each of the classification algorithms.

Step 6: Causes of Default

Using the knowledge gained from all of the previous steps, determine the causes of loan default.

Predictive Models

Create training and test data sets

```
In [46]: train_rows <- sample(nrow(lending_club_final),(nrow(lending_club_final)*0.6))
    lending_club.train <- lending_club_final[train_rows,]
    lending_club.test <- lending_club_final[-train_rows,]</pre>
```

Before balancing the dataset

```
In [47]: # How many records per class?
    table(lending_club.train$default)

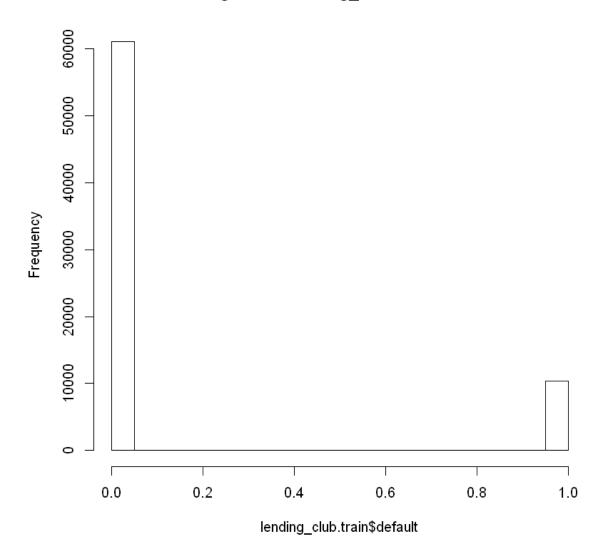
# Plot histogram of class distribution
    hist(lending_club.train$default)

# Percentage of total dataset per class (0= non-default, 1= default)
    prop.table(table(lending_club.train$default))

hist(lending_club.train$default)
0 1
61138 10348
```

0 1 61128 10348 0 1 0.8552241 0.1447759

Histogram of lending_club.train\$default



Balancing the Training Dataset - Using SMOTE

```
In [48]: #install.packages("unbalanced", repos='http://cran.us.r-project.org',dependenc
    ies = TRUE)
    #library(unbalanced)

    n <- ncol(lending_club.train)
    y <- as.factor(lending_club.train$default)
    x <- lending_club.train[ ,-n]
    lending_club.train.smote <- ubSMOTE(X=x, Y=y)
    lending_club.train.smote$default <- as.numeric(as.character(lending_club.train.smote$Y))</pre>
In [49]: lending_club.train <- cbind(lending_club.train.smote$X, default=lending_club.t
```

After balancing the dataset

rain.smote\$default)

```
In [50]: # How many records per class?
    table(lending_club.train$default)

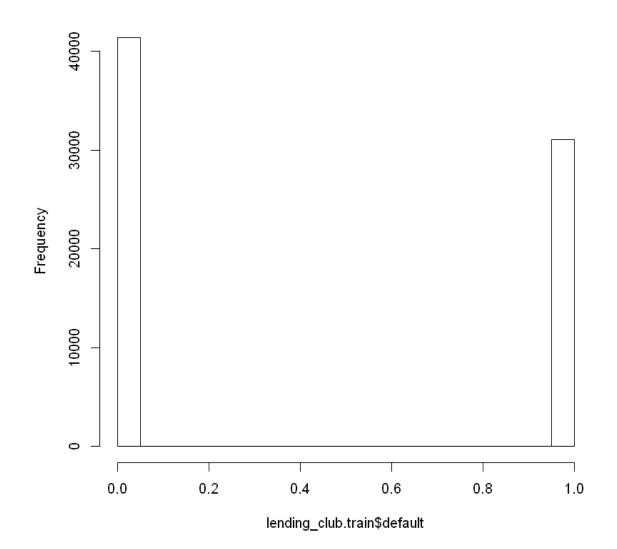
# Plot histogram of class distribution
    hist(lending_club.train$default)

# Percentage of total dataset per class (0= non-default, 1= default)
    prop.table(table(lending_club.train$default))

hist(lending_club.train$default)
```

0 1 41392 31044 0 1 0.5714286 0.4285714

Histogram of lending_club.train\$default



Random Forest

Train model and make predictions - Pre-RFE

I am training the random forest algorithm against all of the variables/features. This model will be a baseline to compare to others.

```
In [51]:
          library(caret)
          #install.packages("e1071", repos='http://cran.us.r-project.org',dependencies =
           TRUE)
          library(e1071)
          library(randomForest)
          set.seed(9)
          ptm <- proc.time()</pre>
          #####################################
          rf.fit <- randomForest(as.factor(default)~., data=lending_club.train, importan</pre>
          ce=TRUE, ntree=400)
          # Generate predictions based on model
          lending_club.test$default.pred <- predict(rf.fit,lending_club.test)</pre>
          #####################################
          rf.pre.time <- proc.time() - ptm
          Warning message:
          "package 'e1071' was built under R version 3.3.2"
          Attaching package: 'e1071'
          The following object is masked from 'package:mlr':
              impute
          randomForest 4.6-12
          Type rfNews() to see new features/changes/bug fixes.
         Attaching package: 'randomForest'
          The following object is masked from 'package:psych':
              outlier
          The following object is masked from 'package:ggplot2':
              margin
```

Measure performance - Random Forest Pre-RFE

```
In [52]: # Create Confusion Matrix
    cm.pre_rfe <- confusionMatrix(lending_club.test$default.pred,lending_club.test$
    fault)
    cm.pre_rfe

# area under a ROC curve
#auc(lending_club.test$default,as.numeric(lending_club.test$default.pred))</pre>
```

Confusion Matrix and Statistics

Reference Prediction 0 1 0 39634 2548 1 1259 4210

Accuracy : 0.9201

95% CI: (0.9176, 0.9225)

No Information Rate : 0.8582 P-Value [Acc > NIR] : < 2.2e-16

Kappa: 0.6434 Mcnemar's Test P-Value: < 2.2e-16

> Sensitivity: 0.9692 Specificity: 0.6230 Pos Pred Value: 0.9396 Neg Pred Value: 0.7698 Prevalence: 0.8582 Detection Rate: 0.8318

Detection Prevalence : 0.8852
Balanced Accuracy : 0.7961

'Positive' Class : 0

0.796088854500257

Recursive Feature Elimination (RFE)

So far we have not considered significance when cleansing the data set. RFE analysis will identify a data set subset for optimal results.

```
In [53]: # Let's use RFE to see if we can prune some variables/features and hopefully g
    et a better result
    set.seed(77)

# 10-fold cross-validation
    control <- rfeControl(functions=rfFuncs, method="cv", number=10)
    lending_club.train.rfe <- lending_club.train[sample(nrow(lending_club.train),2
    000),]
    rfe.train <- rfe(lending_club.train.rfe[,1:79], as.factor(lending_club.train.r
    fe[,80]), sizes=1:79, rfeControl=control)

# how big is the optimal variable subset?
    print(rfe.train$bestSubset)

Attaching package: 'plyr'</pre>
```

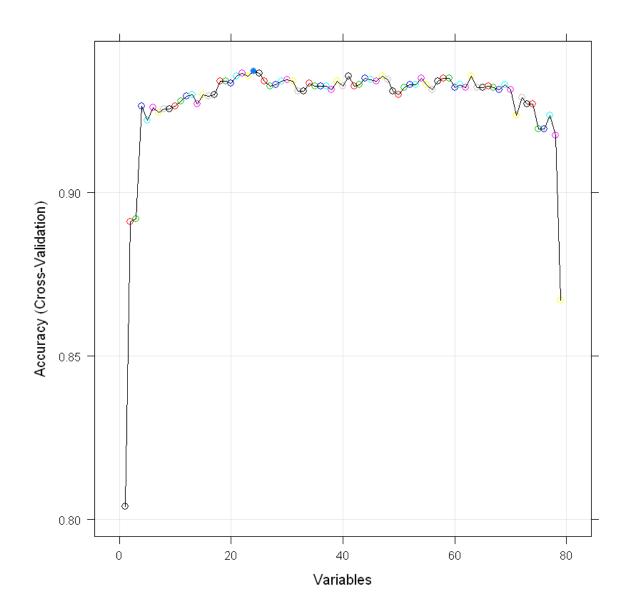
The following object is masked from 'package:modeltools':

empty

[1] 24

Plot the number of variables vs. RMSE

In [54]: plot(rfe.train, type=c("g", "o"), cex = 1.0, col = 1:79)



What specific variables/features comprise the optimal subset?

```
In [55]: predictors(rfe.train)
```

"last_credit_pull_d" "last_fico_range_low" "last_fico_range_high"
"collections_12_mths_ex_med" "chargeoff_within_12_mths"
"mths_since_last_record" "pub_rec_bankruptcies" "dti" "funded_amnt"
"loan_amnt" "inq_last_6mths" "int_rate" "issue_d" "installment" "member_id"
"funded_amnt_inv" "annual_inc" "fico_range_high" "num_tl_120dpd_2m"
"tot_coll_amt" "mths_since_last_delinq" "grade" "fico_range_low"
"num_tl_30dpd"

```
In [56]: predictors <- predictors(rfe.train)
    formula <- paste("as.factor(default)",paste(predictors, collapse=" + "), sep="-
    formula <- as.formula(formula)
    formula

as.factor(default) ~ last_credit_pull_d + last_fico_range_low +
        last_fico_range_high + collections_12_mths_ex_med + chargeoff_within_12_m
    ths +
        mths_since_last_record + pub_rec_bankruptcies + dti + funded_amnt +
        loan_amnt + inq_last_6mths + int_rate + issue_d + installment +
        member_id + funded_amnt_inv + annual_inc + fico_range_high +
        num_tl_120dpd_2m + tot_coll_amt + mths_since_last_delinq +
        grade + fico_range_low + num_tl_30dpd</pre>
```

Train Random Forest model Post-RFE and generate predictions

Measure performance - Random Forest Post-RFE

```
In [138]: # Create Confusion Matrix
cm.post_rfe <- confusionMatrix(lending_club.test$default.pred.opt,lending_clu
b.test$default)
cm.post_rfe

# store Accuracy (PCC)
#pcc_acc.post_rfe <- x$overall[1]

# find area under a ROC curve
#auc.post.rfe <- auc(lending_club.test$default,as.numeric(lending_club.test$de
fault.pred.opt))</pre>
Confusion Matrix and Statistics
```

```
Reference
Prediction 0 1
0 38173 667
```

0 38173 667 1 2720 6091

Accuracy : 0.9289

95% CI: (0.9266, 0.9312)

No Information Rate : 0.8582 P-Value [Acc > NIR] : < 2.2e-16

Kappa : 0.7409
Mcnemar's Test P-Value : < 2.2e-16</pre>

Sensitivity: 0.9335 Specificity: 0.9013 Pos Pred Value: 0.9828 Neg Pred Value: 0.6913 Prevalence: 0.8582 Detection Rate: 0.8011

Detection Prevalence : 0.8151 Balanced Accuracy : 0.9174

'Positive' Class : 0

Bagged Decision Trees

Create model and make predictions

```
In [139]: set.seed(3)
           # BAGGED DECISION TREES
           library(rpart)
           #install.packages("adabag", repos='http://cran.us.r-project.org',dependencies
            = TRUE)
           library(adabag)
           lending club.train$default.factor <- as.factor(lending club.train$default)</pre>
           lending club.test$default.factor <- as.factor(lending club.test$default)</pre>
           formula_bdt <- paste("default.factor",paste(predictors,collapse=" +</pre>
           "),sep="~")
           ptm <- proc.time()</pre>
           ####################################
           # mfinal indicates total number of trees grown
           # and minsplit is the minimum number of observations that must exist in a node
            in order for a split to be attempted
           bdt.bagging <- bagging(formula_bdt, mfinal=500, control=rpart.control(minsplit
            = 50), data=lending_club.train)
           # make predictions
           bdt.bagging.pred <- predict.bagging(bdt.bagging, newdata=lending_club.test)</pre>
           #####################################
           bdt.time <- proc.time() - ptm</pre>
```

Bagged Decision Trees - Measure Performance

```
In [140]: # Create Confusion Matrix
    cm.bdt <- confusionMatrix(bdt.bagging.pred$class,lending_club.test$default)
    cm.bdt

# find Area Under a ROC Curve (AUC)
#auc(lending_club.test$default,as.numeric(bdt.bagging.pred$class))</pre>
```

Confusion Matrix and Statistics

Reference
Prediction 0 1
0 37255 809
1 3638 5949

Accuracy : 0.9067

95% CI: (0.904, 0.9093)

No Information Rate : 0.8582 P-Value [Acc > NIR] : < 2.2e-16

Kappa : 0.6736
Mcnemar's Test P-Value : < 2.2e-16</pre>

Sensitivity: 0.9110
Specificity: 0.8803
Pos Pred Value: 0.9787
Neg Pred Value: 0.6205
Prevalence: 0.8582
Detection Rate: 0.7818

Detection Prevalence : 0.7988 Balanced Accuracy : 0.8957

'Positive' Class : 0

Support Vector Machines

```
In [141]: set.seed(10)
           ptm <- proc.time()</pre>
           ###################################
           # create SVM model
           lc.svm.fit <- svm(formula, data=lending_club.train)</pre>
           # make predictons
           lending club.test$default.pred.svm <- predict(lc.svm.fit,lending_club.test)</pre>
           ####################################
           svm.time <- proc.time() - ptm</pre>
           # Create Confusion Matrix
           cm.svm <- confusionMatrix(lending club.test$default.pred.svm,lending club.test</pre>
           fault)
           cm.svm
           # find Area Under a ROC Curve (AUC)
           #auc(lending_club.test$default,as.numeric(lending_club.test$default.pred.svm))
           Confusion Matrix and Statistics
                      Reference
           Prediction
                           0
                                  1
                     0 37496 1123
                     1 3397 5635
                           Accuracy : 0.9051
```

95% CI: (0.9025, 0.9078)

No Information Rate : 0.8582 P-Value [Acc > NIR] : < 2.2e-16

Kappa : 0.6583
Mcnemar's Test P-Value : < 2.2e-16</pre>

Sensitivity: 0.9169
Specificity: 0.8338
Pos Pred Value: 0.9709
Neg Pred Value: 0.6239
Prevalence: 0.8582
Detection Rate: 0.7869

Detection Prevalence : 0.8105 Balanced Accuracy : 0.8754

'Positive' Class : 0

Visualize the Prediction Model Using Conditional Inference Trees (CTree)

```
In [142]: lending_club.init_sol <- lending_club_final

# train and test datasets
train_rows <- sample(nrow(lending_club.init_sol),(nrow(lending_club.init_sol)*
lending_club.init_sol.train <- lending_club.init_sol[train_rows,]
lending_club.init_sol.test <- lending_club.init_sol[-train_rows,]

lending_club.init_sol.train$default <- factor(lending_club.init_sol.train$default, levels=c(0,1), labels=c('PAID', 'DEFAULT'))
lending_club.init_sol.test$default <- factor(lending_club.init_sol.test$default, levels=c(0,1), labels=c('PAID', 'DEFAULT'))</pre>
```

png: 2

Measure Accuracy - CTree

Compile Prediction Performance Results

```
In [207]: # poplulate Accuracy (PCC)
           acc <- cbind(as.numeric(cm.post rfe$overall)[1],as.numeric(cm.bdt$overall)</pre>
           [1],as.numeric(cm.svm$overall)[1])
           # populate Kappa
           kap <- cbind(as.numeric(cm.post_rfe$overall)[2],as.numeric(cm.bdt$overall)</pre>
           [2],as.numeric(cm.svm$overall)[2])
           # populate Sensitivity
           sen <- cbind(as.numeric(cm.post_rfe$byClass)[1],as.numeric(cm.bdt$byClass)</pre>
           [1],as.numeric(cm.svm$byClass)[1])
           # populate Specificity
           spec <- cbind(as.numeric(cm.post rfe$byClass)[2],as.numeric(cm.bdt$byClass)[2]</pre>
           numeric(cm.svm$byClass)[2])
           # populate AUC
           auc <- cbind(as.numeric(cm.post_rfe$byClass)[11],as.numeric(cm.bdt$byClass)[11</pre>
           s.numeric(cm.svm$byClass)[11])
           perf.mat <- rbind(acc,kap,sen,spec,auc)</pre>
           rownames(perf.mat) <- c("PCC (1)", "Kappa (2)", "Sensitivity (3)", "Specificity
            (4)","AUC (5)")
           colnames(perf.mat) <- c("Random Forest - Post RFE", "Bagged Decision Trees", "SV</pre>
           M")
           #perf.mat
           \#matplot(perf.mat, type = c("b"), pch=1, col = 2:4)
           #legend("bottomright", legend = c("Random Forest - Post RFE","Bagged Decision
            Trees", "SVM"), col=2:4, pch=1)
           #res.vec <- as.vector(cbind(acc,kap,sen,spec,auc))</pre>
           #rec.struc <- structure(res.vec, .Dim=c(5L,3L), .Dimnames=list(c("PCC","Kapp</pre>
           a", "Sensitivity", "Specificity", "AUC"),
                                                                              c("Random Fores
           t - Post RFE", "Bagged Decision Trees", "SVM")))
           #rownames(rec.struc)
           #matplot(rownames(rec.struc), rec.struc, type='l')
```

Compile Time Performance Results

```
In [146]: rf.mat <- as.matrix(rf.post.time)
    svm.mat <- as.matrix(svm.time)
    bdt.mat <- as.matrix(bdt.time)

et <- cbind(rf.mat[3], svm.mat[3], bdt.mat[3])
    colnames(et) <- c("Random Forests","SVM","Bagged DT")
#et
#barplot(et, main="Classification Model Time Performance", ylab="elapsed time
    in seconds")</pre>
```

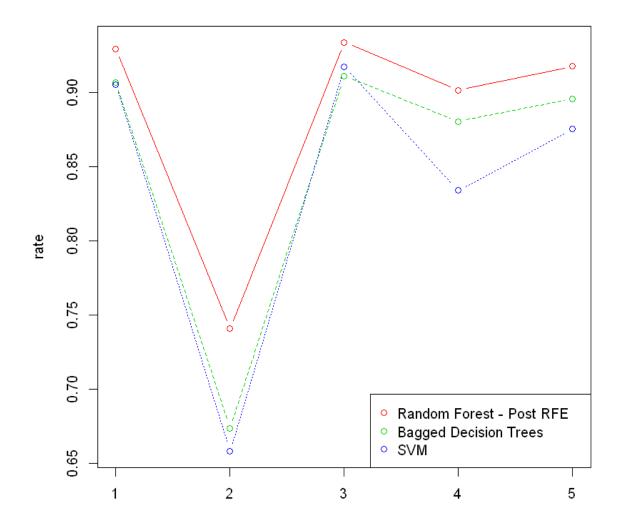
Results

Predictive Models Performance

This section will summarize the results of the prediction performance measures for all of the classification algorithms covered in this project. The measures of performance to be compared are Accuracy (Percent Correctly Classified), Area Under a ROC Curve (AUC), as well as Sensitivity and Specificity.

	Random Forest - Post RFE	Bagged Decision Trees	SVM
PCC (1)	0.9289207	0.9066756	0.9051436
Kappa (2)	0.7408529	0.6736312	0.6583035
Sensitivity (3)	0.9334849	0.9110361	0.9169295
Specificity (4)	0.9013022	0.8802900	0.8338266
AUC (5)	0.9173936	0.8956631	0.8753781

Predictive Models Performance Results



Predictive Models Results Summary

Over all of the metrics used, the best performer is Random Forests. The first metric is Percentage Correctly Classified (PCC), which measures the classified loans as a percentage of all loans. The second is Kappa, which is a measure of agreement between two raters. This measure is considered more robust than the others used here. The third is Sensitivity which is the proportion of borrowers who were predicted as not defaulting versus all the borrowers who actually did not default. In other words it measures the success rate of predicting who will not default. The fourth is Specificity which is the proportion of borrowers who were predicted as defaulting versus all the borrowers who did default. This metric is especially important since it captures the success rate of predicting who will default. The final metric is Area Under a ROC Curve which measures the relationship between the true positive rate (TPR) and the false positive rate (FPR). An AUC of 1 means that all borrowers predicted not default did not default in reality. An AUC of 0.5 would indicate that of the borrowers predicted not to default, half actually did while the other half did not.

Time Performance

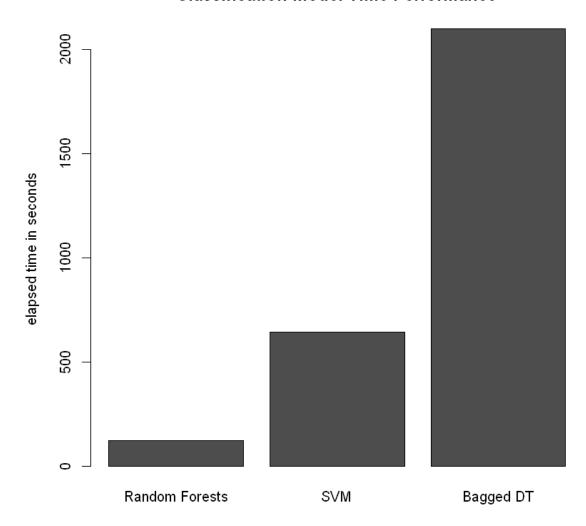
This section will summarize the time performance for each predictive model.

In [248]:

barplot(et, main="Classification Model Time Performance", ylab="elapsed time i
n seconds")

Random Forests	SVM	Bagged DT
124.52	645.62	2100.86

Classification Model Time Performance



Time Performance Summary

The time performance results show that Random Forests outperform Support Vector Machines and Bagged Decision Trees.

Important Features for Prediction

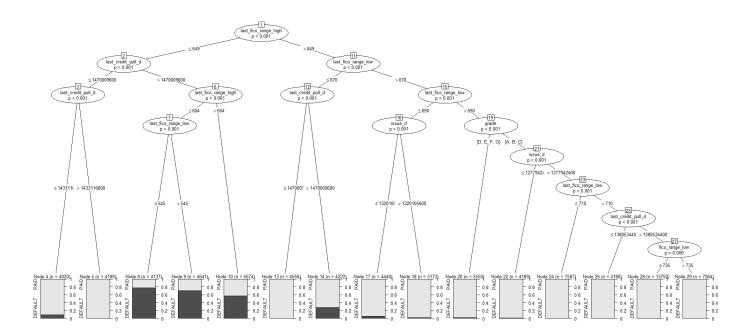
In this section the features in the dataset which are the most important for predicting loan default. These features should be collected for each potential borrower to determine his/her likelihood of default.

In [216]: dataDict <- read.table("LCDataDictionary.csv", header = TRUE, sep=",")
 dataDict[which(dataDict\$Feature %in% predictors(rfe.train)),]</pre>

	Feature	Description
5	annual_inc	The self-reported annual income provided by the borrower during registration.
11	chargeoff_within_12_mths	Number of charge-offs within 12 months
13	collections_12_mths_ex_med	Number of collections in 12 months excluding medical collections
17	fico_range_high	The upper boundary range the borrower?s FICO at loan origination belongs to.
18	fico_range_low	The lower boundary range the borrower?s FICO at loan origination belongs to.
19	funded_amnt	The total amount committed to that loan at that point in time.
20	funded_amnt_inv	The total amount committed by investors for that loan at that point in time.
21	grade	LC assigned loan grade
28	inq_last_6mths	The number of inquiries in past 6 months (excluding auto and mortgage inquiries)
29	installment	The monthly payment owed by the borrower if the loan originates.
30	int_rate	Interest Rate on the loan
31	issue_d	The month which the loan was funded
32	last_credit_pull_d	The most recent month LC pulled credit for this loan
33	last_fico_range_high	The upper boundary range the borrower?s last FICO pulled belongs to.
34	last_fico_range_low	The lower boundary range the borrower?s last FICO pulled belongs to.
37	loan_amnt	The listed amount of the loan applied for by the borrower. If at some point in time the credit department reduces the loan amount then it will be reflected in this value.
40	member_id	A unique LC assigned ld for the borrower member.

	Feature	Description
46	mths_since_last_delinq	The number of months since the borrowers last delinquency. mths_since_last_major_derog,Months since most recent 90-day or worse rating mths_since_last_record,The number of months since the last public record. mths_since_rcnt_il,Months since most recent installment accounts opened mths_since_recent_bc,Months since most recent bankcard account opened. mths_since_recent_bc_dlq,Months since most recent bankcard delinquency mths_since_recent_inq,Months since most recent inquiry. mths_since_recent_revol_delinq,Months since most recent revolving delinquency. next_pymnt_d,Next scheduled payment date num_accts_ever_120_pd,Number of accounts ever 120 or more days past due num_actv_bc_tl,Number of currently active bankcard accounts num_actv_rev_tl,Number of currently active revolving trades num_bc_sats,Number of satisfactory bankcard accounts num_bc_tl,Number of installment accounts num_op_rev_tl,Number of installment accounts num_rev_accts,Number of revolving accounts num_rev_accts,Number of revolving trades with balance >0 num_sats,Number of satisfactory accounts num_tl_120dpd_2m,Number of accounts currently 120 days past due (updated in past 2 months) num_tl_30dpd,Number of accounts currently 30 days past due (updated in past 2 months) num_tl_90g_dpd_24m,Number of accounts opened in past 12 months open_acc,The number of open credit lines in the borrowers credit file.
59	pub_rec_bankruptcies	Number of public record bankruptcies
69	tot_coll_amt	Total collection amounts ever owed
L	<u> </u>	

Loan Approval Decision Process



This decision tree above can be used to predict whether a potential borrower will or will not default on their loan. By starting at the top node of the tree and by following the decisions you eventually arrive at a probability of default or non-default (paid). By studying this tree we can glean some important insights:

The last credit pull date (last_credit_pull_d) is an indicitive feature when sizing up a potential borrower. If a potential borrower has had a credit pull within 4 years and 7 months ago or earlier this is of significant concern.

Overall the most indicitive feature for default is the high range of the last FICO score (last_fico_range_high). If last_fico_range_high is greater than 649 the probability of default is minimal. The only exception to that would be when the borrower has had a credit pull within the last 4 years and 7 months. Meanwhile, if last_fico_range_high is less than 649 and the last credit pull date is 4 years and 7 months ago or earlier, then the probability of default is about 60% or higher.

The most dangerous potential borrower is someone with a last_fico_range_high of less than 545. Potential borrowers with such a low FICO score are at least 70% likely to default.

NOTES: This tree is based on the Conditional Inference Trees model generated above (see heading "Visualize the Prediction Model Using Conditional Inference Trees (CTree)"). It's performance measures are displayed below.

This tree has been compressed and does not show all of the possible decision points. This has been done for display purposes. A larger more detailed tree can be generated for a more in-depth analysis.

*Please note that 147000960 translates to Jan. 27, 2012 and since the data is current to Sept. 1, 2016, it roughly translates to 4 years and 7 months ago.

In [222]: cm.ctree

Confusion Matrix and Statistics

Reference
Prediction PAID DEFAULT
PAID 28636 936
DEFAULT 2039 4128

Accuracy : 0.9168

95% CI: (0.9138, 0.9196)

No Information Rate : 0.8583 P-Value [Acc > NIR] : < 2.2e-16

Kappa : 0.6863

Mcnemar's Test P-Value : < 2.2e-16

Sensitivity: 0.9335
Specificity: 0.8152
Pos Pred Value: 0.9683
Neg Pred Value: 0.6694
Prevalence: 0.8583
Detection Rate: 0.8013

Detection Prevalence : 0.8274 Balanced Accuracy : 0.8743

'Positive' Class : PAID

Conclusion

The purpose of this project is to determine the characteristic or features of a borrower and create a framework by which a lender could determine whether a potential borrower is or is not likely to default. The characteristics/features provided above help a lender determine what kind of data he or she needs to compile in order to make a good prediction of default. These features are listed under the **Important Features for Prediction** section above. Once the borrower has gathered all of the data he or she will need a framework to make decisions. The framework provided in this project is the decision tree provided in the **Loan Approval Decision Process** section above. By following the decision and asking each question in regards to a potential borrower, the lender will eventually arrive at general probability of default. In addition to creating a decision porcess for each potential new borrower, the decision tree provides general insights and these can be used for making quick descisions.

Overall the best performing classification model was Random Forests. With an accuracy rate of almost 93%, it can relied upon for consistently accurate predictions.

Real Life Example

In this section I am going to take the important characteristics/features from a few individual borrowers in the Lending Club dataset and make a predictions using the Random Forest-Post RFE model.

	annual_inc	inq_last_6mths	mths_since_last_delinq	mths_since_last_record	cc
149723	220000	3	36.1423584259484	74.666935483871	0
140431	110000	0	36.1423584259484	74.666935483871	0
139936	27400	0	36.1423584259484	74.666935483871	0
28102	63624	1	51	74.666935483871	0
178953	125000	2	65	74.666935483871	0
151295	9500	1	36.1423584259484	74.666935483871	0
157579	40000	0	36.1423584259484	74.666935483871	0
9353	90000	0	36.1423584259484	74.666935483871	0
145843	33600	3	47	74.666935483871	0
38909	48000	0	75	74.666935483871	0
2690	250000	0	36.1423584259484	74.666935483871	0
157620	32000	0	36.1423584259484	74.666935483871	0
37277	54480	0	30	112	0
33701	50000	1	36.1423584259484	74.666935483871	0
184238	55000	1	36.1423584259484	74.666935483871	0

Appendix A - Data Dictionary

In [217]: dataDict

	Feature	Description
1	acc_now_delinq	The number of accounts on which the borrower is now delinquent.
2	acc_open_past_24mths	Number of trades opened in past 24 months.
3	addr_state	The state provided by the borrower in the loan application
4	all_util	Balance to credit limit on all trades
5	annual_inc	The self-reported annual income provided by the borrower during registration.
6	annual_inc_joint	The combined self-reported annual income provided by the co-borrowers during registration
7	application_type	Indicates whether the loan is an individual application or a joint application with two co-borrowers
8	avg_cur_bal	Average current balance of all accounts
9	bc_open_to_buy	Total open to buy on revolving bankcards.
10	bc_util	Ratio of total current balance to high credit/credit limit for all bankcard accounts.
11	chargeoff_within_12_mths	Number of charge-offs within 12 months
12	collection_recovery_fee	post charge off collection fee
13	collections_12_mths_ex_med	Number of collections in 12 months excluding medical collections
14	delinq_2yrs	The number of 30+ days past-due incidences of delinquency in the borrowers credit file for the past 2 years delinq_amnt, The past-due amount owed for the accounts on which the borrower is now delinquent. desc, Loan description provided by the borrower dti, A ratio calculated using the borrower?s total monthly debt payments on the total debt obligations excluding mortgage and the requested LC loan divided by the borrower?s self-reported monthly income. dti_joint, A ratio calculated using the coborrowers total monthly payments on the total debt obligations excluding mortgages and the requested LC loan divided by the co-borrowers combined self-reported monthly income earliest_cr_line, The month the borrowers earliest reported credit line was opened
15	emp_length	Employment length in years. Possible values are between 0 and 10 where 0 means less than one year and 10 means ten or more years.
16	emp_title	The job title supplied by the Borrower when applying for the loan.*

	Feature	Description
17	fico_range_high	The upper boundary range the borrower?s FICO at loan origination belongs to.
18	fico_range_low	The lower boundary range the borrower?s FICO at loan origination belongs to.
19	funded_amnt	The total amount committed to that loan at that point in time.
20	funded_amnt_inv	The total amount committed by investors for that loan at that point in time.
21	grade	LC assigned loan grade
22	home_ownership	The home ownership status provided by the borrower during registration. Our values are: RENT OWN MORTGAGE OTHER.
23	id	A unique LC assigned ID for the loan listing.
24	il_util	Ratio of total current balance to high credit/credit limit on all install acct
25	initial_list_status	The initial listing status of the loan. Possible values are ? W
26	inq_fi	Number of personal finance inquiries
27	inq_last_12m	Number of credit inquiries in past 12 months
28	inq_last_6mths	The number of inquiries in past 6 months (excluding auto and mortgage inquiries)
29	installment	The monthly payment owed by the borrower if the loan originates.
30	int_rate	Interest Rate on the loan
44	mo_sin_rcnt_tl	Months since most recent account opened
45	mort_acc	Number of mortgage accounts.

	Feature	Description
46	mths_since_last_delinq	The number of months since the borrowers last delinquency. mths_since_last_major_derog,Months since most recent 90-day or worse rating mths_since_last_record,The number of months since the last public record. mths_since_rcnt_il,Months since most recent installment accounts opened mths_since_recent_bc,Months since most recent bankcard account opened. mths_since_recent_bc_dlq,Months since most recent bankcard delinquency mths_since_recent_inq,Months since most recent inquiry. mths_since_recent_revol_delinq,Months since most recent revolving delinquency. next_pymnt_d,Next scheduled payment date num_accts_ever_120_pd,Number of accounts ever 120 or more days past due num_actv_bc_tl,Number of currently active bankcard accounts num_actv_rev_tl,Number of currently active revolving trades num_bc_sats,Number of satisfactory bankcard accounts num_bc_tl,Number of installment accounts num_op_rev_tl,Number of installment accounts num_rev_accts,Number of revolving accounts num_rev_accts,Number of revolving accounts num_rev_tl_bal_gt_0,Number of satisfactory accounts num_rev_accts,Number of accounts currently 120 days past due (updated in past 2 months) num_tl_120dpd_2m,Number of accounts currently 30 days past due (updated in past 2 months) num_tl_90g_dpd_24m,Number of accounts 90 or more days past due in last 24 months num_tl_op_past_12m,Number of accounts opened in past 12 months open_acc,The number of open credit lines in the borrowers credit file.
47	open_acc_6m	Number of open trades in last 6 months
48	open_il_12m	Number of installment accounts opened in past 12 months
49	open_il_24m	Number of installment accounts opened in past 24 months
50	open_il_6m	Number of currently active installment trades
51	open_rv_12m	Number of revolving trades opened in past 12 months
52	open_rv_24m	Number of revolving trades opened in past 24 months
53	out_prncp	Remaining outstanding principal for total amount funded
54	out_prncp_inv	Remaining outstanding principal for portion of total amount funded by investors
55	pct_tl_nvr_dlq	Percent of trades never delinquent

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56	percent_bc_gt_75	Percentage of all bankcard accounts > 75% of limit.
57	policy_code	publicly available policy_code=1 new products not publicly available policy_code=2
58	pub_rec	Number of derogatory public records
59	pub_rec_bankruptcies	Number of public record bankruptcies
60	purpose	A category provided by the borrower for the loan request.
61	pymnt_plan	Indicates if a payment plan has been put in place for the loan
62	recoveries	post charge off gross recovery
63	revol_bal	Total credit revolving balance
64	revol_util	Revolving line utilization rate or the amount of credit the borrower is using relative to all available revolving credit.
65	sub_grade	LC assigned loan subgrade
66	tax_liens	Number of tax liens
67	term	The number of payments on the loan. Values are in months and can be either 36 or 60.
68	title	The loan title provided by the borrower
69	tot_coll_amt	Total collection amounts ever owed
70	tot_cur_bal	Total current balance of all accounts
71	tot_hi_cred_lim	Total high credit/credit limit
72	total_acc	The total number of credit lines currently in the borrowers credit file total_bal_ex_mort, Total credit balance excluding mortgage total_bal_il, Total current balance of all installment accounts total_bc_limit, Total bankcard high credit/credit limit total_cu_tl, Number of finance trades total_il_high_credit_limit, Total installment high credit/credit limit total_pymnt, Payments received to date for total amount funded total_pymnt_inv, Payments received to date for portion of total amount funded by investors total_rec_int, Interest received to date total_rec_late_fee, Late fees received to date total_rec_late_fee, Late fees received to date total_rec_prncp, Principal received to date total_rev_hi_lim ÿ, Total revolving high credit/credit limit url, URL for the LC page with listing data. verification_status, Indicates if income was verified by LC not verified or if the income source was verified_status_joint, Indicates if the co-borrowers joint income was verified by LC not verified or if the income source was verified

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73	zip code	The first 3 numbers of the zip code provided by the
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