Lending Club case study

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Our consumer finance company faces the challenge of credit loss, where loan approvals to unlikely repayers may result in credit losses.

Problem Description



The dataset given contains information on past loan applicants and their default status.



Our objective is to understand how consumer and loan attributes influence loan default tendencies. Our goal is to mitigate credit loss by identifying the driver variables behind loan default

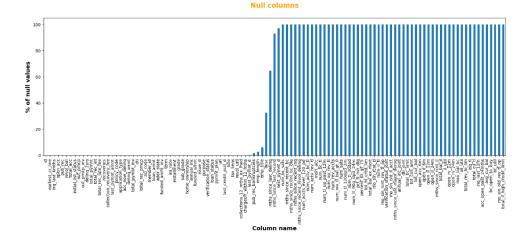
Ignored all null columns – There are 55 columns that are completely null

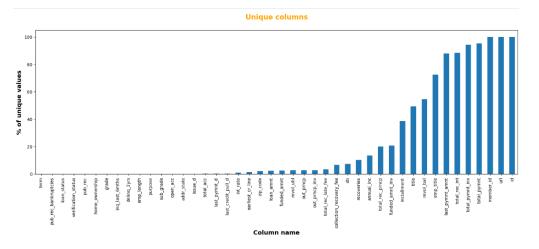
Ensured target variable integrity: No incorrect/null values identified

Removed columns with only one unique value across all records.

Columns with Categorical variables and high values for all records were removed Ex: 'member_id' this would have unique value for all rows unique

Removed variables related to post-loan recovery (e.g., 'recoveries', 'collection_recovery_fee') as they don't influence loan approval. Confirmed unique member IDs, ensuring each user has only one loan with the company.







Manipulation of Datatypes:

Handling Date and String Variables
Appropriately



Data Quality Checks:

Identification and Treatment of Missing Values

Removal of Rows with 'current' Loan Status

Treat outliners



Data Segmentation:

Splitting the Data into Two Parts:

- Defaulters
- Fully Paid Cases

Classified Variables as Numeric and Categorical (Ordered, Unordered)

Univariate Analysis:

- Numeric Variables: Distribution Plot comparing Paid vs. Defaulters
- Ordered Categorical Variables: Segmented by Bucketing, Analyzed with Bar and Pie Charts
- Unordered Categorical Variables: Analyzed with Grouped Line Chart, Bar Chart, Pie Chart, and Grouped Columns

Identified 10 Driver Variables Based on Univariate Analysis



Bivariate Analysis:

Numeric Variables:

• Pair Plot: Visualizes correlations between numeric variables.

Categorical Variables:

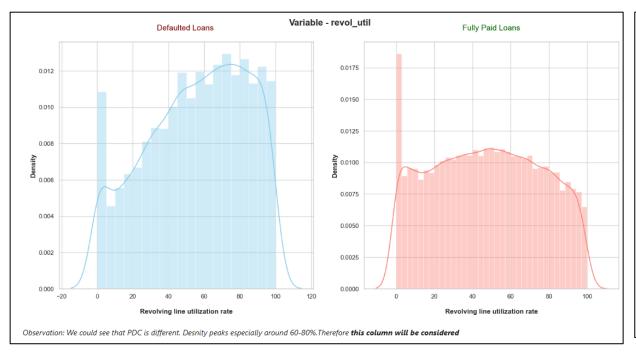
• Pivot Table + Heatmap: Illustrates correlations between categorical variables.

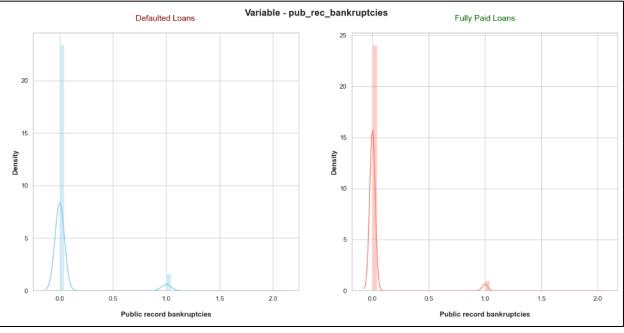


Identified Relationships:

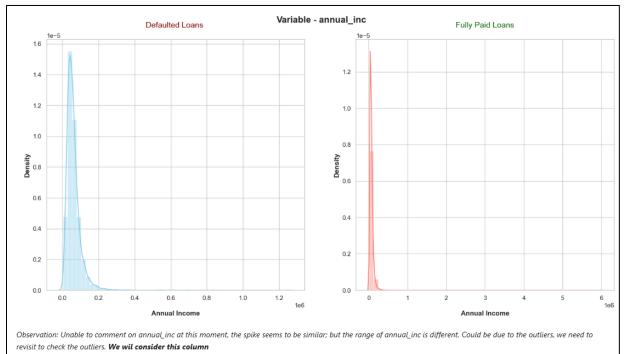
Discovered 2 related categorical variables, 2 related numerical variables; reducing total driver variables to 9.

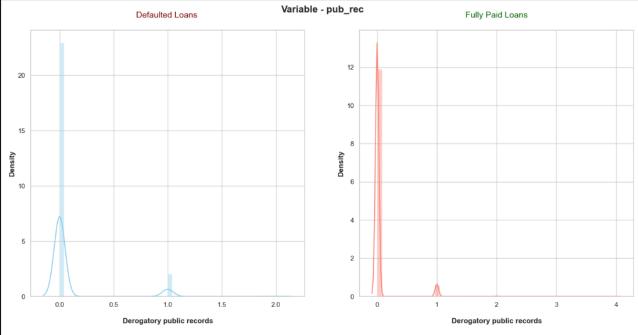
Numeric Variables





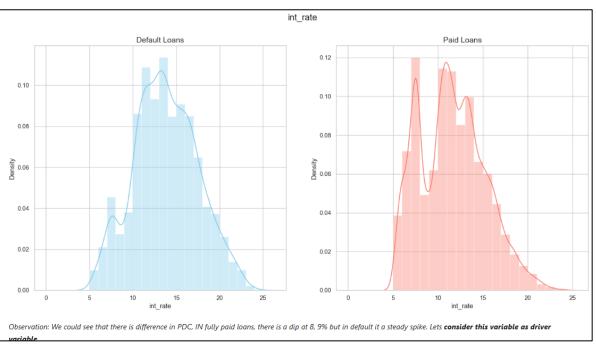
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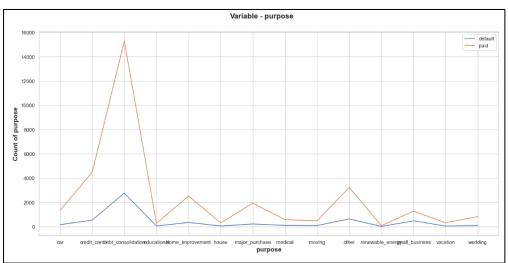
Ordered categorical Driver variables

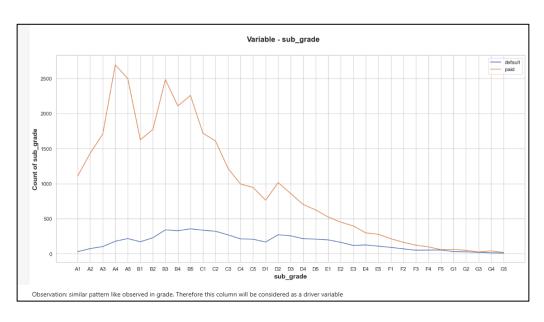


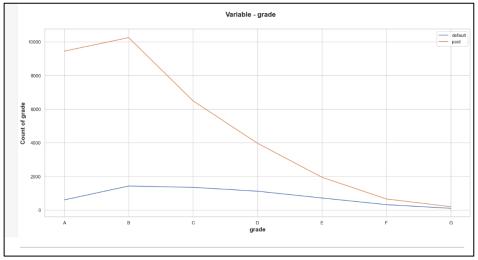


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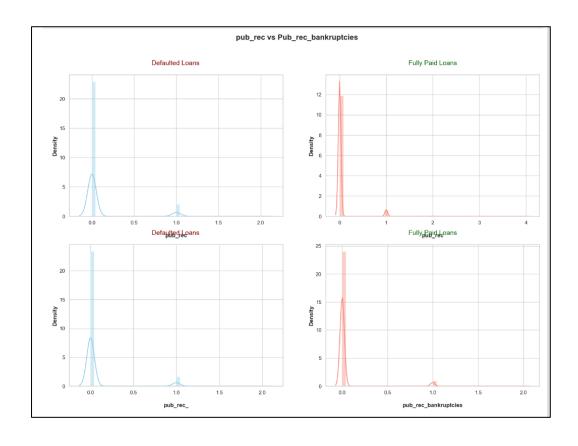






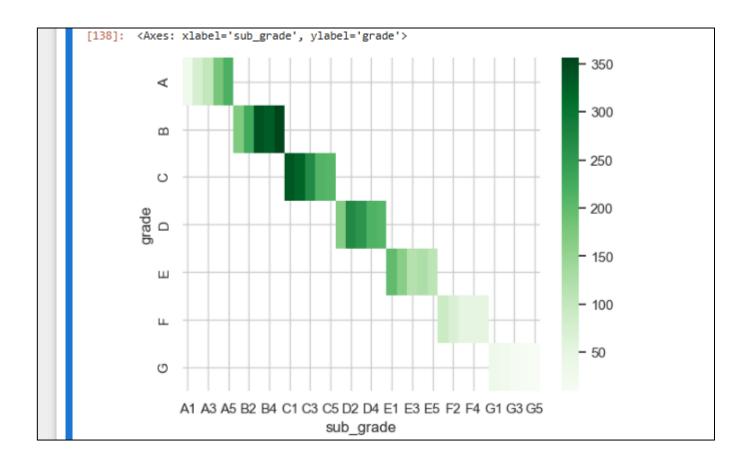
Bivariate – Numeric correlation

2.0 1.5 pub_rec 1.0 0.5 0.0 pub_rec_bankruptcies Pub_rec vs Pub_rec_bankruptcies, has linear progression relationship with each other, we shall ignore Pub_rec_bankruptcies from driver variables



Bivariate - categorical

- Grade, sub_grade grade can be dropped
- Output is logical, because sub_grade is component of grade



Inferences/Relationships from other Bivariate analysis

Relationships:

- Pub_rec and pub_rec_bankruptices are related to each other, one can be dropped
- Similarly, Grade Sub_grade is a component of Grade; grade can be dropped

Few Inferences:

- int_rate vs term:Loans of 36 months with interest 10-14% seems to be risky
- grade vs term: Loans of 36 months with sub_Grade B3,B5 seems to be high risky
- verification_status vs term: Loans of 36 months not verified is risky
- purpose vs term: Debt Consolidation seems to be risky highest for 36 months and next for 60 months

Recommendations & Conclusions

- We have identified 8 variables that drive the target variable (loan_status)
- Also, inferential relationships can be identified, which can be used in machine learning model later

Variable	Variable type
term	Ordered Categorical
int_rate	Ordered Categorical
sub_grade	Unordered Categorical
annual_inc	Numerical
verification_status	Unordered Categorical
purpose	Unordered Categorical
pub_rec	Numerical
revol_util	Numerical



Thank you