Classification of patients suffering from HIV and drug abuse on the basis of severity of illness

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ABSTRACT

Healthcare is one of the largest and most complex industries that is continuously progressing towards new and better out-patient and in-patient delivery care. Analytics in healthcare provides a combination of financial and administrative data alongside information that can aid patient care efforts, better services, and improve existing procedures. Healthcare analytics is the process of deriving insights from raw data and finding patterns and correlations to make better healthcare decisions. A huge chunk of healthcare data is hence collected in order to analyze the potential areas that can be improved for better services, disease management and healthcare employee management. Current objective in healthcare is to have a healthy population over providing better treatment. Improving care before treatment is one of the best ways of introducing quality to healthcare.

There is an observed mismatch between the resources and the demand which is one of the clinical challenges faced today. One such resource is doctor's time that needs to be efficiently utilized to improve healthcare. Clinical efficiency can be improved indirectly by reducing the number of patients in the healthcare that will also result in better population health. Healthcare industry has a varied patient group and it is required by them to service the needs of all kinds of patients. Healthcare for certain groups such as patients with disability, HIV, substance abuse, chronic diseases require special care and extended services. It is important to study and use analytics in this domain to be prepared and to provide the best service without any gap in the process.

Having more information about the patient suffering from HIV and drug abuse order will help the administration of the hospital to improve clinical efficiency. There are different units in hospitals such as Coronary Care Unit, Pediatric Unit, Rehabilitation Unit etc which are recommended to patients depending on their illness. The utmost goal of healthcare industry is to provide care and comfort to the patient while on treatment. On similar lines, as quoted in our data mining problem, patients with HIV or drug abuse condition would require extra care when

they come in for other illnesses. Hence, the issue in the healthcare industry to provide better services to specially categorized patients such as HIV or drug abuse patients can be improved by mining into data to predict better services to them. This could also help clinics and admins to understand the resource utilization and predict future allocation based on current utilization trend. It allows clinics to be prepared and to provide better care based on the illness of such patients considering their underlying medical conditions.

In this project, we are considering group of patients suffering from HIV or diagnosed with drug/substance abuse and how analysis of healthcare data can help us point to services that can be improved. The data mining problem is worked upon by following the data mining steps. We selected the data for HIV/drug abuse patients at an earlier stage to have a focused dataset to solve our business problem. The data mining problem is to classify a new patient into one of the specialized units in the hospital, that forms our target variable. As we classify patient based on certain parameters, they behave as input variables such as illness, ethnicity, age, type of admission etc. On identifying the required variable for our data mining problem, we selected appropriate data and performed dimension reduction and other visualization techniques to clean, transform and validate the dataset required for classification. Further, we partitioned the data to build a model using training set and to test the accuracy of the model using validation set. We identified 14 variables that were used as predictors for our target variable. These predictors were used to create models that helped us in our classifying the HIV or drug abuse patients.

Finally, the above steps were repeated to build different models which were compared with each other. Finally, on comparison we identified KNN to be the best model to classify our project data for HIV and drug abuse patients. We then validated the constructed model for its performance using the validation set.

INTRODUCTION

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Healthcare is one of the largest and most complex industries that is continuously progressing towards new and better out-patient and in-patient delivery care. Analytics in healthcare provides a combination of financial and administrative data alongside information that can aid patient care efforts, better services, and improve existing procedures. Healthcare analytics is the process of deriving insights from raw data and finding patterns and correlations to make better healthcare decisions. A huge chunk of healthcare data is hence collected in order to analyze the potential areas that can be improved for better services, disease management and healthcare employee management.

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Historical data is mostly used to understand how to improve accessibility and affordability towards health for the population. Advanced healthcare analytics can help in propelling business growth model towards better medications, less medical costs and improved health. Now-a-days, more and more data are collected on health which can be used to get better insights about predictive modelling, virtual health care methods and health-care education services. Healthcare data can also be used to predict diseases and prevent outbreaks in future. Healthcare analytics has developed beyond just analysis and reporting. In today's world healthcare is making

predictions in order to provide a better healthcare world. Also, alternatives to underlying health problems are provided to shift the focus towards healthier living from earlier focus being on providing better healthcare services.

The current objective in healthcare is to have a healthy population over providing better treatment. Improving care before treatment is one of the best ways of introducing quality to healthcare. There is an observed mismatch between the resources and the demand which is one of the clinical challenges faced today. One such resource is doctor's time that needs to be efficiently utilized to improve healthcare. Clinical efficiency can be improved indirectly by reducing the number of patients in the healthcare that will also result in better population health.

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In this project, we are considering group of patients suffering from HIV or diagnosed with drug/substance abuse and how analysis of healthcare data can help us point to services that can improved. The characteristics of big data namely Volume, Velocity and Variety are found in the features of healthcare data sources. The data sources for healthcare system are broadly classified as Structured data, Semi-structured data and Unstructured data. Hence, the exploration of healthcare data to achieve valuable insights is a daunting task due to the enormous variety of data from various sources. To extract Value from the healthcare data, data must be collected, processed, analyzed and visualized efficiently to build decision support strategies for different issues in healthcare.

Thus, it is inevitable to have analytics for healthcare with the increase in the type of diseases, population and services being provided. Also, it becomes necessary to train the

healthcare workers to learn to use analytics and stay abreast with technology to make the world healthier.

LITERATURE REVIEW

We referred to multiple papers to come up with the following literature review that are in-line with the problem in Healthcare based on our data mining problem.

1. Big Data Analytics for Healthcare Industry: Impact, Applications, and Tools

Today, the challenge in healthcare industry is to handle healthcare data that is growing both in volume and velocity. Most of this growing data generated by the system are in the form of hard copies that need to be digitized. Big data helps improve healthcare delivery and reduce its cost, while supporting advanced patient care. Healthcare analytics is used to predict and make decisions to improve healthcare services.

The impact of healthcare analysis is varied. There are different ways healthcare analytics can be utilized to improve healthcare as healthcare itself is a huge collaboration of various domains within itself. From patient's perspective, better service that can be provided is through healthy lifestyle options. These decisions can be made based on patient's daily lifestyle, diet, exercise and other activities. Analytics on healthcare data can also be utilized to make decisions about healthcare providers and predict better treatment options to patients. A pathway of right innovation is provided as an added advantage by the healthcare analytics that can help recognize new diseases and their respective treatments.

Among these different pathways that are defined under healthcare analytics, our data mining problem falls under "right care" pathway to be provided to the patients. The utmost goal of healthcare industry is to provide care and comfort to the patient while on treatment. On similar lines, as quoted in our data mining problem, patients with HIV or drug abuse condition would require extra care when they come in for other illnesses. Hence, the issue in the healthcare industry to provide better services to specially categorized patients such as HIV or drug abuse

patients can be improved by mining into data to predict better services to them. This could also help clinics and admins to understand the resource utilization and predict future allocation based on current utilization trend. It allows clinics to be prepared and to provide better care based on the illness of such patients considering their underlying medical conditions. Data mining problem also address client's risk for retention in care failure before client falls out of care. Healthcare industry has always faced this issue where patients under special category or a condition fall out of care due to their underlying condition adding to their illness or disease. Hence, clinical efficiency is lost in such failures of retaining care for HIV or drug abuse patients.

2. Survey of Big data Analytics in Healthcare and Government

Healthcare industry generated large amounts of data and so does the government under its health sector. Hence the government also requires technology to manage and analyse these huge amounts of data to derive useful insights.

Analytics in healthcare has evolved lately for many reasons. One of it being improvement of healthcare and its quality of service. This can be done in various ways such as providing patient centric services, detecting diseases earlier, monitoring hospital's quality and improving treatment method. The data mining problem we have considered involves providing customer centric services where the underlying conditions of HIV and drug abuse patients are considered to provide better facilities and care at hospitals and clinic when they are admitted for other illnesses. The data from healthcare allows to analyse for such targeted groups based on which their treatment and medicines can be prescribed effectively. Healthcare analytics for the government is required to address basic needs to the population quickly. The analysis of healthcare data will help in predicting the percentage of population that will require immediate or subsidized healthcare.

Considering our data mining problem, the population of HIV and drug abuse patients can be analysed for their admissions to hospitals for other illnesses. This will help in the government sector to provide faster and better facilities to such patients and in planning the hospitalization

process for their admission. Further, the population visiting a government healthcare are generally looking for subsidized or lower healthcare charges. As health of the population is most important for any nation, providing best care at affordable rates is always a trade-off. With this trade off, the chosen data mining problem addresses the issue of making special accommodations and providing better care for targeted groups such as HIV or drug abuse patients.

3. Big data analytics in healthcare: promise and potential

With the growing amount of data in healthcare, it is more required for digitization of this data. Healthcare organizations must acquire tools, technologies and infrastructure to effectively manage and utilize this humongous data. Generally, a patient visits the doctor and discusses their condition for which treatment and care decisions are made by the individual doctor. In order to make this process more efficient, analytics can be used where deep research on past cases and prediction of future treatments will help in making this decision more effective and proof-based.

Here we discuss about evidence-based medicine or treatment and patient profile analytics. As proof-based treatment or results are always compared better to trials, analytics helps in achieving this aspect in the healthcare industry. The promise to make health better is always risky and to cut down on this risk, various tools are adopted in make accurate decisions using the systems. Further, patient profiling is important in healthcare lately as it gives the leverage to the healthcare organizations in providing better care to the patients based on the group they fall into.

In our data mining problem, we focus on patient profiling by grouping patients with HIV and drug abuse condition and they would require special needs and care while being treated for the illness they have been admitted for. Due to their underlying condition, these groups could develop certain side-effects or illness physically or mentally that can be addressed if aware of. This way, it improves clinical efficiency as analysis and study would help in providing right treatment based on their condition and side-effects. This in turn cuts down the patient count for each doctor that increases their efficiency too. Further, admin of healthcare organizations can

plan their resources based on the study in order to accommodate such patients as quickly as possible and at an affordable price.

4. Analysis of Research in Healthcare Data Analytics

Recent studies show that analytics in healthcare has shifted its focus from being a volume-based business to a quality-based business. The management and analysis of large complex data also now requires to be processed quickly and accurately. This will improve healthcare practice, changing individual life style and driving them into longer life, prevent diseases, illnesses and infections.

Data mining refers to gathering data and preparing them for analysis and prediction. The data is transformed and classified based on the output we are seeking that is required to be qualitative and accurate. While dealing with large data, it is important to understand how to store it and utilize it for prediction and analysis as retrieving this data at a good speed makes a difference in the efficiency of healthcare.

and check-ups whose data needs to be stored and compared to the past data for that individual. To make the right choice for a patient, historical data is equally important to target the right care for their relapse. In order to do this, we have considered factors such as source_of_admission and type_of_illness from which the health of the patient can be understood. Also, as the patients have been diagnosed with HIV or drug abuse disorder, few of these illnesses could be due to their

diagnosed disorders. Hence, this helps in preparing the required treatment and care for such

Data mining problem for HIV and drug abuse patients require to perform regular tests

patients to ensure smooth experience and better patient service.

The collection of data from patients about their disorder is a step closer to clinical efficiency, as it helps in sharing these facts to patients with similar condition. Data collected for a group of patients classified based on their disorder or disease can be useful in understanding the general treatment and diagnosis trend that can improve overall population health.

5. Exploring clinical care processes using data analytics

Achieving cost-effective healthcare is one of the main challenges faced today. The pattern in the care delivery in healthcare organizations are required to be explored that can produce optimal outcomes at a reduced cost or lower cost. The healthcare data is large spread across years and across varied patients. While studying such large amounts of data, we might lose out on essential factors hidden in it. Additionally, repetitive processing and movement of data across servers can also introduce missing values or wrong patterns of data into the dataset. It is important to address these issues in the dataset before transforming data for analysis and prediction. To add to this complexity, patients have large data tagged to them based on various tests and treatments they seek. There could also be introduction of noises or unwanted additional data that would mislead analysis or prediction.

Moving towards quality-based business in healthcare, this challenge of obtaining the right reliable dataset forms the first step. They have been many tools designed to handle such misleading data and with analytics in healthcare, it is achievable. Dirty data is filtered and cleaned for the required accurate data that is currently being done on real-time using different analytic tools. The data is spread across healthcare system that needs to be integrated to maintain consistency and to provide consistent and accurate outcomes.

Furthermore, algorithms are used to test the data for the outcome that is expected, and the right algorithm is then chosen for making predictions on data that is generated. The techniques discussed to overcome the problem in dataset is similarly applied to Texas Healthcare Information Collection (THCIC) data to address the data mining problem chosen for the project. On performing above techniques, a clean dataset is obtained to further classify HIV and drug abuse patients using factors such as their source of admission and the type pf illness for which they are admitted.

Thus, the main goal of the project is to improve clinical efficiency for a subset of patient population who suffer from HIV or who have been diagnosed with drug abuse disorder.

PROBLEM FORMULATION

The data mining problem is worked upon by following the data mining steps. We selected the data for HIV/drug abuse patients at an earlier stage to have a focused dataset to solve our business problem. The data mining problem is to classify a new patient into one of the specialized units in the hospital, that forms our target variable. As we classify patient based on certain parameters, they behave as input variables such as illness, ethnicity, age, type of admission etc. On identifying the required variable for our data mining problem, we selected appropriate data and performed dimension reduction and other visualization techniques to clean, transform and validate the dataset required for classification. Further, we partitioned the data to build a model using training set and to test the accuracy of the model using validation set.

The variables used in the data to classify patients are mostly categorical. Also, the target variable being categorical, the model built in this report is logistic. The additional advantage of logistic regression to easily learn from the training set makes it easy to implement.

1. Data Exploration

The THCIC data is cleaned and examined for the following variables that are required for our data mining problem. Based on the identified target variable, required input variables or predicted variables are selected in this part of data mining.

Predictor Variable: Predictor variables are mapped to the target variable through an empirical relationship. They can be categorical, continuous or integer. Predictions can be of three types: decisions, rankings and estimates.

1. TYPE_OF_ADMISSION (Categorical Variable):

This field is used to indicate the type of admission of the patient. It consists of values such as "Emergency", "Urgent", "Elective", "Newborn", "Trauma Center", "Information not available" and "Invalid". The patient requiring immediate assistance will fall under the emergency or

urgent category depending on the situation. This predictor will help us in getting the type of admission information about the patient. Since, we are classifying the patients suffering from HIV and drug abuse it will facilitate in giving us the clarity of the patient's condition when he/she was admitted.

2. SOURCE_OF_ADMISSION (Categorical Variable):

There can be various reasons for which the patient can be admitted. Sometimes, they are referred by a clinic, recommended by lawyers in the court or transferred from other hospitals. This field will source number which will specify their source of admission. This predictor will help our analysis of patients suffering from HIV and drug abuse by providing the details of their source. For example, if there are more patients recommended by court this might imply that people suffering from HIV and drug abuse are either in worst helpless condition or the ones which are referred from other hospitals may signify that there is still lack of medications available to cure them. After performing the thorough analysis some conclusion can be made.

3. PAT_STATUS (Categorical Variable):

This field indicates the status of the patient when he/she is about to leave the hospital. For example, this can contain, discharged, expired etc. depending on the situation. It will store numbers which will depict the status of the patient. This predictor will help us know that whether the patient was cured fully when he/she left or there was just little improvement. This can help us track the patients which were not fully cured.

4. RACE (Categorical Variable):

This field will store the information about the patient's race. It will include a code referring to a certain race. "1" refers to American Indian/Eskimo/Aleut, "2" refers to Asian or Pacific Islander, "3" refers to Black, "4" refers to White, "5" refers to Other and "`" refers to Invalid. There are certain races which are prone to specific type of diseases. If we come to know about that information, then patients arriving later of same race will be highly prone to that specific disease. Having this information can facilitate in providing cure to people of that race too.

5. ETHNICITY (Categorical Variable):

This field includes the ethnicity of the patient. It indicates that whether a patient is Hispanic or not. It includes code signifying that value. "1' implies Hispanic Origin, "2" implies "Not of Hispanic Origin" and "'" implies Invalid. This predictor will be helpful for knowing the ethnicity of the patient. If there are more people from a certain ethnicity suffering from HIV and drug abuse. Then in future, precautions can be taken, or awareness can be spread to those specific ethnicity people about the HIV and drug abuse in order to avoid it. As hospital/clinic administration, programs can be organized for people around in the nearby areas.

6. LENGTH_OF_STAY (Continuous Variable):

This field indicates the duration for which the patient was admitted in the hospital. It is calculated by subtracting the day patient entered the hospital from when he/she leaves the hospital. The minimum length is 1 and maximum length is 9999. This predictor will help us know the duration for which the HIV and drug abuse patients stays in the hospital. Having an average number for this can help the hospital/clinic administration to plan accordingly. For example, like it can facilitate in the bed management that tentatively how long the patient will stay in the hospital or clinic.

7. PAT_AGE (Categorical Variable):

This field specifies the age range of the patient. We are using the range of 22 to 26. Mostly, the AIDS and drug abuse is common in the youth. Choosing this predictor and fixing it to a value of 22 to 26 will help our classification.

8. FIRST PAYMENT SRC (Categorical Variable):

This field indicates the source of the payment done by the patient. There are various options a patient can choose to pay like he can opt for Insurance, Medicaid etc. This field will include codes indicating the option which patient has opted for. This predictor will help us know the

mode of payment chosen by the patient. This can facilitate in knowing the financial status of the most patients.

9. TYPE_OF_BILL (Categorical Variable):

This field includes the information about the claim data. It includes of three digits. The first indicates the type of facility, second shows the type of care and the third shows the sequence of the claim. This predictor will help the hospital/clinic administration know the details about the kind of facility used by the patients so that they can plan in the future to accordingly manage for that facility. This also gives information about the type of care undertaken by patients suffering from HIV and drug abuse. this can help the administration to plan for that care unit. Maybe they can plan inventory for that unit.

10. TOTAL_CHARGES (Continuous Variable):

This includes the total sum the patient must pay for the services he/she availed at the hospital. This predictor will help the hospital/clinic administration to know how much amount of money is charged by the patients suffering from HIV and drug abuse. This will help the administration for financial statements.

11. PRINC DIAG CODE (Continuous Variable):

This code indicates the patient's principal diagnosis when he/she arrived at the hospital. This predictor will facilitate us in having information about the patient's principal disease.

12. RISK_MORTALITY (Categorical Variable):

This field indicates that what are the chances of a patient to die. This value has been assigned considering All Patient Refined (APR) Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) from the 3M APR-DRG Grouper. This predictor will help us knowing that what would be the dying chance of the patient suffering from HIV and drug abuse.

13. ILLNESS_SEVERITY (Categorical Variable):

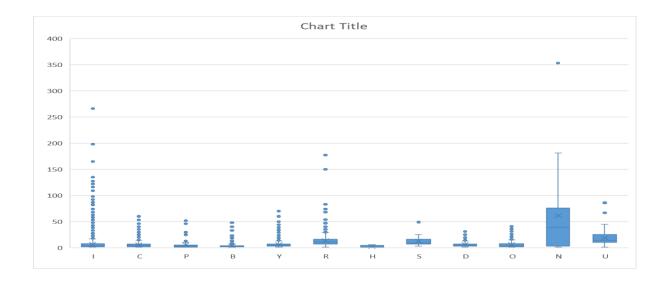
This field indicates that what is the level of severity of the illness of the patient. It includes four code:"1" indicating Minor "2" indicating Moderate "3" indicating Major and "4" indicating Extreme. This value has been assigned considering All Patient Refined (APR) Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) from the 3M APR-DRG Grouper. This predictor will help us know the suffering level of the patients having HIV and drug abuse. Classifying patients on this basis can help planning the medications.

Target Variable: The target variable is the one for which we need the output or classification hence in this case our target variable is SPEC_UNIT_1.

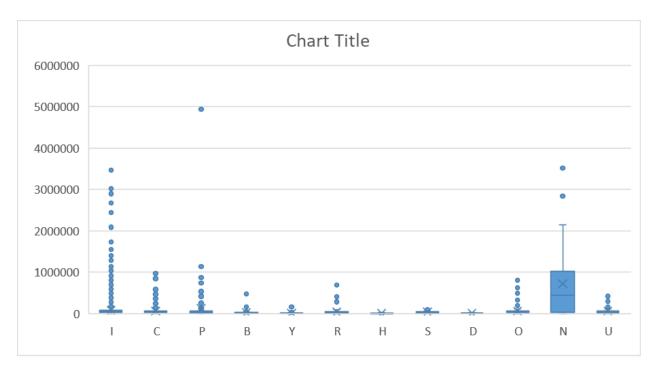
1. SPEC_UNIT_1 (Categorical Variable):

This field indicates the specialty units in which most days during stay occurred based on number of days by Type of Bill or Revenue Code. In order by number of days in the unit. It includes codes such as "C" which means Coronary Care Unit, "P" Pediatric Unit etc. With the analysis of this variable will help us identify the speciality unit which the patient was in.

Now we try to understand the relationship between predictor and target variables.

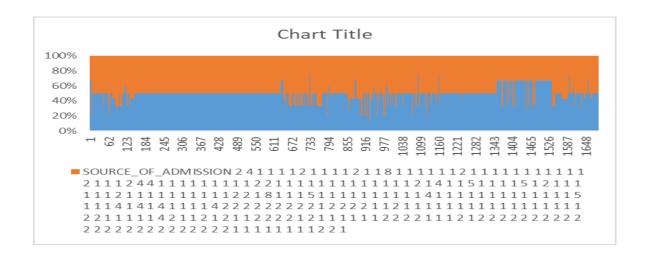


In the above graph we check the relation between predictor LENGTH_OF_STAY and SPEC_UNIT. As we see the box plot, we can identify the relation between the type of specialty unit and the length of stay. The values are distributed around the median quite uniformly for such a large data set. Even the number of outliers is very less. This shows that using length of stay as a predictor will enhance our analysis. Usage of such variables help us reduce average error in case of our predictions.

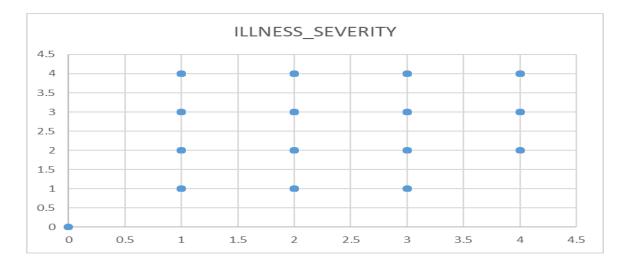


In this graph, we create a box plot to understand the relation between SPEC_UNIT and TOTAL_CHARGES. As we know, that in general cases our charge or cost of treatment depends on the disease. Also, the specialty unit is specific for specific type of disease. Hence, the cost and specialty unit are directly linked to each other. This assumption of ours is proven true by the graph above where the distribution box for the cost is similar for similar specialty units. Even in this case the number of outliers is less.

Apart from this let us understand the relation between multiple predictors as well.



This is a stacked bar plot for variables SOURCE_OF_ADMISSION and TYPE_OF_ADMISSION. Similar columns tend to capture similar information which can lead to multi collinearity. This must be avoided for which we can use just one column instead of both.

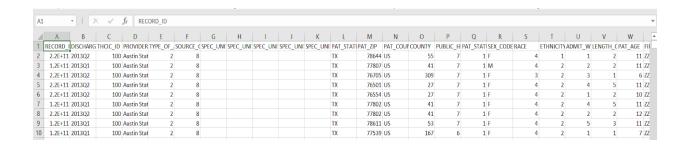


It is the similar case with variables ILLNESS_SEVERITY and RISK_MORTALITY. They capture similar information hence we can eliminate either of these.

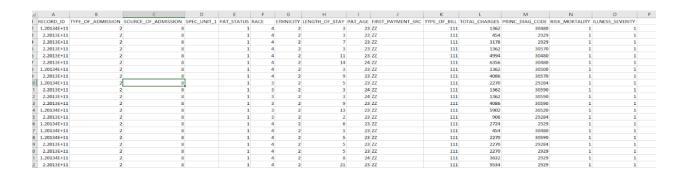
Apart from this we have a lot of categorical variables that need to be transformed to perform further analysis for upcoming reports.

2. Data Identification

We have identified 13 variables that can be used as predictors for our target variable. These predictors can be used to create models that will help us in our predictions. Once we analyse the given data, we need to first identify the data that is useful for us. Hence, we need to reduce our data from 194 columns to 15 columns including the target variable and ID. This reduction in the number of columns is done as the other columns are of no value while classifying the Specialty units, they just increase the volume of data for our business case.

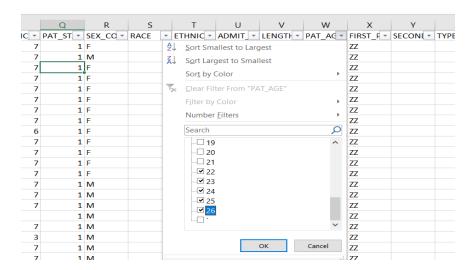


Thus, we select those 15 variables and create another sheet of data that does not have any unnecessary columns.



Once we are done with columns, we need to work on reducing the number of rows by identifying the data that we need. Here, we need the data for patients who are 'HIV and drug/alcohol use patients. As we analyse the column PAT_AGE we see that the values 22-26 for that variable specifies these patients. Hence, using this criterion we filter out the data and utilize it for further

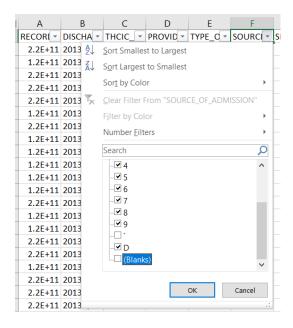
tasks. Hence after this step our data reduces from 719,371 rows to 52,146 rows. This is done as our classification is based on a subset of patients having a specific condition associated with them. If we include other data, it can lead to wrong predictions as well.



IMPLEMENTATION

1. Data Cleaning

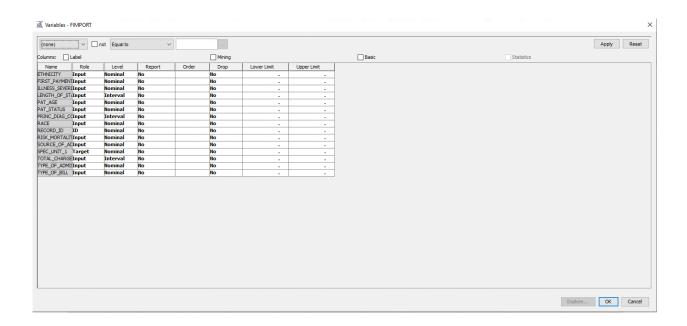
In this step we must identify the anomalies present in our data. For this we need to check each variable that is involved in our analysis. Hence, we observe that there are not many trash values in each column, but there are blanks and the symbol ['] which need to be filtered out and removed.



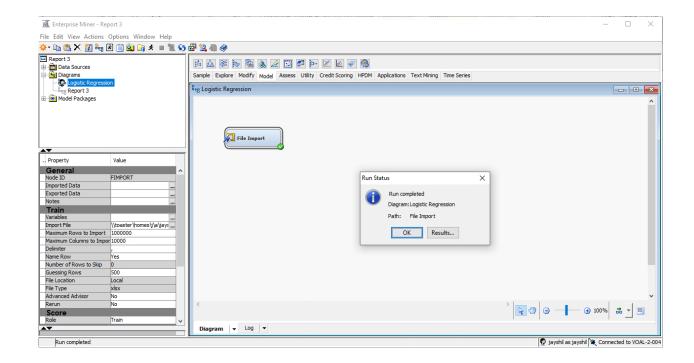
This step is needed because having blanks and symbols will cause hindrance in our classification as they add errors to our analysis. Also, null values specify nothing which means assuming them as zero also is not correct. After we are done with this step for all variables, our number of rows reduce from 52,146 rows to 32,529 rows.

2. Data Import

The primary step for running our analysis is to import the data in to SAS Enterprise Miner. In this case, we need to identify the variables that are predictors for our analysis and the variable that is the target variable. Since we have already identified those in our data exploration step, all we need to do is to set them as they are in this step using the 'Edit variables' option in the SAS Enterprise Miner from the 'File Import' node.



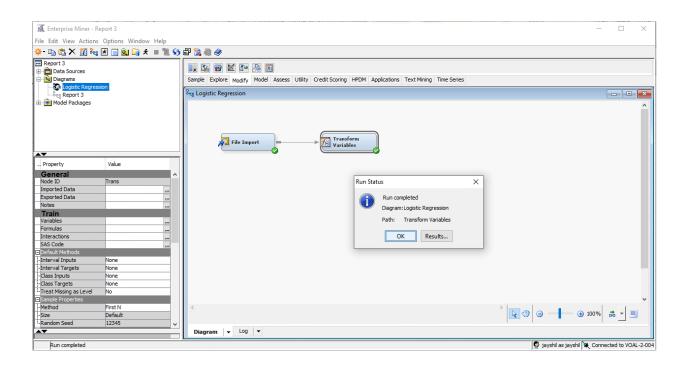
After the node is run successfully, we get the dialog box as shown below which indicates the file has been successfully imported. When we click on results, we can view the summary of the data that has been imported on to the tool.



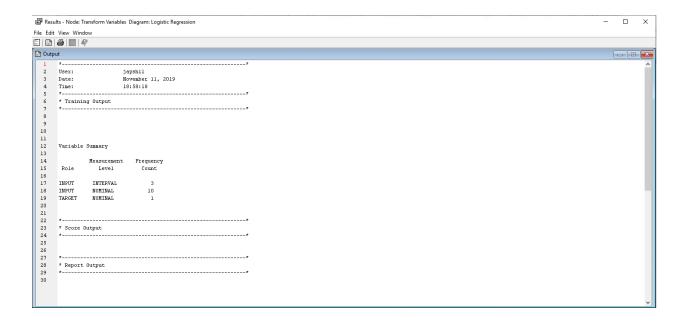
3. Fixing Problems with The Data

As we have seen above, we have already cleaned up the data by removing invalid data (nulls or symbol or any other aberration), after which we imported the files in the tool, now we need to transform it for our use. The data taken into consideration has many limitations on how it can be manipulated and assessed. This is mainly because the data type of each variables differs. The data therefore first needs to be checked if it is numerical or text, continuous, integer or categorical. This will help us realize what sort of operations need to be performed on them to transform them into a usable format. Say for example, one of the fields is categorical and has strings stored in them. These strings will cause an error if used directly in the logistic regression algorithm as it can only take numeric values. Thus, we need to transform these variables into a form which can be understood by the algorithm, which leads to the creation of dummy variables. These dummy variables are a way of bridging this gap between the data and the model.

Hence, in our data we see that other than 3 interval variables which continuous numeric values. These variables can stay as is since they will be interpreted by the algorithm in a normal manner. Other than these 3, we have all the other 10 variables as categorical. All these variables are necessary for our analysis since they can help us classify our target variable which is again a categorical field. Thus, these variables need to be manipulated in such a way that they can be useful as predictor variables. For this, we will add another node to our diagram which is the 'Transform variables' node. This node takes our clean data as an input and creates dummy variables for all the variables that are categorical. Creating of dummy variables creates n-1 columns for 1 variable which has n categories. This is a transformation of text value to numeric form which is identifiable by the algorithm. Hence, after we run this node, all the 10 variables will have dummy variables created for them. We can click on results to see the output of this node.



We can click on results to see the output of this node. Hence we see in the output below that 3 input variables identified as interval, 10 variables identified as categorical (nominal) and 1 target variable that is categorical (nominal).

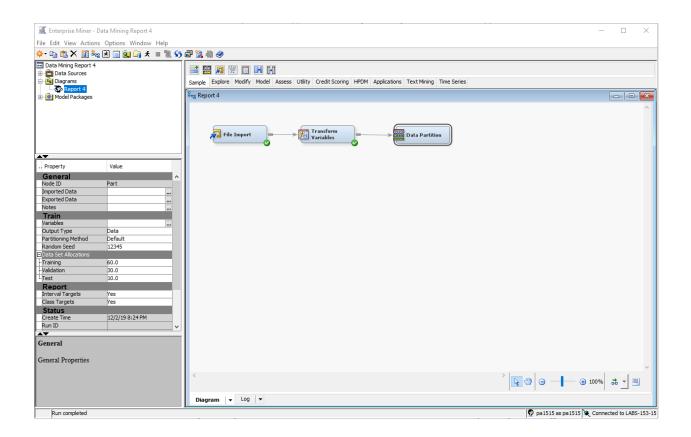


4. Creating A Model Set

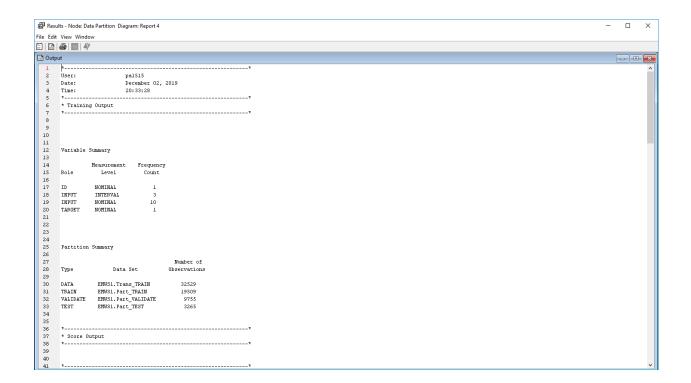
In the case of supervised algorithm, it means that the algorithm learns through the data and then apply the pattern it understood to the data for which we need to classify our outcomes. The data that we have for this contains 32,529 rows in the table. This data can be split into three parts where one part can be used by the algorithm to learn the pattern of the data, the second part can be used to validate this pattern that the algorithm learned and check if it gives us appropriate results that is with error rate which is tolerable for our use and the third part of the data can be used to test the algorithm. This third dataset is helpful in the case where there are multiple algorithms run and we need to select the best possible model and then run it on this test data set. When an algorithm learns from a training data set, and it applies this model to validation data set it might seem accurate, but this might not necessarily mean that it is correct, hence to learn the characteristic of a data set wholly we need a separate test data. Hence, the three parts of our data will be training data, validation data and test data.

Here in this case, we have divided our data into three parts where 60% of the data is training data, 30% of data is validation data and the last part of 10% of data is test data set on which the model is applied to verify if the algorithm is working accurately. Here what happens is that the algorithm will use the training data set and understand how the target variable varies in accordance with changes in predictor variables. Then it will apply this pattern on our validation data set and check how correctly it is able to classify the records, we can check error percentage for this. After this it again applies this pattern to a separate test data to confirm if the model is working properly.

Thus, below we see that after transforming the data, I've added a 'Data Partition' node, where I've also specified the 60:30:10 ratio for training, validation and test datasets. I run this node and my data partition are created.



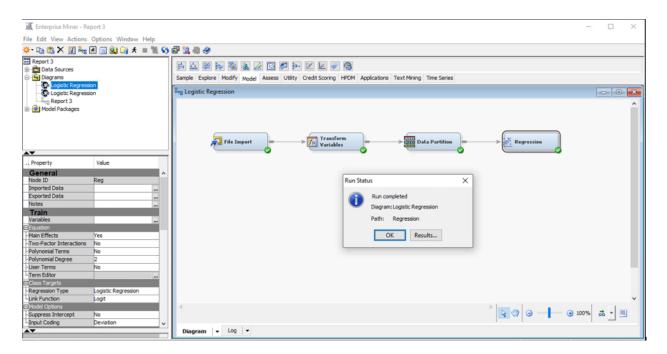
I run this node and my data partition are created. We can check the output by clicking on results button. Thus, below we see the output where 19509 rows are assigned as training data, 9755 rows are assigned as validation data and 3265 rows are assigned as test data. Now data is ready to build a model using an algorithm.



5. Building the Model

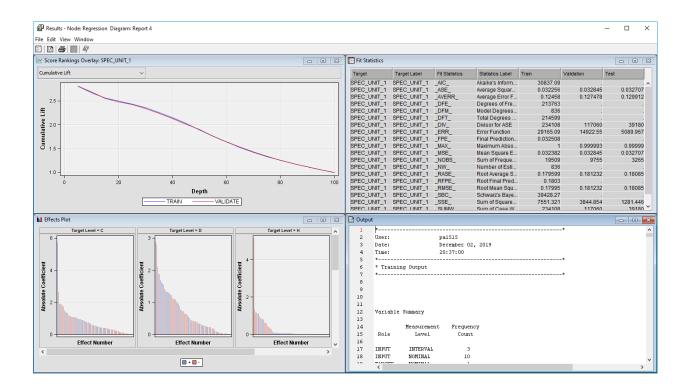
Here we have to try out different models that might suit our data. Hence, for this task I have decided to try out 3 models on the same data and then compare the results to check which one will work better for me. Good model doesn't really mean that the prediction has to be 100% accurate as this will mean overfitting where even the noise is considered as a signal but instead we need to compare it using the error in prediction which will give us an insight on how good the model is.

5.1 REGRESSION:

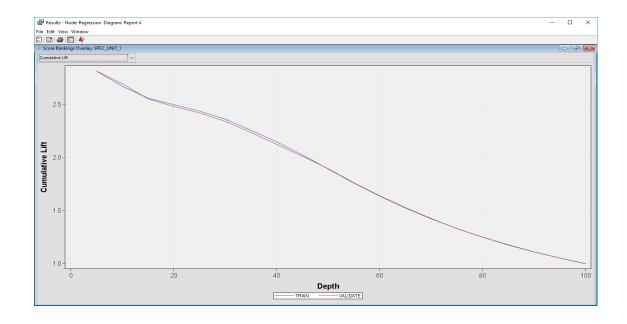


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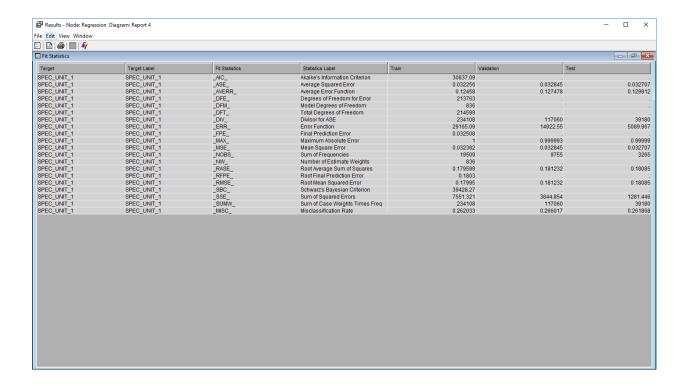
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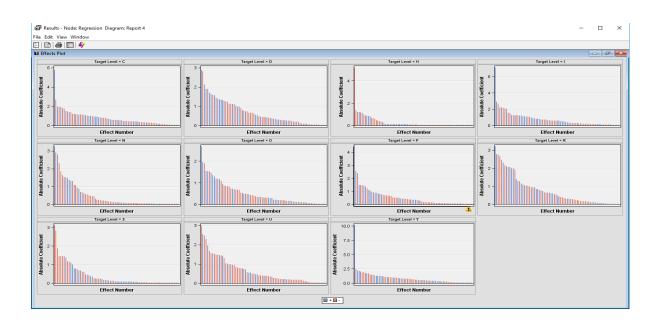


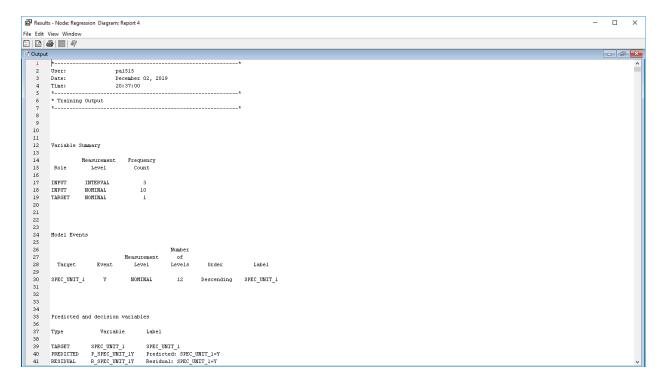
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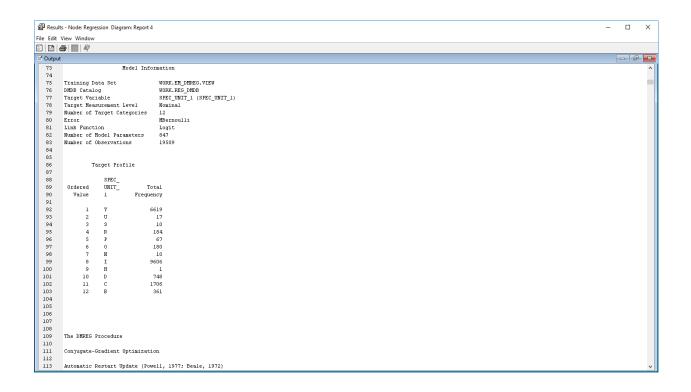


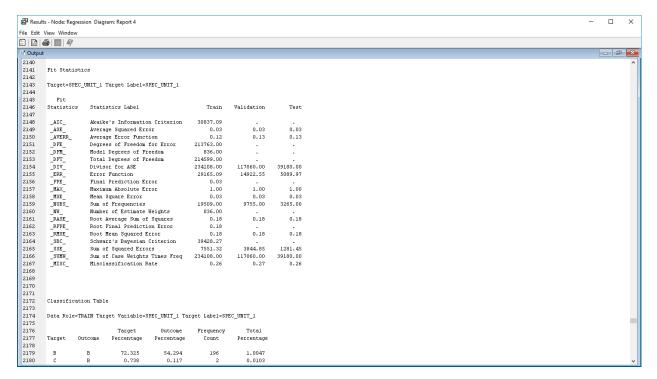
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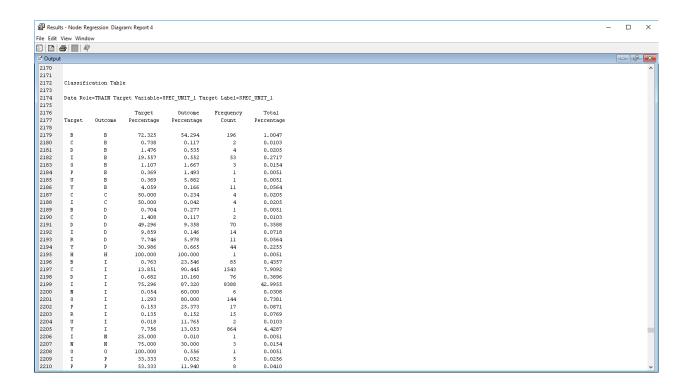


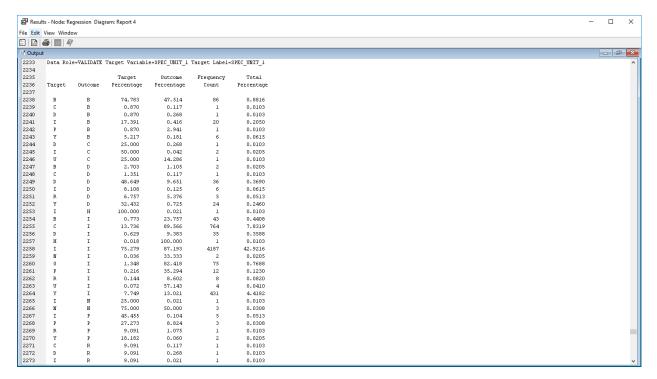






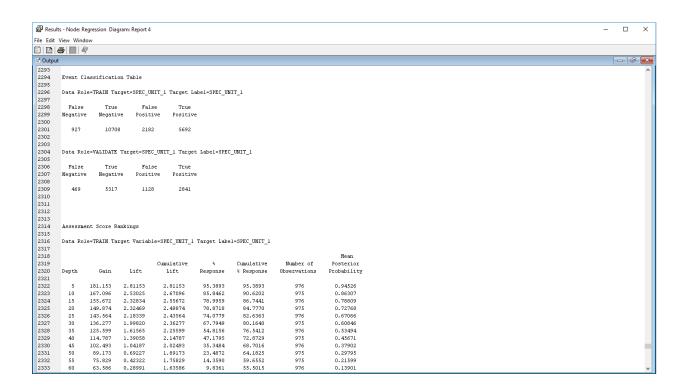


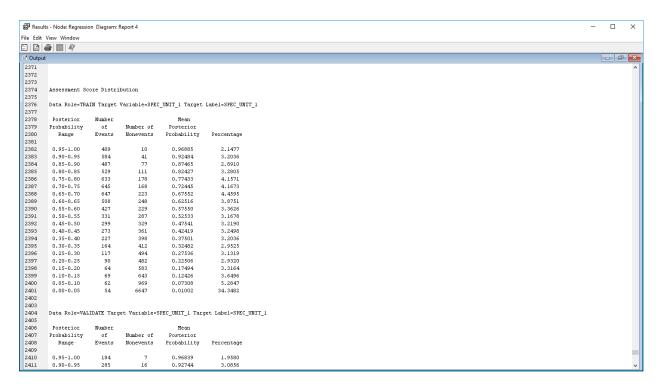


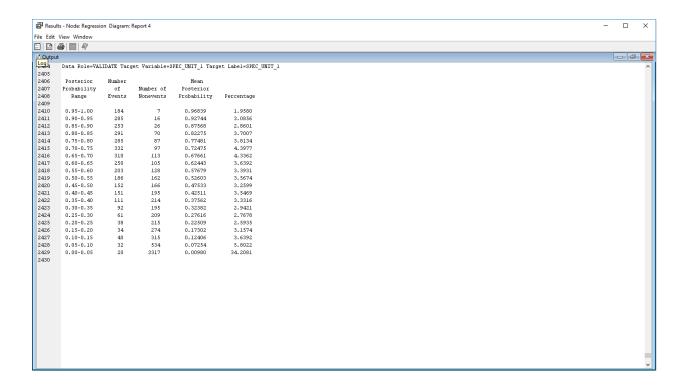


Classification Table: As we analyse the event classification table, we see that for the training data the false negative is 927, true negative is 10708, false positive is 2182 and true positive is 5692.

Now, for validation data these numbers are false negative being 469, true negative being 5317, false positive being 1128 and true positive being 2841.

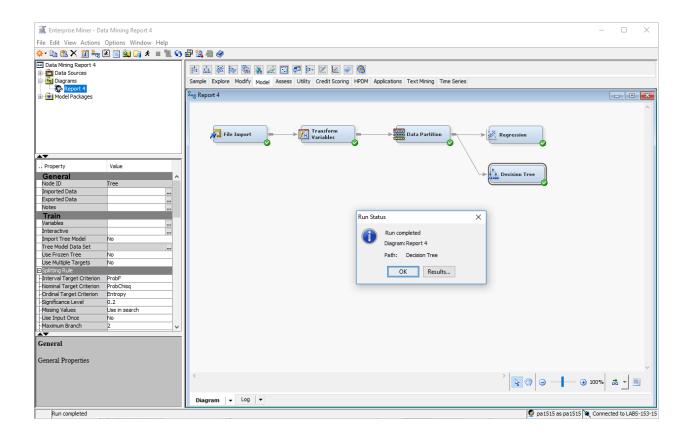






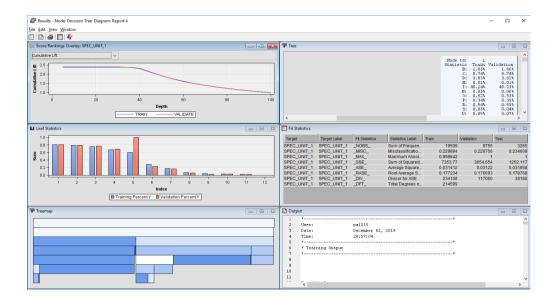
5.2 Decision Tree:

This method simplifies the breakdown of the data in the form a tree structure which can be used or building classification models. It can be used for categorical and numerical predictors. It includes decision nodes and leaf nodes. In case of numerical data, if the value mentioned in the node. From the training data it understands the nuances of the data and predicts the classes or values for the validation dataset.

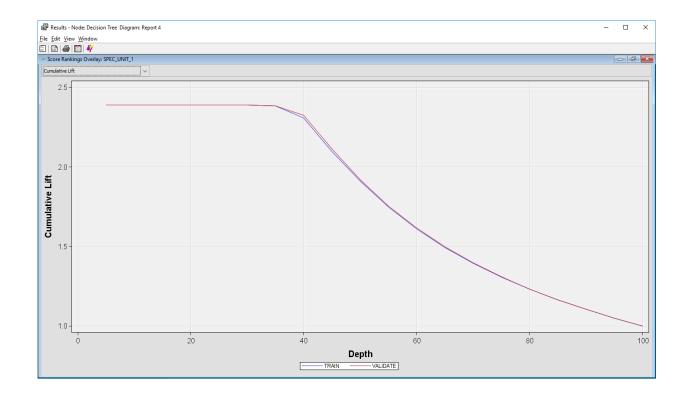


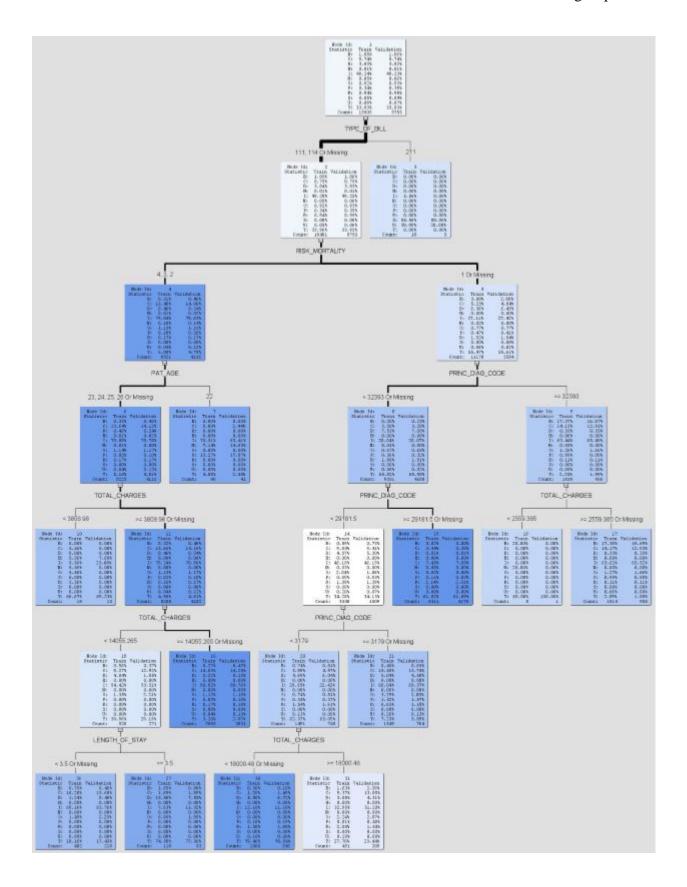
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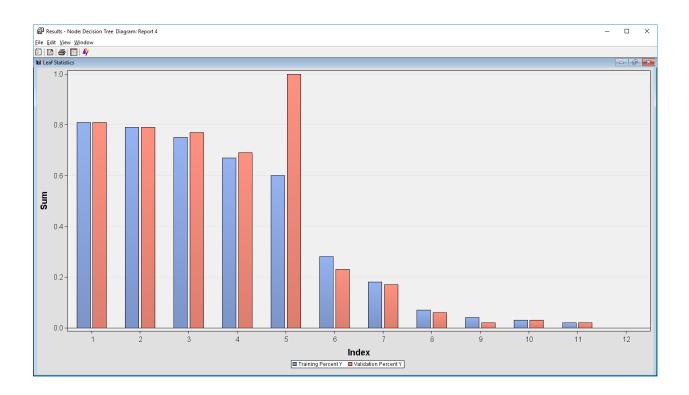
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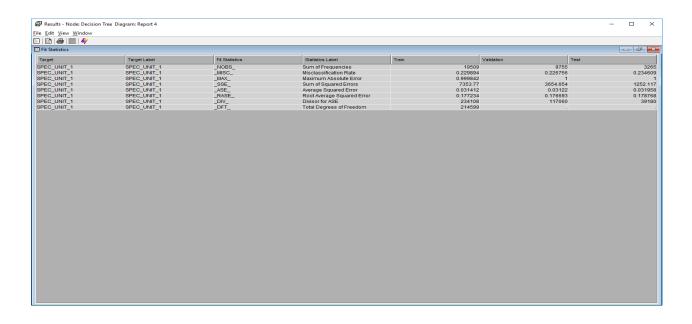
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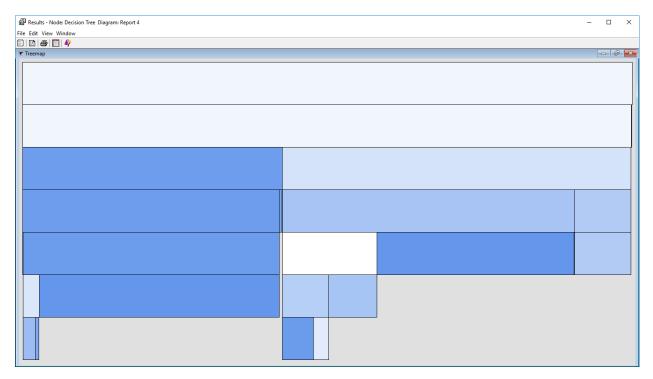


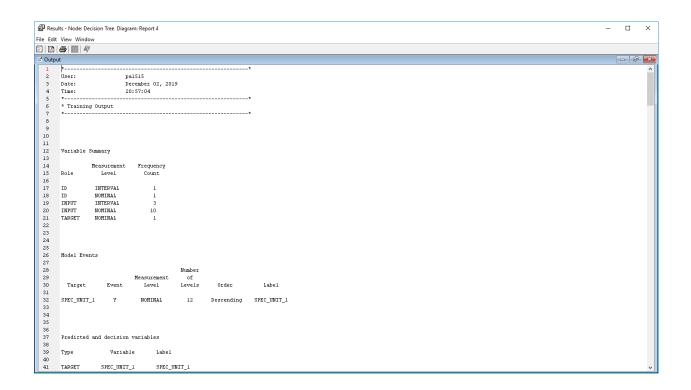


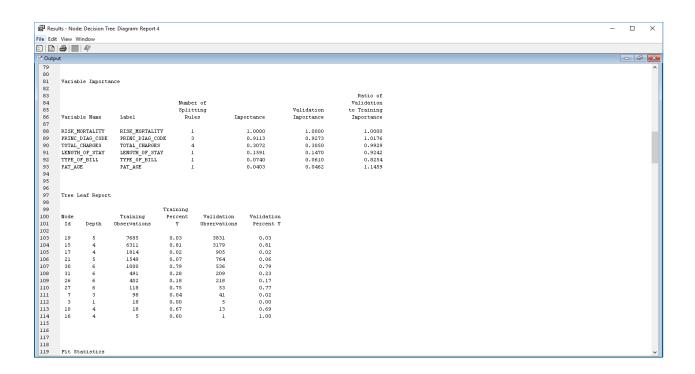


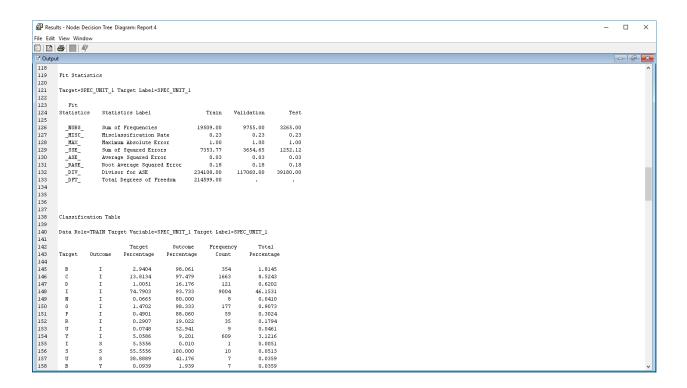
Fit Statistics: As we take a look at the fit statistics, we mainly check for the Root Average Squared Error to check our outcome. Hence, we see that the value for training data is 0.177234, for validation data it is 0.176693 and for the test data it is 0.178768. Thus we can say that the model has performed fairly consistently with all the datasets indicating that our result has no issues in terms of data pattern being analyzed. Also, the low value of the errors indicate that even the classification has been fairly accurate.



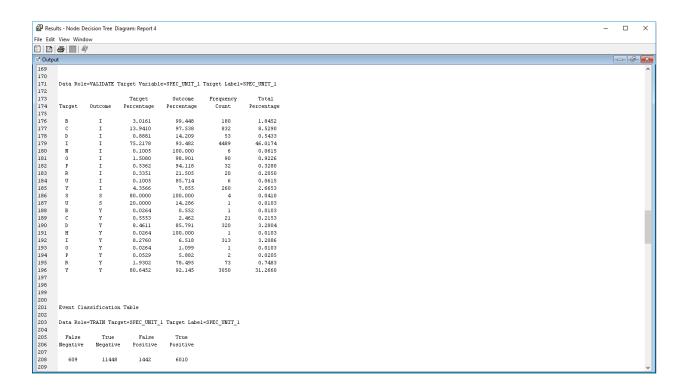


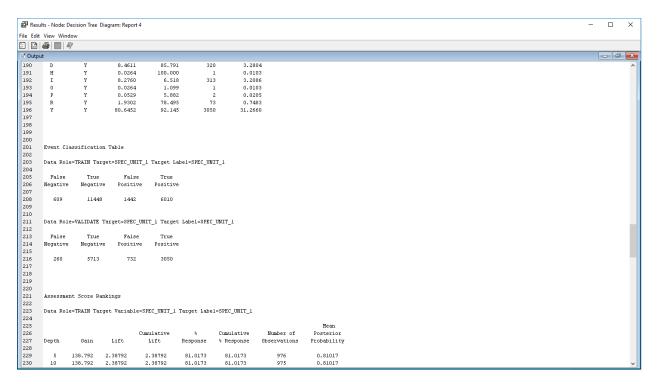


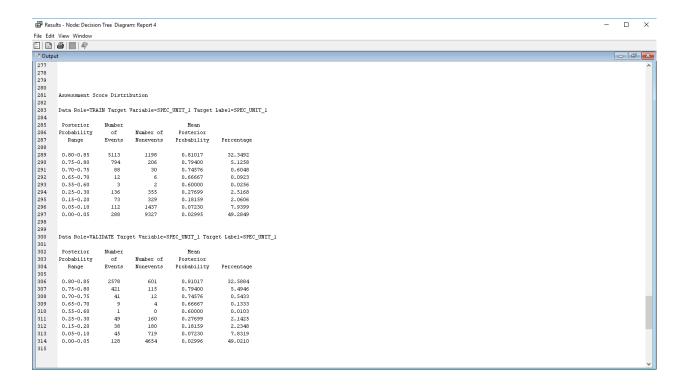




Classification Table: As we analyse the event classification table we see that for the training data the false negative is 609, true negative is 11448, false positive is 1442 and true positive is 6010. Now, for validation data these numbers are false negative being 260, true negative being 5713, false positive being 732 and true positive being 3050.

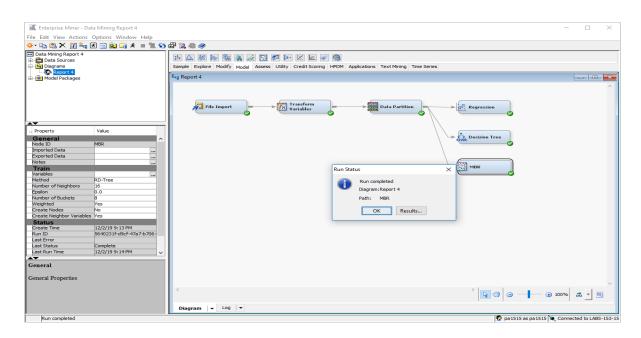






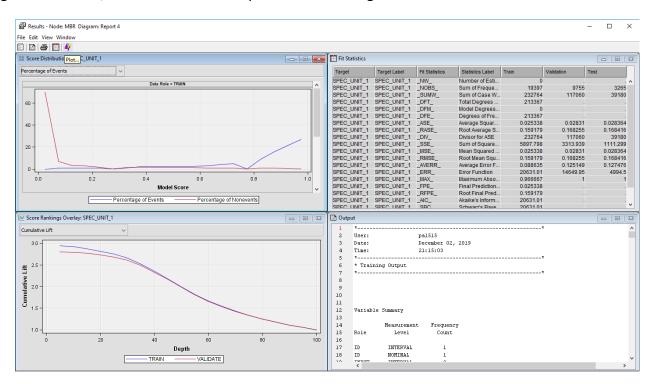
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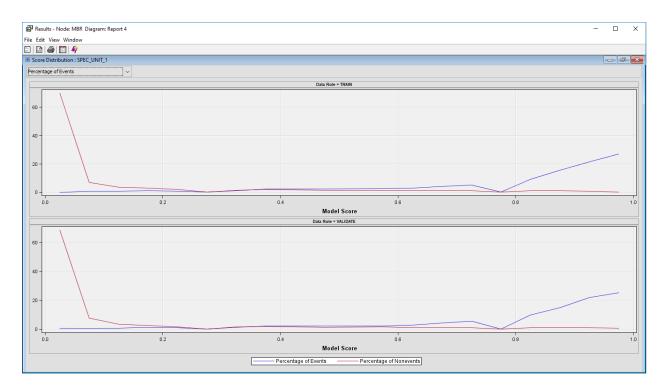
In the K nearest neighbour method the algorithm assigns similar records to each other. This keeps on continuing until all the records are classified. Here, we can define k as per our observation on how much accuracy we can acquire.



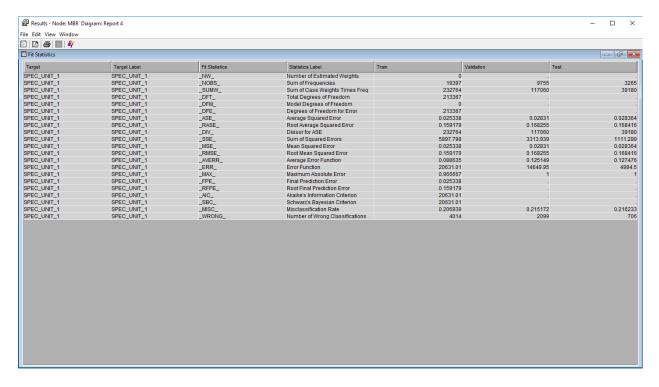
Assessing the Model:

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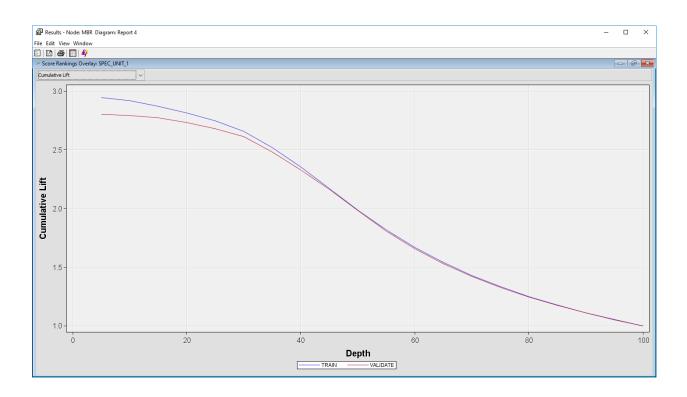


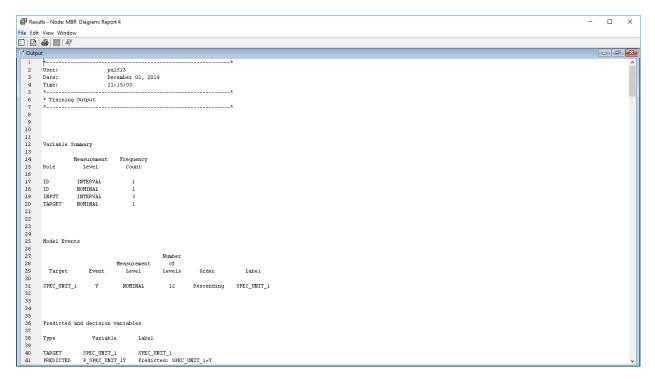


Fit Statistics: As we take a look at the fit statistics, we mainly check for the Root Mean Squared Error to check our outcome. Hence, we see that the value for training data is 0.159179, for validation data it is 0.168255 and for the test data it is 0.168416. Thus we can say that the model has performed fairly consistently with all the datasets indicating that our result has no issues in terms of data pattern being analysed. Also, the low value of the errors indicate that even the classification has been fairly accurate.

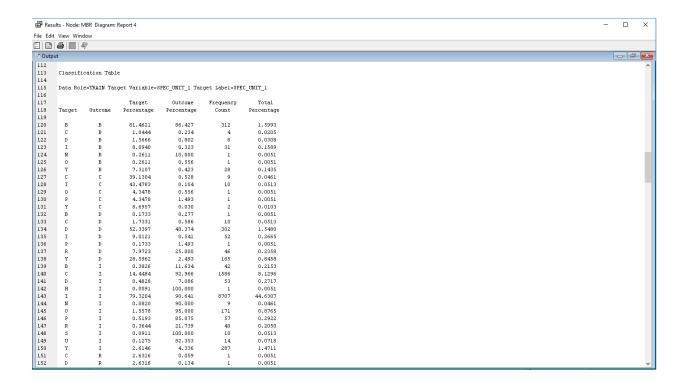


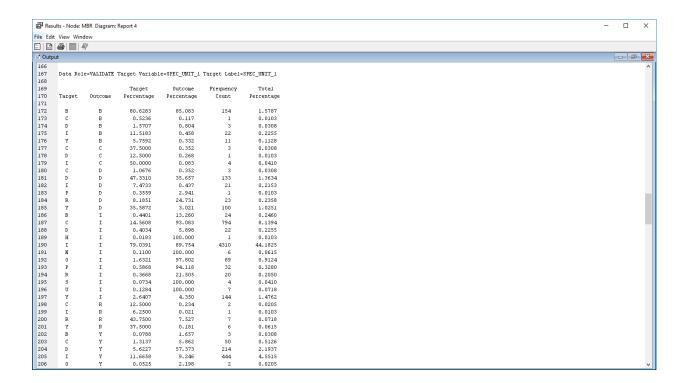
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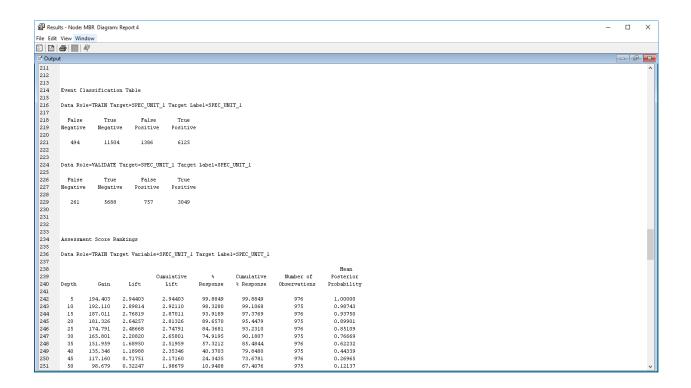


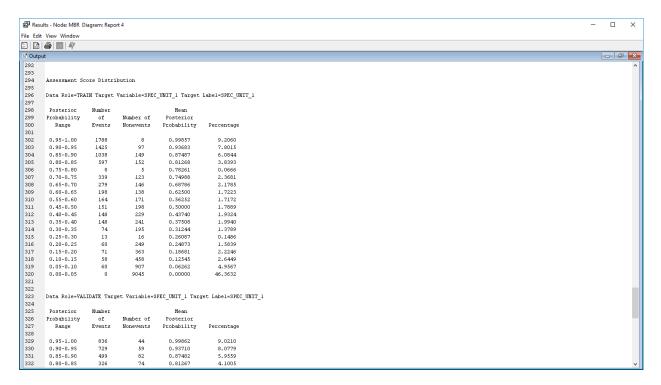
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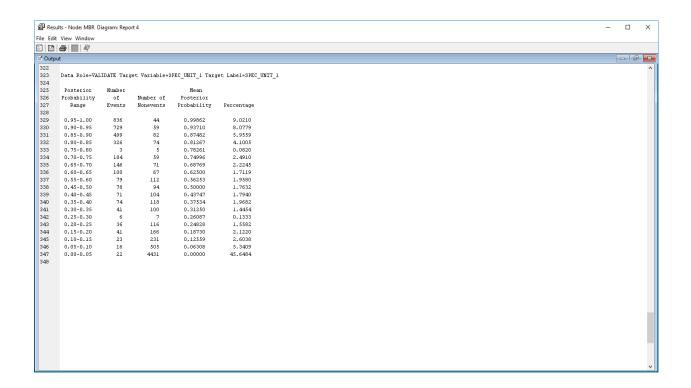




Classification Table: As we analyze the event classification table we see that for the training data the false negative is 492, true negative is 11504, false positive is 1386 and true positive is 6125. Now, for validation data these numbers are false negative being 261, true negative being 5688, false positive being 757 and true positive being 3049.

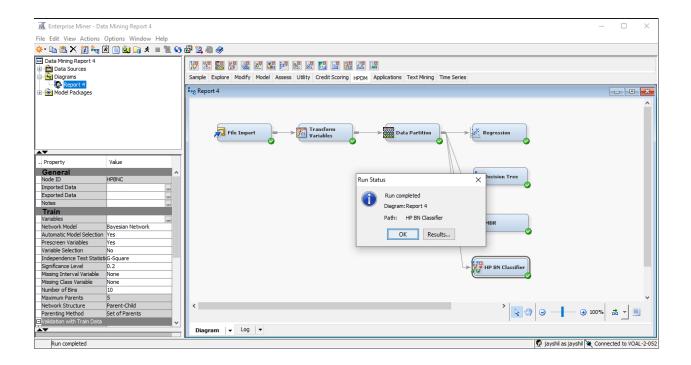






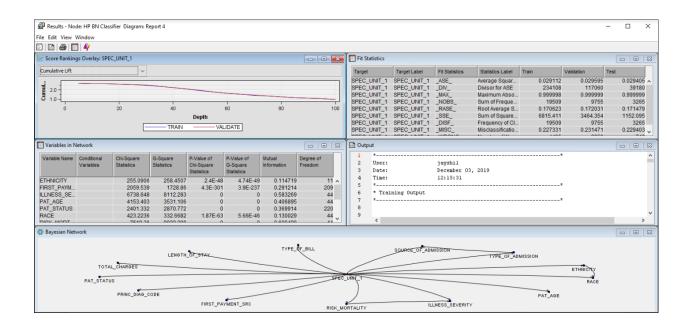
5.4 Naïve Bayes:

In Naïve Bayes method we use class probabilities for identifying the class of the data. Mostly, the benchmark for allocating a class for a record is the cut-off probability. It is used for categorical predictors but numerical predictors can be used if they are binned or converted to categorical predictors.

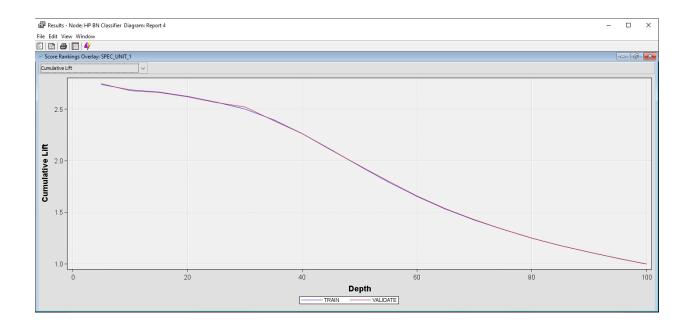


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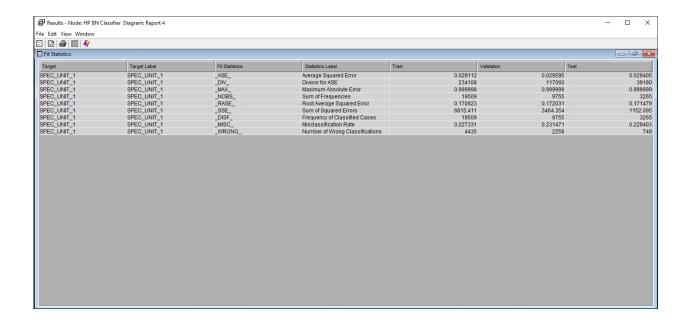
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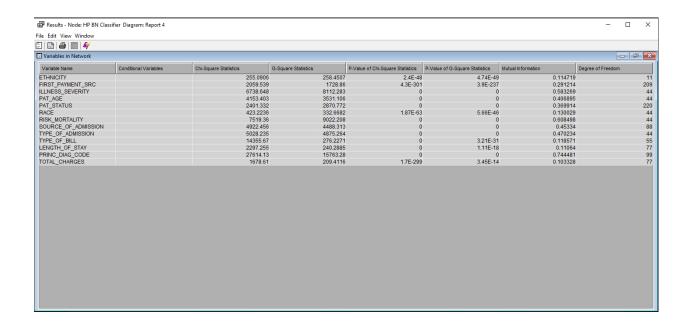


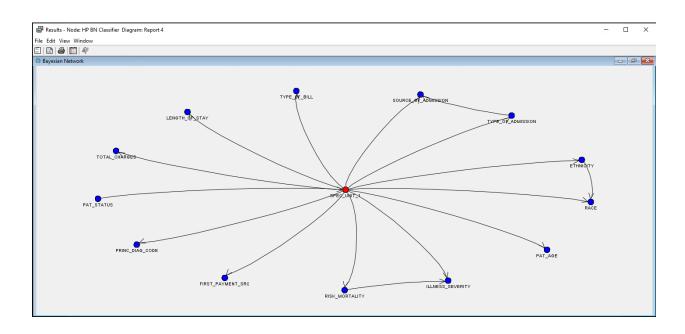
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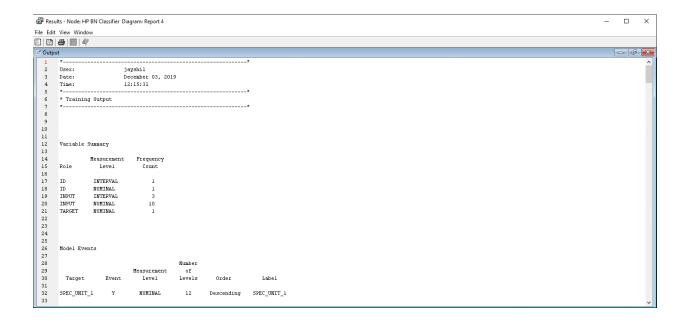


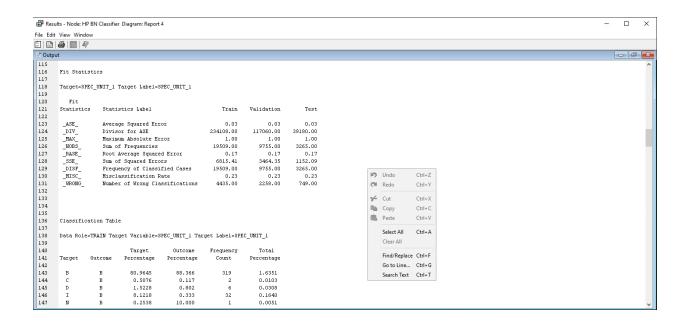
Fit Statistics: As we take a look at the fit statistics, we mainly check for the Root Mean Squared Error to check our outcome. Hence, we see that the value for training data is 0.170523, for validation data it is 0.172031 and for the test data it is 0.171479. Thus we can say that the model has performed fairly consistently with all the datasets indicating that our result has no issues in terms of data pattern being analysed. Also, the low value of the errors indicate that even the classification has been fairly accurate.



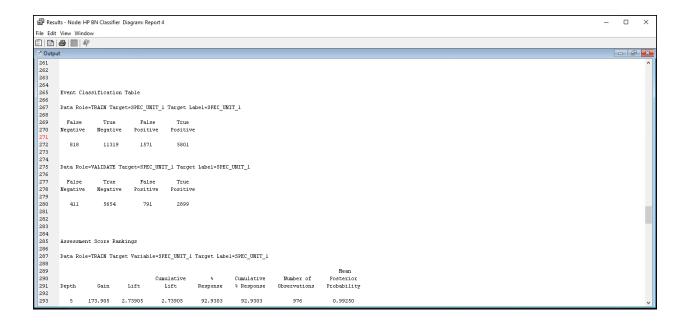


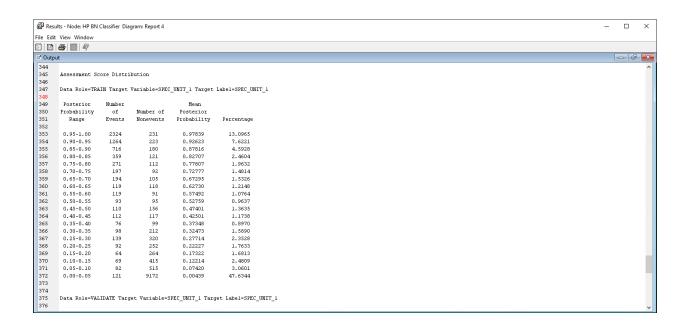


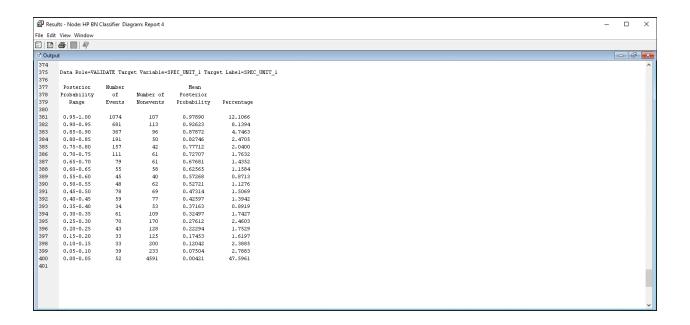




Classification Table: As we analyse the event classification table we see that for the training data the false negative is 818, true negative is 11319, false positive is 1571 and true positive is 5801. Now, for validation data these numbers are false negative being 411, true negative being 5654, false positive being 791 and true positive being 2899.

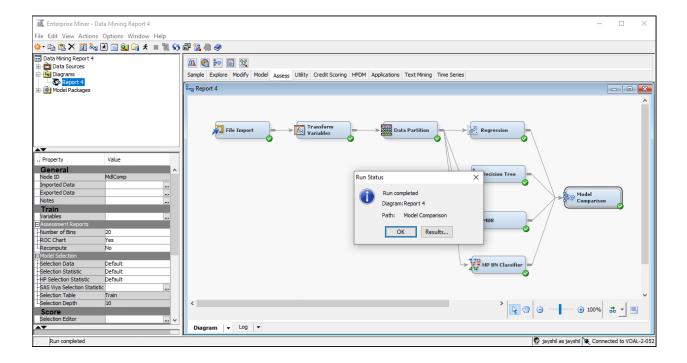




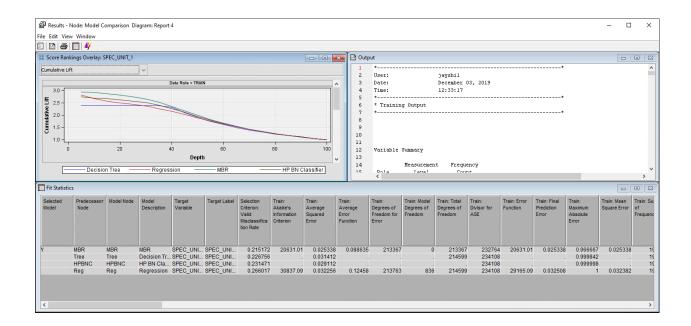


6. Model Comparison:

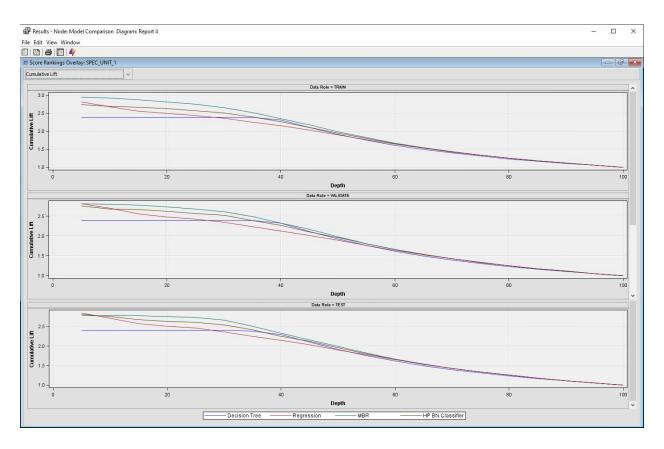
As we ran 4 different models on the same dataset, we can see that each of them gives us slightly different performance in terms of classifying the data. This tells us that the type of data, number of variables and number of observations affect the model to a great extent. Hence, we ran a model comparison node to compare all these 4 models and find the one that most suits our data.



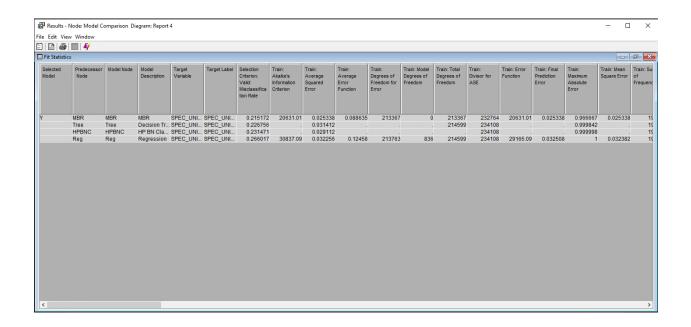
As we see below, we can see the outputs combined that help us to compare all the models that we want to check.

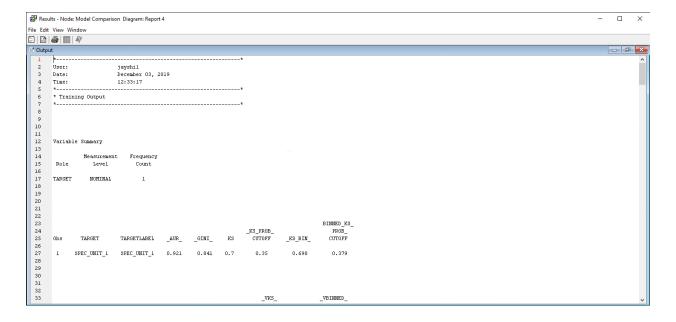


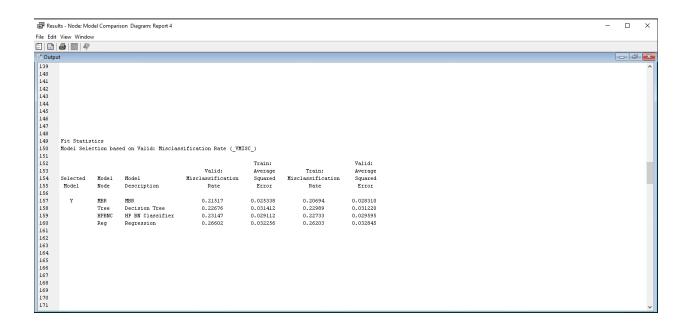
Hence as we see the lift chart, they all start at different points with a little but of variation for each but as it goes towards the end they tend to combine giving us similar results, however we can still differentiate which model performs better based on certain statistics. Here we also notice the trend for cumulative lift is almost similar for all training, validation and test data sets which indicates the models performed comparatively well for all the data sets as there are no major portion that can indicate any overfitting or any errors.

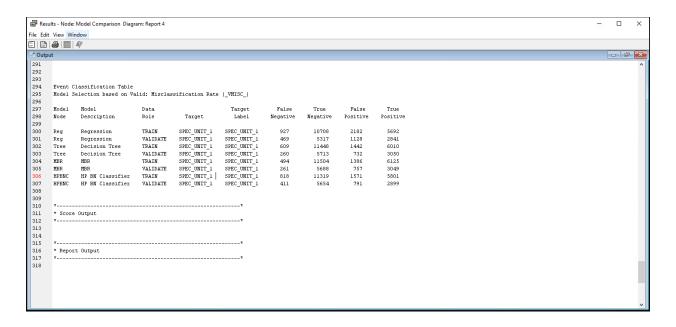


As we see below, in the fit statistics, the model comparison node has selected k Nearest Neighbour as the best model for this particular case of classification. The criteria that it has used as a parameter is the Misclassification rate which is lowest for k Nearest Neighbour i.e. 0.215172. All the others have a higher misclassification rate than this which means that they are more prone to error while classifying new records. Also, if we look at other parameters such as Average Squared Error, even that is very low for this K Nearest Neighbour than the rest of the models. Hence, we select k Nearest Neighbour is the model that is best for this scenario.









Also, as we see below the event classification table, the training and validation data sets have performed similarly for k Nearest Neighbour. Apart from that even the False Negative and False Positive are low which indicates that the misclassification was lower than the other models indicating higher accuracy in terms of classification. This fact is supported by the low Misclassification rate as seen in fit statistics.

Conclusion

We started our data mining project by identifying a crucial healthcare issue of "Classifying patients suffering from HIV and drug abuse on the basis of severity of illness using factors such as spec unit and source of admission". Then we went on to analyse the healthcare data where we were able to identify the variables that actually did help us to understand the relation between different variables. This we did using different graphs such bar graphs, box plots and scatter plots. This step actually helped us to understand if there was any relation between predictor and target variables or not and also between predictor variables which helped us avoid multicollinearity. This way we were able to identify the actual variables that helped us in our data mining problem. This step helped us to reduce the volume of data immensely. After that we removed the unnecessary columns and cleaned the data of trash values which were blank or symbol or invalid. After cleaning the data, we transformed the categorical variables to dummy variables that were useable by the algorithm for our analysis. After creating dummies, we partitioned the data into training, validation and test data sets. This was done so that we can train our data, validate the model and then finally test it with the test data set to check if the model did not over fit. For this, we used 4 different models that are Logistic Regression, Decision Tree, k Nearest Neighbour and Naïve Bayes. After that we compared the output of all the 4 models using a Model Comparison node that helped us identify the best model for our data. Hence, we concluded that k Nearest Neighbour was the best model as it had lowest Misclassification Rate among all the models. This was also supported by the fact that it has lowest Average Squared Error.

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