Home Credit Default Risk

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Data Capstone 2

Problem & Overview:

- Countless numbers of loan/credit applications are refused each day by financial institutions
  - Due to monetary risk of credit defaults by clients
- Financial institutions are stringent on qualifications to request large loans.
  - Limits applicants to only clients that already have a strong credit record.
  - Forces clients with little to non-existent credit history to rely on unreliable lenders to meet their financial needs.

Solution and Objective

- Certain financial institutions have strived to expand the financial inclusion to those with insufficient or non-existing credit histories.
  - Utilize a variety of alternate data to gauge and measure the clients' risk profiles without relying on the conventional methods.
- Objective:
  - Draw reliable variables from the alternate data that can reliably gauge a clients' risk profile.
  - Develop a predictive model that can accurately classify clients as high-risk or low-risk for credit loans

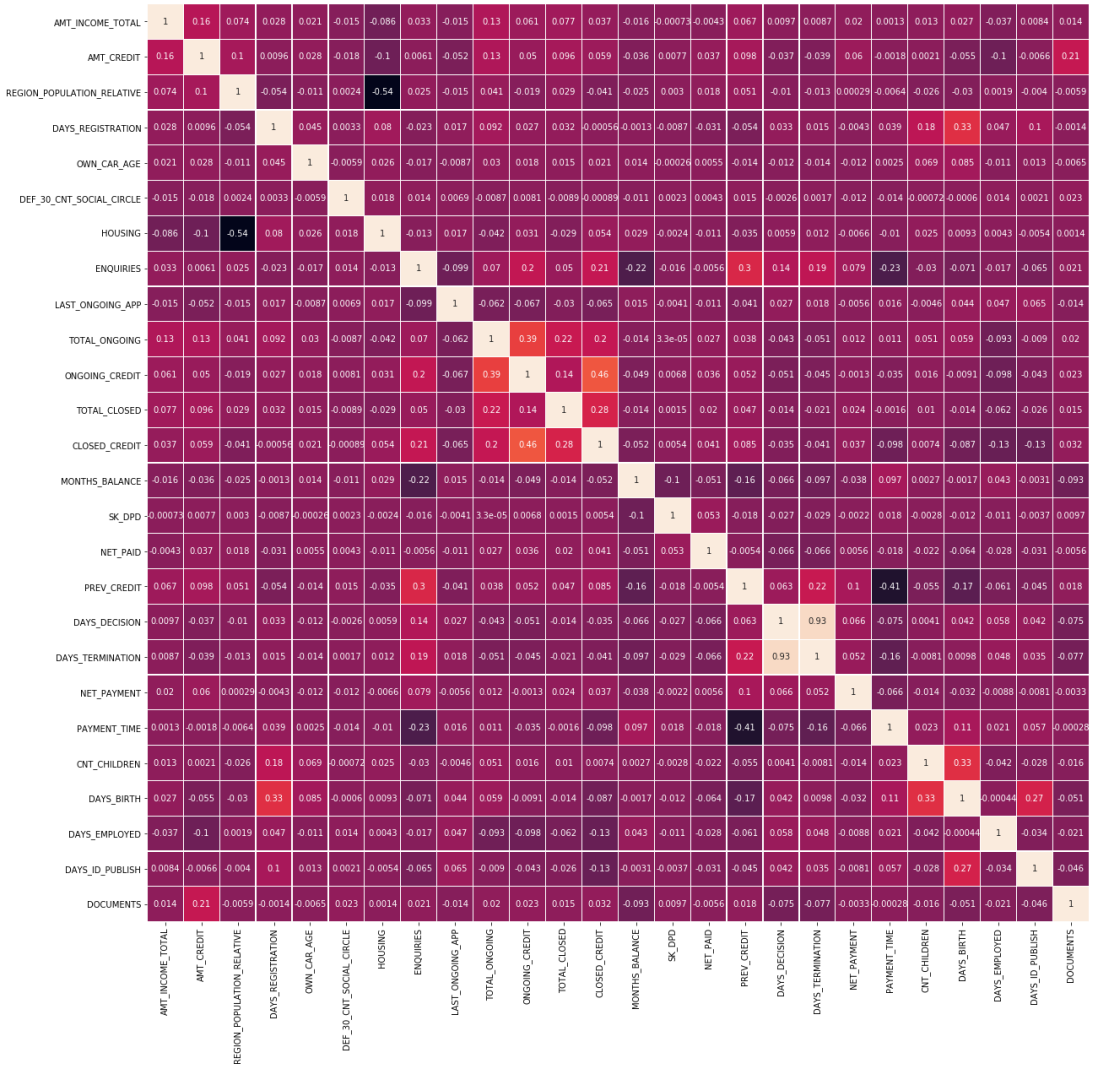
Potential Clients

- Financial Institutions:
  - Expand their loans applicant pool by measuring new clients' risk profile with alternate data.
  - Higher yields both short-term and long-term as positive financial experience will bring in reoccurring clients.
- Loan Applicants:
  - Understand alternative attributes that can help them develop towards becoming a low-risk applicant despite insufficient credit histories.
  - Also applicable for anyone applying for a larger loan they may not currently qualify for under traditional requirements.

Data from Kaggle Competition

- Training Data:
  - Consists of 307,511 unique client IDs and 122 categories.
- 6 Supplemental Datasets (only 4 used):
  - “bureau.csv” – information regarding all previous credits
  - “credit_card_balance.csv” – previous credit information with Home Credit
  - “installments_payments.csv” – repayment history for approved credit by Home Credit
  - “previous_application.csv” – all previous applications made to Home Credit
- 300+ heterogenous mixture of both categorical and quantitative features

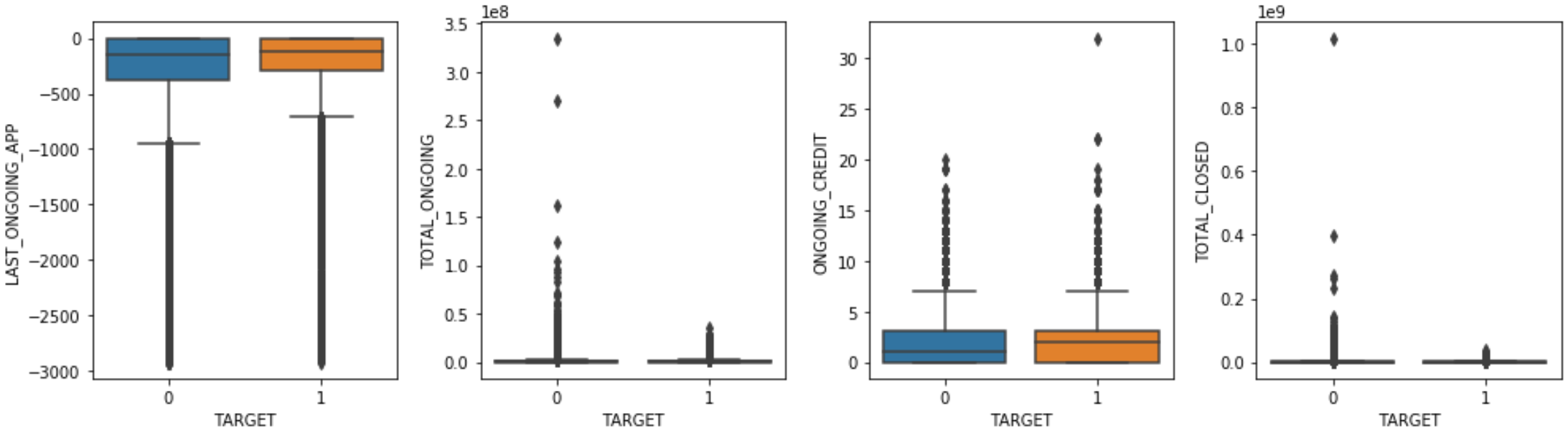
Numerical Correlation



Key Points:

- Strong correlation between DAYS_TERMINATION and DAYS_DECISION which indicates multicollinearity.
  - DAYS_DECISION removed
- 5 other additional correlations that show correlation, but provide completely different information.
  - None removed

Numerical Variables as Predictors



Key Points:

- Visual representations of the data were obscure and difficult to draw insights from.
- Instead, I chose to utilize inferential statistics to find statistical differences between target and non-target groups.