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Predicting Bank Application Fraud

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Introduction and Objective

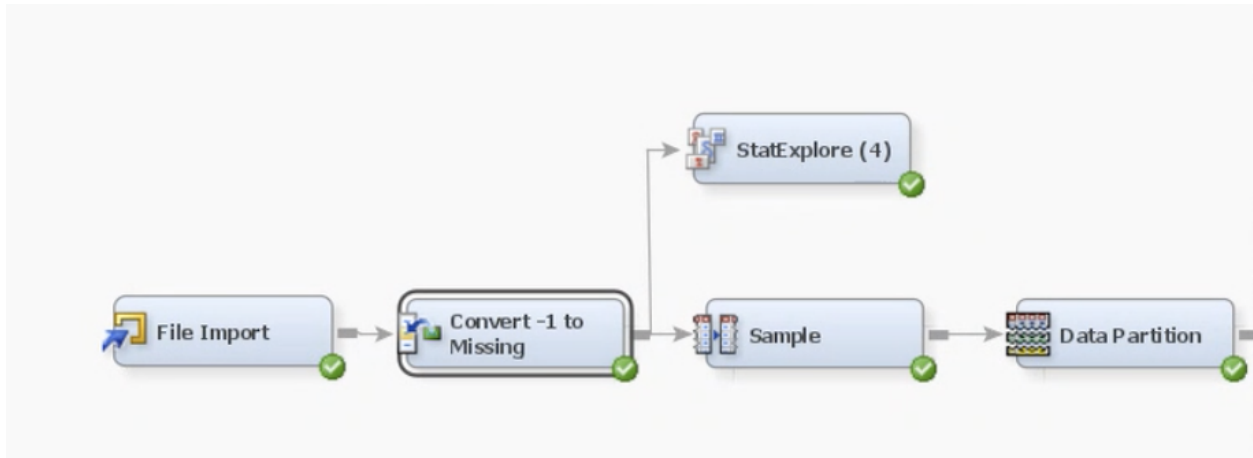
New Account Fraud is a major problem in the banking industry, and is one of the most common types of bank account fraud, accounting for 23% of all bank account frauds. It involves the creation of a new bank account using false or stolen personal information by the fraudster, which is then onboarded by the bank as a legitimate account. The account can then be used for various fraudulent activities such as money laundering, illegal transactions, credit card fraud, etc. For our project, the dataset obtained from Kaggle.com contains 1 million instances of synthetic bank account opening applications with 31 variables and a binary label indicating whether they were deemed fraudulent.

The objective of our project is to understand the key features that can predict fraudulent account applications from the dataset, and train machine learning models that can accurately predict fraudulent applications so that such applications can be flagged and investigated before they are approved by the bank. For this project, we will be training three types of models - Decision Trees, Logistic Regressions, and Neural Networks. The performance criteria for evaluating the accuracy of models will be Average Squared Error.

Data Setup and Exploration

Procedure

Kaggle Dataset->SAS Enterprise Miner ->File Import Node-> Import .csv file from H: Drive



Variables - FIMPORT

Columns: ☐ Label ☐ Mining ☐ Basic ☐ Statistics

Name	Role	Level	Report	Order	Drop	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
bank_branch	Input	Interval	No		No	.	.
bank_months	Input	Interval	No		No	.	.
credit_risk_s	Input	Interval	No		No	.	.
current_addr	Input	Interval	No		No	.	.
customer_ag	Input	Interval	No		No	.	.
date_of_birth	Input	Interval	No		No	.	.
days_since_r	Input	Interval	No		No	.	.
device_distin	Input	Interval	No		No	.	.
device_fraud	Input	Binary	No		No	.	.
device_os	Input	Nominal	No		No	.	.
email_is_free	Input	Binary	No		No	.	.
employment	Input	Nominal	No		No	.	.
foreign_regu	Input	Binary	No		No	.	.
fraud_bool	Target	Binary	No		No	.	.
has_other_ca	Input	Binary	No		No	.	.
housing_statu	Input	Nominal	No		No	.	.
income	Input	Ordinal	No		No	.	.
intended_bal	Input	Interval	No		No	.	.
keep_alive_s	Input	Binary	No		No	.	.
month	Input	Interval	No		No	.	.
name_email	Input	Interval	No		No	.	.
payment_tvp	Input	Nominal	No		No	.	.
phone_home	Input	Binary	No		No	.	.
phone_mobil	Input	Binary	No		No	.	.
prev_address	Rejected	Interval	No		No	.	.
proposed_crs	Input	Interval	No		No	.	.
session_lena	Input	Interval	No		No	.	.
source	Input	Nominal	No		No	.	.
velocity_24h	Input	Interval	No		No	.	.
velocity_4w	Input	Interval	No		No	.	.
velocity_6h	Input	Interval	No		No	.	.
zip_count_4w	Input	Interval	No		No	.	.

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Variables discussion

Target variable

We have chosen **fraud_bool** as our target variable as we are predicting bank fraud cases. It is of Binary level i.e. 1 & 0, where 1 implies fraud.

Rejected variable

We have chosen **prev_address_months_count** as our rejected variable because all the missing values in this variable have been modified as -1 instead of 0. It is our redundant variable.

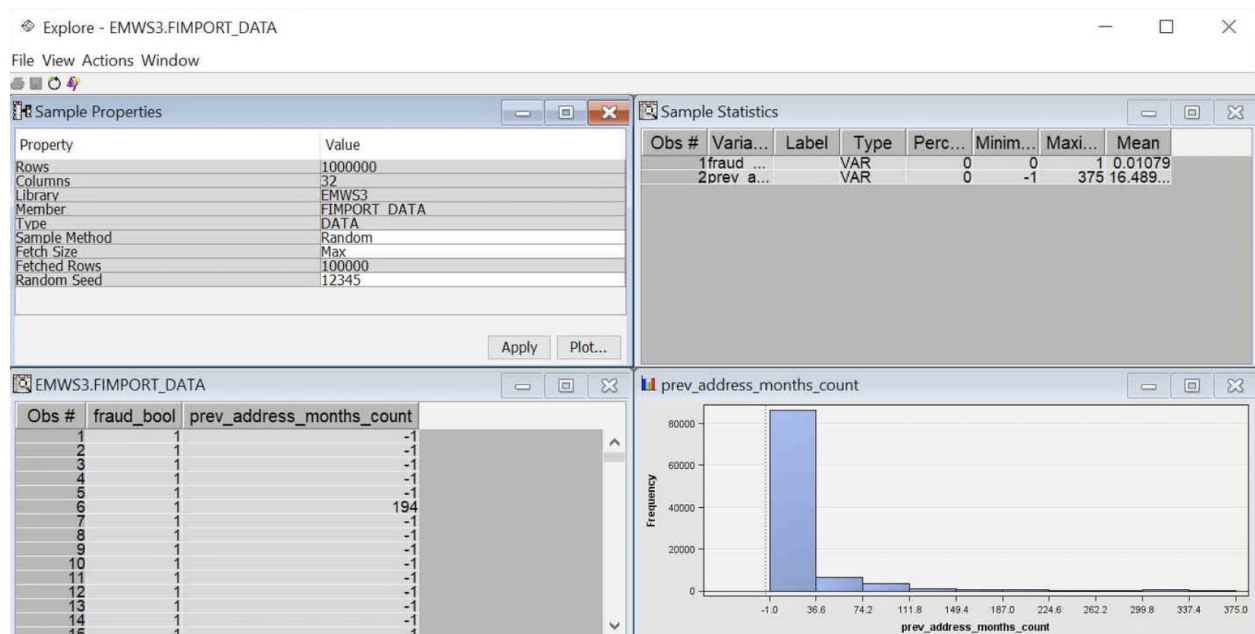
Binary variable

For our model, we have chosen some of our variables as binary such as device_fraud_count, email_is_free, phone_home_valid, phone_mobile_valid, has_other_cards, foreign_request, keep_alive_session.

Missing Data

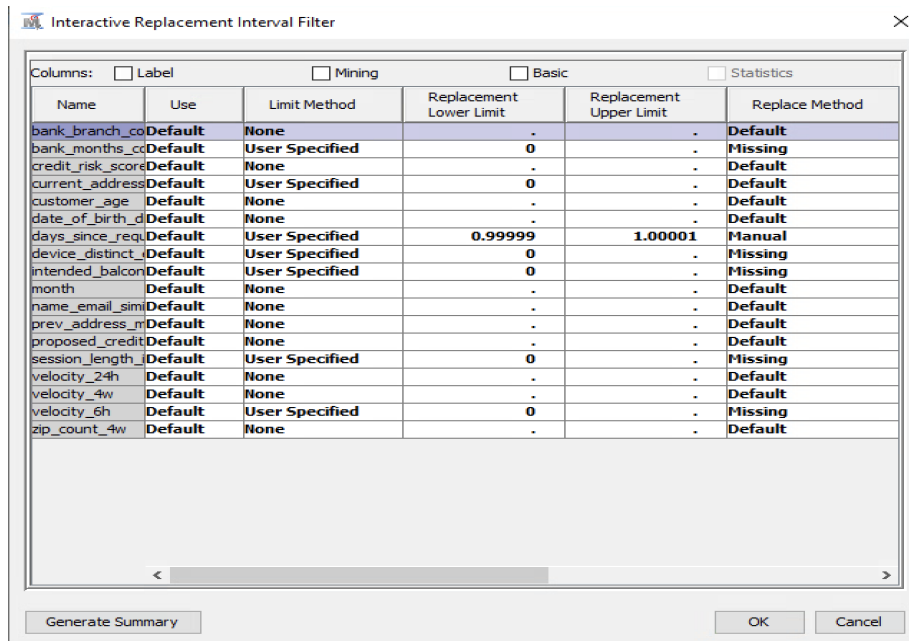
The dataset chosen from Kaggle had some disclaimers. One of which was, all missing values across variables have been modified as -1 instead of 0. Complications arose from this status quo as SAS Enterprise Miner needed to recognize -1 as genuinely missing. Besides that, -1 would have affected all models.

The screenshot below is illustrating one of the variables, prev_address_months_count. In the histogram we can see, that -1 has the highest frequency.



Therefore, as step 2 of our project, we added a Replacement node, to identify -1 as 0. In short, place the missings. The screenshot below shows all the successfully replaced values. For example- bank_months_count had 253635 rows replaced.

Since the values for days_since_request variables were concentrated mostly around 0 to 1, we created a flag for this variable using the replacement node. We set a lower limit of 0.99999 and an upper limit of 1.00001.



Results - Node: Convert -1 to Missing Diagram: Import

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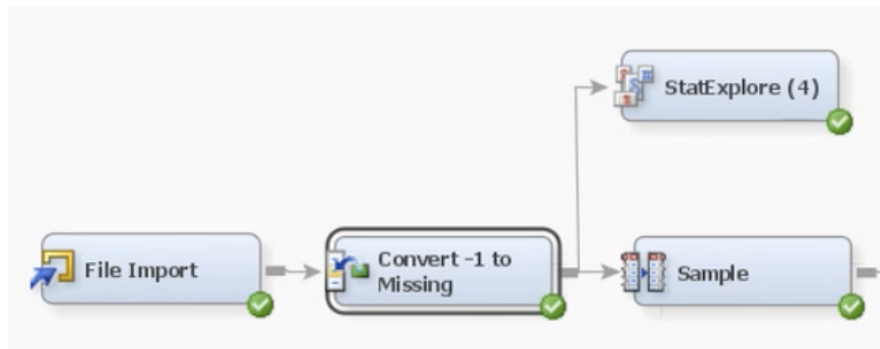
Skewed Data

While also exploring the dataset, preliminary perusal showed skewness in multiple variables. The cut-off for skew for this project has been set at -1 to 1.

Upon further inquiry, all the statistics for the interval inputs were brought to light. As per the table below, the variables days_since_request, bank_branch_count_8w, session_length_in_minutes, device_distinct, etc. are heavily skewed. For now, we have only treated days_since_request using the flag in the replacement node. But, more will be done in the latter parts of the project.

Interval Variables				
Data Role	Target	Target Level	Variable	Skewness ▼
TRAIN	fraud	bool 1	days since request	9.296595
TRAIN	fraud	bool 0	days since request	9.278118
TRAIN	fraud	bool 1	bank branch count 8w	3.443373
TRAIN	fraud	bool 0	REP session length in ...	3.309741
TRAIN	fraud	bool 0	REP device distinct em...	3.145775
TRAIN	fraud	bool 1	REP session length in ...	3.06599
TRAIN	fraud	bool 0	bank branch count 8w	2.740934
TRAIN	fraud	bool 1	REP device distinct em...	1.720496
TRAIN	fraud	bool 0	zip count 4w	1.458261
TRAIN	fraud	bool 0	REP current address m...	1.392139
TRAIN	fraud	bool 1	zip count 4w	1.318249
TRAIN	fraud	bool 0	proposed credit limit	1.312176
TRAIN	fraud	bool 0	REP intended balcon a...	1.302182
TRAIN	fraud	bool 1	REP current address m...	1.166059
TRAIN	fraud	bool 1	REP intended balcon a...	1.077586
TRAIN	fraud	bool 1	date of birth distinct em...	0.966699
TRAIN	fraud	bool 0	date of birth distinct em...	0.702392
TRAIN	fraud	bool 1	REP velocity 6h	0.605518
TRAIN	fraud	bool 0	REP velocity 6h	0.562333
TRAIN	fraud	bool 1	name email similarity	0.500577
TRAIN	fraud	bool 0	customer age	0.478931
TRAIN	fraud	bool 1	proposed credit limit	0.383434
TRAIN	fraud	bool 0	velocity 24h	0.331332
TRAIN	fraud	bool 1	velocity 24h	0.298774
TRAIN	fraud	bool 0	credit risk score	0.29163
TRAIN	fraud	bool 1	customer age	0.185965
TRAIN	fraud	bool 0	month	0.114383
TRAIN	fraud	bool 1	velocity 4w	0.089334
TRAIN	fraud	bool 0	REP bank months count	0.04184
TRAIN	fraud	bool 0	name email similarity	0.038477
TRAIN	fraud	bool 1	credit risk score	-0.02536
TRAIN	fraud	bool 0	velocity 4w	-0.06165
TRAIN	fraud	bool 1	month	-0.07406
TRAIN	fraud	bool 1	REP bank months count	-0.27931

StatExplore



The screenshot below depicts the results of all the variables post the replacement node via a StatExplore node.

Data Role=TRAIN

Variable	Role	Mean	Standard Deviation	Non Missing	Missing	Minimum	Median	Maximum	Skewness	Kurtosis
REP_bank_months_count	INPUT	14.86262	11.52785	746365	253635	1	15	32	0.039016	-1.62086
REP_current_address_months_count	INPUT	86.59212	88.40241	1000000	0	0	52	428	1.387191	1.35724
REP_days_since_request	INPUT	0.081734	0.273959	1000000	0	0	0	1.000005	3.053498	7.323862
REP_device_distinct_emails_8w	INPUT	1.019037	0.1767	999641	359	0	1	2	3.126065	27.9827
REP_intended_balcon_amount	INPUT	36.5825	23.23689	257477	742523	0.000054	32.43325	112.9569	1.301721	1.904417
REP_session_length_in_minutes	INPUT	7.562193	8.032021	997985	2015	0.000872	5.122822	85.89914	3.308576	14.97626
REP_velocity_6h	INPUT	5665.549	3009.207	999956	44	0.651202	5319.873	16715.57	0.562857	0.003057
bank_branch_count_8w	INPUT	184.3618	459.6253	1000000	0	0	9	2385	2.747161	6.502921
credit_risk_score	INPUT	130.9896	69.68181	1000000	0	-170	122	389	0.295895	0.068087
customer_age	INPUT	33.68908	12.0258	1000000	0	10	30	90	0.478079	-0.1152
date_of_birth_distinct_emails_4w	INPUT	9.503544	5.033792	1000000	0	0	9	39	0.70325	0.436449
month	INPUT	3.288674	2.209994	1000000	0	0	3	7	0.112396	-1.12833
name_email_similarity	INPUT	0.493694	0.289125	1000000	0	1.43E-6	0.492152	0.999999	0.042839	-1.28028
proposed_credit_limit	INPUT	515.851	487.5599	1000000	0	190	200	2100	1.30141	0.168839
velocity_24h	INPUT	4769.782	1479.213	1000000	0	1300.307	4749.919	9506.897	0.331134	-0.37365
velocity_4w	INPUT	4856.324	919.8439	1000000	0	2825.748	4913.436	6994.764	-0.06012	-0.35963
zip_count_4w	INPUT	1572.692	1005.375	1000000	0	1	1263	6700	1.456657	2.139983

The first few variables starting with the prefix REP, refer to the ones which have been modified in the previous step, the replacement node. We used the node to replace missing values and flag values. For example, REP_device_distinct_emails_8w has 359 missing values in the dataset and 999641 non-missings. Similarly, all the variables which have undergone replacement have their missing and non-missing listed in the 3rd and 4th columns with the REP prefixes.

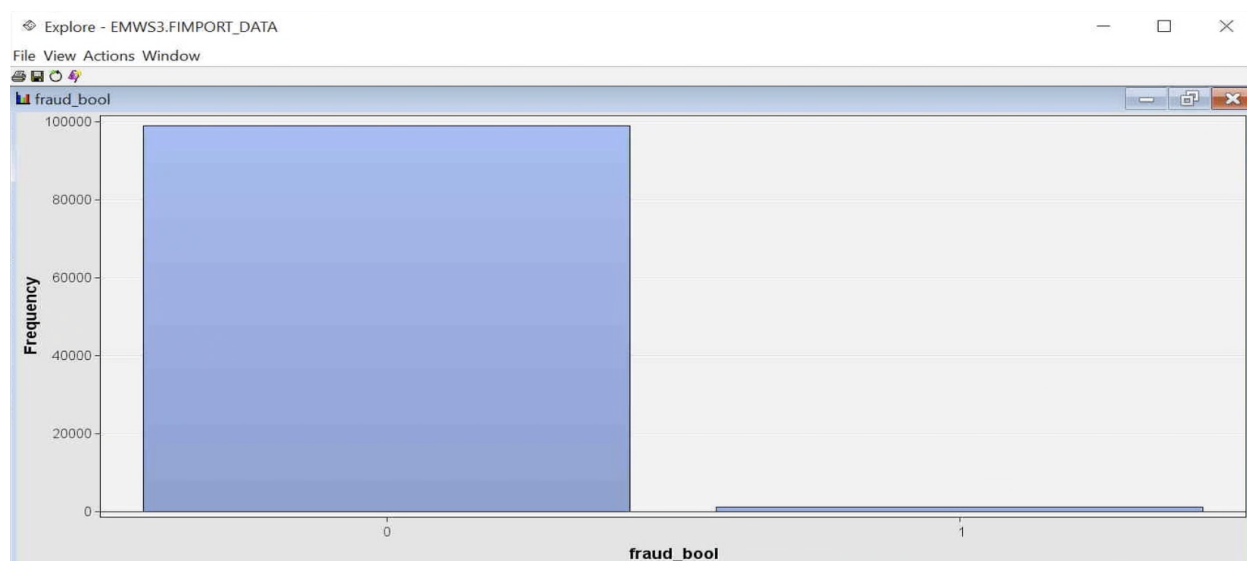
We can refer to the means and standard deviations of all the inputs from the first 2 columns. For instance, the average credit risk score for all the clients in the bank is around 130.98, with a standard deviation of 69.6 bps on both the positive and negative scales.

Minimum, Median, and Maximum values give an overall view of the data. The minimum or youngest customer is 10 years old, the median is 30 years old and the maximum is 90 years old at this bank. Lastly, we can also view the skew for each input in this output panel too.

Data Oversampling

The dataset we are working with has Bank Account Fraud data points. Fraud is usually a rare event that is denoted by binary variables 0 and 1. In our dataset, the percentage of fraud is 1%, which is extremely low for data testing.

As depicted in the screenshot below, the accounts of 'No Fraud' severely outweigh the 'Fraud' events.



To bring a balance to the data, we are oversampling fraud events. We decided to keep a 50:50 ratio of 0 vs. 1. Using the Sample node in SAS, we adjusted the percentage by 100% and equaled it in the stratified criterion. The properties panel screenshot is below:

Property	Value
Variables	
Output Type	Data
Sample Method	Default
Random Seed	12345
Size	
Type	Percentage
Observations	
Percentage	100.0
Alpha	0.01
Value	0.01
Cluster Method	Random
Stratified	
Criterion	Equal
Ignore Small Strata	No
Minimum Strata Size	5
Level Based Options	
Level Selection	Event
Level Proportion	100.0
Sample Proportion	50.0
Oversampling	

The screenshot below refers to the post-run results on the 'Sample' node. The initial dataset had almost 99% of non-fraud events. Whereas, after the successful run of the Sample node, the new percentages are 50:50 for fraud_bool(0 vs. 1).

Results - Node: Sample Diagram: Import

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Output

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40
41 *-----*
42 * Report Output
43 *-----*
44
45
46
47 Summary Statistics for Class Targets
48 (maximum 500 observations printed)
49
50 Data=DATA
51
52
53 Variable      Numeric      Formatted      Frequency
54 Variable      Value        Value          Count        Percent    Label
55 fraud_bool    0            0              988971       98.8971
56 fraud_bool    1            1              11029        1.1029
57
58
59 Data=SAMPLE
60
61
62 Variable      Numeric      Formatted      Frequency
63 Variable      Value        Value          Count        Percent    Label
64 fraud_bool    0            0              11029        50
65 fraud_bool    1            1              11029        50
66

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Data Partitioning: 50:50

Data partition is a procedure for best model prediction. We have split our data into two parts i.e., a 50:50 ratio for training and validation. Training data is used to fit each model and the validation model is a random sample that is used for model selection.

For data partition, we drag the data partition node from the sample tab and connect it to our data set, and as depicted in our screenshot we changed the properties of training and validation data set allocation to 50% in both.

Property	Value
Variables	...
Output Type	Data
Partitioning Method	Default
Random Seed	12345
Data Set Allocation	
Training	50.0
Validation	50.0
Test	0.0
Report	
Interval Targets	Yes
Class Targets	Yes
Status	
Create Time	13/12/22 10:39 P
Run ID	16fe325a-9481-49
Last Error	
Last Status	Complete
Last Run Time	13/12/22 10:49 P
Run Duration	0 Hr. 0 Min. 5.93
Grid Host	
User-Added Node	No

After making the necessary changes we ran our data partition node and viewed the results. As per the results that can be seen in our screenshot, training data has been allocated 50:50 to 0 vs 1 and their frequency count is 5514 for each. Validation data has also been allocated 50:50 and their frequency count is 5515 for each.

Results - Node: Data Partition Diagram: Import

File Edit View Window

Output

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47
48
49
50 Summary Statistics for Class Targets
51
52 Data=DATA
53
54
55 Variable      Numeric      Formatted      Frequency
56 Value         Value         Count          Percent    Label
57 fraud_bool    0            0              11029      50
58 fraud_bool    1            1              11029      50
59
60
61 Data=TRAIN
62
63
64 Variable      Numeric      Formatted      Frequency
65 Value         Value         Count          Percent    Label
66 fraud_bool    0            0              5514       50
67 fraud_bool    1            1              5514       50
68
69
70 Data=VALIDATE
71
72
73 Variable      Numeric      Formatted      Frequency
74 Value         Value         Count          Percent    Label
75 fraud_bool    0            0              5515       50
76 fraud_bool    1            1              5515       50
77

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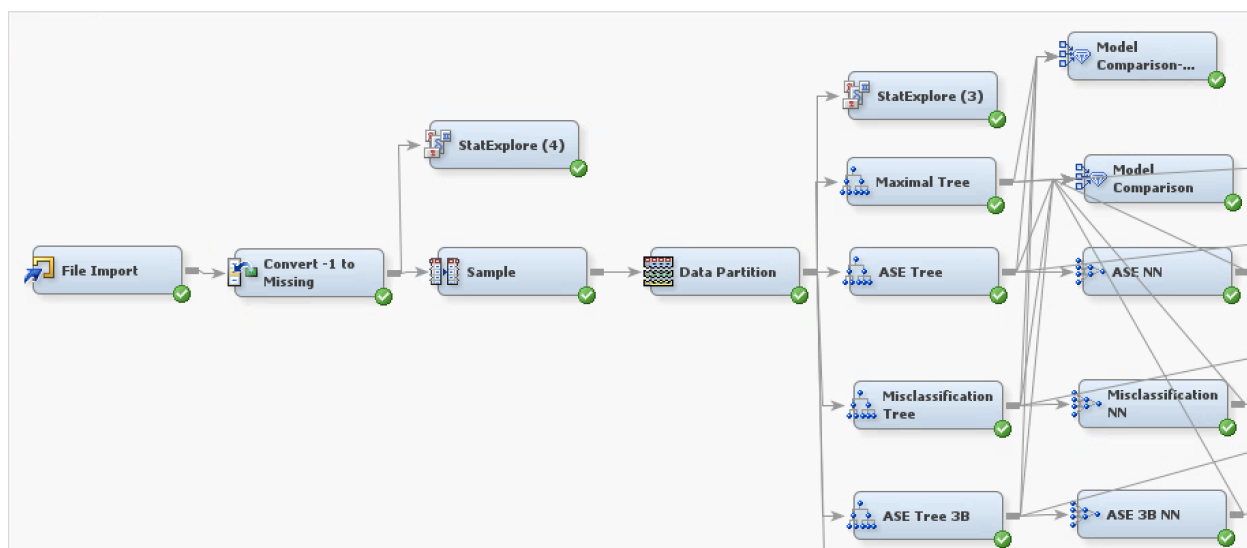
Decision Trees

After partitioning our data, we continue with the data analysis and one of the most effective methods for predictive modeling is decision trees. A split search strategy is used to choose the inputs, and it eliminates any variables with p-values less than 0.7. Pruning makes decision trees less complex by limiting the variables in the final tree to those with p values greater than or equal to 1. The Root Node is the first split, while the Leaf Nodes are the last splits.

We have implemented four different decision trees for this project:

- Maximal Tree
- ASE Tree
- Misclassification Tree
- ASE 3B Tree

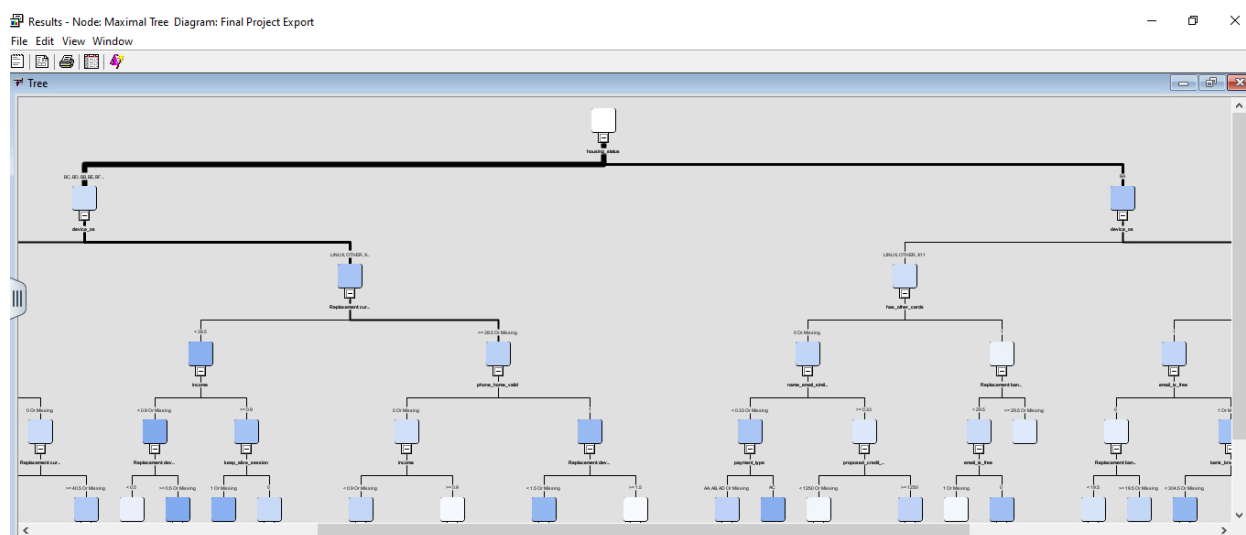
The screenshot of the Decision Trees is shown below.



Maximal Tree

Out of four different trees, we performed the Maximal Tree as our first decision tree. This tree is the largest statistically. This model has 55 leaves.

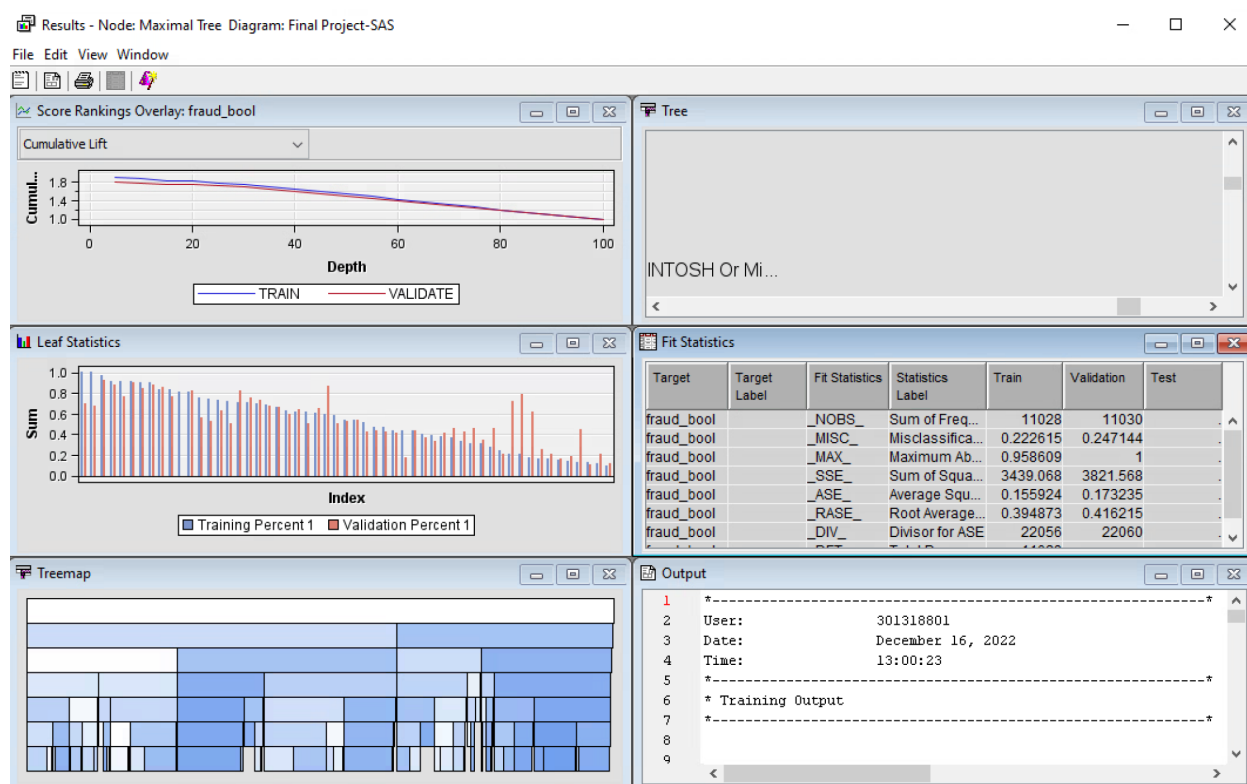
The root node is split using 'housing_status', followed by 'device_os'. The 3rd splitting variable has changed with respect to each of the branches either to 'has_other_cards' or 'replacement: current_address'. Screenshot below.



From the variables split, we see that more than 60% of the count has swayed to a housing_status besides BA. BA has a fraudulent validation rate of 77.27% compared to non-BA where fraudulent validation is 33.78%. Following BA, those with MAC, WINDOWS have the

higher fraud validation rate of 85.55%. The 3rd split on this has _other cards, and those who have shown 0 or missing cards have a validation rate of 87.37%.

Having mentioned one area of the maximal tree, the ASE derived from the maximal tree was **0.173235** which is the highest among all the trees. The misclassification rate was 0.222615 for the maximal tree. The screenshot below shows the result of maximal tree.



Results - Node: Maximal Tree Diagram: Final Project-SAS

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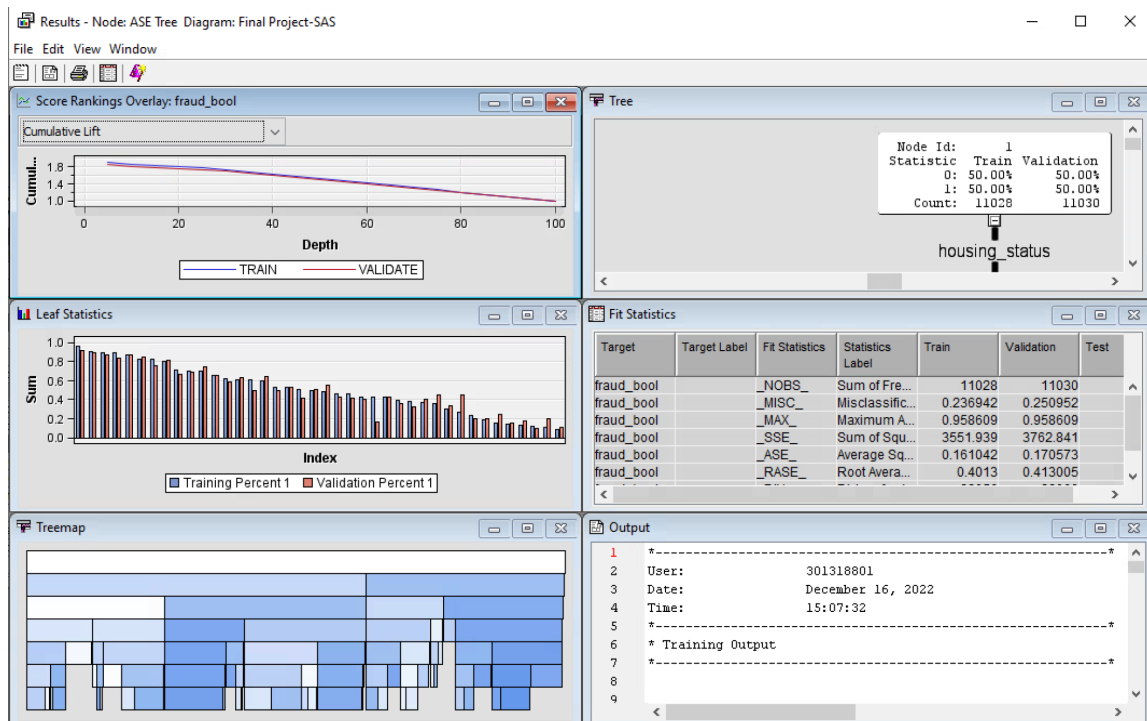
Fit Statistics

Target	Target Label	Fit Statistics	Statistics Label	Train	Validation
fraud_bool		_NOBS_	Sum of Frequencies	11028	11030
fraud_bool		_MISC_	Misclassification Rate	0.222615	0.247144
fraud_bool		_MAX_	Maximum Absolute Error	0.958609	1
fraud_bool		_SSE_	Sum of Squared Errors	3439.068	3821.568
fraud_bool		_ASE_	Average Squared Error	0.155924	0.173235
fraud_bool		_RASE_	Root Average Squared Error	0.394873	0.416215
fraud_bool		_DIV_	Divisor for ASE	22056	22060
fraud_bool		_DFT_	Total Degrees of Freedom	11028	

ASE Tree

As expected the first 3 splits and validation rates remain the same, as optimal trees are produced by pruning branches from the bottom. We can refer to the tree map in the picture below. It is less dense than maximal. ASE tree contains 40 leaves which are lower than the maximal tree.

Given the reduction in the number of leaves, ASE has pruned the tree to its best. The ASE obtained from the ASE tree was **0.170573**, slightly lower than the Maximal Tree.

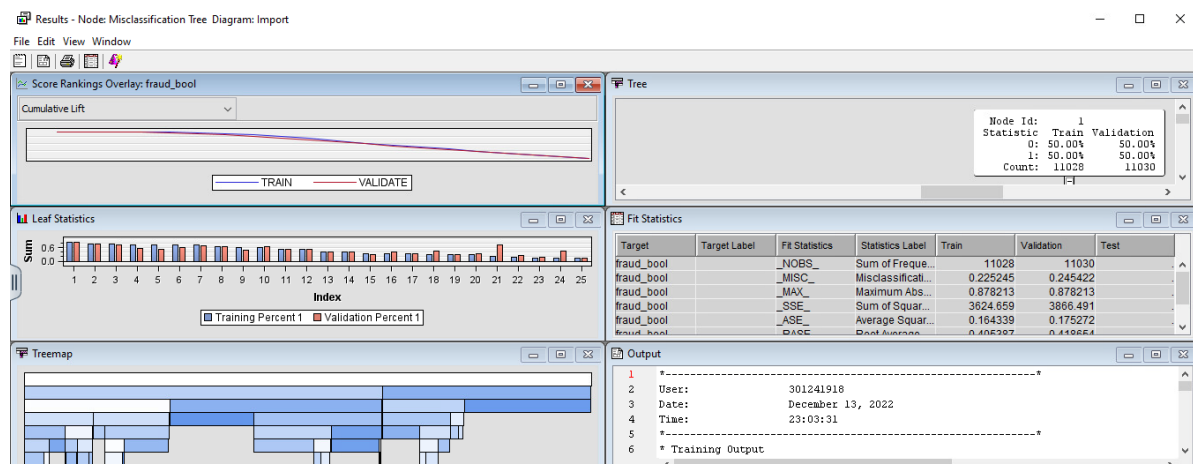
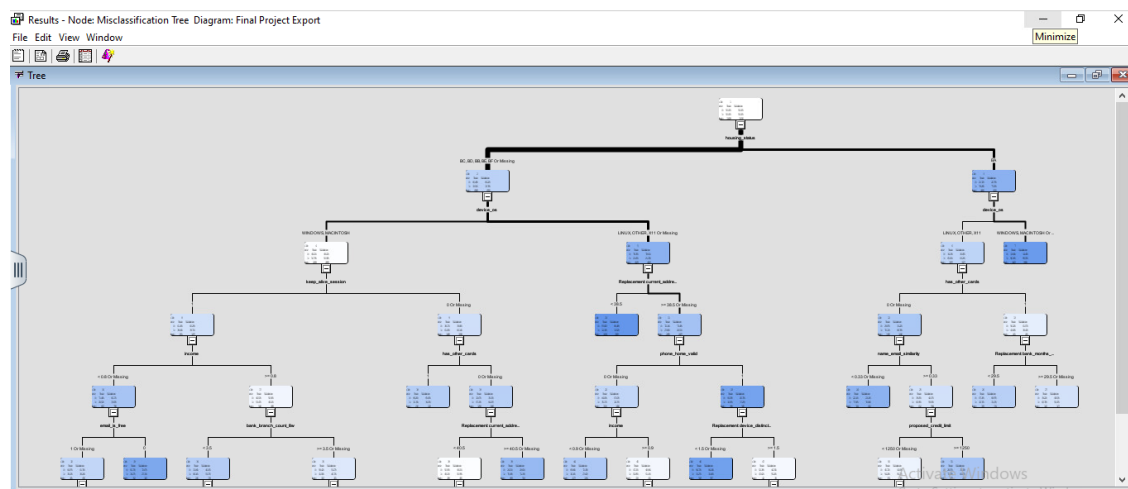


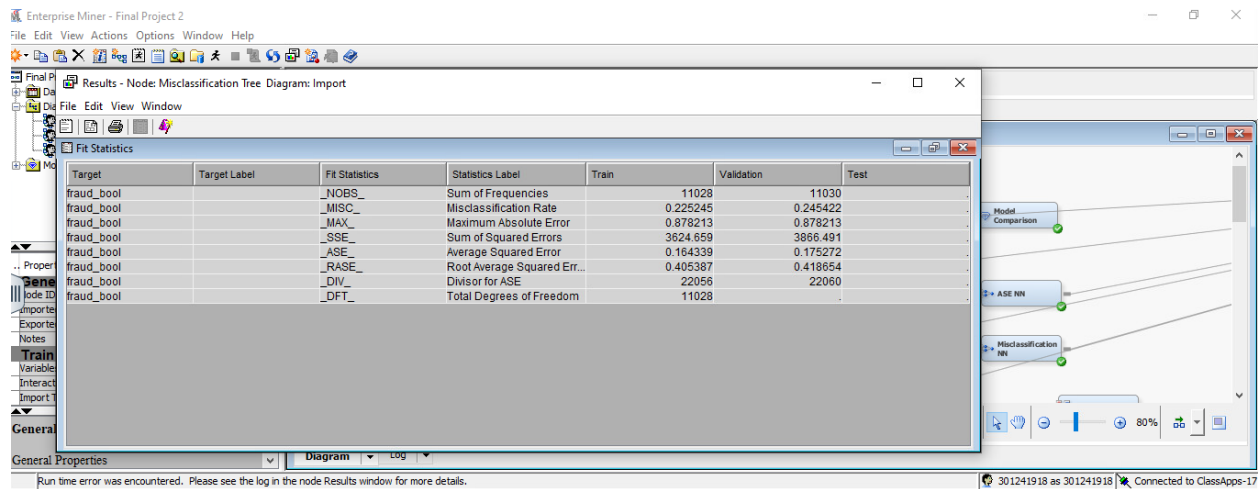
Results - Node: ASE Tree Diagram: Final Project-SAS					
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Fit Statistics					
Target	Target Label	Fit Statistics	Statistics Label	Train	Validation
fraud_bool		_NOBS_	Sum of Frequencies	11028	11030
fraud_bool		_MISC_	Misclassification Rate	0.236942	0.250952
fraud_bool		_MAX_	Maximum Absolute Error	0.958609	0.958609
fraud_bool		_SSE_	Sum of Squared Errors	3551.939	3762.841
fraud_bool		_ASE_	Average Squared Error	0.161042	0.170573
fraud_bool		_RASE_	Root Average Squared Error	0.4013	0.413005
fraud_bool		_DIV_	Divisor for ASE	22056	22060
fraud_bool		_DFT_	Total Degrees of Freedom	11028	.

Misclassification Tree:

This model contains 25 leaves altogether, which is much fewer than the preceding decision trees when compared to their total number of leaves. However, the misclassification tree's ASE is the highest of all the trees at **0.175272**. A screenshot of the maximal tree's outcome is shown below.

Even though pruning is an efficient way to reduce error rates, it can also do the opposite. Such is this tree, where the tree has been pruned to an extent that the error rates are rising. So far, this is the worst decision tree model.

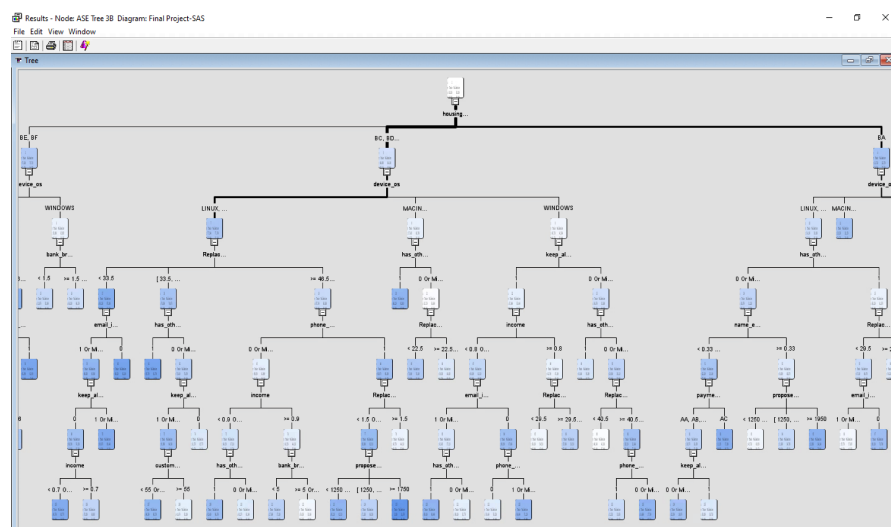




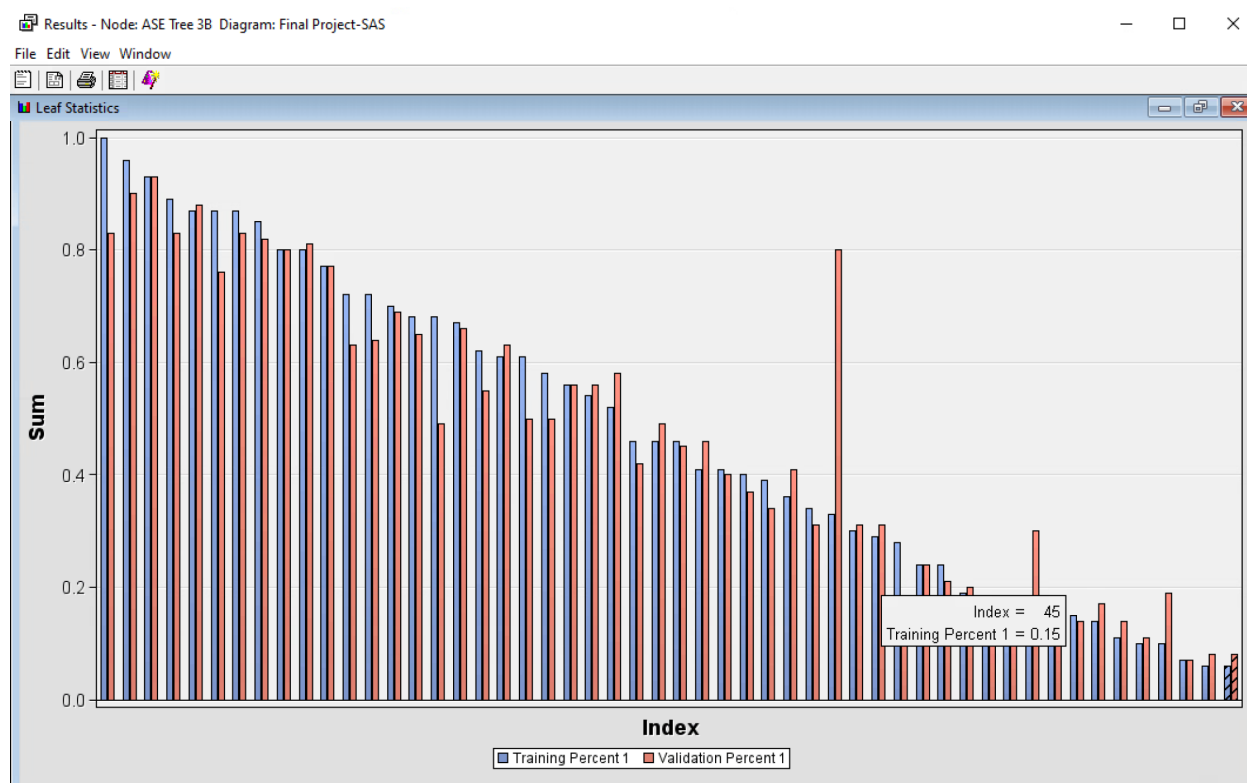
ASE 3-Branch Tree

After exploring the 3 different trees, a 3-branch tree was deemed fit. However, due to the default function of SAS Enterprise Miner, we were getting 2 branches as main splits from the 'Root Node'.

While deciding on the model to apply a 3-branch on, ASE 2-Branch Decision Tree proved best. The ASE derived from ASE Tree (2B) was 0.170573 which is the lowest among all the trees. So we created a 4th tree using ASE Tree (2B) as the base, only with 3 branches this time. Screenshot:



The number of leaves for this 3-branch tree is 52 and the ASE is 0.169517 which is the best so far and has been the expected result.



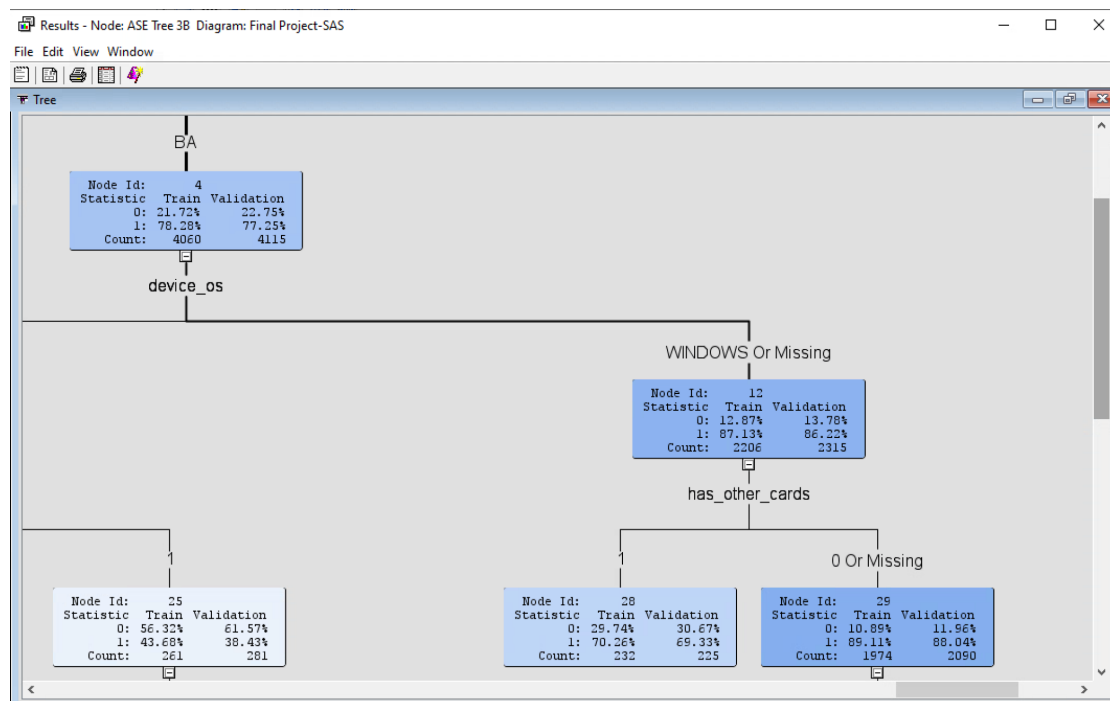
Results - Node: ASE Tree 3B Diagram: Final Project-SAS

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Fit Statistics

Target	Target Label	Fit Statistics	Statistics Label	Train	Validation	Test
fraud_bool		_NOBS_	Sum of Frequencies	11028	11030	
fraud_bool		_MISC_	Misclassification Rate	0.232136	0.245875	
fraud_bool		_MAX_	Maximum Absolute Error	0.956522	1	
fraud_bool		_SSE_	Sum of Squared Errors	3515.462	3739.541	
fraud_bool		_ASE_	Average Squared Error	0.159388	0.169517	
fraud_bool		_RASE_	Root Average Squared Error	0.399234	0.411724	
fraud_bool		_DIV_	Divisor for ASE	22056	22060	
fraud_bool		_DFT_	Total Degrees of Freedom	11028		

The splits on this tree give more insight than the trees above due to its 3 branch property. In comparison to the maximal tree BA fraudulent validation rate remains at 77.27%. However, we start to see changes in the next splits. Previously, MAC, WINDOWS & Missing split on BA derived an 85.55% fraudulent validation rate, now it has been split into 2 groups. Those using WINDOWS or Missing devices have a fraudulent validation rate of 86.22%. has_other_cards which are denoted as 0 or Missing have a fraudulent validation rate of 88.04% compared to maximal tree's 87.37%.



However, we further fine-tune our Trees with Neural Network nodes which will be covered in the Neural Network Section.

Model Comparison: Trees

Since we have created a few decision trees, we attached a model comparison node to all the trees. This node gives a concise snapshot of all the relevant statistics. In short, ASE with 3 branches is the Best Optimal Tree with 0.169517, followed by ASE 2-branch Tree with 0.170573. The Maximal Tree places 3rd with 0.173235, and the least reliable tree is Misclassification Tree with 0.175272. Screenshot below:

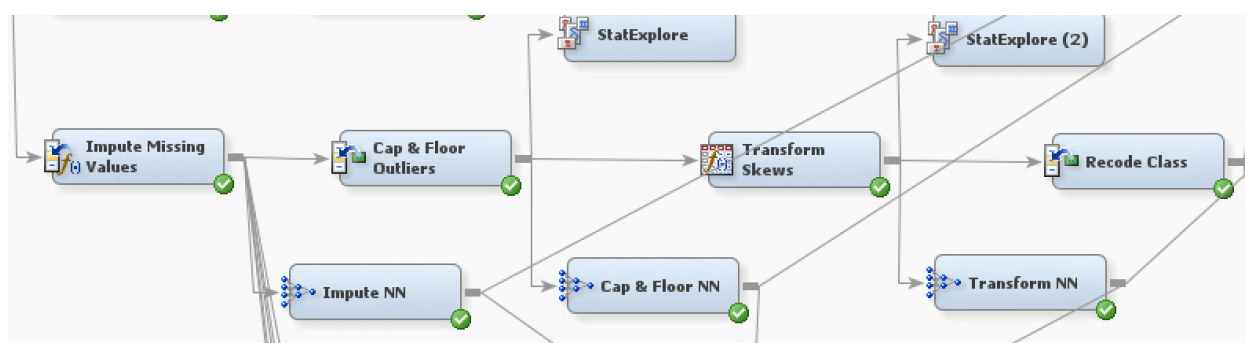
Results - Node: Model Comparison-Trees Diagram: Final Project-SAS

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Fit Statistics

Selected Model	Predecessor Node	Model Node	Model Description	Target Variable	Valid: Average Squared Error ▲	Target Label	Selection Criterion: Valid: Misclassification Rate	Train: Sum of Frequencies	Train: Misclassification Rate	Train: Maximum Absolute Error	Train: Sum of Squared Errors	Train: Average Squared Error	T A S E
	Tree4	Tree4	ASE Tree 3B	fraud_bool	0.169517		0.245875	11028	0.232136	0.956522	3515.462	0.159388	
	Tree2	Tree2	ASE Tree	fraud_bool	0.170573		0.250952	11028	0.236942	0.958609	3551.939	0.161042	
	Tree	Tree	Maximal Tree	fraud_bool	0.173235		0.247144	11028	0.222615	0.958609	3439.068	0.155924	
Y	Tree3	Tree3	Misclassification Tree	fraud_bool	0.175272		0.245422	11028	0.225245	0.878213	3624.659	0.164339	

Data Manipulation



We have followed the following processes to refine our data:

1. Impute Missing Values-After partitioning the data 50:50, we were still left with significant missing values. When it comes to regression, we could have left the missings untreated, but we preferred to work with a treated dataset. As per the screenshot below, we had up to 80% data missing in some cases.

Explore - EMWS12.Part_TRAIN

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Sample Statistics

Obs #	Variable ...	Label	Type	Percent Missing	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Number o...	Mode Per...	Mode
1	device_os		CLASS	0	.	.	.	.5	42.11099	WINDOWS
2	employment...		CLASS	0	.	.	.	.7	76.3239	CA
3	housing_st...		CLASS	0	.	.	.	.7	36.81538	BA
4	payment_ty...		CLASS	0	.	.	.	.5	37.16902	AB
5	source		CLASS	0	.	.	.	.2	99.20203	INTERNET
6	REP_bank...	Replac...	VAR	31.18426	1	31	15.88431.			
7	REP_curre...	Replac...	VAR	0	0	392	101.2478.			
8	REP_days...	Replac...	VAR	0	0	1	0.093671.			
9	REP_devic...	Replac...	VAR	0.036271	0	2	1.052885.			
10	REP_inten...	Replac...	VAR	80.83968	0.001803	112.2091	37.72258.			
11	REP_sessi...	Replac...	VAR	0.199492	0.05028	82.03582	7.931759.			
12	REP_veloci...	Replac...	VAR	0.009068	42.6942	16471.5	5400.038.			
13	_dataobs_	Observ...	VAR	0	1	999815	476241.3.			
14	bank_branc...		VAR	0	0	2251	167.3659.			

The customizations we used for the impute node are given below:

Property	Value
Random Seed	12345
Tuning Parameters	...
Tree Imputation	...
Score	
Hide Original Variables	Yes
Indicator Variables	
Type	Unique
Source	Imputed Variables
Role	Input
Report	
Validation and Test Data	No
Distribution of Missing	No
Status	
Create Time	16/12/22 10:11 AM
Run ID	b09587ef-4d71-4351-8b5a
Last Error	
Last Status	Complete
Last Run Time	16/12/22 3:15 PM
Run Duration	0 Hr. 0 Min. 6.77 Sec.
Grid Host	

After running the impute node, new variations of inputs were created with the prefix IMP short for impute. From the picture below, M_REP_banks_months_count had 31.184% missing, which is now 0% as per the new imputed version(IMP_REP_bank_months_count). The results are similar for both training and validating data.

Explore - EMWS12.Impt_TRAIN

File View Actions Window

Sample Statistics

Obs #	Variable Name	Label	Type	Percent Missing
1	device_os		CLASS	0
2	employment_status		CLASS	0
3	housing_status		CLASS	0
4	payment_type		CLASS	0
5	source		CLASS	0
6	IMP_REP_bank_months_count	Imputed: Replacement: bank_months_count	VAR	0
7	IMP_REP_device_distinct_emails_8	Imputed: Replacement: device_distinct_email...	VAR	0
8	IMP_REP_session_length_in_minute	Imputed: Replacement: session_length_in_min...	VAR	0
9	IMP_REP_velocity_6h	Imputed: Replacement: velocity_6h	VAR	0
10	M_REP_bank_months_count	Imputation Indicator for REP_bank_months_...	VAR	0
11	M_REP_device_distinct_emails_8	Imputation Indicator for REP_device_distinct...	VAR	0
12	M_REP_session_length_in_minute	Imputation Indicator for REP_session_length...	VAR	0
13	M_REP_velocity_6h	Imputation Indicator for REP_velocity_6h	VAR	0
14	REP_bank_months_count	Replacement: bank_months_count	VAR	31.18426
15	REP_current_address_months_count	Replacement: current_address_months_cou...	VAR	0
16	REP_days_since_request	Replacement: days_since_request	VAR	0
17	REP_device_distinct_emails_8w	Replacement: device_distinct_emails_8w	VAR	0.036271
18	REP_intended_balcon_amount	Replacement: intended_balcon_amount	VAR	80.83968
19	REP_session_length_in_minutes	Replacement: session_length_in_minutes	VAR	0.199492
20	REP_velocity_6h	Replacement: velocity_6h	VAR	0.009068

- Cap and Floor-Having treated missings, we needed to adjust the outliers in the dataset. We added a replacement node to cap and floor the extreme values.

Results referred to below after running Cap & Floor:

Results - Node: Cap & Floor Outliers Diagram: Final Project-SAS

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Total Replacement Counts

Variable	Label	Role	Train	Validation
IMP_REP_bank_months_count	Imputed: Replacement: bank_mont...	INPUT	0	0
IMP_REP_device_distinct_emails_8	Imputed: Replacement: device_disti...	INPUT	787	750
IMP_REP_session_length_in_minute	Imputed: Replacement: session_le...	INPUT	305	297
IMP_REP_velocity_6h	Imputed: Replacement: velocity_6h	INPUT	58	89
REP_current_address_months_co...	Replacement: current_address_mo...	INPUT	165	136
REP_days_since_request	Replacement: days_since_request	INPUT	1033	932
bank_branch_count_8w	bank_branch_count_8w	INPUT	473	469
credit_risk_score	credit_risk_score	INPUT	13	7
customer_age	customer_age	INPUT	45	41
date_of_birth_distinct_emails_4w	date_of_birth_distinct_emails_4w	INPUT	79	67
month	month	INPUT	0	0
name_email_similarity	name_email_similarity	INPUT	0	0
proposed_credit_limit	proposed_credit_limit	INPUT	0	0
velocity_24h	velocity_24h	INPUT	16	20
velocity_4w	velocity_4w	INPUT	0	0
zip_count_4w	zip_count_4w	INPUT	146	170

There have been multiple replacements in the overall dataset. For instance, customer age had 45 replacements in train data and 41 in validation data. The previous maximum age was 90 years old (refer to StatExplore in Data Exploration). Now the upper limit is 76.097 (screenshot below):

Results - Node: Cap & Floor Outliers Diagram: Final Project-SA

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Interval Variables

Variable	Replace Variable	Upper Limit
IMP_REP_bank_m...	REP_IMP_REP_ba...	45.06553
IMP_REP_device_...	REP_IMP_REP_de...	1.838485
IMP_REP_session...	REP_IMP_REP_se...	34.6557
IMP_REP_velocity...	REP_IMP_REP_vel...	14202.18
REP_current_addr...	REP_REP_current...	368.0167
REP_days_since_r...	REP_REP_days_s...	0.96782
bank_branch_coun...	REP_bank_branch...	1518.128
credit_risk_score	REP_credit_risk_s...	394.0411
customer_age	REP_customer_age	76.09712
date_of_birth_disti...	REP_date_of_birth...	23.64016
month	REP_month	10.21407
name_email_simil...	REP_name_email...	1.331466
proposed_credit_li...	REP_proposed_cr...	2446.652
velocity_24h	REP_velocity_24h	9044.762
velocity_4w	REP_velocity_4w	7649.599
zip_count_4w	REP_zip_count_4w	4592.446

The following screenshot is a consolidated list of all the upper and lower limits for each variable. The range between the limits is quite vast in terms of magnitude. There are chances of skews sustaining.

Results - Node: Cap & Floor Outliers Diagram: Final Project-SAS

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Variable	Replace Variable	Lower limit	Lower Replacement Value	Upper Limit	Upper Replacement Value
IMP_REP_bank_months_count	REP_IMP_REP_bank_months_count	-13.30	-13.30	45.07	45.07
IMP_REP_device_distinct_emails_8	REP_IMP_REP_device_distinct_email	0.27	0.27	1.84	1.84
IMP_REP_session_length_in_minute	REP_IMP_REP_session_length_in_mi	-18.79	-18.79	34.66	34.66
IMP_REP_velocity_6h	REP_IMP_REP_velocity_6h	-3402.10	-3402.10	14202.18	14202.18
REP_current_address_months_count	REP_REP_current_address_months_c	-165.52	-165.52	368.02	368.02
REP_days_since_request	REP_REP_days_since_request	-0.78	-0.78	0.97	0.97
bank_branch_count_8w	REP_bank_branch_count_8w	-1183.40	-1183.40	1518.13	1518.13
credit_risk_score	REP_credit_risk_score	-86.28	-86.28	394.04	394.04
customer_age	REP_customer_age	-1.78	-1.78	76.10	76.10
date_of_birth_distinct_emails_4w	REP_date_of_birth_distinct_email	-6.69	-6.69	23.64	23.64
month	REP_month	-3.35	-3.35	10.21	10.21
name_email_similarity	REP_name_email_similarity	-0.45	-0.45	1.33	1.33
proposed_credit_limit	REP_proposed_credit_limit	-1106.51	-1106.51	2446.65	2446.65
velocity_24h	REP_velocity_24h	323.81	323.81	9044.76	9044.76
velocity_4w	REP_velocity_4w	1954.60	1954.60	7649.60	7649.60
zip_count_4w	REP_zip_count_4w	-1394.12	-1394.12	4592.45	4592.45

3. Transform Skews-The initial skews for the inputs were as high as 9 whereas it should be between -1 to 1.

The skews below show the before of transformation. Most of the variables are skewed positively. Three of the highly skewed variables are:

- REP_IMP_REP device_distinct_email- 3.9.
- REP_bank_branch_count_8w-3.15
- REP_REP_days_since_request -2.95

Results - Node: StatExplore Diagram: Final Project-SAS

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Interval Variables

Data Role	Target	Target Level	Variable	Skewness ▼
TRAIN	fraud_bool	0	REP_IMP_REP_device_distinct_email	3.905741
TRAIN	fraud_bool	1	REP_bank_branch_count_8w	3.150615
TRAIN	fraud_bool	0	REP_REP_days_since_request	2.954947
TRAIN	fraud_bool	1	REP_REP_days_since_request	2.642093
TRAIN	fraud_bool	0	REP_bank_branch_count_8w	2.390073
TRAIN	fraud_bool	1	REP_IMP_REP_session_length_in_mi	2.140994
TRAIN	fraud_bool	0	REP_IMP_REP_session_length_in_mi	2.118179
TRAIN	fraud_bool	1	REP_IMP_REP_device_distinct_email	1.985692
TRAIN	fraud_bool	0	REP_REP_current_address_months_c	1.391076
TRAIN	fraud_bool	0	REP_proposed_credit_limit	1.326893
TRAIN	fraud_bool	0	REP_zip_count_4w	1.275582
TRAIN	fraud_bool	1	REP_REP_current_address_months_c	1.163739
TRAIN	fraud_bool	1	REP_zip_count_4w	1.146333

We edited the variables with the highest skews with a log transformation. In the variables edit panel, we opened the interval variables and chose 'log' instead of 'default' to minimize skew. We changed 6 variables. The variables are given below:

Variables - Trans

(none) ☐ not Equal to

Columns: ☐ Label

Name	Method ▼
REP_days_since_request	Log
REP_zip_count_4w	Log
REP_proposed_credit_limit	Log
REP_IMP_REP_session_length_in_mi	Log
REP_bank_branch_count_8w	Log
REP_REP_current_address_months_c	Log

After transforming variables, the skews are as follows:

Data Role=TRAIN

Variable	Role	Mean	Standard Deviation	Non Missing	Missing	Minimum	Median	Maximum	Skewness
LOG_REP_IMP_REP_session_length_i	INPUT	1.885558	0.698889	11028	0	0.049057	1.813917	3.573909	0.418206
LOG_REP_REP_current_address_mont	INPUT	4.129014	1.18554	11028	0	0	4.317488	5.910842	-1.01391
LOG_REP_bank_branch_count_8w	INPUT	2.294334	2.165631	11028	0	0	2.079442	7.325891	1.050047
LOG_REP_proposed_credit_limit	INPUT	6.105275	0.894113	11028	0	5.252273	5.303305	7.650169	0.426677
LOG_REP_zip_count_4w	INPUT	7.194527	0.614542	11028	0	2.639057	7.173192	8.432386	-0.33139
REP_IMP_REP_bank_months_count	INPUT	15.88431	9.727075	11028	0	1	15.88431	31	-0.10056
REP_IMP_REP_device_distinct_email	INPUT	1.045324	0.21584	11028	0	0.267284	1	1.838485	2.641262
REP_IMP_REP_velocity_6h	INPUT	5396.566	2922.976	11028	0	42.6942	5081.81	14202.18	0.549797
REP_REP_days_since_request	INPUT	0.090656	0.282007	11028	0	0	0	0.96782	2.789475
REP_credit_risk_score	INPUT	153.9016	79.9823	11028	0	-86.283	147	378	0.212643
REP_customer_age	INPUT	37.1404	12.92266	11028	0	10	40	76.09712	0.322286
REP_date_of_birth_distinct_email	INPUT	8.458159	4.98683	11028	0	0	8	23.64016	0.675764
REP_month	INPUT	3.432989	2.260361	11028	0	0	3	7	0.008786
REP_name_email_similarity	INPUT	0.440276	0.297063	11028	0	0.000132	0.398713	0.999985	0.275152
REP_velocity_24h	INPUT	4684.161	1453.113	11028	0	1328.41	4694.3	9044.762	0.315318
REP_velocity_4w	INPUT	4802.102	949.1657	11028	0	2863.783	4860.331	6889.978	0.019002

Most of the skews have reduced and come inside the acceptable range of -1 to 1. There are only 2 variables where skews still persist, device_distinct_email and days_since_request. Both are around 2 which is still an improvement over the pre-transform state. After careful consideration, we have decided to leave these 2 variables as is.

4. Recode Class Variables-All the transformations done so far mostly impacted interval variables. In the case of class variables, we wanted to recode some class variables. We were given limited options in the dataset. The only options which made sense were:

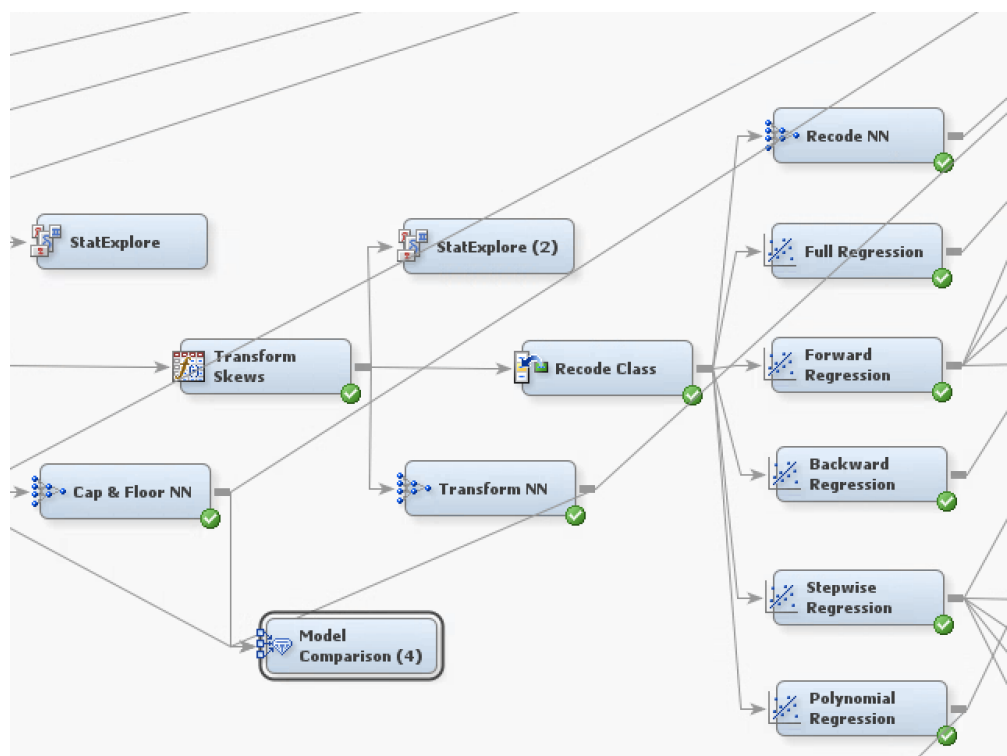
- Employment status
- Housing status
- Payment type
- Income

The first 3 options on paper seem feasible, however, the data dictionary did not suffice. Very little clarity was provided on the acronyms, hence, we did not have a basis to group the classes. Income was naturally the only variable we decided to recode. Classes ranged from 0.1 to 0.9. We divided the data into 3 classes and took the mean for each class and denoted the class with the mean value. For example, 0.1, 0.2, and 0.3 all were classed as 0.2. Due to SAS limitations, we could not assign the degree of income in terms of 'High', 'Med', and 'Low', though it would have been ideal.

Replacement Editor-WORK.OUTCLASS

Variable	Formatted Value	Replacement Value
housing_status	BC	
housing_status	BD	
housing_status	BF	
housing_status	BG	
housing_status	_UNKNOWN_	_DEFAULT_
income	0.9	0.8
income	0.8	0.8
income	0.1	0.2
income	0.6	0.5
income	0.7	0.8
income	0.4	.5
income	0.2	0.2
income	0.5	0.5
income	0.3	0.2
income	UNKNOWN	DEFAULT

Regressions



For our model, we have chosen logistic regression for the analysis.

Logistic regression uses previous observations from a data set to predict a binary outcome, such as yes or no. By examining the correlation between one or more already present independent variables, a logistic regression model forecasts a dependent data variable.

Logistic Regression Prediction Formula

$$\log\left(\frac{\hat{p}}{1-\hat{p}}\right) = \hat{w}_0 + \hat{w}_1 x_1 + \hat{w}_2 x_2 \quad \text{logit scores}$$

We have used 4 types of regression i.e.,

- Full Regression
- Forward Regression
- Backward Regression
- Stepwise Regression
- Polynomial Regression

Full Regression

We first conducted a full regression of our model. As per the screenshot it can be depicted that the ASE of full regression is **0.141961**.

Results - Node: Full Regression Diagram: Final Project Export

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Fit Statistics

Target	Target Label	Fit Statistics	Statistics Label	Train	Validation	Test
fraud	bool	AIC	Akaike's Information Cr...	9846.21		
fraud	bool	ASE	Average Squared Error	0.141955	0.141961	
fraud	bool	AVERR	Average Error Function	0.441885	0.441375	
fraud	bool	DFE	Degrees of Freedom f...	10978		
fraud	bool	DFM	Model Degrees of Fre...	50		
fraud	bool	DFT	Total Degrees of Free...	11028		
fraud	bool	DIV	Divisor for ASE	22056	22060	
fraud	bool	ERR	Error Function	9746.21	9736.738	
fraud	bool	FPE	Final Prediction Error	0.143248		
fraud	bool	MAX	Maximum Absolute Error	0.996211	0.994441	
fraud	bool	MSE	Mean Square Error	0.142602	0.141961	
fraud	bool	NOBS	Sum of Frequencies	11028	11030	
fraud	bool	NW	Number of Estimate W...	50		
fraud	bool	RASE	Root Average Sum of ...	0.376769	0.376778	
fraud	bool	RFPE	Root Final Prediction ...	0.378481		
fraud	bool	RMSE	Root Mean Squared E...	0.377626	0.376778	
fraud	bool	SBC	Schwarz's Bayesian Cr...	10211.62		
fraud	bool	SSE	Sum of Squared Errors	3130.962	3131.668	
fraud	bool	SUMW	Sum of Case Weights ...	22056	22060	
fraud	bool	MISC	Misclassification Rate	0.199129	0.202539	

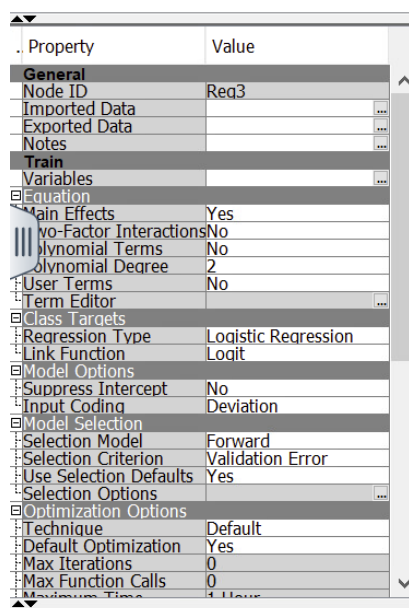
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231	M_REP_bank_months_count	0 vs 1
232	M_REP_device_distinct_emails_8	0 vs 1
233	M_REP_session_length_in_minute	0 vs 1
234	M_REP_velocity_6h	0 vs 1
235	REP_L00_REP_IMP_REP_device_disti	15.692
236	REP_L00_REP_IMP_REP_session_leng	0.968
237	REP_L00_REP_REP_current_address_	1.385
238	REP_L00_REP_bank_branch_count_8w	0.932
239	REP_L00_REP_proposed_credit_limi	1.088
240	REP_L00_REP_zip_count_4w	1.282
241	REP_REP_IMP_REP_bank_months_coun	1.017
242	REP_REP_IMP_REP_velocity_6h	1.000
243	REP_REP_REP_days_since_request	1.497
244	REP_REP_credit_risk_score	1.002
245	REP_REP_customer_age	1.023
246	REP_REP_date_of_birth_distinct_e	0.989
247	REP_REP_month	1.037
248	REP_REP_name_email_similarity	0.326
249	REP_REP_velocity_24h	1.000
250	REP_REP_velocity_4w	1.000
251	REP_income	0.2 vs 0.8
252	REP_income	0.5 vs 0.8
253	device_os	linux vs x11
254	device_os	macintosh vs x11
255	device_os	other vs x11
256	device_os	windows vs x11
257	email_is_free	0 vs 1
258	employment_status	CA vs CG
259	employment_status	CS vs CG
260	employment_status	CC vs CG
261	employment_status	CD vs CG
262	employment_status	CE vs CG
263	employment_status	CF vs CG
264	foreign_request	0 vs 1
265	has_other_cards	0 vs 1
266	housing_status	BA vs BG
267	housing_status	BB vs BG
268	housing_status	BC vs BG
269	housing_status	BD vs BG
270	housing_status	BE vs BG
271	housing_status	BF vs BG
272	keep_alive_session	0 vs 1
273	payment_type	AA vs AE
274	payment_type	AB vs AE
275	payment_type	AC vs AE
276	payment_type	AD vs AE
277	phone_home_valid	0 vs 1
278	phone_mobile_valid	0 vs 1
279	source	INTERNET vs TELEAPP

As per the odds ratio, REP_LOG_REP_IMP_REP_device_disti is 15.692 times related to bank fraud and M_REP_velocity_6h is 4.572 times related to bank fraud.

Forward Regression

For forward regression, we changed the model selection to forward and the selection criteria are Validation error.



As per the forward regression model, our ASE is **0.141946** which is slightly better than full regression.

Results - Node: Forward Regression Diagram: Final Project Export						
Fit Statistics						
Target	Target Label	Fit Statistics	Statistics Label	Train	Validation	Test
fraud	bool	AIC	Akaike's Information Cr...	9862.33		
fraud	bool	ASE	Average Squared Error	0.142634	0.141946	
fraud	bool	AVERR	Average Error Function	0.443794	0.441087	
fraud	bool	DFE	Degrees of Freedom f...	10991		
fraud	bool	DFM	Model Degrees of Fre...	37		
fraud	bool	DFT	Total Degrees of Free...	11028		
fraud	bool	DIV	Divisor for ASE	22056	22060	
fraud	bool	ERR	Error Function	9788.33	9730.371	
fraud	bool	FPE	Final Prediction Error	0.143594		
fraud	bool	MAX	Maximum Absolute Error	0.995982	0.992461	
fraud	bool	MSE	Mean Square Error	0.143114	0.141946	
fraud	bool	NOBS	Sum of Frequencies	11028	11030	
fraud	bool	NW	Number of Estimate W...	37		
fraud	bool	RASE	Root Average Sum of ...	0.377669	0.376757	
fraud	bool	RFPE	Root Final Prediction ...	0.378938		
fraud	bool	RMSE	Root Mean Squared E...	0.378304	0.376757	
fraud	bool	SBC	Schwarz's Bayesian Cr...	10132.73		
fraud	bool	SSE	Sum of Squared Errors	3145.937	3131.325	
fraud	bool	SUMW	Sum of Case Weights ...	22056	22060	
fraud	bool	MISC	Misclassification Rate	0.201306	0.202629	

Results - Node: Forward Regression Diagram: Final Project Export

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Output

Odds Ratio Estimates			Point
Effect			Estimate
REP_LOG_REP_IMP_REP_device_disti			14.137
REP_LOG_REP_REP_current_address_			1.396
REP_LOG_REP_bank_branch_count_8w			0.935
REP_LOG_REP_zip_count_4w			1.246
REP_REP_IMP_REP_bank_months_coun			1.017
REP_REP_REP_days_since_request			1.468
REP_REP_credit_risk_score			1.002
REP_REP_customer_age			1.025
REP_REP_name_email_similarity			0.324
REP_income	0.2 vs 0.8		0.514
REP_income	0.5 vs 0.8		0.608
device_os	linux vs xll		0.815
device_os	macintosh vs xll		1.902
device_os	other vs xll		1.075
device_os	windows vs xll		2.861
email_is_free	0 vs 1		0.555
employment_status	CA vs CG		0.347
employment_status	CB vs CG		0.186
employment_status	CC vs CG		0.450
employment_status	CD vs CG		0.125
employment_status	CE vs CG		0.109
employment_status	CF vs CG		0.148
foreign_request	0 vs 1		0.533
has_other_cards	0 vs 1		3.473
housing_status	BA vs BG		1.912
housing_status	BB vs BG		0.520
housing_status	BC vs BG		0.582
housing_status	BD vs BG		0.874
housing_status	BE vs BG		0.407
housing_status	BF vs BG		0.615
keep_alive_session	0 vs 1		2.020
payment_type	AA vs AE		1.623
payment_type	AB vs AE		2.272
payment_type	AC vs AE		3.048
payment_type	AD vs AE		2.327
phone_home_valid	0 vs 1		2.402

As per our output window, REP_LOG_REP_IMP_REP_device_disti is 14.137 times related to bank fraud and has_other_cards is 3.473 times related to bank fraud.

Backward Regression

For backward regression we changed the model selection to backward and the selection criteria is Validation error.

Property	Value
General	
Node ID	Req4
Imported Data	...
Exported Data	...
Notes	...
Train	
Variables	...
Equation	
Main Effects	Yes
Two-Factor Interactions	No
Polynomial Terms	No
Polynomial Degree	2
User Terms	No
Term Editor	...
Class Targets	
Regression Type	Logistic Regression
Link Function	Logit
Model Options	
Suppress Intercept	No
Input Coding	Deviation
Model Selection	
Selection Model	Backward
Selection Criterion	Validation Error
Use Selection Defaults	Yes
Selection Options	...
Optimization Options	
Technique	Default
Default Optimization	Yes
Max Iterations	0
Max Function Calls	0

As per backward regression model, our ASE is **0.141983** which is worse than full and forward regression.

Results - Node: Backward Regression Diagram: Final Project Export

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Fit Statistics

Target	Target Label	Fit Statistics	Statistics Label	Train	Validation	Test
fraud bool		AIC	Akaike's Information Cr...	9845.166		
fraud bool		ASE	Average Squared Error...	0.142258	0.141983	
fraud bool		AVERR	Average Error Function	0.442744	0.441226	
fraud bool		DFE	Degrees of Freedom f...	10988		
fraud bool		DFM	Model Degrees of Fre...	40		
fraud bool		DFT	Total Degrees of Fre...	11028		
fraud bool		DIV	Divisor for ASE	22056	22060	
fraud bool		ERR	Error Function	9765.166	9733.448	
fraud bool		FPE	Final Prediction Error	0.143294		
fraud bool		MAX	Maximum Absolute Error	0.996031	0.992129	
fraud bool		MSE	Mean Square Error	0.142776	0.141983	
fraud bool		NOBS	Sum of Frequencies	11028	11030	
fraud bool		NW	Number of Estimate W...	40		
fraud bool		RASE	Root Average Sum of ...	0.377171	0.376806	
fraud bool		RFPE	Root Final Prediction ...	0.378541		
fraud bool		RMSE	Root Mean Squared E...	0.377857	0.376806	
fraud bool		SBC	Schwarz's Bayesian Cr...	10137.49		
fraud bool		SSE	Sum of Squared Errors	3137.641	3132.145	
fraud bool		SUMW	Sum of Case Weights ...	22056	22060	
fraud bool		MISC	Misclassification Rate	0.200308	0.202448	

As per our odds ratio in the output window REP_LOG_REP_IMP_REP_device_disti is 14.183 times related to bank fraud and has_other_cards is 3.471 times related to bank fraud. This can be seen in the screenshot attached below.

Results - Node: Backward Regression Diagram: Final Project Export

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Output

Odds Ratio Estimates			
Effect			Point Estimate
2294			
2295			
2296			
2297			
2298			
2299	REP_LOG_REP_IMP_REP_device_disti		14.183
2300	REP_LOG_REP_REP_current_address_		1.393
2301	REP_LOG_REP_bank_branch_count_8w		0.935
2302	REP_LOG_REP_proposed_credit_limi		1.086
2303	REP_LOG_REP_zip_count_4w		1.283
2304	REP_IMP_REP_bank_months_coun		1.017
2305	REP_REP_REP_days_since_request		1.477
2306	REP_REP_credit_risk_score		1.002
2307	REP_REP_customer_age		1.025
2308	REP_REP_month		1.033
2309	REP_REP_name_email_similarity		0.325
2310	REP_income	0.2 vs 0.8	0.521
2311	REP_income	0.5 vs 0.8	0.610
2312	device_os	linux vs x11	0.810
2313	device_os	macintosh vs x11	1.861
2314	device_os	other vs x11	1.064
2315	device_os	windows vs x11	2.790
2316	email_is_free	0 vs 1	0.546
2317	employment_status	CA vs CG	0.365
2318	employment_status	CB vs CG	0.198
2319	employment_status	CC vs CG	0.462
2320	employment_status	CD vs CG	0.131
2321	employment_status	CE vs CG	0.119
2322	employment_status	CF vs CG	0.156
2323	foreign_request	0 vs 1	0.532
2324	has_other_cards	0 vs 1	3.471
2325	housing_status	BA vs BG	2.068
2326	housing_status	BB vs BG	0.577
2327	housing_status	BC vs BG	0.647
2328	housing_status	BD vs BG	0.972
2329	housing_status	BE vs BG	0.456
2330	housing_status	BF vs BG	0.759
2331	keep_alive_session	0 vs 1	2.005
2332	payment_type	AA vs AE	1.590
2333	payment_type	AB vs AE	2.192
2334	payment_type	AC vs AE	2.903
2335	payment_type	AD vs AE	2.246
2336	phone_home_valid	0 vs 1	2.579
2337	phone_mobile_valid	0 vs 1	1.357
2338			
2339			

Stepwise regression

For stepwise regression, we changed the model selection to stepwise and the selection criteria is Validation error.

Property	Value
General	
Node ID	Req5
Imported Data	...
Exported Data	...
Notes	
Train	
Variables	...
Equation	
Main Effects	Yes
No-Factor Interactions	No
Polynomial Terms	No
Polynomial Degree	2
User Terms	No
Term Editor	...
Class Targets	
Regression Type	Logistic Regression
Link Function	Logit
Model Options	
Suppress Intercept	No
Input Coding	Deviation
Model Selection	
Selection Model	Stepwise
Selection Criterion	Validation Error
Use Selection Defaults	Yes
Selection Options	...
Optimization Options	
Technique	Default
Default Optimization	Yes
Max Iterations	0
Max Function Calls	0
Maximum Time	4 Hours

As per stepwise regression model our ASE is **0.141946** which is same as forward regression.

Results - Node: Stepwise Regression Diagram: Final Project Export

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Fit Statistics

Target	Target Label	Fit Statistics	Statistics Label	Train	Validation	Test
fraud	bool	AIC	Akaike's Information Cr...	9862.33		
fraud	bool	ASE	Average Squared Error	0.142634		0.141946
fraud	bool	AVERR	Average Error Function	0.443794		0.441087
fraud	bool	DFE	Degrees of Freedom f...	10991		
fraud	bool	DFM	Model Degrees of Fre...	37		
fraud	bool	DFT	Total Degrees of Free...	11028		
fraud	bool	DIV	Divisor for ASE	22056		22060
fraud	bool	ERR	Error Function	9788.33		9730.371
fraud	bool	FPE	Final Prediction Error	0.143594		0.992461
fraud	bool	MAX	Maximum Absolute Error	0.995982		0.141946
fraud	bool	MSE	Mean Square Error	0.143114		
fraud	bool	NOBS	Sum of Frequencies	11028		11030
fraud	bool	NW	Number of Estimate W...	37		
fraud	bool	RASE	Root Average Sum of ...	0.377669		0.376757
fraud	bool	RFPE	Root Final Prediction ...	0.378938		
fraud	bool	RMSE	Root Mean Squared E...	0.378304		0.376757
fraud	bool	SBC	Schwarz's Bayesian Cr...	10132.73		
fraud	bool	SSE	Sum of Squared Errors	3145.937		3131.325
fraud	bool	SUMW	Sum of Case Weights ...	22056		22060
fraud	bool	MISC	Misclassification Rate	0.201306		0.202629

Results - Node: Stepwise Regression Diagram: Final Project Export

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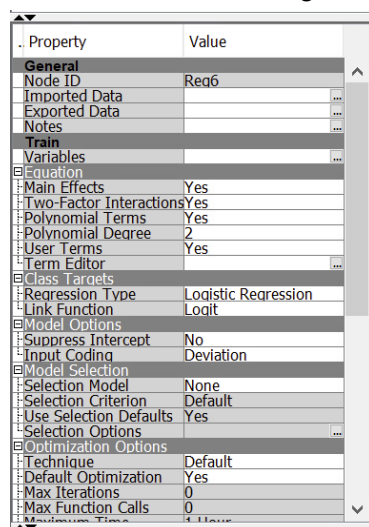
Output

Effect	Point Estimate
REP_LOG_REP_IMP_REP_device_disti	14.137
REP_LOG_REP_REP_current_address_	1.396
REP_LOG_REP_bank_branch_count_8w	0.935
REP_LOG_REP_zip_count_4w	1.246
REP_REP_IMP_REP_bank_months_coun	1.017
REP_REP_REP_days_since_request	1.468
REP_REP_credit_risk_score	1.002
REP_REP_customer_age	1.025
REP_REP_name_email_similarity	0.324
REP_income 0.2 vs 0.8	0.514
REP_income 0.5 vs 0.8	0.608
device_os linux vs x11	0.815
device_os macintosh vs x11	1.902
device_os other vs x11	1.075
device_os windows vs x11	2.861
email_is_free 0 vs 1	0.555
employment_status CA vs CG	0.347
employment_status CB vs CG	0.186
employment_status CC vs CG	0.450
employment_status CD vs CG	0.125
employment_status CE vs CG	0.109
employment_status CF vs CG	0.148
foreign_request 0 vs 1	0.533
has_other_cards 0 vs 1	3.473
housing_status BA vs BG	1.912
housing_status BB vs BG	0.520
housing_status BC vs BG	0.582
housing_status BD vs BG	0.874
housing_status BE vs BG	0.407
housing_status BF vs BG	0.615
keep_alive_session 0 vs 1	2.020
payment_type AA vs AE	1.623
payment_type AB vs AE	2.272
payment_type AC vs AE	3.048
payment_type AD vs AE	2.327
phone_home_valid 0 vs 1	2.402

As per our output window, REP_LOG_REP_IMP_REP_device_disti is 14.137 times related to bank fraud and has_other_cards is 3.473 times related to bank fraud, which is same as forward regression.

Polynomial regression

For stepwise regression we didn't change any model selection and the selection criteria but instead we made changes in the equation tab.



As per polynomial regression model, our ASE is **0.14156** which is best amongst all the regression models.

Results - Node: Polynomial Regression Diagram: Final Project Export						
Fit Statistics						
Target	Target Label	Fit Statistics	Statistics Label	Train	Validation	Test
fraud bool		AIC	Akaike's Information Cr...	10105.59		
fraud bool		ASE	Average Squared Error...	0.13155	0.14156	
fraud bool		AVERR	Average Error Function	0.411751	0.441438	
fraud bool		DFF	Degrees of Freedom f...	10516		
fraud bool		DFM	Model Degrees of Fre...	512		
fraud bool		DFT	Total Degrees of Free...	11028		
fraud bool		DIV	Divisor for ASE	22056	22060	
fraud bool		ERR	Error Function	9081.589	9738.132	
fraud bool		FPE	Final Prediction Error	0.144359		
fraud bool		MAX	Maximum Absolute Error	0.99795	0.99787	
fraud bool		MSE	Mean Square Error	0.137954	0.14156	
fraud bool		NOBS	Sum of Frequencies	11028	11030	
fraud bool		NW	Number of Estimate W...	512		
fraud bool		RASE	Root Average Sum of ...	0.362698	0.376245	
fraud bool		RFPE	Root Final Prediction ...	0.379946		
fraud bool		RMSE	Root Mean Squared E...	0.371422	0.376245	
fraud bool		SBC	Schwarz's Bayesian Cr...	13847.38		
fraud bool		SSE	Sum of Squared Errors	2901.458	3122.82	
fraud bool		SUMW	Sum of Case Weights ...	22056	22060	
fraud bool		MISC	Misclassification Rate	0.185437	0.201904	

Results - Node: Polynomial Regression Diagram: Final Project Export

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Output

Analysis of Maximum Likelihood Estimates									
Parameter	DF	Estimate	Standard Error	Wald Chi-Square	Pr > ChiSq	Standardized Estimate	Exp(Est)		
Intercept	1	-4.5000	15.0285	0.09	0.7646		0.011		
M_REF_bank_months_count	0	1	0.3439	4.6068	0.01	0.9405	1.410		
M_REF_device_distinct_emails_8	0	1	0.3446	2.4330	0.02	0.8874	1.411		
M_REF_session_length_in_minute	0	1	0.0629	7.4996	0.00	0.9933	1.065		
M_REF_velocity_6h	0	1	0.0292	3.3798	0.00	0.9931	1.030		
REF_log_REF_TMP_REF_device_disti	1	-1.3639	8.1170	0.03	0.8666	-0.0593	0.256		
REF_log_REF_TMP_REF_session_leng	1	-0.1521	0.8378	0.03	0.8560	-0.0586	0.859		
REF_log_REF_REF_current_address_	1	0.5285	0.5368	0.97	0.3248	0.3403	1.696		
REF_log_REF_bank_branch_count_9w	1	-0.1962	0.2724	0.52	0.4714	-0.2342	0.822		
REF_log_REF_proposed_credit_liai	1	-0.3419	1.2386	0.08	0.7825	-0.1685	0.710		
REF_log_REF_zip_count_4w	1	0.1807	1.1706	0.02	0.8773	0.0603	1.198		
REF_REF_TMP_REF_bank_months_coun	1	0.00399	0.0630	0.00	0.9495	0.0214	1.004		
REF_REF_TMP_REF_velocity_6h	1	1.249E-6	0.000227	0.00	0.9956	0.00201	1.000		
REF_REF_REF_days_since_request	1	1.1415	2.1293	0.29	0.5919	0.1718	3.131		
REF_REF_credit_risk_score	1	-0.00065	0.0108	0.00	0.9525	-0.0285	0.999		
REF_REF_customer_age	1	0.00666	0.0564	0.01	0.9060	0.0475	1.007		
REF_REF_date_of_birth_distinct_e	1	-0.0332	0.1419	0.05	0.8150	-0.0912	0.967		
REF_REF_month	1	-0.2678	0.5192	0.27	0.6059	-0.3338	0.765		
REF_REF_name_email_similarity	1	-0.9678	2.0595	0.22	0.6384	-0.1585	0.380		
REF_REF_velocity_24h	1	0.000090	0.000512	0.03	0.8600	0.0723	1.000		
REF_REF_velocity_4w	1	0.000060	0.00113	0.00	0.9573	0.0316	1.000		
REF_income	0.2	1	-0.2726	6.6646	0.00	0.9674	0.761		
REF_income	0.5	1	-0.4545	2.1407	0.05	0.8319	0.635		
device_os	linux	1	-0.6345	6.7181	0.01	0.9248	0.530		
device_os	macintosh	1	0.4198	3.0512	0.02	0.8906	1.522		
device_os	other	1	-0.2788	6.6171	0.00	0.9664	0.757		
device_os	windows	1	0.8467	1.0350	0.67	0.4133	2.332		
email_is_free	0	1	-0.1351	3.2997	0.00	0.9674	0.874		
employment_status	CA	1	0.3935	5.5291	0.01	0.9433	1.482		
employment_status	CB	1	-0.3435	6.3401	0.00	0.9568	0.709		
employment_status	CC	1	-0.0989	2.5244	0.00	0.9687	0.906		
employment_status	CD	1	0.0198	3.3641	0.00	0.9953	1.020		
employment_status	CE	1	-0.2517	3.7774	0.00	0.9469	0.777		
employment_status	CF	1	-0.2798	1.3666	0.04	0.8378	0.756		
foreign_request	0	1	0.1704	1.3850	0.02	0.9021	1.186		
has_other_cards	0	1	0.6305	2.7745	0.05	0.8202	1.879		
housing_status	BA	1	0.5582	9.5016	0.00	0.8532	1.748		
housing_status	BB	1	-0.3617	10.0716	0.00	0.9713	0.696		
housing_status	BC	1	-0.2159	9.4169	0.00	0.9817	0.806		

Neural Networks

A neural network is a collection of linked input-output variables, where each link has a certain weight that affects the result. The input variables for neural networks are linear combinations of nonlinear functions. This methodology is strong as well as very generic for both regression and classification, and it has been proven to be the most effective machine learning technique for a variety of issues.

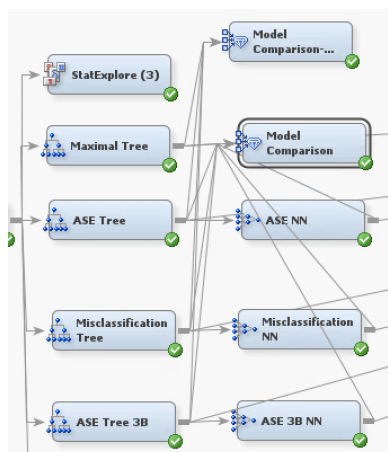
We attached neural nodes to 5 sections:

- Decision Trees NN
- Forward Regression NN
- Polynomial Regression NN
- Data Manipulation NN
- Additional NN

Decision Trees Neural Networks

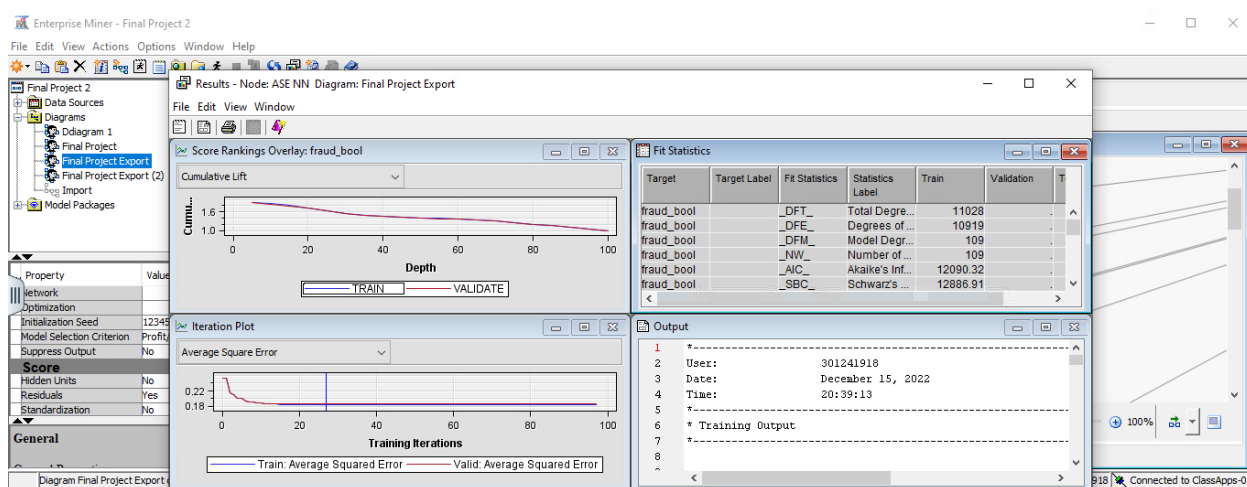
We attached Neural Nodes to our optimal trees to experiment if the error rates get better or not. We kept the number of iterations at 100, and then turned off any preliminary training. Furthermore, we kept the number of hidden units at the default setting which is three.

Screenshot of our NNs attached to optimal trees is given below:

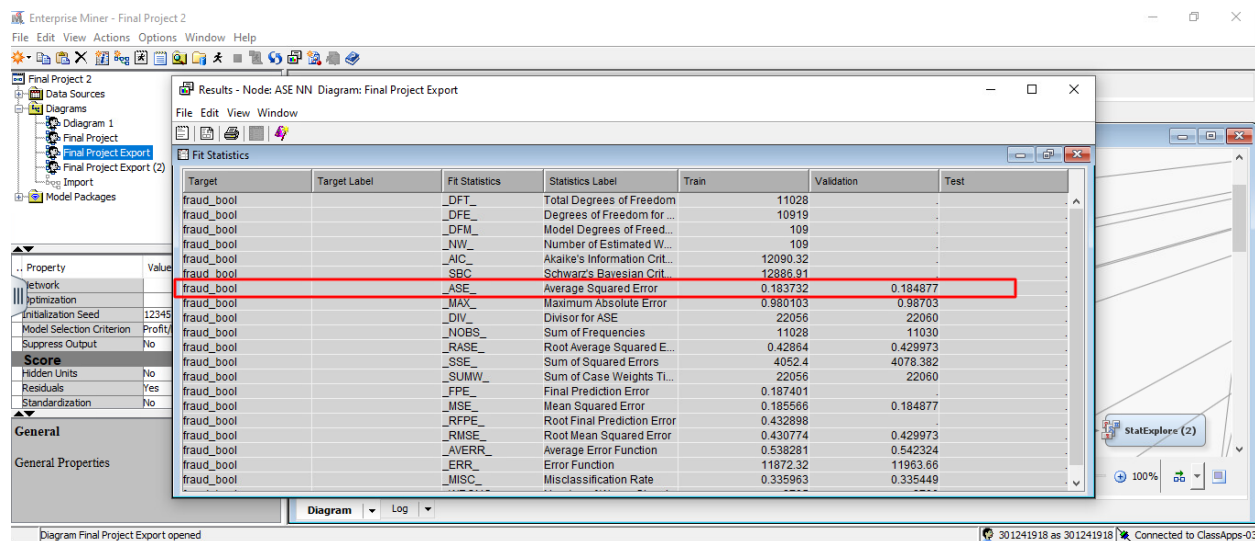


ASE Neural Network

The below screenshot shows the results we derived from the ASE neural network node. As per the iteration plot, 27 iterations is the best cut-off point as per average squared error metric.

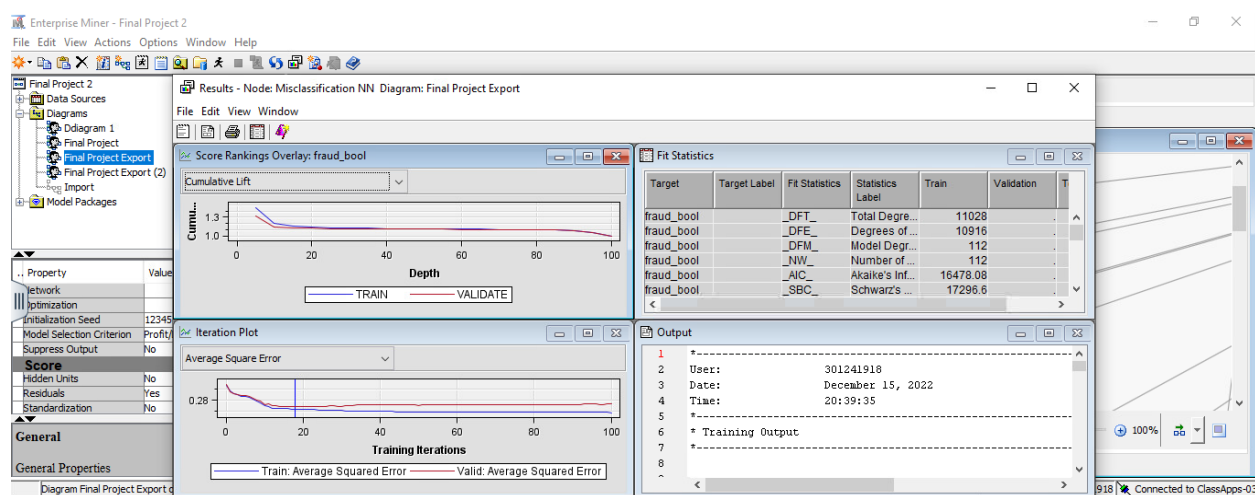


The average square error for ASE Neural network is 0.184877 which is worse than ASE tree with 0.170573 error rate. Hence, this Neural node did not add to ASE tree's efficiency.

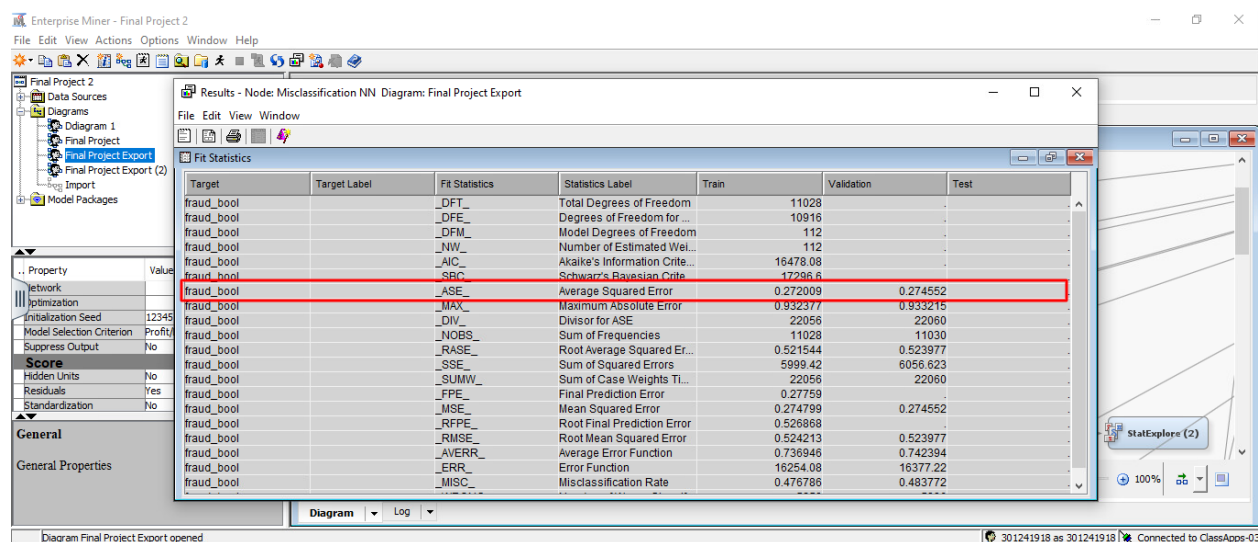


Misclassification Neural Network

The below screenshot shows the results we derived from the Misclassification neural network node. Unlike, ASE NN, we achieved an iteration cut-off at 18 as per average squared error metric.

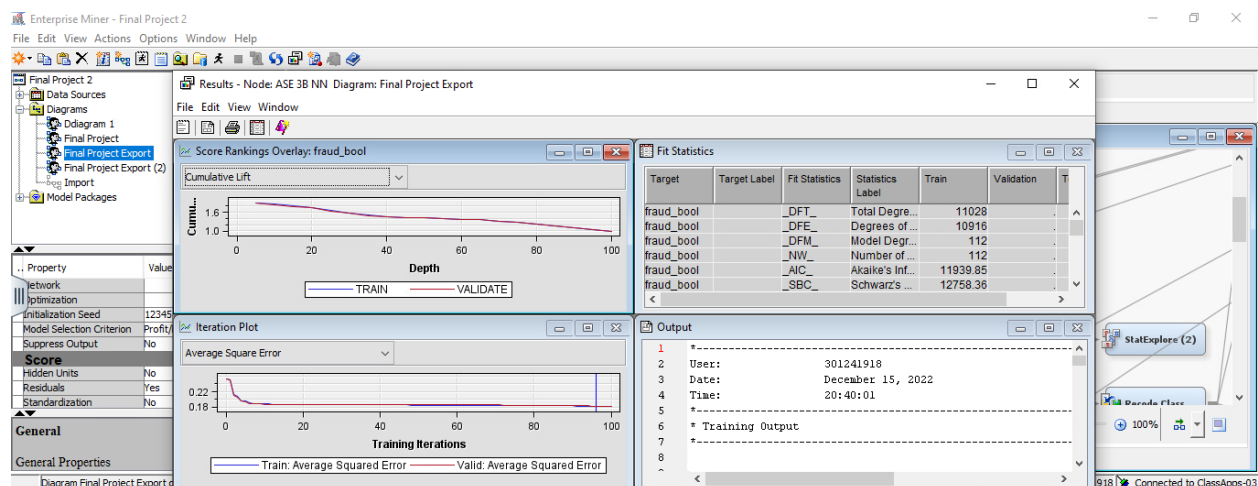


The average square error for Misclassification Neural network is 0.274552 which is highest among all three networks which is much worse than Misclassification Tree at 0.175272 error rate.

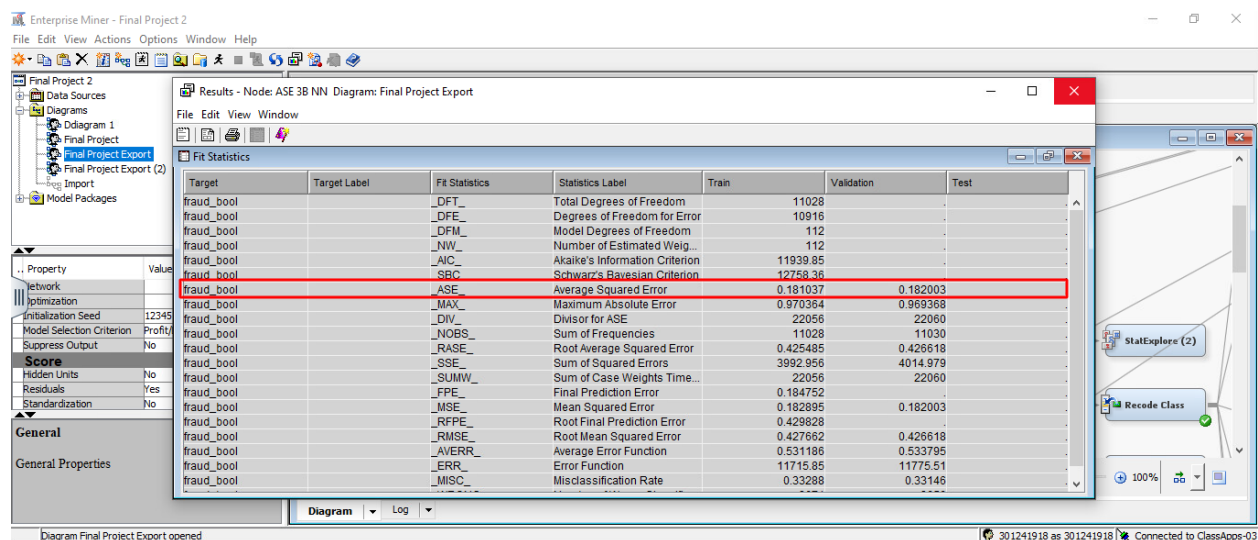


ASE 3B Neural Network

The number of suggested iterations for this model is an astonishing 96. This is the highest so far for NNs.



However, the average square error for ASE 3B Neural network is 0.182003 which is lowest among all three nodes. In comparison to ASE 3B Tree, it is much higher, approximately by 0.01.

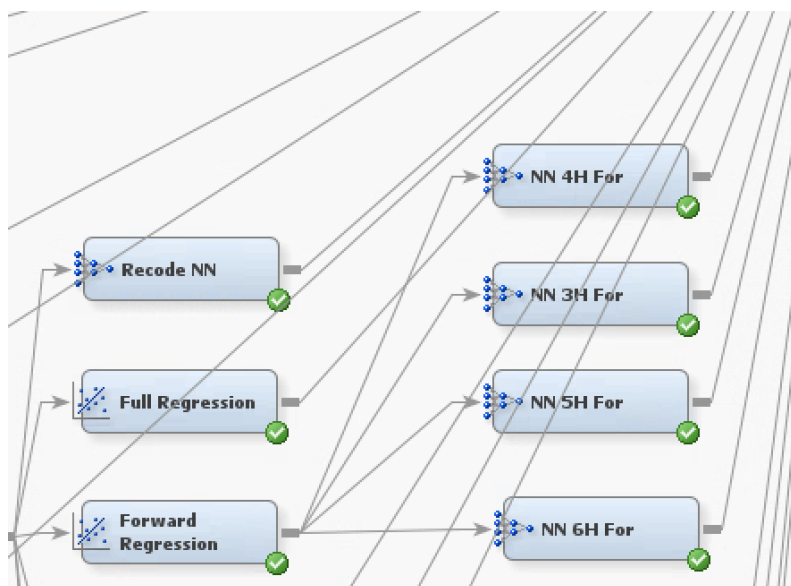


Summary: Decision Tree NN

Model	ASE NN	Misclassification NN	ASE 3Branch NN
Average Squared Error	0.184877	0.274552	0.182003
Misclassification Rate	0.335449	0.483772	0.33146

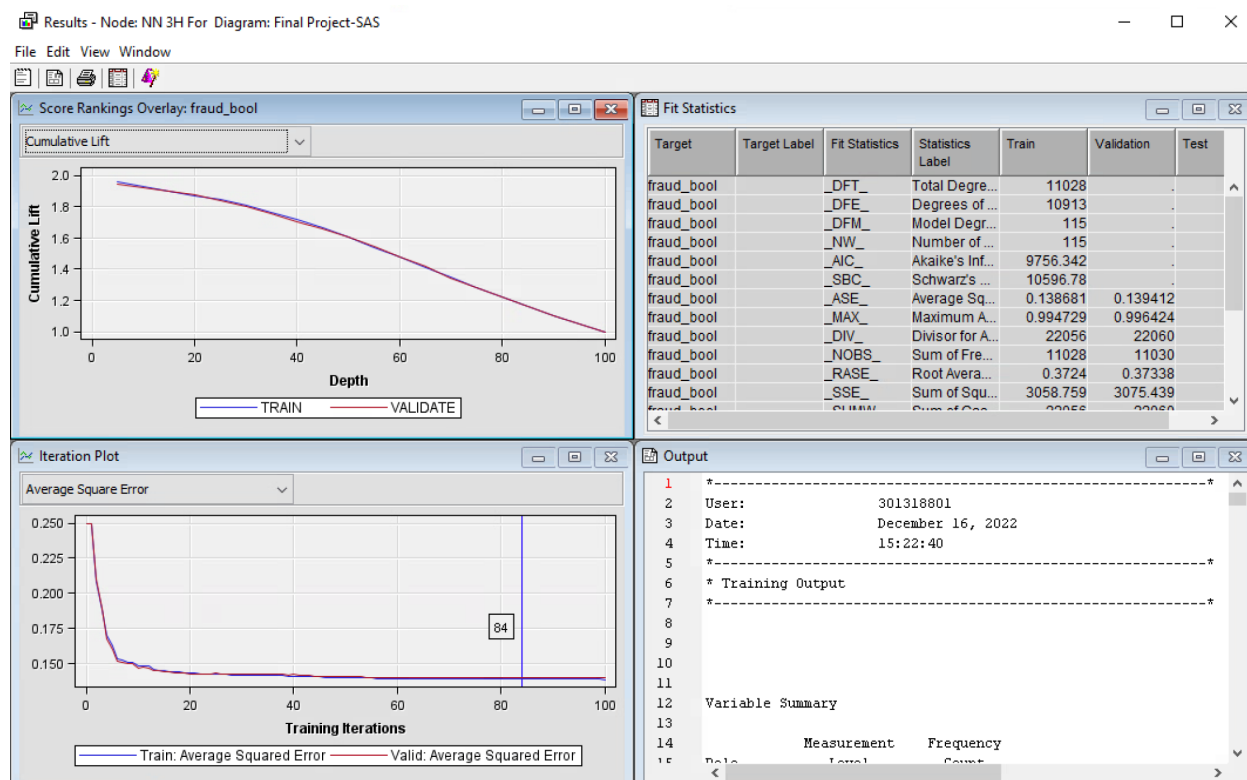
Forward Regression Neural Networks

Here we connect the neural network with the forward regression with various hidden units and iterations. This has been done as one of the last steps in our project. We attached NNs with multiple hidden units to find increasing or decreasing efficiency. We started with the default setting of 3 and went upwards. We experimented till the point efficiency started faltering.



3 Hidden Unit Neural Network (100 iterations)

The average square error of a neural network with 3 hidden unit and 100 iterations is 0.139412 with cut-off iterations at 84. Compared to Forward Regression, the error rate has improved from 0.141936



Results - Node: NN 3H For Diagram: Final Project-SAS

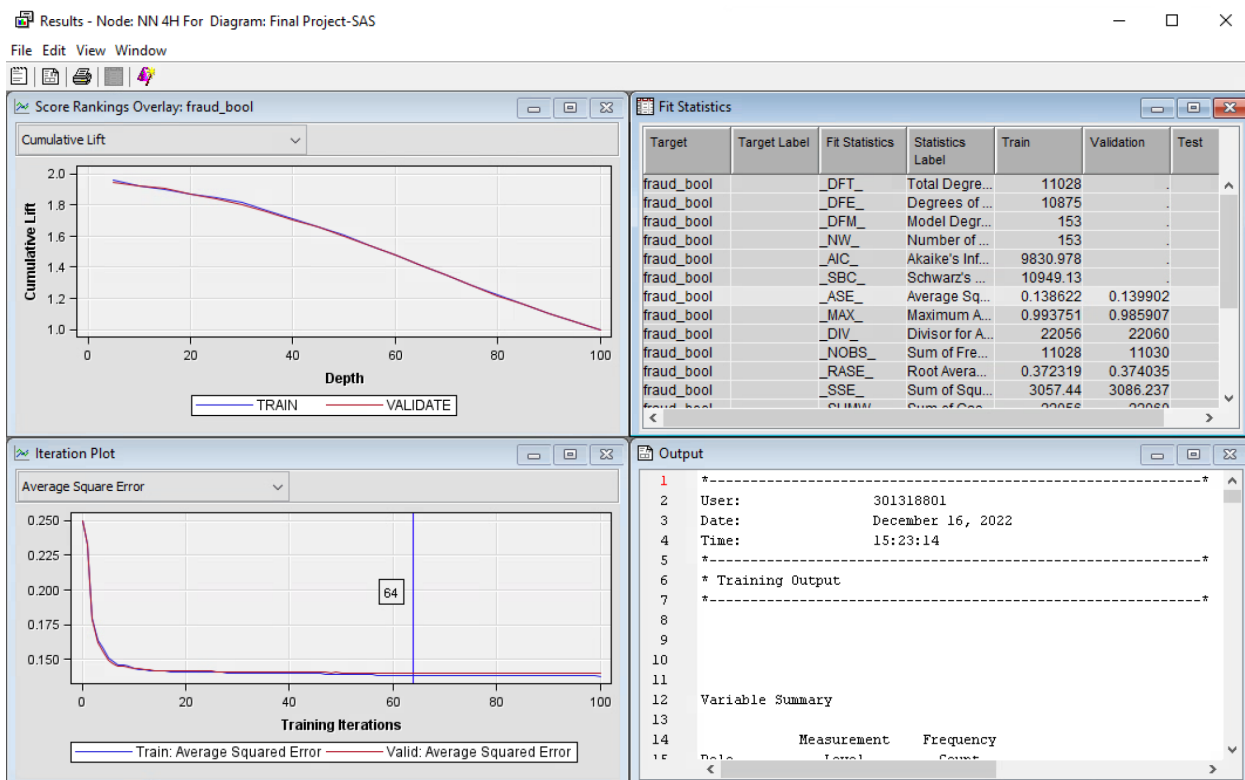
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Fit Statistics

Target	T	Fit Statistics	Statistics Label	Train	Validation	Test
fraud_bool		_DFT_	Total Degrees of Freedom	11028		
fraud_bool		_DFE_	Degrees of Freedom for Error	10913		
fraud_bool		_DFM_	Model Degrees of Freedom	115		
fraud_bool		_NW_	Number of Estimated Weights	115		
fraud_bool		_AIC_	Akaike's Information Criterion	9756.342		
fraud_bool		_SBC_	Schwarz's Bayesian Criterion	10596.78		
fraud_bool		_ASE_	Average Squared Error	0.138681	0.139412	
fraud_bool		_MAX_	Maximum Absolute Error	0.994729	0.996424	
fraud_bool		_DIV_	Divisor for ASE	22056	22060	
fraud_bool		_NOBS_	Sum of Frequencies	11028	11030	
fraud_bool		_RASE_	Root Average Squared Error	0.3724	0.37338	
fraud_bool		_SSE_	Sum of Squared Errors	3058.759	3075.439	
fraud_bool		_SUMW_	Sum of Case Weights Times ...	22056	22060	
fraud_bool		_FPE_	Final Prediction Error	0.141604		
fraud_bool		_MSE_	Mean Squared Error	0.140143	0.139412	
fraud_bool		_RFPE_	Root Final Prediction Error	0.376303		
fraud_bool		_RMSE_	Root Mean Squared Error	0.374357	0.37338	
fraud_bool		_AVER_	Average Error Function	0.431916	0.434454	
fraud_bool		_ERR_	Error Function	9526.342	9584.058	
fraud_bool		_MISC_	Misclassification Rate	0.199311	0.197915	
fraud_bool		_WRONG_	Number of Wrong Classificati...	2198	2183	

4 Hidden Unit Neural Network (100 iterations)

With the hypothesis of improving reliability we kept on increasing hidden units, we approached 4 hidden units. The average square error of a neural network with 4 hidden unit and 100 iterations is 0.139902 which is slightly lower than 3 hidden unit neural network..



Results - Node: NN 4H For Diagram: Final Project-SAS

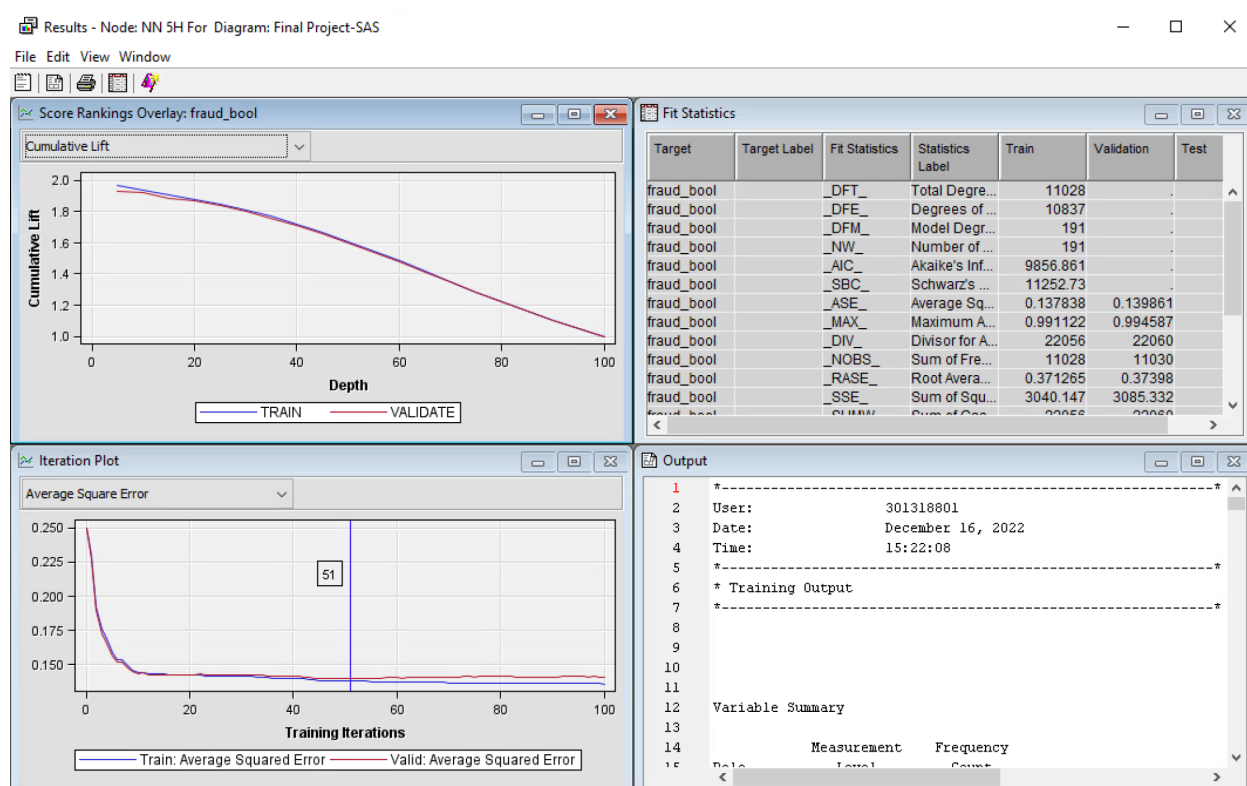
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Fit Statistics

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fraud_bool	_RASE_	Root Average Squared Error	0.372319	0.374035	
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5 Hidden Unit Neural Network (100 iterations)

Following the trend of increasing error rates, we went ahead with 5 hidden units. The average square error of a neural network with 5 hidden unit and 100 iterations is 0.139861 which is lowest so far. The sequence of improving rates keeps going on.



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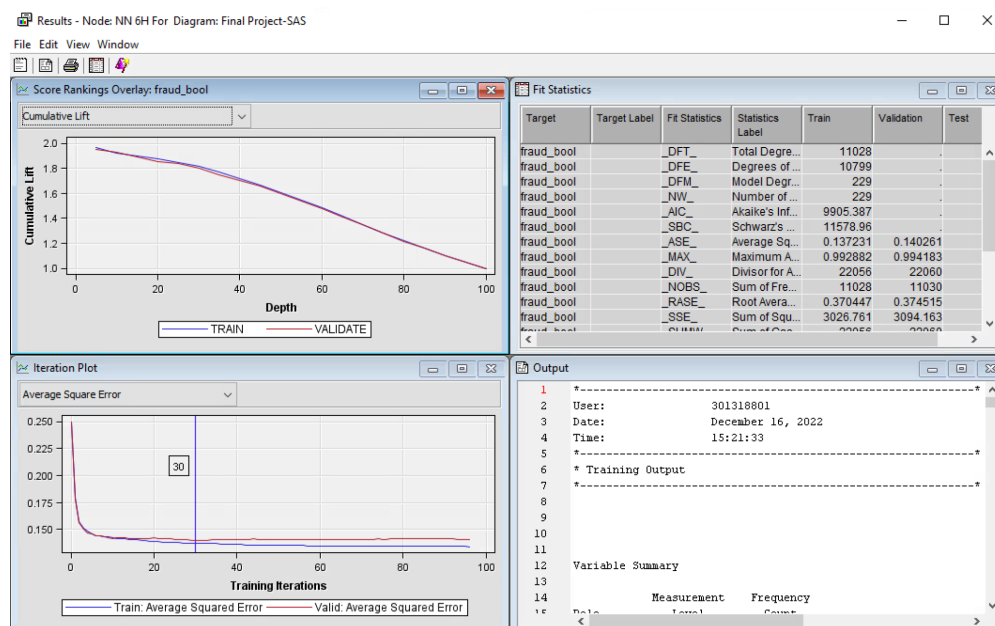
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fraud_bool		_WRONG_	Number of Wrong Classifica...	2178	2206

6 Hidden Unit Neural Network (100 iterations)

The average square error of a neural network with 6 hidden unit and 100 iterations is 0.140261 which is increasing from the prior hidden unit models. Hence, we stopped here in terms of experimenting with hidden units.



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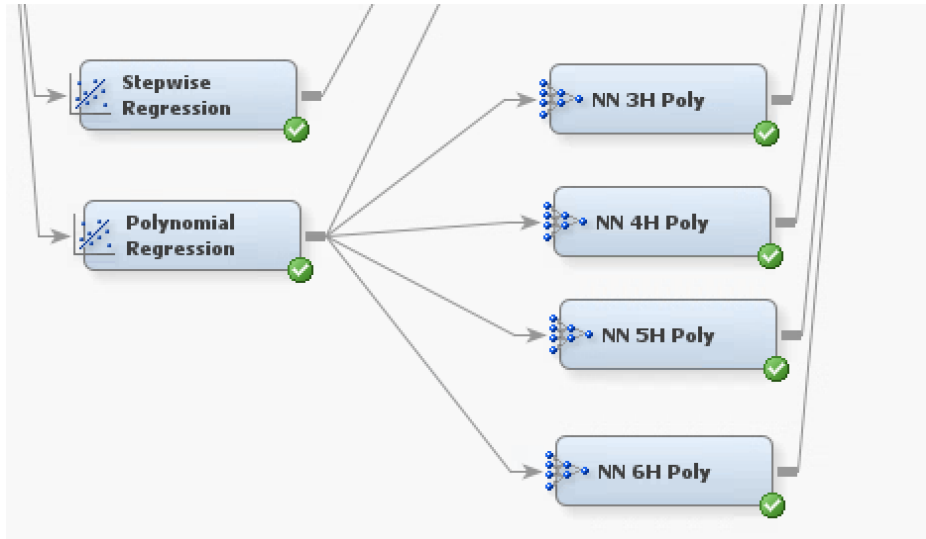


Fit Statistics

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fraud_bool		_RASE_	Root Average Squared Error	0.370447	0.374515
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fraud_bool		_SUMW_	Sum of Case Weights Times...	22056	22060
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Polynomial Regression Neural Networks

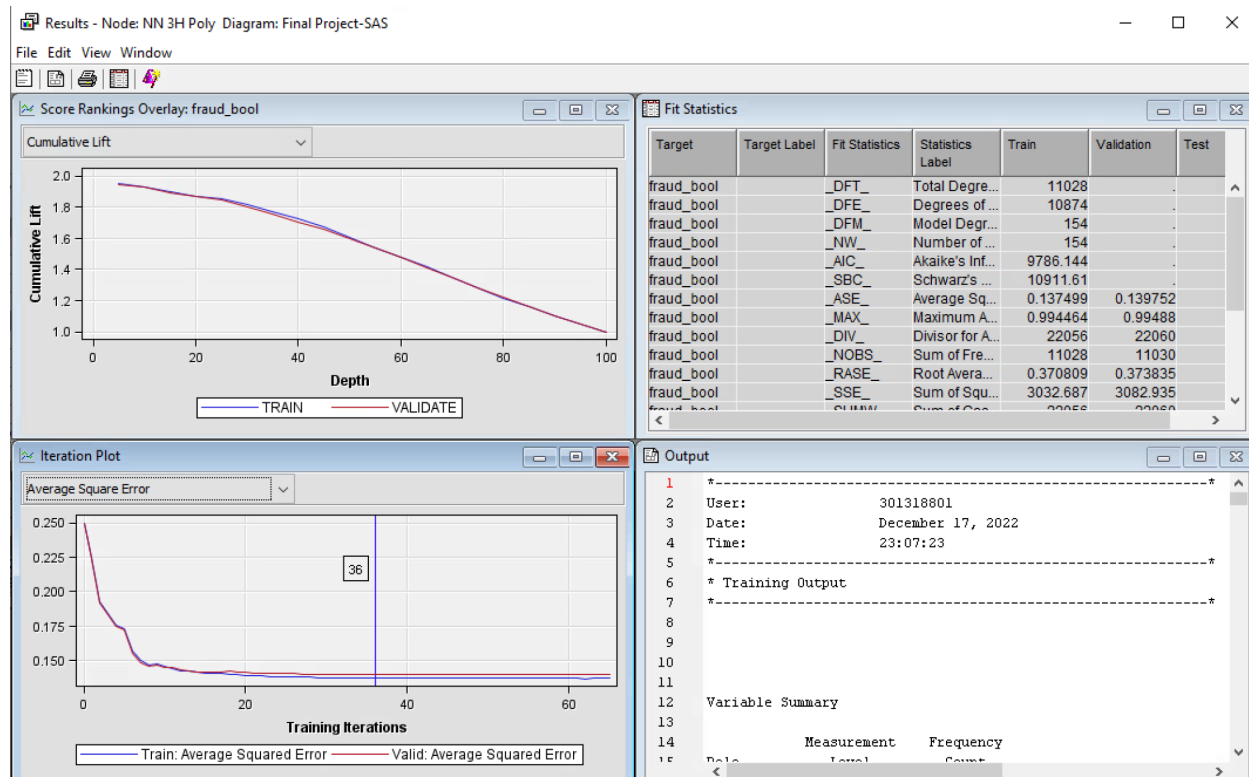
We did a polynomial regression to cater to the skews which were persistent in our project despite all the changes made through the replacement and transform nodes. Last step taken was changing 6 variables to their log format instead of default. After which all changes were made to class variables.



In the case of experimentation with hidden units, we used the same rationale as before. Exercise testing as long as efficiency is being achieved. In short, we used upto 6 hidden units and stopped there due to increasing error rates. Screenshots are shared below for each specification.

3 Hidden Unit Neural Network (100 iterations)

The ASE rate for default 3 hidden units was 0.139752. The number of iterations suggested were 36. This error rate is lower than the polynomial regression rate of 0.141826.



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Fit Statistics

Target	Target Label	Fit Statistics	Statistics Label	Train	Validation
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fraud_bool		_DIV_	Divisor for ASE	22056	22060
fraud_bool		_NOBS_	Sum of Frequencies	11028	11030
fraud_bool		_RASE_	Root Average Squared Error	0.370809	0.373835
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4 Hidden Unit Neural Network (100 iterations)

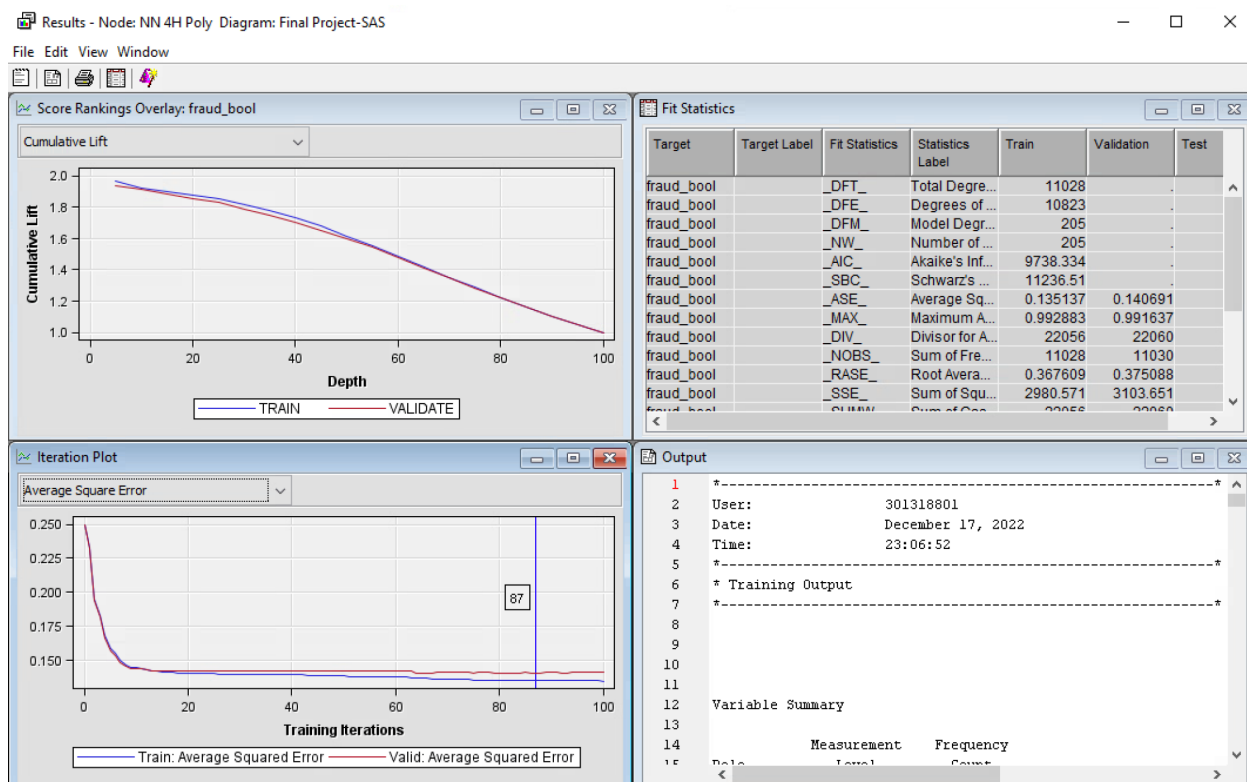
The average square error of a neural network with 4 hidden unit and 100 iterations is 0.140691.

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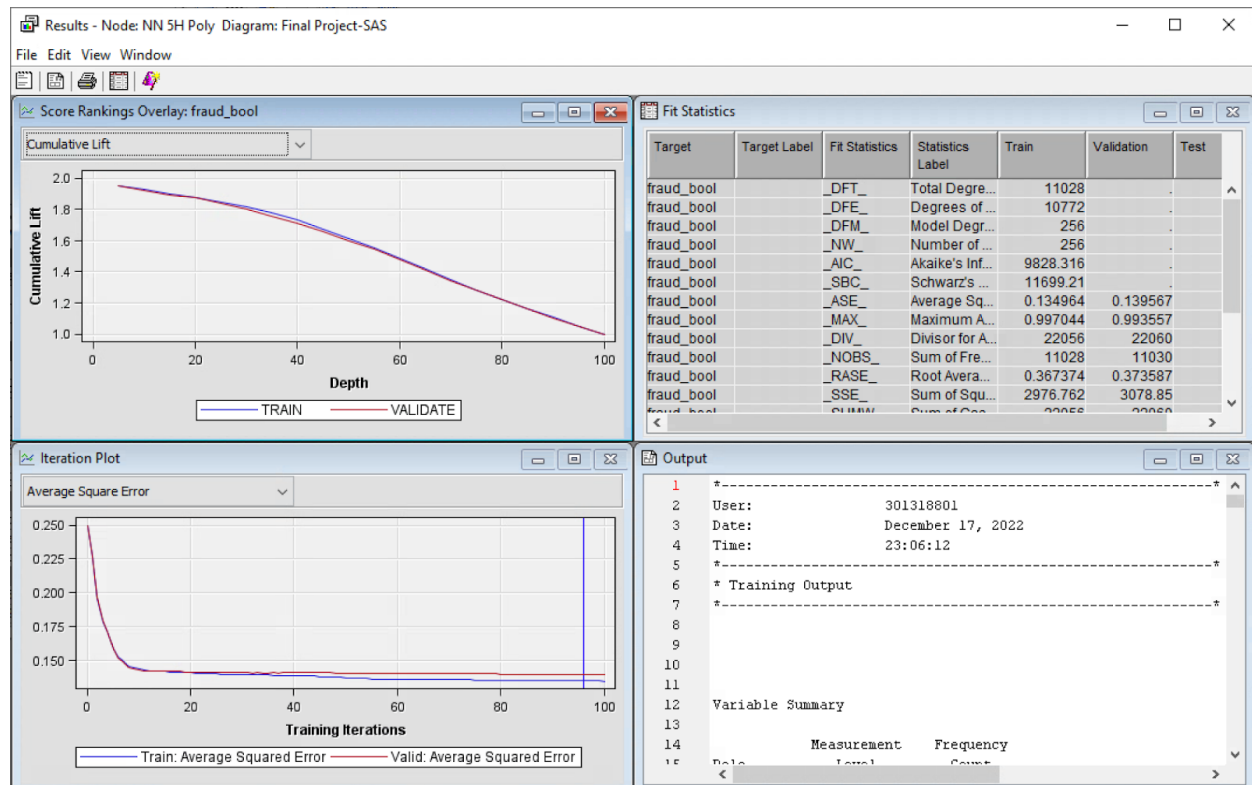
Fit Statistics

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fraud_bool		_DIV_	Divisor for ASE	22056	22060
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fraud_bool		_SSE_	Sum of Squared Errors	2980.571	3103.651
fraud_bool		_SUMW_	Sum of Case Weights Time...	22056	22060
fraud_bool		_FPE_	Final Prediction Error	0.140256	
fraud_bool		_MSE_	Mean Squared Error	0.137696	0.140691
fraud_bool		_RFPE_	Root Final Prediction Error	0.374507	
fraud_bool		_RMSE_	Root Mean Squared Error	0.371074	0.375088
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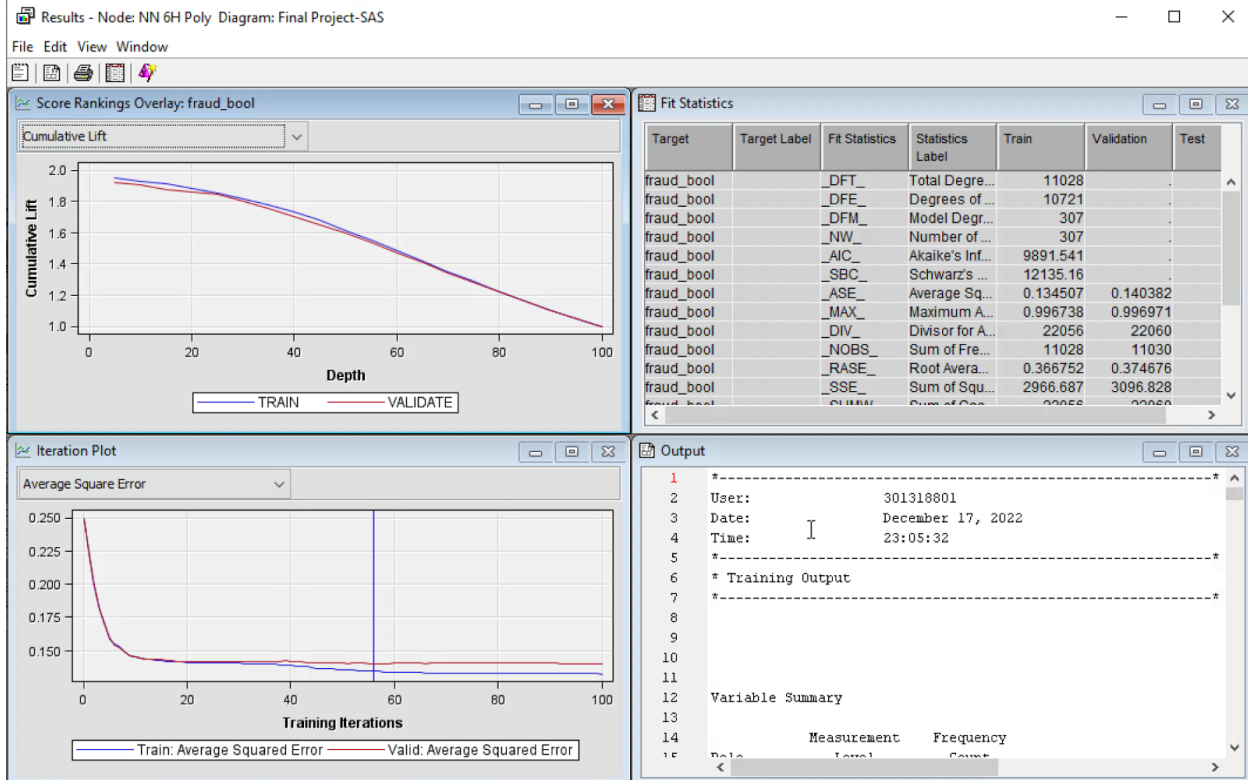
5 Hidden Unit Neural Network (100 iterations)

The average square error of a neural network with 5 hidden unit and 100 iterations is 0.139567



6 Hidden Unit Neural Network (100 iterations)

The average square error of a neural network with 6 hidden unit and 100 iterations is 0.140382



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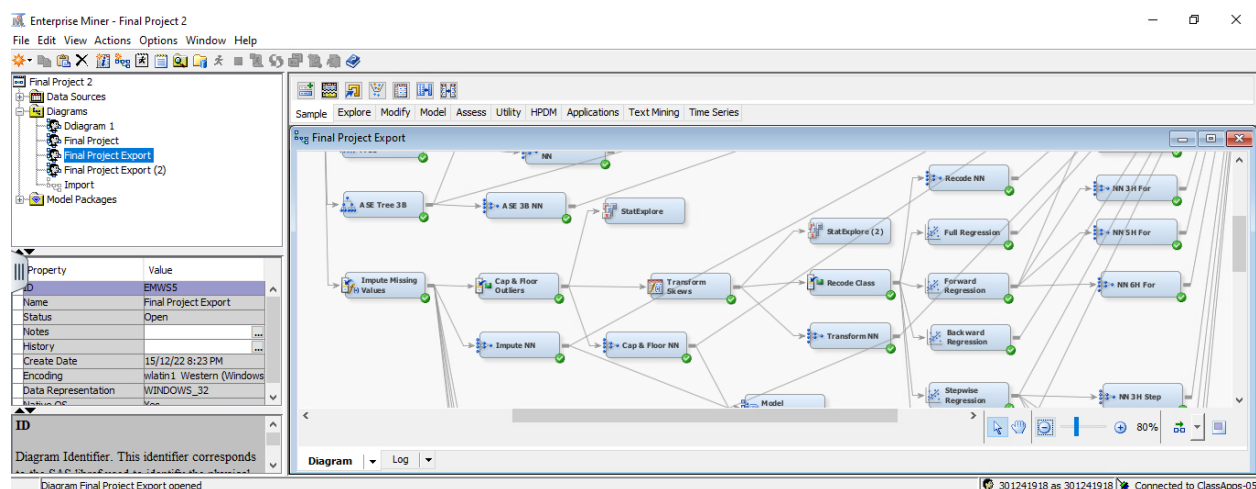
Fit Statistics

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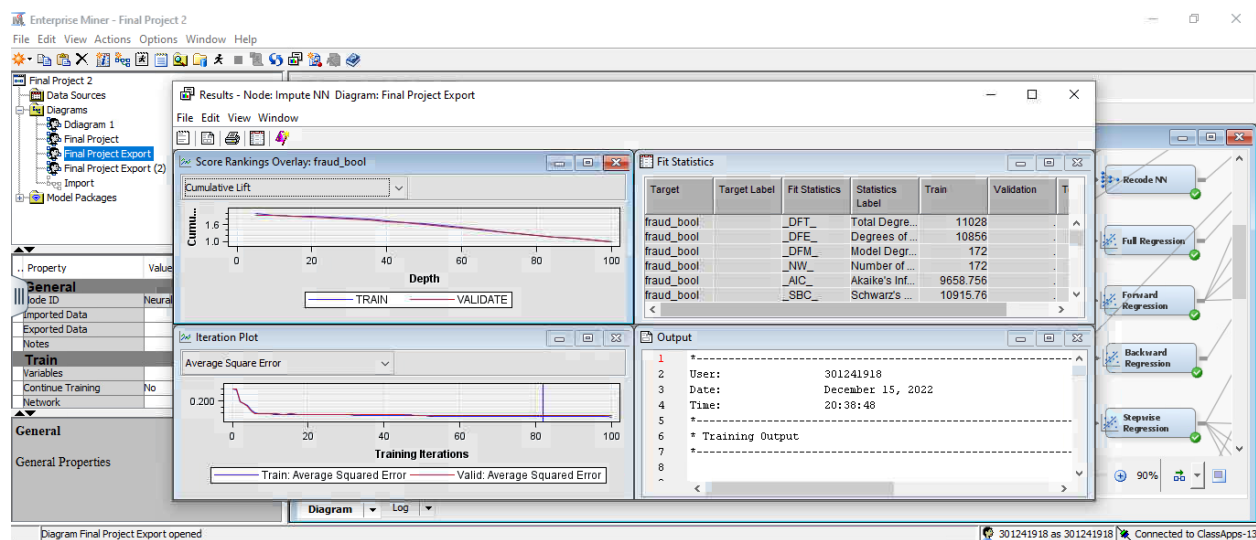
Data Modification Neural Network

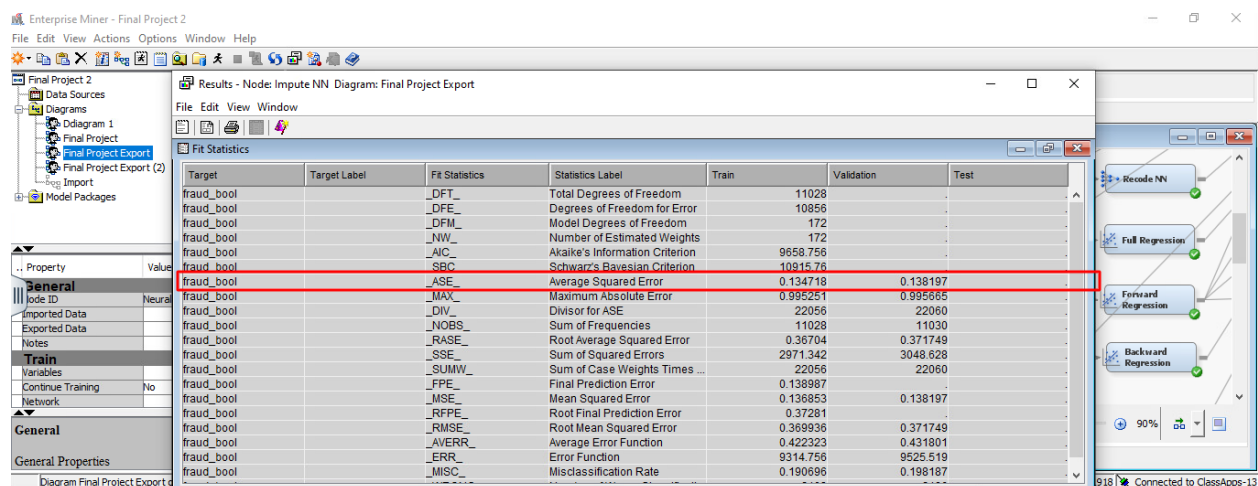
Impute Neural Network

After imputing missing values in our dataset, we attach a Neural Network node to see if imputing the missing values increases the accuracy of our models.



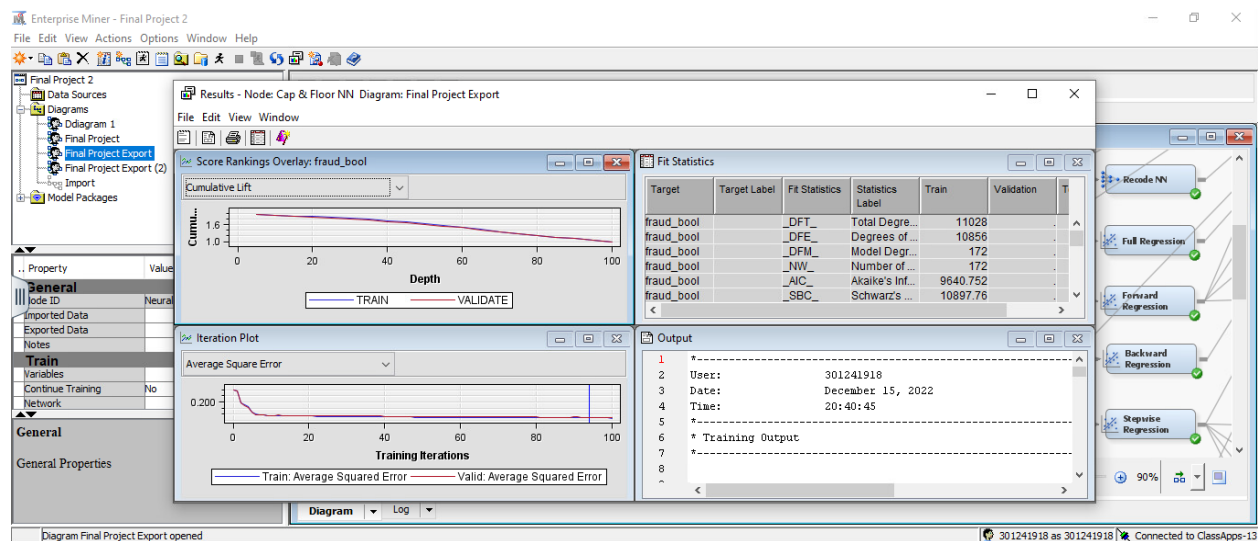
The validation average square error of the impute NN node is 0.138197 and the number of iterations suggested from this model is 82. The ASE we derived from this node is by far one of the best models so far. The closest model that achieved an error rate close to this was the ASE 3 branch model with an ASE of 0.169517. So the accuracy is significantly better.



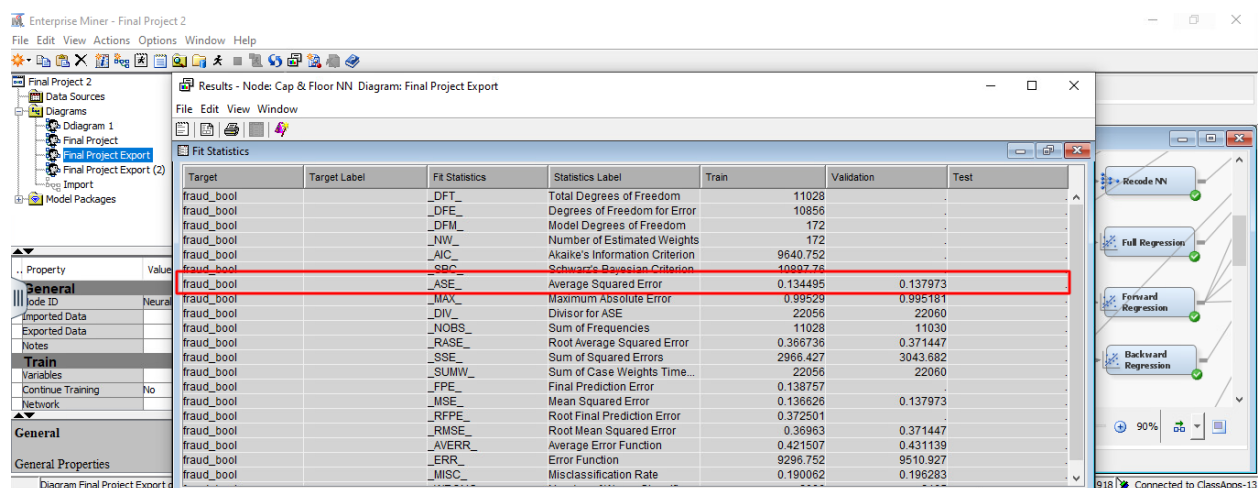


Cap and Floor Neural Network

After imputing all the missing variables, we added a replacement node to adjust the outliers of the dataset. Cap and Floor suggest the range of values that will be capped or floored by this node. Having run this node, we connected the neural network and below is the screenshot of the results panel.

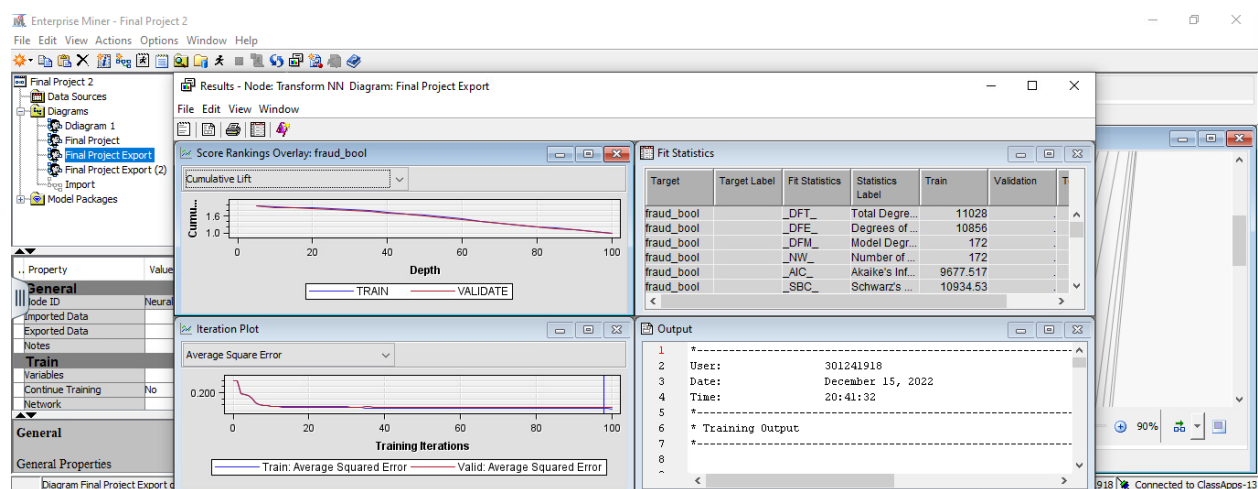


The average square error of the Cap & Floor NN node is 0.137973 and number of iterations is 94. This model has beat the previous Impute NN node by a few decimals only.

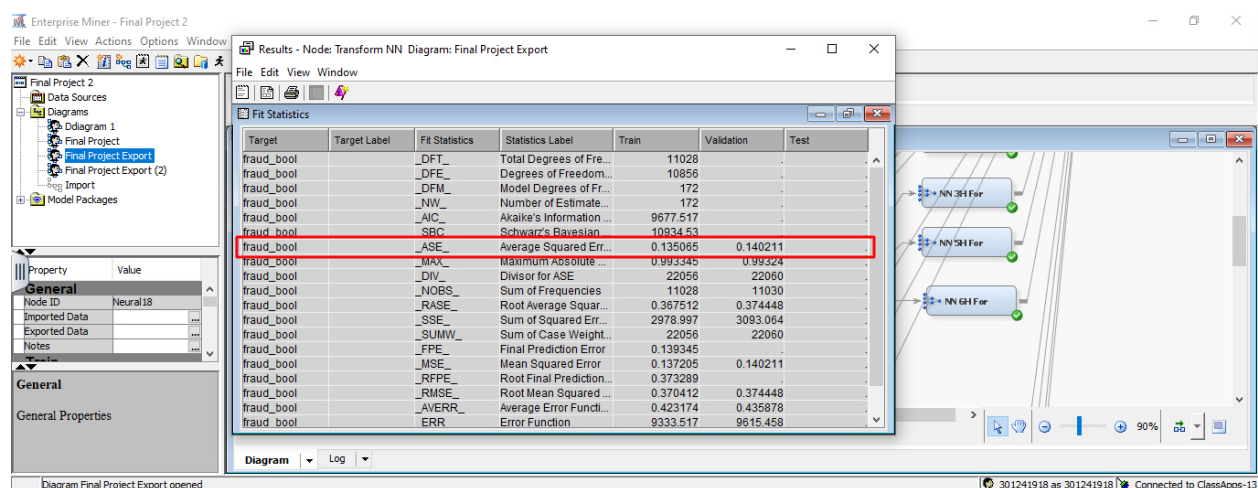


Transform Neural Network

After applying log transformation to the skews in our dataset, we connect the neural network with the Transform Skews node and below is the screenshot.

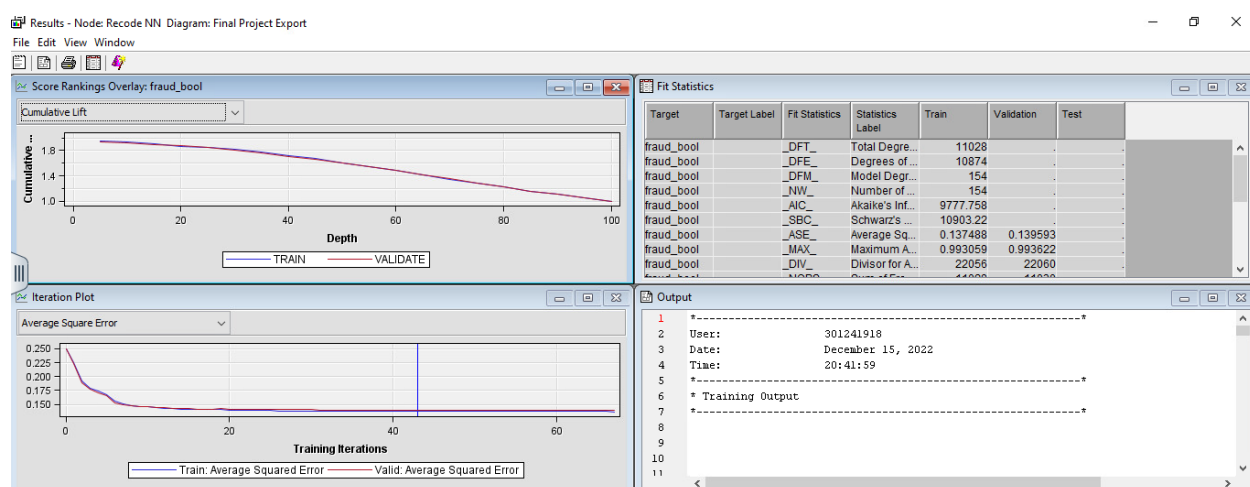


The average square error of the Transform NN node is 0.140211. This however has lower accuracy than the Cap and Floor NN and Impute NN.



Recode Class Neural Network

We connect the neural network with the Recode Class node as the step of last data manipulation. Screenshot referred below:

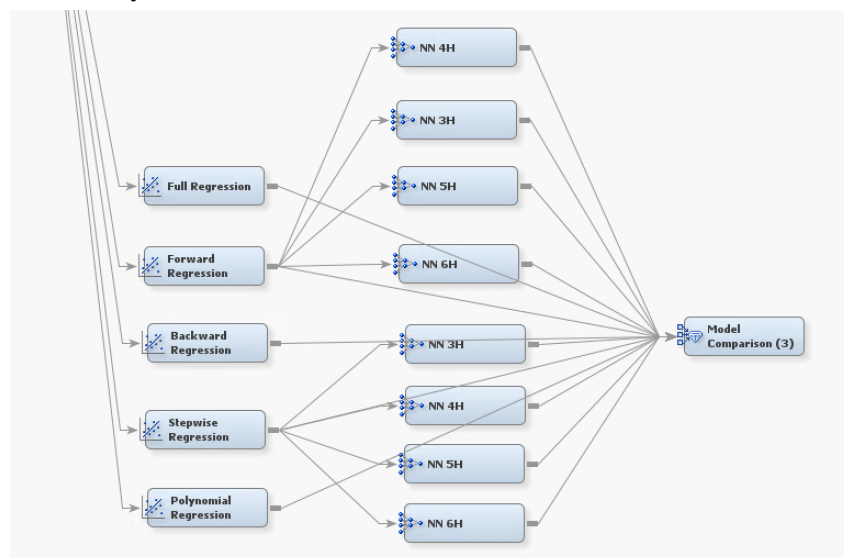


The average square error of the Recode NN node is 0.139593. As it seems, from the data manipulation section Cap and Floor NN and Impute NN are the best models so far.

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fraud_bool		_SBC_	Schwarz's Bayesian Criterion	10903.22		
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fraud_bool		_DIV_	Divisor for ASE	22056	22060	
fraud_bool		_NOBS_	Sum of Frequencies	11028	11030	
fraud_bool		_RASE_	Root Average Squared Error	0.370793	0.373621	
fraud_bool		_SSE_	Sum of Squared Errors	3032.427	3079.42	
fraud_bool		_SUMW_	Sum of Case Weights Times ...	22056	22060	
fraud_bool		_FPE_	Final Prediction Error	0.141382		
fraud_bool		_MSE_	Mean Squared Error	0.139435	0.139593	
fraud_bool		_RFPE_	Root Final Prediction Error	0.376008		
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fraud_bool		_AVERR_	Average Error Function	0.429351	0.434677	
fraud_bool		_ERR_	Error Function	9469.758	9588.977	

Other Neural Networks

Besides these neural networks, we also worked on a few more NNs which were extrapolated before any data modification in the interval and class variables. Snapshot below:



However, post consultation we decided to work with regressions which were derived from our treat data. Though the untreated data gave us better ASE in general across different model types, after careful consideration we proceeded with data which were more fit.

Model Comparison

In order to devise the best model, we created 23+ different models which we ran throughout this entire project. The Model Comparison node in SAS Enterprise Miner helps us compare the statistics for all 23+ models in one panel. A screenshot of the summary statistics for each model is given below:

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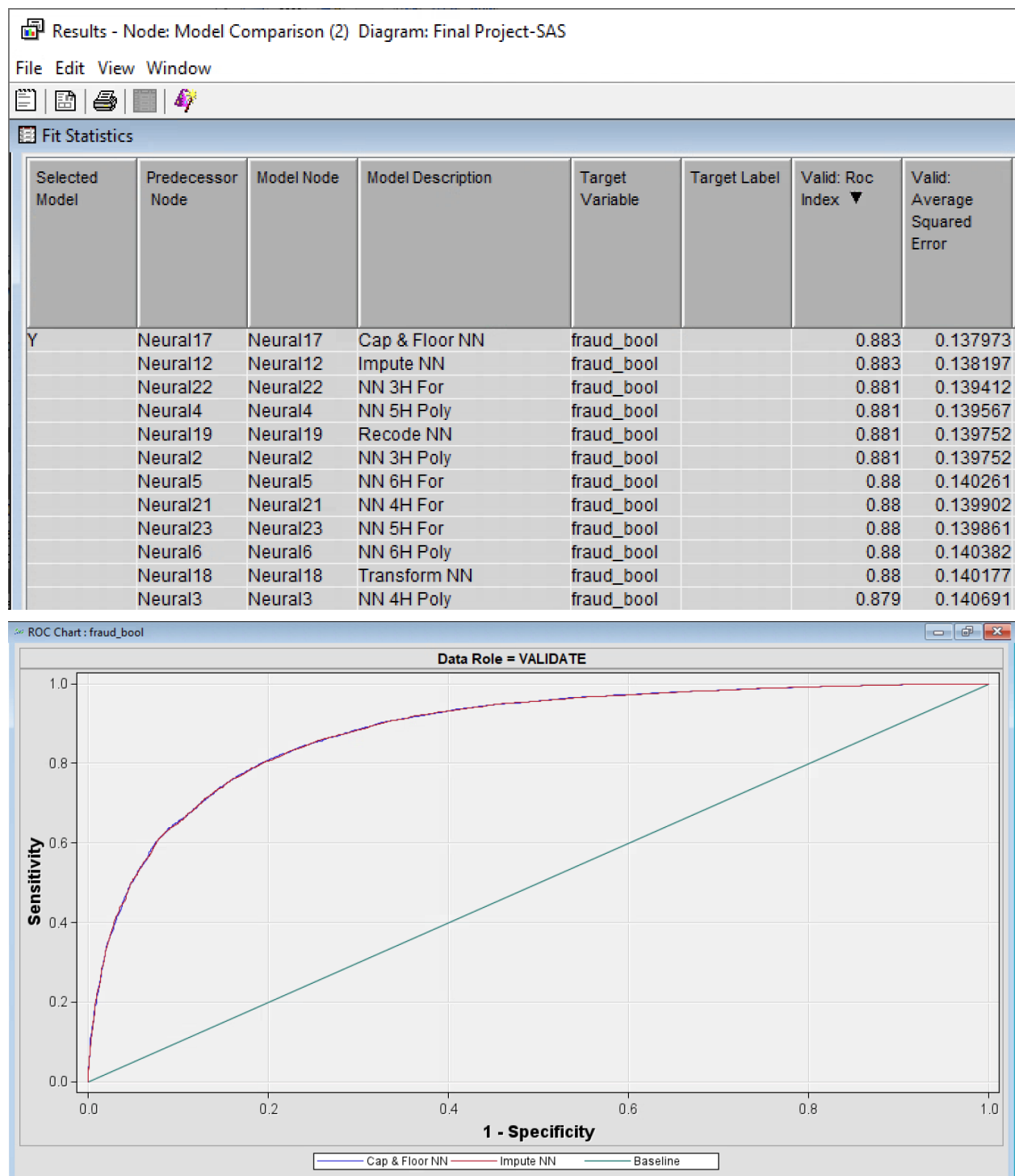
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Fit Statistics

Predecessor Node	Model Node	Model Description	Target Variable	Target Label	Valid: Average Squared Error ▲	Selection Criterion: Valid: Misclassification Rate	Train: Sum of Frequencies	Train: Misclassification Rate	Train: Maximum Absolute Error	Train: Sum of Squared Errors	Train: Average Squared Error	Train: Root Average Squared Error
Neural17	Neural17	Cap & Floor NN	fraud_bool		0.137973	0.196283	11028	0.190062	0.99529	2966.427	0.134495	0.366736
Neural12	Neural12	Impute NN	fraud_bool		0.138197	0.198187	11028	0.190696	0.995251	2971.342	0.134718	0.36704
Neural22	Neural22	NN 3H For	fraud_bool		0.139412	0.197915	11028	0.199311	0.994729	3058.759	0.138681	0.3724
Neural4	Neural4	NN 5H Poly	fraud_bool		0.139567	0.199365	11028	0.192782	0.997044	2976.762	0.134964	0.367374
Neural19	Neural19	Recode NN	fraud_bool		0.139752	0.199365	11028	0.195774	0.994464	3032.687	0.137499	0.370809
Neural2	Neural2	NN 3H Poly	fraud_bool		0.139752	0.199365	11028	0.195774	0.994464	3032.687	0.137499	0.370809
Neural23	Neural23	NN 5H For	fraud_bool		0.139861	0.2	11028	0.197497	0.991122	3040.147	0.137838	0.371265
Neural21	Neural21	NN 4H For	fraud_bool		0.139902	0.199909	11028	0.197951	0.993751	3057.44	0.138622	0.372319
Neural18	Neural18	Transform NN	fraud_bool		0.140177	0.201269	11028	0.193326	0.989891	2985.031	0.135339	0.367884
Neural5	Neural5	NN 6H For	fraud_bool		0.140261	0.199819	11028	0.199129	0.992882	3026.761	0.137231	0.370447
Neural6	Neural6	NN 6H Poly	fraud_bool		0.140382	0.200907	11028	0.193779	0.996738	2966.687	0.134507	0.366752
Neural3	Neural3	NN 4H Poly	fraud_bool		0.140691	0.201179	11028	0.193689	0.992883	2980.571	0.135137	0.367609
Reg6	Reg6	Polynomial Regression	fraud_bool		0.141826	0.20136	11028	0.1858	0.997944	2887.377	0.130911	0.361816
Reg5	Reg5	Stepwise Regression	fraud_bool		0.141936	0.202629	11028	0.201306	0.996001	3145.774	0.142627	0.37766
Reg	Reg	Full Regression	fraud_bool		0.14195	0.202539	11028	0.199129	0.996227	3130.822	0.141949	0.376761
Reg4	Reg4	Backward Regression	fraud_bool		0.141973	0.202176	11028	0.200399	0.99605	3137.481	0.142251	0.377161
Tree4	Tree4	ASE Tree 3B	fraud_bool		0.169517	0.245875	11028	0.232136	0.956522	3515.462	0.159388	0.399234
Tree2	Tree2	ASE Tree	fraud_bool		0.170573	0.250952	11028	0.236942	0.958609	3551.939	0.161042	0.4013
Tree	Tree	Maximal Tree	fraud_bool		0.173235	0.247144	11028	0.222615	0.958609	3439.068	0.155924	0.394873
Tree3	Tree3	Misclassification Tree	fraud_bool		0.175272	0.245422	11028	0.225245	0.878213	3624.659	0.164339	0.405387
Neural13	Neural13	ASE 3B NN	fraud_bool		0.182003	0.33146	11028	0.33288	0.970364	3992.956	0.181037	0.425485
Neural20	Neural20	ASE NN	fraud_bool		0.184877	0.335449	11028	0.335963	0.980103	4052.4	0.183732	0.42864
Neural	Neural	Misclassification NN	fraud_bool		0.274552	0.483772	11028	0.476786	0.932377	5999.42	0.272009	0.521544

From the statistics we can come to the conclusion that Cap and Floor NN is the best model. It has the lowest Average Squared Error at 0.137973 and 0.196283 Misclassification Rate. Cap and Floor was the second modification in all the data modifications we have done. None of the skews were adjusted in this model. Despite the adjustments, Cap and Floor NN is the best model.

Using the ROC index and Gini coefficient from the screenshot below, we confirm that Cap and Floor NN is indeed the best model. The highest ROC and Gini are preferred. Cap and Floor NN have a ROC index of 0.883 and a Gini coefficient of 0.766. Interestingly, Cap & Floor NN is tied with Impute NN in terms of just the area under the curve. But takes precedence in terms of error rate.



As seen in the picture above, Cap & Floor NN and Impute NN have the exact same ROC curve across all levels of specificity. It is difficult to make any distinction between the two. However,

their error rates are different only by 0.000224 (0.138197-0.137973). Though negligible in most scenarios, in the case of modeling lower error rate gets higher priority.

Neural Networks(NN) have their own logic in deriving the best model, and one of the biggest disadvantages of these types of models is that the interpretation of data is next to impossible. However, we can analyze the fundamentals of this model to get an idea as to why we received the best model without significant modification of the dataset. Through all the adjustments made in our model, we were trying to fit our model. The more we tried to fit, the further we strayed from the truth of the dataset. Neural Network is a robust model mechanism that can work with all variables to create a relation. In this case, NN turned out to be the best model to use.

As a matter of fact, all the top 12 models are NNs. The 2nd best is Impute NN which we discussed. The 3rd best model is a 3-hidden unit NN attached to a Forward regression with an ASE of 0.139412 and a Misclassification rate of 0.197915.

Recommendations and Key Findings

Models to Use

Upon evaluating the performance of all the models, we have determined that the Cap and Floor Neural Network is the most accurate at predicting fraudulent bank account applications. This was determined by evaluating average squared error, the ROC index, and Gini coefficient. We recommend that the bank implement the Cap and Floor Neural Network to identify and flag potentially fraudulent account applications.

Key Features

The following table outlines some of the selected key features that were identified to be important for predicting fraudulent applications by three models of varying types: 3 Branch Decision Tree, Forward Logistic Regression, and Cap and Floor Neural Network.

Decision Tree	Logistic Regression Odds Ratios	Neural Network Weights
Housing Status	Device Distinct Emails	Current Address Months Count

Device OS	Has Other Cards	Velocity_4w
Has Other Cards	Device OS	Device Distinct Emails
Keep Alive Session	Keep Alive Session	
	Housing Status	
	Payment Type	

Features to monitor

Based on our analysis, the key features that seem to be the most predictive of bank account fraud are housing status, device OS, whether the applicant has other cards, keep alive session, and payment type. Our models, including decision trees, logistic regressions, and neural networks, all identified these variables as predictors of fraud. Additionally, our neural network weights and decision tree splits suggest that current address months count, Velocity_4w, and Device Distinct Emails are also important in predicting fraud.

Applications that are most likely to be fraudulent are ones where the applicant does not have any other cards with the bank and has not been living in their current address for very long, with a current housing status of BA. Additional indicators are the applicant paying by payment type AC and choosing not to keep the browser session alive on logout. A high number of applications using different email addresses from the same device, and submitted at a time with a high velocity of applications are also more likely to be fraudulent.

The presence of these features increases the likelihood of an application being fraudulent. As such, banks should scrutinize such applications that contain any or all of these features during the account approval process in order to flag potentially fraudulent account applications for further investigation.

Finally, since the dataset contains anonymized values which cannot be interpreted without knowing their meaning, such as payment type, housing status, and employment status etc. It is recommended that the bank investigate the anonymized values to gain a clearer understanding of the features of fraudulent applications. Understanding the meaning of these variables and how they can be used to identify fraudulent applications may help banks more effectively detect and prevent fraud.

Conclusion

In conclusion, our project aimed to identify key features of fraudulent bank account applications and to train machine learning models that can accurately predict fraudulent applications. After oversampling, data partition, and treating the missing and skewed data, we trained decision trees, logistic regressions, and neural network models to predict fraudulent applications.

The result of our modeling showed that housing status, device OS, device distinct emails, and presence of other cards were key variables in predicting fraudulent applications. Based on our findings, we recommend that the bank consider the identified key features when evaluating new account applications, and use the Cap & Floor Neural Network for most accurate predictions. By implementing these recommendations, the bank will be better equipped to identify and prevent fraudulent account openings.

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