Loan Approval Analysis

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Problem Statement

- In the financial sector, analyzing loan approval is pivotal for both applicants and lending institutions.
- This project employs applicant data, encompassing variables such as loan amount, tenure, credit score, education, and assets, to scrutinize and understand the factors influencing the approval of a loan application by the bank.
- The goal is to unravel key insights that shed light on the intricate dynamics of loan approval, offering valuable perspectives for stakeholders navigating the complexities of financial evaluations.

Objective

- The primary objective is to develop a predictive model that can analyze applicant information and determine the likelihood of loan approval.
- This model will not only offer valuable insights into the intricate factors steering loan approval decisions but also empower the bank to strategically prioritize services.
- By focusing on customers with a higher probability of approval, the bank aims to enhance its operational efficiency and deliver tailored financial solutions that align with individual needs and preferences.

Motivation

- In the banking sector, loan distribution is a core business function, constituting a significant portion of a bank's assets and profits.
- While the current loan approval process involves thorough verification, there is a need to ensure the chosen applicant is the most deserving.
- This project aims to predict applicant safety, automating the validation process through machine learning.
- The motivation lies in enhancing the precision and efficiency of loan approval, aligning with the bank's commitment to secure and prudent investments.

Purpose

- The purpose of our loan approval analysis is threefold: to enhance risk management, optimize operational efficiency, and foster a customer-centric approach.
- By providing data-driven insights, the analysis is purposed to enable informed decision-making, ensure compliance, and contribute to financial inclusion.
- The adaptive model serves a strategic purpose, navigating market dynamics for a competitive edge while aligning with ethical practices.
- Ultimately, the overarching purpose is to drive innovation, improve financial sustainability, and advance responsible lending practices within the banking sector.

Scope and Significance

- The scope of our loan approval analysis is comprehensive, encompassing the exploration of key features influencing loan approval decisions. This includes an in-depth examination of variables such as loan amount, tenure, credit score, education, and assets.
- The analysis extends to risk assessment, model accuracy refinement, and the development of an adaptive predictive model through structured data preprocessing and feature engineering.
- The analysis is significant for revolutionizing lending by enhancing risk management, operational efficiency, and customer-centric approaches.
- It provides data-driven insights for informed decision-making, ensures compliance, and contributes to financial inclusion, driving innovation and responsible lending practices in the banking sector.

Challenges

Feature Complexity	Understanding the impact of intricate features like credit scores and assets on loan approval decisions.
Risk Assessment Precision	Achieving precise risk assessment for informed decision-making in lending.
Model Accuracy	Building a reliable predictive model with high accuracy for classifying loan approval status.
Interpretability of Models	Ensuring interpretability of models for stakeholder trust and understanding.

Data Quality and Preprocessing

Ensuring data quality by addressing issues like missing values and outliers during preprocessing.

Dynamic Market Conditions

Navigating the impact of dynamic market conditions on the relevance and accuracy of predictive models..

Regulatory Compliance

Meeting stringent regulatory standards to ensure compliance with legal and ethical guidelines.

Technological Integration

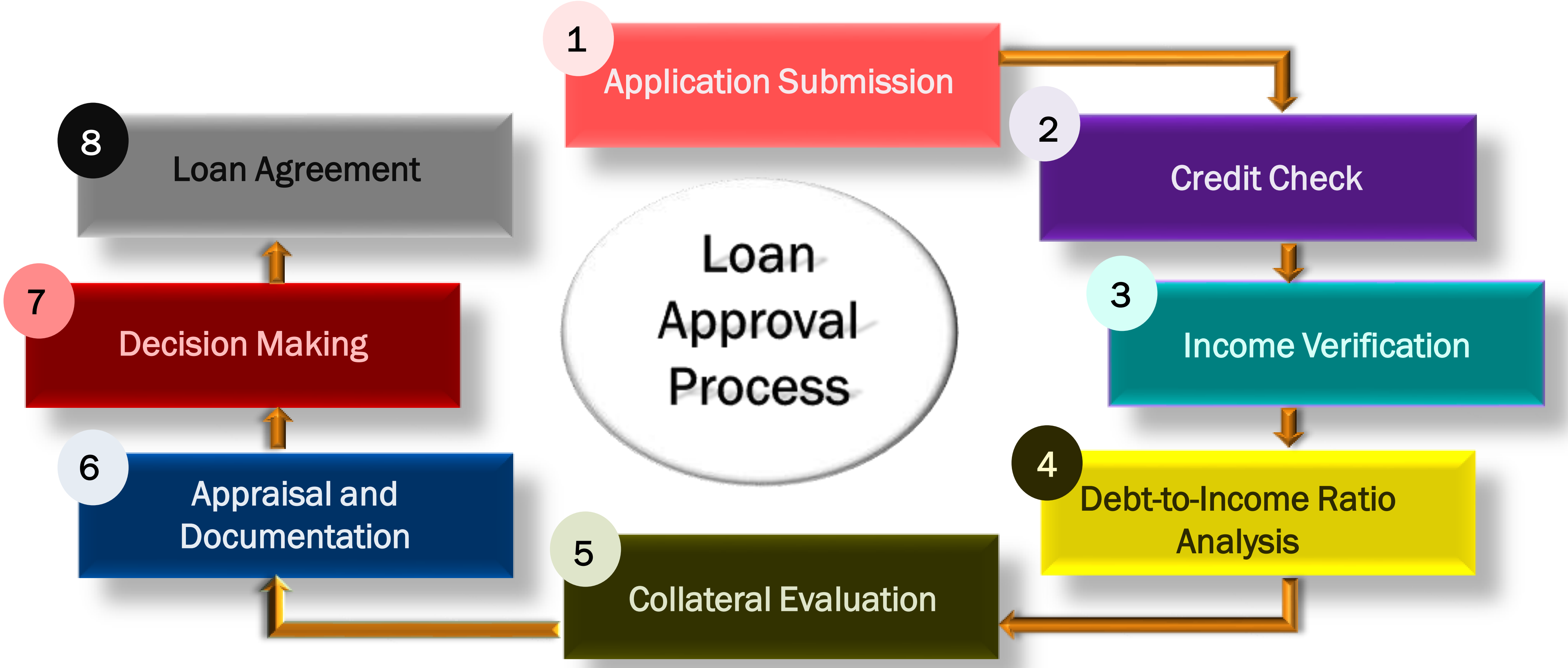
Seamlessly integrating emerging technologies into the analysis process without introducing complexities

What is Loan Approval ?

- Loan approval is the evaluation process conducted by a lending institution to decide whether to grant or deny a borrower's loan application.
- It involves assessing the borrower's creditworthiness, financial stability, and ability to repay.
- Approval results in a formal agreement specifying the loan terms.

Loan Approval Process

The loan approval process involves the following key steps:



Data Source

- I utilize Kaggle datasets in my examination of loan approval dynamics.
- These datasets, contributed by various sources and challenges, contain essential information such as credit scoring details, historical loan performance data, and demographic indicators.
- Leveraging these Kaggle datasets allows me to access curated and real-world information, enriching the depth and relevance of my analysis within the loan approval domain.
- https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/architsharma01/loan-approval-prediction-dataset

Dataset Specifications

Variable	Description	DataType
loan_id	Unique identifier for each loan	Number
no_of_dependents	Number of dependents of the applicant	Number
education	Education level of the applicant	String
self_employed	Whether the applicant is self-employed or not	String
income_annum	Annual income of the applicant	Number
loan_amount	Loan amount requested by the applicant	Number
loan_tenure	Tenure of the loan requested by the applicant (in Years)	Number
cibil_score	CIBIL score of the applicant	Number
residential_asset_value	Value of the residential asset of the applicant	Number
commercial_asset_value	Value of the commercial asset of the applicant	Number
luxury_asset_value	Value of the luxury asset of the applicant	Number
bank_assets_value	Value of the bank asset of the applicant	Number
loan_status	Status of the loan (Approved/Rejected)	String

Methodology

- Data Collection
- Data Preprocessing
- Exploratory Data Analysis(EDA)
- Feature Engineering
- Machine Learning Algorithms
- Model Evaluation
- Results

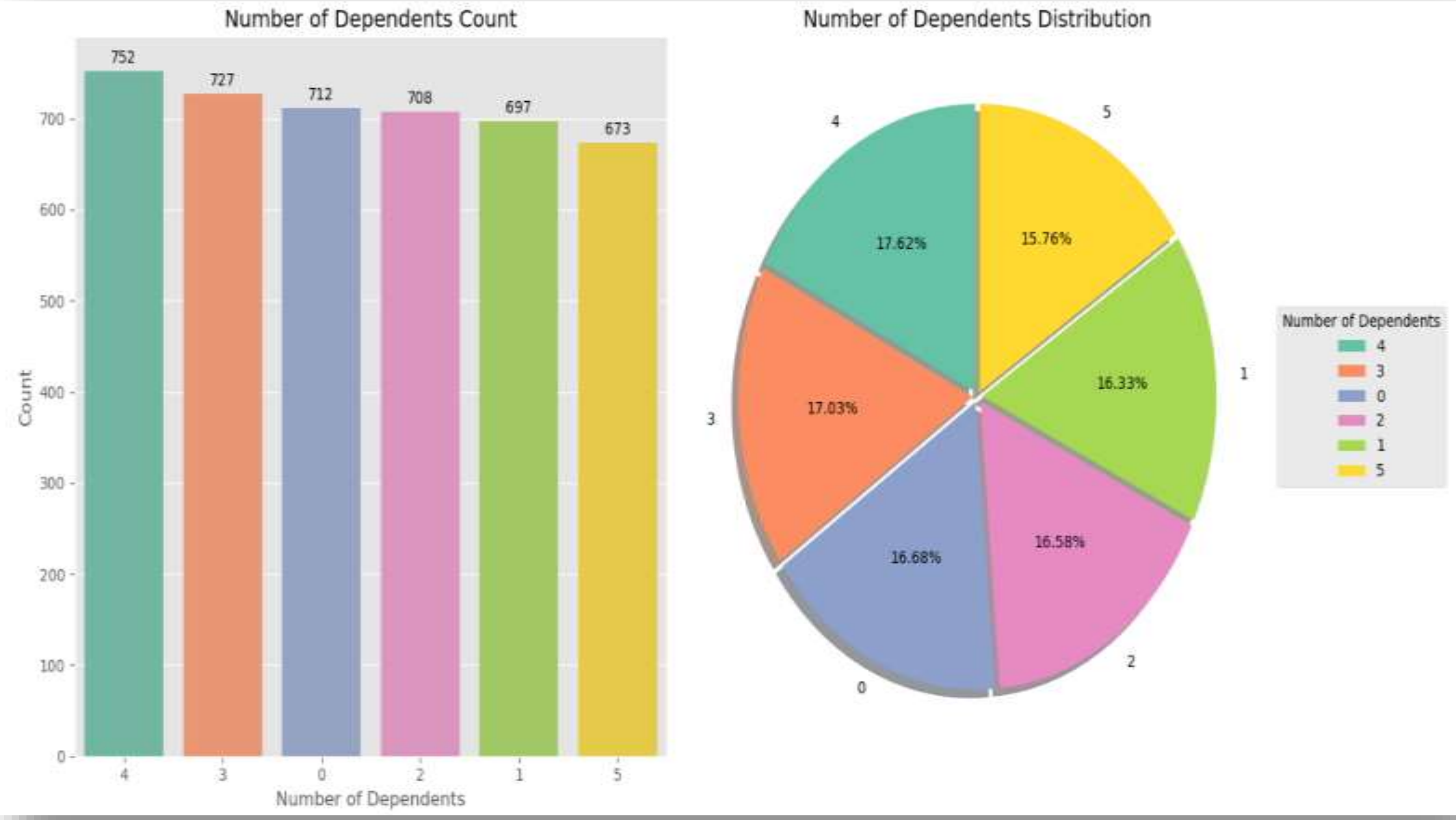
Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

- Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) is our project's initial phase, aiming to understand the dataset's key characteristics.
- Through descriptive stats, visualizations, and targeted analyses, we reveal patterns, assess correlations, and gain insights into loan approval status.
- This EDA informs subsequent preprocessing and modeling decisions, ensuring a nuanced approach to our data analysis.

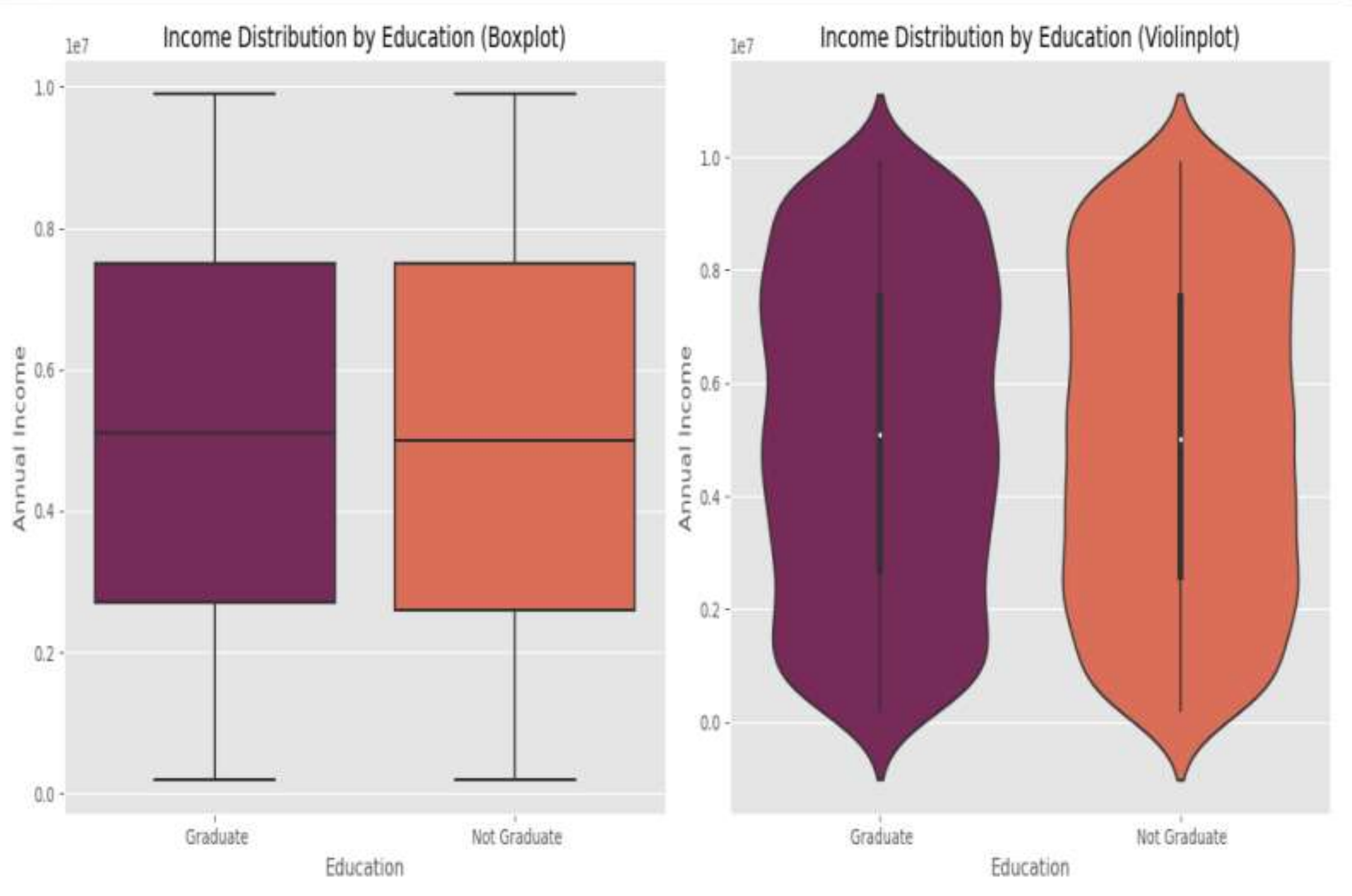
Number of Dependents

<u>Interpretation:</u>

The graph indicates a consistent distribution of dependents among loan applicants, with a notable concentration in the 4 and 3 dependent categories. As dependents increase, disposable income decreases. I infer that applicants with 0 or 1 dependent have a higher chance of loan approval, suggesting a favorable financial situation for eligibility.



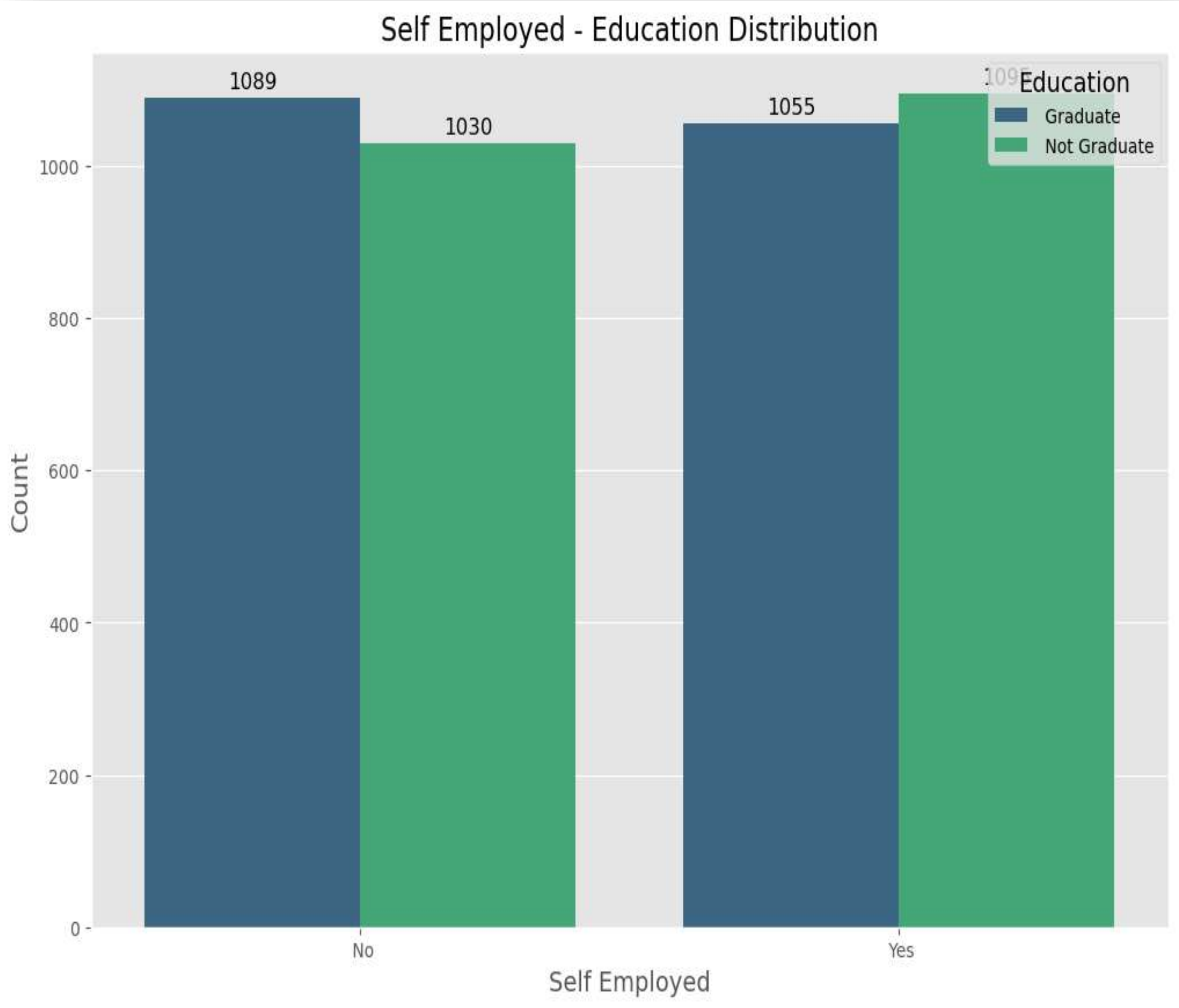
Education & Income



Interpretation:

Boxplot and violinplot comparisons of graduate and non-graduate applicants' incomes suggest minimal differences. Non-graduates display a more even income distribution, while graduates concentrate in the 6,000,000 to 8,000,000 range. Limited disparity indicates education may not strongly influence the loan approval process.

Employment Status & Education



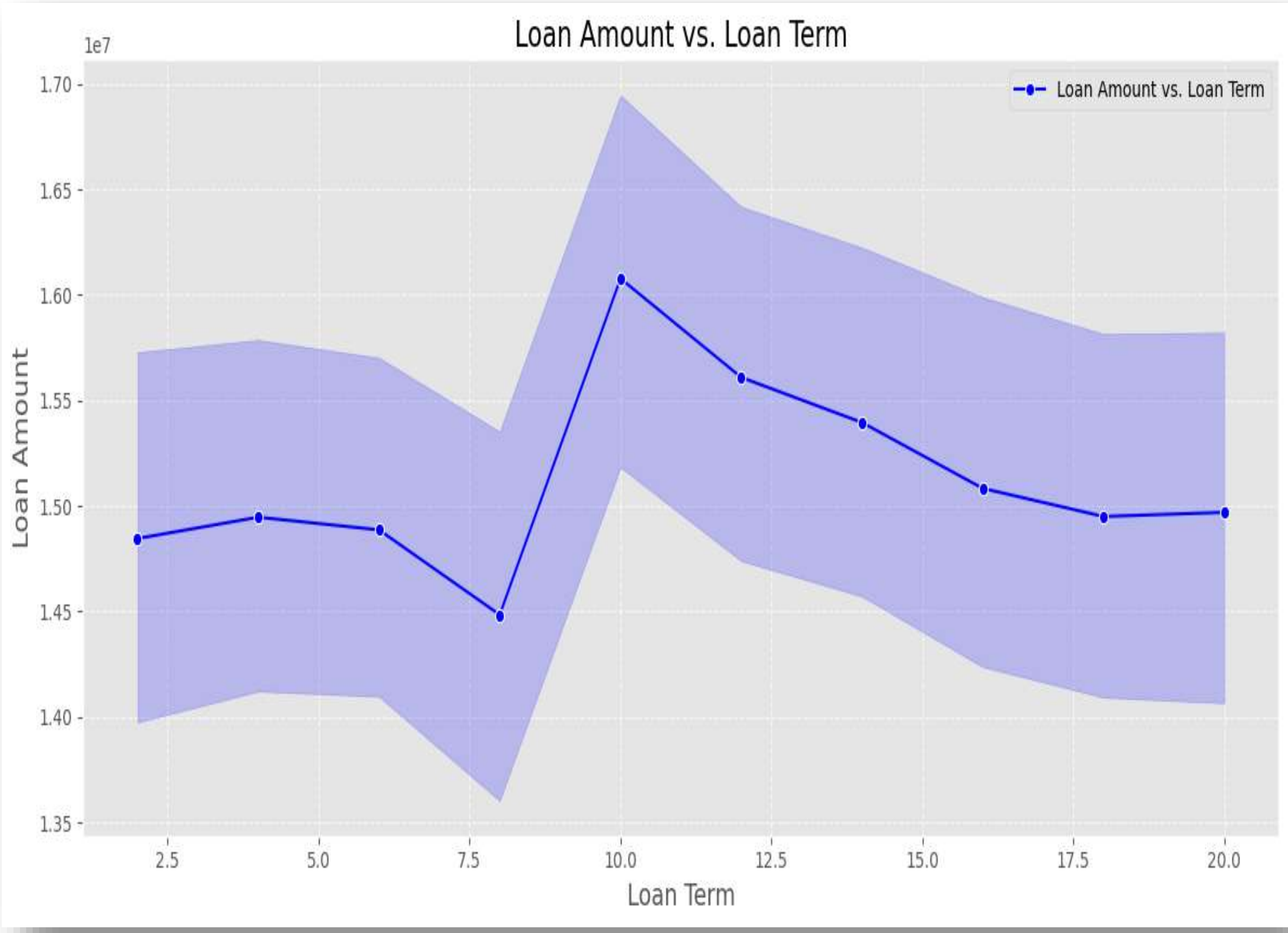
Interpretation:

This visualization indicates that graduates favor non-self-employment, while a significant portion of non-graduates opts for self-employment. This difference could influence loan approval, with salaried roles typically offering more stable income, but self-employed applicants may have higher incomes.

Loan Amount & Tenure

<u>Interpretation:</u>

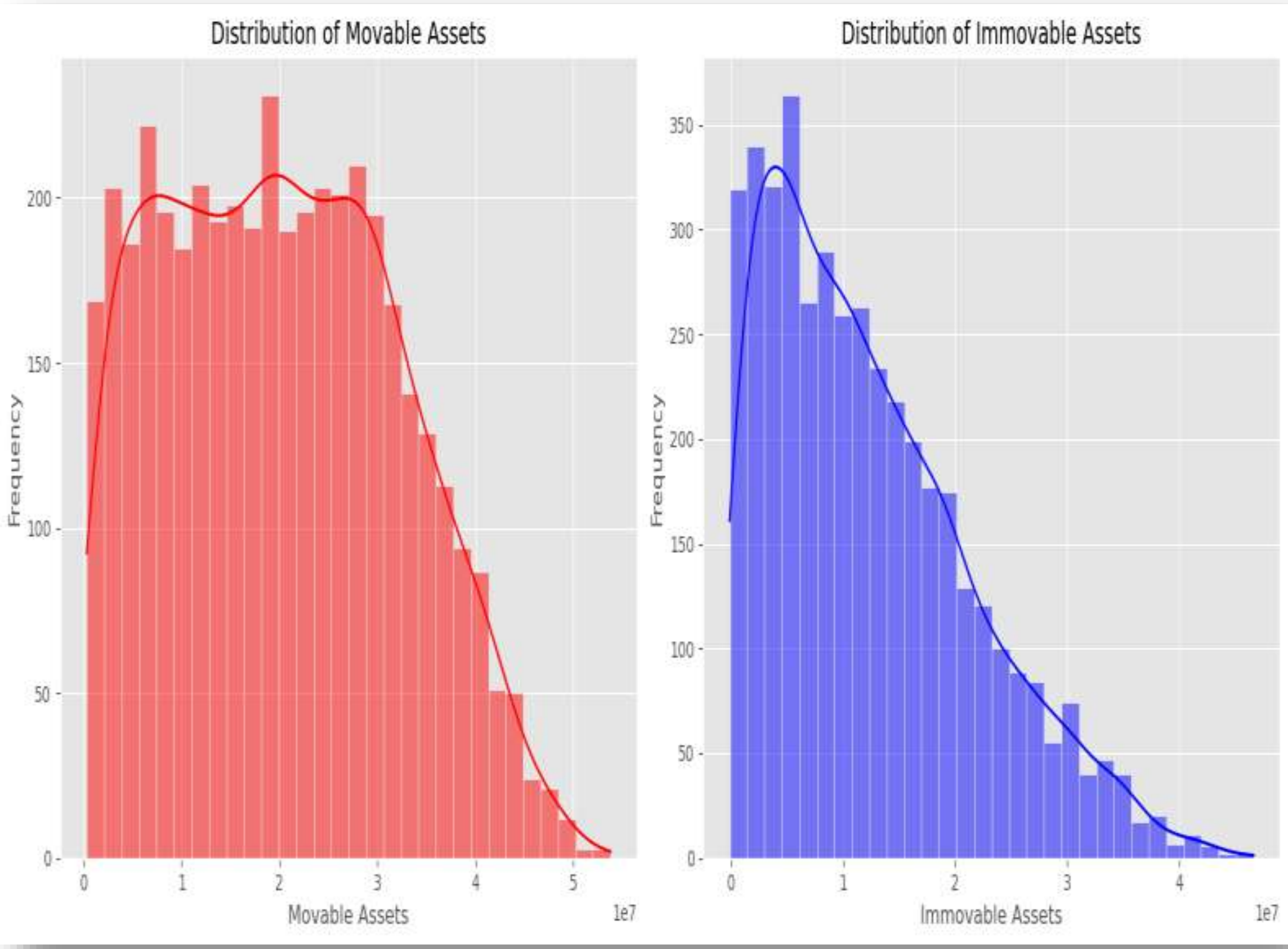
This line plot reveals a consistent loan amount (1,400,000 to 1,550,000) for tenures between 2.5 and 7.5 years. A notable deviation occurs for a 10-year tenure, indicating a substantial increase in loan amount.



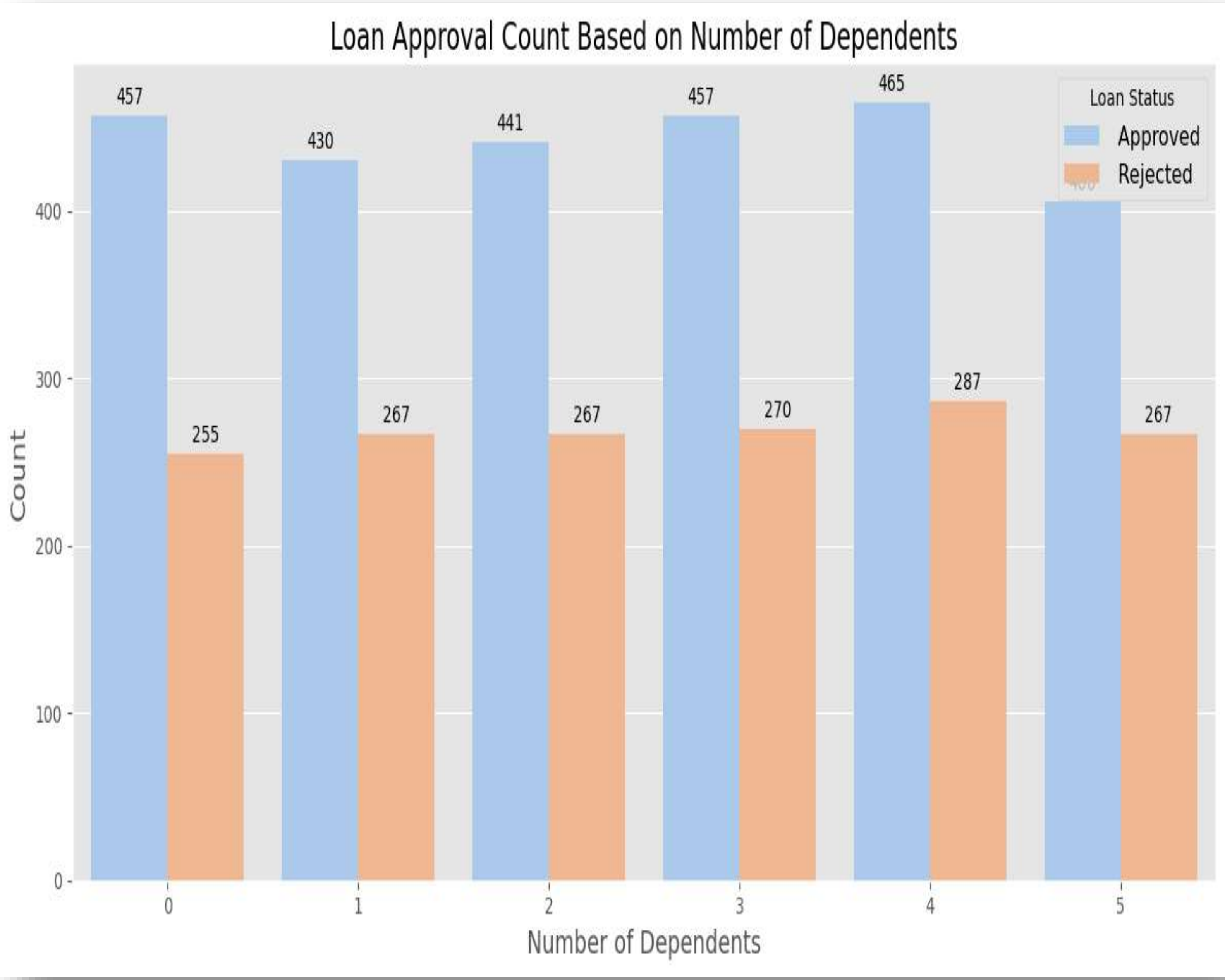
Assets Distribution

Interpretation:

Movable assets (bank and luxury) trend below 30 million, with fewer applicants as values rise. Immovable assets (residential and commercial) follow a similar pattern, predominantly below 15 million, decreasing significantly as values exceed 20 million.



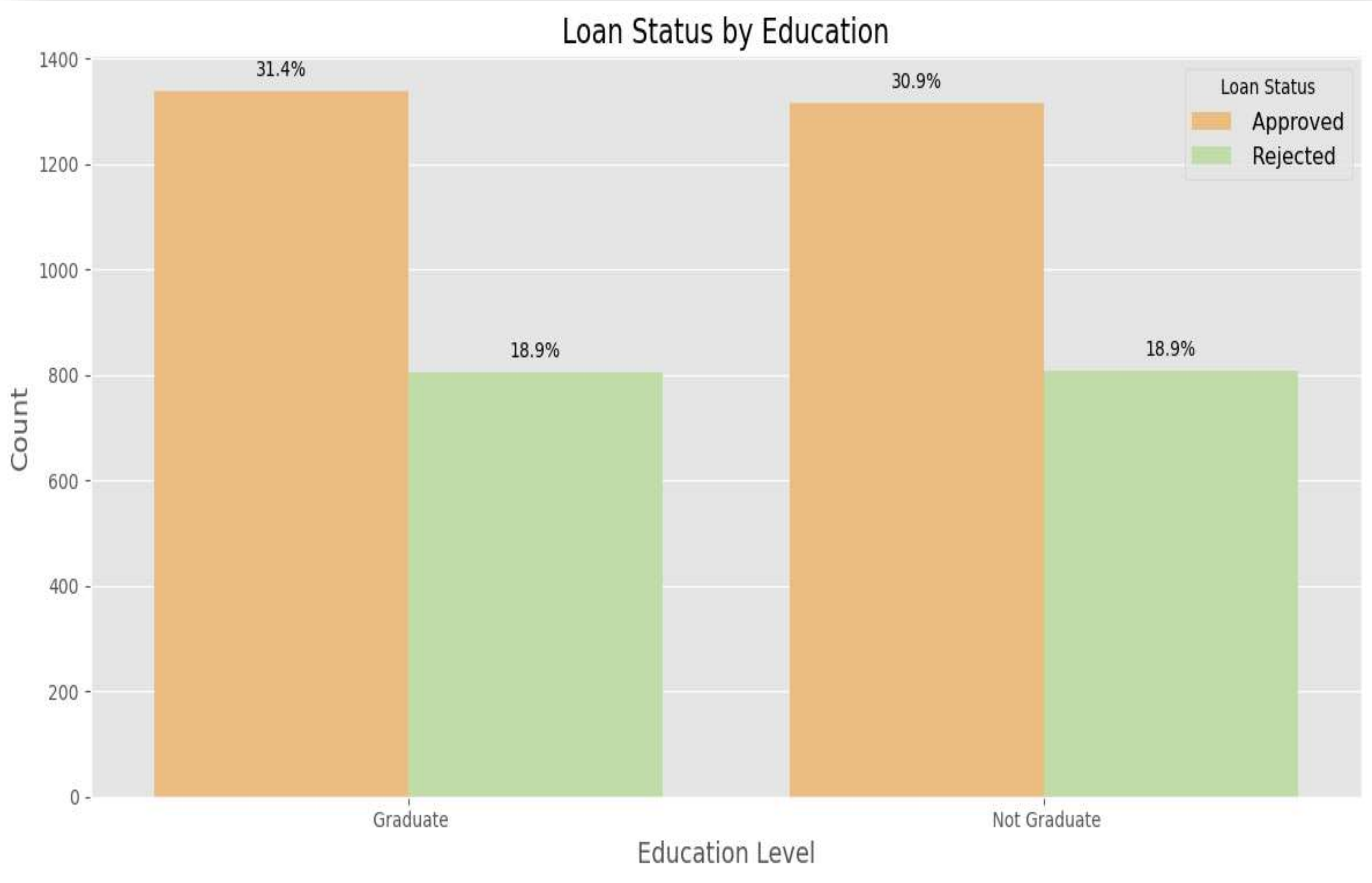
Number of Dependents Vs Loan Status



Interpretation:

Mixed results emerge for the hypothesis on loan approval and dependents. Rejected loans increase with more dependents, but approved loans show no significant change. The observed data patterns challenge the initial assumptions, indicating a nuanced relationship.

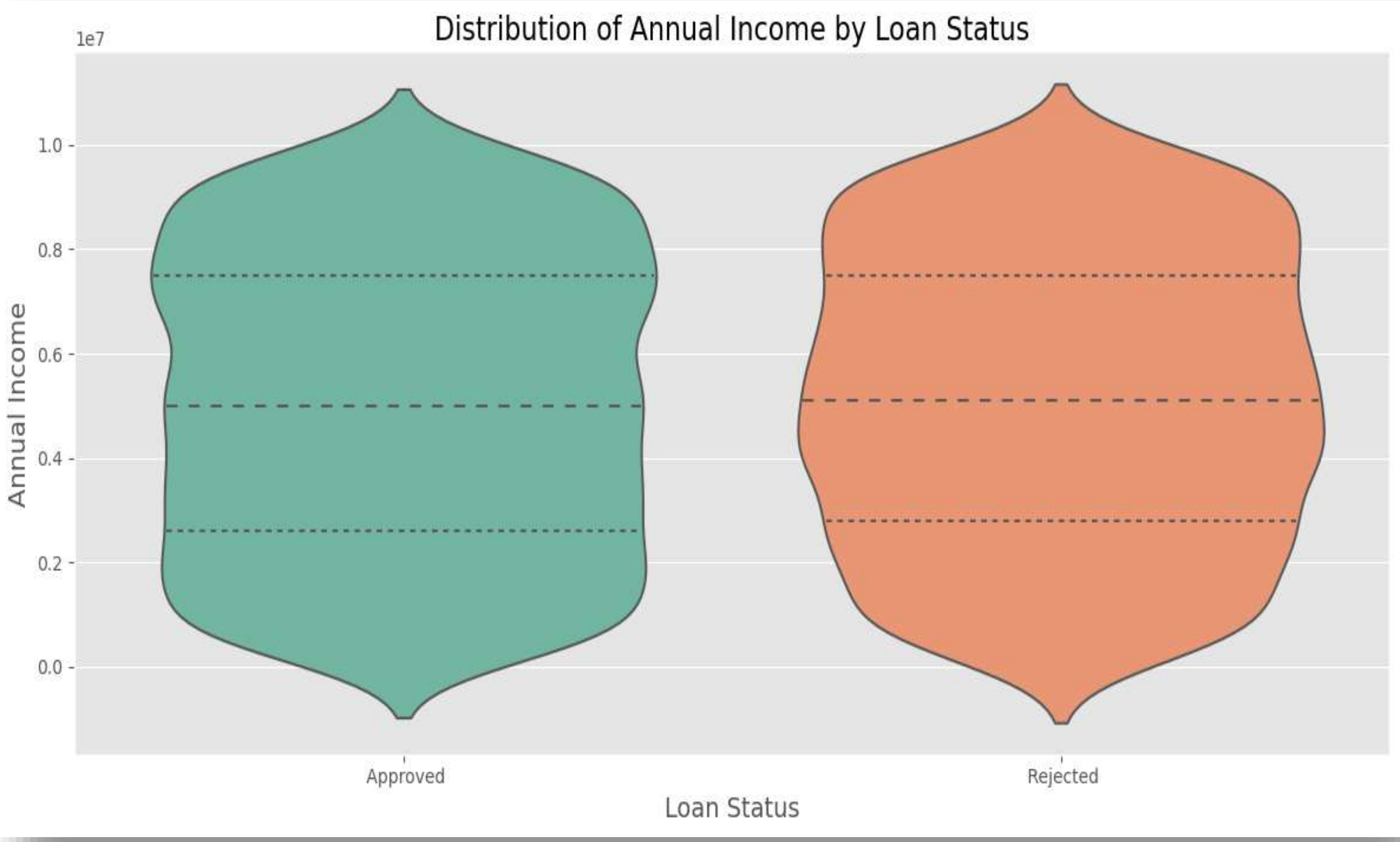
Education Vs Loan Status



Interpretation:

The observed data supports the hypothesis that education is not a decisive factor in loan approval. The graph indicates only a marginal difference in approvals and rejections between graduate and non-graduate applicants, suggesting education plays a limited role in the process.

Annual Income Vs Loan Status



Interpretation:

In the overall analysis, no significant income disparity is observed between approved and rejected loan applicants. However, a discernible trend indicates that approved applicants generally have higher annual incomes, particularly evident in the violin plot with a higher density around 8 million

Loan Amount & Tenure Vs Loan Status

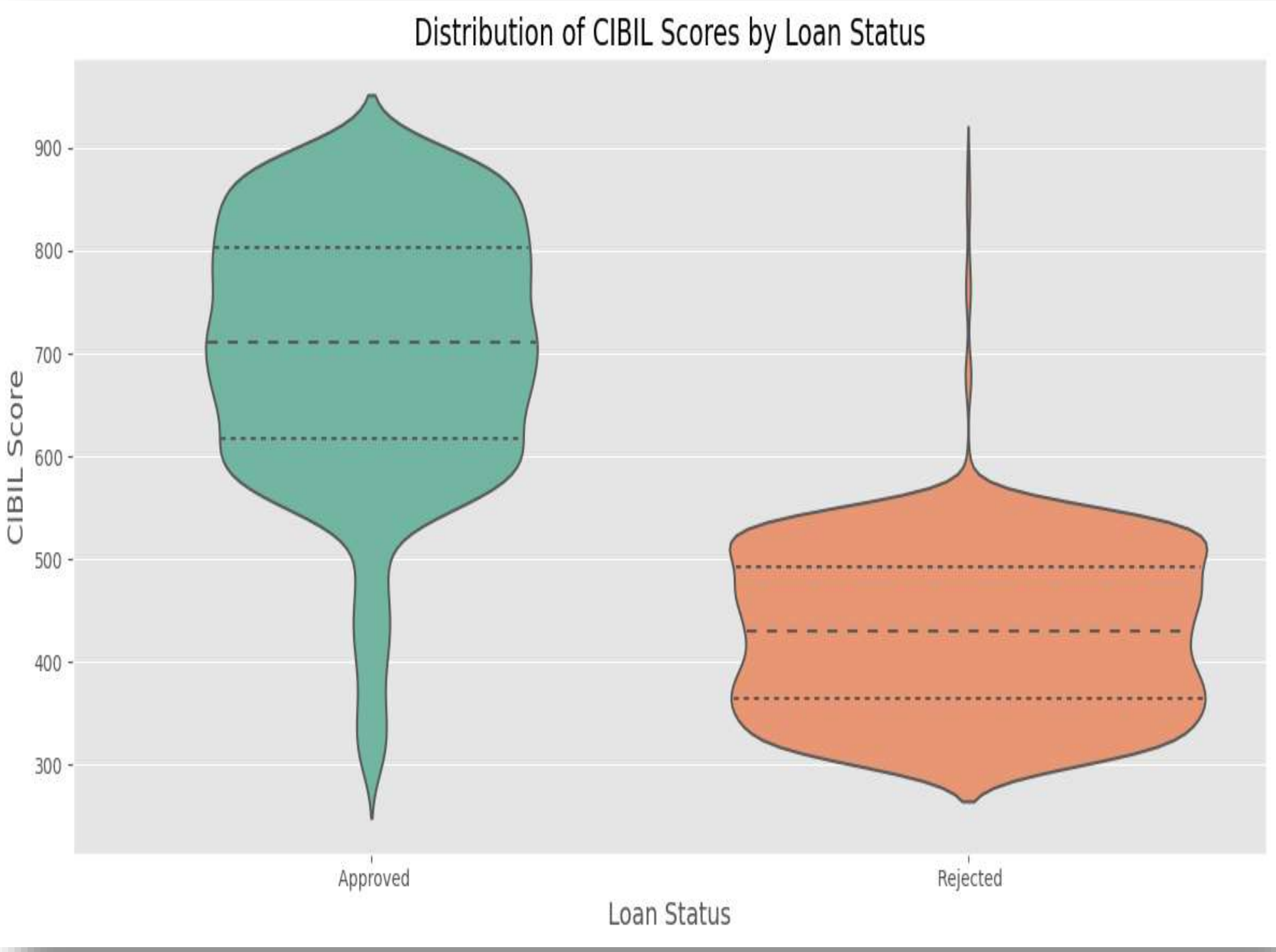
<u>Interpretation:</u>

The visualization reveals that approved loans typically have higher amounts with shorter tenures, while rejected loans exhibit lower amounts and extended tenures. This suggests a bank policy favoring shorter repayments for approved loans and a inclination to reject lower-amount loans, potentially for profitability.

CIBIL Score Vs Loan Status

Interpretation:

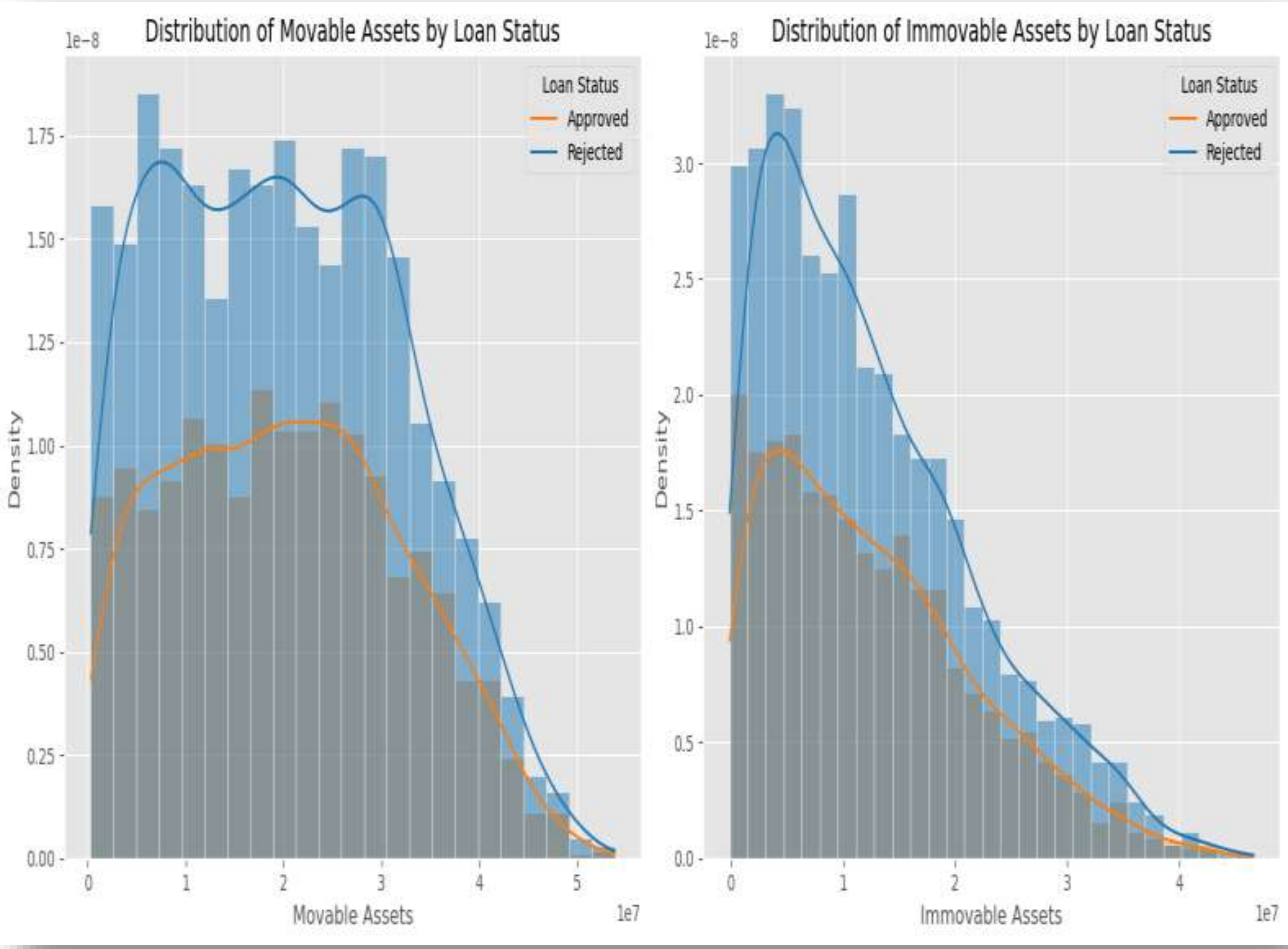
The observed patterns in the violin plot undeniably confirm the hypothesis on the relationship between CIBIL scores and loan approval. Scores above 600 are prominently distributed in approved loans, contrasting with a dispersed distribution below 550 in not-approved loans. This establishes a clear association, indicating that a CIBIL score exceeding 600 is a key factor linked to higher chances of loan approval.



Assets
Vs
Loan Status

<u>Interpretation:</u>

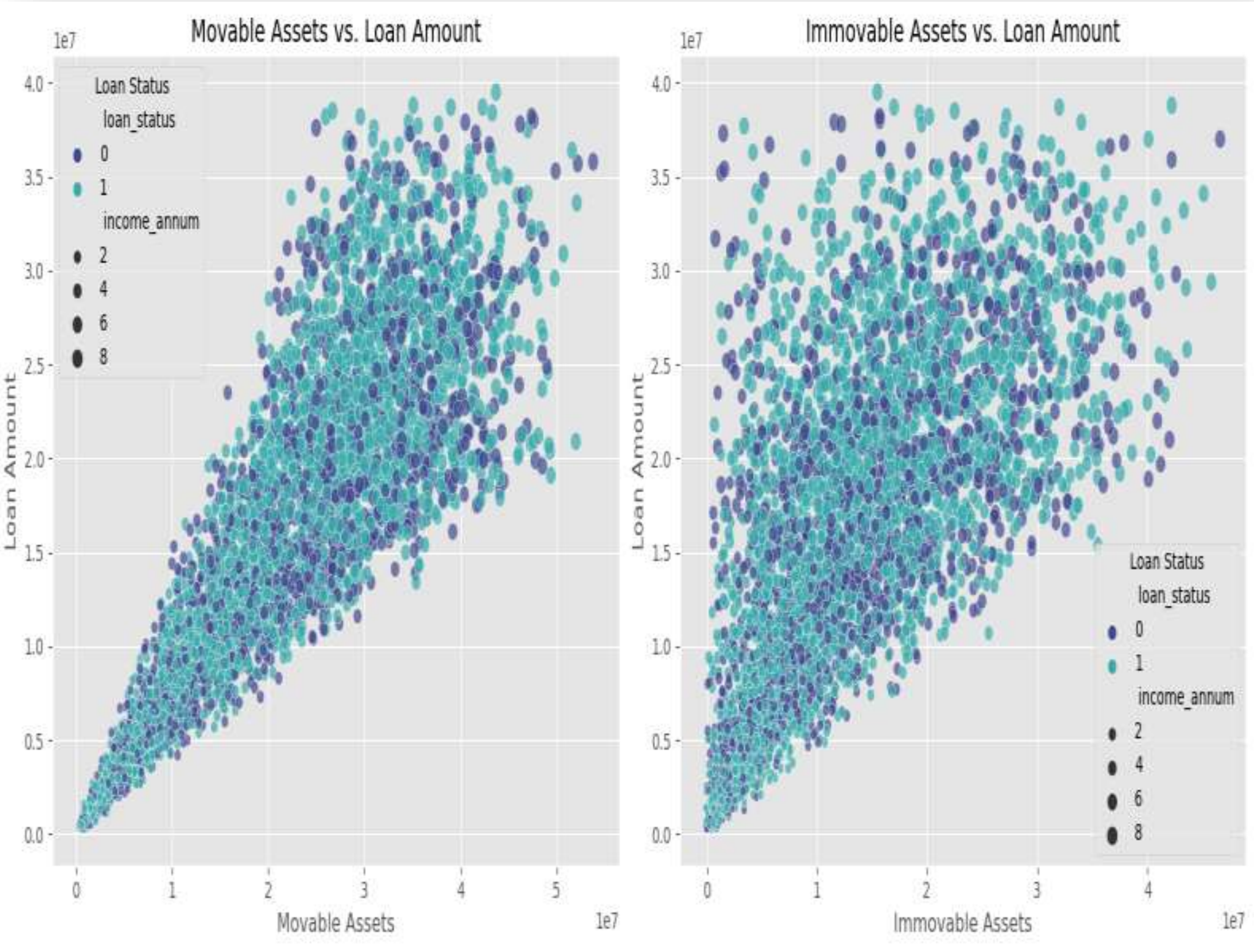
Assets, providing security, correlate with loan status in the visualizations. As assets increase, there's a higher likelihood of approval and reduced chances of rejection. Notably, the graphs emphasize a trend where the quantity of movable assets surpasses that of immovable assets.



Correlation Matrix Heatmap

The heatmap highlights strong correlations, including between movable and immovable assets, income and assets, and assets and loan amount. This logical relationship suggests individuals with higher movable assets likely possess more immovable assets. Positive correlations with income align with expectations. Further exploration into asset-loan and income-loan relationships will provide additional insights.

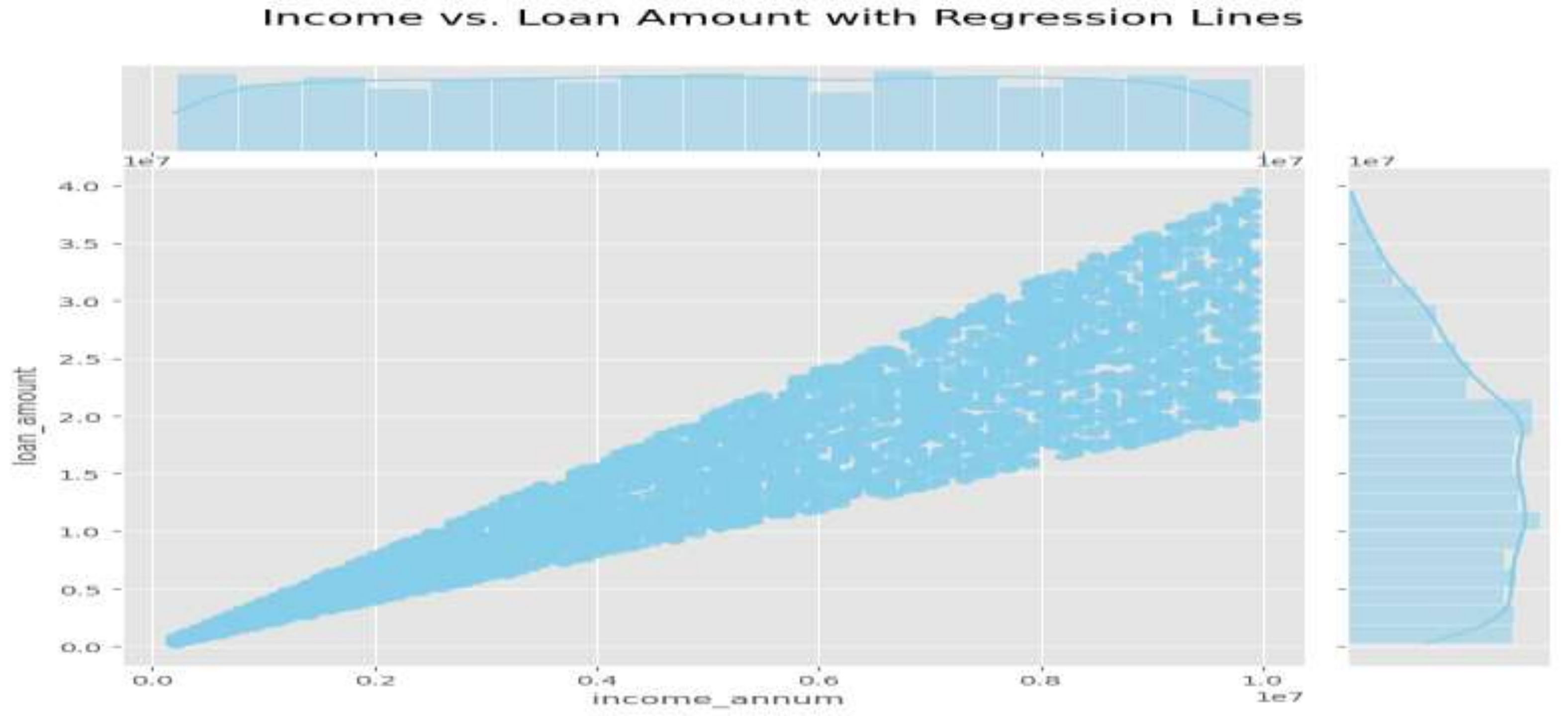
Assets
Vs
Loan Amount



Interpretation:

The loan amount has a positive relation with movable and immovable assets. The more the assets, the more the loan amount issued by the bank.

Loan Amount Vs Income



Interpretation:

There exists a strong correlation between the loan amount and the annual income of the applicant. As the applicant's income increases, the loan amount also tends to increase. This correlation is directly proportional, indicating that the applicant's income plays a pivotal role in determining the required loan amount.

Machine Learning Algorithms

Logistics Regression:

- Logistic Regression is a binary classification algorithm used to predict the probability of an instance belonging to a specific class.
- It's efficient, interpretable, and commonly applied in scenarios with two categorical outcomes, such as loan approval or rejection.

Support Vector Machine Classifier(SVC):

- Support Vector Machine (SVM) is a powerful machine learning algorithm used for both classification and regression tasks.
- It works by finding the hyperplane that best separates different classes in the feature space, maximizing the margin between them.

Machine Learning Algorithms

Decision Tree Classifier:

- Decision Tree is a tree-like model where each node represents a feature, each branch a decision, and each leaf an outcome.
- It's widely used for classification tasks, providing a clear, interpretable decision-making structure.

Random Forest Classifier:

- Random Forest is an ensemble learning method that constructs multiple decision trees during training and outputs the mode of the classes as the prediction.
- It improves accuracy and robustness by combining predictions from multiple trees.

Machine Learning Algorithms

Naïve Bayes Classifier:

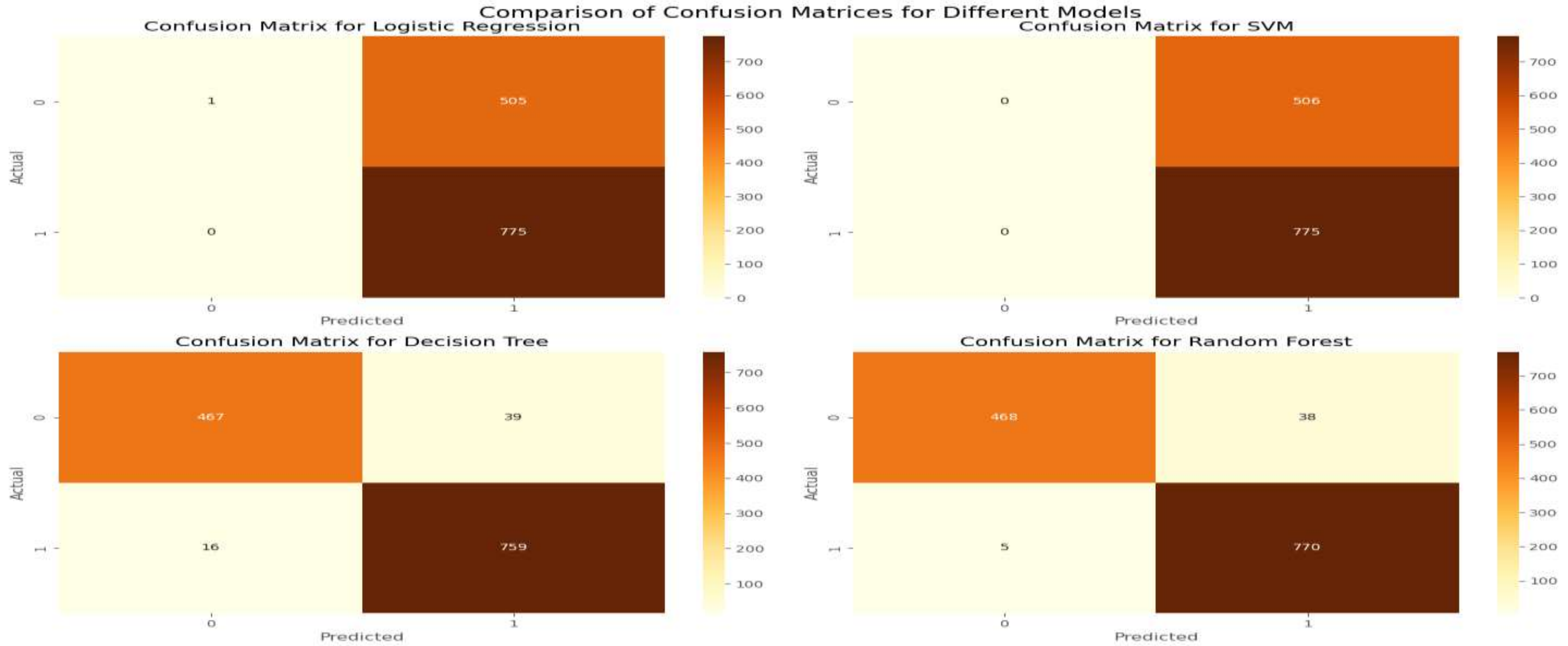
- Naïve Bayes is a probabilistic classification algorithm based on Bayes' theorem.
- It assumes independence between features, and despite its simplicity, it often performs well in various applications, such as text classification and spam filtering.

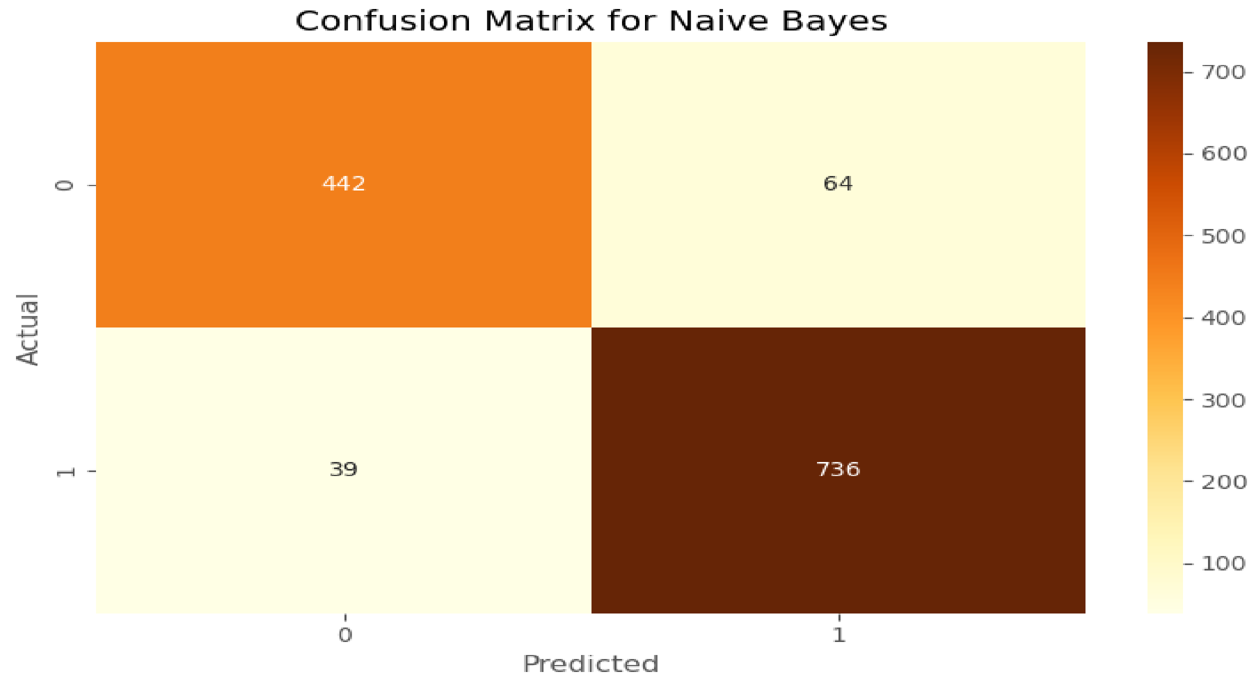
KNN Classifier:

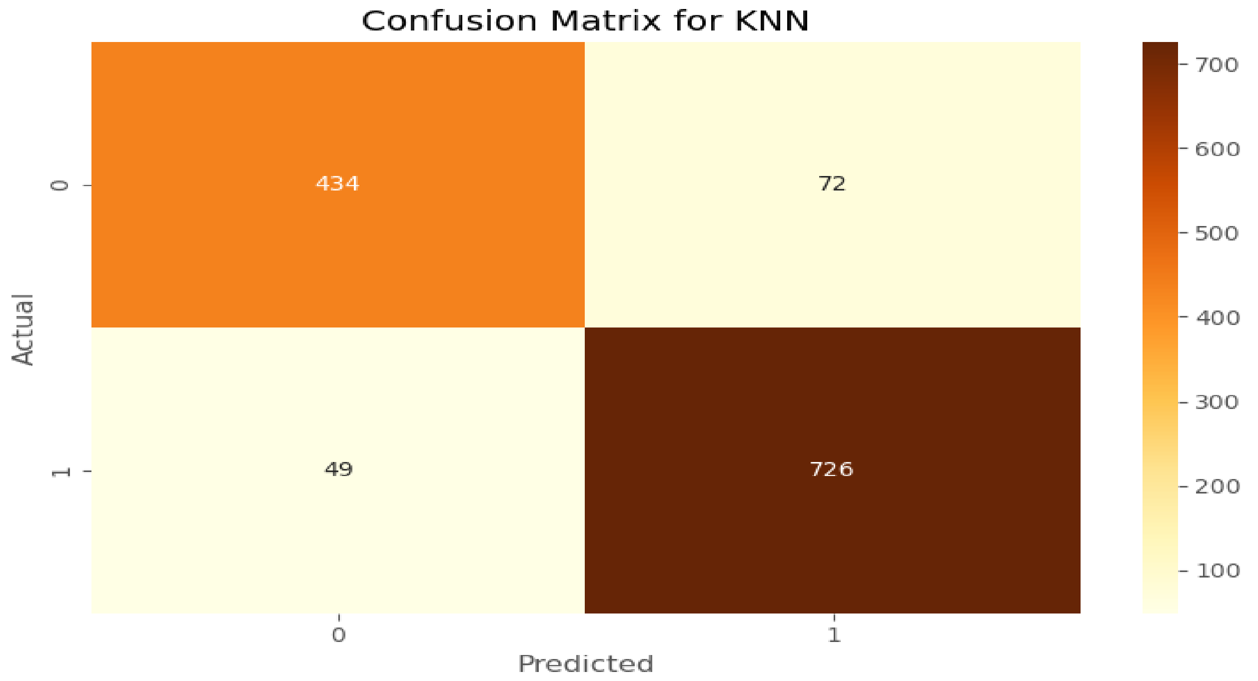
- K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) is a simple and intuitive classification algorithm.
- It classifies a data point based on the majority class among its k nearest neighbors. It's effective in scenarios where the decision boundaries are not well-defined.

Model Evaluation

Confusion Matrix



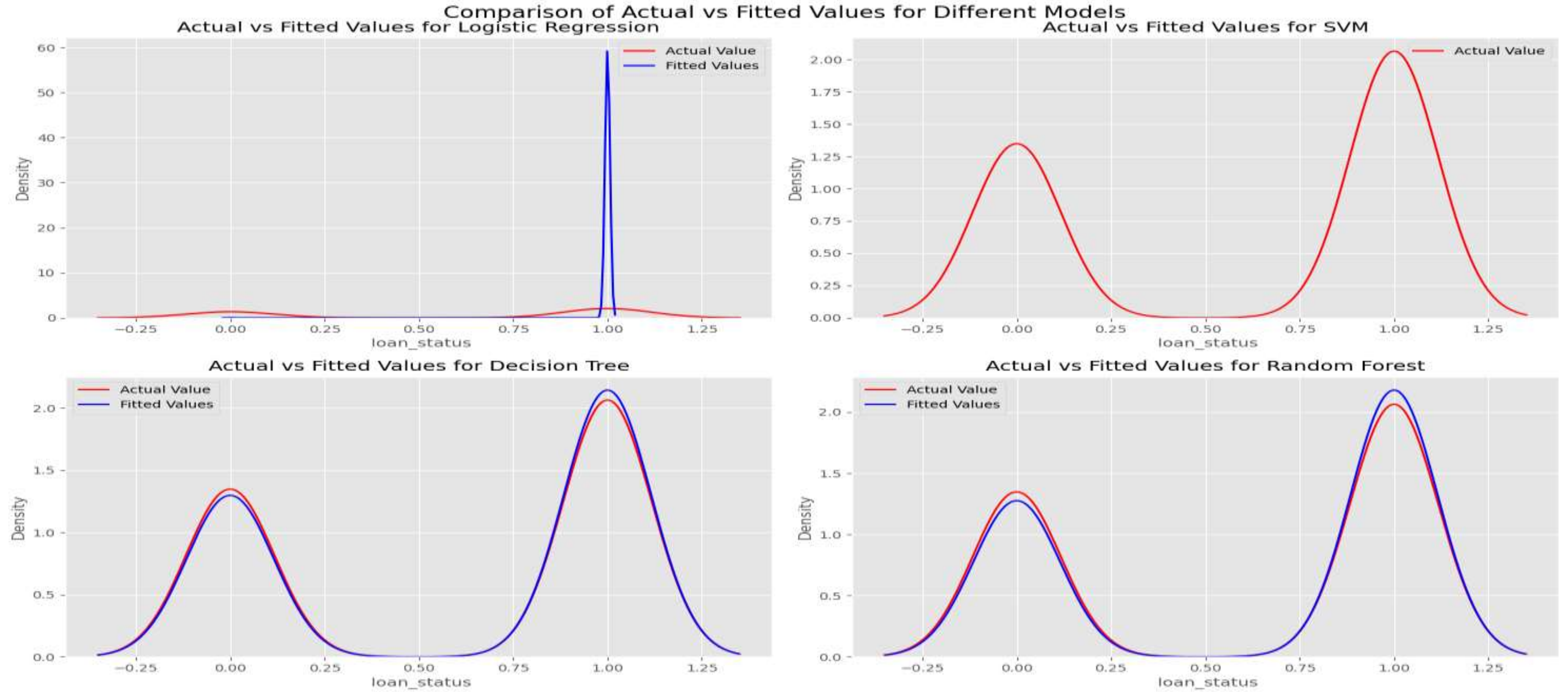


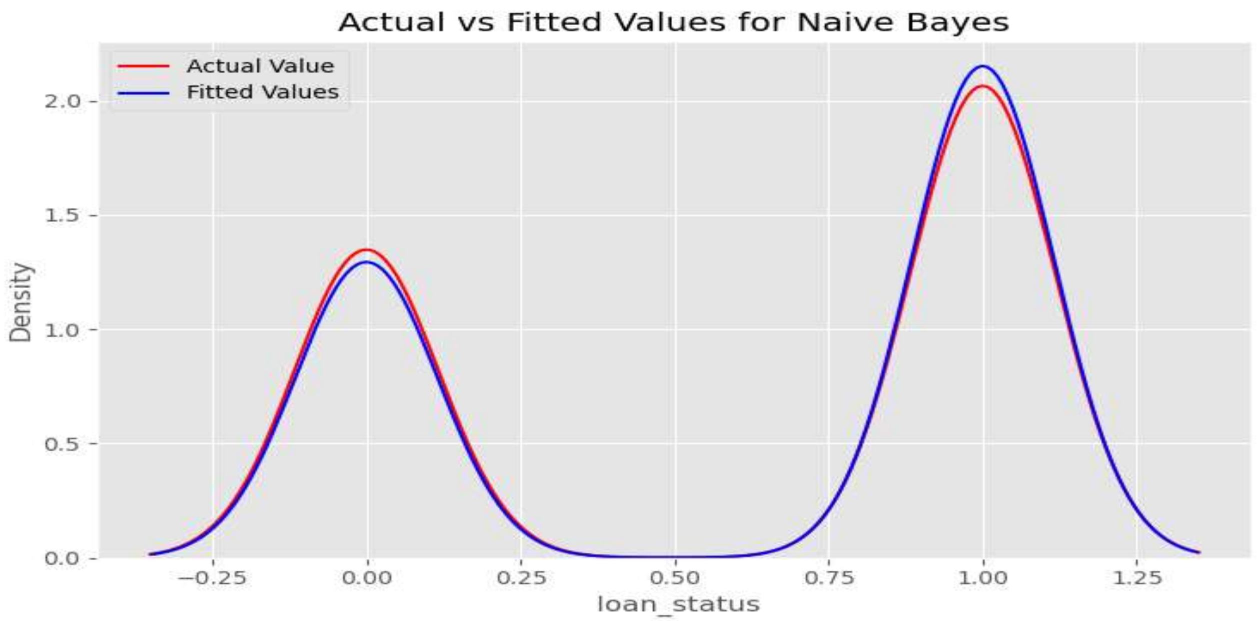


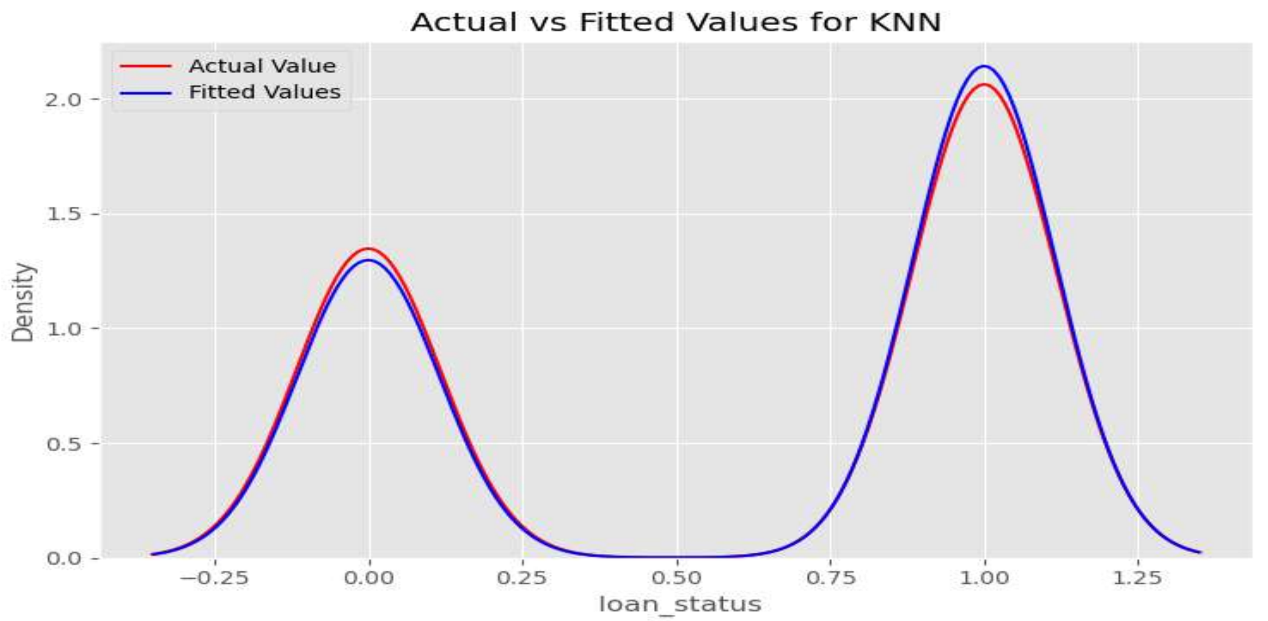
Interpretation:

The heatmap reveals distribution of true positives and true negatives in different ML models. Logistic regression and support vector classifiers show 505 combined false positives and false negatives. In contrast, decision tree and random forest classifiers exhibit superior performance with only 49 occurrences. Naive Bayes shows 103 instances, and KNN demonstrates 121. Accuracy-wise, decision tree and random forest classifiers outperform other models.

Distribution Plot







Interpretation:

The distribution plots for all models reveal comparable patterns, indicating similar distributions of predicted and actual values across different machine learning models. However, distinct differences are observed in the distribution density for Logistic Regression and SVM compared to the other models. These variations suggest unique characteristics in the prediction patterns of these two models.

Conclusion

- Through the exploratory data analysis, several key factors have been identified as significant contributors to the loan approval process:
  - **CIBIL Score**: Higher scores correlate with a greater likelihood of loan approval.
  - **Number of Dependents**: More dependents suggest a decreased likelihood of approval.
  - **Assets**: Higher ownership of movable and immovable assets increases the chance of approval.
  - **Loan Amount and Tenure**: Higher amounts with shorter tenures correlate with increased approval chances.
- Decision Tree and Random Forest Classifiers achieve superior performance with 96% accuracy, leveraging their transparent structure and ensemble approach.
- Logistic Regression, SVM, Naive Bayes, and KNN exhibit accuracies between 60% and 92%, indicating potential limitations.

THANK YOU!