Bank Loan Default

- Capstone Project

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1. Project Introduction:

The **capstone project** is about creating a **prediction model** for the **bank** to overcome their **Loan Default** problem using the data of the **customers** got from the bank.

a. Need for the project

Yes Bank has faced a loss of around 18 thousand crores in the third quarter where the sole reason being the bank had to compensate for loan defaulters. These kind of cases are not unique to Yes Bank but also to every other bank in the economy. These losses could have been avoided had the banks scrutinized its customers properly and avoiding them from becoming victims of this problem. This lead to realisation of the importance of scrutinizing the borrowers before providing them with loan.

This requirement for **scrutinizing** the customers has brought us to the need for this **Capstone Project** to create a **prediction model** for a **bank**.

b. Defining the problem statement

Banks are the **most important financial institutions** for any economy. Their **financial** services of **accepting deposits** and **provision of loans** help in **uplifting** economy all while providing revenue for the bank. While latter service of **provision of loan** may be responsible for **majority** of its revenue, it is also the one which involves the **highest amount** of **risk**, in the form of **loan default**

The action of <u>loan default</u> could be defined when a **borrower** accepts **loan** from the bank but **does not** pay back the **loan taken**. This definition could be extended to the cases where the **borrower** has either **not paid the** loan **in time** or **not paid** the **full amount** of **loan** or **both**.

A **borrower** can be termed as **non-defaulter** if he/she pays back the **loan** with **interest** on time.

c. **Business Opportunity**

Analysis of data and making predictions present huge business opportunities to not only banks but every other small financial institutions which provides loans to earn its revenues.

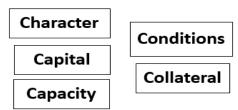
Every business looks for expansion in terms of size, investments, etc. This expansion is not
possible without the bank actually managing the risk so that it doesn't fall into any financial
burdens which cause hindrances for expansion.

- The **crucial decisions** taken by the **management** for the **bank** require a **proper analysis** of the **current scenario** in order to take the **right decision**.
- **Earning profits** is the main objective of **any business.** A proper **analysis** of the data will help give an idea of the **company's health** on how well it is earning **profits.**
- If a **better picture** is got on the **loan provision**, then only the **capital** that will be **enough** to run the **provisions** for loan can **utilised** instead of using much more than required.
- Since the predictions and analysis tells us the position in the respect of debts, any essential funds that might be required to keep the business afloat can be arranged and helping the business from becoming money deficient.

d. Scope and Objectives of the project

The **scope** of this project is **determined** by the **dataset** provided to us by the **management of the bank** and the **information** required by the management to make proper decisions.

5 C's of Loan



The following contribute to the **scope of the project:**

- Out of the 5 C's of the Lending a loan, only two of them, Conditions and Collateral are under the control of the bank. But the other three C's solely depend on the borrower.

 Therefore, it is the duty of the bank to properly evaluate these factors before lending a loan.
- In our project, the data for the project contains these **3** C's, Character, Capacity and Capital related to the borrowers. Our analysis and model building will solely be based on these aspects of the loan.
- The project does not take into **consideration** that the **borrowers** are **not existing depositors** in the bank and have come with **sole purpose** of **borrowing** loan.
- The range of this capstone project is limited to performing predictive analytics rather than prescriptive analytics.

Objectives of Project:

There are **two objectives** of this capstone project which are as follows:

Data Analysis

Analysing the data to gain meaningful insights and give recommendations accordingly

Predictive Modelling

Building a prediction model to churn out defaulters and help management to reduce losses

2. Exploratory Data Analysis:

Exploratory Analysis of data refers to the process of **analysing** the data by exploring the data in every way possible to get **significant** insights which might give useful information on the data. **Getting insights** on the data is not the sole purpose of the **EDA** but also to know the **variables** in the **dataset** better and also making **adjustments** to the data if any required **before** going into the **model building**

a. Data Report

The data of the customers provided to us by the bank is present in an excel file "loan default_data.xlsx". The dataset contains 226786 observations and 41 variables. The variables in the current dataset hold the information such as terms of their current loan, income related information, credit score of those customers, transactions done for the loan, current status of the loan, etc. We have been provided with a data dictionary which holds the information about the variable names and what they represent.

The dataset has variables which are in the wrong data types. Every model building algorithms require the variables to be in the right data type. Therefore the variables must be converted to proper data types. The conversions are done in the following manner:

Date and Time → Factor

Character type with text \rightarrow **Factor**

Character type with Numbers \rightarrow Numerical

No change is to be done for **Numerical variables**

b. <u>Uni-Variate Analysis:</u>

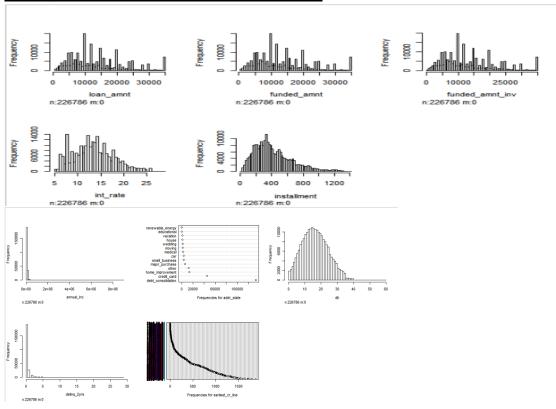
Uni-variate analysis refers to the process of **analysing** each **variable** independently to **summarize** and **finding patterns** in the data. This process can be achieved by plotting

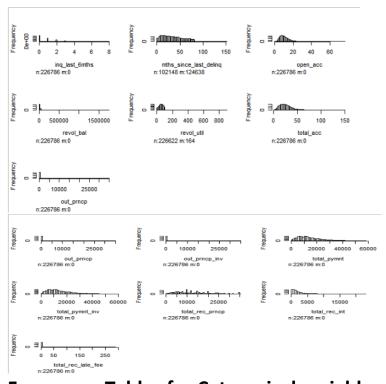
histograms for each of the **numerical variables** and creating **frequency tables** for the **categorical variables**.

Summary statistics for all the variables:

loan_amnt funded_amnt funded_amnt_inv term int_rate
Min. : 500 Min. : 500 Min. : 0 36 months:179291 Min. : 5.32
1st Qu.: 7200
Median :12000 Median :12000 Median :11975 Median :13.11
Mean :13543 Mean :13507 Mean :13427 Mean :13.49
3rd Qu.:18194 3rd Qu.:18000 3rd Qu.:18000 3rd Qu.:16.29
Max. :35000 Max. :35000 Max. :35000 Max. :28.99
installment grade emp_length home_ownership annual_inc
Min. : 15.69 A:40583 10+ years:69626 ANY : 1 Min. : 3000
1st Qu.: 239.55 B:69988 2 years :21235 MORTGAGE:113338 1st Qu.: 45000
Median : 364.96
Mean : 417.99 D:34627 3 years :18447 OTHER : 114 Mean : 73965
3rd Qu.: 547.43 E:15889 5 years :15986 OWN : 19919 3rd Qu.: 90000 Max. :1409.99 F: 5927 1 year :15183 RENT : 93378 Max. :8900060
G: 1508 (Other) :67649
verification_status issue_d pymnt_plan purpose
Not Verified :78058 2014-10-01: 8246 n:226780 debt_consolidation:132971
Source Verified:67981 2014-07-01: 7722 y: 6 credit_card : 45729 Verified :80747 2014-04-01: 5860 home_improvement : 13736
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2015-01-01: 5830 other : 12311
2013-12-01: 5734 major_purchase : 5737
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(Other) :18//48 (Other) : 12639
addr_state dti delinq_2yrs earliest_cr_line
debt_consolidation:132971 Min. : 0.00 Min. : 0.000 2000-10-01: 1870
credit_card : 45729 1st Qu.:10.62 1st Qu.: 0.000 1999-10-01: 1793
home_improvement : 13736 Median :16.03 Median : 0.000 2001-10-01: 1784
other : 12311 Mean :16.44 Mean : 0.259 2000-11-01: 1725
major_purchase : 5737 3rd Qu.:21.86 3rd Qu.: 0.000 1999-11-01: 1709 small_business : 3663 Max. :59.26 Max. :29.000 2000-08-01: 1705
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(Other) : 12639 (Other) :216200
inq_last_6mths mths_since_last_delinq open_acc revol_bal revol_util
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Median: 0.0000 Median: 32.00 Median: 10.00 Median: 10868 Median: 55.00
Mean :0.8244 Mean : 35.04 Mean :10.99 Mean : 15241 Mean : 53.67
3rd Qu.:1.0000 3rd Qu.: 51.00 3rd Qu.:14.00 3rd Qu.: 19065 3rd Qu.: 73.20
No. St.
total_acc out_prncp out_prncp_inv total_pymnt total_pymnt_inv
Min. : 2.00 Min. : 0.0 Min. : 0.0 Min. : 0 Min.
Median: 24.00 Median: 0.0 Median: 0.0 Median: 12290 Median: 12208
Mean : 25.22 Mean : 982.7 Mean : 982.3 Mean :14455 Mean :14358
3rd Qu.: 32.00 3rd Qu.: 0.0 3rd Qu.: 0.0 3rd Qu.:19728 3rd Qu.:19629 Max. :150.00 Max. :35000.0 Max. :35000.0 Max. :57778 Max. :57778
total_rec_prncp total_rec_int
1st Qu.: 6000 1st Qu.: 629.7 1st Qu.: 0.0000 1st Qu.:0 1st Qu.:0
Median :10500 Median : 1311.1 Median : 0.0000 Median :0 Median :0
Mean :12503 Mean : 1951.0 Mean : 0.5893 Mean :0 Mean :0
3rd Qu.:17075 3rd Qu.: 2485.4 3rd Qu.: 0.0000 3rd Qu.:0 3rd Qu.:0 May .35000 May .22777 6 May .286 7476 May .0 May .0
last_pymnt_d last_pymnt_amnt
2015-12-01: 18050 Min. : 0.0 2016-01-01: 1464 2016-01-01:100820 2015-10-01: 15666 1st Qu.: 732.7 2016-02-01: 17597 2015-12-01: 14828 2015-11-01: 13778 Median: 4956. 3 2016-03-01: 2 2015-11-01: 10939
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application_type loan_status INDIVIDUAL:226780 Default : 19063 JOINT : 6 Fully Paid:207723
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Histograms for Numerical variables:





Frequency Tables for Categorical variables:

Grade

A B C D E F G 40583 69988 58264 34627 15889 5927 1508

Employment Length

< 1 year	1 year	10+ years	2 years
18660	15183	69626	21235
3 years	4 years	5 years	6 years
18447	14525	15986	13055
7 years	8 years	9 years	n/a
12464	10657	8548	8400

Home Ownership

ANY	MORTGAGE	NONE	OTHER
1	113338	36	114
OWN	RENT		
19919	93378		

Verification Status

Not Verified Source Verified 78058 67981 Verified 80747

Application type

INDIVIDUAL JOINT 226780 6

Date of Issue

Payment Plan

n y 226780 6

Purpose for loan

home_improvement	educational	debt_consolidation	credit card	car
13736	269	132971	45729	3318
other	moving	medical	major_purchase	house
12311	1747	2481	5737	1471
	wedding	vacation	small_business	renewable_energy
	1701	1422	2002	220

Collection of Recovery fee

0 226786

Recoveries

0 226786

Loan Status

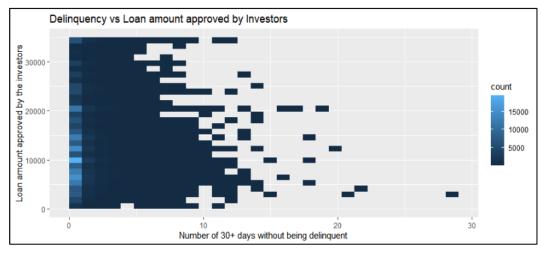
Default Fully Paid 19063 207723

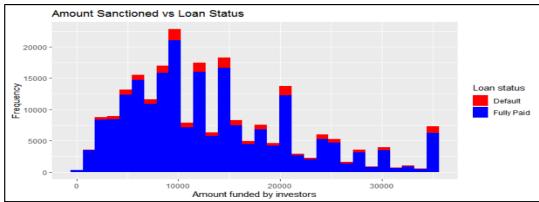
Findings from Univariate Analysis:

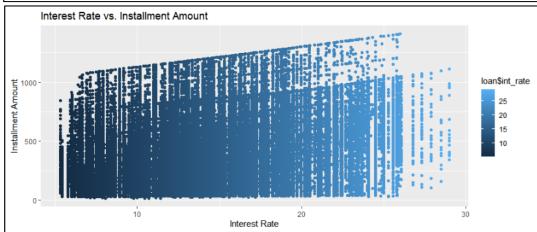
- There are 6 numerical variables which do not follow a bell-curve and deviate from rest of the variables
- Rest of the variables are either highly or slightly skewed to the left.
- The variable purpose for loan has the highest number of factors which is 14.
- Variables such as recoveries, collection recovery fee have all values as zeros. There are 2 variables which have only single factor.
- The dataset is **highly imbalanced** when considered **w.r.t** to the **categorical variables**, **Payment plan and Loan Status**.

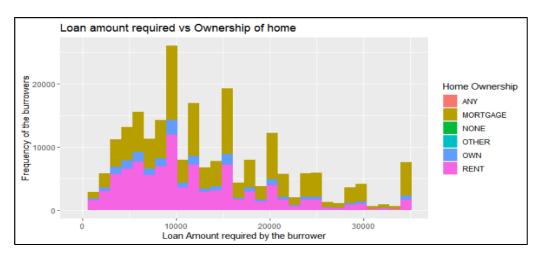
c. Multi-Variate Analysis:

This type of **analysis** will help us give **insights** on **multiple** variables at once and also will help us understand the **relationships** between the **variables** which is very important **model building process. Multi-variate analysis** can be performed by using **correlation plots** and **colored graphs** like **boxplots**, **bar plots**, etc.







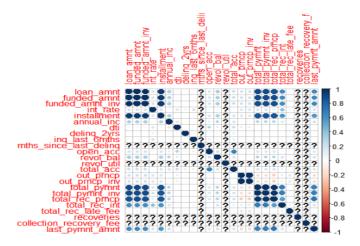


Loan Status vs Verification Status Frequency Table

	Not	Verified	Source	Verified	Verified
Default		4202		7710	7151
Fully Paid		73856		60271	73596

Correlation Plot:

Correlation between two variables can be defined as the **strength** of **relationship** that exists between two or more **numerical variables.** Below is the **correlation plot** showing the **correlation** values **between** each of these variables.



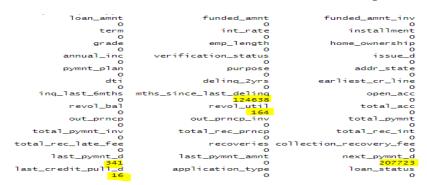
Findings from Multi-Variate Analysis:

- The Burrowers who have lesser number of days without being delinquent have been sanctioned higher amounts of loan than the ones the burrowers who had more number of days without being delinquent.
- For a given loan, the rate of interest rises with respect to rise in the per month instalment amount.
- Burrowers asking for higher amount of loans are the ones having either mortgages or living in rent houses.

- Majority of the burrowers have paid back the loan irrespective of the loan amount sanctioned by the investors.
- The burrowers who were either source verified or verified by the bank account to majority
 of the burrowers who have fully paid their loan.
- There are some variables for which the correlation values could not be found because
 those variables have no standard deviation and hence cannot be related with any of the
 other variables.

d. Missing Value Treatment:

The **missing values** can be termed as the values that are unknown to the analyst when he gets the data. These kind of values also cause hindrances to the **model building process**. Below is the **column wise** distribution of **missing values** before treatment.



Out of the variables which contain **NAs**, majority of them come from **date and time** columns. Since these columns cannot be used for **model building**, those columns can be omitted altogether. For the remaining **numerical variables** with **NAs**, machine learning algorithms like **KNN** cannot work in eliminating the **NAs** as the dataset has large number of observations. Therefore the process of **median** imputation can be used to replace the **NAs** with the **median** of that variable. In this way, the **normal distribution** of the variable is not disturbed and also will retain its old characteristics

After median imputation:

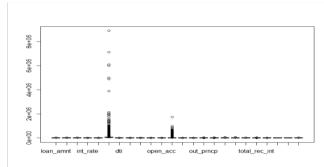


Now we can see that the numerical variables are devoid of missing values.

e. Outlier Treatment:

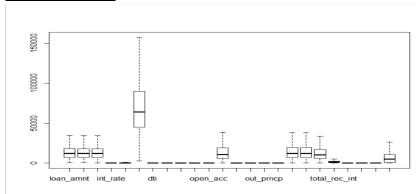
An **outlier** can be defined as those values which are at an abnormal distance from the other values in a **sample distribution**.

Before capping:



The **outliers** are more in number for our dataset. **Hence** omitting them is not an option. **Therefore** to deal with them, we use the method called **capping** where we **impute the outlier values** to the **thresholds** based on whether they are **upper outliers** or **lower outliers**.

After capping:



Now we can see that all the **outliers** have been eliminated.

f. Removal of unwanted variables:

While performing **analysis**, we came across **variables** which were found **unsuitable** for model building due to the following reasons.

- Their standard deviation was zero and hence they might give abnormal values while making predictions.
- They were in **Time and Date** format and hence could not be used as **variables** in model building.
- Those variables contributed to **majority** of **missing values** and removing them would make the process of **model building** easier.

• The **desc** and **ID** variable cannot be converted to any of the above data types and hence can be omitted from the analysis.

g. Variable Transformation:

The response variable, loan_status, if required for certain **model building** processes, must be converted to **categorical** variable with **'0'** and **'1'** instead of **"Fully Paid"** and **"Default"** as the variable's **levels.** This can be achieved by using **if else** function.

h. Insights from EDA:

- Majority of Burrowers have loans which have been graded come under B-Grade meaning it is the most popular grade loan.
- Majority of the **burrowers** have an **employment** period of more than **10 years** indicating that most of the burrowers wait until a period of **10 years** in employment to avail a loan in order to make them financially stable.
- Highest loan amount sanctioned by the investors to a burrower is 35000 units.
- The **majority** of the burrowers have a **DTI** value of **16.88** indicating that **burrowers** have been able to balance their **credits** with respect to their **income**.
- The annual income of the burrowers ranges from 3000 units to 8900060 units with average income being 73965 units indicating most of the burrowers are able to pay back their loans when compared with the instalment amount.
- Only **34.4%** of the burrowers have not undergone **verification** indicating that **bank** has been **doing verifications** regularly.

3. Model Building:

The **second and most important objective** of this capstone project is to **build a prediction model** that will help **bank** decide whether a **borrower** of **loan** will **default** on their loan.

a. Data Preparation:

Since our dataset is highly imbalanced on the response variable where cases of default are 19063 and that of fully paid are 207723, the dataset has been balanced using the simultaneous Over-sampling of positive class(default) and under- sampling of negative class (Fully paid) through SMOTE. The balanced dataset has brought both the classes to 50%-50% proportion where defaulters were 95315 and non-defaulters were 92264. We were not provided with a separate out-of-sample data and hence we have divided the existing dataset in the ratio of 70%-30% based on the response variable to be considered as training and testing data respectively for model building.

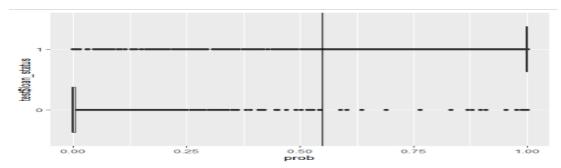
Dimensions of Training Dataset	Dimensions of Testing Dataset
131305 rows and 34 variables	56274 rows and 34 variables

b. Model building:

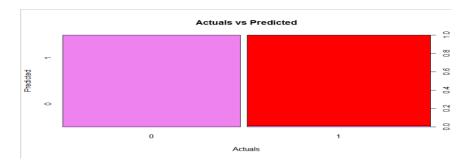
i. Logistic Regression:

Logistic Regression is a type of predictive model which uses a **Logit Function** to predict the **category** by giving a **probability** of a class **as an output**. We have used only the **significant variables** whose **p-value** are less than **0.05** to make the **model**.

The **positive coefficient** of the **variables** such as **int_rate** and **funded_amt** points towards the fact that the **model** is **inclined** towards finding the **default** class.



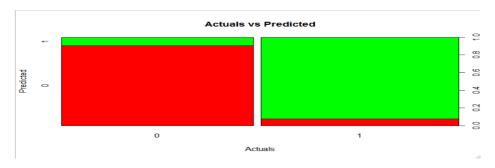
We can see that at the **threshold** of **0.55**, we are able to **predict correctly** more number of **0s** and **1s**. Therefore we can say that anything with a **value** of **above 0.55** is **'1'** and **below 0.55** is **'0'**.



ii. Naïve Bayes:

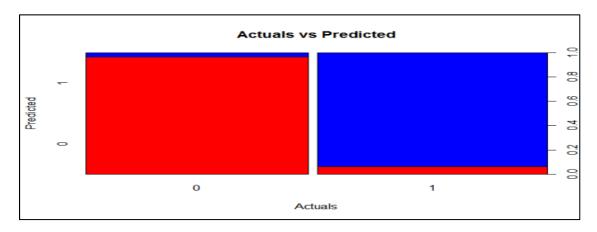
The **Naïve Bayes** classifier uses an extension of **Bayes** theorem to predict **class outputs** given any number of **independent variables**.

Above displays the summary of how the **model works**. Since **Naïve Bayes** is easier to implement, we can put all the **predictor variables** for **model building** unlike **logistic regression**.



iii. KNN:

KNN(K Nearest Neighbours) algorithm as a classifier uses the current data and estimates the class of the new data point by using certain similarity measures of distance. Since the algorithm uses the distances between data points to find the response variable, all the predictor variables that are given to the model must be numeric. Since this a non-parametrical algorithm, the output of this algorithm is the set of predictions.



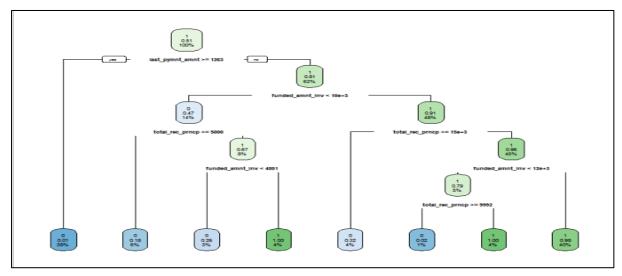
iv. CART Model:

CART (Classification and Regression Tree) is one of the methods of preparing a **Classification predictive model** which uses **Tree structure** to explain the predications of the **Classification or Regression model**.

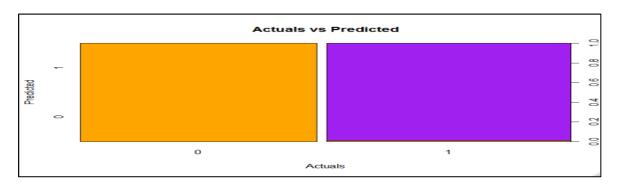
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n= 131305

node), split, n, loss, yval, (yprob)
    * denotes terminal node

1) root 131305 64585 1 (0.491870073 0.508129927)
    2) last_pymnt_amnt>=1262.97 50101 547 0 (0.989082054 0.010917946) *
    3) last_pymnt_amnt< 1262.97 81204 15031 1 (0.185101719 0.814898281)
    6) funded_amnt_inv< 10000.41 17750 8291 0 (0.532901408 0.467098592)
    12) total_rec_prncp>=4999.959 7448 1368 0 (0.816326531 0.183673469) *
    13) total_rec_prncp< 4999.959 10302 3379 1 (0.327994564 0.672005436)
    26) funded_amnt_inv< 4800.779 4519 1166 0 (0.741978314 0.258021686) *
    27) funded_amnt_inv>=4800.779 5783 26 1 (0.004495936 0.995504064) *
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    7) funded_amnt_inv>=10000.41 63454 5572 1 (0.087811643 0.912188357)
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    15) total_rec_prncp< 14999.32 58431 2157 1 (0.036915336 0.963084664)
    30) funded_amnt_inv< 12000.56 6415 1347 1 (0.209976617 0.790023383)
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    61) total_rec_prncp< 9992.39 5036 0 1 (0.000000000 1.000000000) *
    31) funded_amnt_inv>=12000.56 52016 810 1 (0.015572132 0.984427868) *
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As we can see that the **decision tree** is not **complex** and therefore we don't need to **prune** the **decision tree** as it would result in **loss** of **predictor variables** in the model.



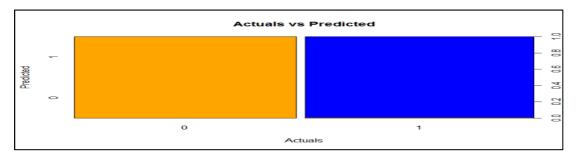
v. Random Forest:

Random Forest is an ensemble learning technique where multiple decision trees are built and after analysing all the predictions by each of those multiple trees, the **best model tree** is selected.

```
randomForest(formula = loan_status ~ ., data = train, ntree = 300,
Type of random forest: classification
Number of trees: 300
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    mtry = 3, nodesize = 10, importance = TRUE, do.trace = TRUE)
   No. of variables tried at each split: 3
                                                       OOB estimate of error rate: 0.5%
OOB estimate of electronic confusion matrix:

0 1 class.error
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1 638 66082 0.0095623501
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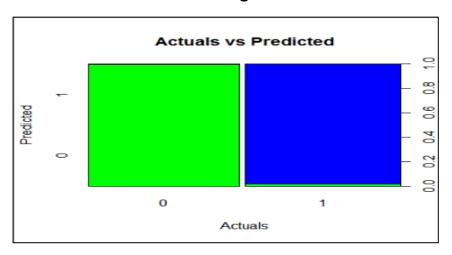
For 300 decision trees made, the Random forest algorithm has managed to get the least OOB(Out of Box) estimate error rate of 0.5% which can termed as good and will help us give good predictions. We can also see that int_rate is the most important predictor.



vi. Bagging:

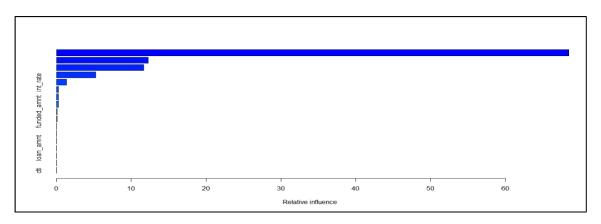
Bagging or Bootstrap Aggregating is an Ensemble learning method where the **classifiers** use random **subsests** of the original **dataset** to make predictions.

We can see that the Out of bag error is 0.0415.

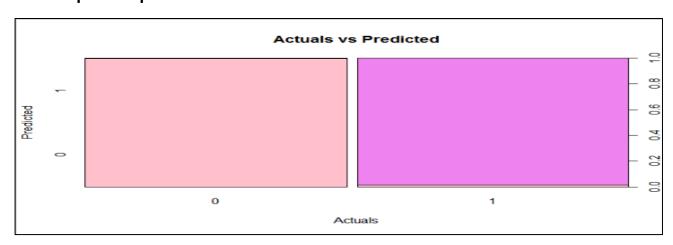


vii. Adaptive Boosting:

Adaptive Boosting or Adaboost is a boosting algorithm where the iteration process of building a strong rule is dependent on the weightage given to the errors created by the preceding weak learner.



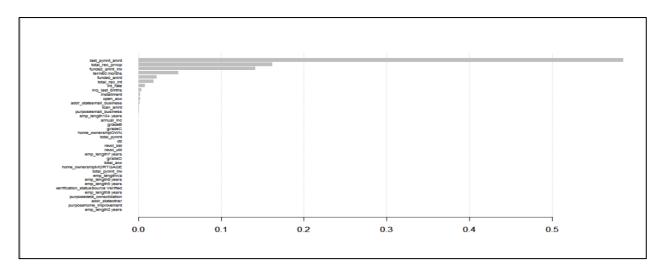
The variables **last_pymnt_amnt**, **total_rec_prncp** and **funded_amt_inv** are the **most important predictor** variables.



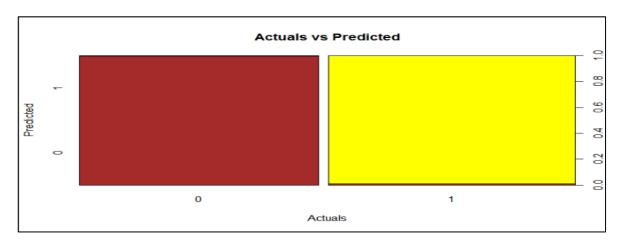
viii. Extreme Gradient Boosting:

The **xgboost** model tries to make a **strong rule** by trying reduce the **error** obtained from the **loss function** from the **weak learners.**

The least error achieved by the model at 100th iteration is 0.006405.



We can see that **last payment amount** is the most important variable in this model.



4. Model Validation:

a. Comparison of models using various model measures:

Model Measures used for Comparison:

- 1) <u>Confusion Matrix</u>: We use the confusion matrix to get a frequency of the predicted values vs. the actual values and **also** to find various metrics such as **accuracy**, **specificity**, **sensitivity**, **etc.**
- Accuracy: It is the ratio of Correct Predictions to Total number of predictions. Higher the better
- Sensitivity: It can be defined as the ratio between actual positives to correctly identified positives by classifier.
- **Specificity:** It can be defined as the **ratio** between **actual negatives** to **correctly identified negatives** by **classifier.**
- 2) <u>Concordance Ratio:</u> In this method, the values of Response variables and Probabilities are taken as pairs and then tested if the probabilities predicted actually hold true. And then the number of pairs are counted with respect to total number of pairs. *Higher the better*

- 3) <u>Error Rate:</u> In this method, the frequency of all the **Falsely Predicted values** are counted and then compared with the total number of **values** in the dataset. This shows to what extent the **predictions done were wrong**. *Lower the better*.
- 4) ROC & AUC: Both of these measures help in determining the separation of the different Categories present in the Target and Prediction Variables. AUC = Area Under the Curve, ROC = Receiver Operating Characteristics. Higher the better
- 5) <u>Gini:</u> The <u>Gini Coefficient</u> be determined to test the <u>purity</u> of the classes divided in the <u>Target</u> variable using the <u>prediction model</u>. *Higher the better*
- 6) KS Value: The KS (Kolmogorov-Smirnov) value is the highest separation of classes that has been achieved by the predictive model. *Higher the better*.

Out of these, more emphasis was put on Accuracy, Specificity and Sensitivity.

Overview of Model Measures of all models

					Error				
Model	Accuracy	Specificity	Sensitivity	Concordance	Rate	ROC	KS	AUC	Gini
Logistic Regression	0.9956	0.9993	0.9918	0.998	0.004	0.99	0.993	0.998	0.49
Naïve Bayes	0.916	0.9068	0.9255	0.979	0.083	0.98	0.993	0.998	0.49
KNN	0.9531	0.9670	<mark>0.9997</mark>	0.93	0.083	0.85	0.757	0.937	0.48
CART Model	0.958	0.9867	0.9303	0.973	0.046	0.87	0.917	0.983	0.492
Random Forest	0.9956	<mark>0.9997</mark>	0.9917	0.999	0.004	0.99	0.994	0.997	0.484
Bagging	0.958	0.9958	0.9290	0.947	0.041	0.92	0.925	0.972	0.52
Adaptive Boosting	0.9917	0.9984	0.9852	0.998	0.008	0.99	0.987	0.998	0.488
XG Boosting	<mark>0.9971</mark>	0.9995	0.9946	<mark>0.999</mark>	0.002	0.99	<mark>0.994</mark>	<mark>0.999</mark>	0.489

By comparing the **above results** and especially **sensitivity, specificity and accuracy,** we can say that **XG Boost model** has performed **better** over other **models**. This performance is followed by **Logistic Regression** and **Random Forest**.

b. Interpretation of the best model

Inferences of the best model:

- The XG Boost performed well due to the reason that its framework contains many optimization and algorithmic advancements. It also has Lasso Regression and Ridge Regression to prevent from over fitting.
- Logistic Regression's performance can be credited to the fact that we have only used significant variables. But since we have removed many variables, it might lose a bit of variation of the dataset that is explained by the model.
- The performance of Random Forest is because its algorithm uses ensemble of many pruned decision trees to build the best decision tree.

This **XG Boost** model was further **tuned** by **increasing** the **number of cross validations** to **2** and **nrounds** value was increased to **1000** but there was **no improvement** in the results.

Ensemble method of **weighted average** was used using the **3** top **models**, **logistic regression**, **Random Forest** and **XG Boost**. Even though the **results** were **slightly** improved, it could not be used as there is no specific model that can be **deployed** through this method.

Business understanding of the XG Boost Model:

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Confusion Matrix and Statistics

Reference
Prediction 0 1
0 27673 143
1 6 28452

Accuracy: 0.9974
95% CI: (0.9969, 0.9978)
No Information Rate: 0.5081
P-Value [Acc > NIR]: < 2.2e-16

Kappa: 0.9947

Mcnemar's Test P-Value: < 2.2e-16

Sensitivity: 0.9950
Specificity: 0.9998
Pos Pred Value: 0.9998
Neg Pred Value: 0.9998
Neg Pred Value: 0.9949
Prevalence: 0.5081
Detection Rate: 0.5056
Detection Prevalence: 0.5057
Balanced Accuracy: 0.9974
'Positive' Class: 1
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From the above **confusion matrix**, we have obtained **two types** of **errors** which are as follows:

▶ False Positive: This type of error occurs when the model predicts that the borrower will default but in reality he doesn't. In our case, this value is 6. In this type of error, the bank loses the money that can be gained from a potential customer to whom loan could have been provided. But on the other hand, bank has been saved from risk of losing the loan amount.

➤ False Negative: This type of error occurs when the model predicts that the borrower will not default on the loan but actually defaults on the loan. In our case, this value is 143.

This type of error leads to **huge losses** for the bank as they lose huge **amount of money** through the non-recoverable **loan amounts** provided to such **borrowers** thinking they will pay back. These type of **errors** cost the bank **more money** than the **first error**.

Compared to the **number** of **observations** in the dataset, the **values** of **both** the **errors** are **very low**.

<u>Therefore we present the XG Boost as the best model to the</u> management that can be used to classify defaulters and non-defaulters.

5. Recommendations:

a. Model based recommendations:

- The XG Boost model which we presented as the best model to the management has the tendency to commit more number of False Negatives more than False Positives. Therefore management must keep in mind the amount of losses incurred by each and use the model accordingly.
- The **XG Boost** requires lot of **computational resources** and **time.** Therefore the parameters must be tuned according to the size of the **dataset**.
- The model requires the dataset to be in the form of model matrix and therefore must be converted to one before using it for predictions.
- Building of model matrix requires creation of dummy variable mimicking the response variable for the model deployment.

b. Data based recommendations:

- The imbalance in the dataset can be avoided by including more number of positive class(default) observations.
- The variables chosen most probably must follow the **normal distribution** which will make the **job** of **model building easier**.
- By keeping in mind the **process** of **model building**, only those variables which will be used in the **model building process** must be selected in the dataset.
- The dataset can be trimmed down further and try to represent the population dataset as compared to huge datasets.
- Inconsistencies such as **missing values** and **outliers** can be avoided so as to improve the **accuracy** of the **models**.

c. Business relevant recommendations:

- The **bank** must find ways to **market** higher **loan grades** such as **F and G** in order to increase their **revenues**.
- The advertising must be targeted towards borrowers with employment period of more than 10 years because that's when they think of going for a loan.
- The bank can put emphasis on **housing loans** since most of the **borrowers** are either living in **rented house** or **having mortgages**.
- The bank must put up some offers on **Joint** loans as opposed to **individual** loans to increase the **revenue**.

6. Conclusion:

As a **business analyst**, we have performed **analysis** on the given dataset to give the **management** information on their **customer base**. After analysis, we have **prepared various prediction models**, compared using **model measures** and **interpreted** the best model which could be presented to the management was **XG Boost**. This **model** was further improved further by using **ensemble method**. Further **inferences** were given for the understanding of the management.

It is expected that **management** will consider the **recommendations** provided followed by the **usage** of **best prediction model** to **minimize** their **losses** and increase their **revenue** and save themselves from the clutches of **loan defaulters**.