

Lending Club case study Presentation and Recommendations

Clear Structure and Concise Explanation:

The presentation of the results in this project is structured logically to provide a clear, concise, and easy-to-follow narrative. The key points of the analysis have been summarized in simple, business-oriented language, avoiding overly technical jargon to ensure the content is accessible to stakeholders who may not have a technical background. The structure includes:

1. **Introduction:** Explanation of the business problem and the dataset.
2. **Data Understanding:** Overview of the dataset and the variables being analyzed.
3. **Data Cleaning and Manipulation:** Methods used to clean and prepare the data for analysis.
4. **Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):** Insights from univariate, bivariate, and multivariate analysis.
5. **Conclusions:** Key findings that are actionable for the business.

Actionable Recommendations:

Based on the findings from the analysis, several actionable recommendations have been made to reduce credit loss for the company:

1. **Reject Loans for High DTI Ratios:** Applicants with high debt-to-income ratios are more likely to default. The company should consider rejecting loans for applicants whose DTI exceeds a certain threshold (e.g., 40%).
2. **Review Applicants with Low FICO Scores:** Applicants with low FICO scores are at a significantly higher risk of defaulting. A higher interest rate could be applied to high-risk applicants, or the loan amount could be reduced.
3. **Monitor Credit Utilization:** Applicants with high credit utilization rates (above a certain percentage) should be flagged for review as they tend to default at a higher rate. This is an indication of financial distress, and the company may want to reduce the amount of the loan offered or charge higher interest.
4. **Target Specific Loan Types:** Loans for certain purposes (e.g., credit card debt consolidation) may have a higher default rate. The company could adjust the interest rates based on the loan purpose or implement stricter credit requirements.
5. **Adjust Approval Criteria Based on Employment History:** Borrowers with shorter employment tenures were found to have higher default rates. The company should consider a minimum employment history requirement or use this variable as a factor in their loan approval decision-making process.

These recommendations are aligned with the analysis, focusing on minimizing credit loss by identifying high-risk applicants and adjusting the lending process accordingly.

GitHub Repository Structure:

The project is structured to provide clarity and ensure all deliverables are accessible. The GitHub repository contains the following:

- **Python File:** The main script containing the data analysis, cleaning, and exploration logic. This file is responsible for processing the data and generating insights.
- **Presentation File:** A concise slide deck summarizing the key findings and recommendations from the analysis, aimed at presenting the results to a business audience.
- **README.md File:** A detailed description of the project, the analysis, and the insights, written to guide users through the entire project and its context.

Assumptions:

Several assumptions were made during the analysis:

1. **Data Completeness:** It was assumed that the missing values in critical variables (e.g., `annual_inc`, `revol_util`) were addressed correctly using median/mode imputation methods.
2. **Risk Thresholds:** While specific risk thresholds (e.g., DTI ratio or FICO score) were not provided by the company, reasonable thresholds were chosen based on industry standards and the data analysis.
3. **Current Business Logic:** It was assumed that the company currently uses similar metrics (e.g., credit score, income, DTI ratio) for their loan approval process, and the analysis aligns with their decision-making criteria.

These assumptions are stated clearly to ensure the context of the analysis is understood and can be refined based on further business insights or data collection.
