



LENDING CLUB CASE STUDY - EDA SUBMISSION

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Problem Statement

When a person applies for a loan, there are two types of decisions that could be taken by the company:

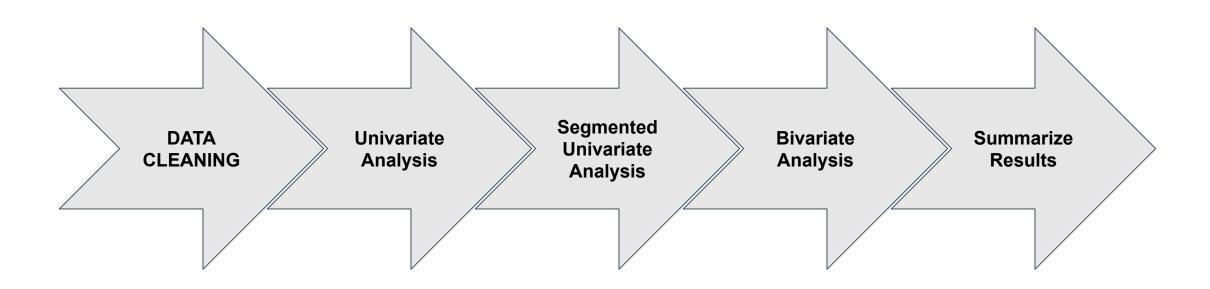
- 1. **Loan accepted:** If the company approves the loan, there are 3 possible scenarios described below:
 - Fully paid: Applicant has fully paid the loan (the principal and the interest rate)
 - **Current:** Applicant is in the process of paying the instalments, i.e. the tenure of the loan is not yet completed. These candidates are not labelled as 'defaulted'.
 - **Charged-off:** Applicant has not paid the instalments in due time for a long period of time, i.e. he/she has defaulted on the loan
- 2. Loan rejected: The company had rejected the loan.

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.





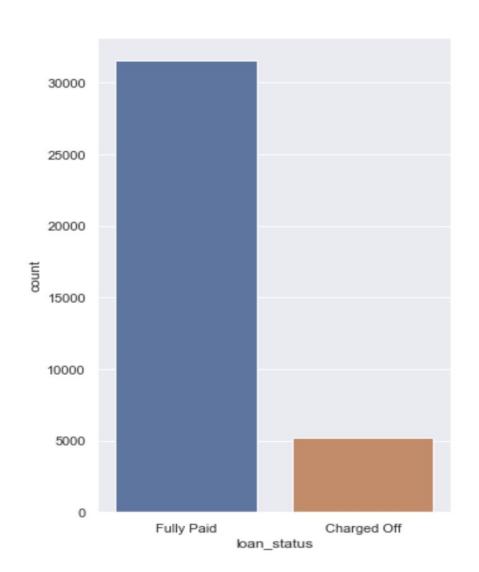
Problem solving methodology







Analysis - Loan Status

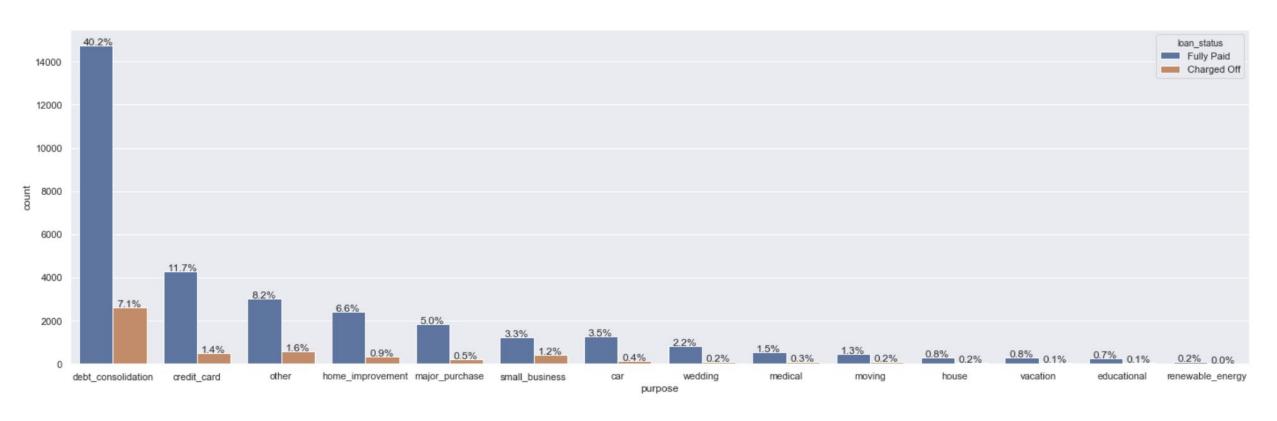


~14% out of total loans are defaulted.





Analysis - Understanding Data

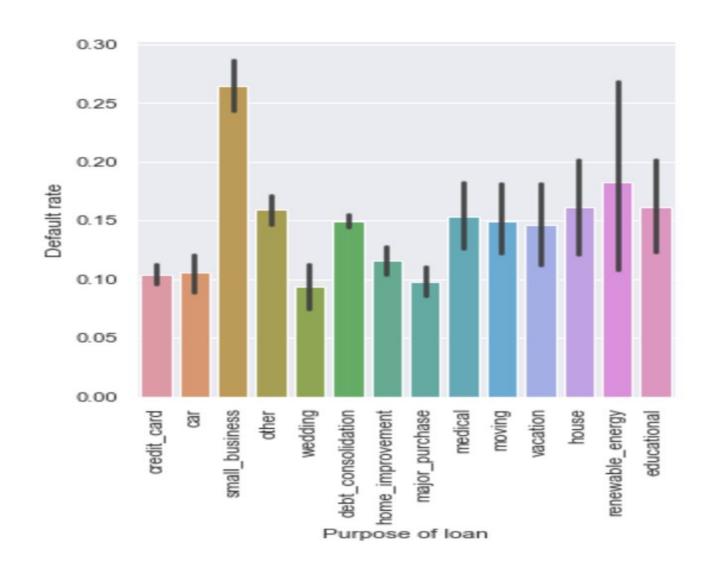


Maximum number of loans are applied for debt consolidation and credit card.





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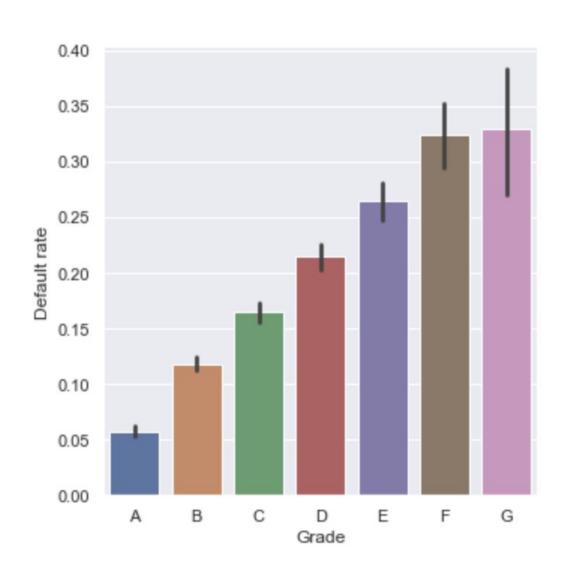


Loan applied for small business have highest number of defaults





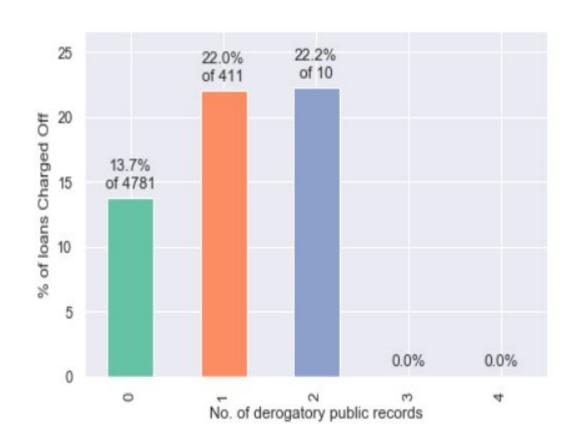
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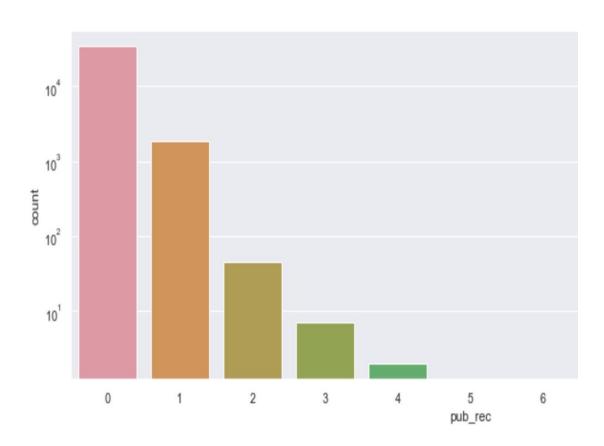


Lower grades(D, E, F, G) have higher percentage of defaults





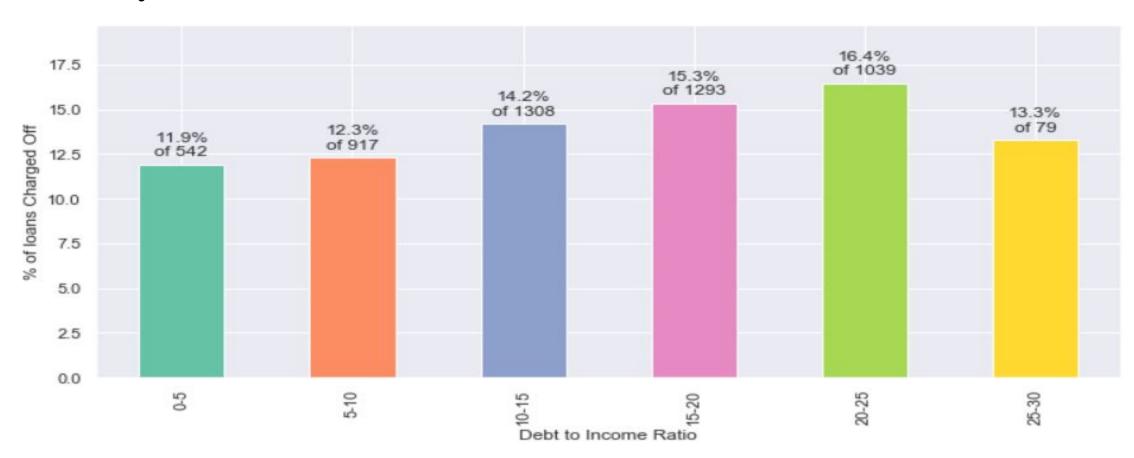




- 94% have no Public derogatory records. 5% have 1 derogatory record.
- Having even 1 derogatory record increases the chances of Charge Off significantly.



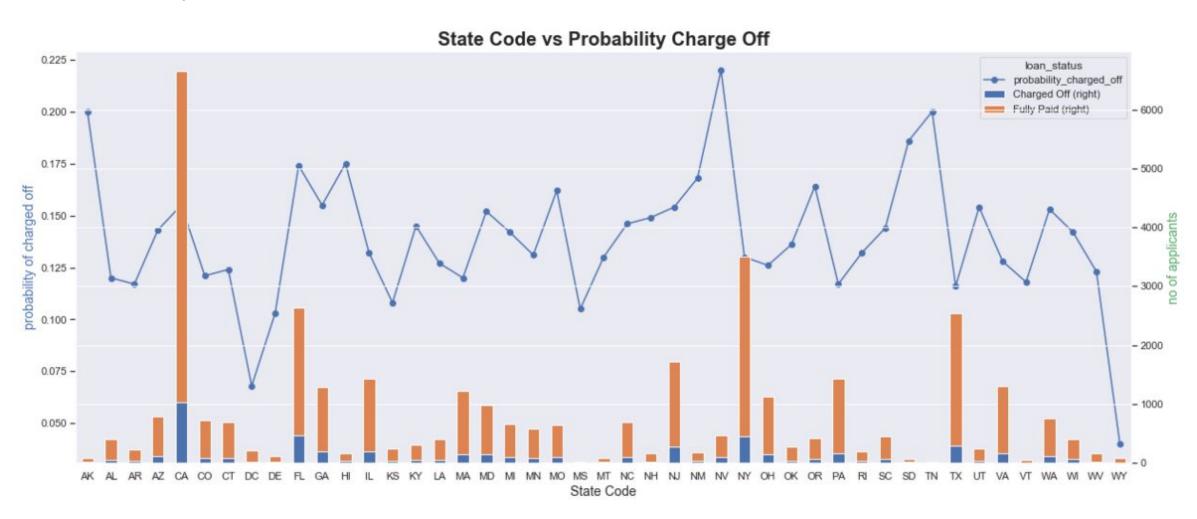




Higher the dti higher the chances of loan being Charged Off





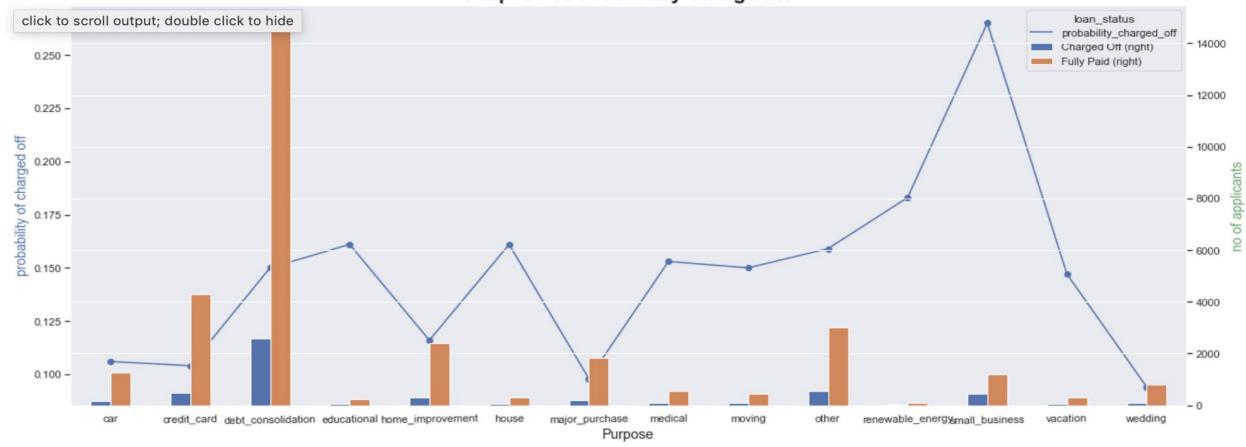


Observation: There are multiple states with high probability of charged off, highest is 'NV' at 22.5%





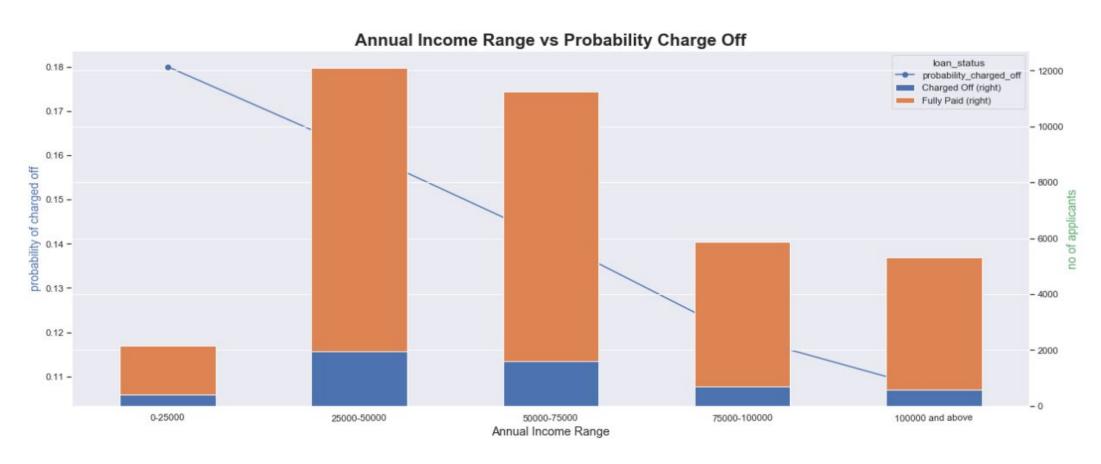




Applicants who has taken the Loan for 'small business' has the highest probability of charge off of 26.5%.



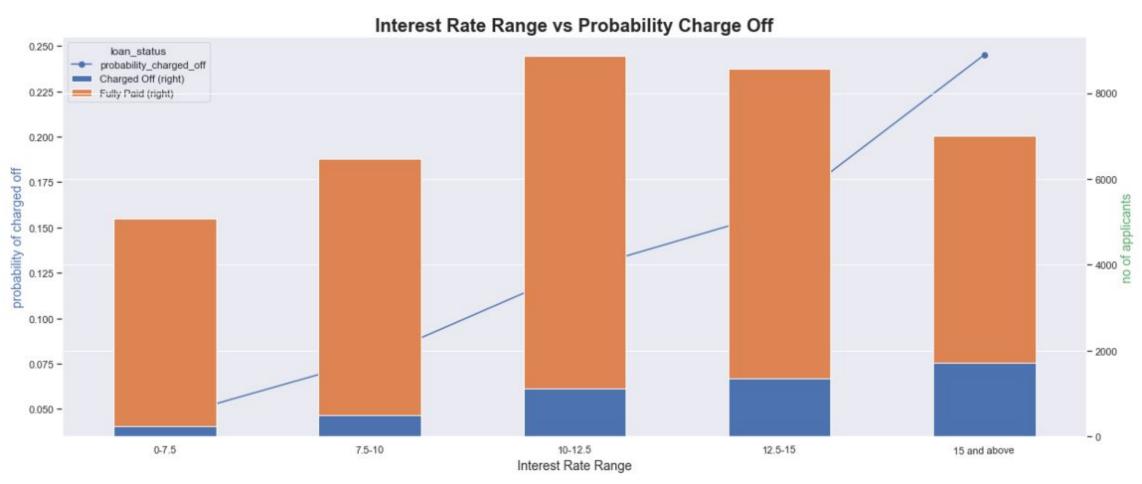




As the annual income decreases the probability that applicants will default is increasing with highest of 18% at (0 to 25000) salary bracket.







As the int_rate is increasing the probability that person will default is increasing with highest of 24.5% at 15% & above range.





Conclusions

Driving factors (or driver variables) behind loan default are:

- **Annual Income** Lower income high probability of being default.
- Purpose of loan Loan applied for small business have high probability of being default.
- **Grade** Lower the grade high probability of being default.
- **Debt to income ratio** Higher the dti higher the chances of loan being Charged Off.
- Number of derogatory public records

Recommendation:

- Reduce approving loan for small business
- Reduce approving loan for lower grades.
- Reduce approving loan for applicants who have derogatory public records.
- Reduce approving loan for applicants who have more than 40% Debt to income ratio.

Note: Interest rate are also driving factor but interest rates are based on grade i.e lower grade high interest rate.