Lending Club Loan Analysis Case Study

Introduction

- Context: Brief introduction to Lending Club and its business model.

- Problem Statement: Why loan defaults are an issue for Lending Club.

- Objective: What the analysis aims to solve or understand (e.g., predicting defaults, identifying high-risk loans).

Background

- Consumer finance institutions, like Lending Club, often face significant financial risks due to loan defaults, which can result in substantial losses.
- This project investigates Lending Club's historical loan data to identify patterns and relationships that can help mitigate these risks and enhance decision-making processes.

Business Challenge:

- The main challenge is to identify high-risk borrowers early on in the loan application process in order to reduce credit losses and improve the overall quality of the loan portfolio.

Dataset

- The analysis is based on Lending Club's historical loan data from 2007 to 2011, containing detailed information about loans issued over these years.

Technologies used:

- Python 3.9
- Pandas
- NumPy
- Seaborn
- Matplotlib

Date Cleaning:

The data has been cleaned and made it ready for analysis using the below methods:

- o Finding null values
- o Dropping the columns with no data.
- o Missing Values in the columns
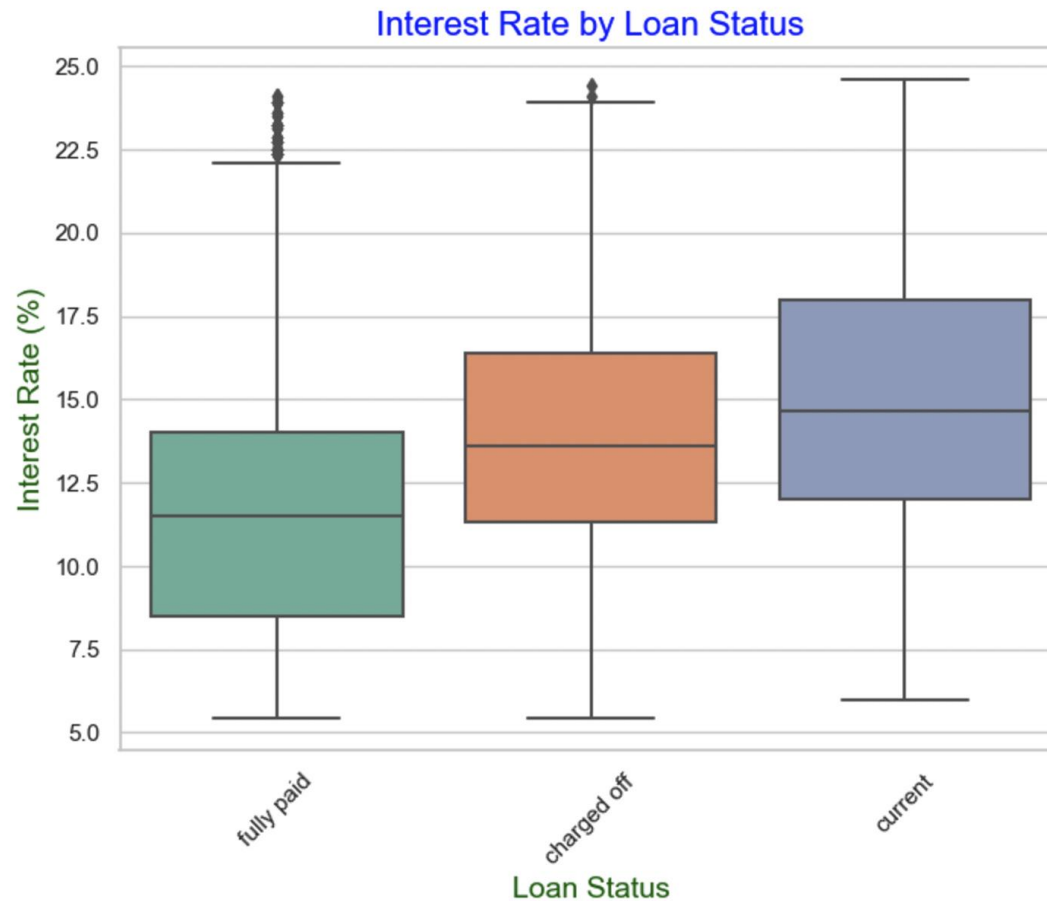- o Checking the data types of the columns

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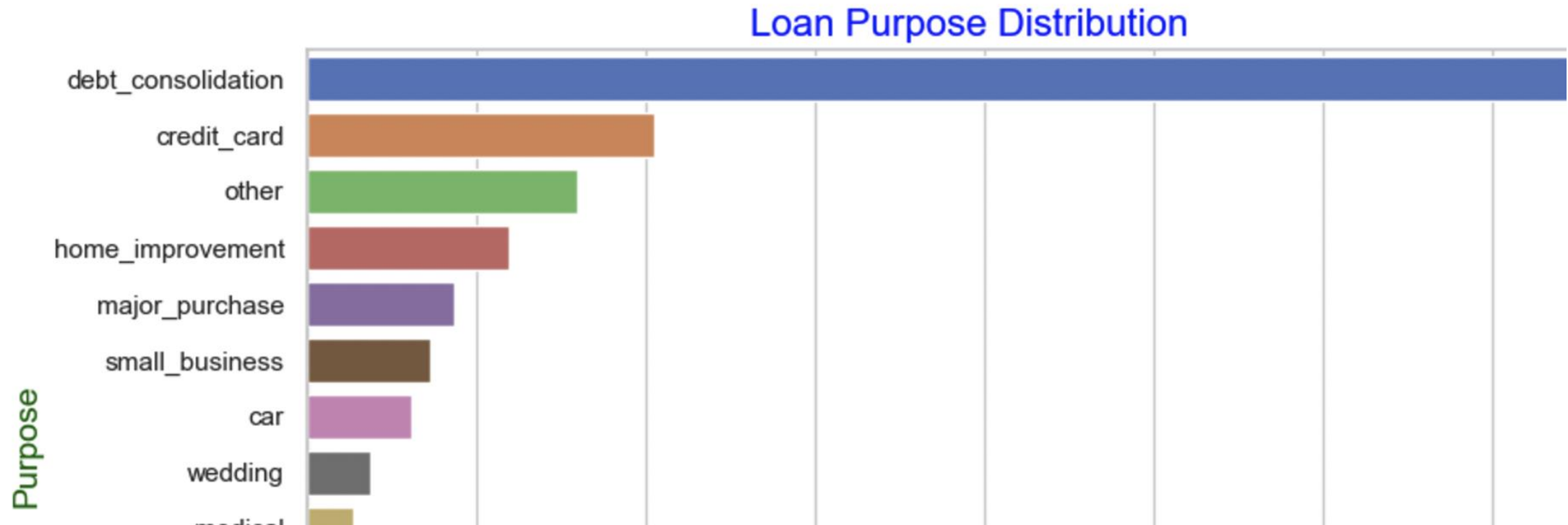

Loan Amount by Loan Status
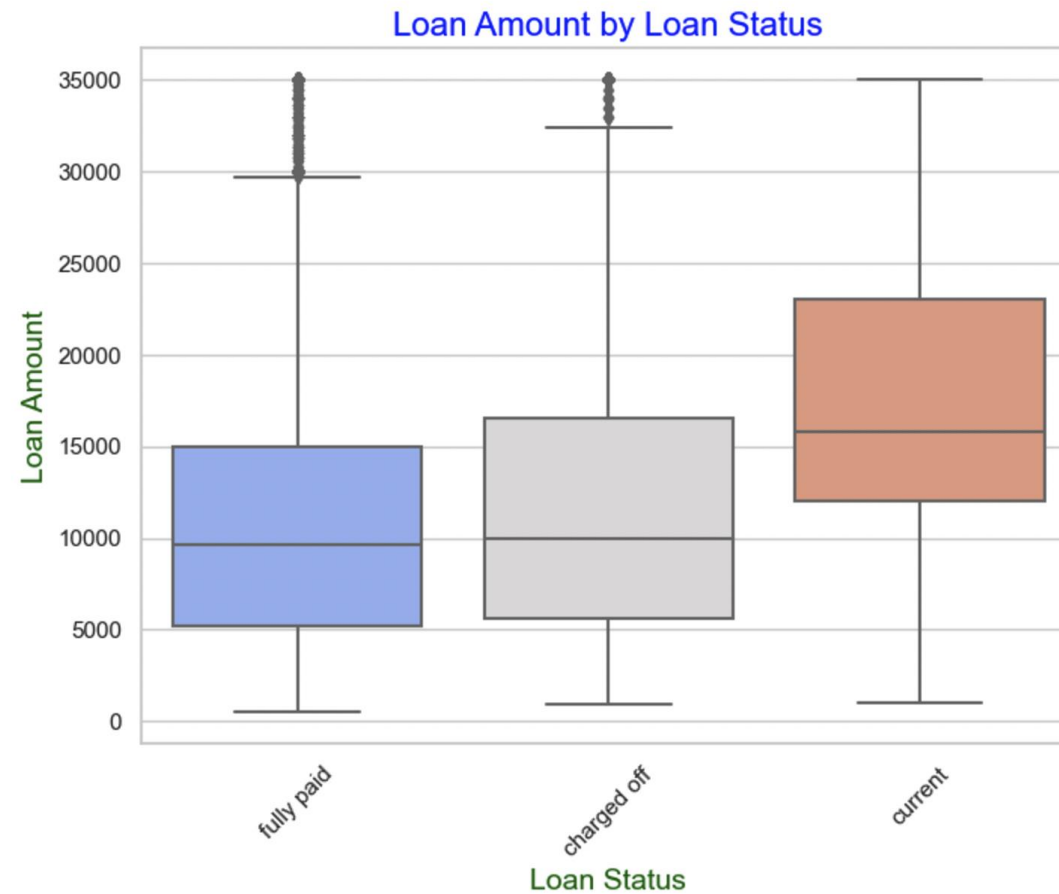
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Loan Purpose Distribution

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4. Income Levels and Default Patterns:
Finally, borrowers with annual incomes below $50,000 exhibit higher default rates. This suggests that lower-income borrowers may face greater challenges in repaying loans. To mitigate this risk, Lending Club could enhance its credit evaluations or adjust its lending criteria for individuals in this income group.