In [1]:

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

from sklearn_pandas import DataFrameMapper

from sklearn import preprocessing
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier, RandomForestRegressor
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report
from sklearn import metrics

from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV
```

Assignement 2 - Lending Club

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1. Getting and Importing the data

I chose the most recent data from the Lending Club Website. This was Q2 2018. This way, my predictive model would be as relevant as possible for future predictions, if it were to be applied in the real world.

In [2]:

```
#the last two rows are empty
approved = pd.read_csv("LoanStats_2018Q2.csv", header=1, skipfooter=2, engine =
'python')
approved.head()
```

Out[2]:

	id	member_id	loan_amnt	funded_amnt	funded_amnt_inv	term	int_rate	installment
0	NaN	NaN	10000	10000	10000	36 months	20.39%	373.63
1	NaN	NaN	20000	20000	20000	60 months	13.06%	455.68
2	NaN	NaN	14000	14000	14000	60 months	10.56%	301.34
3	NaN	NaN	8000	8000	8000	36 months	6.83%	246.40
4	NaN	NaN	22000	22000	22000	60 months	17.47%	552.34

5 rows × 145 columns

In [3]:

rejected = pd.read_csv("RejectStats_2018Q2.csv", header=1, engine = 'python')
rejected.head()

Out[3]:

	Amount Requested	Application Date	Loan Title	Risk_Score	Debt- To- Income Ratio	Zip Code	State	Employment Length	Polic Coc
0	10000.0	2018-04-01	Debt consolidation	NaN	35.76%	167xx	PA	< 1 year	
1	6000.0	2018-04-01	Credit card refinancing	NaN	13.19%	553xx	MN	6 years	
2	3000.0	2018-04-01	Home improvement	NaN	100%	351xx	TN	< 1 year	
3	4000.0	2018-04-01	Car financing	NaN	1.93%	601xx	IL	< 1 year	
4	2000.0	2018-04-01	Other	NaN	14.96%	894xx	NV	< 1 year	

2. Selecting Features

The approved data set has 145 features, which was initally overwhelming. The rejected, however, only has 9. Thus, this narrowed down what we could use a lot.

There are 9 features in the rejected column. At this stage, I chose 6 of them to use.

- 1. Amount Requested This is the amount requested in the loan.
- 2. Loan Title This is the purpose of the loan.
- 3. **Debt-To-Income Ratio** This is the Debt-to-Income ratio, showing the ratio of a persons' debt to income. Thus, a higher ratio indicates more current debt compared to income, which is not a good sign when asking for a loan.
- 4. **Zip Code** The zip code of the applicant, with the last two digits deleted. (This was eventually removed due to it creating too many features and overlapping with the State
- 5. **State** The state where the applicant resides
- 6. **Employment Length** How long the applicant has been employed. This ranges from <1 year to 10+ years, with some N/As

There were several features from the rejected data that I didn't include. Firstly, the application date. There was no equivalent in the accepted data, and the exact date of the loan application didn't seem relevant to if it was rejected. Secondly, the Risk_Score. This seemed like it would be a helpful feature, however, it was not included for several reasons. Firstly, there was no equivalent in the accepted data. I tried to find something in the accepted data that could be converted, but without success. The Risk Scores range from 500 to over 900, while tipical FICO credit scores range from 300 to 850, so I didn't want to attempt that approach. Secondly, there were a large amount (over half) of N/As in the data. There are several methods to approach this, but with the knowledge that there is no equivalent feature in the approved, it was simply dropped. Finally, I didn't include Policy Code. There was an equivalent Policy Code in the approved data. However, it was 1 for all approved and either 0 or 2 for all rejected. Thus, it is perfectly correlated with the loan being approved, and wouldn't be appropriate to include in a classifier.

I did a bit of pre-merge cleaning to make the data in rejected and approved match. This included changing the names of the columns, and deleting the % signs from the Debt to Income Ratio in the rejected data.

I then combined the datasets into one set.

In [4]:

```
# Choose the features that are counterparts of the rejected data features
cleaned_approved = approved.loc[:,[
'loan_amnt', 'title', 'dti','zip_code', 'addr_state', 'emp_length']]
cleaned_approved['approved'] = True
```

In [5]:

```
# Select the correct features
cleaned_rejected = rejected.loc[:, ['Amount Requested',
    'Loan Title',
    'Debt-To-Income Ratio',
    'Zip Code',
    'State',
    'Employment Length']]
```

In [6]:

```
# Change the column names to the new names
cleaned_rejected.columns = [
'loan_amnt', 'title', 'dti','zip_code', 'addr_state', 'emp_length']
cleaned_rejected['approved'] = False

# Delete the % in the dti
newstr_list = []
for string in cleaned_rejected.dti:
    newstr = string.replace("%", '')
    newstr_list.append(newstr)
cleaned_rejected['dti'] = newstr_list
```

In [7]:

```
# Combine the data
loan_data = pd.concat([cleaned_approved, cleaned_rejected]).reset_index(drop=Tru
e)
```

3. Cleaning

ound in both)

I then started to clean the data.

The first thing to do was to change some of the categories in the title column. The only categories that needed help were 'Business' and "Business Loan', where were merged into 'Business'

I then looked for N/As in the features.

The first was dti, which had 326 missing values. Through looking at the histograms of the data, it was clear that it was heavily skewed, and thus it was better to fill the N/As with the median (as opposed to the mean). There were also -1 values in the dti. Everyone who had -1 values for dti also had <1 year of employment, so I assumed that they were unable to calculate it due to lack of income. To fix this, during the rescaling stage I changed all -1's to the max of the rescaled data, in order to show that these data points have poor dti ratios (which is consistent with them not having income).

The second feature which needed help was the emplyment length. They previosuly were all strings, and I converted them to floats, setting 10+ to 10 and <1 year to 0.5. I then set all of the N/As (2.85%) to 0. This relies on the assumpution that anyone who is employed would include that in their application for a loan, and thus the N/As are probably not employed.

I also dropped the Zip Code feature. Upon examination, there were almost 1,000 unique zip codes. The only way to use these in a predictive model would be to onehot encode them, and this would create almost a thousand new dimensions, with almost all of data points being 0. This seemed like it wouldn't add much to the model, especially given that this data overlaps with the addr_state, as it is the location.

Finally, I converted the title and addr_state columns to categorical data.

#Replace the title 'Business Loan' (only present in approved) with 'Business' (f

loan data.title = loan data.title.replace('Business Loan', 'Business')

'Moving and relocation', 'Other', 'Vacation'], dtype=object)

In [11]:

```
# Explore the features for NAs
for column in loan_data.columns:
    blanks = loan_data[column].isnull().sum()
    print("{}: {}, {}%".format(column, blanks, 100*np.round(blanks/float(len(loa n_data)), 6)))
```

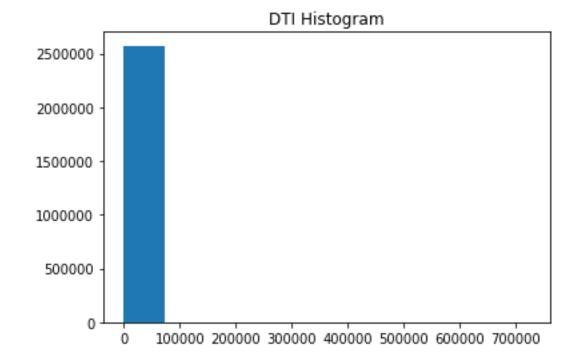
```
loan_amnt: 0, 0.0%
title: 0, 0.0%
dti: 326, 0.0127%
zip_code: 0, 0.0%
addr_state: 0, 0.0%
emp_length: 73543, 2.8585%
approved: 0, 0.0%
```

In [12]:

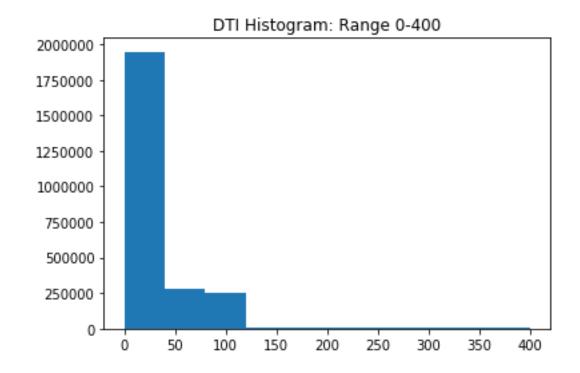
```
# EMP LENGTH
# We'll do three changes to the emp length feature
# First, we'll convert all of them to numbers instead of strings
# We'll change '<1 year' to 0.5, and we'll change the N/As to 0. This is
# making the assumption that if people were applying for a loan, and they
# were employed, they would include it, and thus the NA's are most likely
# not employed. This also puts it close to <1 year, the closest to no employment
# Finally, we'll change the data type to float.
# We want to keep these as float data types (instead of converting to categorica
1)
# because there is a relationship in employment length, where 2 years is closer
# to 3 years than to 9 years.
year_change = [('< 1 year',0.5),("1 year",1), ('2 years',2),('3 years',3),</pre>
               ('4 years',4),('5 years',5),('6 years',6),
               ('7 years',7),('8 years',8),('9 years',9),('10+ years',10)]
for find, replace in year change:
    loan data.emp length.replace(find,replace, inplace = True)
loan data.emp length.fillna("0", inplace = True)
loan data.emp length = loan data.emp length.astype(float)
```

In [13]:

```
#With DTI, wee see a small amount of NA's,
loan data.dti = loan data.dti.astype(float)
plt.hist(loan data.dti.dropna())
plt.title('DTI Histogram')
plt.show()
# This histogram is pretty uninformative
# We can then look at the summary statistics
print("DTI Summary Satistics")
print("mean", np.mean(loan data.dti.dropna()))
print("median", np.median(loan_data.dti.dropna()))
print("min", np.min(loan data.dti.dropna()))
print("max", np.max(loan data.dti.dropna()))
plt.hist(loan data.dti.dropna(), bins=10, range=(0, 400))
plt.title("DTI Histogram: Range 0-400")
plt.show()
# We can see a clear skew to the right, with the mean much larger than
# the median. The max as well indicates that there are extreme outliers
```



DTI Summary Satistics
mean 102.86531663677926
median 20.71
min -1.0
max 724496.0



In [14]:

```
# We'll replace the N/A's with median, (as opposed to the mean)
# as its robust to outliers
loan_data.dti.fillna(np.median(loan_data.dti.dropna()), inplace=True)
```

```
In [15]:
# We also need to deal with the -1 scores
# All people who had -1 on their thing also had less than 1 year of work,
# so, I'm assuming the -1 comes from not being able to compute the DTI
# due to zero income
print (np.unique(
    loan data.where(loan data.dti <0).dropna(how = "all").emp length))</pre>
[0.5]
In [16]:
# Explore for NAs
for column in loan data.columns:
    blanks = loan_data[column].isnull().sum()
    print("{}: {}, {}%".format(column, blanks, 100*np.round(blanks/float(len(loa)))
n data)), 6)))
loan amnt: 0, 0.0%
title: 0, 0.0%
dti: 0, 0.0%
zip code: 0, 0.0%
addr state: 0, 0.0%
emp length: 0, 0.0%
approved: 0, 0.0%
In [17]:
# Zip codes
len(np.unique(loan data.zip code))
Out[17]:
976
In [18]:
# We're going to drop this, as the only way to use this would be
# as a categorical variable with onehot encoding.
# This however would create 976 additional dimensions, almost all of
# of which would be 0. Secondly, it has lots of overlap with the State,
# which we are keeping
loan data = loan data.drop('zip code', axis = 1)
```

In [19]:

```
# Change the title and addr state to categorical
names = ['title', 'addr state']
for name in names:
    loan data[name] = loan data[name].astype('category')
loan data.dtypes
```

Out[19]:

loan amnt float64 title category dti float64 addr state category emp length float64 bool approved

dtype: object

4. Scaling

The next thing that I needed to do was scale the data and get it ready for use in scikit. We want our data to be approximately normally distributed, or at least as close as we can do it. This is important as the assumption of normality is underlying the model process, and give credibility to the metrics that we use.

I created histograms for loan_amnt, dti, and emp_length. All of them were skewed to the right, which can be seen from the histograms and the mean and median. To fix this, I first logged all of the features, which turns exponential relationships into linear linear relationships. I then used Robust Scaler to scale the data. Robust Scaler uses the median and interquartile range to scale, making it more Robust to outliers (which we have). The scaled histograms are also plotted. Both the loan_amnt and dti are approximately normal, which can be seen by the closeness of the mean and the median (as well as the histograms). The emp_lenght was still skewed to the right, though not as much as before. This feature would be a candidate for future work, as I could try more ways to scale the feature to be normal.

The categorical data needed to be encoded. I first converted it to integers, and then used OneHot Encoding to create *n* features for each of the *n* integers (for example, with the states, there were 51 dummy variables for the 50 states + Washington D.C.)

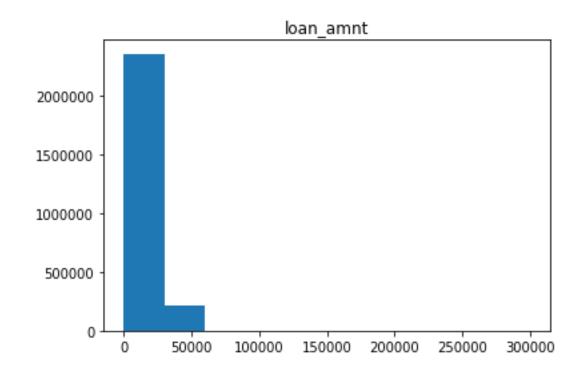
In [20]:

```
for feature in ['loan_amnt','dti','emp_length']:
    plt.hist(loan_data[feature])
    print(feature)
    print("Mean: {}".format(np.mean(loan_data[feature])))
    print("Median: {}".format(np.median(loan_data[feature])))
    print("Max: {}".format(np.max(loan_data[feature])))
    print()
    plt.title(feature)
    plt.show()
```

loan amnt

Mean: 12530.320166479254

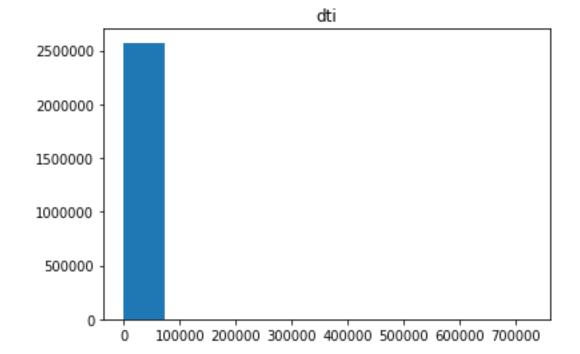
Median: 10000.0 Max: 300000.0



dti

Mean: 102.85490653008671

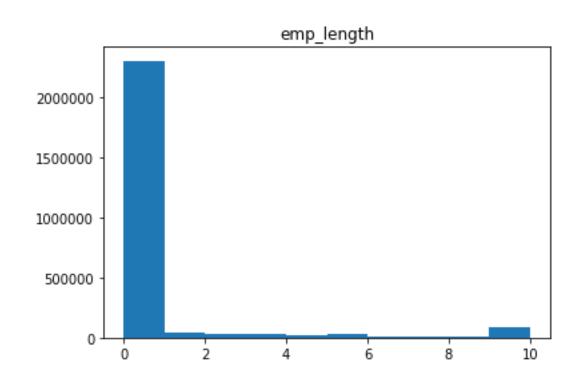
Median: 20.71 Max: 724496.0



emp_length

Mean: 1.0110863732352076

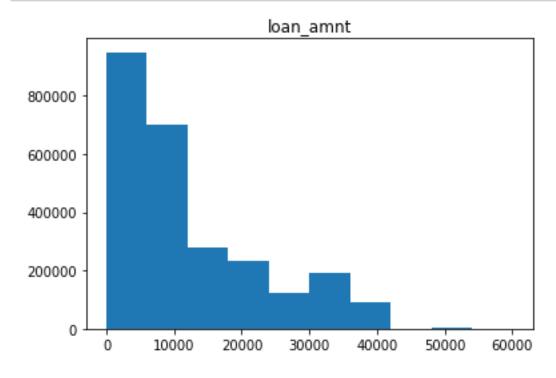
Median: 0.5 Max: 10.0

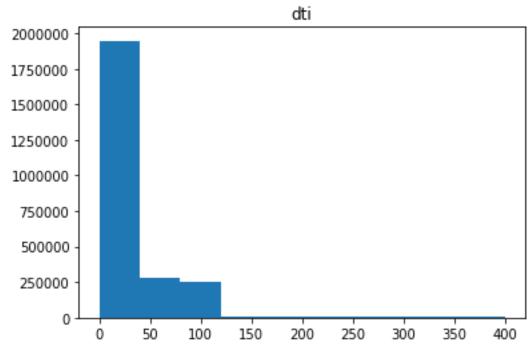


In [21]:

```
# Make scale adjustments to see the plots without outliers
# for loan_amnt and dti

for feature,rang in [('loan_amnt',60000),('dti',400)]:
    plt.hist(loan_data[feature], range=(0,rang))
    plt.title(feature)
    plt.show()
```





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In [22]:
```

```
# Scikit learn needs to convert categories to integers
for feature in ['title', 'addr state']:
    loan data[feature] = loan data[feature].cat.codes
# Scale the numercial values, we'll log each of them to try
# and get an approximately normal dist so we can be justified in
# using our evaluation metrics
# We use log1p beause it won't cause an error with 0 values
# and lets us deal with the -1 dti values
loan data.loan_amnt = loan_data.loan_amnt.apply(np.log1p)
loan data.emp length = loan data.emp length.apply(np.log1p)
loan data.dti = loan data.dti.apply(np.log1p)
# From log1p, the -1 values become log(-1+1)=log(0)=-inf
# Remember that all of these data points had <1 year of work
# and so we are assuming that the -1 on the dti came from having
# no income (dividing by 0 would give inf)
# We want them to thus be the worst in the dti, and so we'll replace
# all -inf with the max
loan data.dti = loan data.dti.replace(-np.inf, max(loan data.dti)+1)
```

In [23]:

```
loan_data.dtypes
# our data types are ready for processing
```

Out[23]:

loan_amnt float64
title int8
dti float64
addr_state int8
emp_length float64
approved bool
dtype: object

In [24]:

/usr/local/lib/python3.7/site-packages/sklearn/preprocessing/_encode rs.py:363: FutureWarning: The handling of integer data will change i n version 0.22. Currently, the categories are determined based on the range [0, max(values)], while in the future they will be determine d based on the unique values.

If you want the future behaviour and silence this warning, you can specify "categories='auto'".

In case you used a LabelEncoder before this OneHotEncoder to convert the categories to integers, then you can now use the OneHotEncoder d irectly.

warnings.warn(msg, FutureWarning)

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warnings.warn(msq, FutureWarning)

In [25]:

```
processed_loan_data.head()
```

Out[25]:

	emp_length	title_x0_0.0	title_x0_1.0	title_x0_2.0	title_x0_3.0	title_x0_4.0	title_x0_5.0	title_:
0	0.980829	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	
1	1.540445	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	
2	1.791759	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
3	0.693147	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	
4	1.992430	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	

5 rows × 67 columns

In [26]:

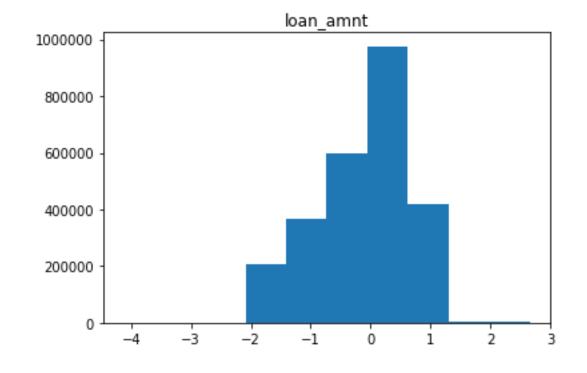
```
for feature in ['loan_amnt','dti','emp_length']:
    plt.hist(processed_loan_data[feature])
    print(feature)
    print("Mean: {}".format(np.mean(processed_loan_data[feature])))
    print("Median: {}".format(np.median(processed_loan_data[feature])))
    print("Max: {}".format(np.max(processed_loan_data[feature])))
    print()
    plt.title(feature)
    plt.show()
```

loan amnt

Mean: -0.16819644374521986

Median: 0.0

Max: 2.6554722175892262

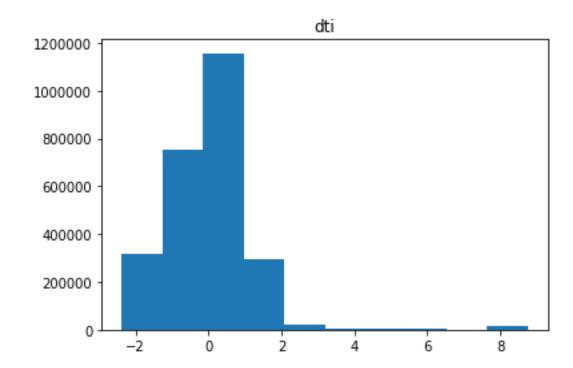


dti

Mean: -0.03492872974442557

Median: 0.0

Max: 8.755973688691702

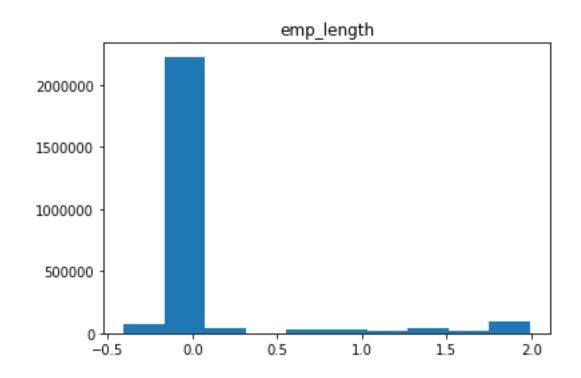


emp_length

Mean: 0.12546046663057442

Median: 0.0

Max: 1.9924301646902063



5. Modeling

I chose a Random Forest Classifier to be my model. The choice to make this a classification problem was due to the fact that it comes naturally from the set up. We are attempting to tell, given novel data, if a loan request will be rejected or approved. This gives us two classes.

I used a Random Forest for several reasons. Firstly, RF's can handle a large amounts of features from various types (we have both categorical and numnerical, and many of them) and can handle large amount of data (of which we have a lot). Secondly, it has a built in validation technque, called OOB or Out of Bag estimation, which does a good job of estimating the performance on unseen data.

I split the data into a training and test set, stratifying on approved, wth a test set size of 20%.

I chose the number of estimators to be 100 to be a good compromise between time and size. I also selected the class_weight to be 'balanced_subsample', as this helped to deal with the fact that there were many more rejected than approved data points.

I trained a model using these parameters, and used the OOB score to estimate how well it would do. It got 96.4% accuracy.

I then used a cross validation technique to choose the max_depth. I had a range of four possible max_depths, and used GridSearchCV to cross validate over all possibilites. It returned a max_depth of 50, which I then used to train a new model. This model's OOB score was 96.6% accuracy, which was an incredibly small improvement, but an improvement nonetheless.

Results

I made classification predictions using the held out data and used the classification report function to report on the results. The overall precision score matched that of the OOB, at 97%. However, there was a dscrepency between the classes. The precision and recall for rejected were 99% and 98%, while the precision and recall for approved was only 65% and 73%. This shows that the classifier is much better at predicting rejected data than approved. The precision of the approved indicates the percentage of data points that were classified as approved were actually approved. Thus, we can see that of the people who were classified as approved, 35% would actually be rejected. The recall tells us how much of those that were actually approved were classified as approved, showing that 27% of those who were actually approved would not be classified as approved.

Our model performed a lot better on the rejected data. This could be attributed to aspects of the data, where it is harder to predict approved, or due to the fact that there were so many more rejected data points, which allowed the model to learn more from them and perform much better on the rejected data.

For future work, the next steps would be to try different modeling approaches (instead of tweaking parameters) to see if we could get a model that can predict approved data more accurately.

```
In [27]:
# add all features expect approved
feature cols = [feature for feature in processed loan data.columns if feature !=
'approved']
features = processed loan data.loc[:, feature cols]
x train clf, x test clf, y train clf, y test clf = train test split(
    features,
    processed loan data.approved,
    test size=0.2,
    train size=0.8,
    random state=10,
    stratify=loan data.approved)
In [32]:
clf = RandomForestClassifier(n estimators = 100, oob score = True,
                            random state = 10, n jobs= -1, class weight = 'balan
ced subsample')
In [33]:
clf.fit(x train clf, y train clf)
Out[33]:
RandomForestClassifier(bootstrap=True, class weight='balanced subsam
ple',
            criterion='gini', max depth=None, max features='auto',
            max leaf nodes=None, min impurity decrease=0.0,
            min impurity split=None, min samples leaf=1,
            min samples split=2, min weight fraction leaf=0.0,
            n estimators=100, n jobs=-1, oob score=True, random stat
e = 10,
            verbose=0, warm start=False)
In [34]:
oob = clf.oob_score_
print (oob)
```

0.9641823300142551

```
# Optimize the max depth
param grid = {'max depth': [50,100,150,200]}
# Create the model model
clf opt = RandomForestClassifier(n estimators = 100, oob score = True,
                            random_state = 10, n_jobs= -1, class_weight = 'balan
ced subsample')
# Instantiate the grid search model
grid search = GridSearchCV(estimator = clf_opt, param_grid = param_grid,
                           n jobs = -1)
In [29]:
grid search.fit(x train clf, y train clf)
/usr/local/lib/python3.7/site-packages/sklearn/model selection/ spli
t.py:1943: FutureWarning: You should specify a value for 'cv' instea
d of relying on the default value. The default value will change fro
m 3 to 5 in version 0.22.
 warnings.warn(CV WARNING, FutureWarning)
Out[29]:
GridSearchCV(cv='warn', error score='raise-deprecating',
       estimator=RandomForestClassifier(bootstrap=True, class weight
='balanced subsample',
            criterion='gini', max_depth=None, max features='auto',
            max leaf nodes=None, min impurity decrease=0.0,
            min impurity split=None, min samples leaf=1,
            min samples split=2, min weight fraction leaf=0.0,
            n estimators=100, n jobs=-1, oob score=True, random stat
e=10,
            verbose=0, warm start=False),
       fit params=None, iid='warn', n jobs=-1,
       param grid={'max depth': [50, 100, 150, 200]},
       pre dispatch='2*n jobs', refit=True, return train score='warn
       scoring=None, verbose=0)
In [30]:
best parameters = grid search.best params
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In [28]:

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In [31]:
best parameters
Out[31]:
{'max depth': 50}
In [36]:
clf opt = RandomForestClassifier(n estimators = 100, oob score = True, max depth
= 50,
                            random state = 10, n jobs= -1, class weight = 'balan
ced subsample')
In [37]:
clf opt.fit(x train clf, y train clf)
Out[37]:
RandomForestClassifier(bootstrap=True, class_weight='balanced_subsam
ple',
            criterion='gini', max depth=50, max features='auto',
            max leaf nodes=None, min impurity decrease=0.0,
            min impurity split=None, min samples leaf=1,
            min samples split=2, min weight fraction leaf=0.0,
            n estimators=100, n jobs=-1, oob score=True, random stat
e=10,
            verbose=0, warm start=False)
In [38]:
clf_opt.oob_score_
Out[38]:
0.9660135399732388
In [42]:
clf opt predict = clf opt.predict(x test clf)
```

In [48]:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
rejected	0.99	0.98	0.98	488397
approved	0.65	0.73	0.69	26154
micro avg	0.97	0.97	0.97	514551
	0.82	0.86	0.84	514551
weighted avg	0.97	0.97	0.97	514551

In [47]:

Top 10 features:

Out[47]:

```
[(0.6369479180381388, 'emp_length'),
  (0.18946499404204575, 'dti'),
  (0.09759010960354242, 'loan_amnt'),
  (0.012208718096336734, 'title_x0_10.0'),
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