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# DATA CLEANSING THE LENDING CLUB LOAN DATASET

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I.

## STEP 1: READING IN THE DATA

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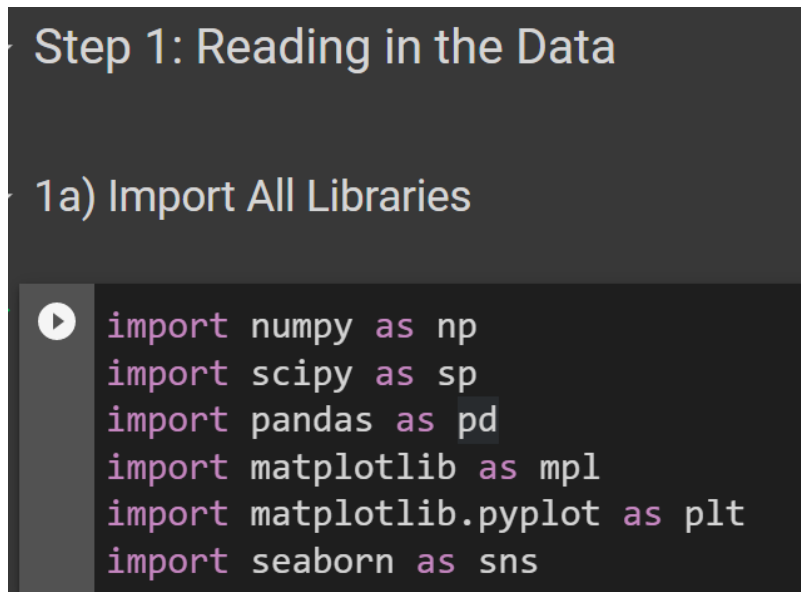
IPYNB:

- [https://www.alvinang.sg/s/Data\\_Cleansing\\_the\\_Lending\\_Club\\_Loan\\_Dataset\\_by\\_Dr\\_Alvin\\_Ang.ipynb](https://www.alvinang.sg/s/Data_Cleansing_the_Lending_Club_Loan_Dataset_by_Dr_Alvin_Ang.ipynb)

FILES:

- <https://www.alvinang.sg/s/LendingClubLoan200-rows.csv>
- <https://www.alvinang.sg/s/LCDataDictionary.xlsx>

### A. IMPORT ALL LIBRARIES



```
import numpy as np
import scipy as sp
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib as mpl
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
```

## B. SETTING UP OPTIONS

### 1b) Setting Up Options

```
#Pandas Options
pd.set_option('display.max_colwidth', 1000,
              'display.max_rows', None,
              'display.max_columns', None)
#preventing the dataframe from displaying
#too long a column by setting the
#max_colwidth to 1000

#Plotting Options
%matplotlib inline
mpl.style.use('ggplot')
sns.set(style='whitegrid')
```

## C. PEEKING AT THE DATA

### 1c) Browsing the Columns

```
[226] loans = pd.read_csv('https://www.alvinang.sg/s/LendingClubLoan200-rows.csv')
[227] loans.info()

#there are 73 columns! TOO MANY!
```

```

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 199 entries, 0 to 198
Data columns (total 74 columns):
#   Column                                Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0   id                                     199 non-null    int64
1   member_id                             199 non-null    int64
2   loan_amnt                             199 non-null    int64
3   funded_amnt                           199 non-null    int64
4   funded_amnt_inv                       199 non-null    float64
5   term                                   199 non-null    object
6   int_rate                               199 non-null    float64
7   installment                           199 non-null    float64
8   grade                                  199 non-null    object
9   sub_grade                              199 non-null    object
10  emp_title                               190 non-null    object
11  emp_length                             198 non-null    object
12  home_ownership                         199 non-null    object
13  annual_inc                             199 non-null    float64
14  verification_status                   199 non-null    object
15  issue_d                                199 non-null    object
16  loan_status                            199 non-null    object
17  pymnt_plan                             199 non-null    object
18  url                                     199 non-null    object
19  desc                                   129 non-null    object
20  purpose                                199 non-null    object
21  title                                  199 non-null    object

```

```

22  zip_code                               199 non-null    object
23  addr_state                             199 non-null    object
24  dti                                     199 non-null    object
25  delinq_2yrs                            199 non-null    float64
26  earliest_cr_line                       199 non-null    object
27  inq_last_6mths                         199 non-null    object
28  mths_since_last_delinq                 47 non-null     float64
29  mths_since_last_record                 5 non-null      float64
30  open_acc                               198 non-null    float64
31  pub_rec                                 199 non-null    int64
32  revol_bal                              199 non-null    int64
33  revol_util                             199 non-null    float64
34  total_acc                              199 non-null    float64
35  initial_list_status                    199 non-null    object
36  out_prncp                              199 non-null    object
37  out_prncp_inv                          199 non-null    float64
38  total_pymnt                            199 non-null    float64
39  total_pymnt_inv                        199 non-null    float64
40  total_rec_prncp                        199 non-null    float64
41  total_rec_int                          199 non-null    float64
42  total_rec_late_fee                     199 non-null    float64
43  recoveries                             199 non-null    float64
44  collection_recovery_fee                199 non-null    float64
45  last_pymnt_d                           198 non-null    object
46  last_pymnt_amnt                        199 non-null    object
47  next_pymnt_d                            14 non-null     object
48  last_credit_pull_d                     198 non-null    object
49  collections_12_mths_ex_med             199 non-null    object
50  mths_since_last_major_derog            1 non-null      float64
51  policy_code                            198 non-null    float64
52  application_type                       199 non-null    object

```

```

53  annual_inc_joint                       1 non-null     object
54  dti_joint                              0 non-null     float64
55  verification_status_joint              0 non-null     float64
56  acc_now_delinq                         198 non-null   float64
57  tot_coll_amt                           1 non-null     float64
58  tot_cur_bal                            0 non-null     float64
59  open_acc_6m                            0 non-null     float64
60  open_il_6m                              0 non-null     float64
61  open_il_12m                             0 non-null     float64
62  open_il_24m                             0 non-null     float64
63  mths_since_rcnt_il                     0 non-null     float64
64  total_bal_il                            0 non-null     float64
65  il_util                                 0 non-null     float64
66  open_rv_12m                             0 non-null     float64
67  open_rv_24m                             0 non-null     float64
68  max_bal_bc                              0 non-null     float64
69  all_util                                 0 non-null     float64
70  total_rev_hi_lim                        0 non-null     float64
71  inq_fi                                  0 non-null     float64
72  total_cu_tl                             0 non-null     float64
73  inq_last_12m                           0 non-null     float64
dtypes: float64(40), int64(6), object(28)
memory usage: 115.2+ KB

```

D. TAKING A PEEK AT THE LENDING CLUB LOAN DICTIONARY

1d) Taking a peek at the Lending Club Loan Dictionary

```
[217] xls = pd.read_excel('https://www.alvinang.sg/s/LCDataDictionary.xlsx',
                        sheet_name = 'LoanStats',
                        index_col = 'LoanStatNew')
```

xls

	Description
LoanStatNew	
acc_now_delinq	The number of accounts on which the borrower is now delinquent.
acc_open_past_24mths	Number of trades opened in past 24 months.
addr_state	The state provided by the borrower in the loan application
all_util	Balance to credit limit on all trades
annual_inc	The self-reported annual income provided by the borrower during registration.
annual_inc_joint	The combined self-reported annual income provided by the co-borrowers during registration
application_type	Indicates whether the loan is an individual application or a joint application with two co-borrowers
avg_cur_bal	Average current balance of all accounts
bc_open_to_buy	Total open to buy on revolving bankcards.
bc_util	Ratio of total current balance to high credit/credit limit for all bankcard accounts.
chargeoff_within_12_mths	Number of charge-offs within 12 months
collection_recovery_fee	post charge off collection fee
collections_12_mths_ex_med	Number of collections in 12 months excluding medical collections
delinq_2yrs	The number of 30+ days past-due incidences of delinquency in the borrower's credit file for the past 2 years
delinq_amnt	The past-due amount owed for the accounts on which the borrower is now delinquent.
desc	Loan description provided by the borrower
dti	A ratio calculated using the borrower's total monthly debt payments on the total debt obligations, excluding mortgage and the requested LC loan, divided by the borrower's self-reported monthly income.
dti_joint	A ratio calculated using the co-borrowers' total monthly payments on the total debt obligations, excluding mortgages and the requested LC loan, divided by the co-borrowers' combined self-reported monthly income
earliest_cr_line	The month the borrower's earliest reported credit line was opened

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## II. STEP 2: DEALING WITH THE "TERM" COLUMN

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### A. WHAT IS THE "TERM" COLUMN?

#### Step 2: Dealing with the 'Term' Column

#### 2a) What is the "Term" Column?

```
[219] xls.loc[['term']]
```

	Description
LoanStatNew	
term	The number of payments on the loan. Values are in months and can be either 36 or 60.

### B. PEEKING THE "TERM" COLUMN

#### 2b) Peeking the "Term" Column

```
▶ loans['term'].sample(5)
```

```
#What's the problem?  
#The word / string "months" make the data type  
#unreadable... especially when we need to  
#import in for Machine Learning later on...  
#we need to remove the word "months"
```

```
↳ 6      60 months  
   81     36 months  
   106    36 months  
   167    60 months  
   193    60 months  
   Name: term, dtype: object
```

### C. REMOVING A STRING WITHIN A COLUMN

#### 2c) Removing a String within a Column

```
[221] loans['term'] = loans['term'].\n      str.slice_replace(3, repl='')
```

### D. CONVERTING STRING TO NUMBER

#### 2d) Converting String to Number

```
[222] loans['term'] = loans['term'].astype(float)\n      #we need to convert 'dti' column to 'float' in order to feed the\n      #Random Forest Classifier
```

```
▶ loans['term'].sample(5)
```

```
#the word "month" has been removed!\n#and data type is now a Number!
```

```
↳ 23    36.0\n   53    36.0\n   192   60.0\n   120   60.0\n    4    60.0\n   Name: term, dtype: float64
```



A. WHAT IS THE "SUB\_GRADE" COLUMN?

## Step 3: Dealing with the 'Sub\_Grade' Column

### 3a) What is the "Sub\_Grade" Column?

 xls.loc[['sub\_grade']]



Description

LoanStatNew

sub_grade	LC assigned loan subgrade
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### 3b) Peeking the "Sub\_Grade" Column

```
▶ loans['sub_grade'].sample(5)
```

```
#What's the problem?  
#The string datatype makes the data type  
#unreadable... especially when we need to  
#import in for Machine Learning later on...  
#we need to give number labels to the categories
```

```
↳ 91      B2  
   178     B4  
    3      C1  
   125     A4  
   130     B5  
   Name: sub_grade, dtype: object
```

## 3c) Labeling Categories with Numbers

```
[226] a = loans['sub_grade'].astype('category')
      b = a.cat.codes
      df = pd.concat([a, b.rename('category')], axis = 1)
```

```
▶ df.sample(5)
```

	sub_grade	category
40	A3	2
11	B5	9
44	A1	0
156	C2	11
130	B5	9

```
✓ [228] loans['sub_grade'] = loans['sub_grade'].\
      astype('category').cat.codes
```

```
✓ [229] loans['sub_grade'].sample(5)
      #now every grade has been labelled with a number!
      #and they are all now integers!
```

```
136    7
 95    27
 37     3
148     6
 39     9
Name: sub_grade, dtype: int8
```

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## IV. STEP 4: DEALING WITH THE "EARLIEST\_CR\_LINE" COLUMN

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### A. WHAT IS THE "EARLIEST\_CR\_LINE" COLUMN?

#### Step 4: Dealing with the "Earliest\_Cr\_Line" Column

##### 4a) What is the "Earliest\_Cr\_Line" Column?

```
[230] xls.loc[['earliest_cr_line']]
```

Description

LoanStatNew

**earliest\_cr\_line** The month the borrower's earliest reported credit line was opened

## 4b) Peeking the "Earliest\_CR\_Line" Column

```
▶ loans['earliest_cr_line'].sample(5)
```

```
#What's the problem?  
#The string datatype makes the data type  
#unreadable... especially when we need to  
#import in for Machine Learning later on...  
  
#First, we need to convert it to a "DateTime" format  
#Then, we need to reconvert it back to a Number
```

```
↳ 194    Sep-1999  
   19     Jan-2001  
   180    Sep-2006  
    85    Oct-2002  
    94    Dec-1996  
Name: earliest_cr_line, dtype: object
```

## C. ATTEMPTING TO CONVERT STRING TO "DATE TIME" FORMAT

### 4c) Attempting to Convert String to "Date Time" Format

```
▶ from datetime import datetime

loans['earliest_cr_line'] = \
    pd.to_datetime(
        loans['earliest_cr_line']
    )

#we try converting directly to "datetime" format
#but an error pops up because there's a
#hidden 0 lurking somewhere....
```

```
ValueError: day is out of range for month
  21 frames
The above exception was the direct cause of the following exception:
ParserError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
ParserError: day is out of range for month: 0

During handling of the above exception, another exception occurred:

TypeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
TypeError: invalid string coercion to datetime

During handling of the above exception, another exception occurred:

ValueError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
ValueError: day is out of range for month


The above exception was the direct cause of the following exception:

ParserError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
/usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages/six.py in raise_from(value, from_value)

ParserError: day is out of range for month: 0
```

**ERROR!!!**

SEARCH STACK OVERFLOW

```
0s  loans.loc[loans['earliest_cr_line'] == '0']
```

##the ZERO is lurking in Row 36!

	id	member_id	loan_amnt	funded_amnt	funded_amnt_inv	term	int
36	1069361	1304255	10800	10800	10800.0	36.0	

```
[234] loans['earliest_cr_line'].iloc[33:39]
#we check the surrounding to see what value we can replace the 0 with...
```

```
33    Apr-2005
34    Oct-2007
35    Jul-2005
36         0
37    Nov-2004
38    Apr-2007
Name: earliest_cr_line, dtype: object
```

```
▶ loans['earliest_cr_line'].iloc[36] = 'Jun-2006'
#seems like Jun-2006 might be a good date to replace the 0...
```

```
↳ /usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages/pandas/core/indexing.py:1732: SettingWithCopyWarning:
A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame
```

```
See the caveats in the documentation: https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user\_guide/indexing.html
self._setitem_single_block(indexer, value, name)
```

```
✓ [236] loans['earliest_cr_line'].iloc[33:39]
0s #Row 36 has been replaced!
```

```
33    Apr-2005
34    Oct-2007
35    Jul-2005
36    Jun-2006
37    Nov-2004
38    Apr-2007
Name: earliest_cr_line, dtype: object
```

```
✓ ▶ from datetime import datetime
```

```
loans['earliest_cr_line'] = \
    pd.to_datetime(\
        loans['earliest_cr_line'])
```

```
✓ [237] loans['earliest_cr_line'].sample(5)
0s
```

```
#Success! "earliest_cr_line" has now been converted to Date Time Format!
```

```
↳ 155    1999-05-01
114    1997-03-01
187    1989-09-01
111    1992-06-01
118    2003-06-01
Name: earliest_cr_line, dtype: datetime64[ns]
```



## 4d) Converting from DateTime format back to Float

```
[239] loans['earliest_cr_line'] = \
      loans['earliest_cr_line'].dt.strftime("%Y%m%d%H%M%S")
```

```
▶ loans['earliest_cr_line']
#they all look like numbers... but are still in String type format...
```

```
↳ 0    19850101000000
   1    19990401000000
   2    20011101000000
   3    19960201000000
   4    19960101000000
   5    20041101000000
   6    20050701000000
   7    20070101000000
   8    20040401000000
   9    20040901000000
  10    19980101000000
  11    19891001000000
  12    20040401000000
```

```
[241] loans['earliest_cr_line'] = \
      loans['earliest_cr_line'].\
      astype(int)
```

```
[242] loans['earliest_cr_line']
```

```
#now all are integers!
```

```
0    19850101000000
1    19990401000000
2    20011101000000
3    19960201000000
4    19960101000000
5    20041101000000
6    20050701000000
7    20070101000000
8    20040401000000
9    20040901000000
10   19980101000000
11   19891001000000
12   20040401000000
13   20030701000000
```

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## I. STEP 5: DEALING WITH THE "LOAN STATUS" COLUMN

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### A. WHAT IS THE "LOAN STATUS" COLUMN?

## Step 5: Dealing with the "Loan Status" Column

### 5a) What is the "loan\_status" Column?

```
▶ xls.loc[['loan_status']]
```



#### Description

LoanStatNew

loan_status	Current status of the loan
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## 5b) Peeking the "loan\_status" Column

```
▶ loans['loan_status'].value_counts(dropna=False)
```

```
#What's the problem?
#there are too many categories!
#(here there are only 3 because we only have
#200 rows of data... but in the actual huge LCL
#dataset.. we have around 8 categories..)
```

```
#we only want 2 Categories:
#Fully paid vs Charged Off
```

```
↳ Fully Paid      147
   Charged Off    39
   Current        13
   Name: loan_status, dtype: int64
```

```
In [58]: loans['loan_status'].value_counts(dropna=False)
```

```
Out[58]: Current                601779
         Fully Paid             207723
         Charged Off           45248
         Late (31-120 days)     11591
         Issued                  8460
         In Grace Period        6253
         Late (16-30 days)      2357
         Does not meet the credit policy. Status:Fully Paid 1988
         Default                 1219
         Does not meet the credit policy. Status:Charged Off 761
         Name: loan_status, dtype: int64
```

## 5c) Using ISIN function to Reduce the Number of Categories

```
[246] loans = loans.loc[loans['loan_status'].\n                        isin(['Fully Paid', \n                              'Charged Off'])]
```

```
▶ loans['loan_status'].value_counts(dropna=False)
```

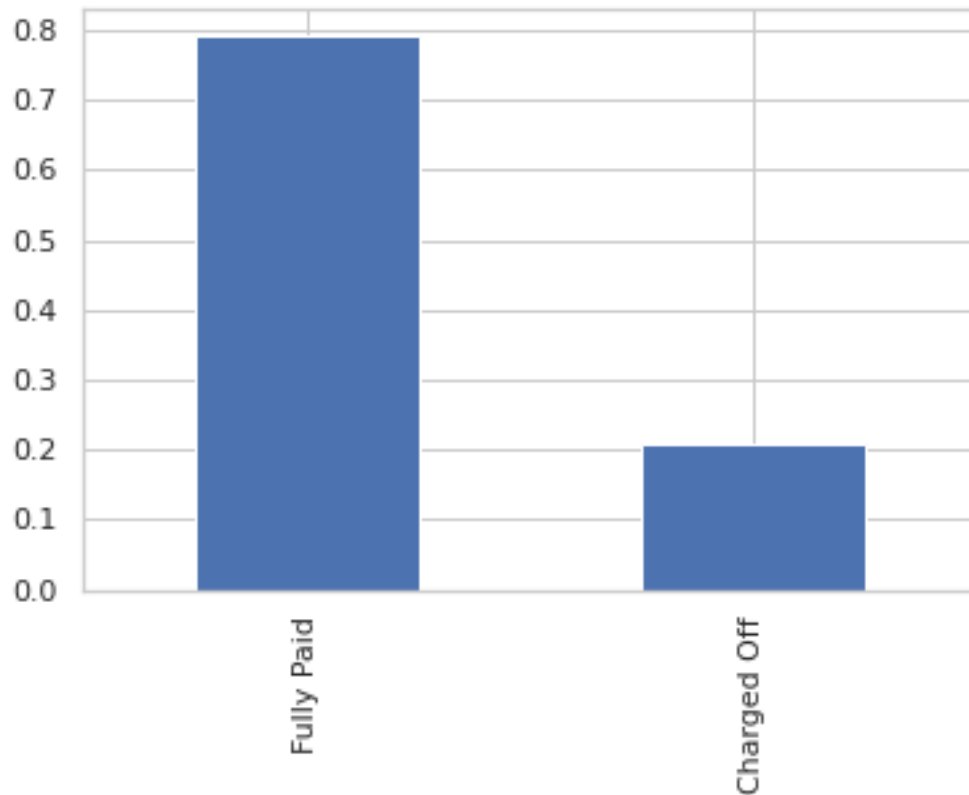
```
↳ Fully Paid      147  
   Charged Off    39  
   Name: loan_status, dtype: int64
```

D. DISPLAY THE 2 LOAN STATUS CATEGORIES AS %

## 5d) Display the 2 Loan Status Categories as %

```
[249] a = loans['loan_status'].\  
      value_counts(normalize = True,\  
                  dropna = False)
```

```
▶ a.plot(kind = 'bar')
```



E. CREATE A NEW COLUMN CALLED "CHARGED OFF" WHERE "CHARGED OFF = 1" AND "FULLY PAID = 0"

5e) Create a New Column called "Charged Off" where "Charged Off = 1" and "Fully Paid = 0"

```
▶ loans['charged_off'] = \
    (loans['loan_status'] == 'Charged Off').\
    apply(np.uint8)
```

```
[262] loans[['loan_status', 'charged_off']].sample(3)
```

	loan_status	charged_off
176	Charged Off	1
100	Charged Off	1
88	Fully Paid	0

F. DROP OFF THE "LOAN STATUS" COLUMN SINCE WE DON'T NEED IT ANYMORE...

5f) Drop Off the "Loan Status" column since we don't need it anymore...

```
[263] loans.drop('loan_status', axis = 1, inplace = True)
```

+ Code

+ Text

THE END

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## ABOUT DR. ALVIN ANG

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Dr. Alvin Ang earned his Ph.D., Masters and Bachelor degrees from NTU, Singapore. He is a scientist, entrepreneur, as well as a personal/business advisor. More about him at [www.AlvinAng.sg](http://www.AlvinAng.sg).