

Lending Club Case Study

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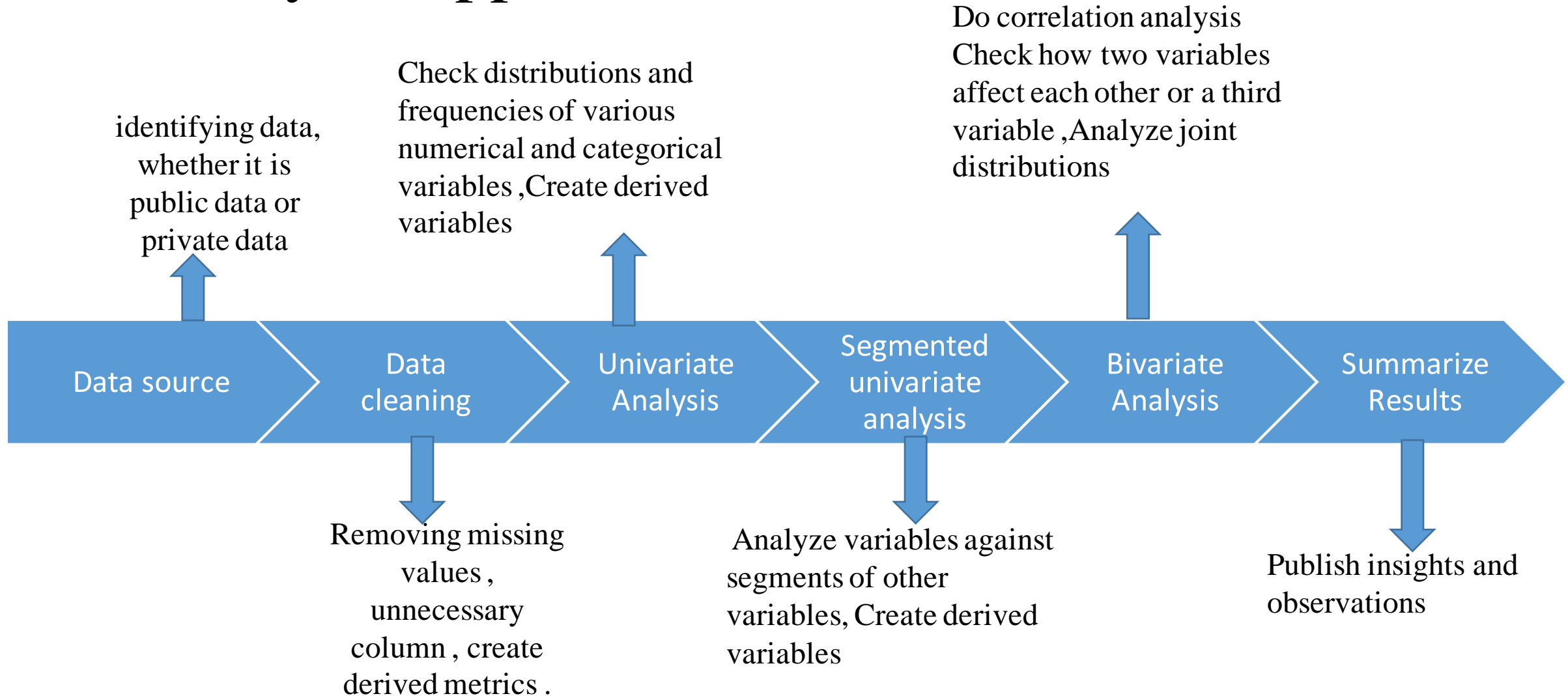
Domain Background:

- Lending Club is the largest online loan marketplace , facilitating personal loans , business loans, and financing of medical procedures.
- Borrowers can easily access lower interest rate loans through a fast online interface.
- Lending Club wants to understand the **driving factors behind loan default**, i.e. the **driver variables** which are strong indicators of default.

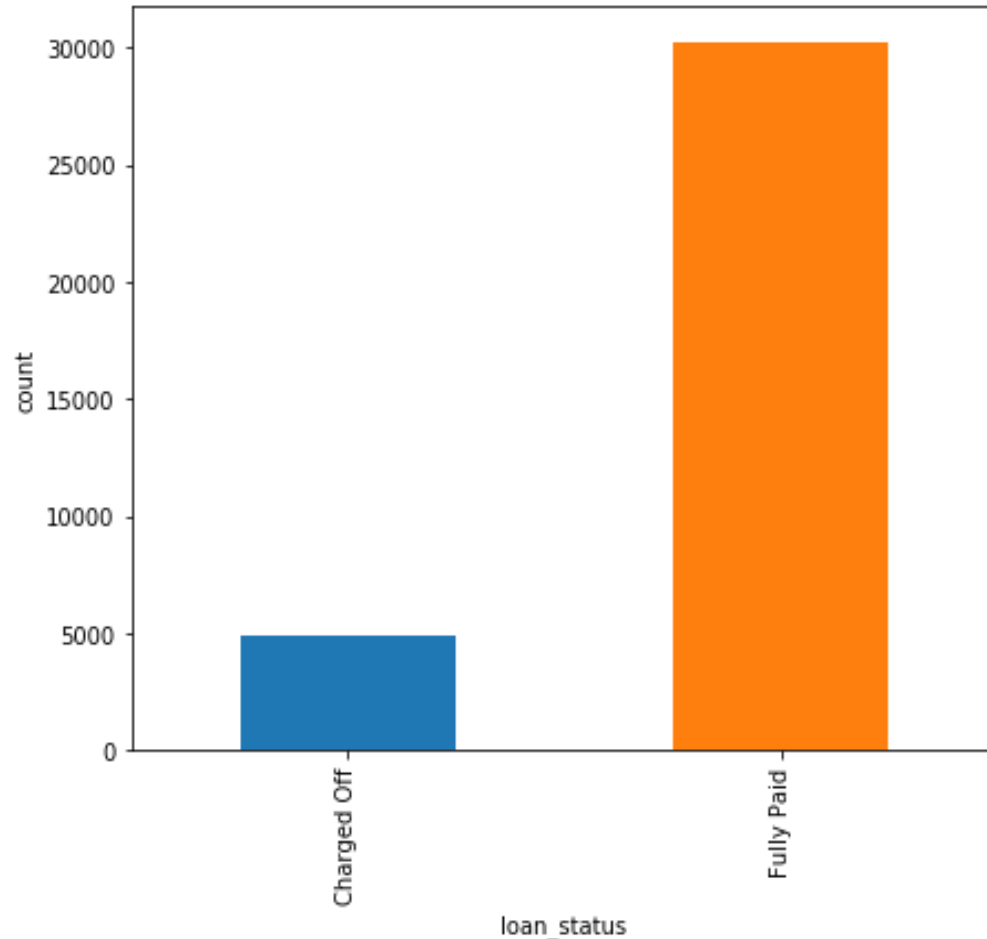
Business objective:

- the company wants to understand the **driving factors (or driver variables)** behind loan default, i.e. the variables which are strong indicators of default. The company can utilise this knowledge for its portfolio and risk assessment.

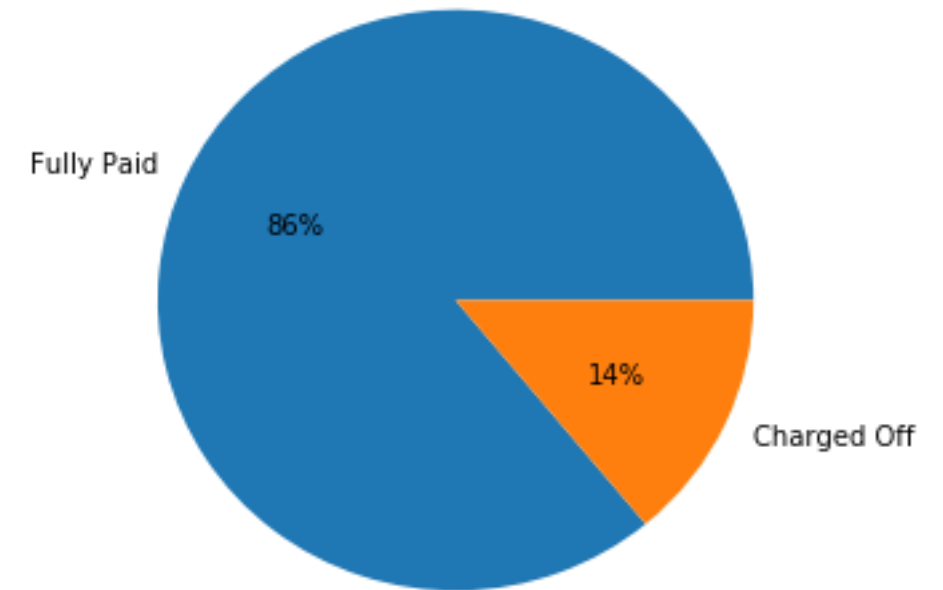
Analysis Approach



Analysis: Loan Status



Percentage of loans fully paid, charged off

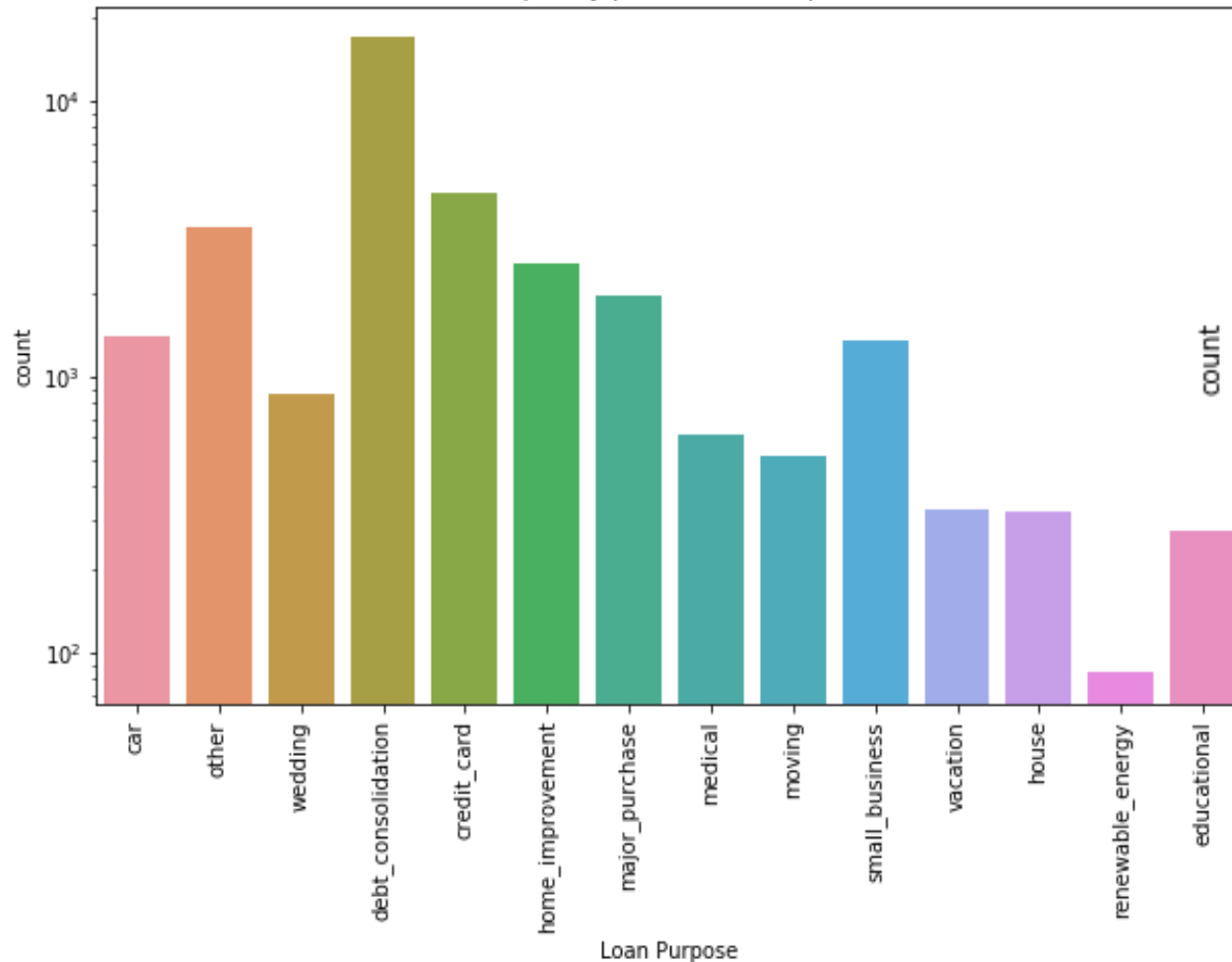


Approximately 14% of loans are defaulted
Any variable that increases percentage of default to higher than 16.5% should be considered a business risk.

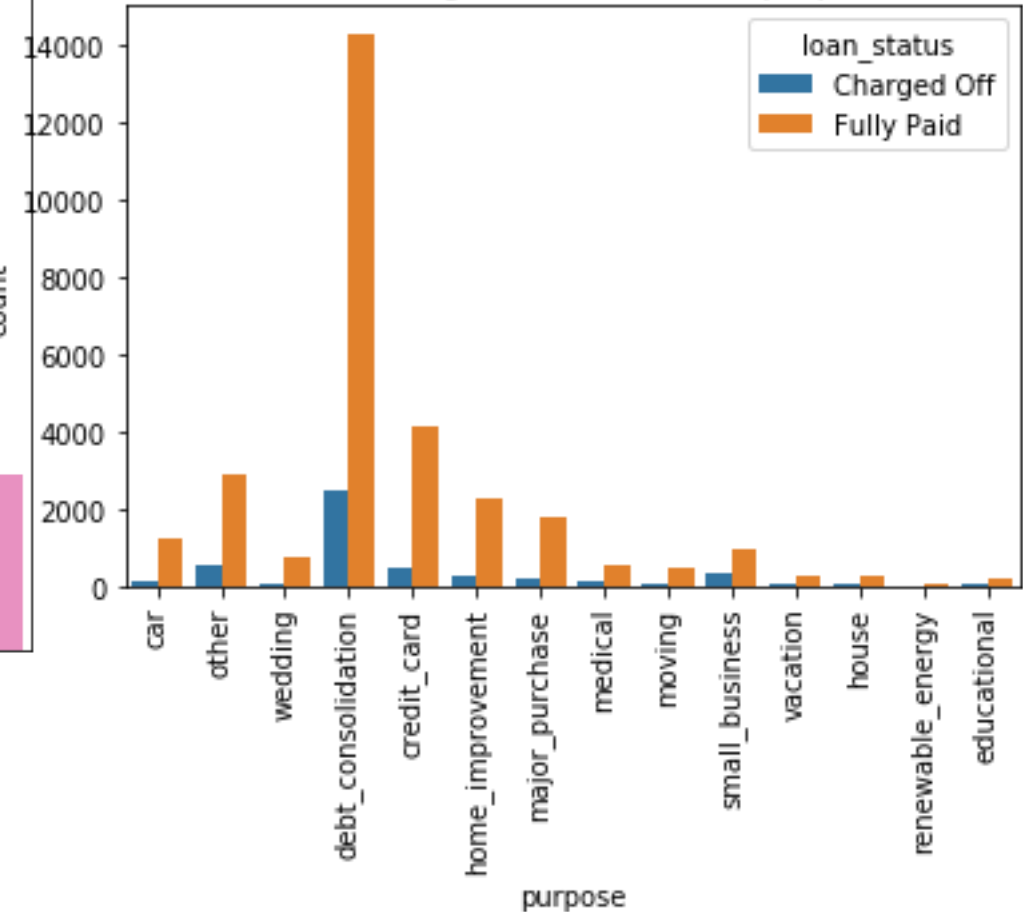
Analysis: Purpose

highest number of borrowers have taken debt consolidation loan, followed by credit_card oan, followed by other loan, home_improvement loan, etc
debt consolidation is by far the largest 'purpose' for seeking a loan means Approx most of the applicants applied loan for paying their other loans(Debt Consolidation), default rate is high in debt_consolidation.

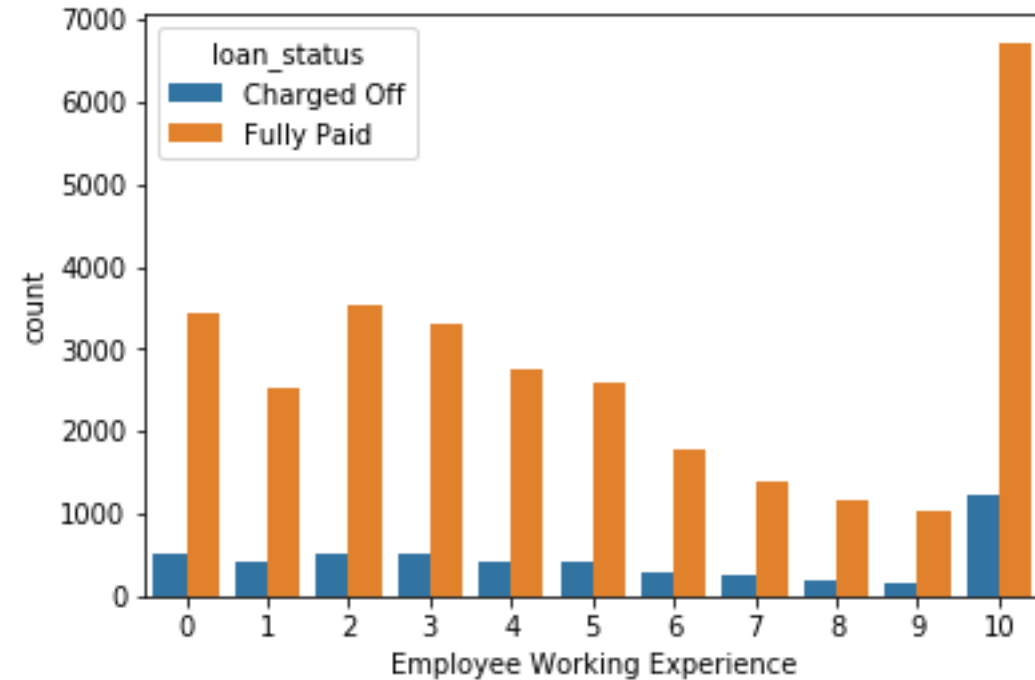
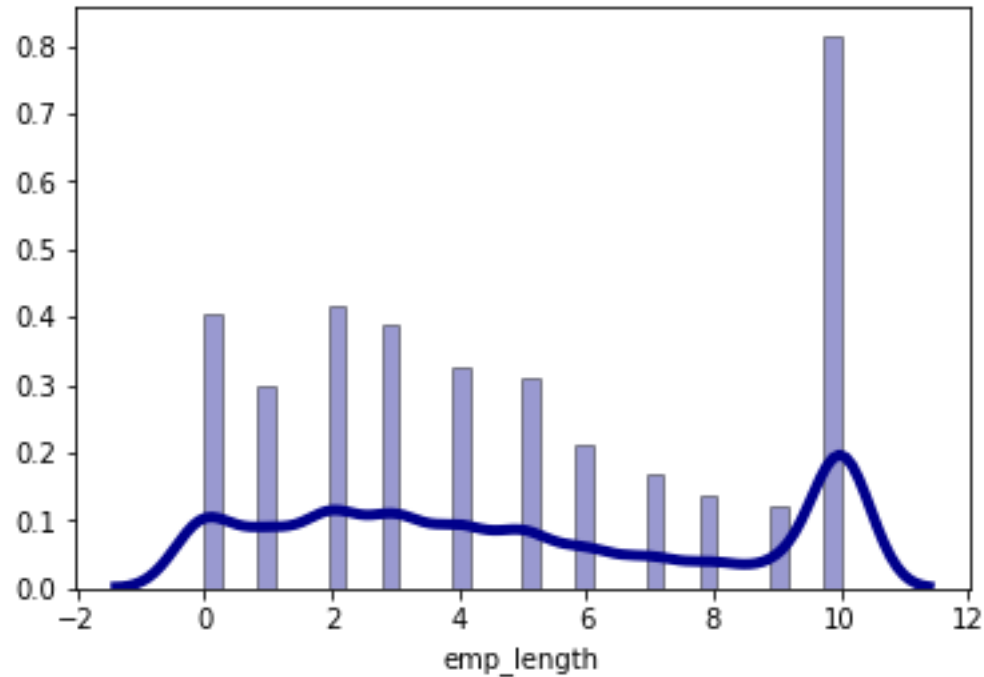
Frequency plot of Loan Purpose



No of loans granted for various purpose



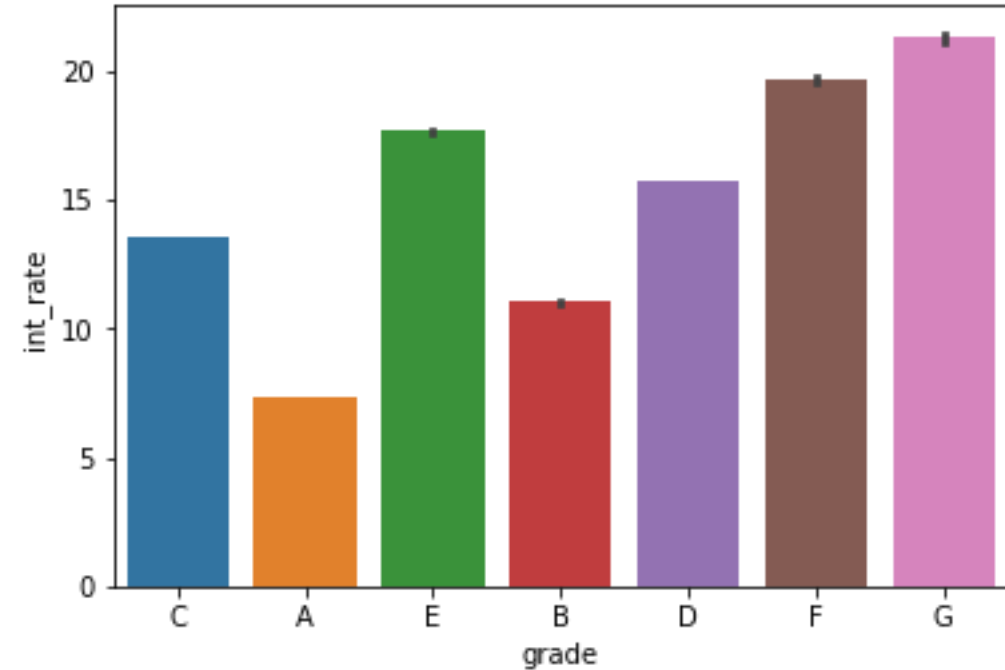
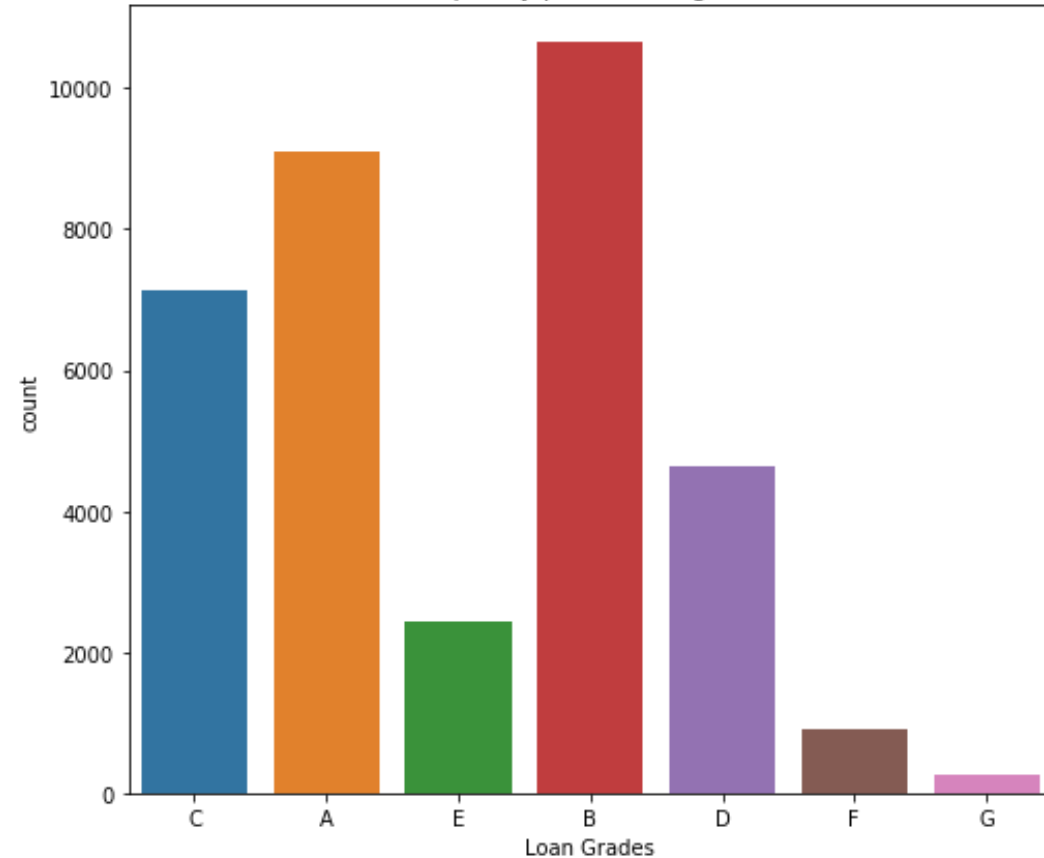
Analysis: Employment length



➤ barrowers with >10 years of employment period have took most loans and also has defaulted the most.

Analysis: Grade

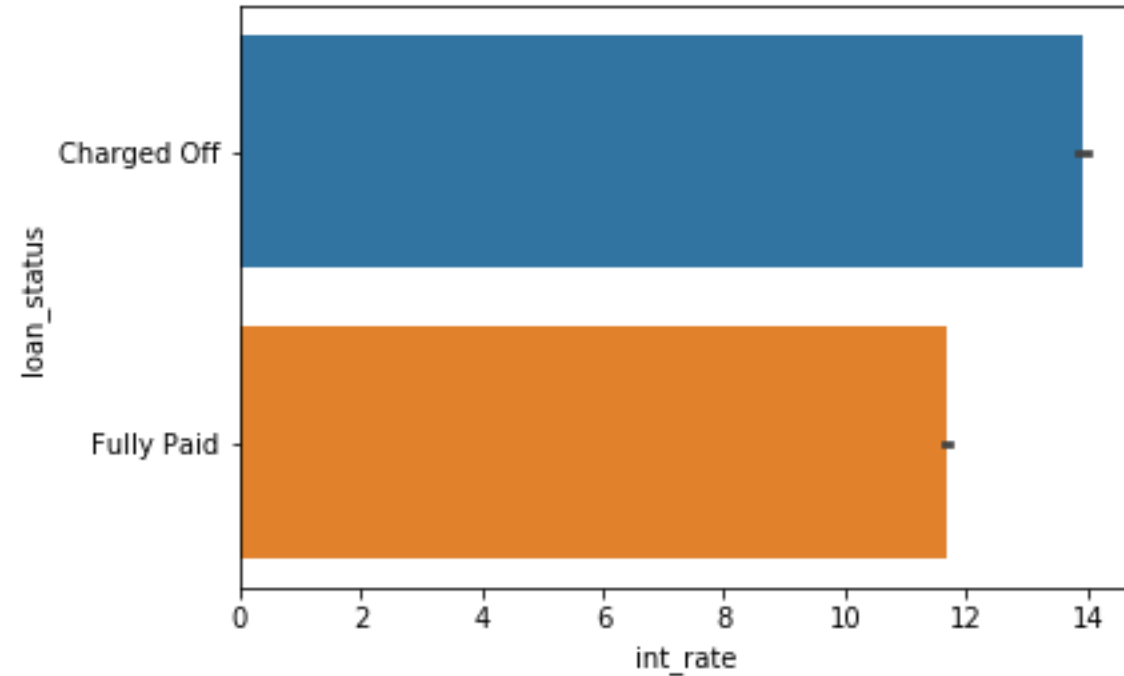
Frequency plot of loan grades



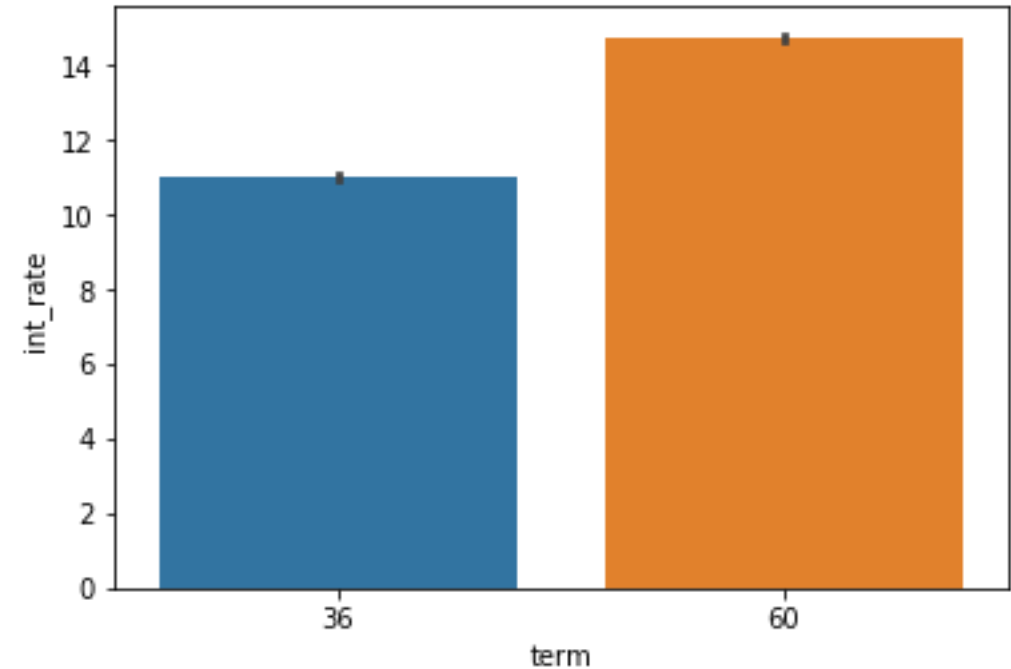
- Finding from performing Univariate analysis on Grade column. Grade is a ordered categorical variable. $A < B < C < D < E < F < G$
- Grade A means lower risk for lending club and Grade G means higher risk for lending club.

➤ Loan quality increases, interest rate decreases. A being highest quality loan and G being lowest.

Analysis: Interest rate

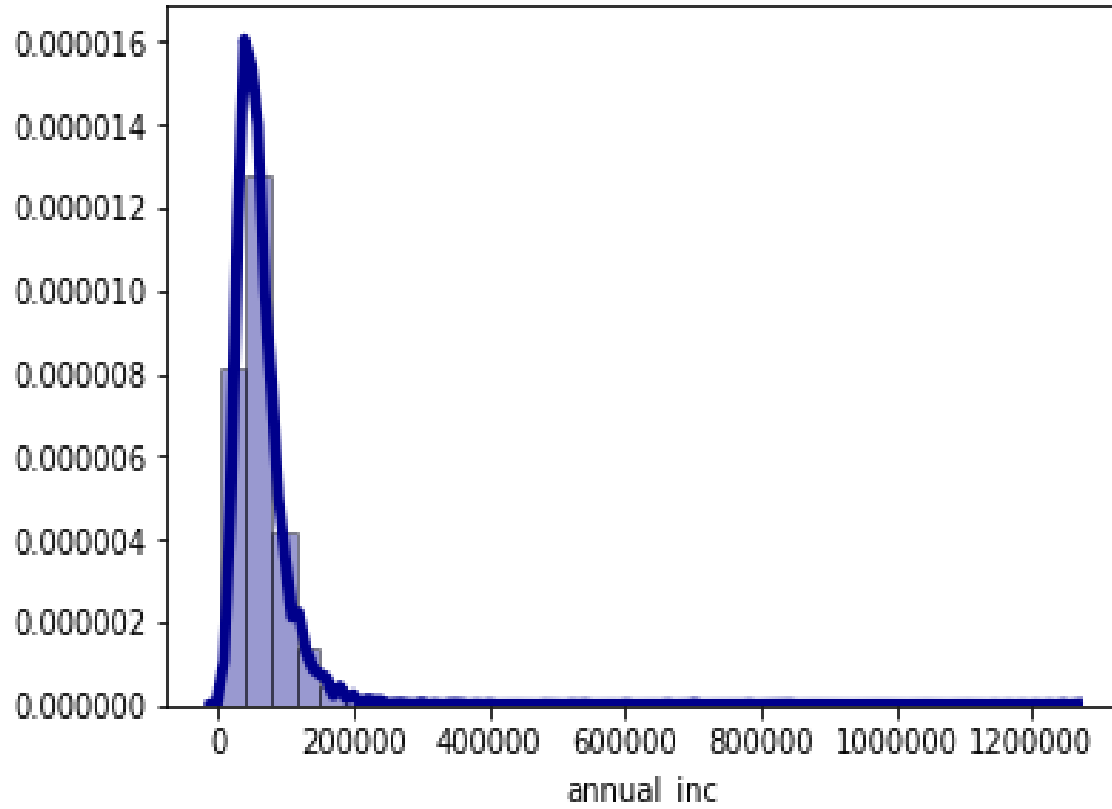


➤ Defaults increases monotonically with higher interest rates



➤ Interest rates are based on term. Larger amounts were seen to be given for higher term. The rate of interest associated with them is also high.

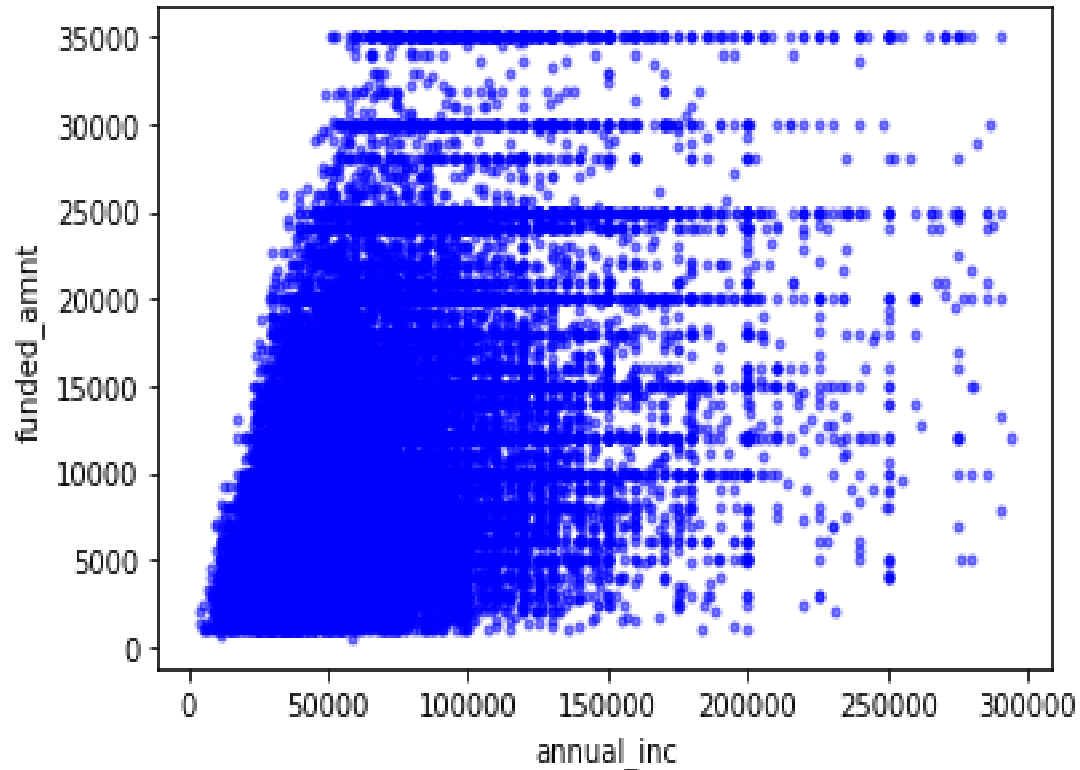
Analysis: Annual income



➤ from the plots it seems the majority of defaulters belong to income levels between 0-200000.

Analysis: Annual income

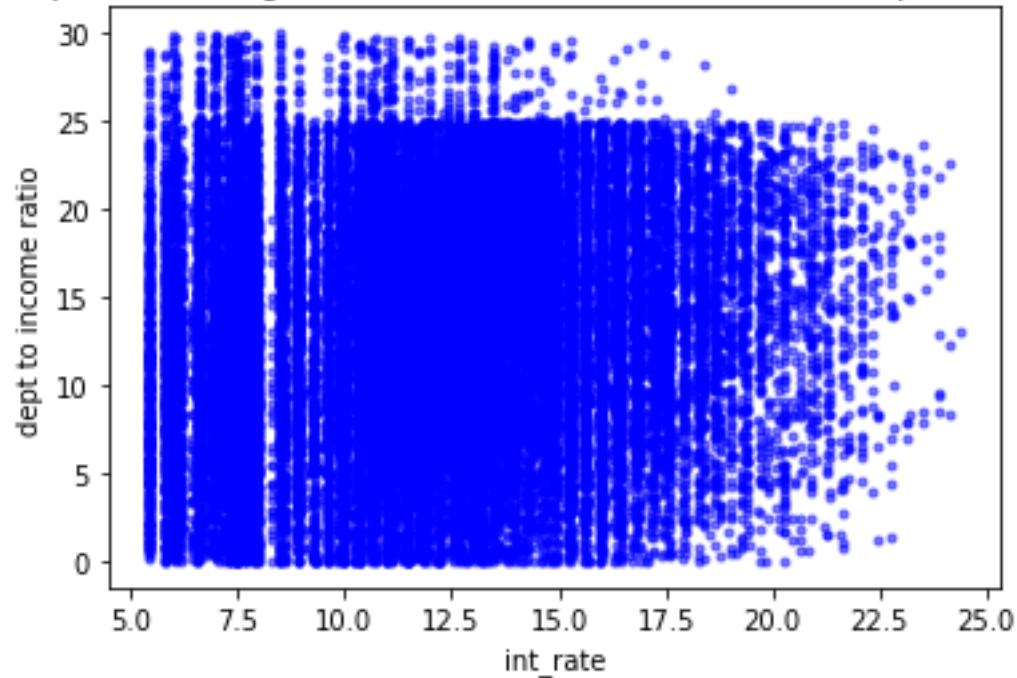
Scatter plot indicating relation between annual income and funded amount



- We see here that Lending Club has extended high-value loans to people with low income.
- There are many cases of people with income 50000 or less getting loans of 25000 or more.
- This practice should be curtailed.

Analysis: dept to income ratio

Scatter plot indicating relation between interest rate and dept to income ratio



- Percentage of default rises with dti ratio.
- As the dti ratio rises above 20, the loans become risky.
- Higher interest rates should be charged for higher dti

Conclusion

Target Variable

1. Loan Status

Top-5 Major Variables to consider for loan prediction: i.e. variables which are strong indicators of default.

1. Purpose of Loan
2. Employment Length
3. Grade
4. Interest Rate
5. Term

Conclusion

- Loan amounts of 30% of annual income or higher see a high rate of default.
- loans taken for the purpose of running a dept consolidation are defaulters
- charging lower interest rates for loans with dti greater than 20 will be a defaulter.
- As the loan amount increases, the chance of default also increases.