

Lending Club - Predicting Defaults on Loans

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Introduction

For my project, I will be evaluating the Lending Club loan dataset. In specific, I will be evaluating loans from the 2017 Quarter 1 period. This dataset includes information of all loans given by LendingClub.com. The goal of this project is to be able to predict the probability of default of a loan given a certain set of features. Some of the most important features (in my opinion), are:

- *annual_inc*: The self-reported annual income provided by the borrower during registration.
- *chargeoff_within_12_mths*: Number of charge-offs within 12 months
- *emp_length*: Employment length in years. Possible values are between 0 and 10 where 0 means less than one year and 10 means ten or more years.
- *grade*: Lending Club assigned loan grade
- *sub_grade*: Lending Club assigned loan subgrade
- *home_ownership*: The home ownership status provided by the borrower during registration or obtained from the credit report. Our values are: RENT, OWN, MORTGAGE, OTHER
- *int_rate*: Interest Rate on the loan
- *loan_amnt*: The listed amount of the loan applied for by the borrower.
- *pub_rec_bankruptcies*: Number of public record bankruptcies
- *totalAcc*: The total number of credit lines currently in the borrower's credit file

While there are many more variables, 145 to be exact, I believe these are some of the most important features that will help predict whether or not a loan will default.

Moving onto our target (independent) variable, we will be trying to predict:

- *loan_status*: Current status of the loan

Data Loading and Exploration

Now that we have introduced the data and our goal for it, we will want to load the data. But first, let's start with importing all needed libraries to run this project.

Now, let's load the data.

```
lending_data = vroom('loan.csv', delim = ",", na = "")
```

```
## Observations: 2,260,668
```

```
## Variables: 145
```

```
## chr [ 36]: term, grade, sub_grade, emp_title, emp_length, home_ownership, verification...
```

```
## dbl [106]: loan_amnt, funded_amnt, funded_amnt_inv, int_rate, installment, annual_inc, ...
```

```
## lgl [ 3]: id, member_id, url
```

```
##
```

```
## Call `spec()` for a copy-pastable column specification
```

```
## Specify the column types with `col_types` to quiet this message
```

We can now take a full look at all of the variables included in this data and the total number of observations and variables in this dataset.

```
colnames(lending_data)
```

```
## [1] "id"
```

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## [2] "member_id"
```

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## [3] "loan_amnt"
## [4] "funded_amnt"
## [5] "funded_amnt_inv"
## [6] "term"
## [7] "int_rate"
## [8] "installment"
## [9] "grade"
## [10] "sub_grade"
## [11] "emp_title"
## [12] "emp_length"
## [13] "home_ownership"
## [14] "annual_inc"
## [15] "verification_status"
## [16] "issue_d"
## [17] "loan_status"
## [18] "pymnt_plan"
## [19] "url"
## [20] "desc"
## [21] "purpose"
## [22] "title"
## [23] "zip_code"
## [24] "addr_state"
## [25] "dti"
## [26] "delinq_2yrs"
## [27] "earliest_cr_line"
## [28] "inq_last_6mths"
## [29] "mths_since_last_delinq"
## [30] "mths_since_last_record"
## [31] "open_acc"
## [32] "pub_rec"
## [33] "revol_bal"
## [34] "revol_util"
## [35] "total_acc"
## [36] "initial_list_status"
## [37] "out_prncp"
## [38] "out_prncp_inv"
## [39] "total_pymnt"
## [40] "total_pymnt_inv"
## [41] "total_rec_prncp"
## [42] "total_rec_int"
## [43] "total_rec_late_fee"
## [44] "recoveries"
## [45] "collection_recovery_fee"
## [46] "last_pymnt_d"
## [47] "last_pymnt_amnt"
## [48] "next_pymnt_d"
## [49] "last_credit_pull_d"
## [50] "collections_12_mths_ex_med"
## [51] "mths_since_last_major_derog"
## [52] "policy_code"
## [53] "application_type"
## [54] "annual_inc_joint"
## [55] "dti_joint"
## [56] "verification_status_joint"

```

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## [57] "acc_now_delinq"
## [58] "tot_coll_amt"
## [59] "tot_cur_bal"
## [60] "open_acc_6m"
## [61] "open_act_il"
## [62] "open_il_12m"
## [63] "open_il_24m"
## [64] "mths_since_rcnt_il"
## [65] "total_bal_il"
## [66] "il_util"
## [67] "open_rv_12m"
## [68] "open_rv_24m"
## [69] "max_bal_bc"
## [70] "all_util"
## [71] "total_rev_hi_lim"
## [72] "inq_fi"
## [73] "total_cu_tl"
## [74] "inq_last_12m"
## [75] "acc_open_past_24mths"
## [76] "avg_cur_bal"
## [77] "bc_open_to_buy"
## [78] "bc_util"
## [79] "chargeoff_within_12_mths"
## [80] "delinq_amnt"
## [81] "mo_sin_old_il_acct"
## [82] "mo_sin_old_rev_tl_op"
## [83] "mo_sin_rcnt_rev_tl_op"
## [84] "mo_sin_rcnt_tl"
## [85] "mort_acc"
## [86] "mths_since_recent_bc"
## [87] "mths_since_recent_bc_dlq"
## [88] "mths_since_recent_inq"
## [89] "mths_since_recent_revol_delinq"
## [90] "num_accts_ever_120_pd"
## [91] "num_actv_bc_tl"
## [92] "num_actv_rev_tl"
## [93] "num_bc_sats"
## [94] "num_bc_tl"
## [95] "num_il_tl"
## [96] "num_op_rev_tl"
## [97] "num_rev_accts"
## [98] "num_rev_tl_bal_gt_0"
## [99] "num_sats"
## [100] "num_tl_120dpd_2m"
## [101] "num_tl_30dpd"
## [102] "num_tl_90g_dpd_24m"
## [103] "num_tl_op_past_12m"
## [104] "pct_tl_nvr_dlq"
## [105] "percent_bc_gt_75"
## [106] "pub_rec_bankruptcies"
## [107] "tax_liens"
## [108] "tot_hi_cred_lim"
## [109] "total_bal_ex_mort"
## [110] "total_bc_limit"

```

```
## [111] "total_il_high_credit_limit"
## [112] "revol_bal_joint"
## [113] "sec_app_earliest_cr_line"
## [114] "sec_app_inq_last_6mths"
## [115] "sec_app_mort_acc"
## [116] "sec_app_open_acc"
## [117] "sec_app_revol_util"
## [118] "sec_app_open_act_il"
## [119] "sec_app_num_rev_accts"
## [120] "sec_app_chargeoff_within_12_mths"
## [121] "sec_app_collections_12_mths_ex_med"
## [122] "sec_app_mths_since_last_major_derog"
## [123] "hardship_flag"
## [124] "hardship_type"
## [125] "hardship_reason"
## [126] "hardship_status"
## [127] "deferral_term"
## [128] "hardship_amount"
## [129] "hardship_start_date"
## [130] "hardship_end_date"
## [131] "payment_plan_start_date"
## [132] "hardship_length"
## [133] "hardship_dpd"
## [134] "hardship_loan_status"
## [135] "orig_projected_additional_accrued_interest"
## [136] "hardship_payoff_balance_amount"
## [137] "hardship_last_payment_amount"
## [138] "disbursement_method"
## [139] "debt_settlement_flag"
## [140] "debt_settlement_flag_date"
## [141] "settlement_status"
## [142] "settlement_date"
## [143] "settlement_amount"
## [144] "settlement_percentage"
## [145] "settlement_term"

total_obs1 = nrow(lending_data)
total_vars1 = ncol(lending_data)
```

Total observations in this dataset: 2260668

Total variables in this dataset: 145

Target Variable Exploration

So, as stated above, there are a lot of variables given to help predict whether or not a person will default on their loan. Let's explore our target variable, *loan_status*, more closely to get an idea of what possible values this variable can take.

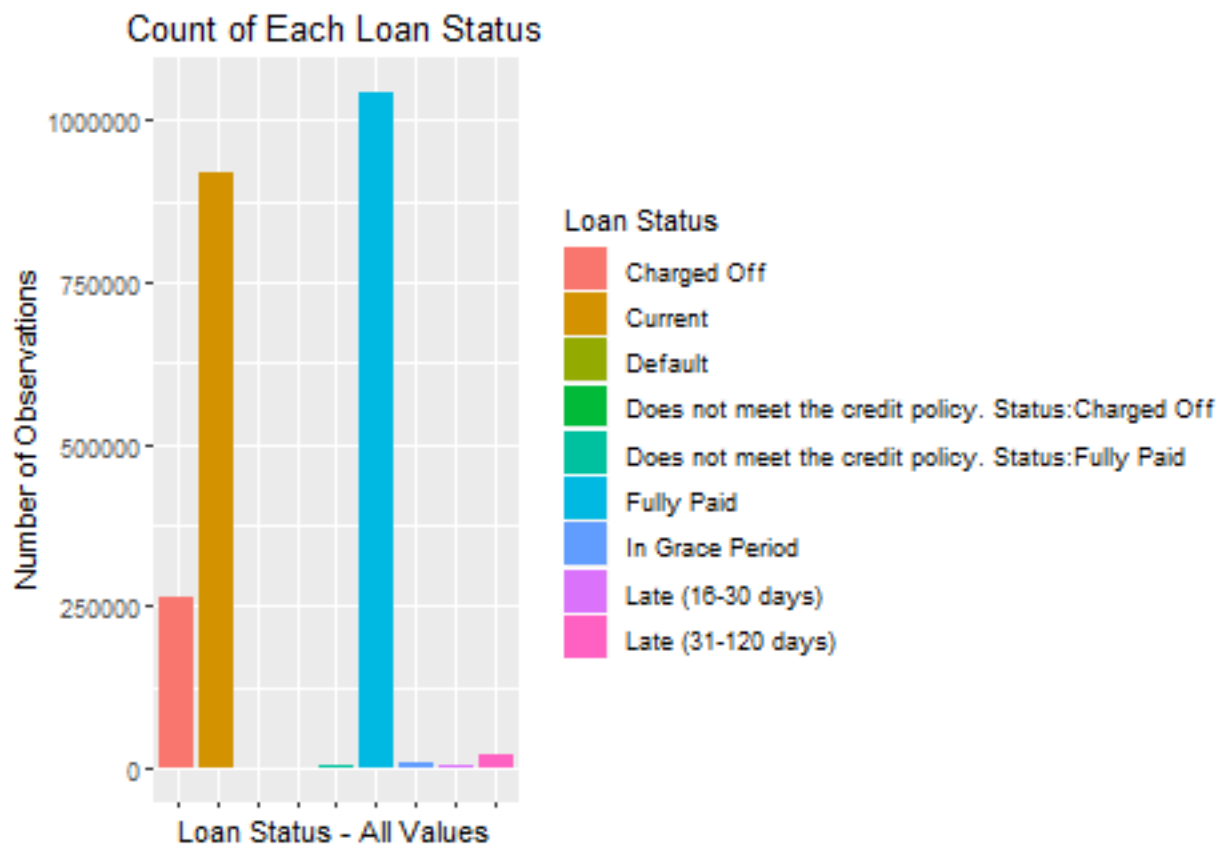
```
unique(lending_data$loan_status)

## [1] "Current"
## [2] "Fully Paid"
## [3] "Late (31-120 days)"
## [4] "In Grace Period"
## [5] "Charged Off"
## [6] "Late (16-30 days)"
```

```
## [7] "Default"
## [8] "Does not meet the credit policy. Status:Fully Paid"
## [9] "Does not meet the credit policy. Status:Charged Off"
```

There are a total of 9 different values that *loan_status* can take. Since we are interested in predicting whether someone will default on their loan or not, we will clean this variable later on so it only takes on values default or not default. For now, let's take a look at how many of each value we have using a bar graph.

```
ggplot(data = lending_data, aes(x = factor(loan_status), fill = loan_status)) +
  geom_bar() +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_blank(), plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5)) +
  ggtitle("Count of Each Loan Status") +
  xlab("Loan Status - All Values") +
  ylab("Number of Observations") +
  labs(fill = "Loan Status")
```



Looking at the bar graph above, we can see that the top three values that *loan_status* takes is “Charged Off”, “Current”, and “Fully Paid”. All other values are very low in the number of observations.

Since we are interested in predicting whether or not someone will default on a loan, we can remove the values that will be not helpful in making this prediction. I will justify why I am removing each value from *loan_status* that I believe is not helpful.

- “Current”: If you are current on your loan, this does not mean you will remain current. You can eventually default on the loan or pay it off, we do not know.
- “In Grace Period”: If you are in the grace period, you can always go back to being current on your loan or eventually default. We do not know.
- “Late (16-30 days)”: If you are late on paying your loan, you can always catch up on payments or eventually default. We do not know.

- “Late (31-120 days)”: If you are late on paying your loan, you can always catch up on payments or eventually default. We do not know.

So, I will be keeping these values to eventually create a single variable that has the values “Default” or “Not Default”

- “Charged Off”: This loan was defaulted on and sent to collections, and Lending Club has charged off the loan and considered it a loss.
- “Default”: This loan was defaulted on.
- “Does not meet the credit policy. Status: Charged Off”: This loan was defaulted on and sent to collections, and Lending Club has charged off the loan and considered it a loss.
- “Does not meet the credit policy. Status: Fully Paid”: This loan was fully paid off and was not defaulted on.
- “Fully Paid”: This loan was fully paid off and was not defaulted on.

Let’s clean the data a little bit now by removing all rows that have any of the four values for *loan_status* in order to remove these values.

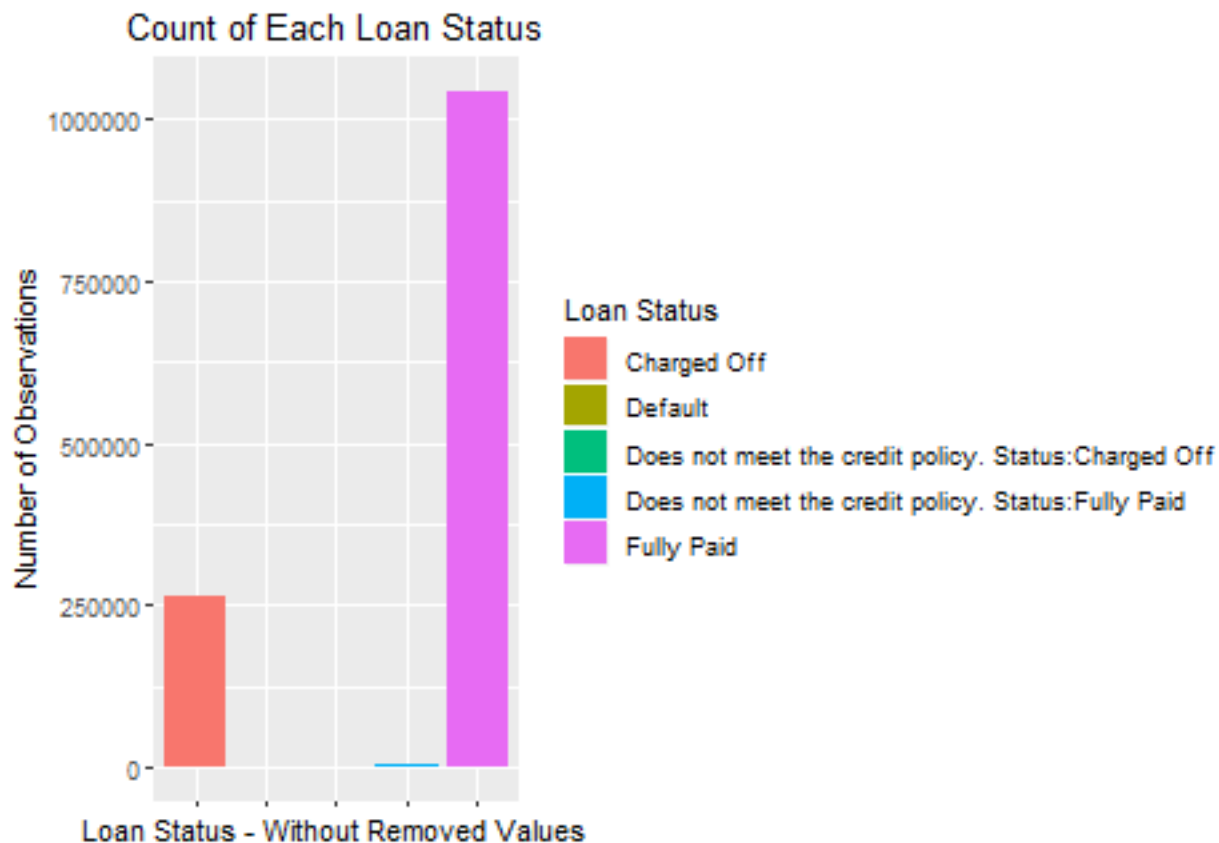
```
'%ni%' = Negate('%in%') #create function that does the opposite of %in%

lending_data_target_clean = lending_data %>% filter(
  loan_status %ni% c("Current", "In Grace Period", "Late (16-30 days)", "Late (31-120 days)"))

rm(list = setdiff(ls(), "lending_data_target_clean"))
total_obs2 = nrow(lending_data_target_clean)
# clear environment
```

With those values of *loan_status* removed, we have shrunked the data to only 1306387 rows, which is much smaller and more manageable. Let’s take a look at a bar plot of *loan_status* once again.

```
ggplot(data = lending_data_target_clean, aes(x = factor(loan_status), fill = loan_status)) +
  geom_bar() +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_blank(), plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5)) +
  ggtitle("Count of Each Loan Status") +
  xlab("Loan Status - Without Removed Values") +
  ylab("Number of Observations") +
  labs(fill = "Loan Status")
```

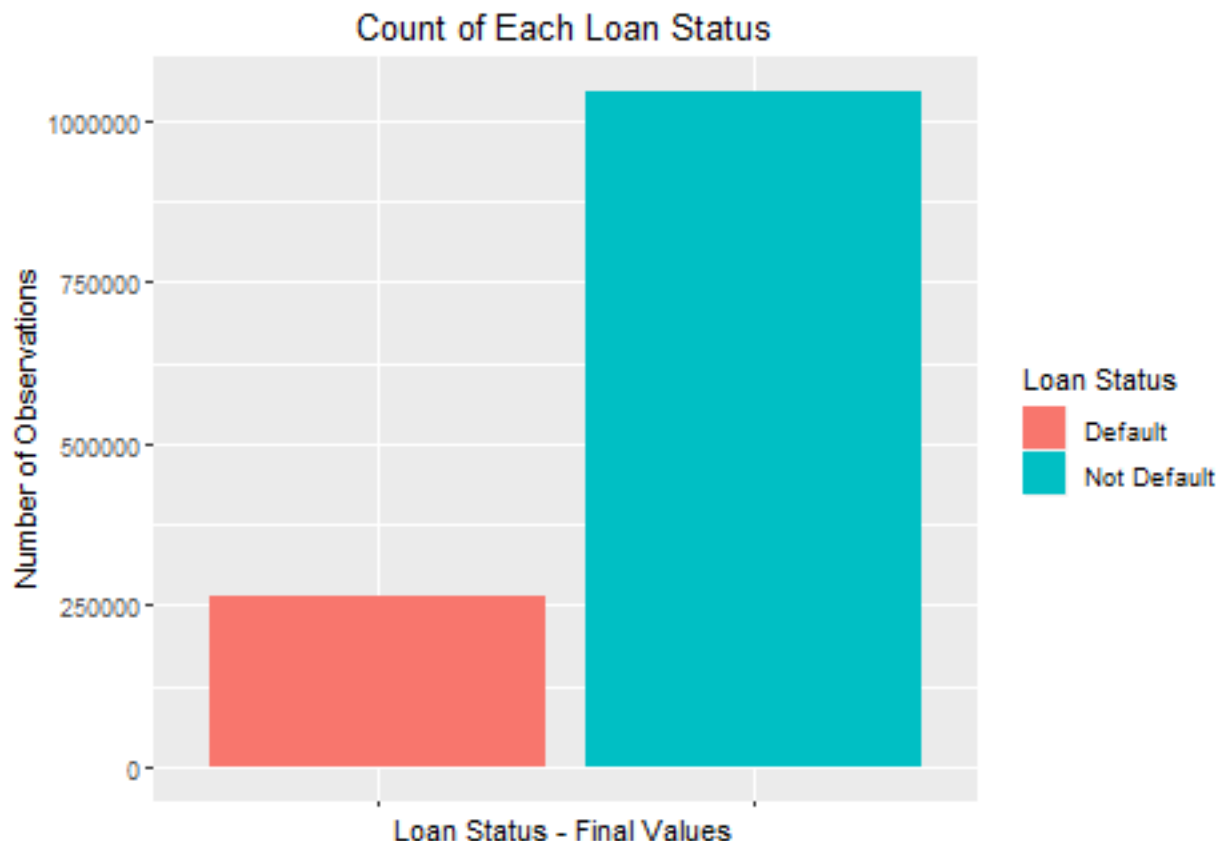


This plot looks much cleaner with the redundant levels of *loan_status* removed. Let's now create our final variable of *loan_status*, that we will use for model building. This variable will include levels of "Default" or "Not Default".

```
lending_data_target_clean$loan_status_final = ifelse(
  lending_data_target_clean$loan_status %in% c("Charged Off",
    "Default", "Does not meet the credit policy. Status:Charged Off"), "Default", "Not Default")
lending_data_target_clean = lending_data_target_clean[, !(names(lending_data_target_clean) %in% c("loan_status", "loan_status_final"))]
```

Let's take a look at the bar graph one more time for our created variable *loan_status_final*.

```
ggplot(data = lending_data_target_clean, aes(x = factor(loan_status_final), fill = loan_status_final)) +
  geom_bar() +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_blank(), plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5)) +
  ggtitle("Count of Each Loan Status") +
  xlab("Loan Status - Final Values") +
  ylab("Number of Observations") +
  labs(fill = "Loan Status")
```



With this variable created, we will now consider this to be our target variable that we will be using for model building and further visualization.

Feature Exploration

With the data cleaned and redundant rows removed, let's move on to exploring some of the important "X" variables, or features in this dataset. I will be taking a look at the three most important features, which I have picked.

- *annual_inc*: The self-reported annual income provided by the borrower during registration.
- *int_rate*: Interest Rate on the loan
- *loan_amt*: The listed amount of the loan applied for by the borrower.

I have picked *annual_inc* as I believe this will play a crucial factor on whether someone will default on their loan or not. My belief is that the higher the income someone has, the less chance they have of defaulting on the loan. Let's explore some summary statistics on this variable and also the distribution of it through the use of a histogram.

```
summary(lending_data_target_clean$annual_inc)
```

##	Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.	Max.	NA's
##	0	45760	65000	76149	90000	10999200	4

Looking at the summary statistics of *annual_inc*, we have some interesting results to make note of. First of all, we need to pay attention to the number of "NA's" in this variable, which is 4. For these NA's, we can either remove the rows or impute a value into them. We will make this decision later on. Our minimum *annual_inc* is zero, which seems off as I would not believe that a loan would be given to someone with zero income. Our maximum *annual_inc* is 10,999,200, which also seems off as that is a lot of income and I am doubtful someone would need a loan with that much income. The average *annual_inc* is 76,149, which is a

reasonable average for annual incomes on people requesting loans. It should be noted that *annual_inc* is a field that the loanee provides to Lending Club, so it is safe to believe that some people did not enter in their true annual income.

Let's now take a look at the summary of *annual_inc*, when grouped by whether or not they have defaulted on their loan. We will be ignoring the NA values for this summary.

```
lending_data_target_clean %>% group_by(loan_status_final) %>% summarize(  
  MinInc = min(annual_inc, na.rm = TRUE),  
  MeanInc = mean(annual_inc, na.rm = TRUE),  
  MaxInc = max(annual_inc, na.rm = TRUE))
```

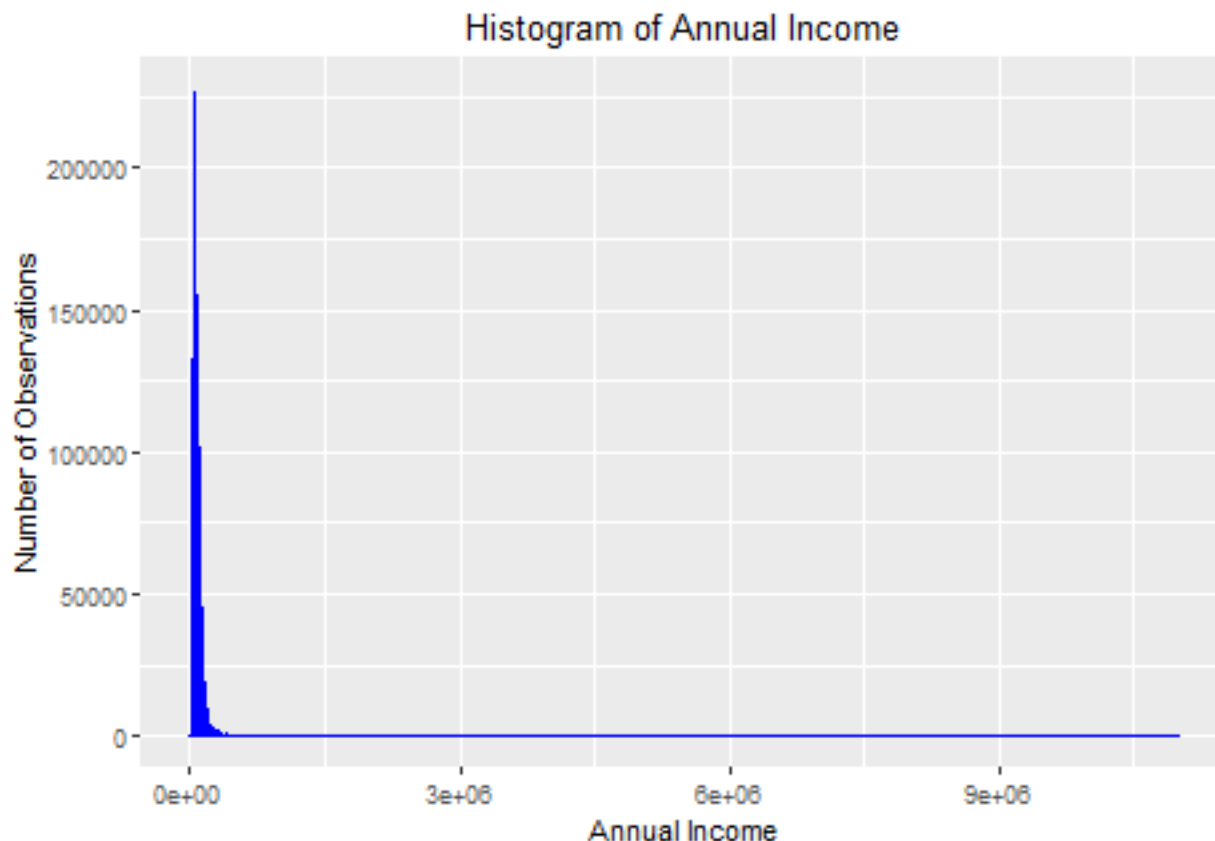
```
## # A tibble: 2 x 4  
##   loan_status_final MinInc MeanInc   MaxInc  
##   <chr>             <dbl>   <dbl>   <dbl>  
## 1 Default           0  70325. 9500000  
## 2 Not Default       0  77613. 10999200
```

Looking at the summary when grouped by whether or not the person has defaulted on their loan, we can see that the minimum income and maximum income really do not differ by much as each group has a minimum of zero and a maximum of a ridiculously high number. The mean incomes however differ by a good amount, about 7,000. This difference in means falls in line with my belief that the higher someone's income is the less chance they have of defaulting on their loan.

With summary statistics aside, let's take a look at the histogram of *annual_inc* to get an idea of the distribution.

```
ggplot(lending_data_target_clean, aes(x = annual_inc)) +  
  geom_histogram(stat = "bin", bins = 1000, color = "blue") +  
  xlab("Annual Income") +  
  ylab("Number of Observations") +  
  ggtitle("Histogram of Annual Income") +  
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.50))
```

```
## Warning: Removed 4 rows containing non-finite values (stat_bin).
```

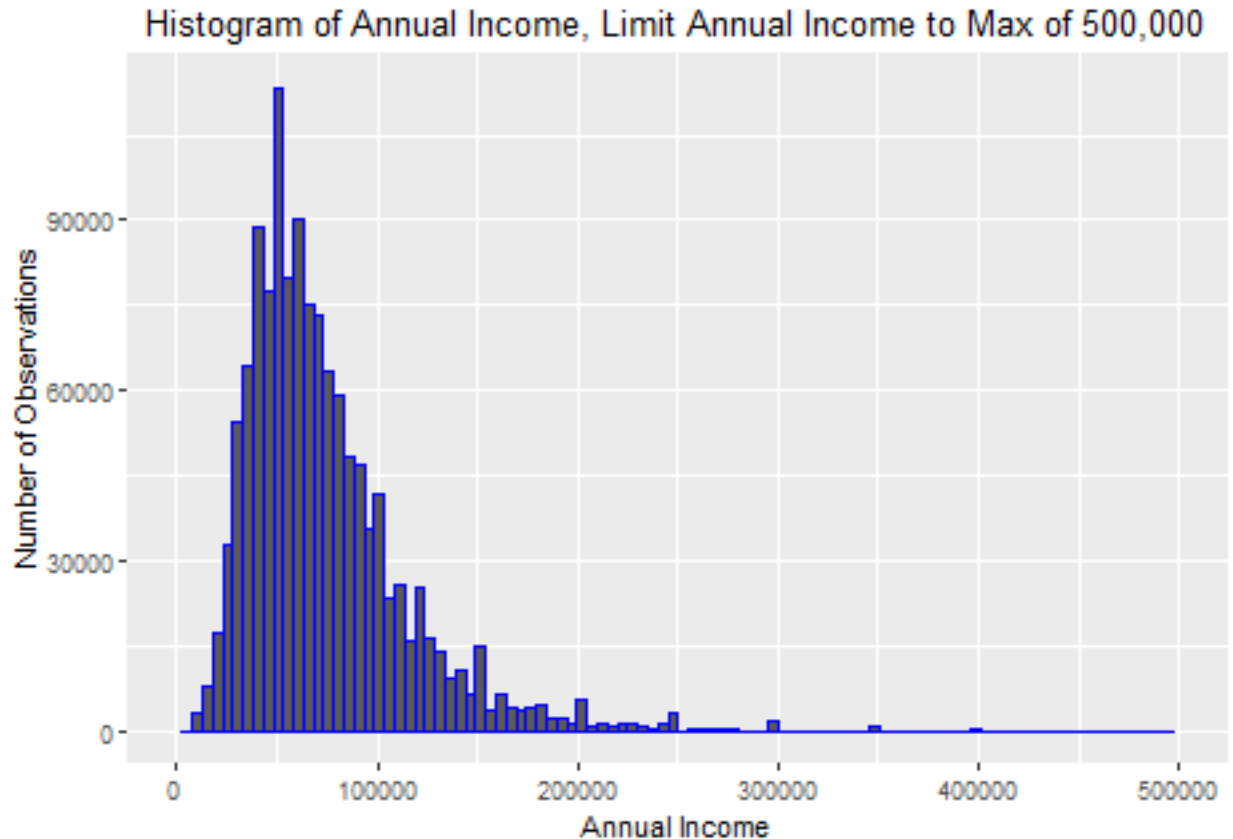


Looking at the histogram above, we don't really get a good idea of the distribution of *annual_inc* when allowing the range of the x-axis to span all of the way to the maximum value of 10,999,200. I am going to also include a histogram of *annual_inc* with an xrange of (0, 500,000) to get a better idea of the distribution. I have chosen 500,000 as that seems to be around the flatline of this histogram, also diving deeper into the data there are only 1675 observations greater than 500,000 which is only 0.1282162% of the data which is very minimal.

```
options(scipen = 10)
ggplot(lending_data_target_clean, aes(x = annual_inc)) +
  geom_histogram(stat = "bin", bins = 100, color = "blue") +
  xlim(0, 500000) +
  xlab("Annual Income") +
  ylab("Number of Observations") +
  ggtitle("Histogram of Annual Income, Limit Annual Income to Max of 500,000") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.50))
```

```
## Warning: Removed 1679 rows containing non-finite values (stat_bin).
```

```
## Warning: Removed 2 rows containing missing values (geom_bar).
```



Looking at the histogram of *annual_inc* with a limit of 500,000, we can see that most incomes surround the mean as the histogram has a very high peak. This distribution looks normal-ish if you remove outliers, however does have a fatter right tail as incomes can continue to increase while they cannot go below zero (I hope).

Moving on from *annual_inc*, let's now take a *int_rate*. I believe that this variable plays a crucial role in predicting the target variable of whether or not someone will default on their loan as interest rates are tied directly to how risky the loanee is. The more risky it is to borrow someone money (less chance that they will pay back the loan), the higher the interest rate you would charge them. Therefore, the higher the interest rate the higher the chance of someone defaulting on a loan. Let's explore some summary statistics on this variable and also the distribution of it through the use of a histogram.

```
summary(lending_data_target_clean$int_rate)
```

```
##      Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.
##      5.31   9.75   12.74   13.26   15.99   30.99
```

Looking at the summary statistics of *int_rate*, we have some interesting results to make note of. For the case of this variable, we have no NA values which is fantastic. Our minimum *int_rate* is 5.31%, which is a good interest rate for a loan. Our maximum *int_rate* is 30.99%, which is a very high interest rate on a loan and therefore this person was most likely very risk to give a loan to. The average *int_rate* is 13.26%, which is a reasonable average interest rate for loans given to all types of people.

Let's now take a look at the summary of *int_rate*, when grouped by whether or not they have defaulted on their loan.

```
lending_data_target_clean %>% group_by(loan_status_final) %>% summarize(
  MinIntRate = min(int_rate, na.rm = TRUE),
  MeanIntRate = mean(int_rate, na.rm = TRUE),
```

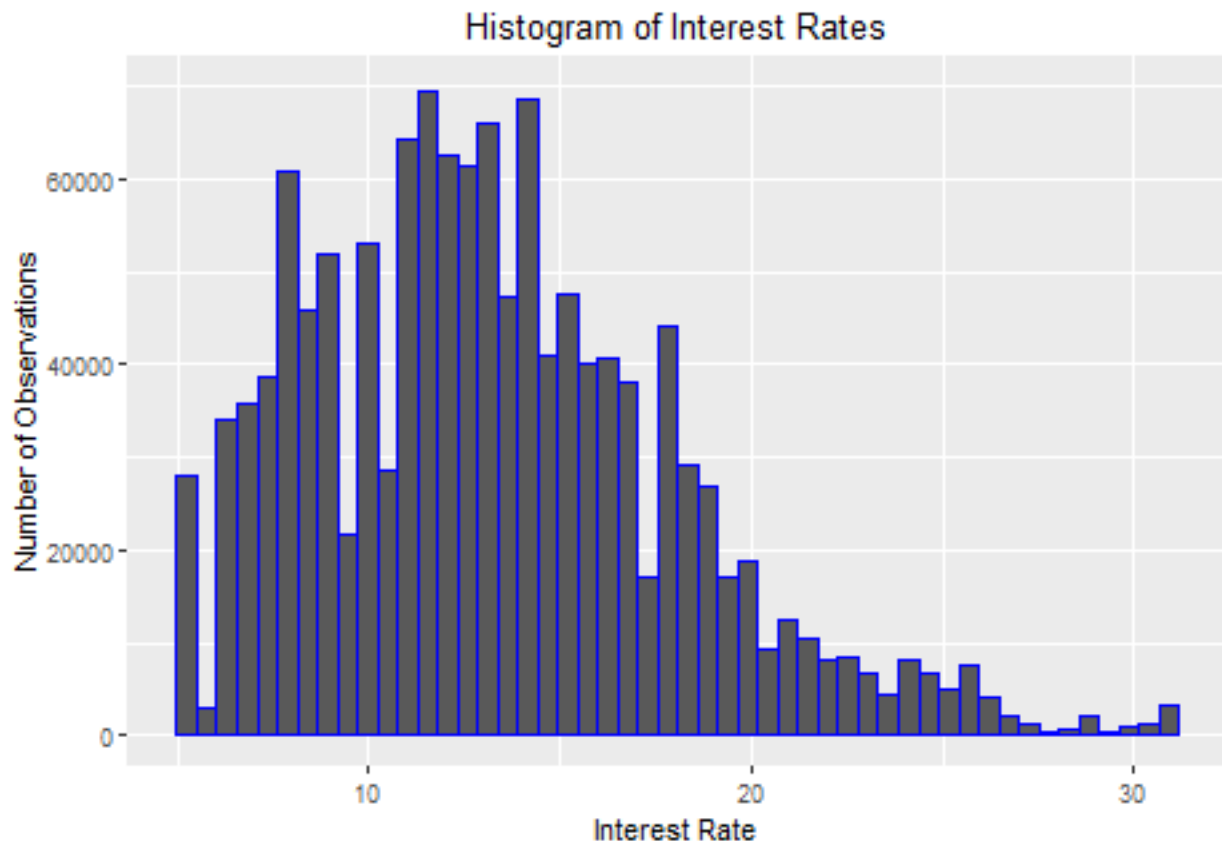
```
MaxIntRate = max(int_rate, na.rm = TRUE))
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 4
##   loan_status_final MinIntRate MeanIntRate MaxIntRate
##   <chr>              <dbl>      <dbl>      <dbl>
## 1 Default           5.31        15.7        31.0
## 2 Not Default       5.31        12.6        31.0
```

Looking at the statistics of *int_rate* when grouped by whether or not someone has defaulted on their loan, once again we see that the minimum and maximum values are similar (equal in this case). I believe they are equal due to this being the minimum and maximum interest rates offered by Lending Club. However, when looking at the mean *int_rate* between groups, we can see that those who did not default on their loan have a lower mean interest rate. This falls in line with my belief that those with lower interest rates are less risky and therefore have less chance to default on their loan.

With summary statistics aside, let's take a look at the histogram of *int_rate* to get an idea of the distribution.

```
ggplot(lending_data_target_clean, aes(x = int_rate)) +
  geom_histogram(stat = "bin", bins = 50, color = "blue") +
  xlab("Interest Rate") +
  ylab("Number of Observations") +
  ggtitle("Histogram of Interest Rates") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.50))
```



Looking at the histogram of *int_rate*, it appears to have a normal-ish distribution with most interest rates being near the mean. However, it is right-skewed as more risky people receive higher interest rates therefore causing the distribution to have a fatter right tail.

Lastly, let's take a look at *loan_amt*. I believe that this variable also plays a crucial role in predicting whether or not someone will default on their loan as the larger the loan amount someone takes out I believe there is less chance that they plan on (and are capable of), repaying the loan. However, it should be noted that this is my belief and there could be cases where someone with more income needs a larger loan and is therefore capable of paying it back. Let's explore some summary statistics on this variable and also the distribution of it through the use of a histogram.

```
summary(lending_data_target_clean$loan_amt)
```

```
##      Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.
##      500    8000   12000   14406   20000   40000
```

Looking at the summary statistics of *loan_amt*, we have some interesting results to make note of. For the case of this variable, we have no NA values which is fantastic. Our minimum *loan_amt* is 500, which is a rather small loan and is likely to be paid back. Our maximum *loan_amt* is 40,000, which is a larger-than-average loan and therefore carries more risk of being defaulted on. The average *loan_amt* is 14,406, which seems high for an average of the given loan amounts.

Let's now take a look at the summary of *loan_amt*, when grouped by whether or not they have defaulted on their loan.

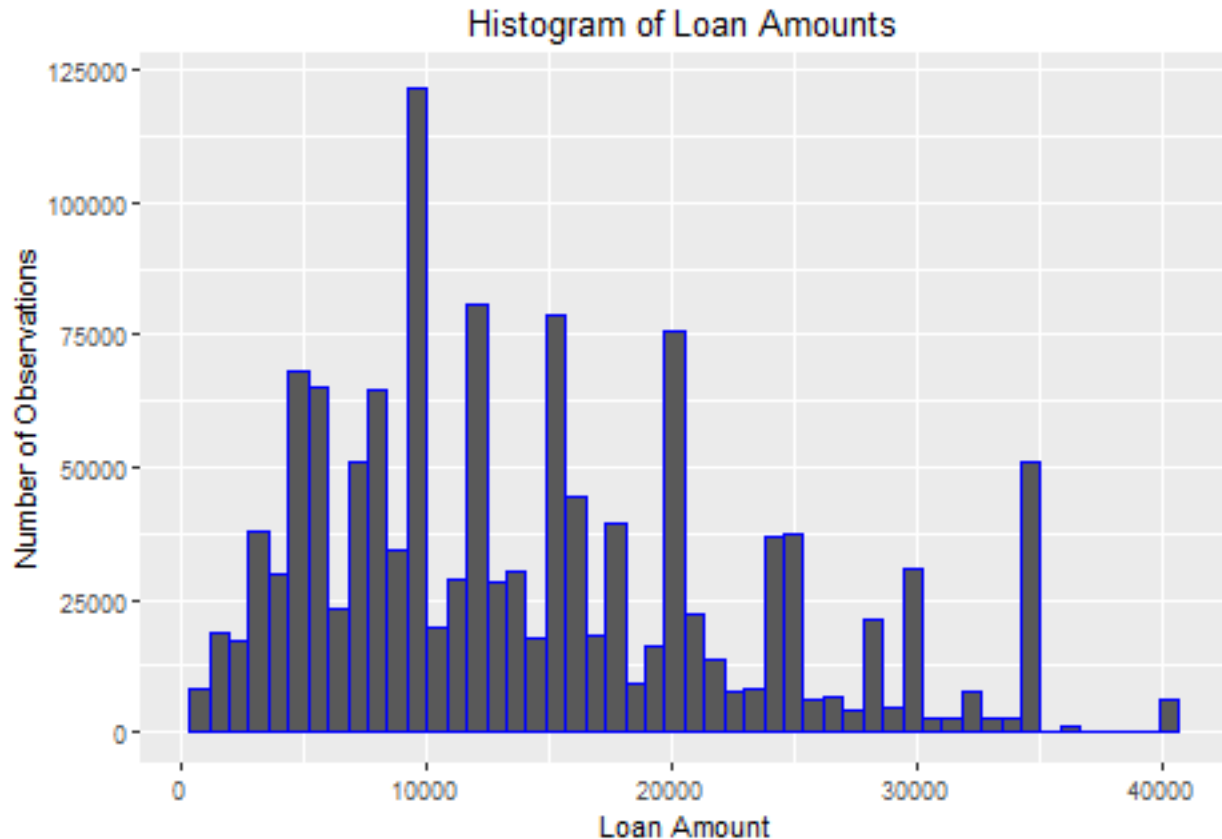
```
lending_data_target_clean %>% group_by(loan_status_final) %>% summarize(
  MinLoanAmt = min(loan_amt, na.rm = TRUE),
  MeanLoanAmt = mean(loan_amt, na.rm = TRUE),
  MaxLoanAmt = max(loan_amt, na.rm = TRUE))
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 4
##   loan_status_final MinLoanAmt MeanLoanAmt MaxLoanAmt
##   <chr>              <dbl>         <dbl>         <dbl>
## 1 Default           500          15532.         40000
## 2 Not Default       500          14122.         40000
```

Looking at the statistics of *loan_amt* when grouped by whether or not someone has defaulted on their loan, once again we see that the minimum and maximum values are similar (equal in this case). I believe they are equal due to this being the minimum and maximum loan amounts offered by Lending Club. However, when looking at the mean *loan_amt* between groups, we can see that those who did not default on their loan have a lower mean loan amount. This falls in line with my belief that those with a lower loan amount have less chance of defaulting on their loan.

With summary statistics aside, let's take a look at the histogram of *loan_amt* to get an idea of the distribution.

```
ggplot(lending_data_target_clean, aes(x = loan_amt)) +
  geom_histogram(stat = "bin", bins = 50, color = "blue") +
  xlab("Loan Amount") +
  ylab("Number of Observations") +
  ggtitle("Histogram of Loan Amounts") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.50))
```



Looking at the histogram of *loan_amnt*, I cannot see any real distribution underlying the data. I believe that this could be due to people needing different loan amounts for different needs, therefore leaving no real pattern and distribution to follow.

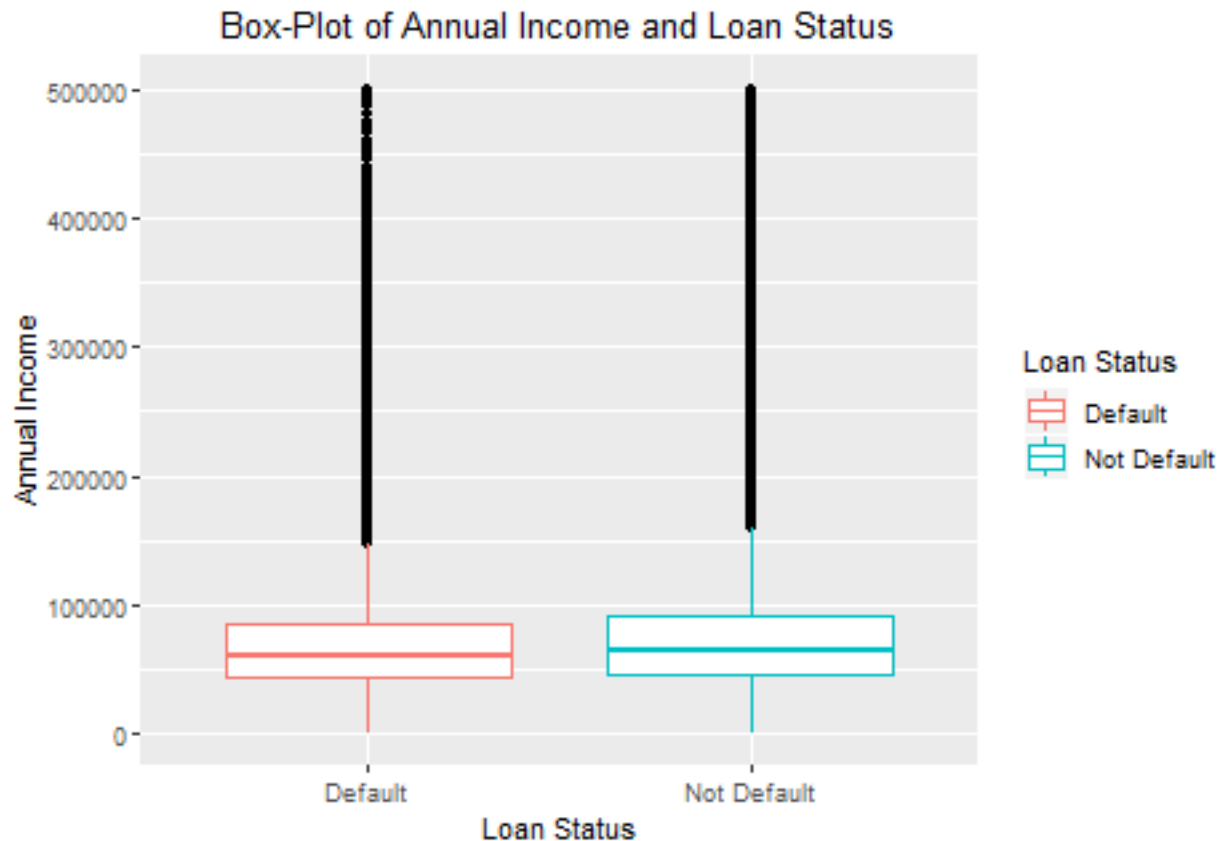
With the exploration of our target variable as well as three of my believed important variables, we are now going to take a look at the box-plot between each of these three variables, *annual_inc*, *int_rate*, and *loan_amnt*, and the output variable, *loan_status*. The box-plot will provide us a graph that will differentiate between each level of *loan_status* to take a look at the difference in mean and variance and overall density of each level.

Comparing X's vs Y

Let's first take a look at the box-plot between *annual_inc* and *loan_status*. Note that I will be once again limiting the annual income to a maximum of 500,000 to disregard outliers and obvious incorrect incomes.

```
ggplot(lending_data_target_clean, aes(x = loan_status_final, y = annual_inc, color = loan_status_final))
  geom_boxplot(outlier.colour = "black") +
  ylim(0, 500000) +
  labs(x = "Loan Status",
       y = "Annual Income",
       title = "Box-Plot of Annual Income and Loan Status",
       color = "Loan Status") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.50))
```

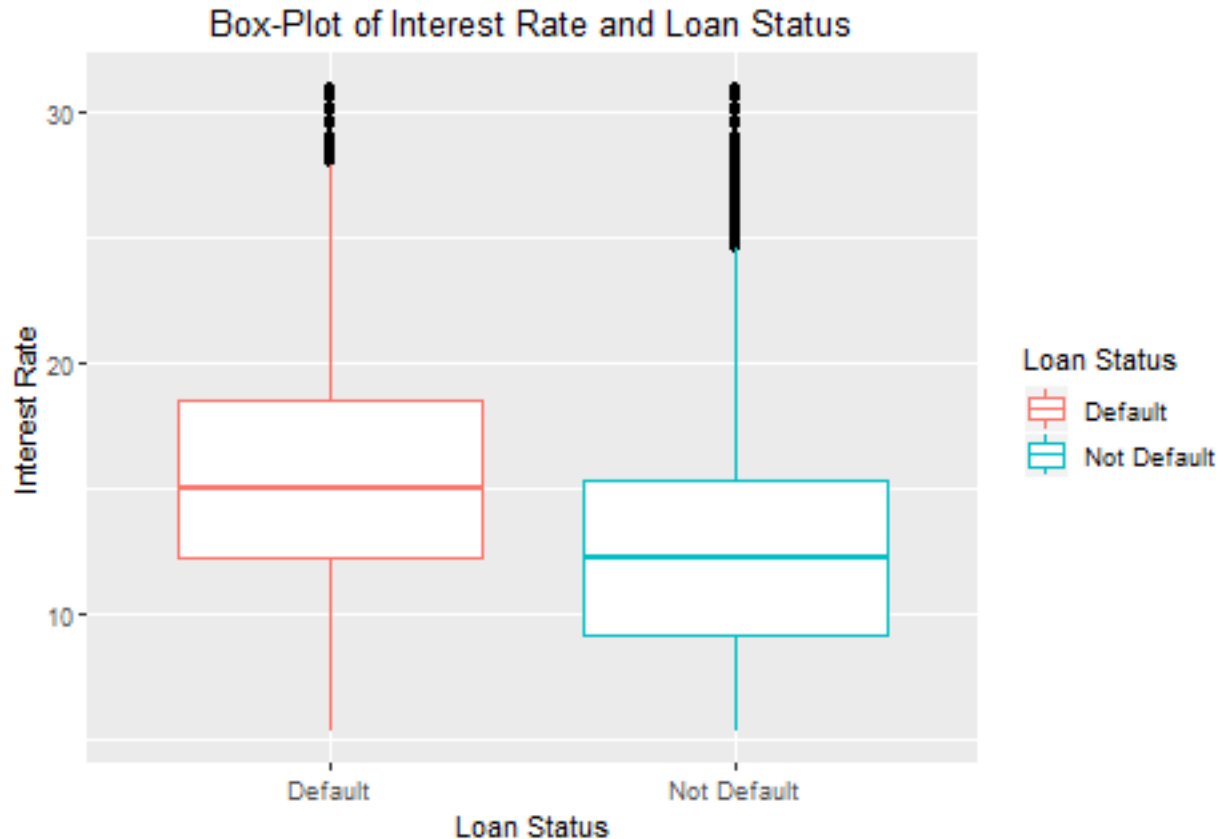
```
## Warning: Removed 1679 rows containing non-finite values (stat_boxplot).
```



Looking at the plot above, we can see that there is a very small difference between groups “Default” and “Not Default”. This difference is about 7,000, as noted above when discussing the *annual_inc* variable. We can also see that there are many outliers in this variable, as noted by the observations that are black.

Let’s now take a look at the box-plot between *int_rate* and *loan_status*.

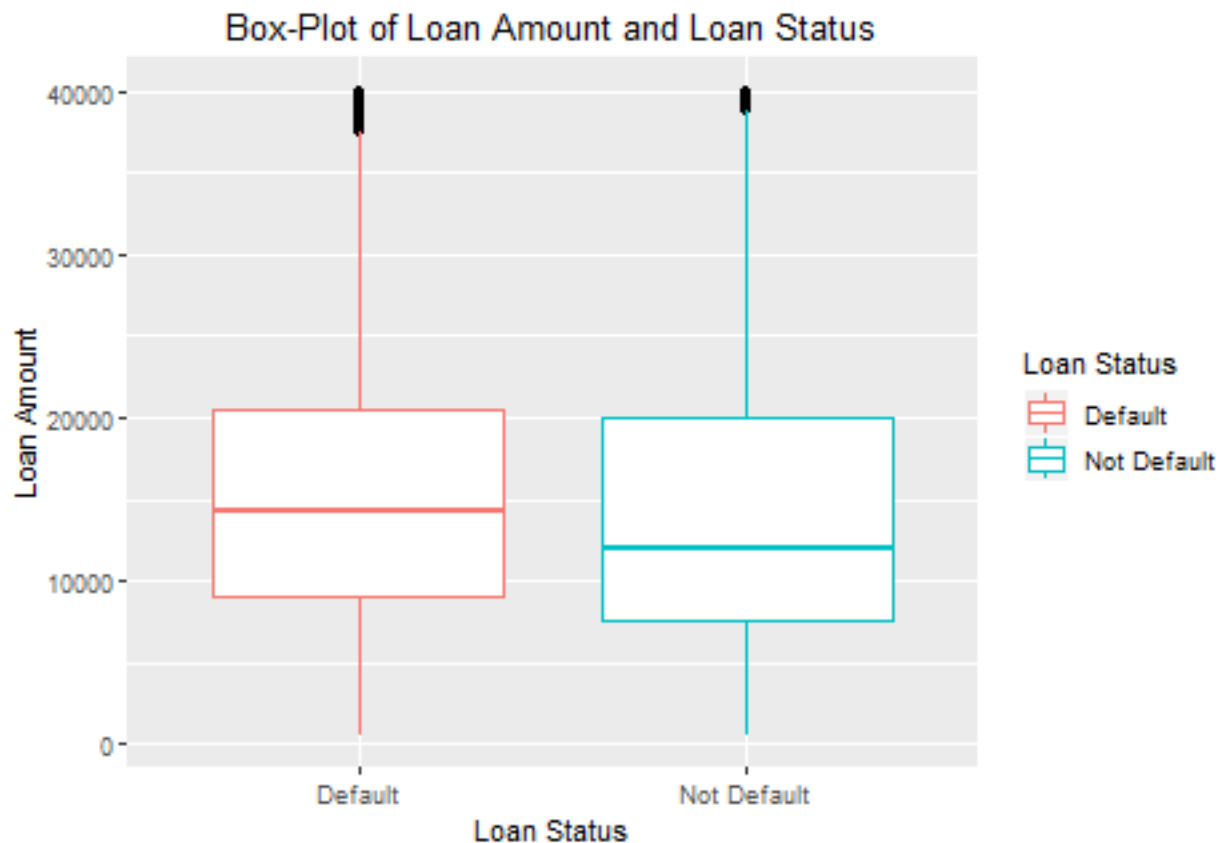
```
ggplot(lending_data_target_clean, aes(x = loan_status_final, y = int_rate, color = loan_status_final)) +
  geom_boxplot(outlier.colour = "black") +
  labs(x = "Loan Status",
       y = "Interest Rate",
       title = "Box-Plot of Interest Rate and Loan Status",
       color = "Loan Status") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.50))
```



Looking at the plot above, we can see that there is a large difference of interest rates between groups of “Default” and “Not Default”. When looking at the outliers, we can see that the outliers of the “Default” group start at about an interest rate of 28% while then outliers of the “Not Default” group start at about an interest rate of 24.5%. This tells us that overall, the “Not Default” group has lower interest rates and a lower interest rate tends to point towards a loan that will not be defaulted on.

Lastly, let’s take a look at the box-plot between *loan_amnt* and *loan_status*.

```
ggplot(lending_data_target_clean, aes(x = loan_status_final, y = loan_amnt, color = loan_status_final))
  geom_boxplot(outlier.colour = "black") +
  labs(x = "Loan Status",
       y = "Loan Amount",
       title = "Box-Plot of Loan Amount and Loan Status",
       color = "Loan Status") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.50))
```

Looking at the plot above, we can see that the loan amounts between each group does not have a huge difference. The outliers start at about the same amount of 37,000. However, the mean loan amount for the “Not Default” group is about 2,000 lower. The spread of the observations in the “Not Default” group is a little bit larger though.

All in all, I believe that these three variables will play an important role in predicting whether or not someone will default on their loan. This is shown through summary statistics, visualizations of variables, as well as box-plots between each variable and the target variable *loan_status*.

Data Cleaning

With our initial target variable exploration and three important variables aside, we will now dive deeper into the dataset by exploring all variables. Recall that there are 145 variables in this dataset, which I plan to reduce through exploration.

Missing Values

For starters, let’s get a look at the total number of variables that contain NA values.

```
total_vars_with_na = length(colnames(lending_data_target_clean)
                             [colSums(is.na(lending_data_target_clean)) > 0])
```

Our Lending Club data has 112 variables that have at least one NA value. This is a large amount of variables, so let’s get some of the most obvious ones out of the way first. I am going to set a rule beforehand that any variable that has more than half of the rows as NA as a redundant variable and therefore will be removed. I am setting this rule as if there is over half the data missing it will cause more harm to our model accuracy due to having to do mass data imputation which could end up being inaccurate. Let’s filter the data and display all variables being removed.

```
cols_being_removed = colnames(lending_data_target_clean)[colSums(
  is.na(lending_data_target_clean)) > nrow(lending_data_target_clean) / 2]
colnames(lending_data_target_clean)[colSums(
  is.na(lending_data_target_clean)) > nrow(lending_data_target_clean) / 2]
```

```
## [1] "id"
## [2] "member_id"
## [3] "url"
## [4] "desc"
## [5] "mths_since_last_delinq"
## [6] "mths_since_last_record"
## [7] "next_pymnt_d"
## [8] "mths_since_last_major_derog"
## [9] "annual_inc_joint"
## [10] "dti_joint"
## [11] "verification_status_joint"
## [12] "open_acc_6m"
## [13] "open_act_il"
## [14] "open_il_12m"
## [15] "open_il_24m"
## [16] "mths_since_rcnt_il"
## [17] "total_bal_il"
## [18] "il_util"
## [19] "open_rv_12m"
## [20] "open_rv_24m"
## [21] "max_bal_bc"
## [22] "all_util"
## [23] "inq_fi"
## [24] "total_cu_tl"
## [25] "inq_last_12m"
## [26] "mths_since_recent_bc_dlq"
## [27] "mths_since_recent_revol_delinq"
## [28] "revol_bal_joint"
## [29] "sec_app_earliest_cr_line"
## [30] "sec_app_inq_last_6mths"
## [31] "sec_app_mort_acc"
## [32] "sec_app_open_acc"
## [33] "sec_app_revol_util"
## [34] "sec_app_open_act_il"
## [35] "sec_app_num_rev_accts"
## [36] "sec_app_chargeoff_within_12_mths"
## [37] "sec_app_collections_12_mths_ex_med"
## [38] "sec_app_mths_since_last_major_derog"
## [39] "hardship_type"
## [40] "hardship_reason"
## [41] "hardship_status"
## [42] "deferral_term"
## [43] "hardship_amount"
## [44] "hardship_start_date"
## [45] "hardship_end_date"
## [46] "payment_plan_start_date"
## [47] "hardship_length"
## [48] "hardship_dpd"
## [49] "hardship_loan_status"
```

```
## [50] "orig_projected_additional_accrued_interest"
## [51] "hardship_payoff_balance_amount"
## [52] "hardship_last_payment_amount"
## [53] "debt_settlement_flag_date"
## [54] "settlement_status"
## [55] "settlement_date"
## [56] "settlement_amount"
## [57] "settlement_percentage"
## [58] "settlement_term"
```

Now, let's remove the variables.

```
lending_data_vars_rem = lending_data_target_clean[, !(names(
  lending_data_target_clean) %in% cols_being_removed)]

rm(list = setdiff(ls(), "lending_data_vars_rem"))

total_vars_3 = ncol(lending_data_vars_rem)
```

With those variables removed, we are left with 87 in our data. Let's continue our exploration.

Categorical / Text Variable

With missing values put aside and our number of variables drastically reduced, let's now focus on categorical / text variables and see which variables will be of most use for our end goal of predicting whether or not someone will default on their loan.

```
total_char_vars = length(lending_data_vars_rem
  %>% select_if(is.character))
```

There are a total of 22 in our data. Let's take a look at each of these variables.

```
colnames(lending_data_vars_rem %>% select_if(is.character))

## [1] "term"                "grade"                "sub_grade"
## [4] "emp_title"           "emp_length"           "home_ownership"
## [7] "verification_status" "issue_d"               "pymnt_plan"
## [10] "purpose"             "title"                 "zip_code"
## [13] "addr_state"          "earliest_cr_line"      "initial_list_status"
## [16] "last_pymnt_d"        "last_credit_pull_d"    "application_type"
## [19] "hardship_flag"       "disbursement_method"   "debt_settlement_flag"
## [22] "loan_status_final"
```

Let's go through each variable and give a quick description of it.

- *term* - The number of payments on the loan. Values are in months and can be either 36 or 60.
- *grade* - Lending Club assigned loan grade
- *sub_grade* - Lending Club assigned loan subgrade
- *emp_title* - The job title supplied by the Borrower when applying for the loan.*
- *emp_length* - Employment length in years. Possible values are between 0 and 10 where 0 means less than one year and 10 means ten or more years.
- *home_ownership* - The home ownership status provided by the borrower during registration. Our values are: RENT, OWN, MORTGAGE, OTHER.
- *verification_status* - Indicates if income was verified by LC, not verified, or if the income source was verified
- *issue_d* - The month which the loan was funded
- *pymnt_plan* - Indicates if a payment plan has been put in place for the loan
- *purpose* - A category provided by the borrower for the loan request.
- *title* - The loan title provided by the borrower

- *zip_code* - The first 3 numbers of the zip code provided by the borrower in the loan application.
- *addr_state* - The state provided by the borrower in the loan application
- *earliest_cr_line* - The month the borrower's earliest reported credit line was opened
- *initial_list_status* - The initial listing status of the loan. Possible values are - W, F
- *last_pymt_d* - Last month payment was received
- *last_credit_pull_d* - The most recent month Lending Club pulled credit for this loan
- *application_type* - Indicates whether the loan is an individual application or a joint application with two co-borrowers
- *hardship_flag* - Flags whether or not the borrower is on a hardship plan
- *disbursement_method* - The method by which the borrower receives their loan. Possible values are: CASH, DIRECT_PAY
- *debt_settlement_flag* - Flags whether or not the borrower, who has charged-off, is working with a debt-settlement company.
- *loan_status_final* - Loan status of the borrower. Can be Default or Not Default.

Now that we have an idea of what each of these text variables are, let's go through each and see what can be done with it and how it correlates with whether or not someone will default on their loan.

I will start by making a quick summary function for each variable.

```
summary_func = function(variable) {
  levels = unique(lending_data_vars_rem[, variable])
  number_nas = sum(is.na(lending_data_vars_rem[, variable]))
  if (nrow(levels) >= 30) {
    summary_df = data.frame("Number of Levels" = nrow(levels),
                           "Number of NA's" = number_nas)
  }
  kable(summary_df)
} else {
  summary_df = data.frame("Levels" = levels,
                         "Number of NA's" = number_nas)
  kable(summary_df)
}
```

Term, is an assigned variable by Lending Club. Let's use our summary function to get a list of all values this variable can take.

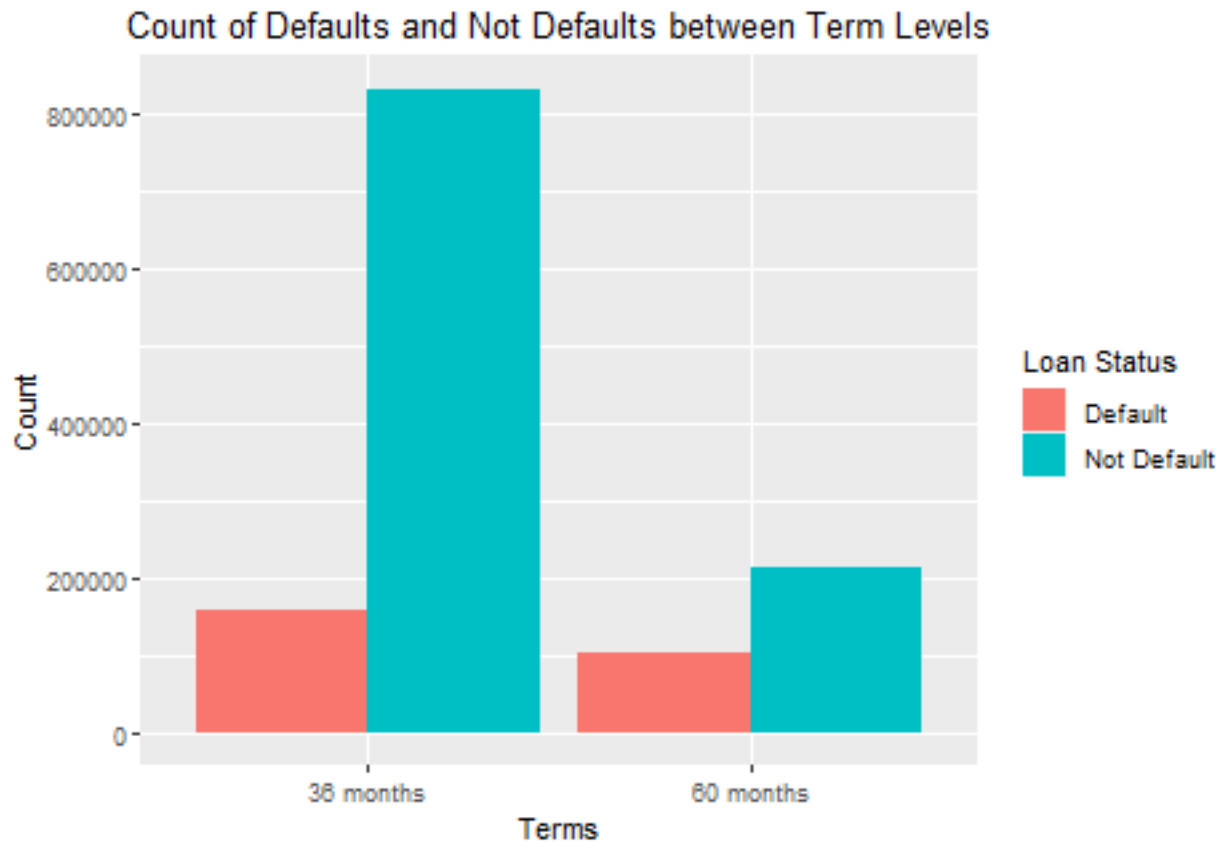
```
summary_func("term")
```

term	Number.of.NA.s
36 months	0
60 months	0

So, we can see that *term* takes on two levels which are 36 months and 60 months. Also, *term* contains no missing values. This variable will be useful for predicting whether or not someone will default on their loan as I believe those with more payments (60 months), will be more likely to not fully pay back their loan. Let's take a look at a grouped barplot to see how the Default and Not Default observations differ between each level of *term*.

```
options(scipen = 10)
freq_table = as.data.frame(lending_data_vars_rem %>% count(term, loan_status_final))
ggplot(freq_table, aes(factor(term), n, fill = loan_status_final)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", position = "dodge") +
```

```
labs(x = "Terms", y = "Count", fill = "Loan Status",
     title = "Count of Defaults and Not Defaults between Term Levels") +
theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))
```



```
default_rate_36_month = freq_table$`n[1]`/(sum(lending_data_vars_rem$term == "36 months"))
default_rate_60_month = freq_table$`n[3]`/(sum(lending_data_vars_rem$term == "60 months"))
def_rate_60to30 = default_rate_60_month / default_rate_36_month
```

So, we can see above that a majority of the loans have a term for 36 months. Between each term, 36 and 60 months, we can see that the number of defaults is between 150,000 and 175,000. However, since the majority of loans are 36 months we can say that the rate of defaults on 60 month term loans is much higher than the rate of defaults on a 36 month term loan. The default rate of 36 month loans is 0.1612349 and the default rate of 60 month loans is 0.3256254, so the default rate of 60 month loans is 2.0195713 times as much which is much higher. This confirms my belief that those with 60 month terms are more likely to default on their loan.

Grade, is an assigned variable by Lending Club. Let's use our summary function to get a list of all values this variable can take.

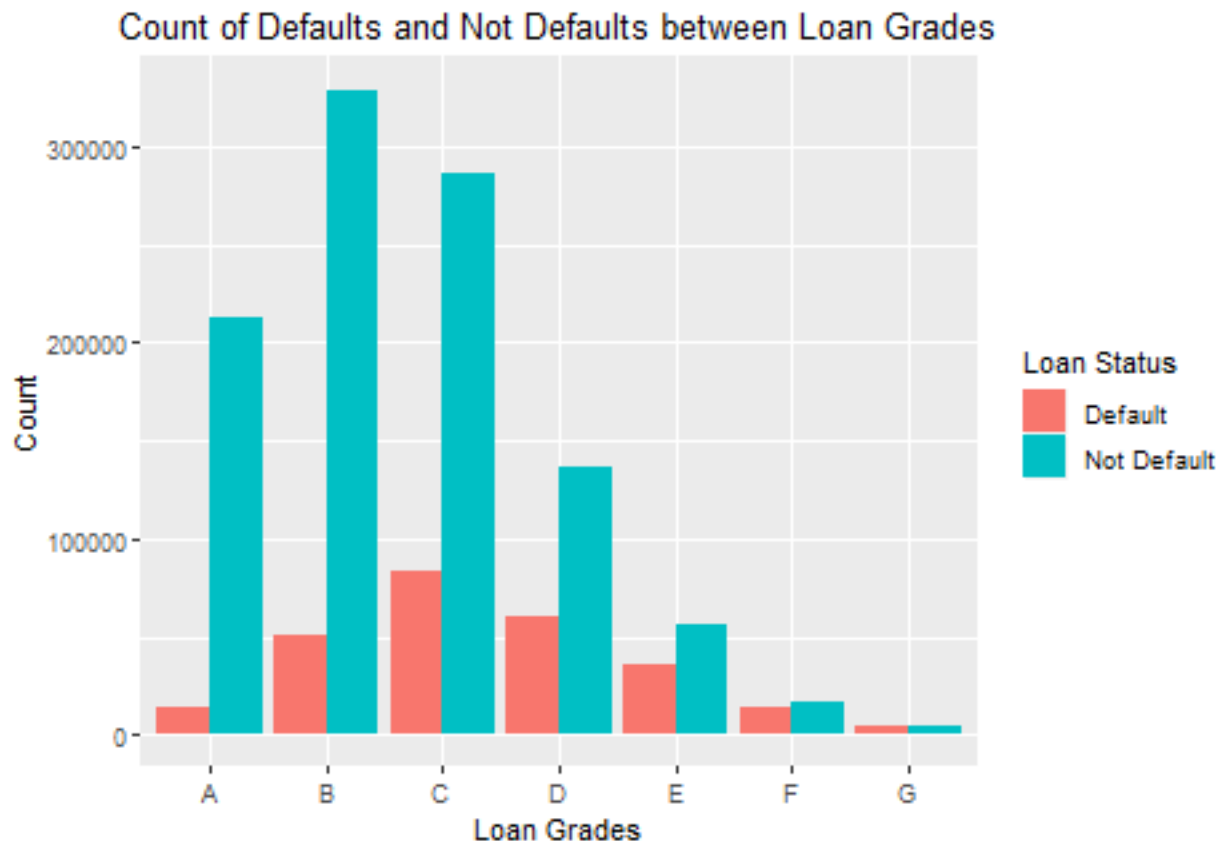
```
summary_func("grade")
```

grade	Number.of.NA.s
D	0
C	0
A	0
B	0
E	0
G	0

grade	Number.of.NA.s
F	0

So, we can see that *grade* takes on 7 levels which are A, B, C, D, E, F, G. Also, *grade* contains no missing values. This variable will be useful for predicting whether or not someone will default on their loan as loans with worse grades (G being the worst), the more likely someone will default on their loan. Let's take a look at a grouped barplot to see how the Default and Not Default observations differ between each level of *grade*.

```
options(scipen = 10)
freq_table = as.data.frame(lending_data_vars_rem %>% count(grade, loan_status_final))
ggplot(freq_table, aes(factor(grade), n, fill = loan_status_final)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", position = "dodge") +
  labs(x = "Loan Grades", y = "Count", fill = "Loan Status",
       title = "Count of Defaults and Not Defaults between Loan Grades") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))
```



As we can see above, the loan grade with the most amount of loans is B. Looking at the number of defaults between each loan grade, we can see that as the loan grade worsens the default rate increases. When we get to loan grades F and G, the default rate is near 50%. This confirms my belief that as the loan grades worsen, the borrower is less likely to repay their loan and therefore will default on it.

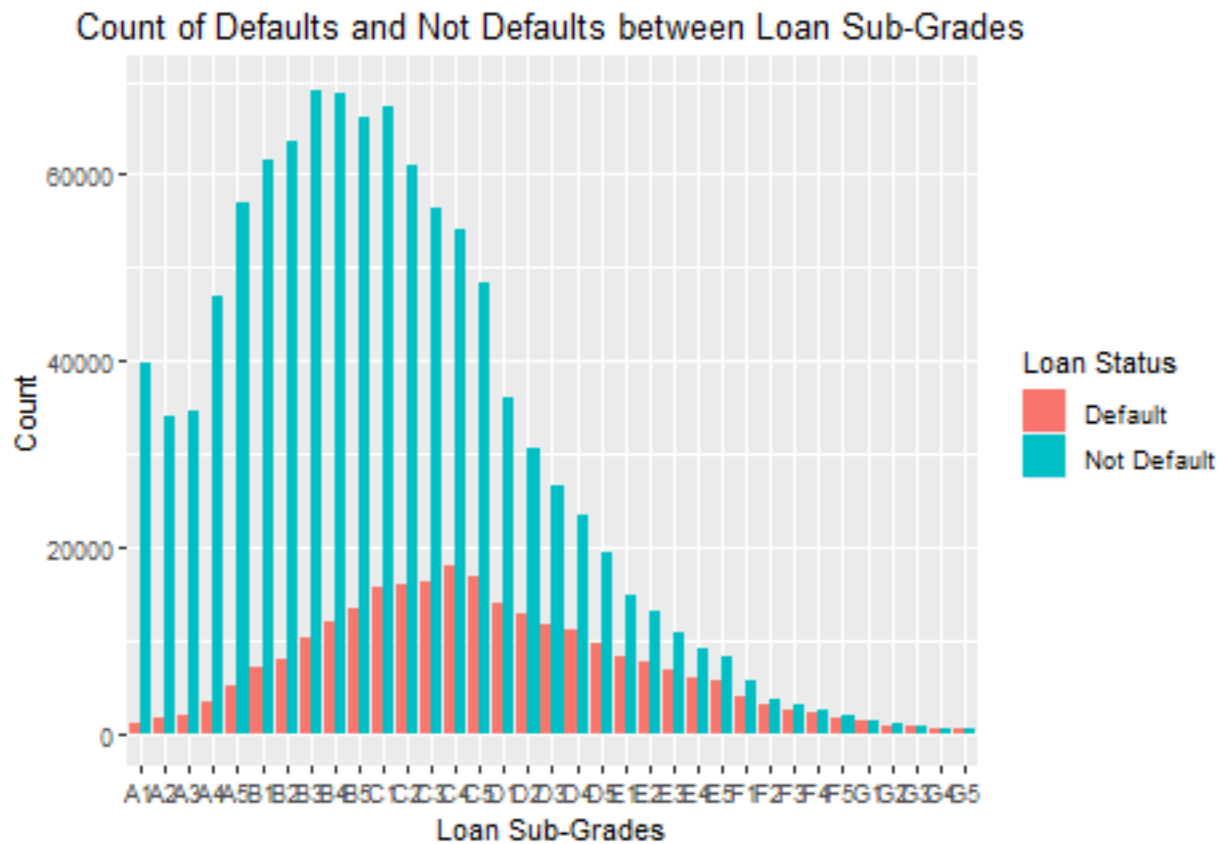
Sub_Grade, is an assigned variable by Lending Club. Let's use our summary function to get a list of all values this variable can take.

```
summary_func("sub_grade")
```

Number.of.Levels	Number.of.NA.s
35	0

There are 35 levels in the *sub_grade* variable. This is because for each grade loan, there are 5 sub-grades in that loan grade. This variable will be useful for predicting loan default as sub-grades within loan grades also are a good predictor of how risky someone and therefore the chance they may default on their loan. Let's take a look at a grouped barplot to see how the Default and Not Default observations differ between each level of *sub_grade*.

```
options(scipen = 10)
freq_table = as.data.frame(lending_data_vars_rem %>% count(sub_grade, loan_status_final))
ggplot(freq_table, aes(factor(sub_grade), n, fill = loan_status_final)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", position = "dodge") +
  labs(x = "Loan Sub-Grades", y = "Count", fill = "Loan Status",
       title = "Count of Defaults and Not Defaults between Loan Sub-Grades") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))
```



Similarily to the barplot above of *grade*, we can see that borrowers with a loan sub-grade between B1-B5 are the most common. Also similarily to above, as the loan sub-grade worsens the default rate of loans is near 50%. This confirms my belief that as the loan grade and sub-grade worsens, the more risky a borrower is and therefore the higher chance that they default on their loan.

Emp_Title, is a user-entered variable in this dataset. Let's use our summary function to get a list of all values this variable can take.

```
summary_func("emp_title")
```

Number.of.Levels	Number.of.NA.s
355809	82715

There are 355,809 levels this variable can take. There are also 82,715 missing values of this variable in our dataset. While employment titles are important, I do not believe they will be of much use for our end goal of predicting loan default. Also, being that this variable is entered in by the borrower, we cannot trust that all values are accurate and we are better off removing this variable.

Emp_Length, is a user-entered variable in this dataset. Let's use our summary function to get a list of all values this variable can take.

```
summary_func("emp_length")
```

emp_length	Number.of.NA.s
5 years	0
< 1 year	0
10+ years	0
3 years	0
4 years	0
1 year	0
8 years	0
n/a	0
2 years	0
6 years	0
9 years	0
7 years	0

There are 12 levels this variable can take, being from less than 1 year all the way to 10+ years as well as an 'n/a' variable. While they are not explicitly missing, there are actually 75491 missing values of this variable in our dataset. While employment length is important, I do not believe it will be of much use for our end goal of predicting loan default. Also, being that this variable is entered in by the borrower, we cannot trust that all values are accurate and we are better off removing this variable.

Emp_Length, is a user-entered variable in this dataset. Let's use our summary function to get a list of all values this variable can take.

```
summary_func("home_ownership")
```

home_ownership	Number.of.NA.s
MORTGAGE	0
RENT	0
OWN	0
ANY	0
NONE	0
OTHER	0

There are 6 levels this variable can take, which are **mortgage**, **rent**, **own**, **any**, **none**, and **other**. While there are no true NA values, we must take note of the levels **any**, **none**, and **other**. Since these levels are ambiguous, I believe that this variable should be removed to prevent confusion later on. Also, being that this

variable is user-entered we cannot trust it's accuracy.

Verification_status, is a Lending Club assigned variable in this dataset. Let's use our summary function to get a list of all values this variable can take.

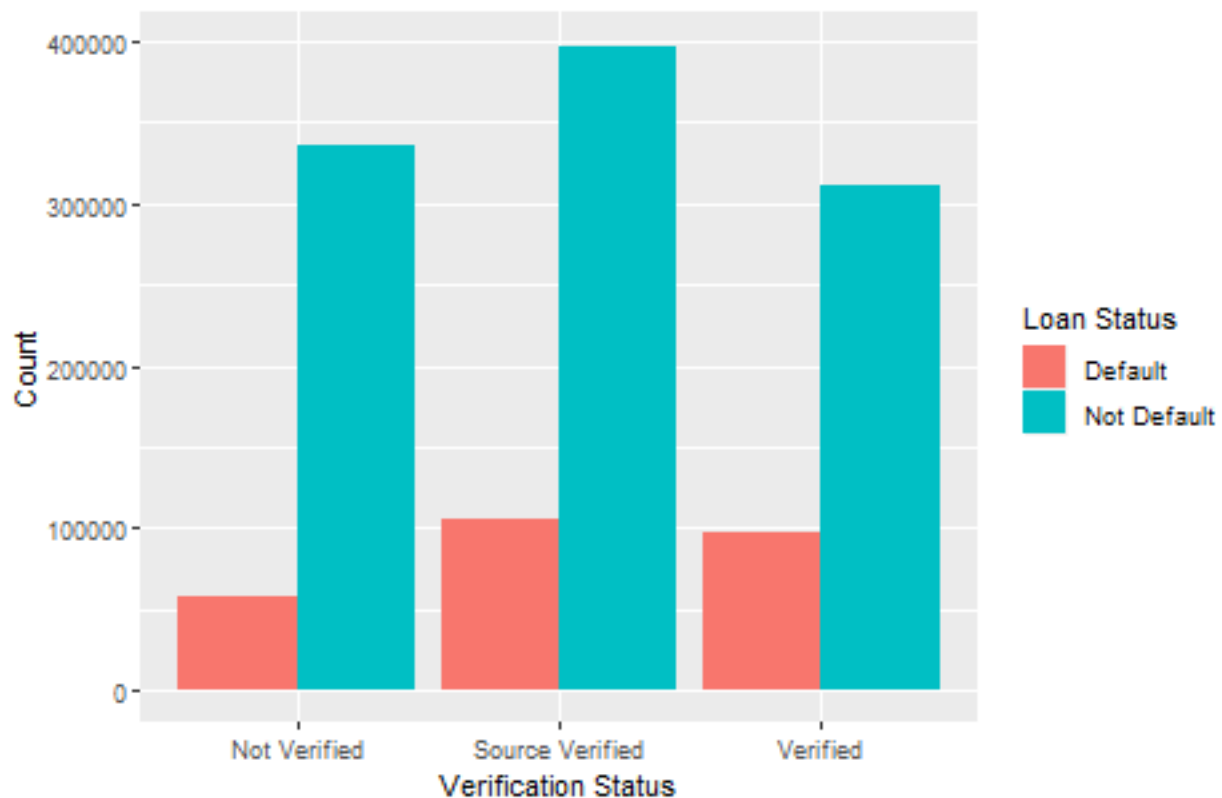
```
summary_func("verification_status")
```

verification_status	Number.of.NA.s
Source Verified	0
Verified	0
Not Verified	0

There are 3 levels this variable can take, which are **source verified**, **verified**, and **not verified**. Since income is an important factor on whether someone will default on their loan or not, I believe it is important if the borrower has had their income verified. I believe that those who have not had their income verified will be more likely to default on their loan. Let's take a look at a grouped barplot to see how the Default and Not Default observations differ between each level of *verification_status*.

```
options(scipen = 10)
freq_table = as.data.frame(lending_data_vars_rem %>% count(verification_status, loan_status_final))
ggplot(freq_table, aes(factor(verification_status), n, fill = loan_status_final)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", position = "dodge") +
  labs(x = "Verification Status", y = "Count", fill = "Loan Status",
       title = "Count of Defaults and Not Defaults between Income Verification Status") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))
```

Count of Defaults and Not Defaults between Income Verification Status



From the looks of the graph, it seems that those who have had their income verified are actually more likely

to default on their loan. I believe this variable will be useful in predicting whether or not someone will default on their loan.

Issue_d, is a Lending Club assigned variable in this dataset. Let's use our summary function to get a list of all values this variable can take.

```
summary_func("issue_d")
```

Number.of.Levels	Number.of.NA.s
139	0

Unsurprisingly, there are a large amount of levels for this variable as it is the issue date of the loan. My belief is that the issue date will have no correlation to whether or not someone will default on their loan as the month a loan was issued should not be a cause of loan default. I will be removing this variable.

Pymnt_plan, is a Lending Club assigned variable in this dataset. Let's use our summary function to get a list of all values this variable can take.

```
summary_func("pymnt_plan")
```

pymnt_plan	Number.of.NA.s
n	0

This variable takes on one level, *n*, which indicates that the borrower is not on a payment plan for the loan. Since this payment plan is for borrowers who are behind on their loan, this variable will not be useful for us as we are only analyzing loans that are defaulted on, charged off, or fully paid. I will be removing this variable.

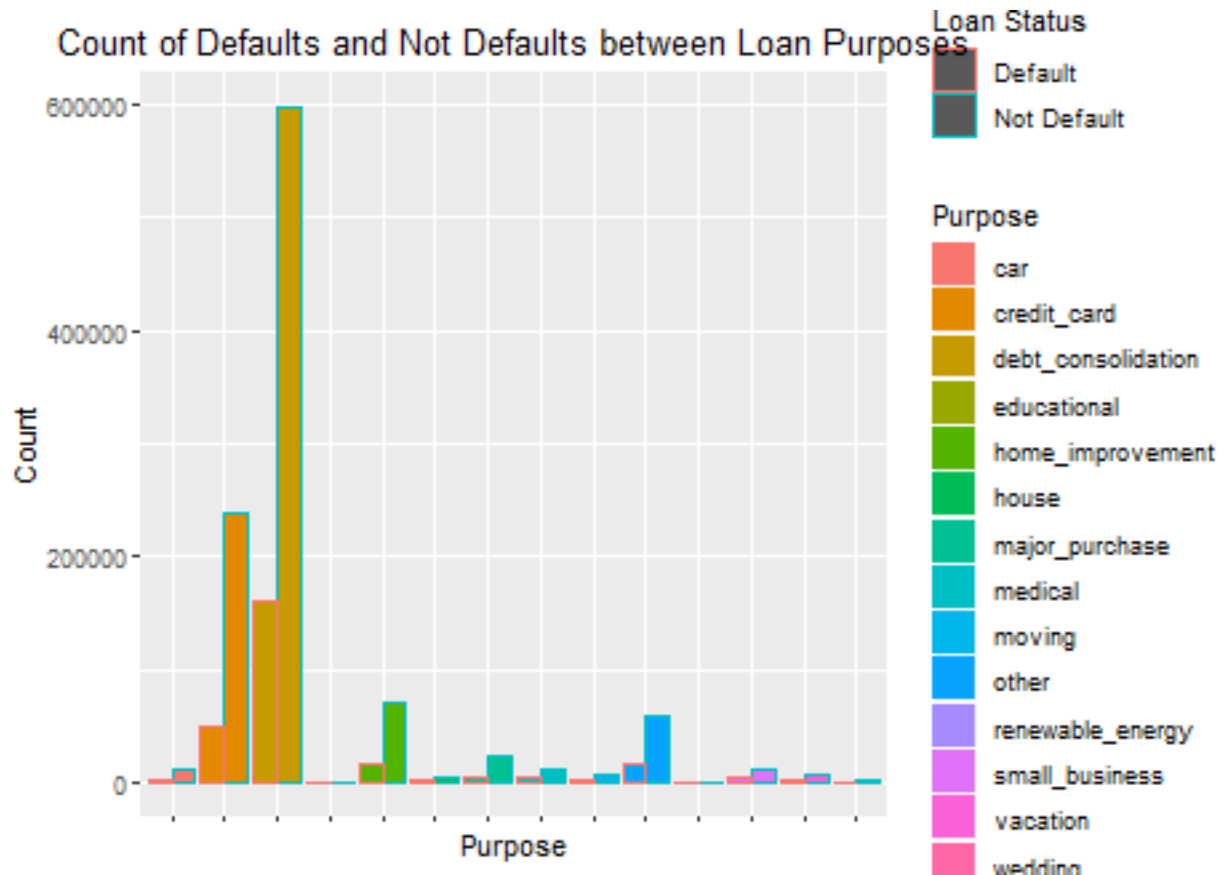
Purpose, is a user-entered variable in this dataset. Let's use our summary function to get a list of all values this variable can take.

```
summary_func("purpose")
```

purpose	Number.of.NA.s
debt_consolidation	0
credit_card	0
other	0
house	0
car	0
home_improvement	0
moving	0
small_business	0
vacation	0
medical	0
major_purchase	0
renewable_energy	0
wedding	0
educational	0

This variable takes on 14 levels, which cover different areas of purposes for their loan. I believe this variable will indeed play a role in predicting loan default as those who are taking out loans to consolidate debt or pay off credit cards may be at more risk of default. Let's look at a grouped bar plot to see the default rate between levels of this variable.

```
options(scipen = 10)
freq_table = as.data.frame(lending_data_vars_rem %>% count(purpose, loan_status_final))
ggplot(freq_table, aes(factor(purpose), n, fill = factor(purpose), color = loan_status_final)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", position = "dodge") +
  labs(x = "Purpose", y = "Count", fill = "Purpose",
       title = "Count of Defaults and Not Defaults between Loan Purposes",
       color = "Loan Status") +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_blank(), plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))
```



We can see that the most popular purposes for a borrowers loan are credit card debt and debt consolidation. Both of these purposes have a large amount of defaults compared to the other purposes. Overall, I believe that purposes will play a role in predicting loan default.

Title, is a user-entered variable in this dataset. Let's use our summary function to get a list of all values this variable can take.

```
summary_func("title")
```

Number.of.Levels	Number.of.NA.s
61453	15425

There are 61,453 levels in this variable and 15,425 NA values. Since this variable is user-entered and is just the "title" of their loan, I do not believe it will play an important role in predicting loan default so I will be removing this variable.

Zip_code, is a user-entered variable in this dataset. Let's use our summary function to get a list of all values

this variable can take.

```
summary_func("zip_code")
```

Number.of.Levels	Number.of.NA.s
946	1

While I do believe location will play a role in predicting loan default, I do not believe zip codes will be as important as states. With 946 levels of zip codes, I believe we should focus on states instead. I will be removing this variable.

Addr_state, is a user-entered variable in this dataset. Let's use our summary function to get a list of all values this variable can take.

```
summary_func("addr_state")
```

Number.of.Levels	Number.of.NA.s
51	0

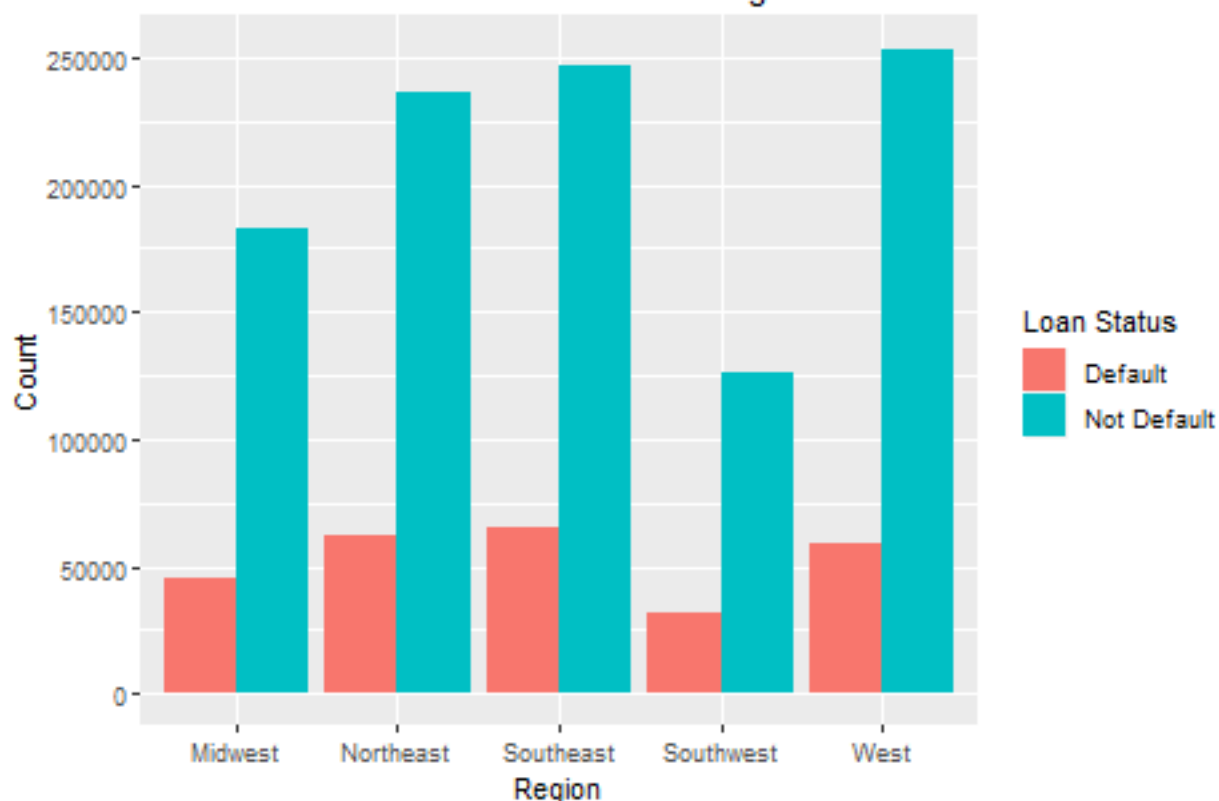
There are 51 levels in this variable, which makes sense since there are 50 states as well as Washington DC. There are no NA values. For this variable, I will be creating a new variable that corresponds to the region of the United States instead of the actual state. Let's begin this process.

```
west_region = c("WA", "OR", "CA", "NV", "UT", "HI", "AK", "CO",  
               "WY", "MT", "ID")  
southwest_region = c("AZ", "NM", "TX", "OK")  
midwest_region = c("ND", "SD", "NE", "KS", "MN", "IA", "MO",  
                  "WI", "IL", "IN", "MI", "OH")  
southeast_region = c("AR", "LA", "MS", "AL", "TN", "FL", "GA",  
                     "SC", "NC", "VA", "DC", "KY", "WV")  
northeast_region = c("MD", "PA", "NY", "DE", "NJ", "CT", "RI",  
                     "MA", "NH", "VT", "DC", "ME")  
  
lending_data_vars_rem$state_regions = ifelse(  
  lending_data_vars_rem$addr_state %in% west_region, "West",  
  ifelse(lending_data_vars_rem$addr_state %in% southwest_region, "Southwest",  
    ifelse(lending_data_vars_rem$addr_state %in% midwest_region, "Midwest",  
      ifelse(lending_data_vars_rem$addr_state %in% southeast_region, "Southeast", "Northeast")  
    )  
  )  
)
```

With the new variable created, let's remove the old variable *addr_state* and then take a look at the grouped bar plot to see default rates between regions.

```
lending_data_vars_rem = lending_data_vars_rem[, !(names(lending_data_vars_rem) %in% c("addr_state"))]  
  
options(scipen = 10)  
freq_table = as.data.frame(lending_data_vars_rem %>% count(state_regions, loan_status_final))  
ggplot(freq_table, aes(factor(state_regions), n, fill = loan_status_final)) +  
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", position = "dodge") +  
  labs(x = "Region", y = "Count", fill = "Loan Status",  
       title = "Count of Defaults and Not Defaults between Regions in United States") +  
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))
```

Count of Defaults and Not Defaults between Regions in United States



Looking at the plot above, all regions have a similar number of defaults. The region that seems to have the largest default rate is the Southwest, which includes states such as Texas. Overall, there does not seem to be much of a difference between default rates of regions but I believe that location will still play a role in predicting loan defaults so I will be keeping this variable.

Earliest_cr_line, is a Lending Club assigned variable in this dataset. Let's use our summary function to get a list of all values this variable can take.

```
summary_func("earliest_cr_line")
```

Number.of.Levels	Number.of.NA.s
739	29

Since this variable represents the month that the earliest credit line was opened for the borrower, we can therefore figure out how old their earliest credit line is. Since this is important for assessing risk of a borrower, I believe it will play a role in predicting loan default. I will be converting this variable to a numeric one which gives us the number of days old the borrowers credit line is. To avoid potential modeling discrepancies later, I will be measuring the age from the date of December 31st, 2015 since that is when this data is through. I will then drop the original *earliest_cr_line* variable.

```
lending_data_vars_rem$earliest_cr_line_fixed = as.Date(paste("01", lending_data_vars_rem$earliest_cr_line))
lending_data_vars_rem = select(lending_data_vars_rem, -c(earliest_cr_line)) #drop variable
end_of_data_date = as.Date("2015-12-31", format = "%Y-%m-%d")

lending_data_vars_rem$credit_age = end_of_data_date - lending_data_vars_rem$earliest_cr_line_fixed
```

We now have the variable *credit_age* which gives us the length of their earliest credit line in days. With this new variable created, we need to now focus on the NA values we have. I will be replacing all NA values with the mean of the *credit_age* variable, and then finally converting this variable to a numeric type and removing our original variable *earliest_cr_line*.

```
credit_age_mean = mean(lending_data_vars_rem$credit_age, na.rm = TRUE)

lending_data_vars_rem$credit_age = na.aggregate(lending_data_vars_rem$credit_age)
lending_data_vars_rem$credit_age = as.numeric(lending_data_vars_rem$credit_age)
lending_data_vars_rem = lending_data_vars_rem[, !(names(lending_data_vars_rem) %in% c("earliest_cr_line"
```

Initial_list_status is a Lending Club assigned variable. Let's take a look at the summary function output to see the levels of this variable.

```
summary_func("initial_list_status")
```

initial_list_status	Number.of.NA.s
w	0
f	0

The two levels for *initial_list_status* are w, and f. These stand for whole, and fractional. Whole loans are loans that can be purchased by investors in their entirety. Fractional loans are loans that are able to be purchased by investors in fractions. Let's look at the grouped bar plot for this variable.

```
options(scipen = 10)
freq_table = as.data.frame(lending_data_vars_rem %>% count(initial_list_status, loan_status_final))
ggplot(freq_table, aes(factor(initial_list_status), n, fill = loan_status_final)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", position = "dodge") +
  labs(x = "Initial List Status", y = "Count", fill = "Loan Status",
       title = "Count of Defaults and Not Defaults between Initial Listing Status") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))
```



Looking at the bar plot, there is not much of a difference in default rates between groups. Due to this variable being meant for investors to analyze a loan, I do not believe this variable will be of relevance to our goal of predicting loan default. I will be removing this variable.

Last_pymnt_d is a Lending Club assigned variable. Let's take a look at the summary function output to see the levels of this variable.

```
summary_func("last_pymnt_d")
```

Number.of.Levels	Number.of.NA.s
136	2273

There are 136 levels in this variable and 2273 NA values. Since this variable is associated with being late on a loan, I do not believe it will be useful for predicting a default on a loan. I will be removing this variable.

Last_credit_pull_d is a Lending Club assigned variable. Since this variable is associated with the last time Lending Club pulled the credit on a borrower, I do not believe it will be of much use for predicting loan default. I will be removing this variable.

Application_type is a Lending Club assigned variable. Let's take a look at the summary function output to see the levels of this variable.

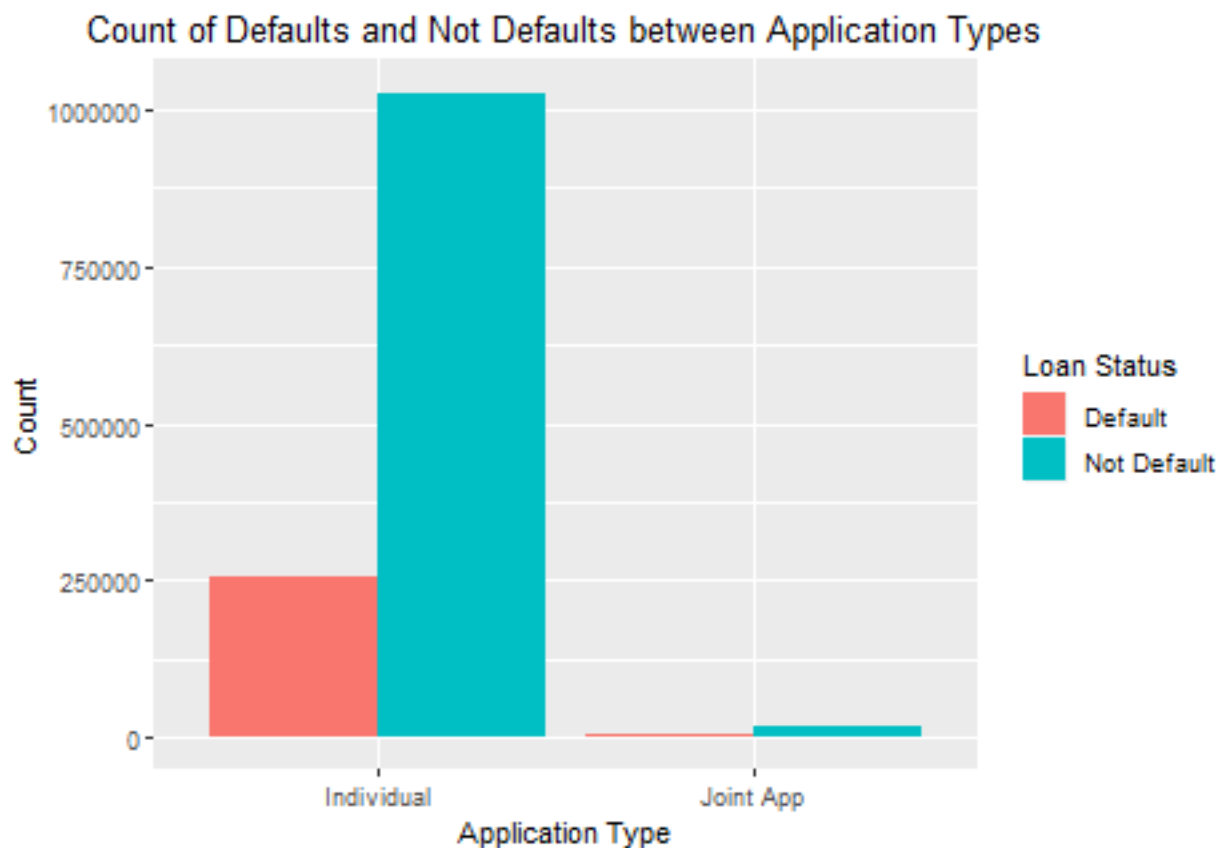
```
summary_func("application_type")
```

application_type	Number.of.NA.s
Joint App	0
Individual	0

application_type	Number.of.NA.s
------------------	----------------

There are two levels in this variable, Joint App or Individual, where Joint App is a joint application with two co-borrowers and an individual application is with one borrower. Let's take a look at the grouped bar plot.

```
options(scipen = 10)
freq_table = as.data.frame(lending_data_vars_rem %>% count(application_type, loan_status_final))
ggplot(freq_table, aes(factor(application_type), n, fill = loan_status_final)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", position = "dodge") +
  labs(x = "Application Type", y = "Count", fill = "Loan Status",
       title = "Count of Defaults and Not Defaults between Application Types") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))
```



Looking at the plot above, the application type observations are very imbalanced. Joint application loans are very uncommon in our data. The default rates are very similar between groups, with individual having a default rate of .25 and joint app having a default rate of .33. Since these are very similar, with account of imbalanced observations between groups, I will be removing this variable.

Hardship_flag is a Lending Club assigned variable. Let's take a look at the summary function output to see the levels of this variable.

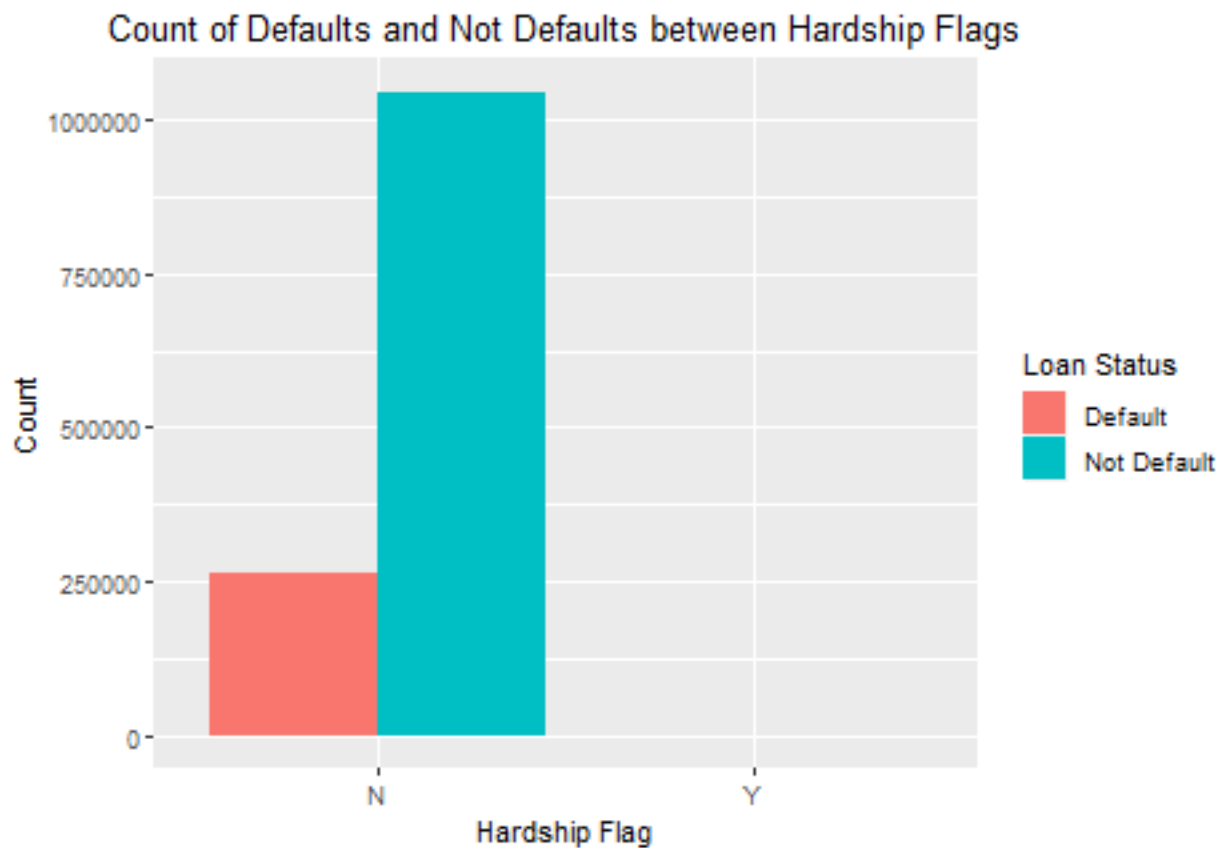
```
summary_func("hardship_flag")
```

hardship_flag	Number.of.NA.s
N	0

hardship_flag	Number.of.NA.s
Y	0

There are two levels in this variable, Y or N, indicating yes or no. A hardship flag indicates that the borrower is in a hardship program, which is mostly used for catching up on debt by waived interest fees. Let's look at a grouped bar plot.

```
options(scipen = 10)
freq_table = as.data.frame(lending_data_vars_rem %>% count(hardship_flag, loan_status_final))
ggplot(freq_table, aes(factor(hardship_flag), n, fill = loan_status_final)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", position = "dodge") +
  labs(x = "Hardship Flag", y = "Count", fill = "Loan Status",
       title = "Count of Defaults and Not Defaults between Hardship Flags") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))
```



Once again, we can see right away that the variable is very imbalanced. Digging deeper into the graph, there is actually only 1 observation for the Y group. With this huge imbalance, this variable will not be helpful and I will be removing it.

Disbursement_method is a Lending Club assigned variable. Let's take a look at the summary function output to see the levels of this variable.

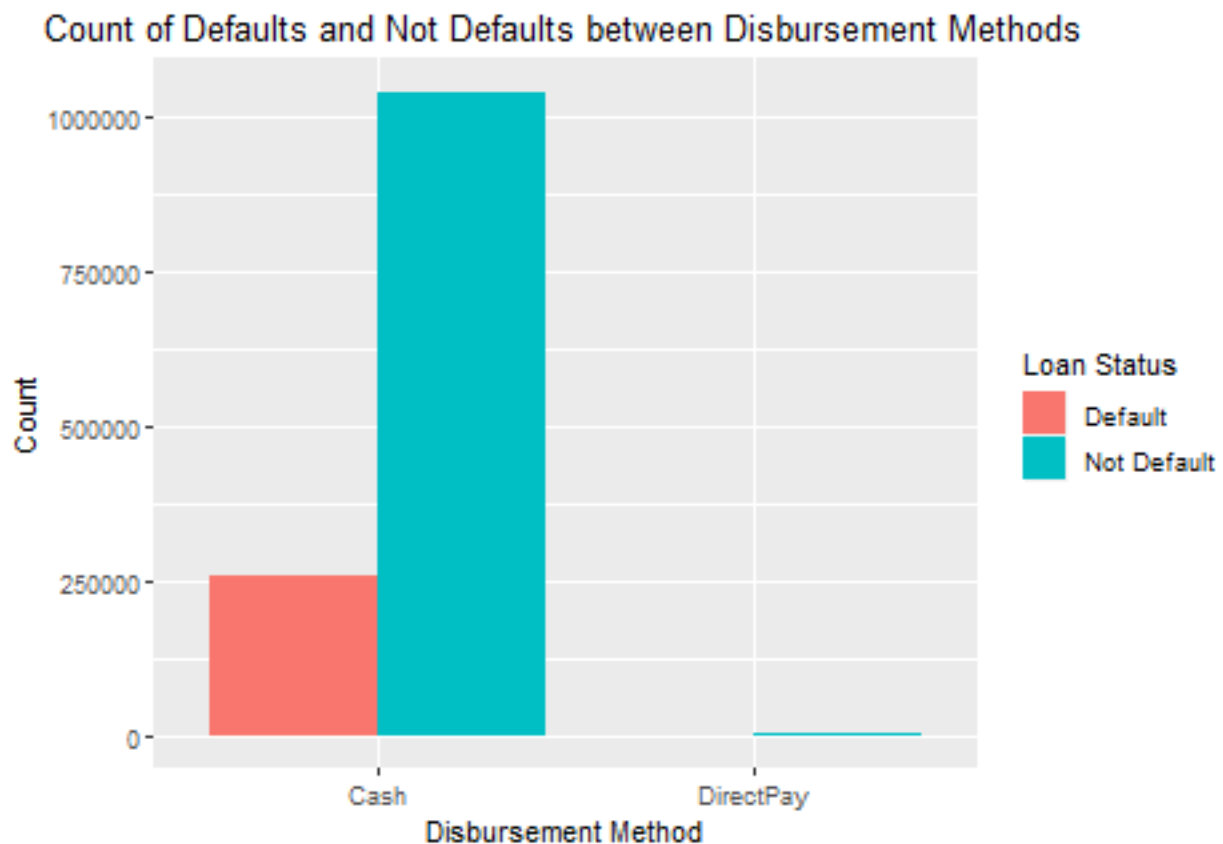
```
summary_func("disbursement_method")
```

disbursement_method	Number.of.NA.s
Cash	0

disbursement_method	Number.of.NA.s
DirectPay	0

There are two levels in this variable, `Cash` or `DirectPay`. The cash level means the borrower received the money from their loan. The direct pay level means that borrowers are using up to 80% of their loan for debt right away. Let's take a look at a grouped bar plot.

```
options(scipen = 10)
freq_table = as.data.frame(lending_data_vars_rem %>% count(disbursement_method, loan_status_final))
ggplot(freq_table, aes(factor(disbursement_method), n, fill = loan_status_final)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", position = "dodge") +
  labs(x = "Disbursement Method", y = "Count", fill = "Loan Status",
       title = "Count of Defaults and Not Defaults between Disbursement Methods") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))
```



Once again, we see that this variable is affected by highly imbalanced observations. Only 5813 observations have received a `DirectPay` loan. With this much of an imbalance, I will be removing this variable.

`Debt_settlement_flag` is a Lending Club assigned variable. Let's take a look at the levels with the summary function.

```
summary_func("debt_settlement_flag")
```

debt_settlement_flag	Number.of.NA.s
N	0
Y	0

This variable indicates whether or not the borrower, who has already defaulted on their loan, is working with a debt-settlement company. Therefore, it is safe to say that this variable will not be of use as the observations that are in Debt Settlement have already defaulted.

That is the end of the categorical variable review. For each variable, we have taken a look at the levels and total NA values and justified whether each variable was useful or not through visualizations. We have created new variables, as well as removed some. Let's go ahead and remove those that need to be removed now.

```
remove_list = c("emp_title",
                "emp_length",
                "home_ownership",
                "issue_d",
                "pymnt_plan",
                "title",
                "zip_code",
                "initial_list_status",
                "last_credit_pull_d",
                "application_type",
                "hardship_flag",
                "disbursement_method",
                "debt_settlement_flag",
                "last_pymnt_d")

lending_data_vars_rem = lending_data_vars_rem[, !(names(lending_data_vars_rem) %in% remove_list)]
total_char_vars_final = length(lending_data_vars_rem %>% select_if(is.character))
```

Overall, we have reduced our number of categorical variables from 22 to 7.

Numerical Variables

In this section, we will be taking a look at all variables that are of type numeric. Let's get a quick look at a list of all these variables.

```
total_num_vars = length(lending_data_vars_rem %>% select_if(is.numeric))
```

There are a total of 66 numeric variables in our data. Let's take a look at each of these variables.

```
numeric_vars = lending_data_vars_rem %>% select_if(is.numeric)
colnames(lending_data_vars_rem %>% select_if(is.numeric))
```

```
## [1] "loan_amnt"           "funded_amnt"
## [3] "funded_amnt_inv"     "int_rate"
## [5] "installment"         "annual_inc"
## [7] "dti"                 "delinq_2yrs"
## [9] "inq_last_6mths"      "open_acc"
## [11] "pub_rec"             "revol_bal"
## [13] "revol_util"          "total_acc"
## [15] "out_prncp"           "out_prncp_inv"
## [17] "total_pymnt"         "total_pymnt_inv"
## [19] "total_rec_prncp"     "total_rec_int"
## [21] "total_rec_late_fee"  "recoveries"
## [23] "collection_recovery_fee" "last_pymnt_amnt"
## [25] "collections_12_mths_ex_med" "policy_code"
## [27] "acc_now_delinq"      "tot_coll_amt"
## [29] "tot_cur_bal"         "total_rev_hi_lim"
## [31] "acc_open_past_24mths" "avg_cur_bal"
## [33] "bc_open_to_buy"      "bc_util"
## [35] "chargeoff_within_12_mths" "delinq_amnt"
```

```
## [37] "mo_sin_old_il_acct"      "mo_sin_old_rev_tl_op"
## [39] "mo_sin_rcnt_rev_tl_op"  "mo_sin_rcnt_tl"
## [41] "mort_acc"               "mths_since_recent_bc"
## [43] "mths_since_recent_inq"  "num_accts_ever_120_pd"
## [45] "num_actv_bc_tl"         "num_actv_rev_tl"
## [47] "num_bc_sats"            "num_bc_tl"
## [49] "num_il_tl"              "num_op_rev_tl"
## [51] "num_rev_accts"          "num_rev_tl_bal_gt_0"
## [53] "num_sats"               "num_tl_120dpd_2m"
## [55] "num_tl_30dpd"           "num_tl_90g_dpd_24m"
## [57] "num_tl_op_past_12m"     "pct_tl_nvr_dlq"
## [59] "percent_bc_gt_75"       "pub_rec_bankruptcies"
## [61] "tax_liens"              "tot_hi_cred_lim"
## [63] "total_bal_ex_mort"      "total_bc_limit"
## [65] "total_il_high_credit_limit" "credit_age"
```

For numeric variables, we are only going to be worrying about columns with NA values. Let's take care of missing values first. After that, we will be normalizing the data to prevent drastic effects from outliers in the data.

We will first start with variables with over 100,000 missing values. Doing mass imputation on these variables can sway our results, so I believe that keeping these variables will hurt our model accuracy more than help it.

```
num_over_100k_missing = colnames(numeric_vars)[colSums(is.na(numeric_vars)) > 100000]
num_over_100k_missing
```

```
## [1] "mo_sin_old_il_acct"      "mths_since_recent_inq" "num_tl_120dpd_2m"
```

The variables with over 100,000 missing values are `mo_sin_old_il_acct`, `mths_since_recent_inq`, and `num_tl_120dpd_2m`. These variables represents the number of months since oldest bank installment account opened, number of months since most recent inquiry, and the number of accounts currently 120 days past due. These variables do not seem of much relevance to our end goal as well, so let's remove them.

```
lending_data_vars_rem = lending_data_vars_rem[, !(names(lending_data_vars_rem) %in%
                                                    num_over_100k_missing)]
```

Now, let's look at variables with over 50,000 missing values. While doing imputation on this number of missing values isn't as bad, it can still sway our model and cause more harm than good. Let's go through them and see which ones should definitely be removed.

```
numeric_vars = lending_data_vars_rem %>% select_if(is.numeric)
num_over_50k_missing = colnames(numeric_vars)[colSums(is.na(numeric_vars)) > 50000]
num_over_50k_missing
```

```
## [1] "tot_coll_amt"           "tot_cur_bal"
## [3] "total_rev_hi_lim"       "acc_open_past_24mths"
## [5] "avg_cur_bal"            "bc_open_to_buy"
## [7] "bc_util"                "mo_sin_old_rev_tl_op"
## [9] "mo_sin_rcnt_rev_tl_op"  "mo_sin_rcnt_tl"
## [11] "mort_acc"               "mths_since_recent_bc"
## [13] "num_accts_ever_120_pd"  "num_actv_bc_tl"
## [15] "num_actv_rev_tl"        "num_bc_sats"
## [17] "num_bc_tl"              "num_il_tl"
## [19] "num_op_rev_tl"          "num_rev_accts"
## [21] "num_rev_tl_bal_gt_0"    "num_sats"
## [23] "num_tl_30dpd"           "num_tl_90g_dpd_24m"
## [25] "num_tl_op_past_12m"     "pct_tl_nvr_dlq"
## [27] "percent_bc_gt_75"       "tot_hi_cred_lim"
```

```
## [29] "total_bal_ex_mort"          "total_bc_limit"
## [31] "total_il_high_credit_limit"
```

There are quite a few of these variables. Let's quickly get a summary of each and see if they are worth keeping.

- "tot_coll_amt" - Total collection amounts ever owed
- "tot_cur_bal" - Total current balance of all accounts
- "total_rev_hi_lim" - Total revolving high credit/credit limit
- "acc_open_past_24mths" - Number of trades opened in past 24 months.
- "avg_cur_bal" - Average current balance of all accounts
- "bc_open_to_buy" - Total open to buy on revolving bankcards.
- "bc_util" - Ratio of total current balance to high credit/credit limit for all bankcard accounts.
- "mo_sin_old_rev_tl_op" - Months since oldest revolving account opened
- "mo_sin_rcnt_rev_tl_op" - Months since most recent revolving account opened
- "mo_sin_rcnt_tl" - Months since most recent account opened
- "mort_acc" - Number of mortgage accounts.
- "mths_since_recent_bc" - Months since most recent bankcard account opened.
- "num_accts_ever_120_pd" - Number of accounts ever 120 or more days past due
- "num_actv_bc_tl" - Number of currently active bankcard accounts
- "num_actv_rev_tl" - Number of currently active revolving trades
- "num_bc_sats" - Number of satisfactory bankcard accounts
- "num_bc_tl" - Number of bankcard accounts
- "num_il_tl" - Number of installment accounts
- "num_op_rev_tl" - Number of open revolving accounts
- "num_rev_accts" - Number of revolving accounts
- "num_rev_tl_bal_gt_0" - Number of revolving trades with balance >0
- "num_sats" - Number of satisfactory accounts
- "num_tl_30dpd" - Number of accounts currently 30 days past due (updated in past 2 months) - These borrowers are late on their loans, so not relevant.
- "num_tl_90g_dpd_24m" - Number of accounts 90 or more days past due in last 24 months - These borrowers are late on their loans, so not relevant.
- "num_tl_op_past_12m" - Number of accounts opened in past 12 months
- "pct_tl_nvr_dlq" - Percent of trades never delinquent
- "percent_bc_gt_75" - Percentage of all bankcard accounts > 75% of limit.
- "tot_hi_cred_lim" - Total high credit/credit limit
- "total_bal_ex_mort" - Total credit balance excluding mortgage
- "total_bc_limit" - Total bankcard high credit/credit limit
- "total_il_high_credit_limit" - Total installment high credit/credit limit

Looking at these variable descriptions, a lot of these variables are very similar. Let's take a look at the groups of variables that are similar to one another. We will first start with variables `mo_sin_rcnt_rev_tl_op`, `mo_sin_rcnt_rev_tl_op`, and `mths_since_recent_bc`. These three variables are all related to the number of months since most recent account opened, type of account varying. Let's take a look at their box plot to see if their distributions are similar between default groups.

```
plot_mo_revolving = ggplot(lending_data_vars_rem, aes(x = loan_status_final, y = mo_sin_rcnt_rev_tl_op,
  geom_boxplot(outlier.colour = "black") +
  labs(x = "Loan Status",
    y = "# Months Since Most Recent Revolving Account Opened",
    title = "Box-Plot of Loan Amount and\n
      # Months Since Most Recent Revolving Account Opened",
    color = "Loan Status") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.50))

plot_mo_recent = ggplot(lending_data_vars_rem, aes(x = loan_status_final, y = mo_sin_rcnt_tl, color = 1,
  geom_boxplot(outlier.colour = "black") +
```

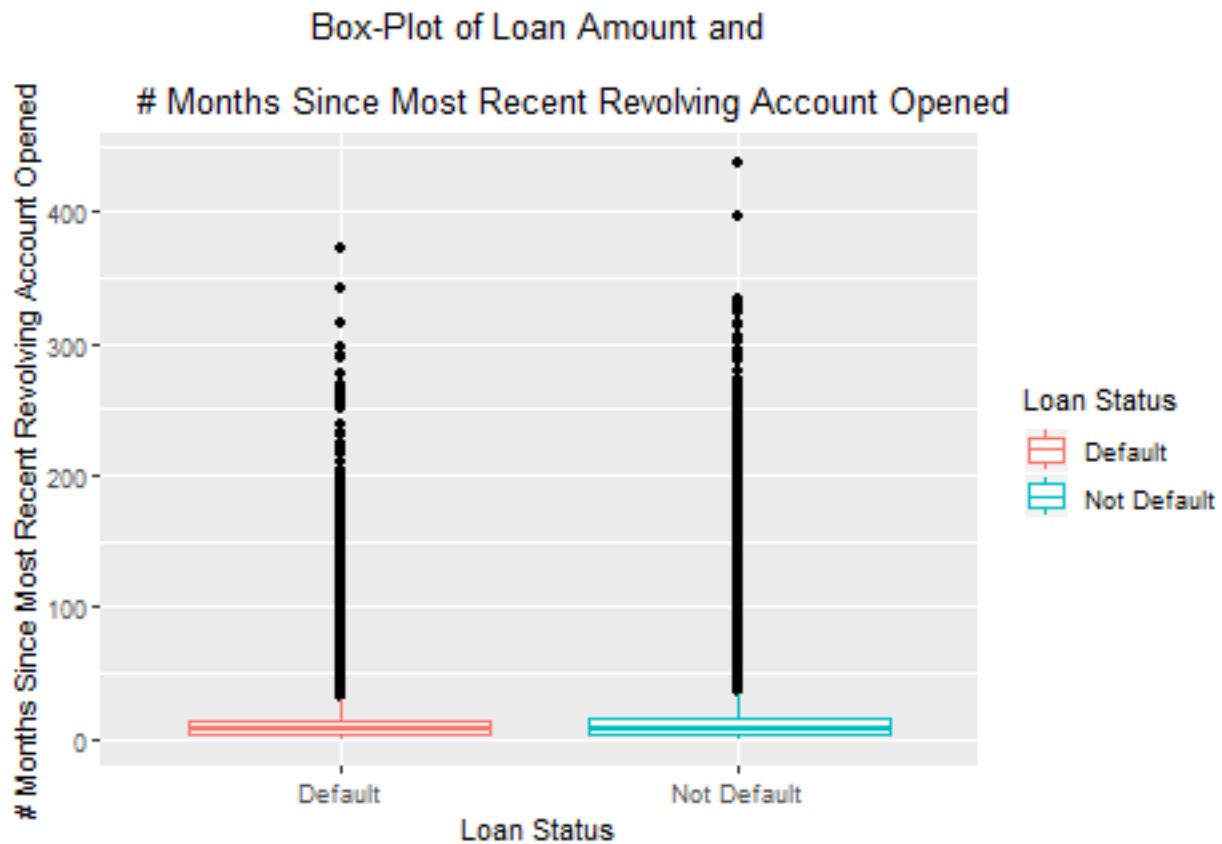
```

labs(x = "Loan Status",
     y = "# Months Since Most Recent Account Opened",
     title = "Box-Plot of Loan Amount and\n
# Months Since Most Recent Account Opened",
     color = "Loan Status") +
theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.50))
means = aggregate(mths_since_recent_bc ~ loan_status_final, lending_data_vars_rem, mean)
plot_mo_bc = ggplot(lending_data_vars_rem, aes(x = loan_status_final, y = mths_since_recent_bc, color =
geom_boxplot(outlier.colour = "black") +
labs(x = "Loan Status",
     y = "# Months Since Most Recent Bankcard Opened",
     title = "Box-Plot of Loan Amount and\n
# Months Since Most Recent Bankcard Opened",
     color = "Loan Status") +
theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.50))

plot_mo_revolving

```

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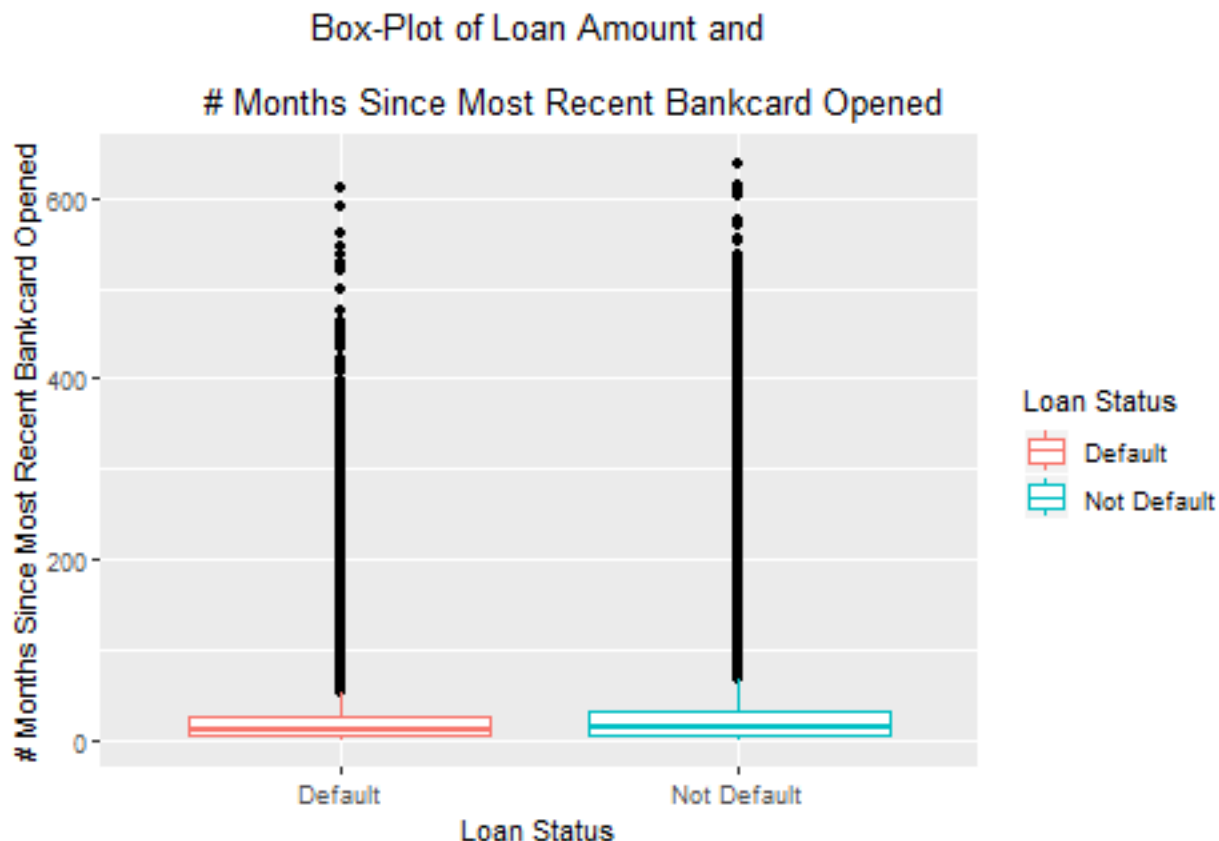
```
plot_mo_recent
```

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```
plot_mo_bc
```

```
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```



Looking at the box plots for all three of these variables, we can see right away that all their distributions are very similar. We can also see that for all three variables, the mean and spread between the **Default** and **Not Default** groups are almost identical. This leads me to believe that these variables will not be very useful. Just to be sure, let's take a quick look at summary statistics before removing the variables.

```
means1 = aggregate(mths_since_recent_bc ~ loan_status_final, lending_data_vars_rem, mean)
means2 = aggregate(mo_sin_rcnt_tl ~ loan_status_final, lending_data_vars_rem, mean)
means3 = aggregate(mo_sin_rcnt_rev_tl_op ~ loan_status_final, lending_data_vars_rem, mean)
means_mo_rec = cbind(means1, means2[2], means3[2])
kable(means_mo_rec, col.names = c("Loan Status",
                                "Mean Recent BC",
                                "Mean Recent Acc",
                                "Mean Recent Revolving Acc"))
```

Loan Status	Mean Recent BC	Mean Recent Acc	Mean Recent Revolving Acc
Default	20.64556	6.882228	11.33643
Not Default	24.58948	8.086805	13.53321

```
sd1 = aggregate(mths_since_recent_bc ~ loan_status_final, lending_data_vars_rem, sd)
sd2 = aggregate(mo_sin_rcnt_tl ~ loan_status_final, lending_data_vars_rem, sd)
sd3 = aggregate(mo_sin_rcnt_rev_tl_op ~ loan_status_final, lending_data_vars_rem, sd)
sd_mo_rec = cbind(sd1, sd2[2], sd3[2])
kable(sd_mo_rec, col.names = c("Loan Status",
                                "SD Recent BC",
                                "SD Recent Acc",
```


"SD Recent Revolving Acc"))

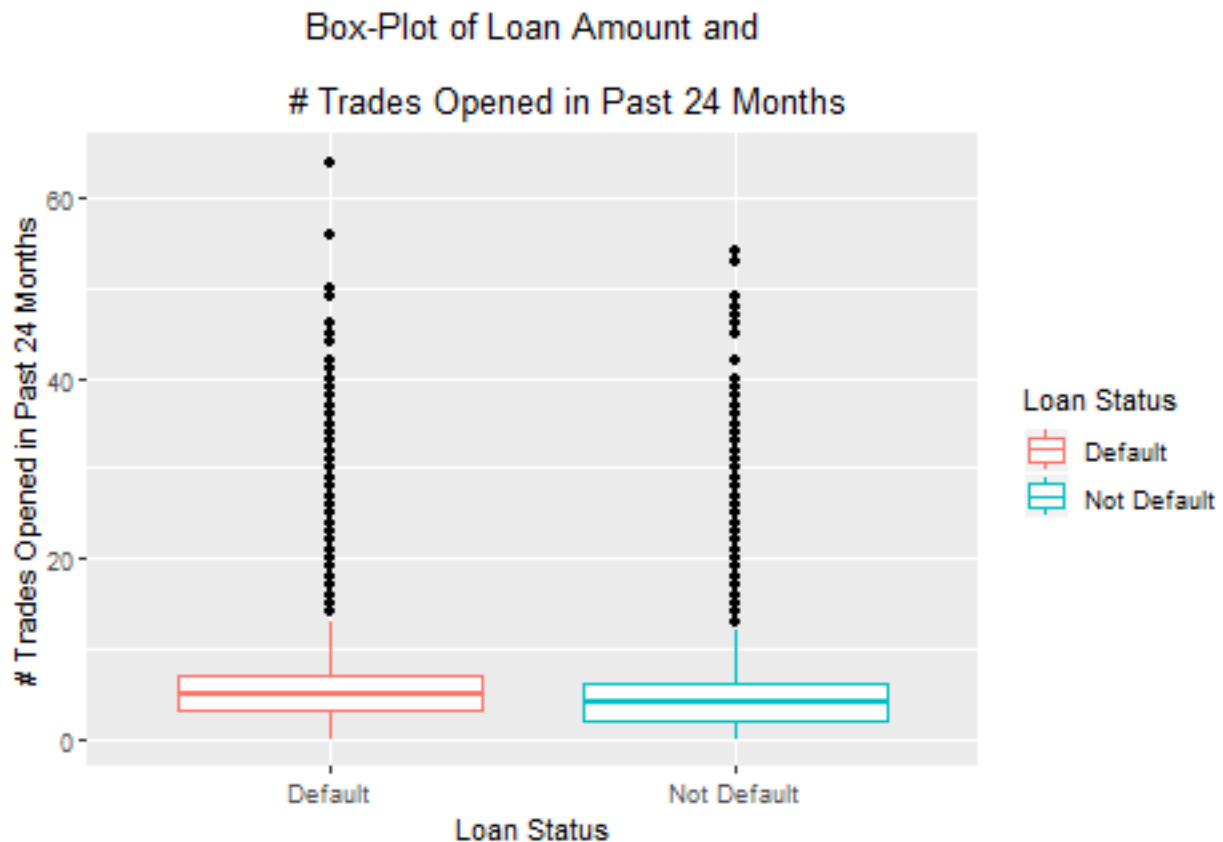
Loan Status	SD Recent BC	SD Recent Acc	SD Recent Revolving Acc
Default	27.85722	7.890417	14.49898
Not Default	31.28686	8.889145	16.68775

So, confirming with our belief from the box-plots, there is not much of a difference between groups in these three variables to be useful in our model. I will be removing these variables.

Next, let's take a look at the similar variables relating to the number of accounts a borrower has. These variables are *acc_open_past_24mths*, *num_actv_bc_tl*, *num_actv_rev_tl*, *num_bc_sats*, *num_bc_tl*, *num_il_tl*, *num_op_rev_tl*, *num_rev_accts*, *num_rev_tl_bal_gt_0*, *num_sats* *num_tl_op_past_12m*. The descriptions of these variables can be found above at the beginning of the section. Let's first take a look at all of their box plots.

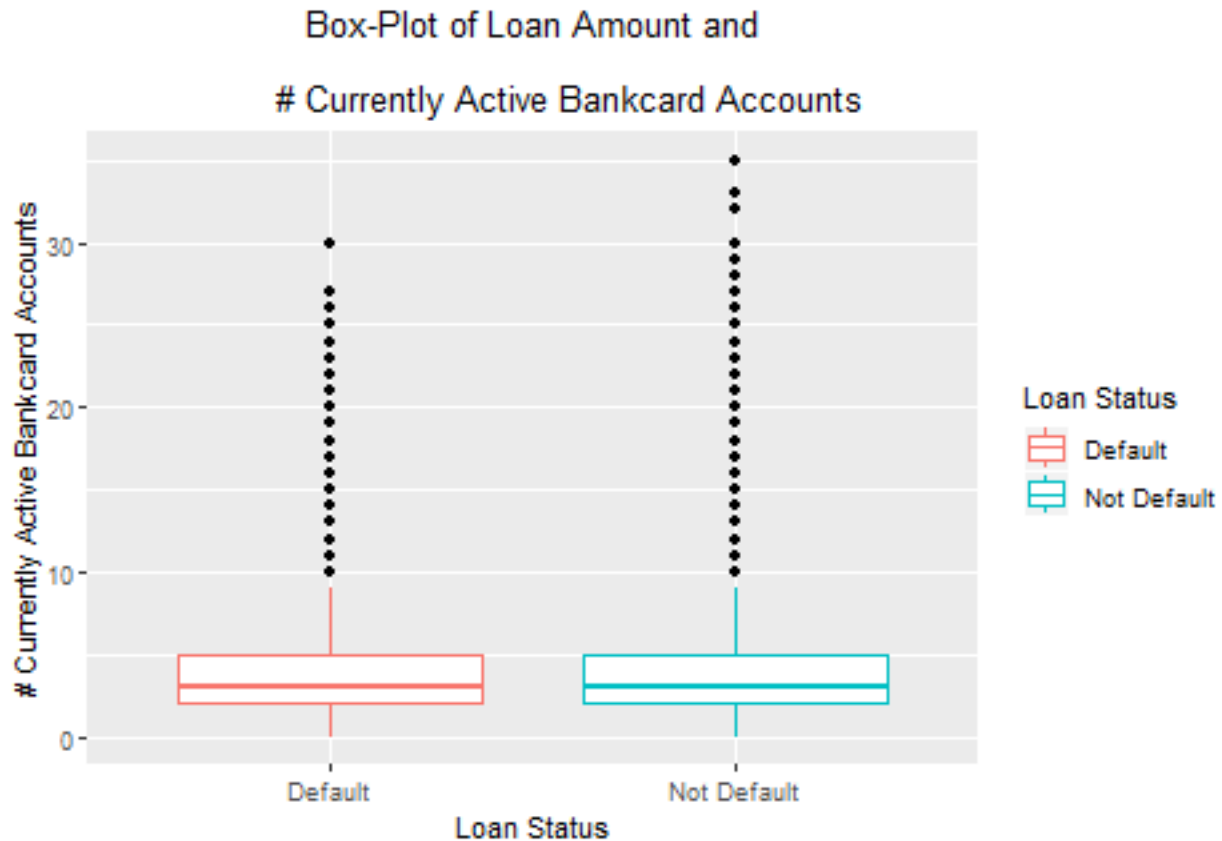
```
ggplot(lending_data_vars_rem, aes(x = loan_status_final, y = acc_open_past_24mths, color = loan_status_
  geom_boxplot(outlier.colour = "black") +
  labs(x = "Loan Status",
    y = "# Trades Opened in Past 24 Months",
    title = "Box-Plot of Loan Amount and\n
    # Trades Opened in Past 24 Months",
    color = "Loan Status") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.50))
```

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```
ggplot(lending_data_vars_rem, aes(x = loan_status_final, y = num_actv_bc_tl, color = loan_status_final))
  geom_boxplot(outlier.colour = "black") +
  labs(x = "Loan Status",
       y = "# Currently Active Bankcard Accounts",
       title = "Box-Plot of Loan Amount and\n# Currently Active Bankcard Accounts",
       color = "Loan Status") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.50))
```

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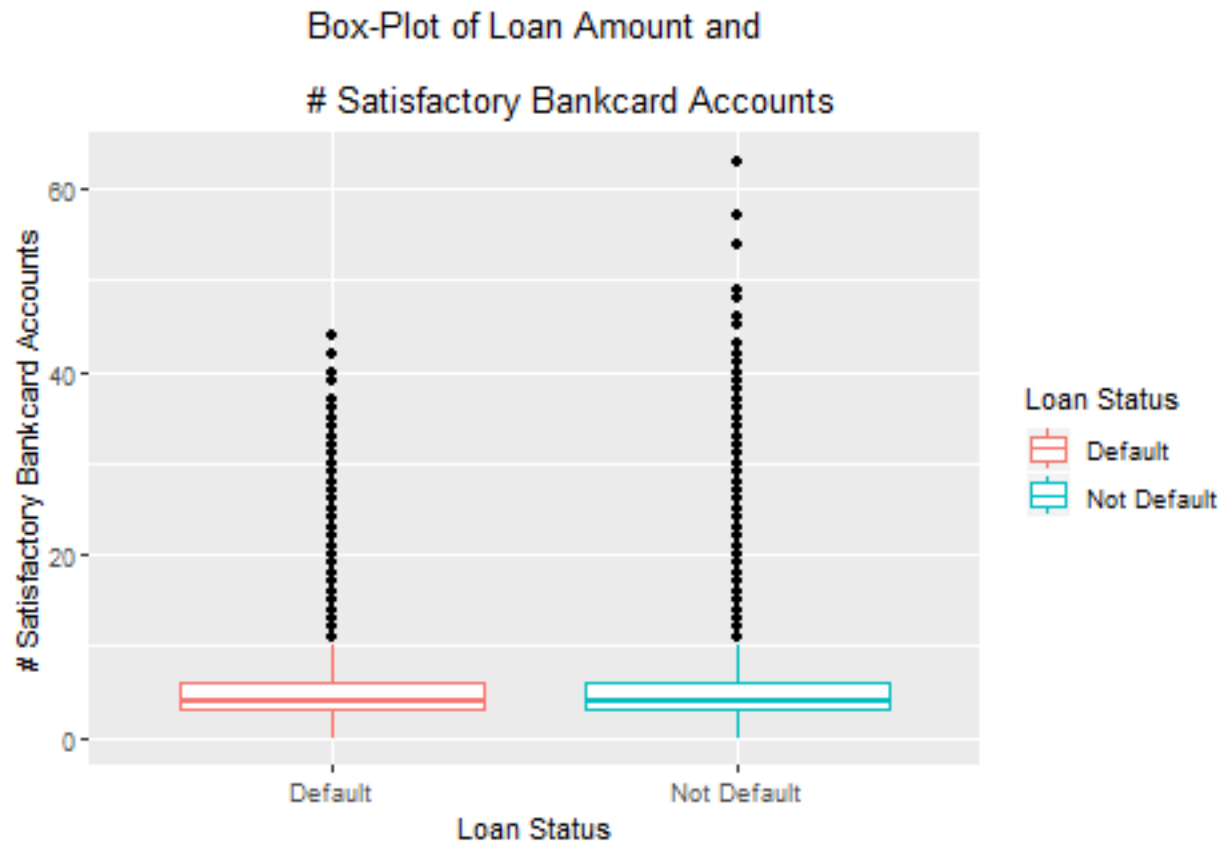
```
ggplot(lending_data_vars_rem, aes(x = loan_status_final, y = num_actv_rev_tl, color = loan_status_final))
  geom_boxplot(outlier.colour = "black") +
  labs(x = "Loan Status",
       y = "# Currently Active Revolving Trades",
       title = "Box-Plot of Loan Amount and\n# Currently Active Revolving Trades",
       color = "Loan Status") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.50))
```

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```
ggplot(lending_data_vars_rem, aes(x = loan_status_final, y = num_bc_sats, color = loan_status_final)) +
  geom_boxplot(outlier.colour = "black") +
  labs(x = "Loan Status",
       y = "# Satisfactory Bankcard Accounts",
       title = "Box-Plot of Loan Amount and\n# Satisfactory Bankcard Accounts",
       color = "Loan Status") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.50))
```

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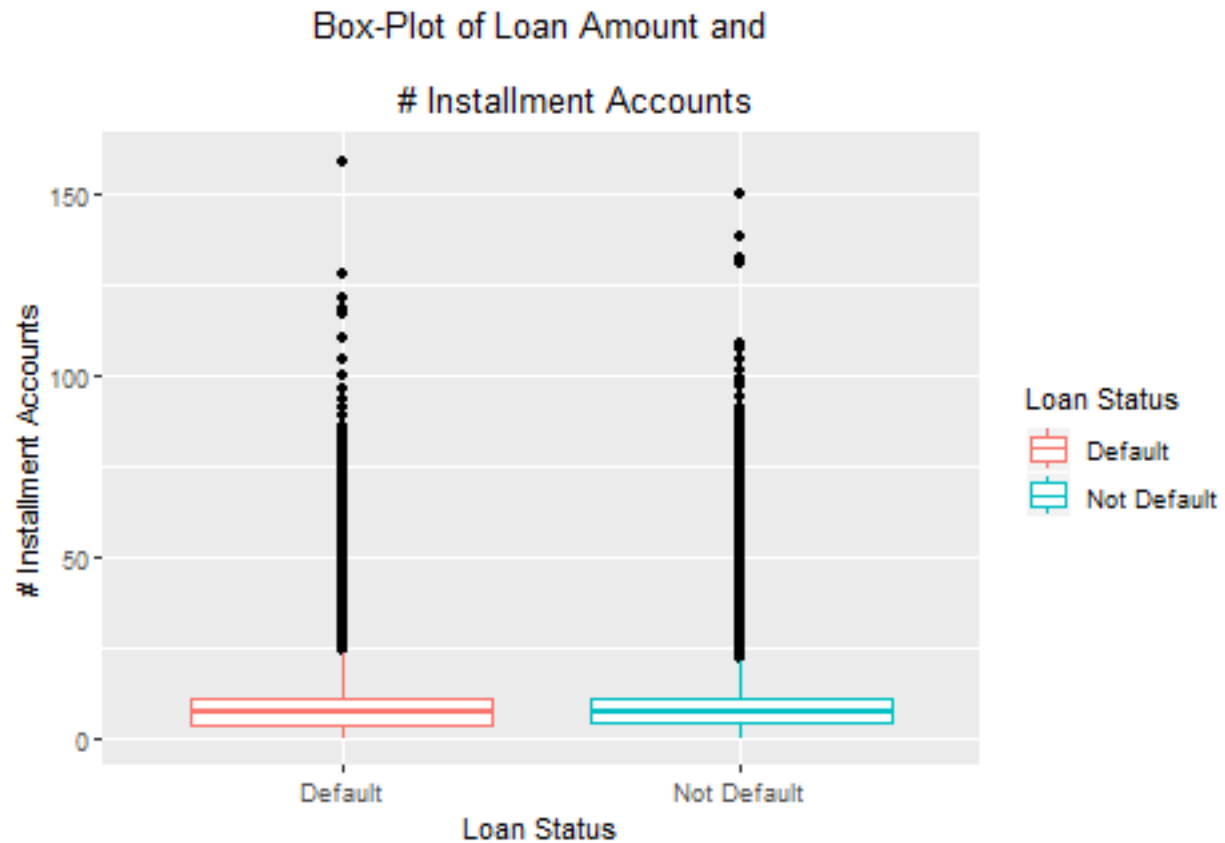
```
ggplot(lending_data_vars_rem, aes(x = loan_status_final, y = num_bc_tl, color = loan_status_final)) +
  geom_boxplot(outlier.colour = "black") +
  labs(x = "Loan Status",
       y = "# Bankcard Accounts",
       title = "Box-Plot of Loan Amount and\n# Bankcard Accounts",
       color = "Loan Status") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.50))
```

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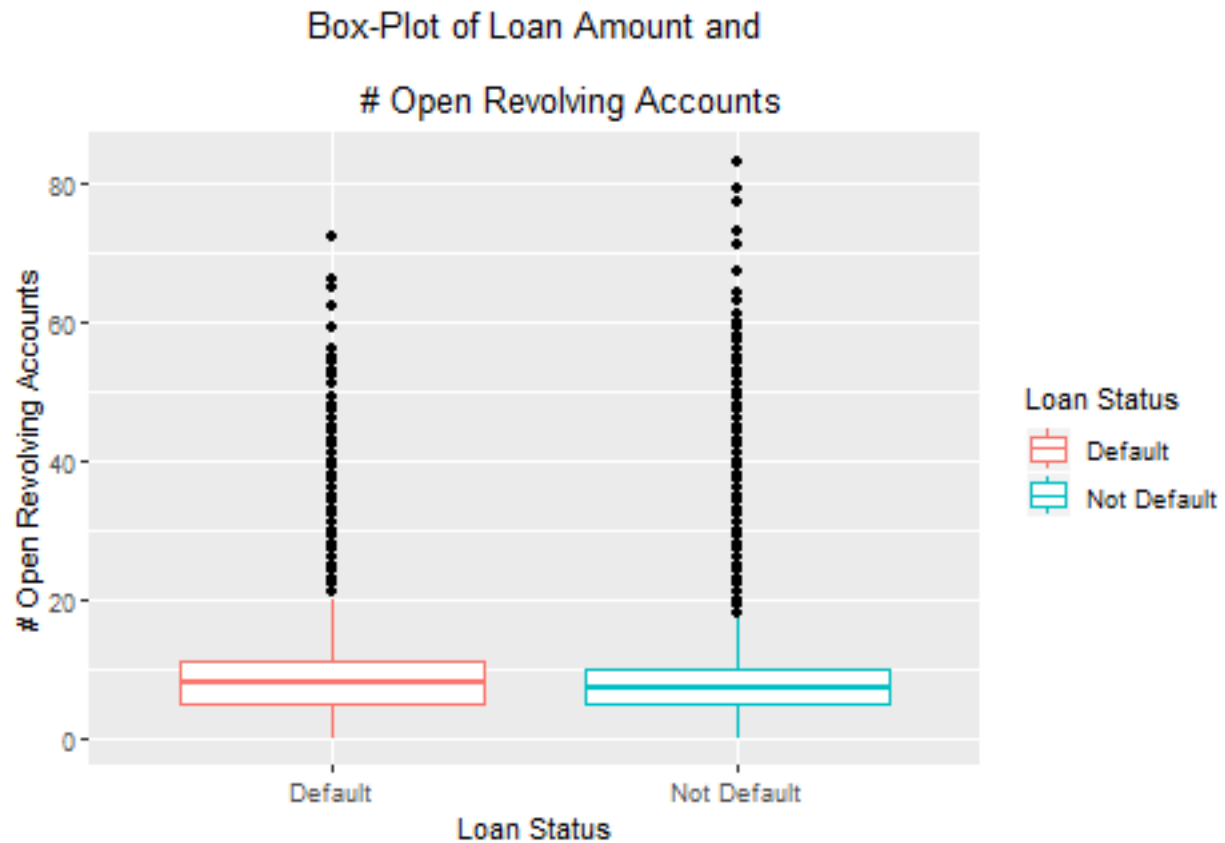
```
ggplot(lending_data_vars_rem, aes(x = loan_status_final, y = num_il_tl, color = loan_status_final)) +
  geom_boxplot(outlier.colour = "black") +
  labs(x = "Loan Status",
       y = "# Installment Accounts",
       title = "Box-Plot of Loan Amount and\n# Installment Accounts",
       color = "Loan Status") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.50))
```

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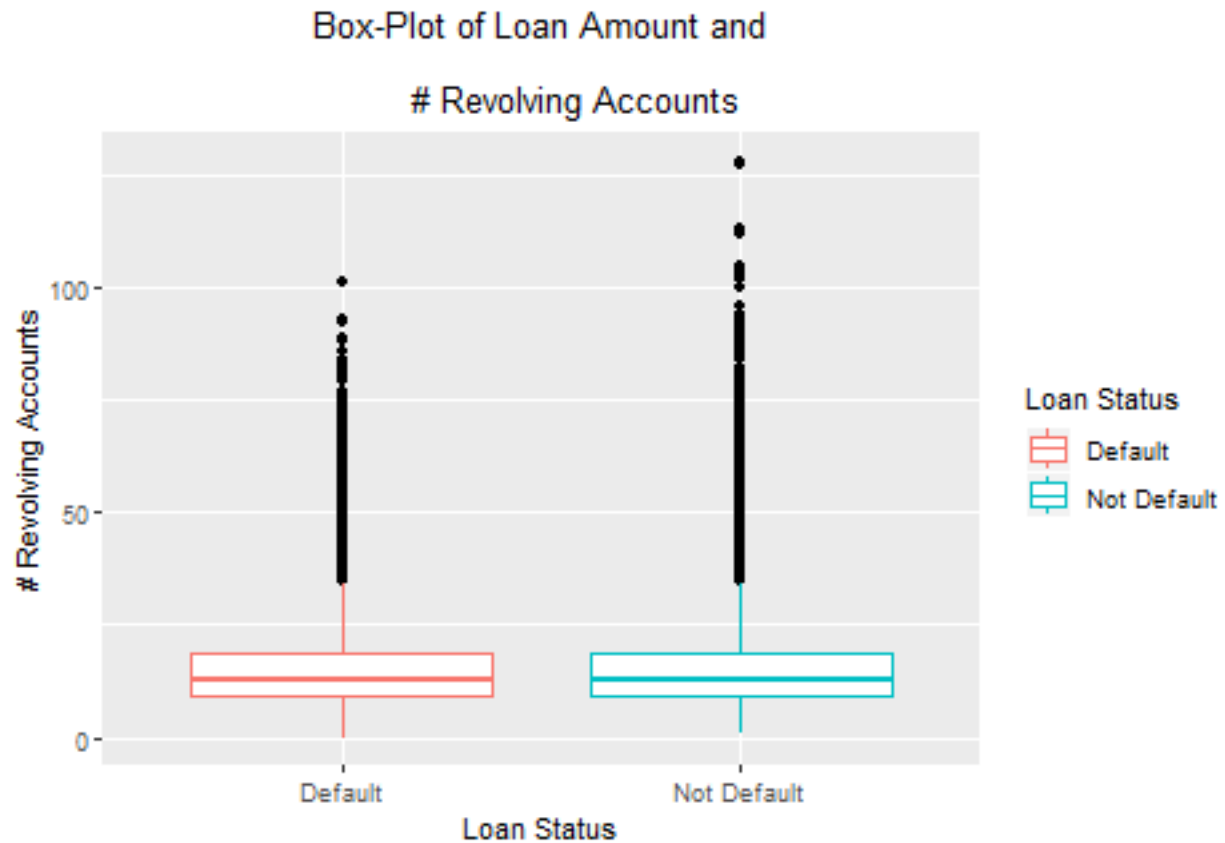
```
ggplot(lending_data_vars_rem, aes(x = loan_status_final, y = num_op_rev_tl, color = loan_status_final))
  geom_boxplot(outlier.colour = "black") +
  labs(x = "Loan Status",
       y = "# Open Revolving Accounts",
       title = "Box-Plot of Loan Amount and\n# Open Revolving Accounts",
       color = "Loan Status") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.50))
```

Warning: Removed 70276 rows containing non-finite values (stat_boxplot).



```
ggplot(lending_data_vars_rem, aes(x = loan_status_final, y = num_rev_accts, color = loan_status_final))
  geom_boxplot(outlier.colour = "black") +
  labs(x = "Loan Status",
       y = "# Revolving Accounts",
       title = "Box-Plot of Loan Amount and\n# Revolving Accounts",
       color = "Loan Status") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.50))
```

Warning: Removed 70277 rows containing non-finite values (stat_boxplot).



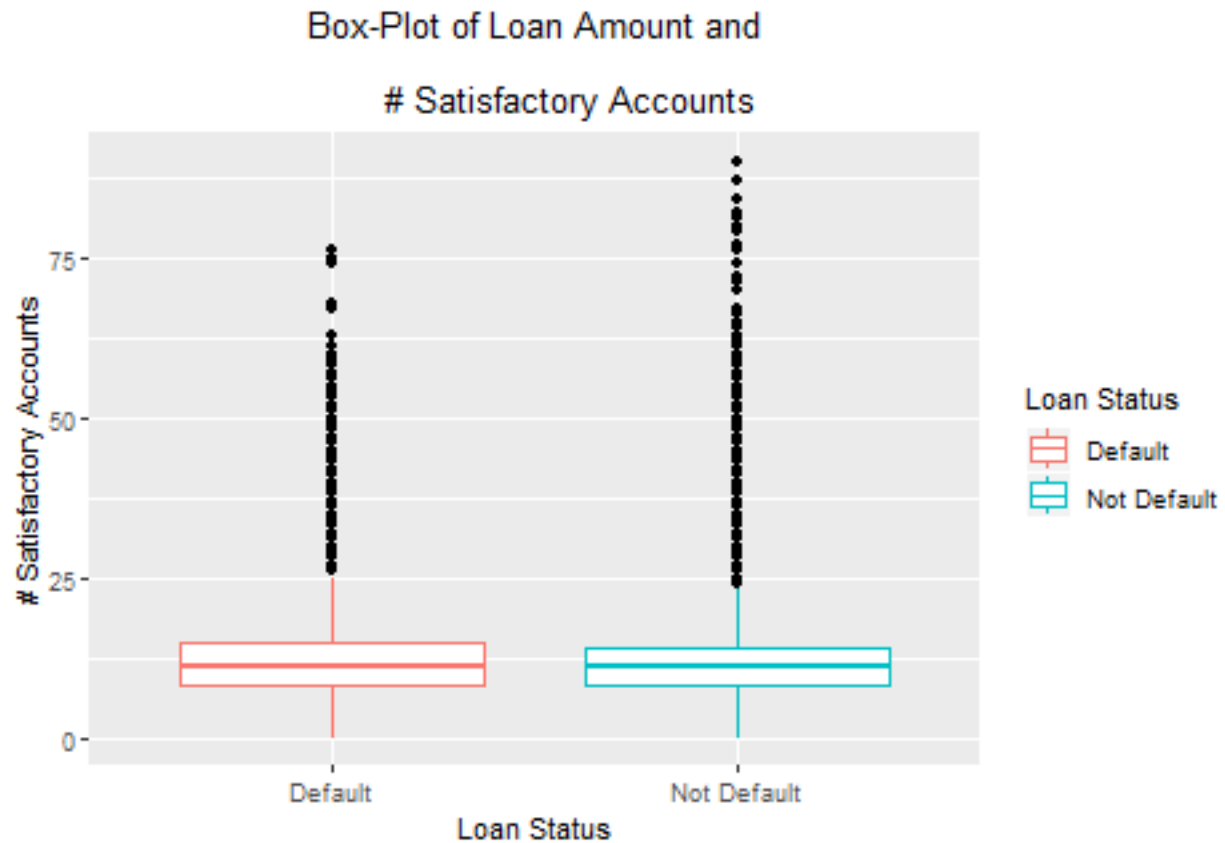
```
ggplot(lending_data_vars_rem, aes(x = loan_status_final, y = num_rev_tl_bal_gt_0, color = loan_status_f
  geom_boxplot(outlier.colour = "black") +
  labs(x = "Loan Status",
        y = "# Revolving Trades w/ Balance > 0",
        title = "Box-Plot of Loan Amount and\n
                # Revolving Trades w/ Balance > 0",
        color = "Loan Status") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.50))
```

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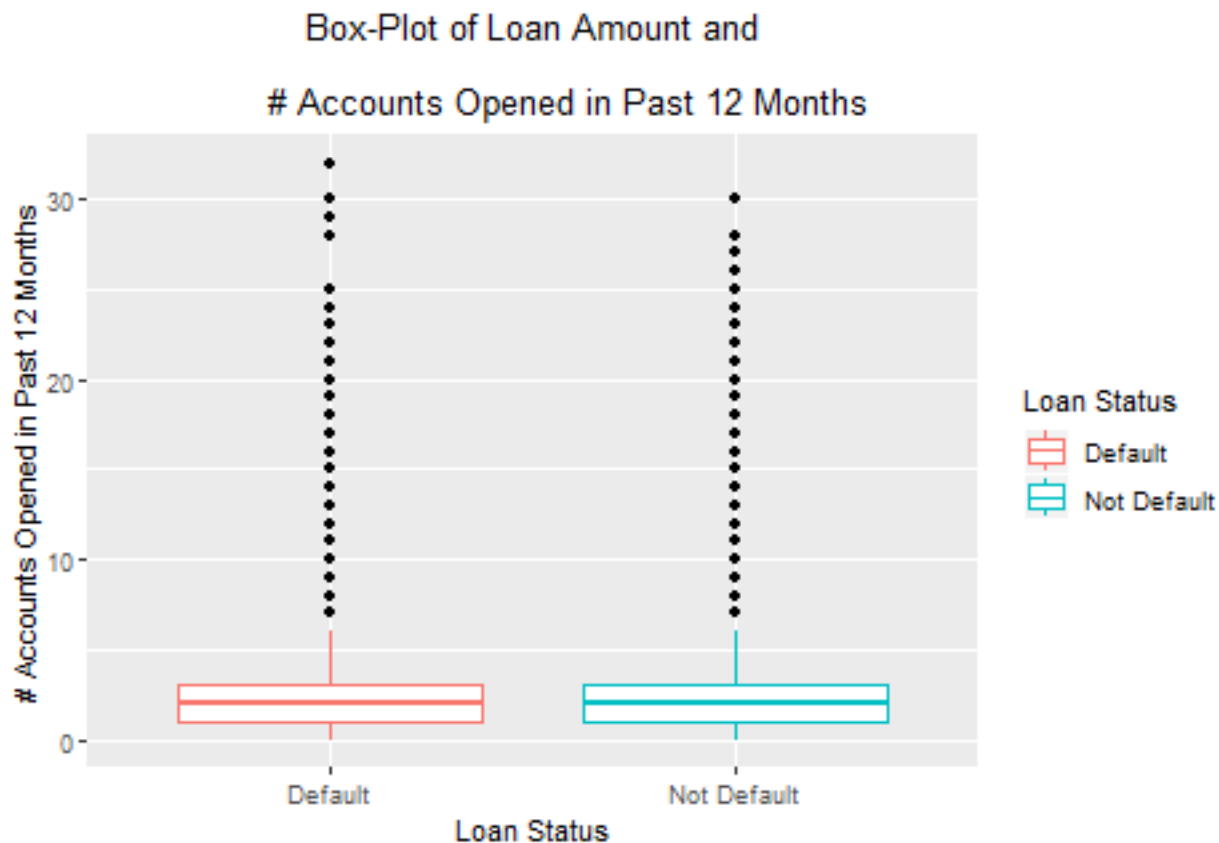
```
ggplot(lending_data_vars_rem, aes(x = loan_status_final, y = num_sats, color = loan_status_final)) +
  geom_boxplot(outlier.colour = "black") +
  labs(x = "Loan Status",
       y = "# Satisfactory Accounts",
       title = "Box-Plot of Loan Amount and\n# Satisfactory Accounts",
       color = "Loan Status") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.50))
```

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```
ggplot(lending_data_vars_rem, aes(x = loan_status_final, y = num_tl_op_past_12m, color = loan_status_final)) +
  geom_boxplot(outlier.colour = "black") +
  labs(x = "Loan Status",
       y = "# Accounts Opened in Past 12 Months",
       title = "Box-Plot of Loan Amount and\n# Accounts Opened in Past 12 Months",
       color = "Loan Status") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.50))
```

Warning: Removed 70276 rows containing non-finite values (stat_boxplot).



Looking at the box-plots of all of these variables, we can see that their distributions are very similar and have similar means and spreads for both groups. Let's move forward to combining these variables into one variable, `num_accs`, which will be equal to the total number of accounts a borrower has. This will be created by adding together each of these variables.

```
num_accs = lending_data_vars_rem$acc_open_past_24mths +
  lending_data_vars_rem$num_actv_bc_tl +
  lending_data_vars_rem$num_actv_rev_tl +
  lending_data_vars_rem$num_bc_sats +
  lending_data_vars_rem$num_bc_tl +
  lending_data_vars_rem$num_il_tl +
  lending_data_vars_rem$num_op_rev_tl +
  lending_data_vars_rem$num_rev_accts +
  lending_data_vars_rem$num_rev_tl_bal_gt_0 +
  lending_data_vars_rem$num_sats +
  lending_data_vars_rem$num_tl_op_past_12m

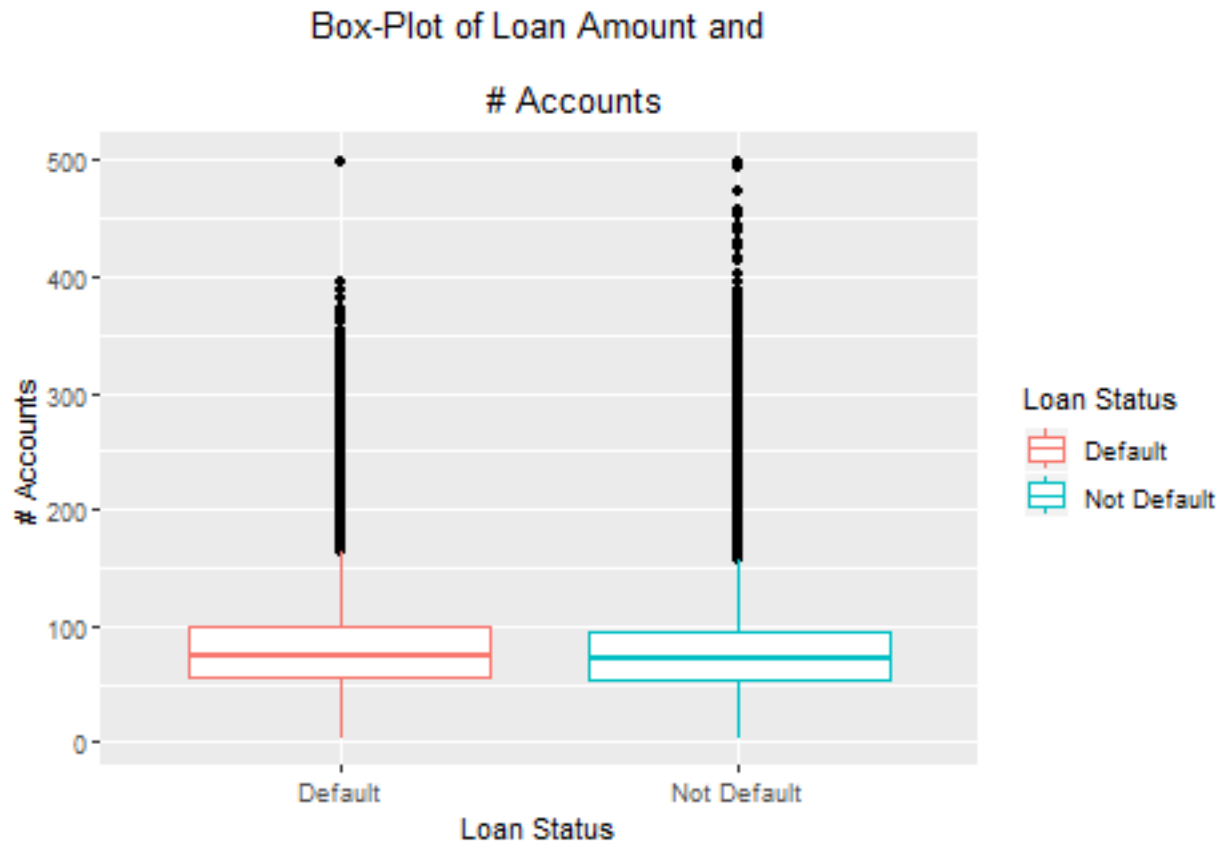
lending_data_vars_rem$num_accs = num_accs
```

Let's now take a look at the box-plot for this new variable.

```
ggplot(lending_data_vars_rem, aes(x = loan_status_final, y = num_accs, color = loan_status_final)) +
  geom_boxplot(outlier.colour = "black") +
  labs(x = "Loan Status",
       y = "# Accounts",
       title = "Box-Plot of Loan Amount and\n# Accounts",
```

```
color = "Loan Status") +
theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.50))
```

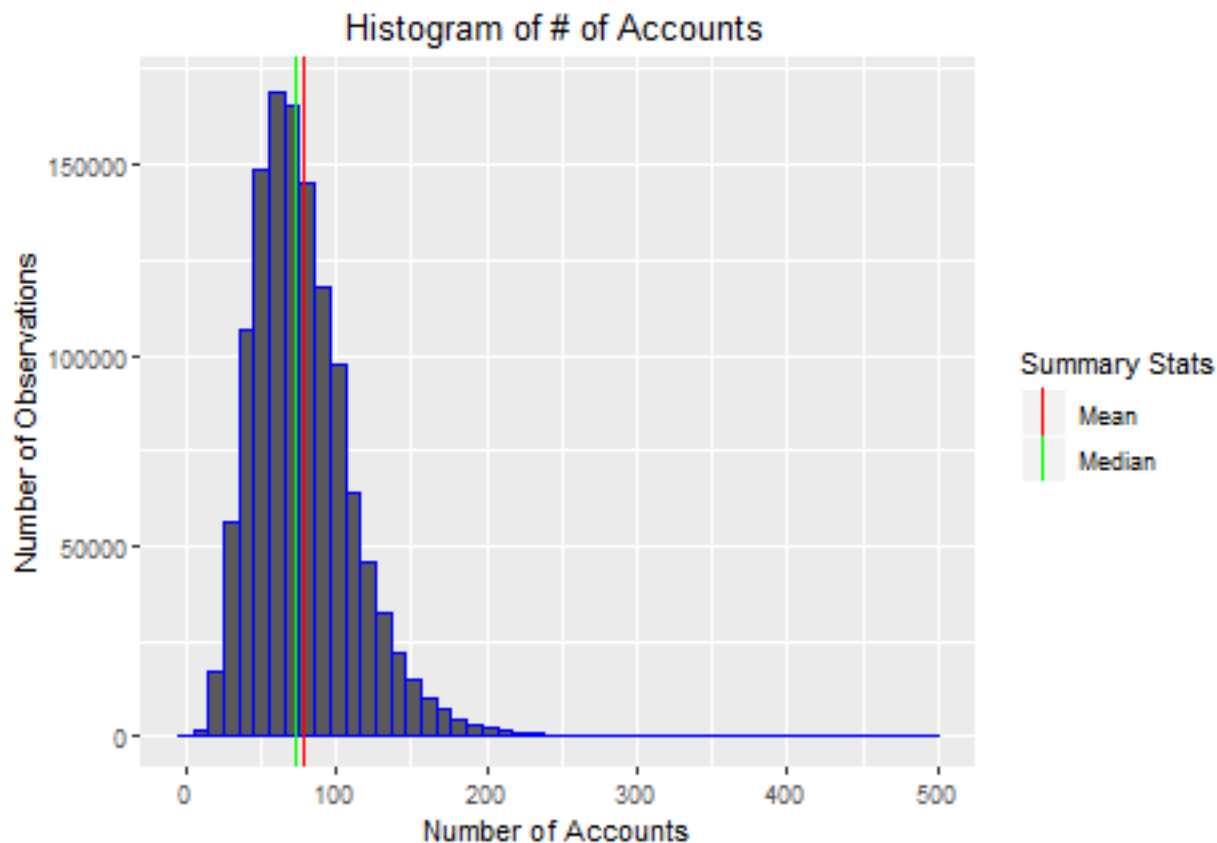
Warning: Removed 70277 rows containing non-finite values (stat_boxplot).



With this combined accounts variable, we can see that the distribution stayed relatively the same as all of the other variables. Now, let's take care of the missing values. This variable has 70277 missing values which we must fill. Let's take a look at the histogram of this variable to see if we should impute the mean or median for missing values.

```
num_accs_mean = mean(num_accs, na.rm = TRUE)
num_accs_median = median(num_accs, na.rm = TRUE)
ggplot(lending_data_vars_rem, aes(x = num_accs)) +
  geom_histogram(stat = "bin", bins = 50, color = "blue") +
  geom_vline(aes(xintercept = num_accs_mean,
    color = "Mean")) +
  geom_vline(aes(xintercept = num_accs_median,
    color = "Median")) +
  xlab("Number of Accounts") +
  ylab("Number of Observations") +
  ggtitle("Histogram of # of Accounts") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.50)) +
  scale_color_manual(name = "Summary Stats",
    labels = c("Mean", "Median"),
    values = c("red", "green"))
```

Warning: Removed 70277 rows containing non-finite values (stat_bin).



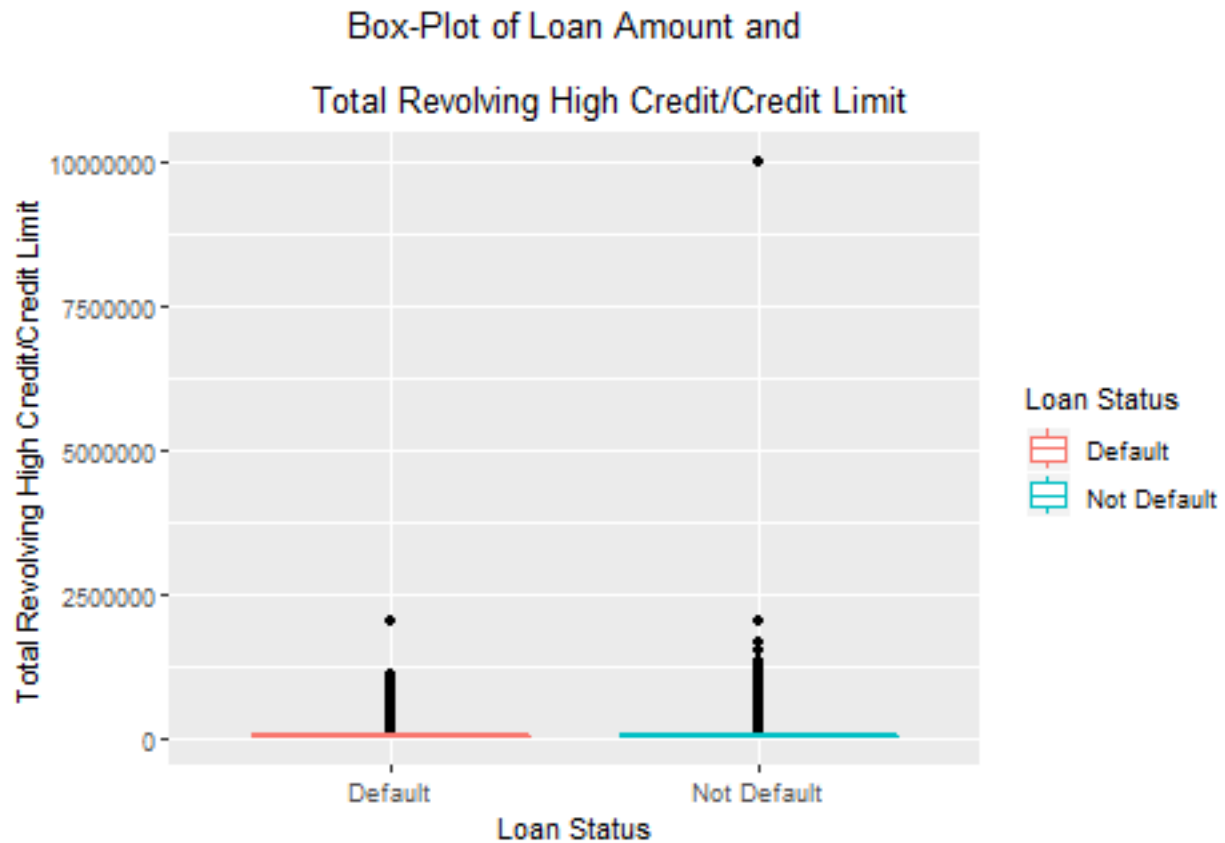
Looking at the histogram, I believe our best method of imputation will be the mean as it is most centered with the data. Let's go ahead and impute these missing values.

```
lending_data_vars_rem$num_accs[
  is.na(lending_data_vars_rem$num_accs)] = num_accs_mean
```

With the new variable created and missing values filled, let's move on to the next similar set of variables. These variables are *total_rev_hi_lim*, *tot_hi_cred_lim*, *total_bc_limit*, and *total_il_high_credit_limit*. These variables are all related to the total high credit/credit limits of accounts. Let's take a look at the box-plots for each variable.

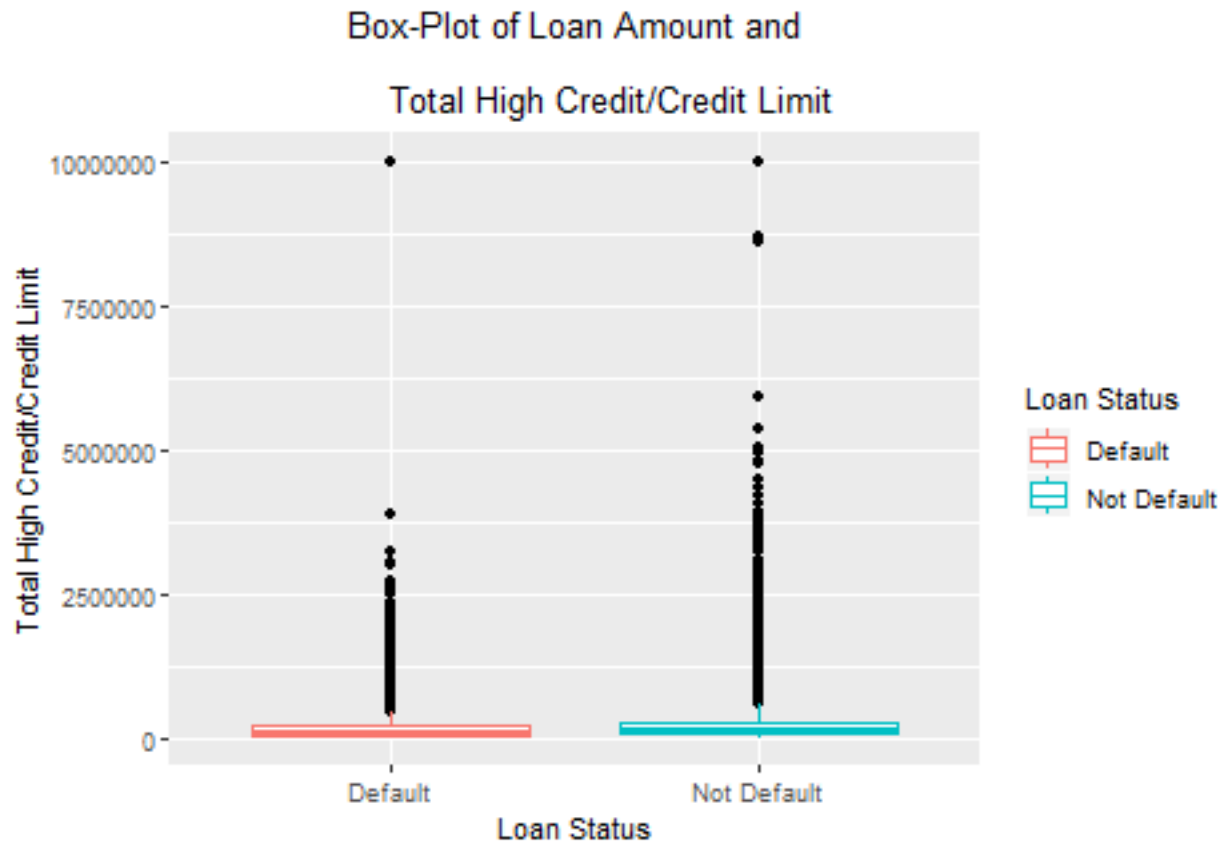
```
ggplot(lending_data_vars_rem, aes(x = loan_status_final,
  y = total_rev_hi_lim, color = loan_status_final)) +
  geom_boxplot(outlier.colour = "black") +
  labs(x = "Loan Status",
  y = "Total Revolving High Credit/Credit Limit",
  title = "Box-Plot of Loan Amount and\n
  Total Revolving High Credit/Credit Limit",
  color = "Loan Status") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.50))
```

```
## Warning: Removed 70276 rows containing non-finite values (stat_boxplot).
```



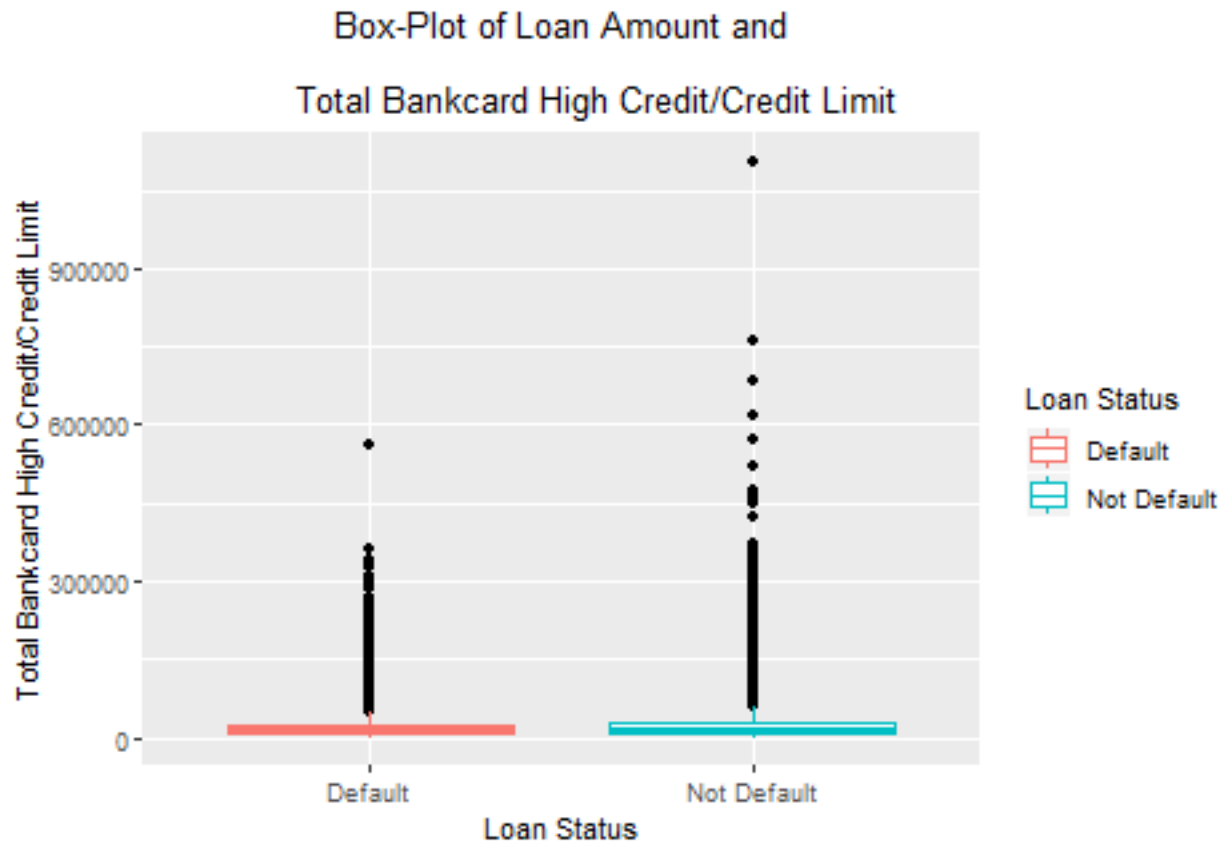
```
ggplot(lending_data_vars_rem, aes(x = loan_status_final,
  y = tot_hi_cred_lim, color = loan_status_final)) +
  geom_boxplot(outlier.colour = "black") +
  labs(x = "Loan Status",
    y = "Total High Credit/Credit Limit",
    title = "Box-Plot of Loan Amount and\nTotal High Credit/Credit Limit",
    color = "Loan Status") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.50))
```

Warning: Removed 70276 rows containing non-finite values (stat_boxplot).



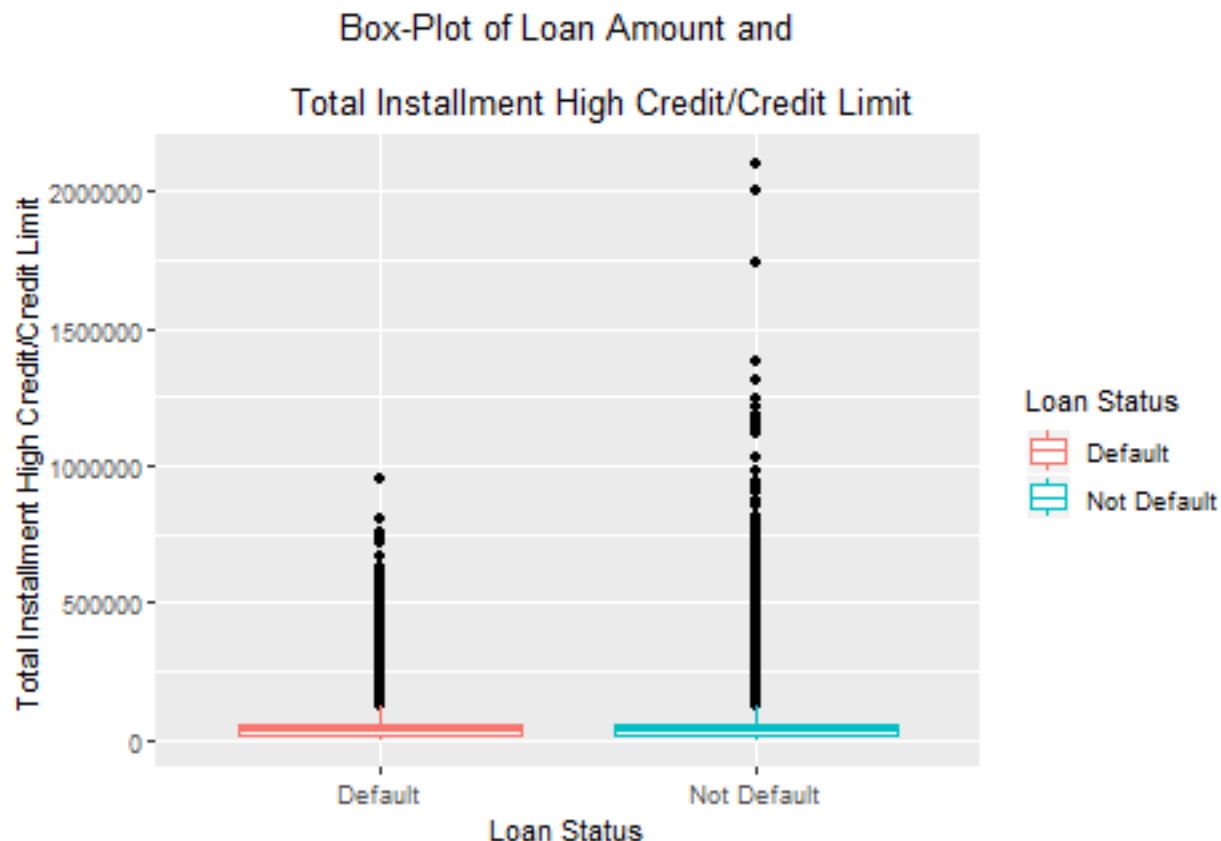
```
ggplot(lending_data_vars_rem, aes(x = loan_status_final,
  y = total_bc_limit, color = loan_status_final)) +
  geom_boxplot(outlier.colour = "black") +
  labs(x = "Loan Status",
    y = "Total Bankcard High Credit/Credit Limit",
    title = "Box-Plot of Loan Amount and\n
    Total Bankcard High Credit/Credit Limit",
    color = "Loan Status") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.50))
```

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```
ggplot(lending_data_vars_rem, aes(x = loan_status_final,
  y = total_il_high_credit_limit, color = loan_status_final)) +
  geom_boxplot(outlier.colour = "black") +
  labs(x = "Loan Status",
    y = "Total Installment High Credit/Credit Limit",
    title = "Box-Plot of Loan Amount and\n
    Total Installment High Credit/Credit Limit",
    color = "Loan Status") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.50))
```

Warning: Removed 70276 rows containing non-finite values (stat_boxplot).



Looking at the plots, these variables have similar distributions between each group of loan status. However, the means and spreads between each group seem very similar and therefore could not be useful in predicting loan default. Let's get a numerical summary of each variable.

```
means1 = aggregate(total_rev_hi_lim ~ loan_status_final, lending_data_vars_rem, mean)
means2 = aggregate(tot_hi_cred_lim ~ loan_status_final, lending_data_vars_rem, mean)
means3 = aggregate(total_bc_limit ~ loan_status_final, lending_data_vars_rem, mean)
means4 = aggregate(total_il_high_credit_limit ~ loan_status_final, lending_data_vars_rem, mean)
means_mo_rec = cbind(means1, means2[2], means3[2], means4[2])
kable(means_mo_rec, col.names = c("Loan Status",
                                "Mean Revolving HC/CL",
                                "Mean HC/CL",
                                "Mean BC HC/CL",
                                "Mean Installment HC/CL"))
```

Loan Status	Mean Revolving HC/CL	Mean HC/CL	Mean BC HC/CL	Mean Installment HC/CL
Default	28891.71	146425.2	18481.02	41991.38
Not Default	33682.12	181303.7	22351.13	42086.52

```
sd1 = aggregate(total_rev_hi_lim ~ loan_status_final, lending_data_vars_rem, sd)
sd2 = aggregate(tot_hi_cred_lim ~ loan_status_final, lending_data_vars_rem, sd)
sd3 = aggregate(total_bc_limit ~ loan_status_final, lending_data_vars_rem, sd)
sd4 = aggregate(total_il_high_credit_limit ~ loan_status_final, lending_data_vars_rem, sd)
sd_mo_rec = cbind(sd1, sd2[2], sd3[2], sd4[2])
kable(sd_mo_rec, col.names = c("Loan Status",
```

```
"SD Revolving HC/CL",
"SD HC/CL",
"SD BC HC/CL",
"SD Installment HC/CL"))
```

Loan Status	SD Revolving HC/CL	SD HC/CL	SD BC HC/CL	SD Installment HC/CL
Default	27983.33	151252.3	18376.83	41514.73
Not Default	38483.57	183112.1	22130.39	43577.13

Looking at the numerical summary, we can see that actually those who have not defaulted on their loan consistently have a higher high credit/credit limit. Therefore, this variable could be useful for predicting loan default. Let's go ahead and combine these variables into one variable, *hc_cl*, which gives us the borrowers total high credit/credit limit.

```
hc_cl = lending_data_vars_rem$total_rev_hi_lim +
  lending_data_vars_rem$tot_hi_cred_lim +
  lending_data_vars_rem$total_bc_limit +
  lending_data_vars_rem$total_il_high_credit_limit
lending_data_vars_rem$hc_cl = hc_cl
```

Now, let's go ahead and impute the mean for the missing values in this new variable.

```
hc_cl_mean = mean(hc_cl, na.rm = TRUE)
lending_data_vars_rem$hc_cl[
  is.na(lending_data_vars_rem$hc_cl)] = hc_cl_mean
```

That concludes similar variable combinations. Let's go through the rest of the variables and decide on removal or imputation.

We will start with *tot_coll_amt*. Let's take a look at the summary statistics of this variable.

```
lending_data_vars_rem %>% group_by(loan_status_final) %>%
  summarise("Mean Total Collection Amount" = mean(tot_coll_amt, na.rm=TRUE),
            "SD Total Collection Amount" = sd(tot_coll_amt, na.rm=TRUE),
            "Max Total Collection Amount" = max(tot_coll_amt, na.rm=TRUE))
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 4
##   loan_status_final `Mean Total Collec~` `SD Total Collec~` `Max Total Colle~`
##   <chr>              <dbl>          <dbl>          <dbl>
## 1 Default            239.          1776.          146917
## 2 Not Default        252.          12565.         9152545
```

Looking at the means, the groups in this variable are very similar. However, looking at the standard deviation we can see that something is off. The maximum total collection amount for the **Not Default** group is over 9 million. This signifies that this variable is not verified, and therefore will not be accurate and useful. I will be removing this variable.

Next, let's take a look at *tot_cur_bal*.

```
lending_data_vars_rem %>% group_by(loan_status_final) %>%
  summarise("Mean Total Current Balance" = mean(tot_cur_bal, na.rm=TRUE),
            "SD Total Current Balance" = sd(tot_cur_bal, na.rm=TRUE),
            "Max Total Current Balance" = max(tot_cur_bal, na.rm=TRUE))
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 4
##   loan_status_final `Mean Total Curren~` `SD Total Curren~` `Max Total Curre~`
##   <chr>              <dbl>          <dbl>          <dbl>
```

## 1 Default	118736.	134279.	3437283
## 2 Not Default	146783.	162177.	8000078

For this variable, we can see that the means between groups are largely different. However, with such a high maximum value this tells me that this variable was not verified and therefore will not be accurate and useful. I will be removing this variable.

Next, let's take a look at *avg_cur_bal*.

```
lending_data_vars_rem %>% group_by(loan_status_final) %>%
  summarise("Mean Average Current Balance" = mean(avg_cur_bal, na.rm=TRUE),
            "SD Average Current Balance" = sd(avg_cur_bal, na.rm=TRUE),
            "Max Average Current Balance" = max(avg_cur_bal, na.rm=TRUE))
```

## # A tibble: 2 x 4	## loan_status_final	`Mean Average Curr~`	`SD Average Curr~`	`Max Average Cur~`
## <chr>		<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>
## 1 Default		10915.	13198.	355824
## 2 Not Default		14144.	16916.	958084

For this variable, we can see that the average current balance between groups differs by a good amount. Looking at the maximum current balance however tells me that this variable was also not verified and therefore will not be accurate and useful. Also, imputing values for an aggregated variable can cause issues. I will be removing this variable.

Next, let's take a look at *bc_open_to_buy*

```
lending_data_vars_rem %>% group_by(loan_status_final) %>%
  summarise("Mean Total Open to Buy on Bankcards" = mean(bc_open_to_buy, na.rm=TRUE),
            "SD Total Open to Buy on Bankcards" = sd(bc_open_to_buy, na.rm=TRUE),
            "Max Total Open to Buy on Bankcards" = max(bc_open_to_buy, na.rm=TRUE))
```

## # A tibble: 2 x 4	## loan_status_final	`Mean Total Open t~`	`SD Total Open t~`	`Max Total Open ~`
## <chr>		<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>
## 1 Default		7619.	11920.	327512
## 2 Not Default		10762.	15957.	559912

For this variable, we can see that the average current balance between groups differs by a small amount. Looking at the maximum current balance however tells me that this variable was also not verified and therefore will not be accurate and useful. I will be removing this variable.

Next, let's take a look at *bc_util*. Recall this variable is the ratio of total current balance to high credit/credit limit for all bankcard accounts.

```
lending_data_vars_rem %>% group_by(loan_status_final) %>%
  summarise("Mean Ratio" = mean(bc_util, na.rm=TRUE),
            "SD Ratio" = sd(bc_util, na.rm=TRUE),
            "Max Ratio" = max(bc_util, na.rm=TRUE))
```

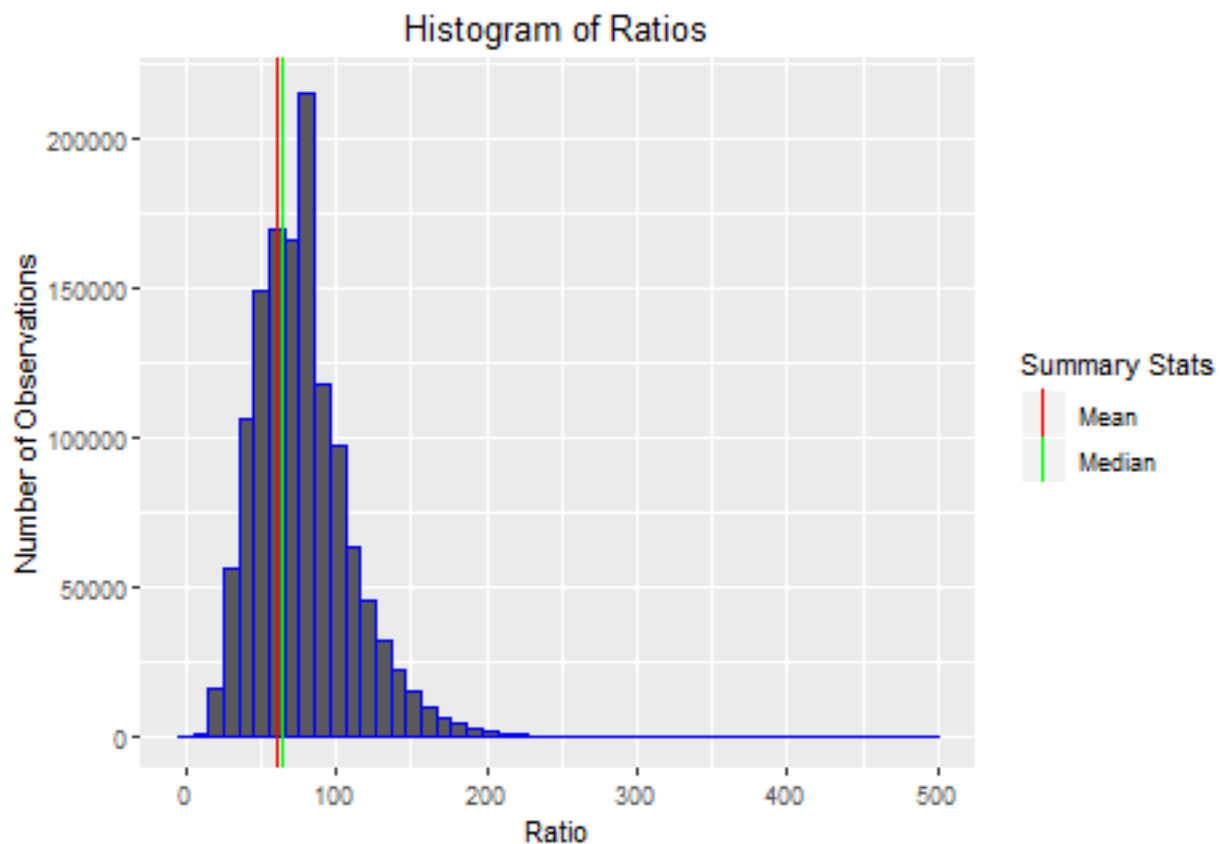
## # A tibble: 2 x 4	## loan_status_final	`Mean Ratio`	`SD Ratio`	`Max Ratio`
## <chr>		<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>
## 1 Default		63.8	27.6	255.
## 2 Not Default		59.1	28.4	340.

Looking at the means between groups, the difference is not very high but the standard deviations are consistent. Those who have defaulted on their loan have a higher ratio of current balance to credit limit. This variable seems to me that it would be useful for predicting loan default as it is related to paying off balances. Let's take a look at the distribution of this variable for imputation.

```

bc_util = lending_data_vars_rem$bc_util
bc_util_mean = mean(bc_util, na.rm = TRUE)
bc_util_median = median(bc_util, na.rm = TRUE)
ggplot(lending_data_vars_rem, aes(x = num_accs)) +
  geom_histogram(stat = "bin", bins = 50, color = "blue") +
  geom_vline(aes(xintercept = bc_util_mean,
                color = "Mean")) +
  geom_vline(aes(xintercept = bc_util_median,
                color = "Median")) +
  xlab("Ratio") +
  ylab("Number of Observations") +
  ggtitle("Histogram of Ratios") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.50)) +
  scale_color_manual(name = "Summary Stats",
                    labels = c("Mean", "Median"),
                    values = c("red", "green"))

```



Looking at the distribution, let's go ahead and impute the median as it more centered.

```

lending_data_vars_rem$bc_util[
  is.na(lending_data_vars_rem$bc_util)] = bc_util_median

```

Next, let's take a look at *mo_sin_old_rev_tl_op*.

```

lending_data_vars_rem %>% group_by(loan_status_final) %>%
  summarise("Mean Mos Since Oldest Rev. Acc. Opened" =
    mean(mo_sin_old_rev_tl_op, na.rm=TRUE),

```

```

"SD Mos Since Oldest Rev. Acc. Opened" =
  sd(mo_sin_old_rev_tl_op, na.rm=TRUE),
"Max Mos Since Oldest Rev. Acc. Opened" =
  max(mo_sin_old_rev_tl_op, na.rm=TRUE))

```

```

## # A tibble: 2 x 4
##   loan_status_final `Mean Mos Since Ol~` `SD Mos Since Ol~` `Max Mos Since O~
##   <chr>              <dbl>          <dbl>          <dbl>
## 1 Default            172.          94.6           842
## 2 Not Default        184.          94.1           852

```

Looking at the summary statistics, we can see that the mean months since the oldest revolving account opened are similar between loan status groups. The standard deviations of each group are almost identical, as well as the maximum. This tells me that there is not much of a difference between groups, and therefore this variable will not be very useful for predicting loan default. I will be removing this variable.

Next, let's take a look at *mort_acc*.

```

lending_data_vars_rem %>% group_by(loan_status_final) %>%
  summarise("Mean # of Mortgage Accs." =
    mean(mort_acc, na.rm=TRUE),
    "SD # of Mortgage Accs" =
    sd(mort_acc, na.rm=TRUE),
    "Max # of Mortgage Accs" =
    max(mort_acc, na.rm=TRUE))

```

```

## # A tibble: 2 x 4
##   loan_status_final `Mean # of Mortgag~` `SD # of Mortgag~` `Max # of Mortga~
##   <chr>              <dbl>          <dbl>          <dbl>
## 1 Default            1.38          1.83           29
## 2 Not Default        1.75          2.04           51

```

Looking at the summary statistics, the mean # of mortgage accounts between loan status groups are similar. This makes sense to me as those who default or don't default on a loan will still own a house or have some sort of housing. Therefore, there will not be much of a difference between groups making this variable not very useful for predicting loan default. I will be removing this variable.

Next, let's take a look at *num_accts_ever_120_pd*

```

lending_data_vars_rem %>% group_by(loan_status_final) %>%
  summarise("Mean # Accs. Ever 120 Days Past Due" =
    mean(num_accts_ever_120_pd, na.rm=TRUE),
    "SD # Accs. Ever 120 Days Past Due" =
    sd(num_accts_ever_120_pd, na.rm=TRUE),
    "Max # Accs. Ever 120 Days Past Due" =
    max(num_accts_ever_120_pd, na.rm=TRUE))

```

```

## # A tibble: 2 x 4
##   loan_status_final `Mean # Accs. Ever~` `SD # Accs. Ever~` `Max # Accs. Eve~
##   <chr>              <dbl>          <dbl>          <dbl>
## 1 Default            0.536          1.34           34
## 2 Not Default        0.503          1.32           51

```

Looking at the summary statistics, the mean and standard deviation are almost identical between groups. With this result, this variable will not be of much use for predicting loan default. I will be removing this variable.

Next, let's take a look at *pct_tl_nvr_dlq*

```
lending_data_vars_rem %>% group_by(loan_status_final) %>%
  summarise("Mean Perc. Trades Never Delinquent" =
    mean(pct_tl_nvr_dlq, na.rm=TRUE),
    "SD Perc. Trades Never Delinquent" =
    sd(pct_tl_nvr_dlq, na.rm=TRUE),
    "Max Perc. Trades Never Delinquent" =
    max(pct_tl_nvr_dlq, na.rm=TRUE))
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 4
##   loan_status_final `Mean Perc. Trades~` `SD Perc. Trades~` `Max Perc. Trade~
##   <chr>              <dbl>              <dbl>              <dbl>
## 1 Default            94.0              8.79              100
## 2 Not Default        94.2              8.71              100
```

Looking at the summary statistics, the mean and standard deviation are almost identical between groups. With this result, this variable will not be of much use for predicting loan default. I will be removing this variable.

Next, let's take a look at `percent_bc_gt_75`.

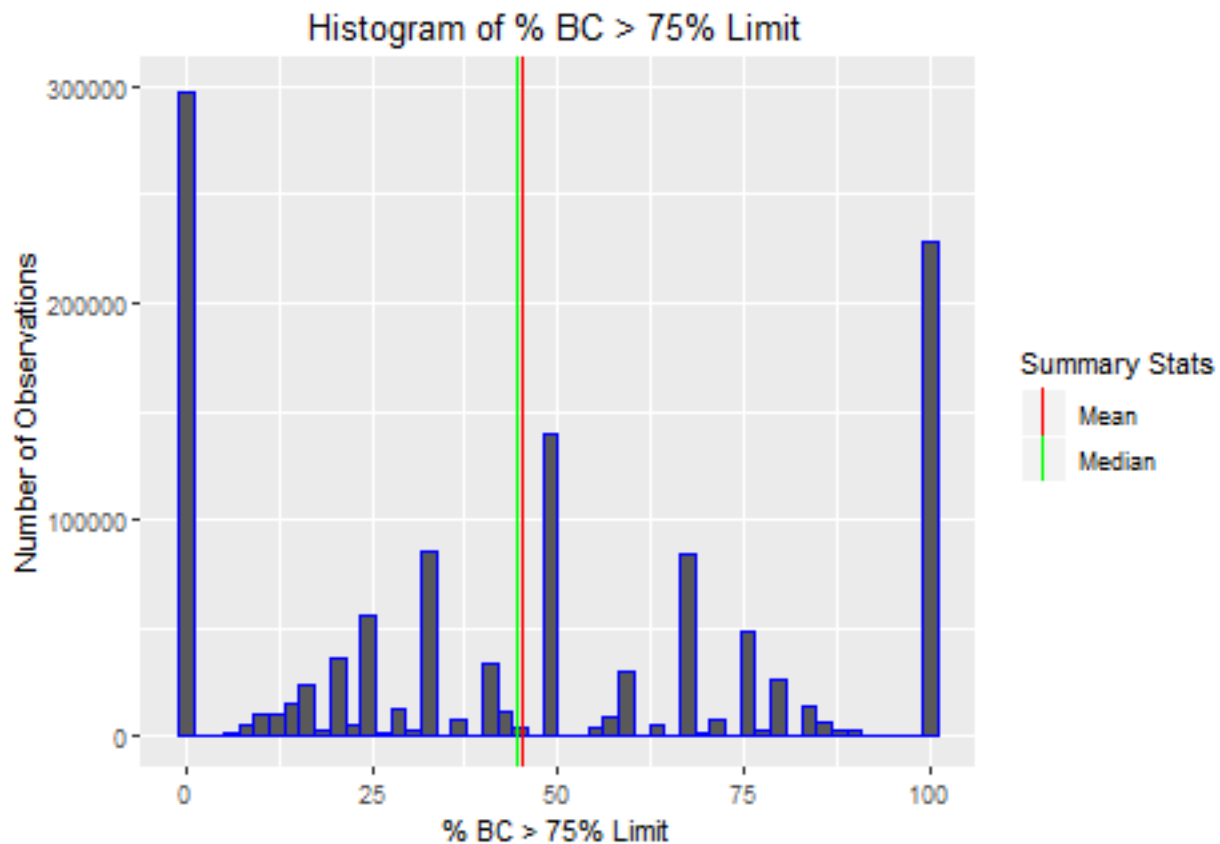
```
lending_data_vars_rem %>% group_by(loan_status_final) %>%
  summarise("Mean Perc. BC > 75% of Limit" =
    mean(percent_bc_gt_75, na.rm=TRUE),
    "SD Perc. BC > 75% of Limit" =
    sd(percent_bc_gt_75, na.rm=TRUE),
    "Max Perc. BC > 75% of Limit" =
    max(percent_bc_gt_75, na.rm=TRUE))
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 4
##   loan_status_final `Mean Perc. BC > 7~` `SD Perc. BC > 7~` `Max Perc. BC > ~
##   <chr>              <dbl>              <dbl>              <dbl>
## 1 Default            50.2              35.8              100
## 2 Not Default        44.1              35.9              100
```

Looking at the summary statistics, the mean between groups is different by a few percentage points. The standard deviation between groups is almost identical. The maximum for both groups is 100%. Since this variable tells us the percent of a borrowers bankcards greater than 75% of the limit, I believe this will be useful for predicting loan default as those with higher usage will have a harder time paying back their cards and loan.

```
percent_bc_gt_75 = lending_data_vars_rem$percent_bc_gt_75
percent_bc_gt_75_mean = mean(percent_bc_gt_75, na.rm = TRUE)
percent_bc_gt_75_median = median(percent_bc_gt_75, na.rm = TRUE)
ggplot(lending_data_vars_rem, aes(x = percent_bc_gt_75)) +
  geom_histogram(stat = "bin", bins = 50, color = "blue") +
  geom_vline(aes(xintercept = percent_bc_gt_75_mean,
    color = "Mean")) +
  geom_vline(aes(xintercept = percent_bc_gt_75_median,
    color = "Median")) +
  xlab("% BC > 75% Limit") +
  ylab("Number of Observations") +
  ggtitle("Histogram of % BC > 75% Limit") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.50)) +
  scale_color_manual(name = "Summary Stats",
    labels = c("Mean", "Median"),
    values = c("red", "green"))
```

```
## Warning: Removed 63797 rows containing non-finite values (stat_bin).
```



There is not much of a distribution in this variable. However, I believe that imputing the median in this variable will be best since this variable seems to have value to predicting loan default. Let's go ahead and fill the missing values with the median.

```
lending_data_vars_rem$percent_bc_gt_75[
  is.na(lending_data_vars_rem$percent_bc_gt_75)] = percent_bc_gt_75_median
```

Next, let's take a look at *total_bal_ex_mort*. Since we already removed *tot_cur_bal*, this variable might be of more use since there will not be a large loan included which is a mortgage.

```
lending_data_vars_rem %>% group_by(loan_status_final) %>%
  summarise("Mean Total Bal. Excl. Mortgage" =
    mean(total_bal_ex_mort, na.rm=TRUE),
    "SD Total Bal. Excl. Mortgage" =
    sd(total_bal_ex_mort, na.rm=TRUE),
    "Max Total Bal. Excl. Mortgage" =
    max(total_bal_ex_mort, na.rm=TRUE))
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 4
##   loan_status_final `Mean Total Bal. E~ `SD Total Bal. E~ `Max Total Bal. ~
##   <chr>             <dbl>             <dbl>             <dbl>
## 1 Default           49301.           44732.           1896461
## 2 Not Default       49694.           48354.           3408095
```

Looking at the summary statistics, the mean and standard deviation are almost identical between groups. Also, looking at the maximum values between groups we can see that this variable is not verified. With this result, this variable will not be of much use for predicting loan default. I will be removing this variable.

We have now gone through all of the variables that have greater than 50,000 missing values. Let's remove all of these variables that I have stated to be removed.

```
remove_list2 = c("mo_sin_rcnt_rev_tl_op",
  "mo_sin_rcnt_tl",
  "mo_sin_rcnt_rev_tl_op",
  "mths_since_recent_bc",
  "num_actv_bc_tl",
  "num_actv_rev_tl",
  "num_bc_sats",
  "num_bc_tl",
  "num_il_tl",
  "num_op_rev_tl",
  "num_rev_accts",
  "num_rev_tl_bal_gt_0",
  "num_sats",
  "num_tl_op_past_12m",
  "total_rev_hi_lim",
  "tot_hi_cred_lim",
  "total_bc_limit",
  "total_il_high_credit_limit",
  "tot_coll_amt",
  "tot_cur_bal",
  "avg_cur_bal",
  "bc_open_to_buy",
  "mo_sin_old_rev_tl_op",
  "mort_acc",
  "num_accts_ever_120_pd",
  "pct_tl_nvr_dlq",
  "total_bal_ex_mort",
  "num_tl_30dpd",
  "num_tl_90g_dpd_24m"
)

lending_data_vars_rem = lending_data_vars_rem[, !(names(lending_data_vars_rem) %in% remove_list2)]
total_vars_4 = ncol(lending_data_vars_rem) - 1
```

We have now reduced the number of columns to 43. We now want to focus on fixing variables with any amount of missing values. Let's go ahead and get a list of these variables.

```
numeric_vars = lending_data_vars_rem %>% select_if(is.numeric)
num_any_missing = colnames(numeric_vars)[colSums(is.na(numeric_vars)) > 0]
num_any_missing
```

```
## [1] "annual_inc"          "dti"
## [3] "delinq_2yrs"         "inq_last_6mths"
## [5] "open_acc"            "pub_rec"
## [7] "revol_util"          "total_acc"
## [9] "collections_12_mths_ex_med" "acc_now_delinq"
## [11] "acc_open_past_24mths" "chargeoff_within_12_mths"
## [13] "delinq_amnt"         "pub_rec_bankruptcies"
## [15] "tax_liens"
```

- “annual_inc” - The self-reported annual income provided by the borrower during registration.
- “dti” - Debt (Excluding Mortgage & LC Loan) to Income Ratio.
- “delinq_2yrs” - The number of 30+ days past-due incidences of delinquency in the borrower's credit

file for the past 2 years

- “inq_last_6mths” - The number of inquiries in past 6 months (excluding auto and mortgage inquiries)
- “open_acc” - The number of open credit lines in the borrower’s credit file.
- “pub_rec” - Number of derogatory public records
- “revol_util” - Total credit revolving balance
- “total_acc” - The total number of credit lines currently in the borrower’s credit file
- “collections_12_mths_ex_med” - Number of collections in 12 months excluding medical collections
- “acc_now_delinq” - The number of accounts on which the borrower is now delinquent.
- “acc_open_past_24mths” - Number of trades opened in past 24 months.
- “chargeoff_within_12_mths” - Number of charge-offs within 12 months
- “delinq_amnt” - The past-due amount owed for the accounts on which the borrower is now delinquent.
- “pub_rec_bankruptcies” - Number of public record bankruptcies
- “tax_liens” - Number of tax liens

Annual_inc was one of the first variables we looked at. Let’s go ahead and impute the mean for this variable and move on to the next.

```
ann_inc_mean = mean(lending_data_vars_rem$annual_inc, na.rm = TRUE)
lending_data_vars_rem$annual_inc[
  is.na(lending_data_vars_rem$annual_inc)] = ann_inc_mean
```

Next, let’s take a look at *dti*.

```
lending_data_vars_rem %>% group_by(loan_status_final) %>%
  summarise("Mean DTI" =
    mean(dti, na.rm=TRUE),
    "SD DTI" =
    sd(dti, na.rm=TRUE),
    "Max DTI" =
    max(dti, na.rm=TRUE),
    "Total NA Values" =
    sum(is.na(dti)))
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 5
##   loan_status_final `Mean DTI` `SD DTI` `Max DTI` `Total NA Values`
##   <chr>             <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>         <int>
## 1 Default           20.1     11.3     999           62
## 2 Not Default       17.8     10.8     999          250
```

Looking at the summary statistics between groups, we can see that those who have not defaulted on their loan have a lower debt to income ratio. I believe that this variable will be useful for predicting loan default as it gives us a great statistic for judging how much debt they have to pay off compared to their income. Let’s take a look at the histogram for this variable for possible imputation values. Note that the maximum of this variable is 999. Under the hood the minimum is actually -1. I believe that these values are outliers and should be ignored. We will take care of outliers later on.

```
dti_mean = mean(lending_data_vars_rem$dti,
  na.rm = TRUE)
dti_median = median(lending_data_vars_rem$dti,
  na.rm = TRUE)
ggplot(lending_data_vars_rem, aes(x = dti)) +
  geom_histogram(stat = "bin", bins = 50, color = "blue") +
  xlim(0, 100) +
  geom_vline(aes(xintercept = dti_mean,
    color = "Mean")) +
  geom_vline(aes(xintercept = dti_median,
    color = "Median")) +
```

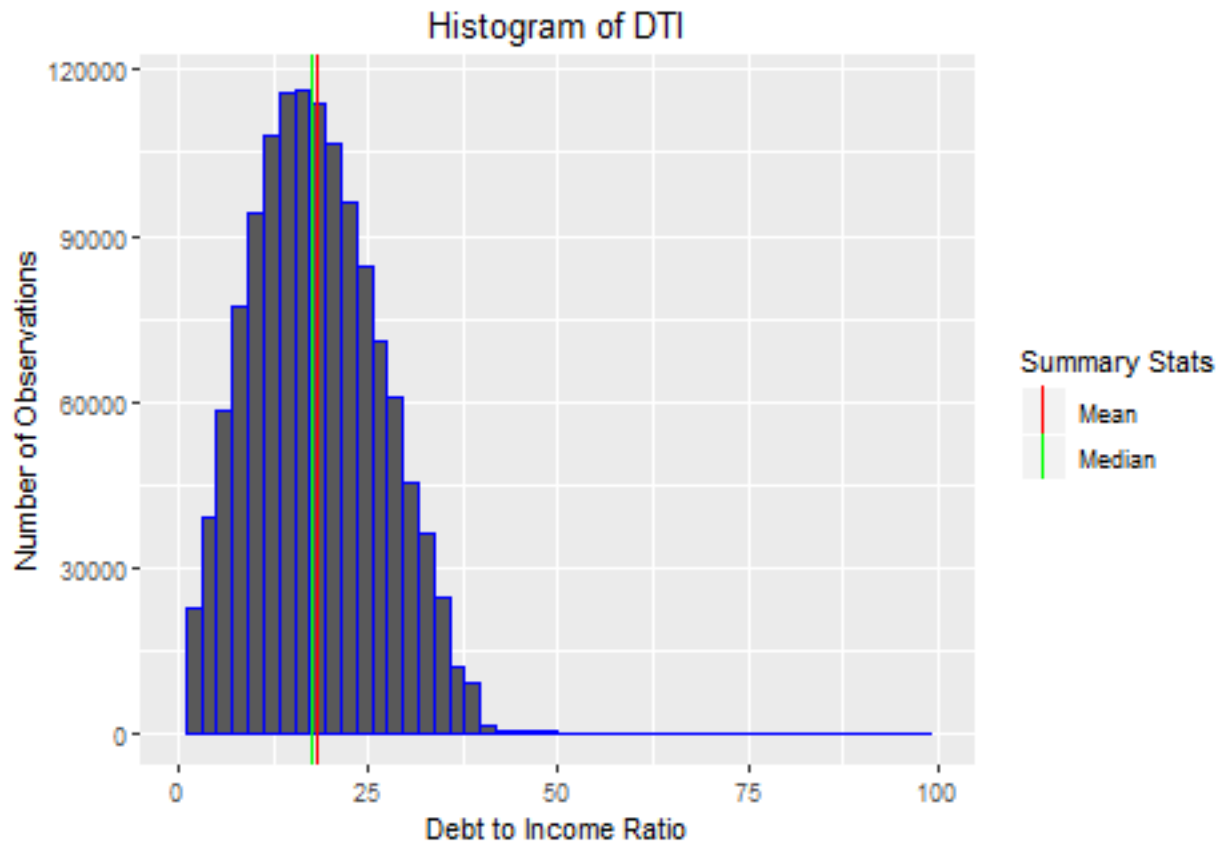
```

xlab("Debt to Income Ratio") +
ylab("Number of Observations") +
ggtitle("Histogram of DTI") +
theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.50)) +
scale_color_manual(name = "Summary Stats",
  labels = c("Mean", "Median"),
  values = c("red", "green"))

```

Warning: Removed 790 rows containing non-finite values (stat_bin).

Warning: Removed 2 rows containing missing values (geom_bar).



Looking at the distribution, let's go ahead and fill the missing values with the median as the data is more centered around the median.

```

lending_data_vars_rem$dti[
  is.na(lending_data_vars_rem$dti)] = dti_median

```

Next, let's take a look at *delinq_2yrs*.

```

lending_data_vars_rem %>% group_by(loan_status_final) %>%
  summarise("Mean # Delinquencies" =
    mean(delinq_2yrs, na.rm=TRUE),
    "SD # Delinquencies" =
    sd(delinq_2yrs, na.rm=TRUE),
    "Max # Delinquencies" =
    max(delinq_2yrs, na.rm=TRUE),
    "Total NA Values" =

```

```
sum(is.na(delinq_2yrs)))
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 5
##   loan_status_fin~ `Mean # Delinqu~` `SD # Delinquen~` `Max # Delinquen~`
##   <chr>            <dbl>            <dbl>            <dbl>
## 1 Default          0.352            0.939            27
## 2 Not Default      0.309            0.860            39
## # ... with 1 more variable: `Total NA Values` <int>
```

Looking at the summary statistics, there is not much of a difference between groups. However, there is some difference and the number of NA values is small at only 29 values. Let's go ahead and fill the missing values with the mean of this variable.

```
delinq_2yrs_mean = mean(
  lending_data_vars_rem$delinq_2yrs,
  na.rm = TRUE)

lending_data_vars_rem$delinq_2yrs[
  is.na(lending_data_vars_rem$delinq_2yrs)] = delinq_2yrs_mean
```

Next, let's take a look at *inq_last_6mths*.

```
lending_data_vars_rem %>% group_by(loan_status_final) %>%
  summarise("Mean # Inquiries" =
    mean(inq_last_6mths, na.rm=TRUE),
    "SD # Inquiries" =
    sd(inq_last_6mths, na.rm=TRUE),
    "Max # Inquiries" =
    max(inq_last_6mths, na.rm=TRUE),
    "Total NA Values" =
    sum(is.na(inq_last_6mths)))
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 5
##   loan_status_fin~ `Mean # Inquiri~` `SD # Inquiries~` `Max # Inquirie~`
##   <chr>            <dbl>            <dbl>            <dbl>
## 1 Default          0.793            1.05            33
## 2 Not Default      0.635            0.938            31
## # ... with 1 more variable: `Total NA Values` <int>
```

Looking at the summary statistics, there is somewhat of a difference between groups. The number of NA values is also small. Let's go ahead and fill the missing values with the mean of this variable.

```
inq_last_6mths_mean = mean(
  lending_data_vars_rem$inq_last_6mths,
  na.rm = TRUE)

lending_data_vars_rem$inq_last_6mths[
  is.na(lending_data_vars_rem$inq_last_6mths)] = inq_last_6mths_mean
```

Next, let's take a look at *open_acc*. Recall that I created a variable indicating the total number of accounts a borrower has/had. Let's go ahead and remove this variable to avoid high collinearity issues.

Next, let's take a look at *pub_rec*.

```
lending_data_vars_rem %>% group_by(loan_status_final) %>%
  summarise("Mean # Public Records" =
    mean(pub_rec, na.rm=TRUE),
    "SD # Public Records" =
```

```
sd(pub_rec, na.rm=TRUE),
"Max # Public Records" =
  max(pub_rec, na.rm=TRUE),
"Total NA Values" =
  sum(is.na(pub_rec)))
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 5
##   loan_status_fin~ `Mean # Public ~`SD # Public Re~ `Max # Public R~
##   <chr>           <dbl>           <dbl>           <dbl>
## 1 Default         0.247         0.658           86
## 2 Not Default     0.207         0.587           63
## # ... with 1 more variable: `Total NA Values` <int>
```

Looking at the summary statistics, there is somewhat of a difference between groups. The number of NA values is also small. Since this variable indicates the number of public derogatory records for the borrower, this may be useful for predicting loan default as those who have defaulted on their loan have a higher average and maximum. Let's go ahead and fill the missing values with the mean of this variable.

```
pub_rec_mean = mean(
  lending_data_vars_rem$pub_rec,
  na.rm = TRUE)

lending_data_vars_rem$pub_rec[
  is.na(lending_data_vars_rem$pub_rec)] = pub_rec_mean
```

Next, let's take a look at *revol_util*.

```
lending_data_vars_rem %>% group_by(loan_status_final) %>%
  summarise("Mean Revolving Credit Utilization" =
    mean(revol_util, na.rm=TRUE),
    "SD Revolving Credit Utilization" =
    sd(revol_util, na.rm=TRUE),
    "Max Revolving Credit Utilization" =
    max(revol_util, na.rm=TRUE),
    "Total NA Values" =
    sum(is.na(revol_util)))
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 5
##   loan_status_fin~ `Mean Revolving~`SD Revolving C~ `Max Revolving ~
##   <chr>           <dbl>           <dbl>           <dbl>
## 1 Default         54.9         23.8           367.
## 2 Not Default     51.2         24.6           892.
## # ... with 1 more variable: `Total NA Values` <int>
```

Looking at this variable, the difference between groups is very small. While I do believe this variable could be useful, since the difference between groups is small I do not believe it will benefit our model much. I will be removing this variable.

Next, let's take a look at *total_acc*. Recall that I created a variable indicating the total number of accounts a borrower has/had. Let's go ahead and remove this variable to avoid high collinearity issues.

Next, let's take a look at *collections_12_mths_ex_med*.

```
lending_data_vars_rem %>% group_by(loan_status_final) %>%
  summarise("Mean Coll. Last 12 Months" =
    mean(collections_12_mths_ex_med, na.rm=TRUE),
    "SD Coll. Last 12 Months" =
    sd(collections_12_mths_ex_med, na.rm=TRUE),
```

```

"Max Coll. Last 12 Months" =
  max(collections_12_mths_ex_med, na.rm=TRUE),
"Total NA Values" =
  sum(is.na(collections_12_mths_ex_med)))

```

```

## # A tibble: 2 x 5
##   loan_status_fin~ `Mean Coll. Las~ `SD Coll. Last ~ `Max Coll. Last~
##   <chr>                <dbl>          <dbl>          <dbl>
## 1 Default              0.0216          0.161            9
## 2 Not Default          0.0158          0.142           20
## # ... with 1 more variable: `Total NA Values` <int>

```

Looking at this variable, the difference between groups is very small. While I do believe this variable could be useful, since the difference between groups is small I do not believe it will benefit our model much. I will be removing this variable.

Next, let's take a look at *acc_now_delinq*.

```

lending_data_vars_rem %>% group_by(loan_status_final) %>%
  summarise("Mean # Accs. Delinquent" =
    mean(acc_now_delinq, na.rm=TRUE),
    "SD # Accs. Delinquent" =
    sd(acc_now_delinq, na.rm=TRUE),
    "Max # Accs. Delinquent" =
    max(acc_now_delinq, na.rm=TRUE),
    "Total NA Values" =
    sum(is.na(acc_now_delinq)))

```

```

## # A tibble: 2 x 5
##   loan_status_fin~ `Mean # Accs. D~ `SD # Accs. Del~ `Max # Accs. De~
##   <chr>                <dbl>          <dbl>          <dbl>
## 1 Default              0.00569          0.0823           6
## 2 Not Default          0.00491          0.0761          14
## # ... with 1 more variable: `Total NA Values` <int>

```

Looking at this variable, the difference between groups is very, very small. While I do believe this variable could be useful, since the difference between groups is so small I do not believe it will benefit our model much. I will be removing this variable.

Next, let's take a look at *acc_open_past_24mths*. Recall that I created a variable indicating the total number of accounts a borrower has/had. Let's go ahead and remove this variable to avoid high collinearity issues.

Next, let's take a look at *chargeoff_within_12_mths*.

```

lending_data_vars_rem %>% group_by(loan_status_final) %>%
  summarise("Mean # Charge-Offs within 12 Mos" =
    mean(chargeoff_within_12_mths, na.rm=TRUE),
    "SD # Charge-Offs within 12 Mos" =
    sd(chargeoff_within_12_mths, na.rm=TRUE),
    "Max # Charge-Offs within 12 Mos" =
    max(chargeoff_within_12_mths, na.rm=TRUE),
    "Total NA Values" =
    sum(is.na(chargeoff_within_12_mths)))

```

```

## # A tibble: 2 x 5
##   loan_status_fin~ `Mean # Charge~ `SD # Charge-Of~ `Max # Charge-0~
##   <chr>                <dbl>          <dbl>          <dbl>
## 1 Default              0.00972          0.113           8

```

```
## 2 Not Default          0.00889          0.109          10
## # ... with 1 more variable: `Total NA Values` <int>
```

Looking at this variable, the difference between groups is very, very small. While I do believe this variable could be useful, since the difference between groups is so small I do not believe it will benefit our model much. I will be removing this variable.

Next, let's take a look at *delinq_amnt*.

```
lending_data_vars_rem %>% group_by(loan_status_final) %>%
  summarise("Mean Delinquent Amount" =
    mean(delinq_amnt, na.rm=TRUE),
    "SD Delinquent Amount" =
    sd(delinq_amnt, na.rm=TRUE),
    "Max Delinquent Amount" =
    max(delinq_amnt, na.rm=TRUE),
    "Total NA Values" =
    sum(is.na(delinq_amnt)))
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 5
##   loan_status_fin~ `Mean Delinquen~ `SD Delinquent ~ `Max Delinquent~
##   <chr>            <dbl>          <dbl>          <dbl>
## 1 Default          19.6          989.          249925
## 2 Not Default      13.9          767.          185408
## # ... with 1 more variable: `Total NA Values` <int>
```

Looking at the summary statistics, we can see that those who have defaulted on their loan on average have a higher average delinquent amount. The standard deviation is also much higher for those who have defaulted. Let's go ahead and fill the missing values with the mean of this variable.

```
delinq_amnt_mean = mean(
  lending_data_vars_rem$delinq_amnt,
  na.rm = TRUE)

lending_data_vars_rem$delinq_amnt[
  is.na(lending_data_vars_rem$delinq_amnt)] = delinq_amnt_mean
```

Next, let's take a look at *pub_rec_bankruptcies*.

```
lending_data_vars_rem %>% group_by(loan_status_final) %>%
  summarise("Mean # Pub. Rec. Bankruptcies" =
    mean(pub_rec_bankruptcies, na.rm=TRUE),
    "SD # Pub. Rec. Bankruptcies" =
    sd(pub_rec_bankruptcies, na.rm=TRUE),
    "Max # Pub. Rec. Bankruptcies" =
    max(pub_rec_bankruptcies, na.rm=TRUE),
    "Total NA Values" =
    sum(is.na(pub_rec_bankruptcies)))
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 5
##   loan_status_fin~ `Mean # Pub. Re~ `SD # Pub. Rec.~ `Max # Pub. Rec~
##   <chr>            <dbl>          <dbl>          <dbl>
## 1 Default          0.154          0.405           11
## 2 Not Default      0.130          0.371           12
## # ... with 1 more variable: `Total NA Values` <int>
```

Looking at the summary statistics, there is not much of a difference between groups. However, it can be seen that those who have defaulted on their loan have a higher average of public record bankruptcies. Since this

variable can be useful for predicting loan default (those who have declared bankruptcy are typically unable to pay), I will be keeping it and filling the NA values with the mean.

```
pub_rec_bankruptcies_mean = mean(
  lending_data_vars_rem$pub_rec_bankruptcies,
  na.rm = TRUE)

lending_data_vars_rem$pub_rec_bankruptcies[
  is.na(lending_data_vars_rem$pub_rec_bankruptcies)] = pub_rec_bankruptcies_mean
```

Lastly, let's take a look at *tax_liens*.

```
lending_data_vars_rem %>% group_by(loan_status_final) %>%
  summarise("Mean # Tax Liens" =
    mean(tax_liens, na.rm=TRUE),
    "SD # Tax Liens" =
    sd(tax_liens, na.rm=TRUE),
    "Max # Tax Liens" =
    max(tax_liens, na.rm=TRUE),
    "Total NA Values" =
    sum(is.na(tax_liens)))
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 5
##   loan_status_fin~ `Mean # Tax Lie~ `SD # Tax Liens` `Max # Tax Lien~
##   <chr>            <dbl>          <dbl>          <dbl>
## 1 Default          0.0599          0.451           85
## 2 Not Default      0.0499          0.384           63
## # ... with 1 more variable: `Total NA Values` <int>
```

Looking at the summary statistics, there is not much of a difference between groups. However, it can be seen that those who have defaulted on their loan have a higher average of tax liens. Also, those who have defaulted on their loan have a higher max number of tax liens. Since this variable can be useful for predicting loan default, I will be keeping it and filling the NA values with the mean.

```
tax_liens_mean = mean(
  lending_data_vars_rem$tax_liens,
  na.rm = TRUE)

lending_data_vars_rem$tax_liens[
  is.na(lending_data_vars_rem$tax_liens)] = tax_liens_mean
```

We are now complete with looking at variables with greater than zero missing values. Let's go ahead and remove the variables stated above. I will also be removing an extra variable, *policy_code*, as it is meaningless. This variable relates to the loan policy, in which all of these loans are policy 1. Therefore, it will not be useful in our models.

```
remove_list_3 = c("open_acc",
  "revol_util",
  "total_acc",
  "collections_12_mths_ex_med",
  "acc_now_delinq",
  "acc_open_past_24mths",
  "chargeoff_within_12_mths",
  "policy_code")

lending_data_vars_rem = lending_data_vars_rem[, !(names(lending_data_vars_rem)
  %in% remove_list_3)]
```

```
total_vars_5 = ncol(lending_data_vars_rem) - 1
```

Overall, we have drastically reduced the number of features in our dataset from 144 to 35. We also now have a grand total of 0 variables with missing values.

In this section, we have cleaned and filled both character and numeric variables. We have removed variables that are not useful, and kept or engineered variables that will be of much use for our end goal of predicting loan default through the use of numerical and visual aid. We will now shift our focus to modeling our data and creating a useful prediction model. Before we move on, let's make a copy of our final data and name it to `lending_data_final` to confirm we are working with finalized data.

```
lending_data_final = lending_data_vars_rem

rm(list = setdiff(ls(), "lending_data_final"))

#vroom_write(lending_data_final,
#            "lending_data_final.csv",
#            delim = ",")#write to file to avoid large markdown files..
```

Let's move on to modeling our data.

Splitting & Standardizing Data

Splitting Data

Since our target variable has two levels of `Default` and `Not Default`, I will be utilizing Stratified sampling in order to maintain similar percentages of each level in our train and test data set. This is so our train or test set is not imbalanced with either of the target variable levels. Let's go ahead and set a seed to maintain consistency, and then split the data. I will be splitting the data into a 70% train set and 30% test set.

```
set.seed(490)

lending_data_final[sapply(lending_data_final, is.character)] = lapply(
  lending_data_final[sapply(lending_data_final, is.character)],
  as.factor
)#coerce all character variables to factors..

lending_data_final$loan_status_final = relevel(
  lending_data_final$loan_status_final, ref = "Not Default"
)#this changes our reference level so our model is predicting Defaults.

train_index = createDataPartition(
  lending_data_final$loan_status_final,
  p = .70,
  list = FALSE)

lending_data_train = lending_data_final[train_index,]
lending_data_test = lending_data_final[-train_index,]

rm(train_index)
```

With our data split, we can onto standardizing our data. Recall I briefly mentioned dealing with outliers in the data. I will be standardizing our data to be in a smaller range for numeric variables. Let's go ahead and do that.

```
num_columns = colnames(lending_data_test %>% select_if(is.numeric))
scales = build_scales(lending_data_train,
```



```

        num_columns,
        verbose = TRUE)

## [1] "build_scales: I will compute scale on 29 numeric columns."
## [1] "build_scales: it took me: 2.66s to compute scale for 29 numeric columns."

lending_data_train_scaled = fastScale(lending_data_train,
                                     scales = scales,
                                     verbose = TRUE)

## [1] "fastScale: I will scale 29 numeric columns."
## [1] "fastScale: it took me: 0.17s to scale 29 numeric columns."

lending_data_test_scaled = fastScale(lending_data_test,
                                    scales = scales,
                                    verbose = TRUE)

## [1] "fastScale: I will scale 29 numeric columns."
## [1] "fastScale: it took me: 0.06s to scale 29 numeric columns."

```

Data Modeling

Logistic Regression Fitting

Our first of many algorithms we will use is Logistic Regression. We will be fitting a few different logistic regression models, but our first model will be with what I expect to be the most important variable which is `annual_inc`.

```

model_eval = function(model, data) {
  num_vars = length(model$coefficients) - 1
  predictions = predict(model,
                        data,
                        type = "response")
  label_pred = ifelse(predictions > .50,
                      "Default",
                      "Not Default")
  accuracy = mean(label_pred == data$loan_status_final)
  data.frame(num_vars,
             accuracy)
}#simple model evaluation function

```

```

log_model_1 = glm(loan_status_final ~ annual_inc,
                 data = lending_data_train_scaled,
                 family = binomial)

```

```
## Warning: glm.fit: fitted probabilities numerically 0 or 1 occurred
```

```

log_mod1_eval = model_eval(log_model_1,
                          lending_data_train_scaled)

```

Our next model I will build is using the variable `int_rate`. I believe that this variable is also very useful for predicting loan default. Let's go ahead and build the model.

```

log_model_2 = glm(loan_status_final ~ int_rate,
                 data = lending_data_train_scaled,
                 family = binomial)

```

```

log_mod2_eval = model_eval(log_model_2,

```

```
lending_data_train_scaled)
```

Our last single variable model will be using the variable `loan_amnt`. I believe that this variable is as well very useful for predicting loan default, as discussed in the beginning of the report. Let's go ahead and build the model.

```
log_model_3 = glm(loan_status_final ~ loan_amnt,
                  data = lending_data_train_scaled,
                  family = binomial)

log_mod3_eval = model_eval(log_model_3,
                          lending_data_train_scaled)
```

Now, let's go ahead and create a model that contains all three variables `annual_inc`, `int_rate`, and `loan_amnt`. Since these were the three most important features I had originally discussed, I believe that this model will be great for predicting loan defaults. Let's create this model.

```
log_model_4 = glm(loan_status_final ~ annual_inc + int_rate + loan_amnt,
                  data = lending_data_train_scaled,
                  family = binomial)
```

```
## Warning: glm.fit: fitted probabilities numerically 0 or 1 occurred
```

```
log_mod4_eval = model_eval(log_model_4,
                          lending_data_train_scaled)
```

Our last model we will build will introduce some categorical variables. I will be including the three features above, as well as the variables `grade`, and `term`. I chose these categorical variables as I believed they both contain valuable information on predicting loan default. Let's go ahead and build the model.

```
log_model_5 = glm(loan_status_final ~ annual_inc +
                  int_rate + loan_amnt +
                  term + grade,
                  data = lending_data_train_scaled,
                  family = binomial)
```

```
## Warning: glm.fit: fitted probabilities numerically 0 or 1 occurred
```

```
log_mod5_eval = model_eval(log_model_5,
                          lending_data_train_scaled)
```

So for all five of these models, I used the following variables:

- *annual_inc*
- *int_rate*
- *loan_amnt*
- *term*
- *grade*

These relationships make sense as I believe that these variables are all some of the most important variables for predicting loan default.

Annual income is directly tied to being able to payoff loans.

Interest rates can show underlying risk, and therefore can those with higher rates have a higher chance of default.

Those with a higher loan amount will typically have more trouble paying it off, leading to default.

Terms were shown previously that those with shorter terms have a lower default rate. Therefore, lower term means less risk of default.

Grades are the grade of the loan, and it was shown that the worse grade the higher chance of default.

Now, let's create a table that shows us the accuracy rate as well as the number of variables in each model.

```
log_models_df = data.frame("Model 1" =
  c("# Vars" = log_mod1_eval$num_vars,
    "Accuracy" = log_mod1_eval$accuracy),
  "Model 2" =
  c("# Vars" = log_mod2_eval$num_vars,
    "Accuracy" = log_mod2_eval$accuracy),
  "Model 3" =
  c("# Vars" = log_mod3_eval$num_vars,
    "Accuracy" = log_mod3_eval$accuracy),
  "Model 4" =
  c("# Vars" = log_mod4_eval$num_vars,
    "Accuracy" = log_mod4_eval$accuracy),
  "Model 5" =
  c("# Vars" = log_mod5_eval$num_vars,
    "Accuracy" = log_mod5_eval$accuracy)
)
kable(log_models_df)
```

	Model.1	Model.2	Model.3	Model.4	Model.5
# Vars	1.0000000	1.0000000	1.0000000	3.0000000	10.000000
Accuracy	0.7991046	0.7977672	0.7991046	0.7985666	0.799542

Looking at the table above, we can see that all models perform very similarly. However, the best model when evaluated on the training data is Model 5. This model included variables *annual_inc*, *int_rate*, *loan_amnt*, *term*, and *grade*. So, in this case our best model was the one with all variables. Let's shift our focus to this best model now.

Logistic Regression - Best Model

Now that we have chosen our best model to be model 5, let's get a better intuition of this model. First, let's take a quick look at the summary and then let's go through each X and it's effect on Y.

```
summary(log_model_5)

##
## Call:
## glm(formula = loan_status_final ~ annual_inc + int_rate + loan_amnt +
##      term + grade, family = binomial, data = lending_data_train_scaled)
##
## Deviance Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -1.4224  -0.7036  -0.5324  -0.3444   8.4904
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept)  -2.474614   0.014893 -166.16  <2e-16 ***
## annual_inc    -0.226047   0.005340  -42.33  <2e-16 ***
## int_rate       0.187173   0.008243   22.71  <2e-16 ***
## loan_amnt      0.073501   0.003314   22.18  <2e-16 ***
```

```
## term60 months 0.380315 0.006804 55.90 <2e-16 ***
## gradeB 0.657892 0.013488 48.77 <2e-16 ***
## gradeC 1.079637 0.016654 64.83 <2e-16 ***
## gradeD 1.295330 0.021947 59.02 <2e-16 ***
## gradeE 1.421644 0.027696 51.33 <2e-16 ***
## gradeF 1.483694 0.035274 42.06 <2e-16 ***
## gradeG 1.541266 0.044664 34.51 <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## (Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
##
## Null deviance: 917473 on 914470 degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 846736 on 914460 degrees of freedom
## AIC: 846758
##
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 5
```

Each coefficient can be interpreted in terms of log odds. Log odds is the logarithm of the odds $\frac{p}{1-p}$ where p is probability. We can obtain the odds by taking the exponential of this value. We can then directly obtain the probability by this formula, where O is the odds.

$$\frac{O}{1+O}$$

Intercept - If the annual income, interest rate, and loan amount is all zero and the borrower has a term of 36 months and a loan grade of A then the log odds is -2.4746143.

Annual_inc - If the annual income of a borrower increases by 1 unit, then the expected change in log odds is -0.2260467.

Int_rate - If the interest rate of a borrower increases by 1 unit, then the expected change in log odds is 0.187173.

Loan_amnt - If the loan amount of a borrower increases by 1 unit, then the expected change in log odds is 0.0735009.

Term60 Months - If the loan is a 60 month term, then the log odds ratio between the 60 month and 36 month groups is 0.3803154.

GradeB - If the loan is of grade B, then the log odds ratio between the B and A loan grade groups is 0.6578922.

GradeC - If the loan is of grade B, then the log odds ratio between the C and A loan grade groups is 1.0796372.

GradeD - If the loan is of grade B, then the log odds ratio between the D and A loan grade groups is 1.2953299.

GradeE - If the loan is of grade B, then the log odds ratio between the E and A loan grade groups is 1.4216438.

GradeF - If the loan is of grade B, then the log odds ratio between the F and A loan grade groups is 1.4836937.

GradeG - If the loan is of grade B, then the log odds ratio between the G and A loan grade groups is 1.5412658.

Looking back at the summary of the model, we can see that all variables are significantly different from zero at the “0” level. This assumes that the probability the coefficients of these variables are zero is zero itself.

Since we are doing logistic regression, instead of using an F statistic for evaluating the model validity as a whole, we actually use the Likelihood Ratio Test. The Likelihood Ratio Test (LRT) follows a χ^2 distribution with some degrees of freedom. The LRT assumes a null hypothesis that all coefficients are equal to zero, and the alternative is that at least one of the coefficients is not equal to zero. If we reject the null, that means that our model has at least one coefficient different from zero and therefore our model is valid as a whole.

Let's go ahead and perform the test.

```
base_log_mod = glm(loan_status_final ~ 1,
                   data = lending_data_train_scaled,
                   family = binomial)
anova_ref = anova(base_log_mod, log_model_5, test = "LRT")
anova(base_log_mod, log_model_5, test = "LRT")
```

```
## Analysis of Deviance Table
##
## Model 1: loan_status_final ~ 1
## Model 2: loan_status_final ~ annual_inc + int_rate + loan_amnt + term +
##       grade
##   Resid. Df Resid. Dev Df Deviance  Pr(>Chi)
## 1      914470      917473
## 2      914460      846736 10      70736 < 2.2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

We can see that we get a χ^2 statistic of 70736.4204789 on 10 degrees of freedom. This yields us a p-value of approximately zero, so we therefore reject the null hypothesis that all coefficients is equal to zero. So what we have learned from this test and the χ^2 statistic is that this model is valid as a whole.

Logistic Regression - Best Model - True Pos & False Pos Rates

Next, let's go ahead and take a look at the true positive and false positive rates. For this, we will need the confusion matrix of the model.

```
log_mod5_pred = predict(log_model_5,
                       lending_data_train_scaled,
                       type = "response")

log_mod5_label_pred = ifelse(log_mod5_pred > .50,
                             "Default",
                             "Not Default")

log_mod5_conf_mtx = confusionMatrix(table(
  predicted = log_mod5_label_pred,
  actual = lending_data_train_scaled$loan_status_final)[2:1, 1:2],
  positive = "Default")
```

Now that we have the confusion matrix, we can obtain the true positive and false positive rates. Recall the formula for the true positive rate is the number of true positives divided by the total number of positives in the population. Let's get the true positive rate now.

```
log_mod5_tp_rate = log_mod5_conf_mtx$log_mod5_conf_mtx$byClass[1]
log_mod5_tp_rate
```

```
## NULL
```

So, the true positive rate for this model is .022094. In other words, we are able to correctly predict that someone is going to “Default” on the loan at a very low rate. Since our goal is to predict loan defaults, this is not where we want to be. Let's check our false positive rate.

The false positive rate formula is the total number of incorrect positive predictions divided by the total number of negatives in the population.

```
log_mod5_fp_rate = 1 - log_mod5_conf_mtx$log_mod5_conf_mtx$byClass[2]
log_mod5_fp_rate
```

```
## numeric(0)
```

So, the false positive rate for this model is .005007. In other words, the rate that we incorrectly predict the positive label is very low. Since we are worried about predicting loan defaults, we need to focus more on the true positive rate. We would like to maximize this rate with our model as we are more worried about correctly classifying loan defaults.

Overall, these rates tell me that my regression is predicting the majority class. Since the true positive is near 0, my model is almost always correctly predicting the negative label. However, the model is overpredicting the negative label and therefore causing a low true positive rate. Since we want to correctly predict loan defaults, this model is not performing how I would like it to.

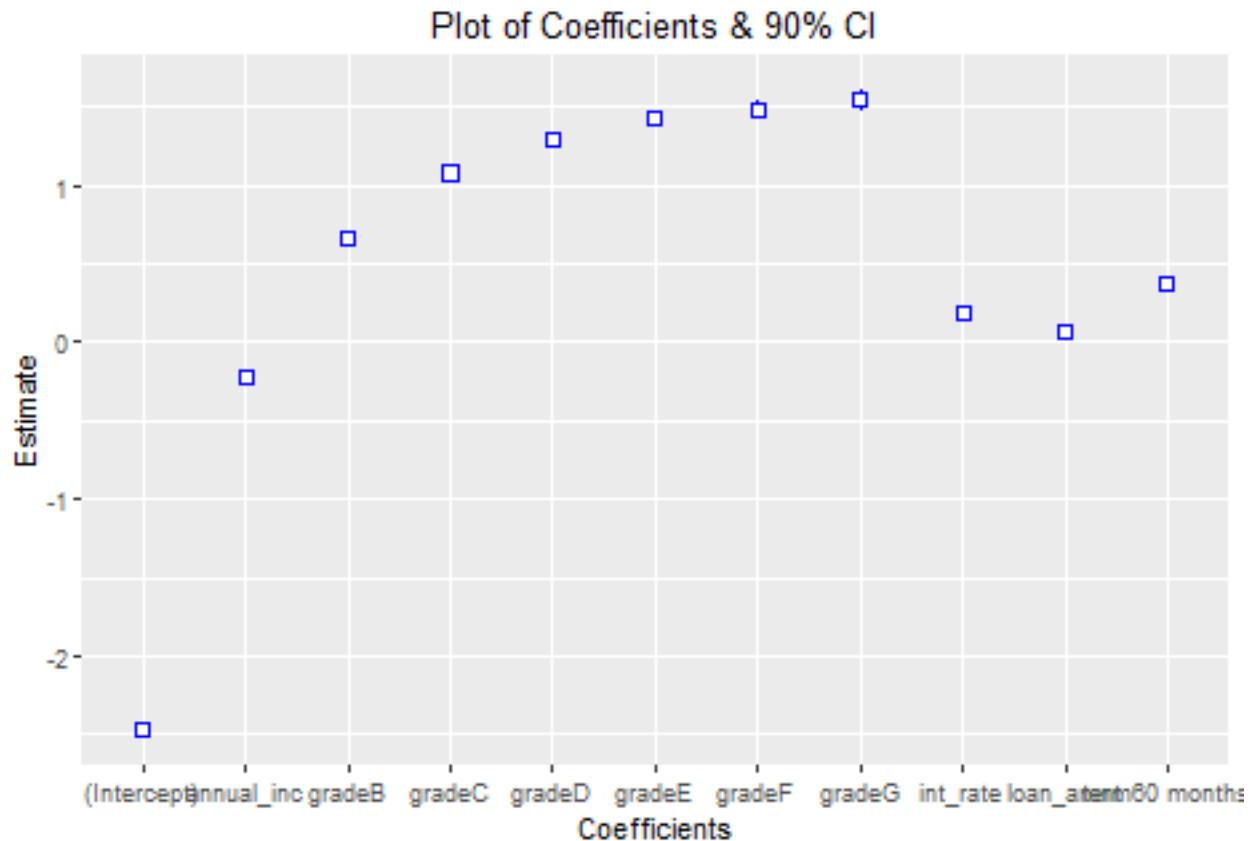
Logistic Regression - Best Model - Coefficients & Std. Errors

With true and false positive rates aside, let's dive deeper into the coefficients. We will be plotting the estimated coefficients and their standard errors.

Since the test statistics of the estimated coefficients follow a normal distribution, we can compute confidence intervals for the coefficient using the normal distribution. I will be computing 90% confidence intervals for each coefficient and plotting it.

```
z = qnorm(.05, lower.tail = FALSE)
coef_confint = data.frame(
  "Coefficient" = rownames(summary(log_model_5)$coefficients),
  "Estimate" = summary(log_model_5)$coefficients[, 1],
  "Lower Bound" = summary(log_model_5)$coefficients[, 1] -
    z*summary(log_model_5)$coefficients[, 2],
  "Upper Bound" = summary(log_model_5)$coefficients[, 1] +
    z*summary(log_model_5)$coefficients[, 2]
)

ggplot(coef_confint, aes(Coefficient, Estimate)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_pointrange(aes(ymin = Lower.Bound, ymax = Upper.Bound),
    fill = "white", shape = 22, color = "blue") +
  labs(x = "Coefficients", y = "Estimate",
    title = "Plot of Coefficients & 90% CI") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))
```



Looking at the plot, we can see that the only variable that has visible confidence interval lines is “gradeG”. However, the probability of this variable having a coefficient equal to zero is approximately zero. We can conclude that all variables are significant at the “0” level.

Logistic Regression - Best Model - Probit

With coefficient visualization complete, let’s move forward. We will now be re-evaluating our model using probit regression. We will then be comparing the accuracy of this new model with our original model which used logit regression.

```
log_model_5_probit = glm(loan_status_final ~ annual_inc +
  int_rate + loan_amnt +
  term + grade,
  data = lending_data_train_scaled,
  family = binomial(link = "probit"))

## Warning: glm.fit: fitted probabilities numerically 0 or 1 occurred

log_model_5_probit_eval = model_eval(log_model_5_probit,
  lending_data_train_scaled)

log_acc_compare_df = data.frame(
  "Logistic Regression" = c("Accuracy" = log_mod5_eval$accuracy),
  "Probit Regression" = c("Accuracy" = log_model_5_probit_eval$accuracy)
)
kable(log_acc_compare_df)
```

	Logistic.Regression	Probit.Regression
	Logistic.Regression	Probit.Regression
Accuracy	0.799542	0.7995136

Comparing our accuracy rates above, we can see that logistic regression slightly outperforms probit regression. Therefore, by the use of accuracy rate only, I can say that logistic regression performs better for this model.

This concludes the section on logistic regression.

K Nearest Neighbors

For this section, we will be creating a K-Nearest Neighbors classification model. We will be training a few models with different K's, and then choosing the model that performs the best on our test data. After so, we will predict results, take a look at the accuracy and compare to our results with logistic regression. I will be using the same variables that I had used in the best logistic regression model.

KNN - Model Training

For model building, I will be building 4 models. For each model, I will use a different level K. These level K's I will be using are 1, 5, 10, and 50. I will then evaluate each models accuracy on the test data and choose the model that performs best on that data.

First, we will be getting a sample of the data to reduce our training and prediction times. I will be sampling 25% of the full data for use, and then splitting that into train and test sets. I will also be scaling that data.

```
set.seed(490)

sample_idx = createDataPartition(
  lending_data_final$loan_status_final,
  p = .25,
  list = FALSE)

lending_sampled = lending_data_final[sample_idx,]

trn_idx = createDataPartition(
  lending_sampled$loan_status_final,
  p = .70,
  list = FALSE)

lending_data_samp_trn = lending_sampled[trn_idx,]
lending_data_samp_tst = lending_sampled[-trn_idx,]

scales = build_scales(lending_data_train,
  num_columns,
  verbose = TRUE)

## [1] "build_scales: I will compute scale on 29 numeric columns."
## [1] "build_scales: it took me: 0.35s to compute scale for 29 numeric columns."

lending_data_samp_scaled_trn = fastScale(lending_data_samp_trn,
  scales = scales,
  verbose = TRUE)

## [1] "fastScale: I will scale 29 numeric columns."
## [1] "fastScale: it took me: 0.09s to scale 29 numeric columns."
```



```

lending_data_samp_scaled_tst = fastScale(lending_data_samp_tst,
                                         scales = scales,
                                         verbose = TRUE)

## [1] "fastScale: I will scale 29 numeric columns."
## [1] "fastScale: it took me: 0.02s to scale 29 numeric columns."

set.seed(490)

knn_1 = knn3(loan_status_final ~ annual_inc +
             int_rate + loan_amnt +
             term + grade,
             data = lending_data_samp_scaled_trn,
             k = 1)

knn_5 = knn3(loan_status_final ~ annual_inc +
             int_rate + loan_amnt +
             term + grade,
             data = lending_data_samp_scaled_trn,
             k = 5)

knn_10 = knn3(loan_status_final ~ annual_inc +
              int_rate + loan_amnt +
              term + grade,
              data = lending_data_samp_scaled_trn,
              k = 10)

knn_50 = knn3(loan_status_final ~ annual_inc +
              int_rate + loan_amnt +
              term + grade,
              data = lending_data_samp_scaled_trn,
              k = 50)

```

With the models trained, let's go ahead and predict on each model using the test data to get their accuracy and error rates. We will be choosing the model that minimizes the error rate on the test data.

```

lending_data_samp_scaled_tst_subset = lending_data_samp_scaled_tst %>%
  select(annual_inc, int_rate, loan_amnt, term, grade, loan_status_final)

knn_1_pred = predict(knn_1,
                     lending_data_samp_scaled_tst_subset,
                     type = "class")
knn_1_acc = mean(knn_1_pred
                 == lending_data_samp_scaled_tst_subset$loan_status_final)
knn_1_err = mean(knn_1_pred
                 != lending_data_samp_scaled_tst_subset$loan_status_final)

knn_5_pred = predict(knn_5,
                     lending_data_samp_scaled_tst_subset,
                     type = "class")
knn_5_acc = mean(knn_5_pred
                 == lending_data_samp_scaled_tst_subset$loan_status_final)
knn_5_err = mean(knn_5_pred
                 != lending_data_samp_scaled_tst_subset$loan_status_final)

```

```

knn_10_pred = predict(knn_10,
                      lending_data_samp_scaled_tst_subset,
                      type = "class")
knn_10_acc = mean(knn_10_pred
                 == lending_data_samp_scaled_tst_subset$loan_status_final)
knn_10_err = mean(knn_10_pred
                 != lending_data_samp_scaled_tst_subset$loan_status_final)

knn_50_pred = predict(knn_50,
                      lending_data_samp_scaled_tst_subset,
                      type = "class")
knn_50_acc = mean(knn_50_pred
                 == lending_data_samp_scaled_tst_subset$loan_status_final)
knn_50_err = mean(knn_50_pred
                 != lending_data_samp_scaled_tst_subset$loan_status_final)

knn_tst_results = data.frame("Accuracy" = c("K = 1" = knn_1_acc,
                                           "K = 5" = knn_5_acc,
                                           "K = 10" = knn_10_acc,
                                           "K = 50" = knn_50_acc),
                             "Error Rate" = c("K = 1" = knn_1_err,
                                               "K = 5" = knn_5_err,
                                               "K = 10" = knn_10_err,
                                               "K = 50" = knn_50_err))

kable(knn_tst_results)

```

	Accuracy	Error.Rate
K = 1	0.7119557	0.2880443
K = 5	0.7692339	0.2307661
K = 10	0.7847272	0.2152728
K = 50	0.7970361	0.2029639

Looking at the table above, the value of K that minimizes our error rate and maximizes accuracy is K = 50. Let's go ahead and predict on our full data using this model and then compare this to our best logistic regression model.

KNN - Model Evaluation

```

lending_data_samp_scaled_full = rbind(
  lending_data_samp_scaled_trn,
  lending_data_samp_scaled_tst)

lending_data_samp_scaled_full_subset = lending_data_samp_scaled_full %>%
  select(annual_inc, int_rate, loan_amnt, term, grade, loan_status_final)

knn_50_full_pred = predict(knn_50,
                          lending_data_samp_scaled_full_subset,
                          type = "class")

knn_50full_acc = mean(knn_50_full_pred
                     == lending_data_samp_scaled_full_subset$loan_status_final)
knn_50full_err = mean(knn_50_full_pred
                     != lending_data_samp_scaled_full_subset$loan_status_final)

```

```

!= lending_data_samp_scaled_full_subset$loan_status_final)

knn_logistic_results = data.frame("Accuracy" = c("K = 50" = knn_50full_acc,
                                                "Logistic" = log_mod5_eval$accuracy),
                                  "Error Rate" = c("K = 50" = knn_50full_err,
                                                    "Logistic" = 1 - log_mod5_eval$accuracy))

kable(knn_logistic_results)

```

	Accuracy	Error.Rate
K = 50	0.8006687	0.1993313
Logistic	0.7995420	0.2004580

When predicting on our full data, our KNN classification model with $K = 50$ actually slightly outperforms our best logistic regression model. It should be taken into account that the logistic regression model accuracy is from predictions made on training data, so that could be boosting it's accuracy somewhat. Overall, we can see that our KNN classification model is slightly better when comparing to logistic regression on full data.

This concludes the section on K Nearest Neighbors

Project Report 2 Wrapup

In this project report, we have built logistic regression as well as K Nearest Neighbor models. We have taken a look at true and false positive rates, coefficients of the regression models, and compared model accuracies. Overall, these models performed well but I believe there is a lot of room to improve.