Philadelphia Crime Analysis

Project Report

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Executive Summary

Crime rate in the US has varied over time and there is a lot of data pertaining to criminogenic factors such as time, place, and socio-demographics. Crime Analysis is the examination of relationships between such factors. To identify crime and be better prepared to handle the criminal activities, it is important to understand patterns in crime. Our project tries to predict crime type whether Violent or Non-Violent is more likely to occur given a month and place in Philadelphia. Victims are also of interest as it is believed that certain ethnicities and gender are more likely to be the target of a specific type of crime. We are interested in finding the factors that influence crimes and find out variables which are related to Violent and Non-Violent crime. We are forming our model based on approximately 6 years of data comprising of crime reports of Philadelphia City. The purpose of this project is to mine the Philadelphia crime data using the SAS Enterprise Miner and understand the crime pattern. We will use various prediction techniques such as decision tree, logistic regression, and neural networks to find out which are the relevant variables that affects the Philadelphia crime data. Based on results received after predictive modeling, we will target specific zones and focus on factors/variables which are important and that contributed most towards building the model. Given the result of model, Philadelphia Police Department can use these facts and analysis to decide upon the patrolling techniques.

Project motivation and background

According to Philadelphia Police Department US Census Bureau Philadelphia has a violent crime rate that is 227% higher than the Pennsylvania average and 176% higher than the national average. For Non-Violent crime, Philadelphia is 74% higher than the Pennsylvania average and 27% higher than the national average. In Philadelphia, you have 1 in 24 chance of becoming a victim of any crime and a 1 in 98 chance of becoming a victim of any violent crime. We are trying to find out factors that affect the crime which in turn will be useful in mitigating crime.

Data Description

The dataset used in our project for mining, is a second-hand data, which was obtained from an online source

Kaggle.com. This data stores details of various crimes occurred in Philadelphia during the years 2011 – 2016.

We are taking into consideration attributes such as Zip code, Gender, Offense Type, Zone/Beat and Ethnicity.

The entire data is in the form of one .csv file. The file is attached below:



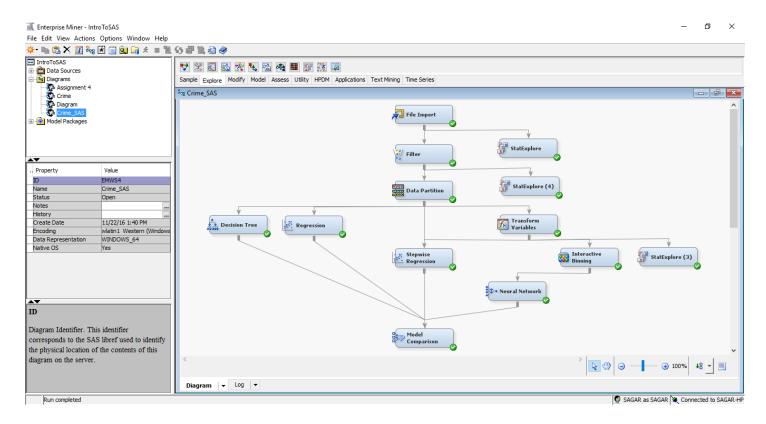
Variables Description

Given below the complete list of input variables along with description which we have taken in our analysis:

Variables	Description	
Zip_Code	Zip code of the crime location.	
Month	Month in which the crime has occurred.	
Longitude	Longitude of the location of crime.	
Location_Block	Address where the crime has occurred.	
Latitude	Latitude of the location of crime.	
Gender	Gender of the victim.	
Dc_Dist	District code where the crime has occurred.	
Zone_Beat	Zone in which crime has occurred.	
Census_Tract_2000	Neighbourhood code.	
Date_Reported	Date on which crime was reported.	
General_Offense_Number	Unique Offense Number.	
Hispanic_Non_Hispanic	Specifies whether the victim was hispanic or non-hispanic(1 or 0).	
Hundred_Block_Location	Name of the location block within 100 yards.	
Occurred Date or Date Range Start	Range of Start Date of Crime.	
Occurred Date Range End	Range of End Date of Crime	
Offense Code	Unique Offense Code.	
Offense Code Extension	Extension to specify the exact offense in case of multiple categories of offense in the same offense code.	
Offense_Type	Type of the offense based on the offense code.	
Premise	Premise in which crime was committed.	
RMS_CDW_ID	Unique identifier for each crime record.	
Summarized_Offense_Description	Description of the offense based on the offense code.	
Summarized_Offense_Code	Summarized offense codes based on similar crime types.	
Violent	Depicts whether the crime is Violent or Non-Violent (1 or 0).	

BI TECHNIQUES

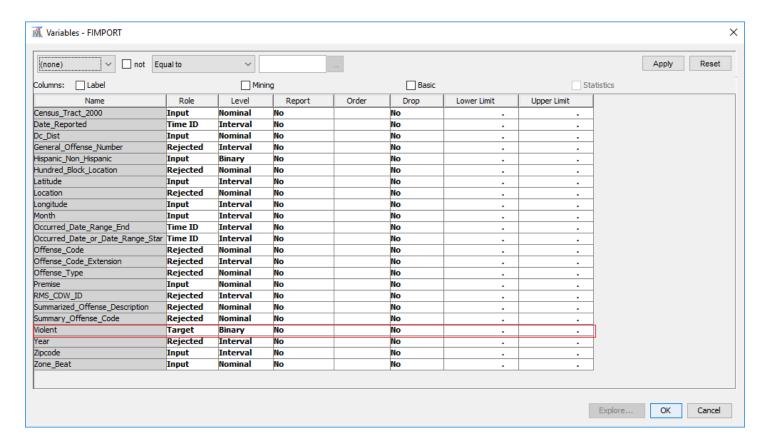
Process flow Diagram



Step 1 - File Import

File Import node is used to import the data so that SAS Enterprise Miner can interpret the dataset. The data is imported in the form of .csv files

We have assigned our target variable and rejected the irrelevant variables for our analysis.



Target Variable is- Violent

Violent is a binary variable i.e. either O(Non-Violent) or 1(Violent)

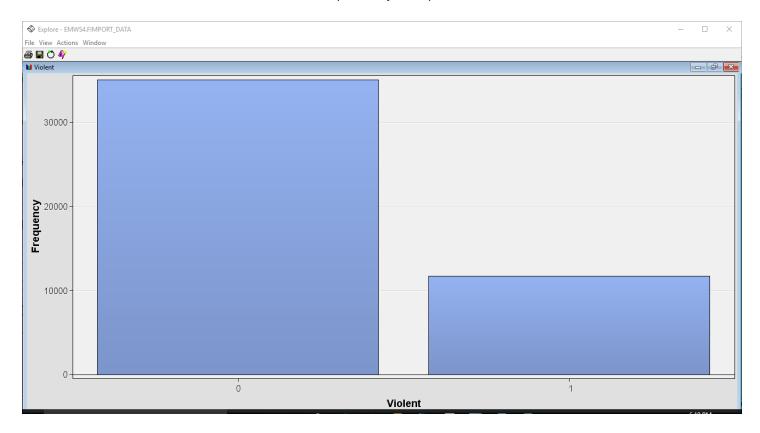
Rejected Variables:

We have explicitly marked some variables as rejected due to below reasons-

- 1. Direct relation with the output: General_Offense_Number, Offense_Type, Summary_Offense_Code, Offense_Code_Extension, Summarized_Offense_Description, Offense_Code have been rejected as there is direct relation between these variables and the output variable.
- 2. Insignificant Variables: Location, Hundred_Block_Location have been rejected as Zipcode is already filtering data according to location. Also RMS_CDW_ID and Year have been rejected as these are insignificant.

Violent or Non-Violent distribution as shown by below histogram:-

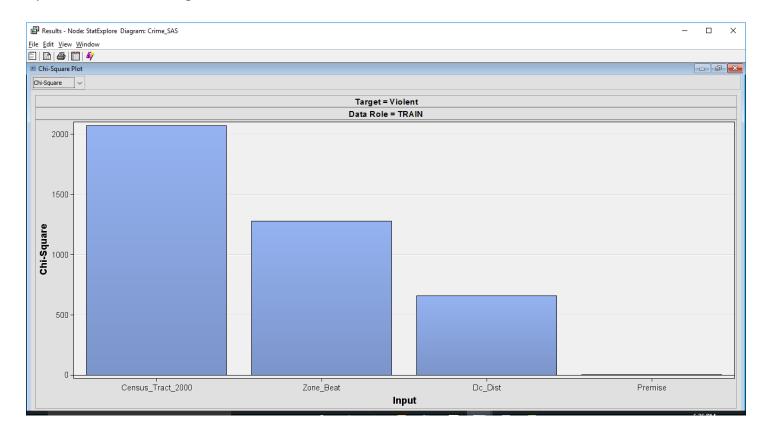
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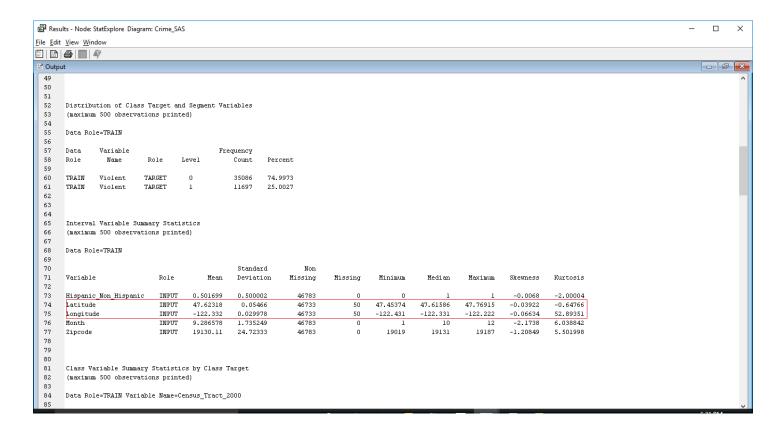
Out of 46783 observations, only 11697 observations (25%) are under violent category whereas 35086 observations (75%) are in Non-Violent Category.

Step 2 - Data Pre-Processing

We have used Stat Explore node to analyze the variable statistics. The below graph shows the relevance of input variables to the target variable "Violent".



We observed that there are missing values in the data set as shown by the stat explore node.



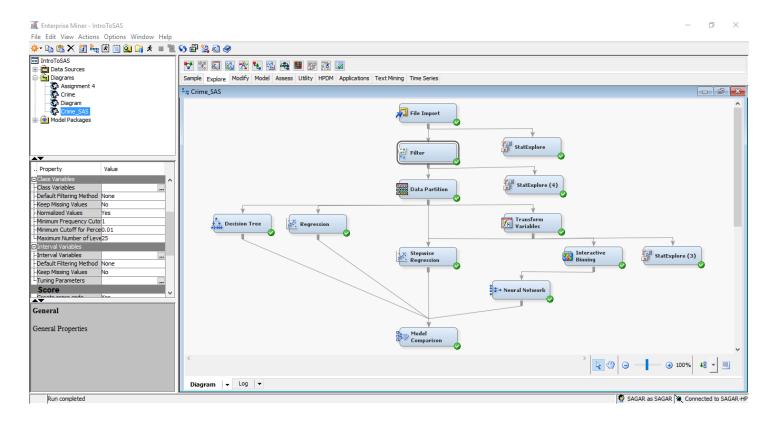
Variables which were having missing values are:

- 1. Latitude
- 2. Longitude

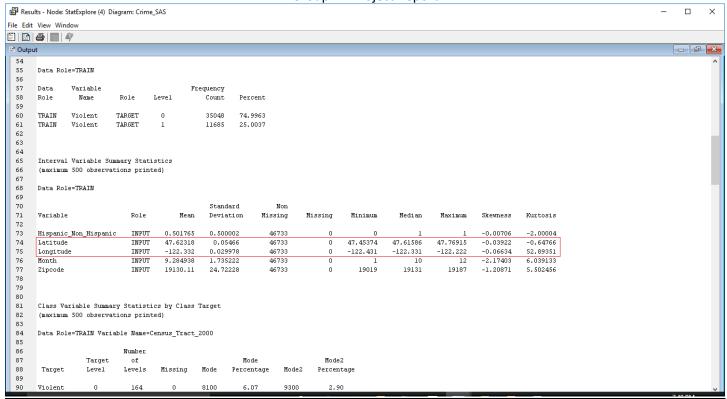
The above missing values were removed using the **Filter** node.

Step 2.1 Filter Node

Filter node excluded the missing values from the dataset. The default filtering method was kept as none and the property of filter node **Keep Missing Values** was kept as **No**.

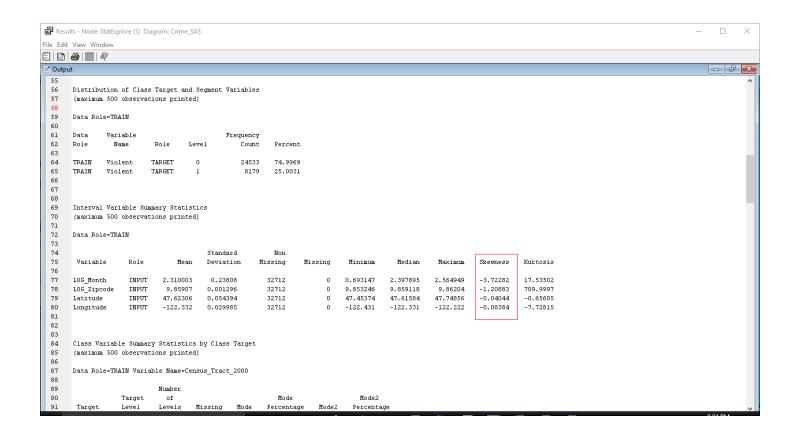


Now again we have added a stat explorer node to check whether the missing values have been removed or not.



Step 2.2 - Transform Variable

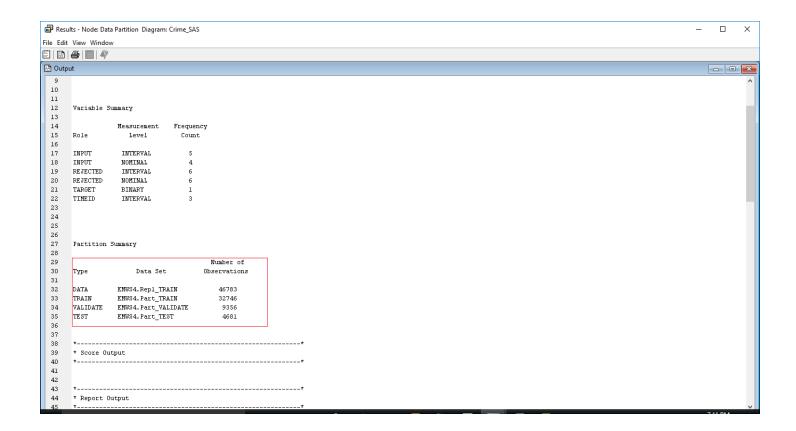
We are using transform variable as part of data preprocessing to reduce the skewness of the input variables. Transformation method has been set as Log for transforming the variables of the dataset.



As we can see from above screenshot the skewness of the variables have decreased.

Step 3 - Data Partition

Once we filtered all the missing values and cleaned the data, we are applying data partition node to partition data into training, validation and testing in order to build prediction model. Data allocation is as below.



Partition Summary

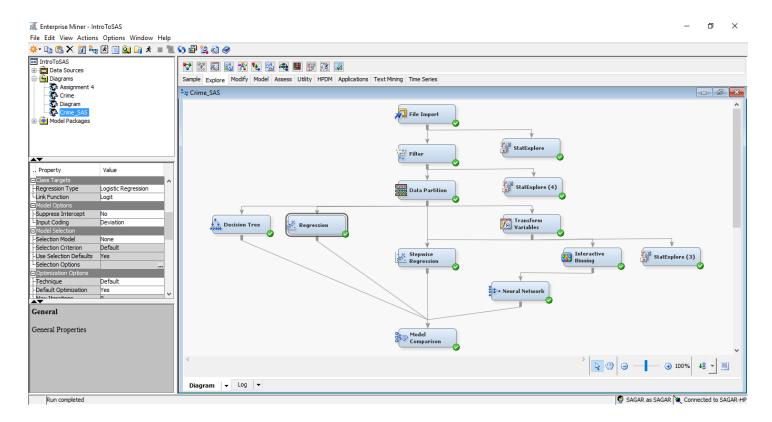
Туре	Percentage of Data	No of Observations
Data	100%	46783
Train	70%	32746
Validate	20%	9356
Test	10%	4681

Step 4 - Predictive Modelling

Step 4.1- Regression

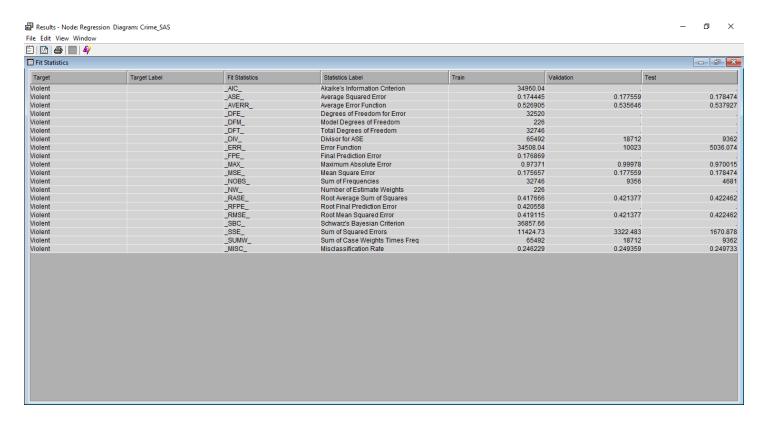
We are performing regression analysis on the dataset to find significant variables which drive the target variable Violent.

As our target variable is binary - Violent or Non Violent, we are using Logit regression to predict, given new set of data whether the crime will be Violent or Non-Violent.



Results of Regression

Fit Statistics table for Regression-

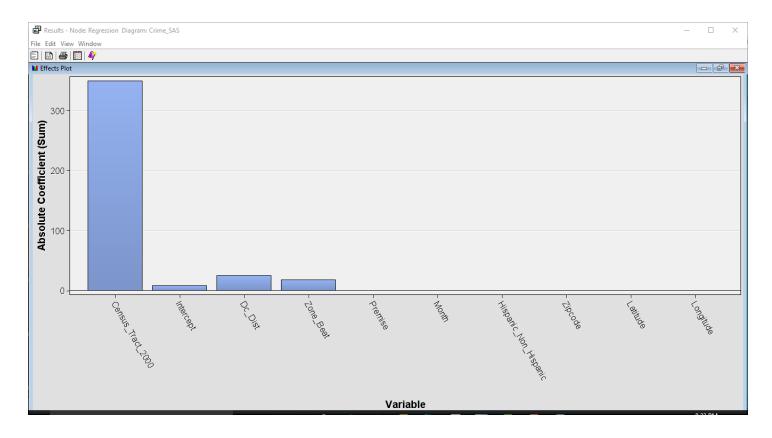


The fit statistics tell us about the accuracy of the model. As we can see the Misclassification Rate (0.249359), Mean Squared Error (0.177559) and Root Mean Square Error (0.421377) are low.

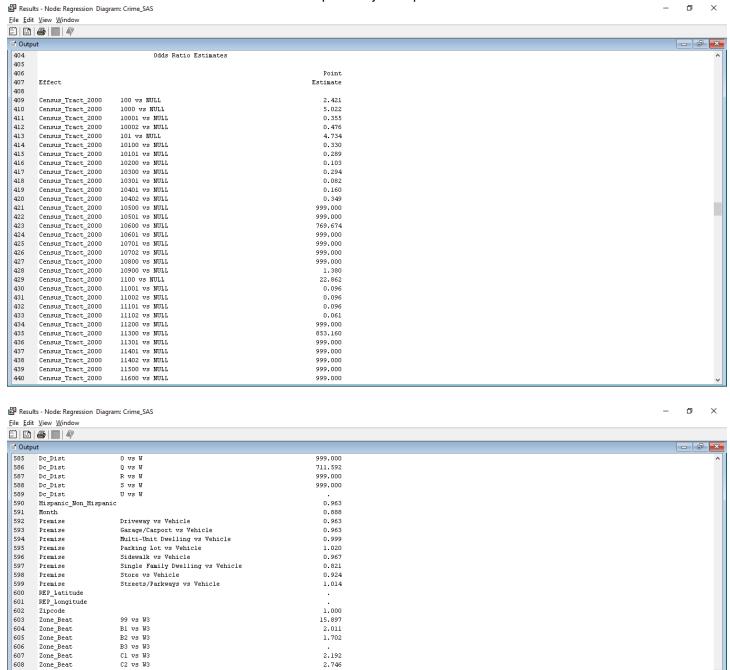
Low value of Mean square error specifies that the predicted values are close to the actual values.

Misclassification Rate is the fraction of cases assigned to the wrong class, so lower the value of misclassification rate, and better the model.

Effect Plot Window



From the effects plot window we can see greater the absolute value of variable, the more important that variable is to the regression model. In the data set most important variables and thus significant predictor variables are Census_Tract_2000, Dc_Dist, Zone/Beat.



From above output window, we can see that Census_Tract_2000, Dc_Dist and Zone/Beat are important variables.

0.911

0.789

1.663

0.314

2.505

1.299

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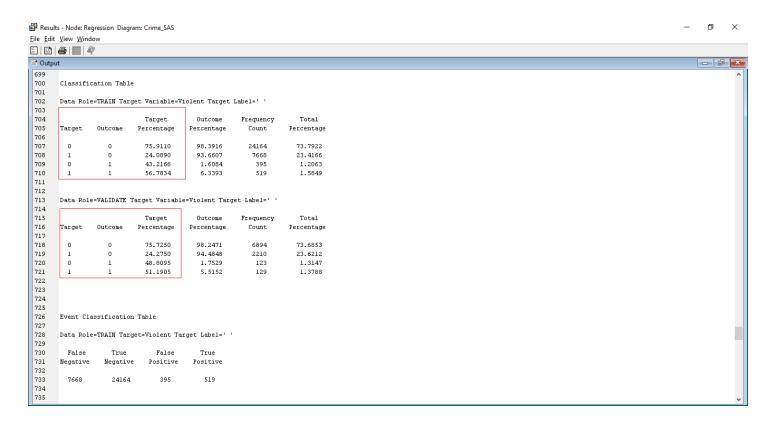
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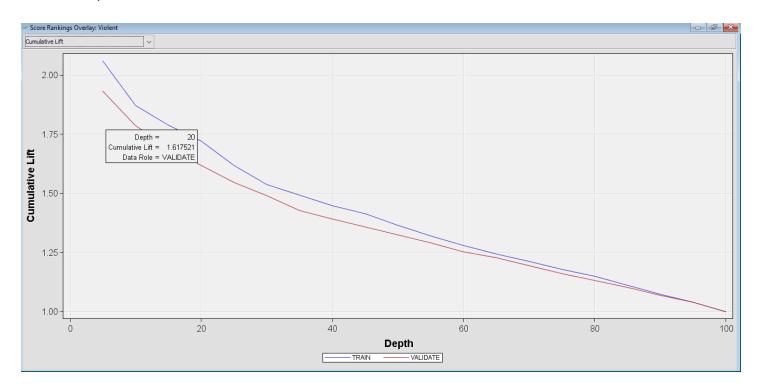
G1 vs W3

G2 vs W3

Classification Table



Based on the result from classification table, regression model is 51.1905% accurate for true positive (target variable= 1, predicted outcome = 1) and 75.7250% accurate for true negative (target variable =0, predicted outcome =0).

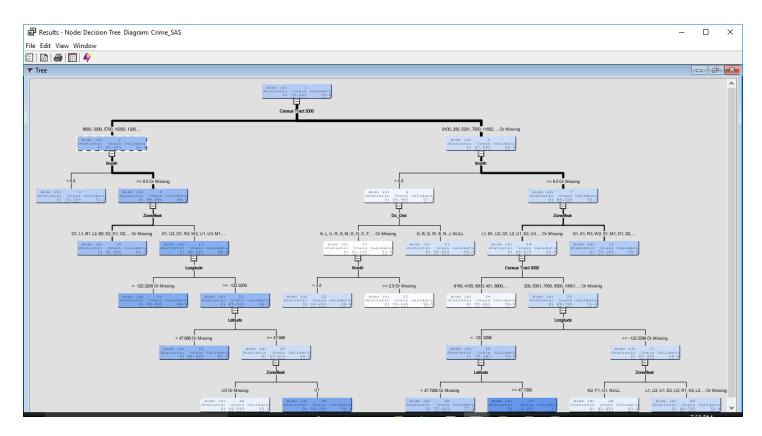


Lift is the improvement obtained by modelling that is the ratio between the result obtained with and without the predictive modelling. Cumulative lift value at the top twenty percentile in the validation data for Regression node is **1.617521.**

Step 4.2- Decision Tree

After regression, we ran Decision Tree node on our data set as decision tree do not require any assumptions of linearity in the data and very ease to interpret.

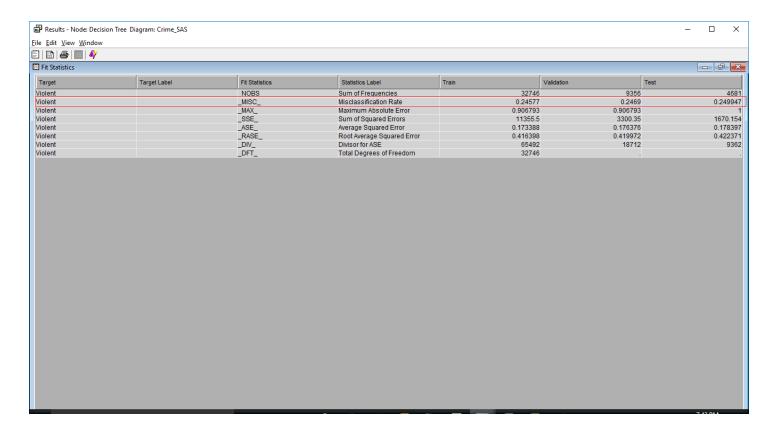
Results of Decision tree is as below-



From above result, we can see that root node selected by decision tree is **Census_Tract_2000** which is the Neighbourhood code in which crime has occurred.

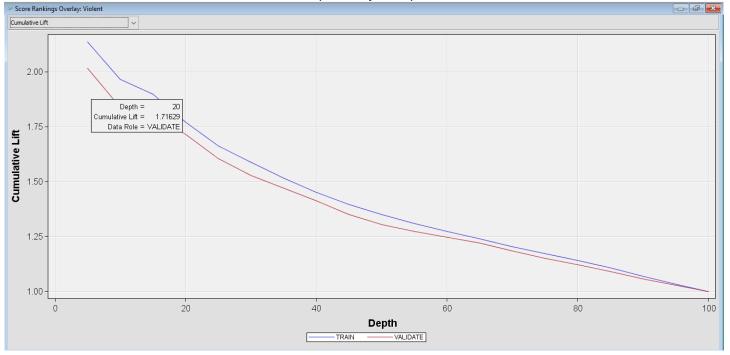
Other variables considered are Month, Zone/beat, Latitude, Longitude, Dc_Dist.

Fit Statistics for Decision Tree Node



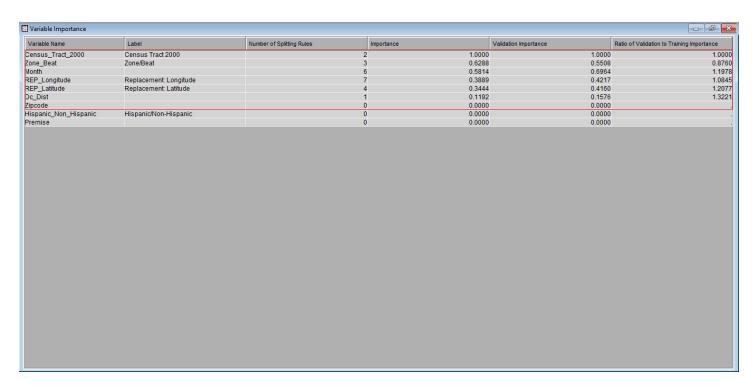
The Misclassification Rate in case of Decision Tree is coming out to be **0.2469** which is comparatively low compared to logistic regression model.

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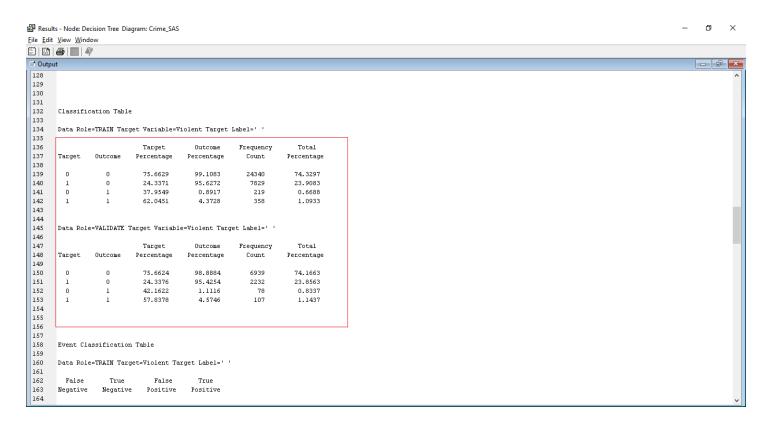
Cumulative lift value at the top twenty percentile in the validation data for Decision Tree Node is 1.71629.

Variable Importance in Decision Trees



From above Variable importance window, we can see that the important variables are Census_Tract_2000, Zone/Beat, Month, Longitude, Latitude, Dc Dist.

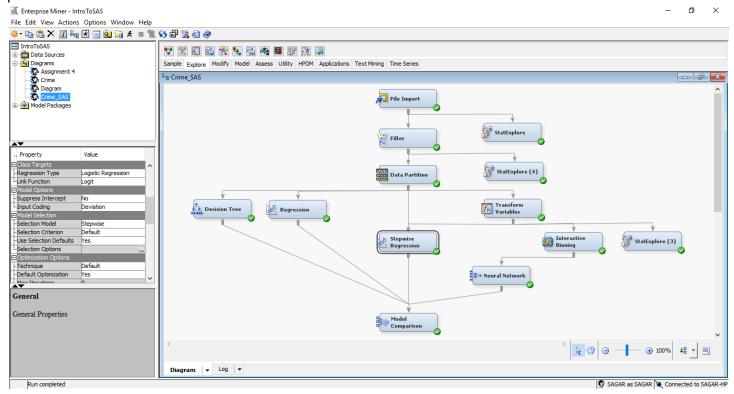
Classification Table for Decision Tree



Based on the result from classification table, regression model is 57.8378% accurate for true positive (target variable= 1, predicted outcome = 1) and 75.6624% accurate for true negative (target variable =0, predicted outcome =0).

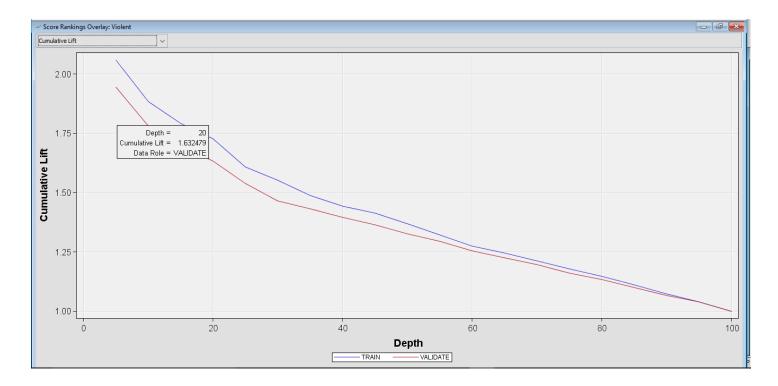
Step 4.3 - Stepwise Regression - Transform Variable

We have used Stepwise Regression node after transforming the variables and compared the results with other predictive models.



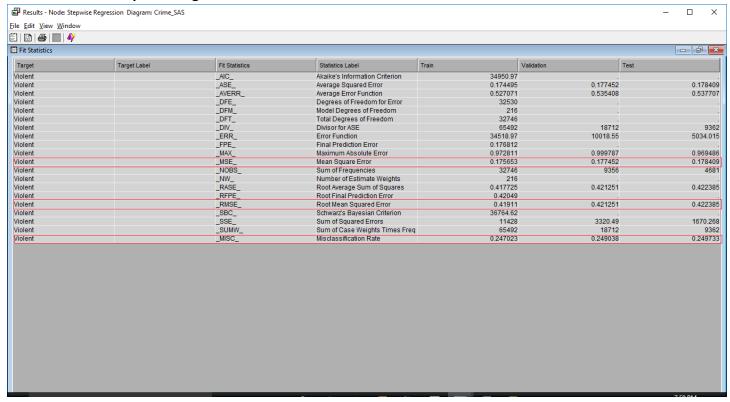
Cumulative Lift

The below graph shows cumulative lift in case of Stepwise Regression-



We can see that cumulative lift at the top twenty percentile for stepwise regression is **1.632479**.

Fit Statistics for Stepwise Regression

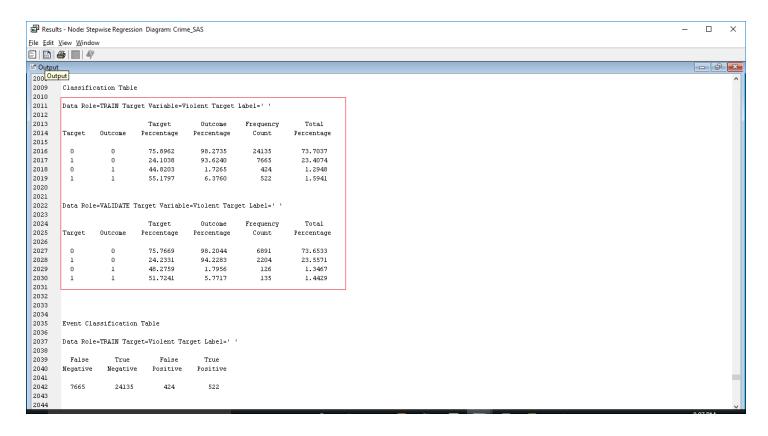


The fit statistics tell us about the accuracy of the model. As we can see the Misclassification Rate (0.249038), Mean Squared Error (0.177452) and Root Mean Square Error (0.421251) are high.

High value of Mean square error specifies that the predicted values are not close to the actual values.

Misclassification Rate is the fraction of cases assigned to the wrong class, so lower the value of misclassification rate, and better the model.

Classification Table for Stepwise Regression

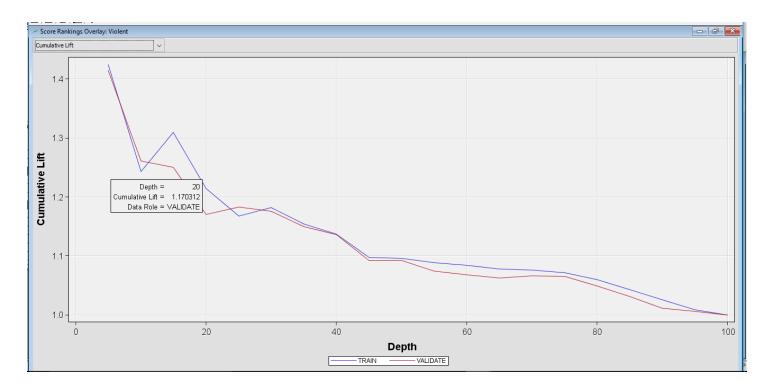


Although True positive rate and True negative rate is higher in stepwise regression as compared to Logistic regression model, but in comparison to Decision tree model that we presented, it is slightly lower.

Step 4.4 - Neural Network

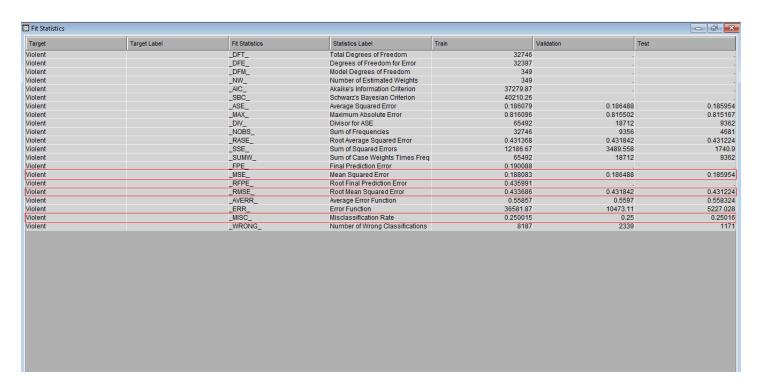
In order to find best fit model, we are implementing Neural Network on our data set that can be used to construct, train, and validate multilayer feed forward neural networks.

Cumulative Lift

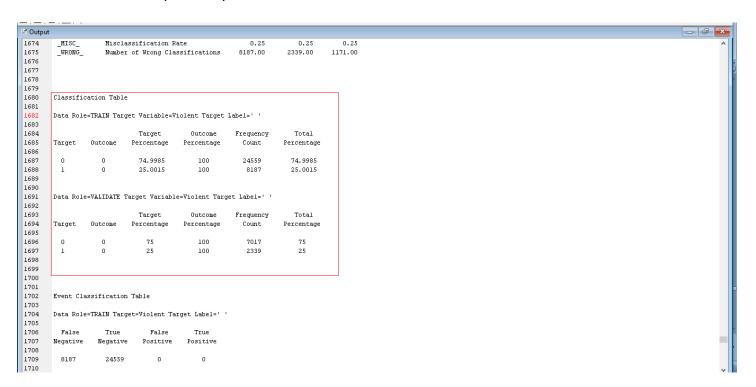


As we can see from the above screenshot the cumulative lift at the top twenty percentile for Neural Network node is **1.170312**.

Fit Statistics for Neural Network

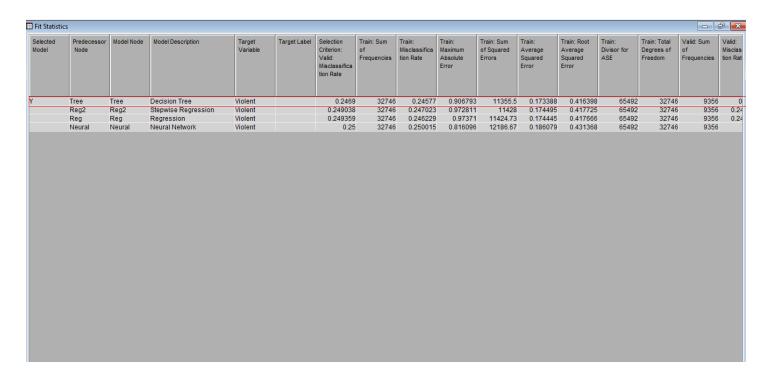


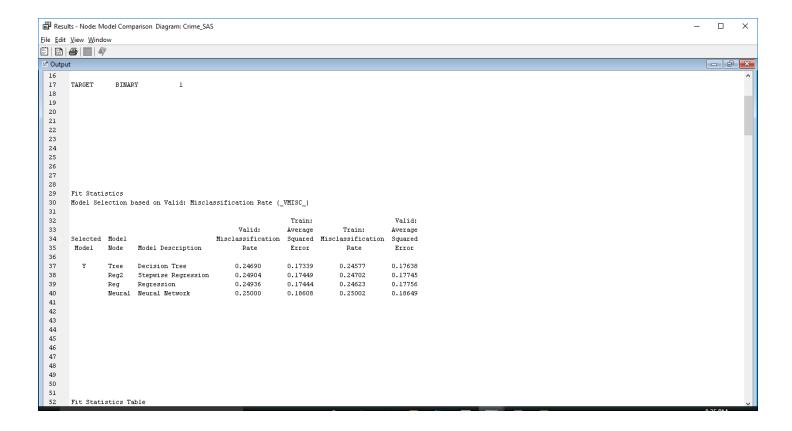
Mean Squared Error (0.186488), Root Mean Squared Error (0.431842), and Misclassification Rate (0.25) for the Neural Network is comparatively more than the Decision Tree.



As we can see from the above classification table the true positive rate and true negative rate are comparatively lower than the decision tree which means decision tree is better model than neural network.

Step 5- Model Comparison

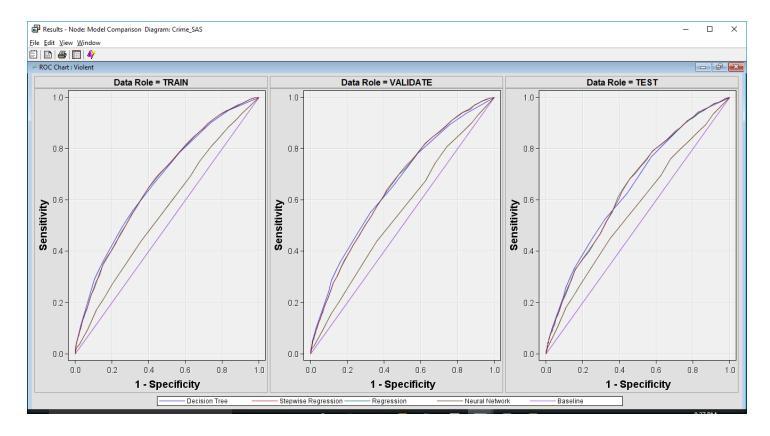




Decision Tree is selected as best model by SAS Enterprise Miner for predicting Violent or Non Violent Crime. It is based on the misclassification rate, as the misclassification rate of decision tree (0.24690) is Least compared

to other predictive models. The Model is not as accurate as the misclassification rate and mean squared error is a little high.

ROC Chart



After Running Model Comparison node, best fit model is Decision tree.

From the above ROC Chart, Decision Tree Curve is closer to 1.0 (top left) compared to other models, which shows better accuracy.

We can see from above stat table, misclassification rate is low 0.24577 compared to regression and neural network.

Conclusion

During the project we have explored different predictive models and we have determined some of the prominent variables from our analysis which affect the target variable.

- Census Tract 2000
- Zone Beat
- Month
- Longitude
- Latitude
- Dc Dist

Census_Tract_2000 has a positive correlation with Violent. Violent crime will depend on the specific values of this variable.

Also, from the regression stats we have analyzed that the variables like Dc_Dist and Zone_Beat have a positive correlation with Violent. This is interesting as we can predict the category of crime for these particular Districts and Zone/Beat.

Recommendation

- As we know that Zone is positively correlated to the type of crime, PPD can use this information and manage its patrolling according to the zones; more resources can be allotted to the zones where Violent crime occurs.
- Also Month is positively correlated to the type of crime, PPD can use this information and be alert when violent crimes are at their highest during peak months.

This way Philadelphia Police Department can deploy their resources in a more effective manner and devise solutions to crime problems by formulating crime prevention strategies.

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