

# **Predicting Loan Defaults**

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#### **Introduction to Data**

- Provided by an American online loan provider
- Over 5 year period: 2007 2011
- Client is concerned about default rate on their loans
  - Trend by Employment Length
  - Home Ownership
  - Fico Score
- Who should be lended to in the future?

## **Data Cleaning**

- Project was carried out in Python
- Bias zip code was removed to avoid bias by location
- Missing Values
  - Many rows/columns fully missing removed
  - Employment length
- Over 100 variables removed those with single values

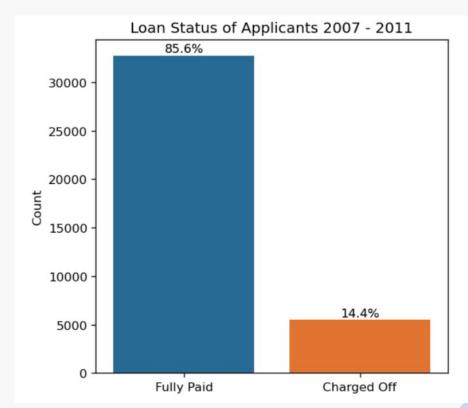




## DATA ANALYSIS

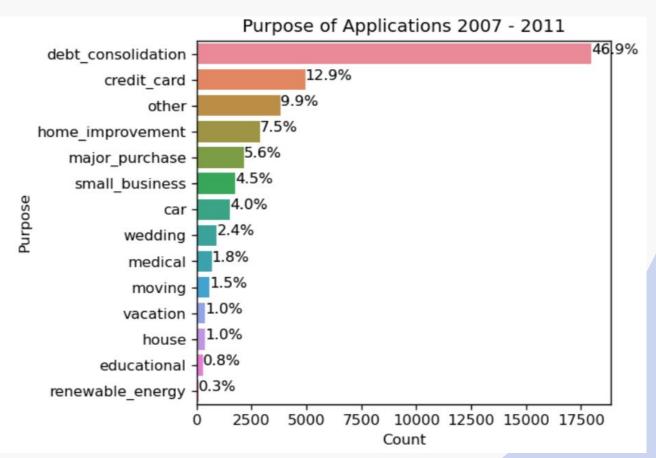


#### **Loan Status**

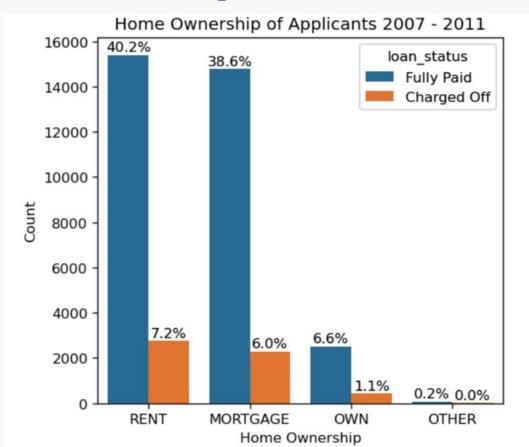




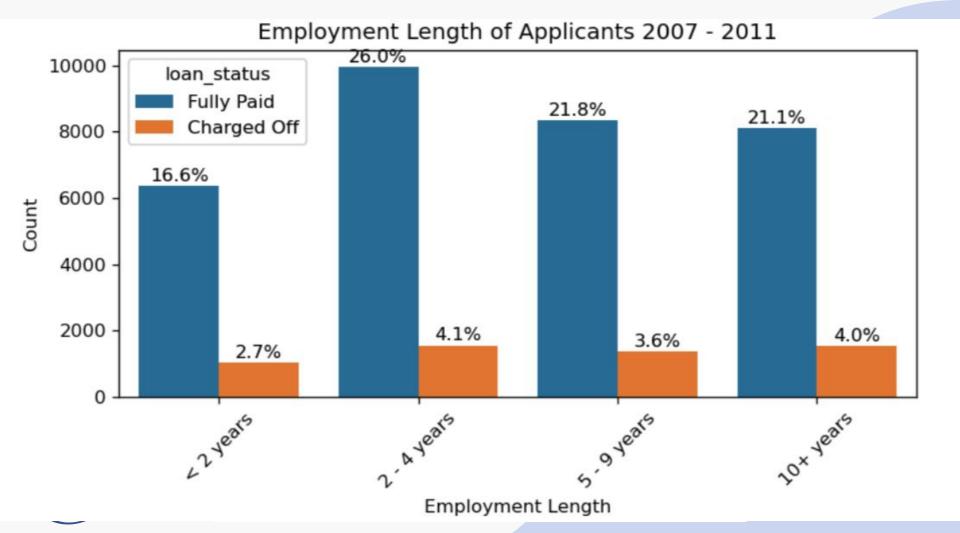
## **Purpose of Application**



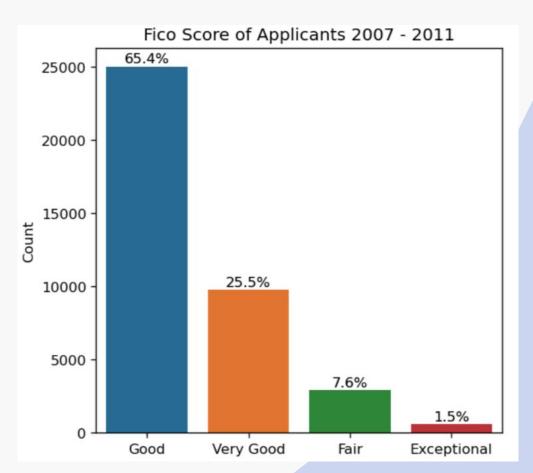
## **Home Ownership**





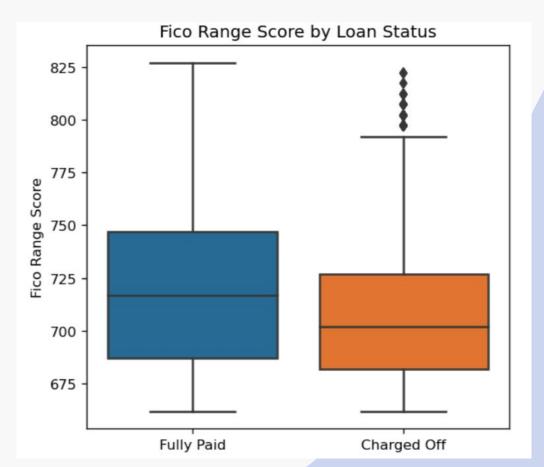


### **Fico Score**



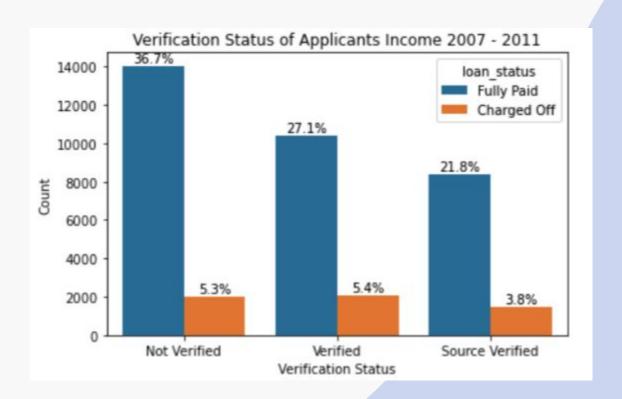


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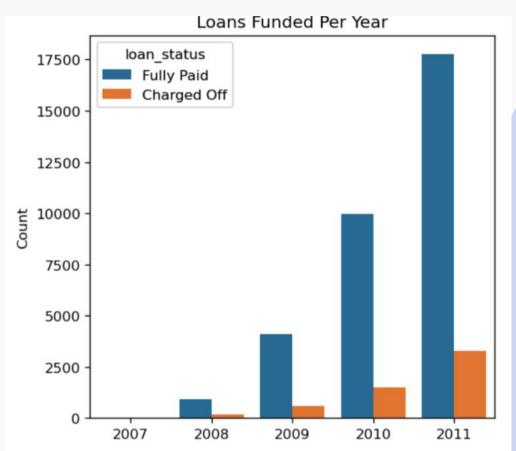


#### **Verification Status**



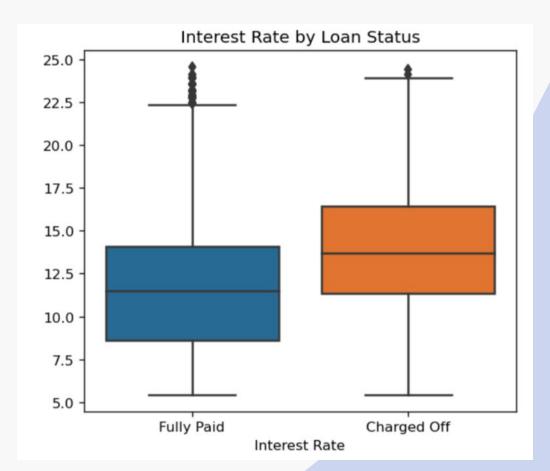


## **Applications over Time**



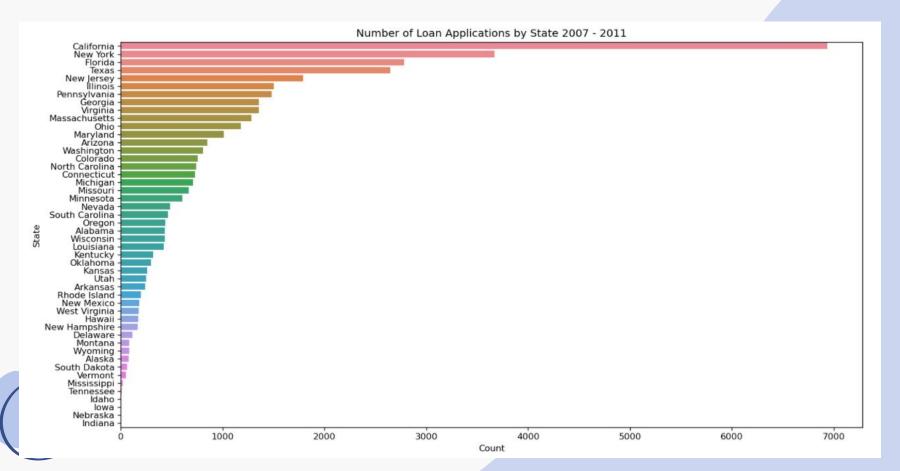


#### **Interest Rate**

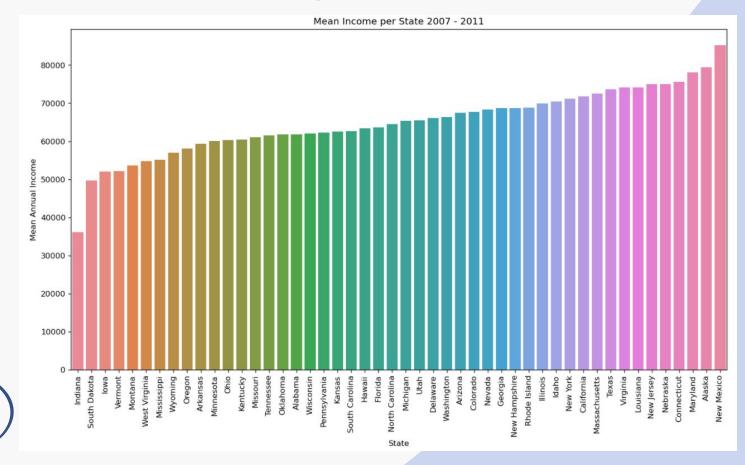




#### Location



## **Mean Income by Location**





## PREDICTIVE MODELS With Machine Learning



#### **Target Variable**

• Loan Status - Fully Paid or Charged Off where encoded as Fully Paid == 1 and Charged Off == 0 for the purpose of modelling.

#### **Predictors**

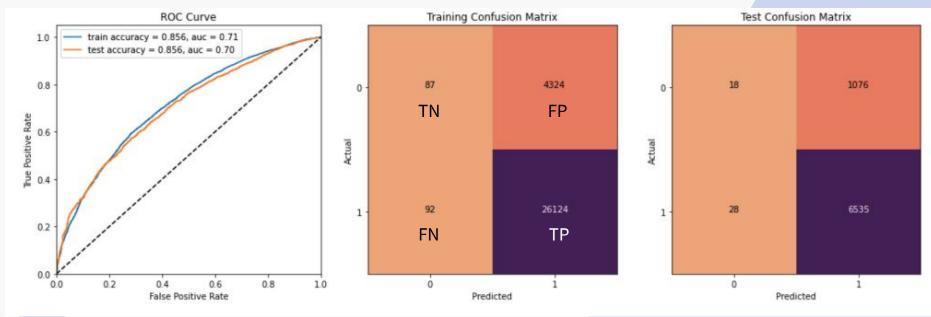
- Categorical variables were converted to dummy variables.
- Panda's Profiling showed the annual income variable is highly skewed so the log-transform of the values was taken.

#### **Train/Test Split**

• 80/20 conventional split

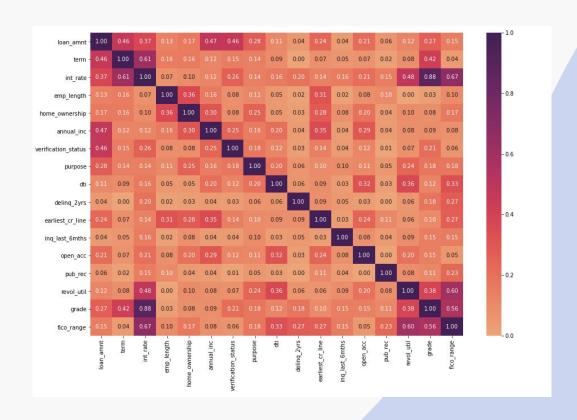


## **Logistic Regression Model Results**





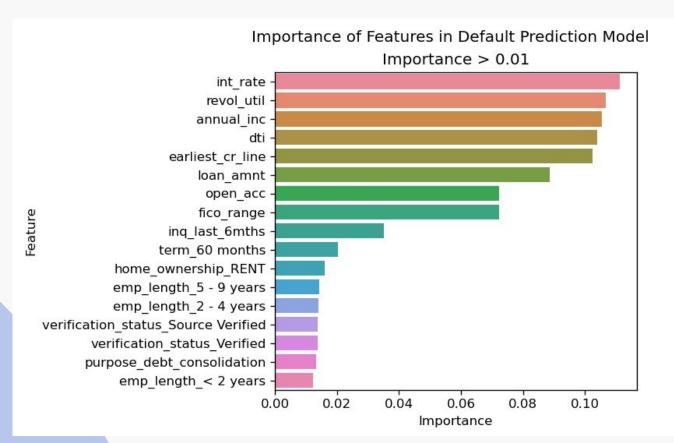
#### **Correlations between Predictors**





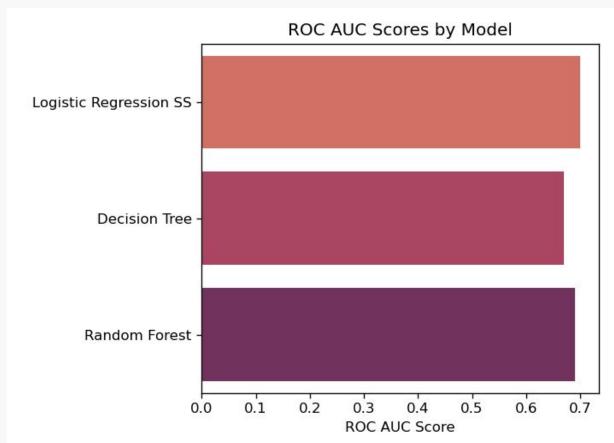
## **Feature Importance**







## **Model Comparison**





### **Summary**

- Interest Rate loans with higher rates more likely to be charged off
- Other features of high importance in default prediction:
  - Revolution Credit Utilization Rate
  - Annual Income
  - Debt to Income Ratio





## Thank you for Listening Question Time

