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## **PROJECT REPORT – Insurance Fraud Prediction Using IBM SPSS Modeler**

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# Insurance Fraud Detection Using C&R Tree Algorithm

## Agenda / Definition

The project aims to detect fraudulent insurance claims using the C&R Tree (Classification and Regression Tree) method in IBM SPSS Modeler.

By analyzing claim data (such as vehicle details, claim amount, and customer info), the model identifies patterns and predicts whether a claim is fraudulent (Y) or non-fraudulent (N).

## Outcomes / Learning

- Import and explore a dataset in IBM SPSS Modeler
- Perform data cleaning (remove irrelevant columns, handle missing values)
- Partition data into training and testing samples
- Build and evaluate a C&R Tree classification model
- Generate and interpret prediction results and graphs

**This project demonstrates the full data mining workflow – from preparation to model evaluation.**

## Required Tools

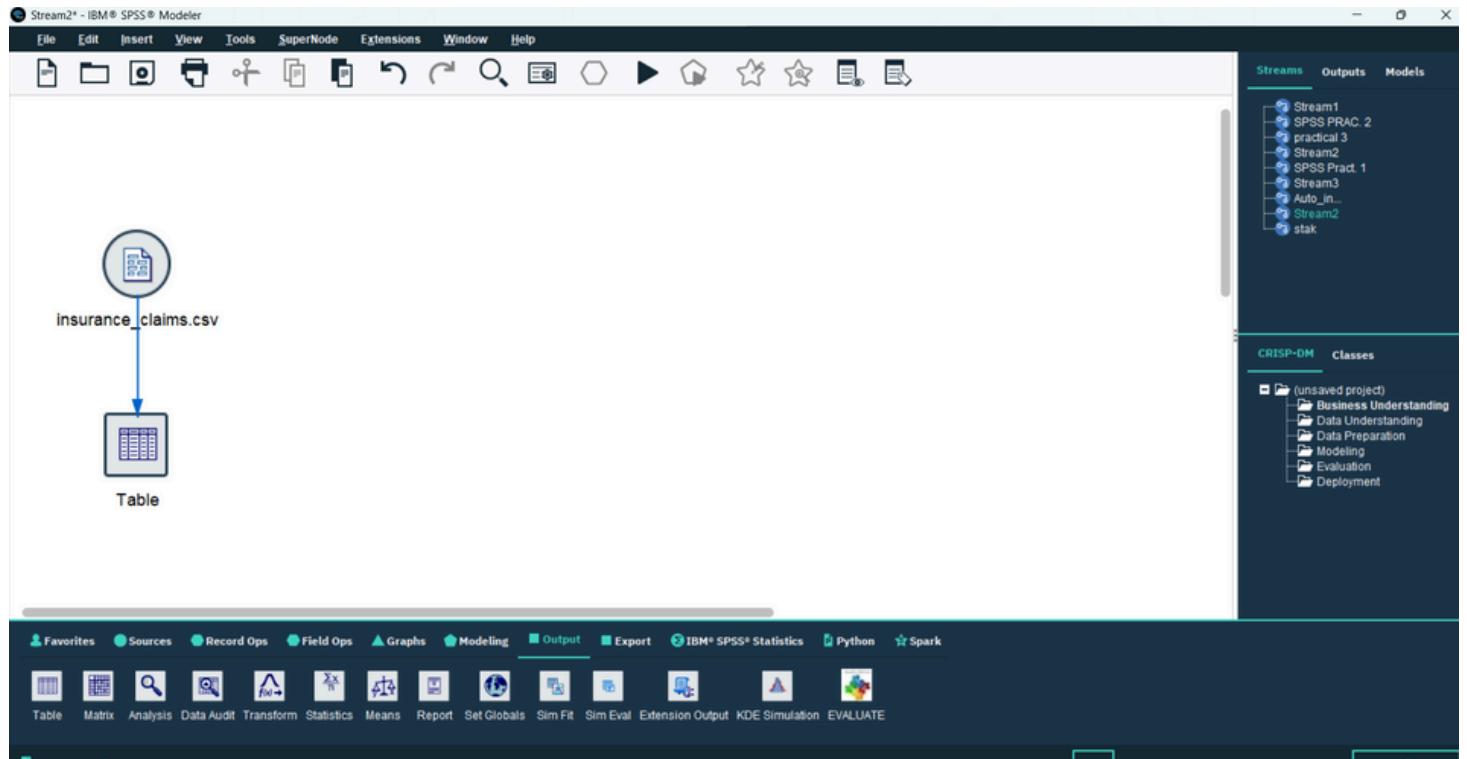
The tool used for this project is IBM SPSS Modeler.

## Working

- **The project involves:**
- Importing the insurance claim dataset
- Cleaning and preparing the data
- Setting variable roles and partitioning data
- Configuring and running the C&R Tree model
- Viewing prediction results in a table and histogram

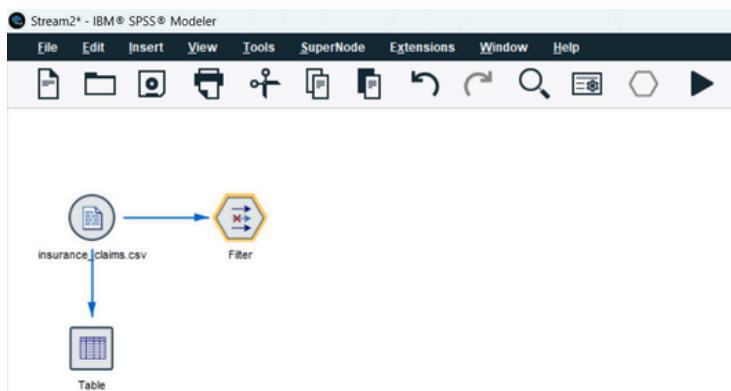
## Step 1: Import Data

Loaded the dataset (insurance\_claims.csv) into SPSS Modeler using the Var.File Node under Sources palette. After reading metadata, all fields were correctly recognized.



## Step 2: Remove unnecessary Data

The Filter Node was used to exclude the irrelevant column \_c39 from the dataset. This column contained empty or meaningless values that could interfere with model accuracy. By filtering it out, we ensured that only useful fields (such as claim amount, vehicle claim, auto make, model, year, and fraud status) were retained for analysis.

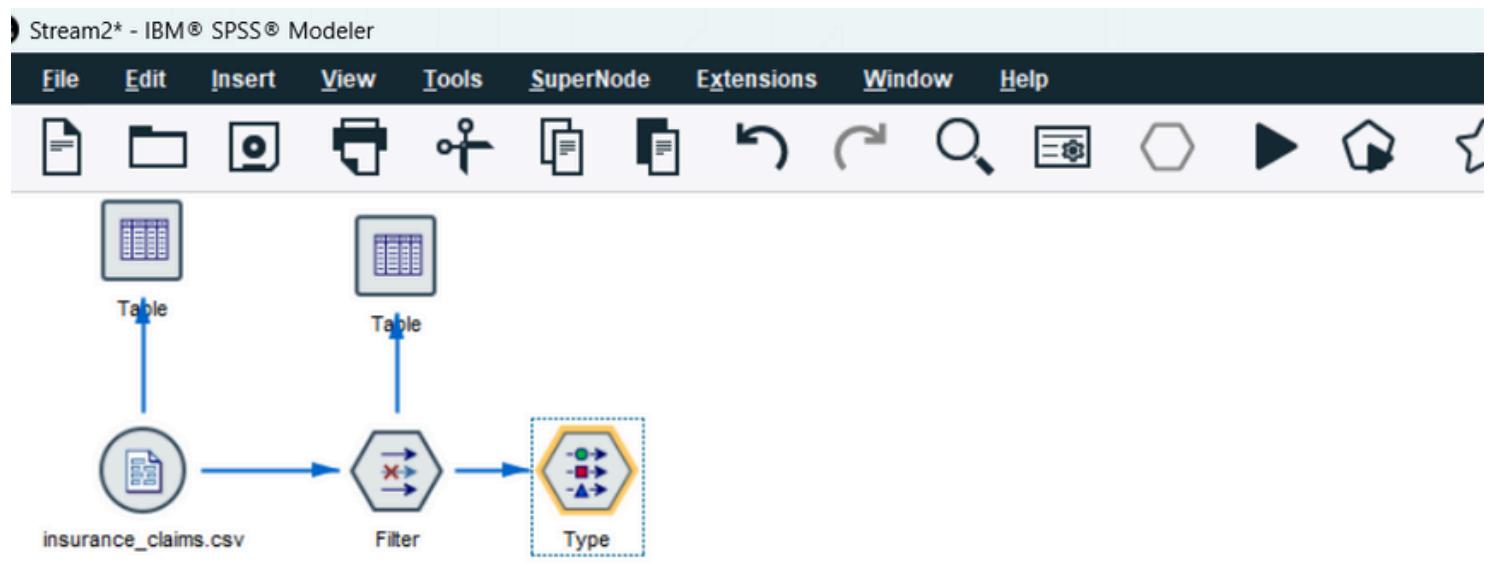


| witnesses | police_report_available | total_claim_amount | injury_claim | property_claim | vehicle_claim | auto_make | auto_model | auto_year | fraud_reported |
|-----------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------------|
| 1         | 2?YES                   | 71610              | 6510         | 13920          | 52080         | Saab      | 92x        | 2004      | Y              |
| 0         | 0?                      | 5070               | 780          | 3510           | Mercedes      | E400      |            | 2007      | Y              |
| 2         | 3?NO                    | 34650              | 7700         | 38920          | 23100         | Dodge     | RAM        | 2007      | N              |
| 0         | 2?NO                    | 62400              | 6540         | 6340           | 50720         | Cougar    | Tahoe      | 2014      | Y              |
| 0         | 1?NO                    | 6560               | 1300         | 150            | 4550          | Accura    | LSX        | 2009      | N              |
| 0         | 2?NO                    | 64100              | 6410         | 6410           | 51280         | Saab      | 95         | 2003      | Y              |
| 0         | 0?                      | 78450              | 21450        | 7150           | 50050         | Nissan    | Pathfinder | 2012      | N              |
| 2         | 2?YES                   | 51590              | 9380         | 9380           | 32830         | Audi      | A5         | 2015      | N              |
| 1         | 1?YES                   | 27700              | 2770         | 2770           | 21260         | Toyota    | Camry      | 2012      | N              |
| 2         | 1?                      | 42300              | 4700         | 4700           | 32900         | Saab      | 92x        | 1996      | N              |
| 2         | 2?                      | 87010              | 7910         | 15820          | 63280         | Ford      | F150       | 2002      | N              |
| 1         | 2?YES                   | 114920             | 17680        | 17680          | 79560         | Audi      | A3         | 2006      | N              |
| 1         | 0?NO                    | 56520              | 4710         | 9420           | 42390         | Saab      | 95         | 2000      | N              |
| 1         | 1?NO                    | 7280               | 1120         | 1120           | 5040          | Toyota    | Highlander | 2010      | N              |
| 0         | 2?YES                   | 46200              | 4200         | 1000           | 32830         | Nissan    | Maxima     | 2003      | Y              |
| 0         | 0?NO                    | 63120              | 10520        | 10520          | 42390         | Subaru    | WRX        | 1997      | N              |
| 1         | 2?YES                   | 52110              | 5790         | 5790           | 40530         | Nissan    | Maxima     | 2012      | N              |
| 0         | 2?YES                   | 77880              | 14160        | 7080           | 56640         | Subaru    | Legacy     | 2015      | N              |
| 1         | 0?NO                    | 72930              | 6630         | 13260          | 53040         | Accura    | TL         | 2015      | N              |
| 2         | 0?NO                    | 60400              | 6040         | 6040           | 48320         | Nissan    | Pathfinder | 2014      | N              |
| 1         | 0?                      | 47160              | 0            | 5240           | 41920         | Subaru    | Impreza    | 2011      | N              |
| 1         | 2?                      | 37840              | 0            | 4730           | 31110         | Accura    | RSX        | 1996      | N              |
| 0         | 0?YES                   | 71520              | 17880        | 5960           | 47680         | Subaru    | Forrestor  | 2000      | Y              |
| 2         | 2?                      | 98160              | 8180         | 16360          | 73620         | Dodge     | RAM        | 2011      | Y              |
| 1         | 3?NO                    | 77880              | 7050         | 14160          | 56640         | BMW       | Escape     | 2004      | N              |
| 1         | 2?YES                   | 71510              | 16500        | 1000           | 44600         | Ford      | Escape     | 2004      | Y              |
| 1         | 3?YES                   | 9020               | 1640         | 820            | 4560          | Toyota    | Camry      | 2005      | N              |
| 2         | 1?                      | 5720               | 1040         | 520            | 4140          | Subaru    | Forrestor  | 2003      | Y              |
| 1         | 0?YES                   | 69540              | 7760         | 15520          | 44650         | Dodge     | Neon       | 2009      | N              |
| 2         | 2?NO                    | 91450              | 14100        | 14100          | 63450         | Accura    | TL         | 2011      | N              |
| 0         | 0?                      | 75600              | 12600        | 12600          | 50400         | Toyota    | Corolla    | 2005      | N              |
| 2         | 2?                      | 67140              | 7460         | 7460           | 52220         | Ford      | F150       | 2006      | Y              |
| 2         | 3?NO                    | 25790              | 3310         | 3310           | 23170         | BMW       | 3 Series   | 2008      | N              |
| 1         | 2?                      | 77110              | 14020        | 14020          | 49070         | Audi      | Impreza    | 2019      | N              |
| 0         | 1?YES                   | 64800              | 10890        | 5400           | 48600         | Audi      | A3         | 1999      | N              |
| 2         | 0?YES                   | 53100              | 10420        | 5310           | 37120         | Mercedes  | C300       | 1995      | Y              |
| 1         | 1?YES                   | 60200              | 6020         | 6020           | 48160         | Subaru    | Forrestor  | 2004      | Y              |
| 1         | 1?YES                   | 5330               | 1230         | 820            | 32100         | Subaru    | Legacy     | 2001      | N              |
| 0         | 0?                      | 62300              | 12460        | 6230           | 43610         | Jeep      | Wrangler   | 2007      | N              |

## Step 4 : Type Node

Defined roles for each field:

- Input Fields: Claim amount, incident severity, age, etc.
- Target Field: fraud\_reported



The screenshot shows the 'Type' dialog box in IBM SPSS Modeler. At the top, there are tabs for 'Types', 'Format', and 'Annotations', with 'Types' being the active tab. Below the tabs are three buttons: 'Read Values', 'Clear Values', and 'Clear All Values'. The main area is a table listing fields and their properties:

| Field            | Measurement | Values | Missing | Check | Role   |
|------------------|-------------|--------|---------|-------|--------|
| total_claim...   | Continuous  | <Read> |         | None  | Input  |
| injury_claim     | Continuous  | <Read> |         | None  | Input  |
| property_clai... | Continuous  | <Read> |         | None  | Input  |
| vehicle_claim    | Continuous  | <Read> |         | None  | Input  |
| auto_make        | Categorical | <Read> |         | None  | Input  |
| auto_model       | Categorical | <Read> |         | None  | Input  |
| auto_year        | Continuous  | <Read> |         | None  | Input  |
| fraud_report...  | Categorical | <Read> |         | None  | Target |

At the bottom of the dialog, there are two radio buttons: 'View current fields' (selected) and 'View unused field settings'. At the very bottom are four buttons: 'OK', 'Cancel', 'Apply', and 'Reset'.

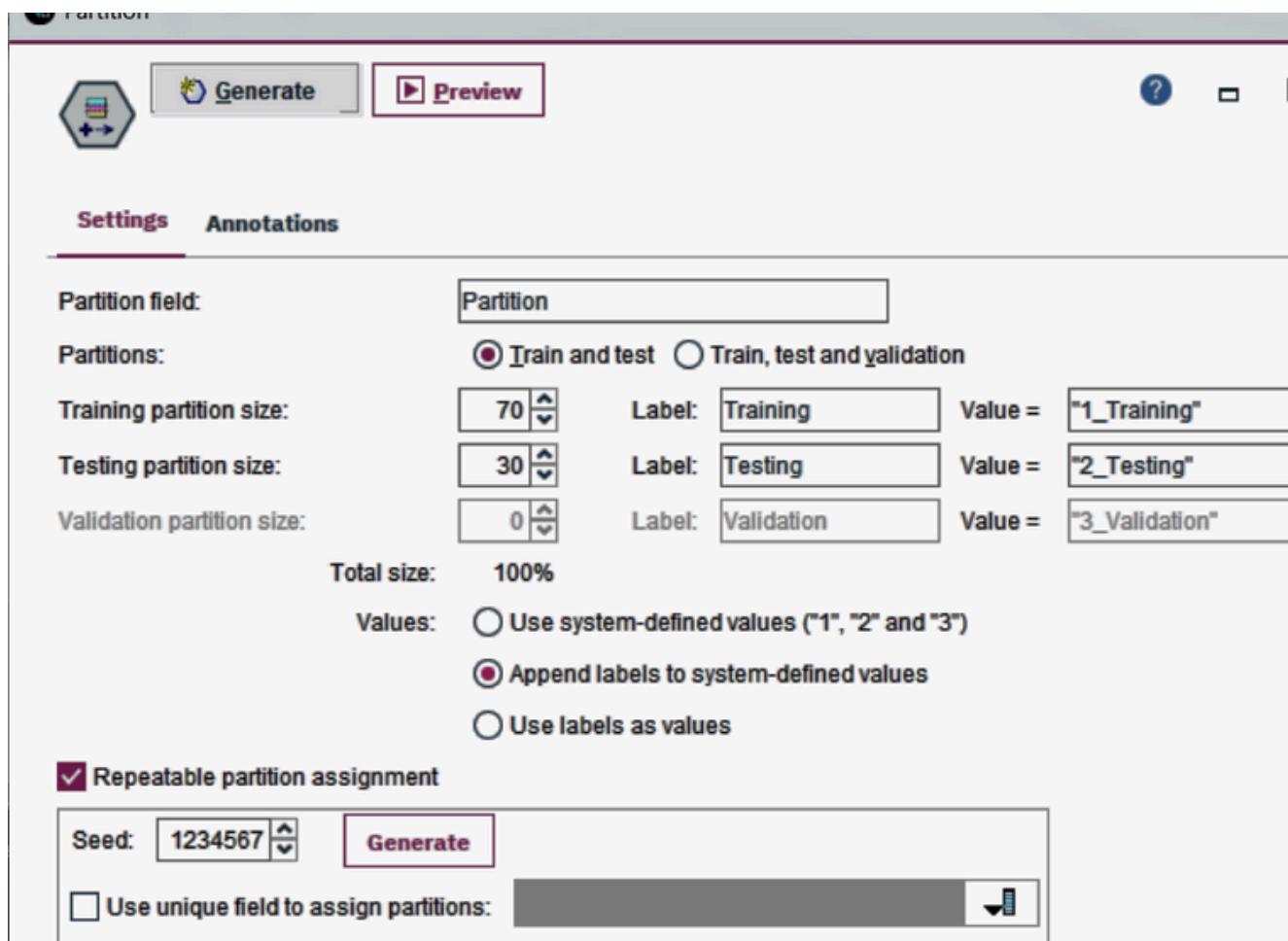
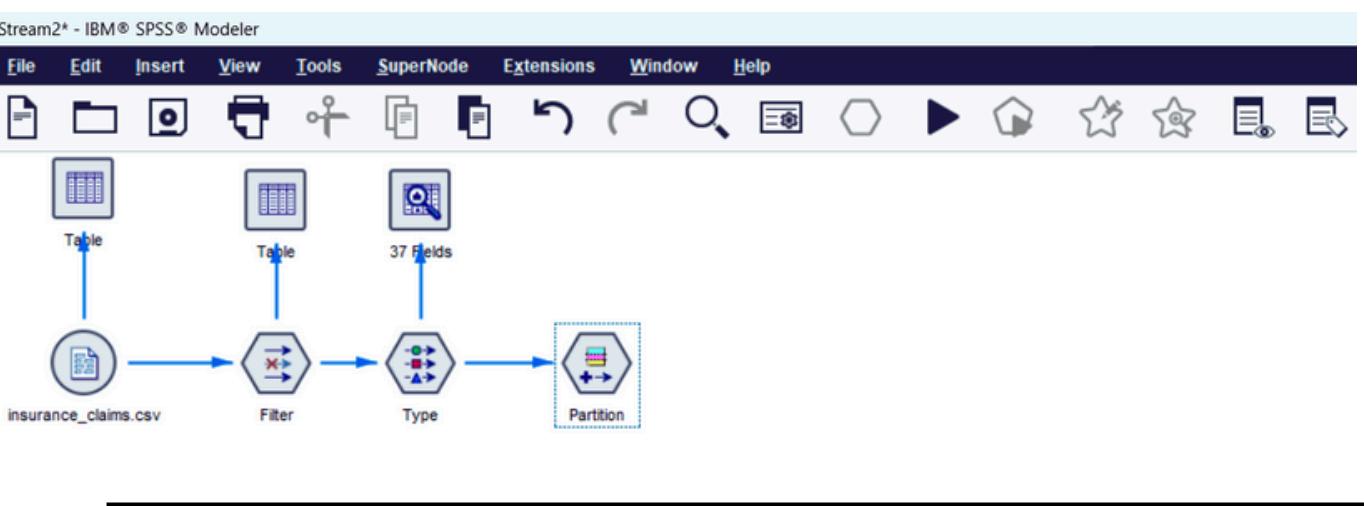
## Step 4 : Partition Data

**Added Partition Node to split data:**

70% for Training

30% for Testing

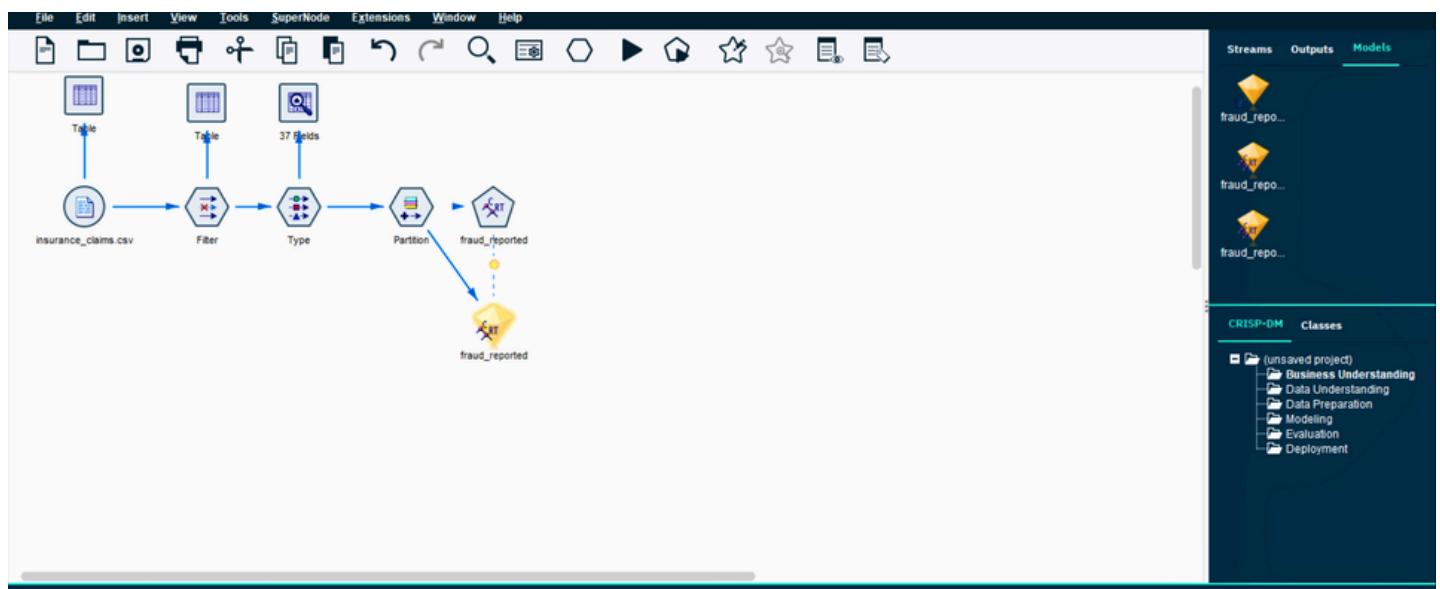
This allows model evaluation on unseen data



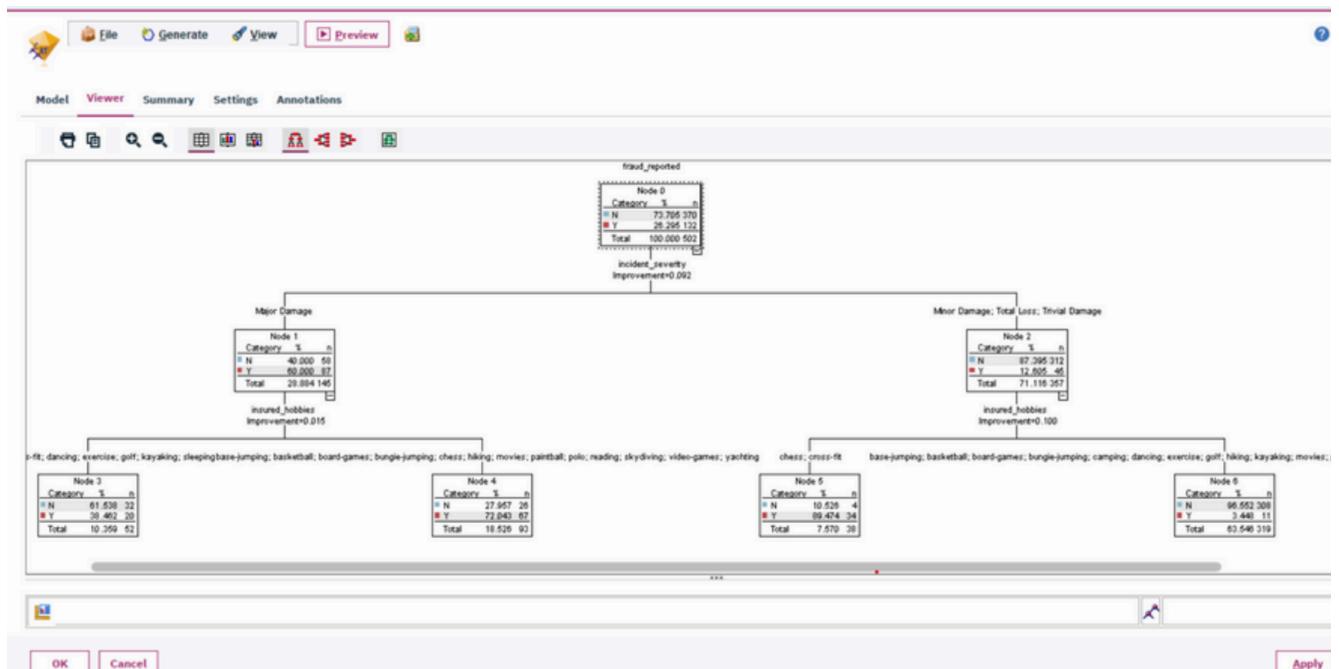
# Step 5 : Build Models

## Model 1 - C&R Tree

- From the Modeling palette, drag a C&R Tree Node.
- Connect it to the Partition Node.
- Open it → confirm:
  - Target: fraud\_reported
  - Inputs: Auto-selected.
- Click Run → view the decision tree output (splits, accuracy, etc.).

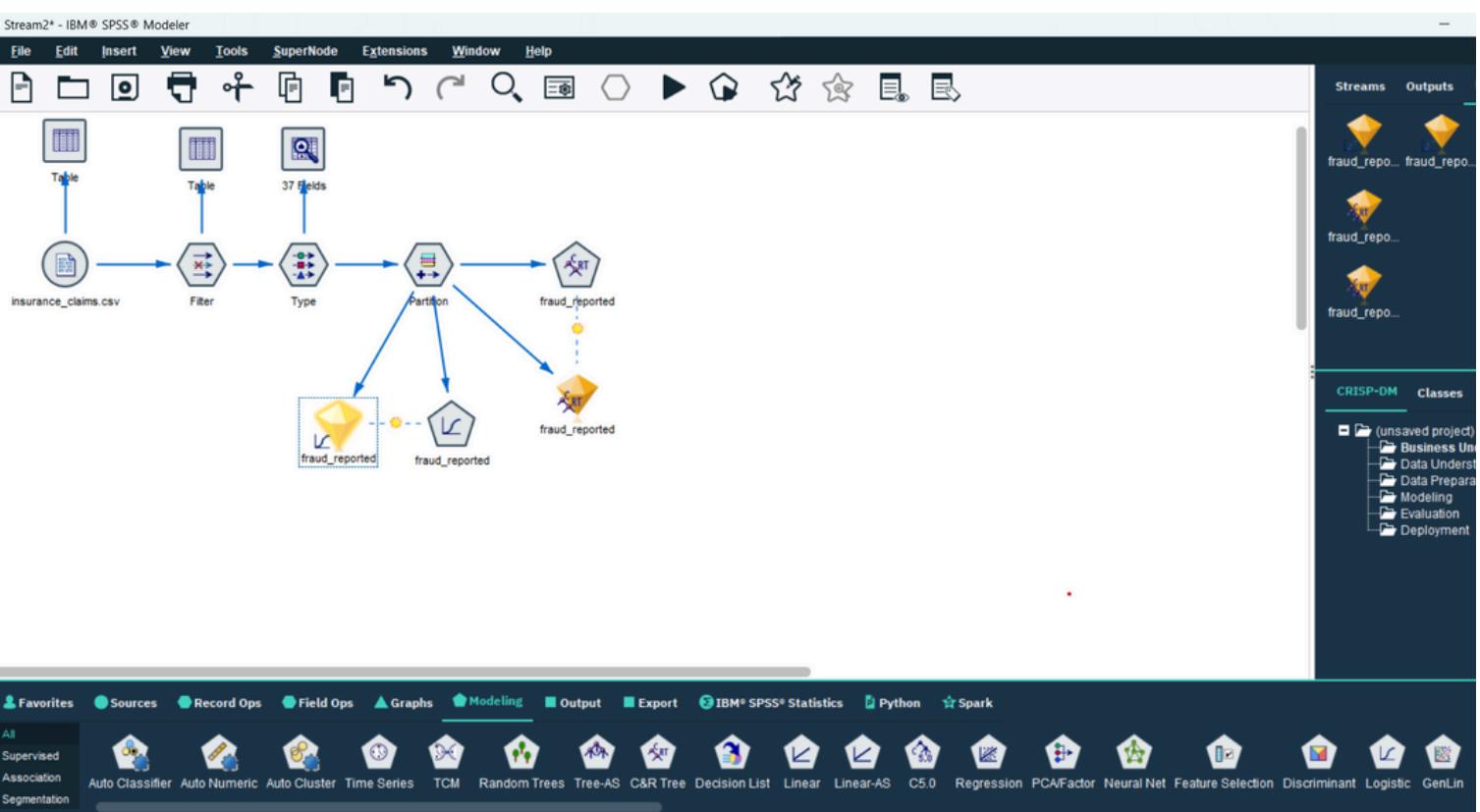


## OUTPUT:



## Model 2 :Logistic Regression

1. Drag a Logistic Regression Node from the Modeling palette.
2. Connect it to the same Partition Node.
3. Click Run → Check model summary and predictor significance.



## Step 7: Generate Predictions

After training, connected the Model Nugget to the dataset and added a Table Node.

**Output fields included:**

- $\text{fraud\_reported} \rightarrow \text{Actual}$
- $\$L\text{-fraud\_reported} \rightarrow \text{Predicted}$
- $\$LP\text{-fraud\_reported} \rightarrow \text{Prediction probability}$

| id  | fraud_reported | Partition  | \$L-fraud_reported | \$LP-fraud_reported |
|-----|----------------|------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 004 | Y              | 1_Training | Y                  | 0.800               |
| 007 | Y              | 1_Training | N                  | 0.595               |
| 007 | N              | 1_Training | N                  | 0.840               |
| 014 | Y              | 2_Testing  | Y                  | 0.998               |
| 009 | N              | 1_Training | N                  | 1.000               |
| 003 | Y              | 1_Training | Y                  | 0.922               |
| 012 | N              | 1_Training | N                  | 0.998               |
| 015 | N              | 1_Training | N                  | 0.996               |
| 012 | N              | 1_Training | N                  | 1.000               |
| 006 | N              | 1_Training | N                  | 0.998               |
| 002 | N              | 1_Training | N                  | 0.981               |
| 006 | N              | 1_Training | Y                  | 0.910               |
| 000 | N              | 2_Testing  | N                  | 0.745               |
| 010 | N              | 1_Training | N                  | 0.963               |
| 003 | Y              | 2_Testing  | N                  | 0.903               |
| 099 | Y              | 2_Testing  | N                  | 0.986               |
| 012 | N              | 1_Training | N                  | 0.542               |
| 015 | N              | 1_Training | N                  | 0.905               |
| 015 | N              | 1_Training | N                  | 0.961               |

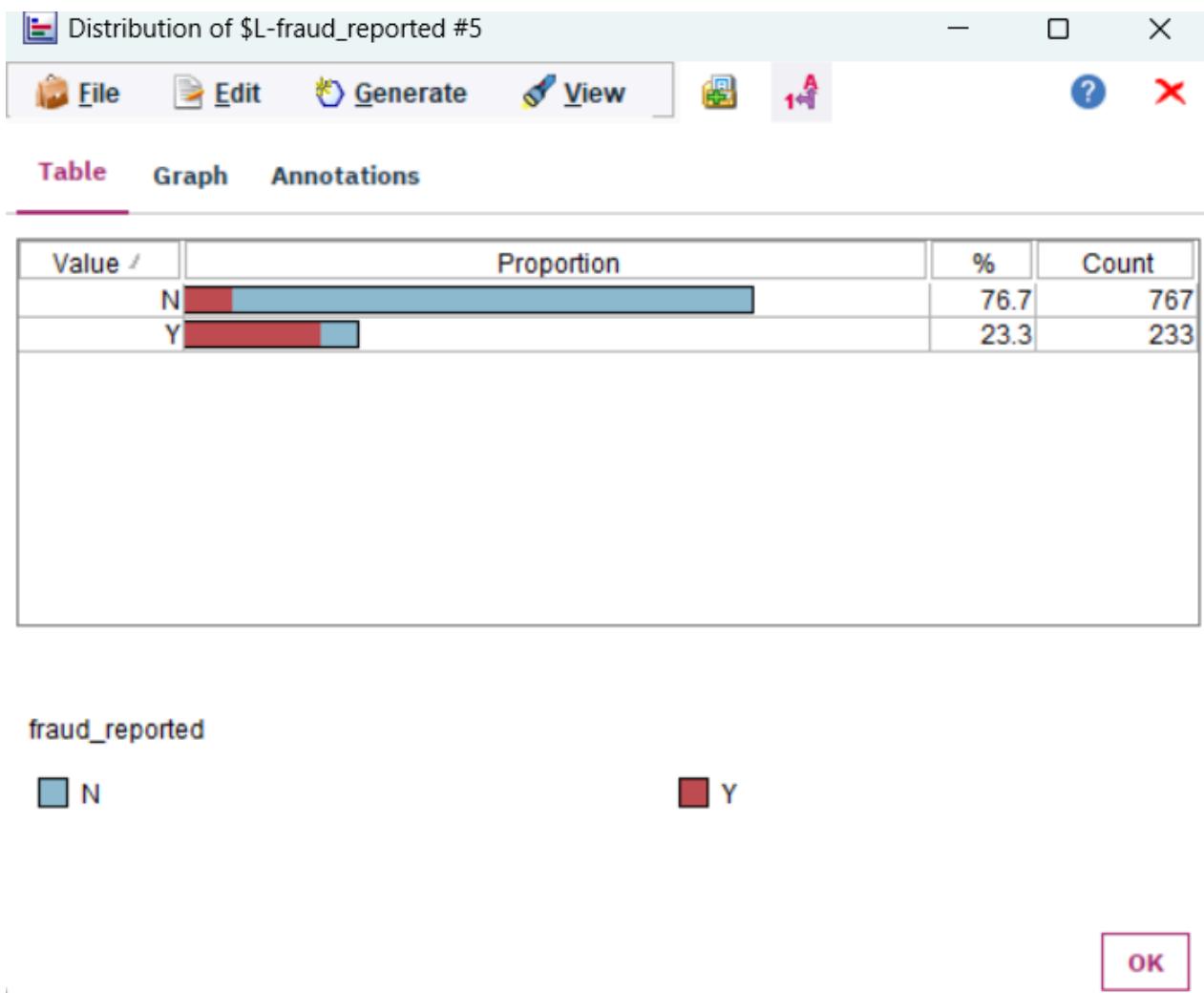
## TABLE

| Table (42 fields, 1,000 records) #4 |                 |             |                         |                    |              |                |               |           |            |           |                |            |                   |                    |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Table                               |                 | Annotations |                         |                    |              |                |               |           |            |           |                |            |                   |                    |
|                                     | bodily_injuries | witnesses   | police_report_available | total_claim_amount | injury_claim | property_claim | vehicle_claim | auto_make | auto_model | auto_year | fraud_reported | Partition  | SL-fraud_reported | SLP-fraud_reported |
| 1                                   | 1               | 2           | YES                     | 71610              | 6510         | 13020          | 52080         | Saab      | 92x        | 2004      | Y              | 1_Training | 0.80              |                    |
| 2                                   | 0               | ?           |                         | 5070               | 780          | 3510           | 5400          | Mercedes  | E400       | 2007      | Y              | 1_Training | 0.59              |                    |
| 3                                   | 2               | 3           | NO                      | 34650              | 7700         | 3850           | 23100         | Dodge     | RAM        | 2007      | N              | 1_Training | 0.84              |                    |
| 4                                   | 1               | 2           | NO                      | 63400              | 6340         | 6340           | 50720         | Chevrolet | Tahoe      | 2014      | Y              | 2_Testing  | 0.99              |                    |
| 5                                   | 0               | 1           | NO                      | 6500               | 1300         | 650            | 4550          | Acura     | RSX        | 2009      | N              | 1_Training | 1.00              |                    |
| 6                                   | 0               | 2           | NO                      | 64100              | 6410         | 51280          | Saab          | 95        |            | 2003      | Y              | 1_Training | 0.92              |                    |
| 7                                   | 0               | ?           |                         | 78650              | 21450        | 7150           | 50050         | Nissan    | Pathfinder | 2012      | N              | 1_Training | 0.99              |                    |
| 8                                   | 2               | 2           | YES                     | 51590              | 9380         | 9380           | 32830         | Audi      | A5         | 2015      | N              | 1_Training | 0.99              |                    |
| 9                                   | 1               | 1           | YES                     | 27700              | 2770         | 2770           | 22160         | Toyota    | Camry      | 2012      | N              | 1_Training | 1.00              |                    |
| 10                                  | 2               | 1           | ?                       | 42300              | 4700         | 4700           | 32900         | Saab      | 92x        | 1996      | N              | 1_Training | 0.99              |                    |
| 11                                  | 2               | 2           | ?                       | 87010              | 7910         | 15820          | 63280         | Ford      | F150       | 2002      | N              | 1_Training | 0.98              |                    |
| 12                                  | 1               | 2           | YES                     | 114920             | 17680        | 17680          | 79560         | Audi      | A3         | 2006      | N              | 1_Training | 0.91              |                    |
| 13                                  | 1               | 0           | NO                      | 56520              | 4710         | 9420           | 42390         | Saab      | 95         | 2000      | N              | 2_Testing  | 0.74              |                    |
| 14                                  | 1               | 1           | NO                      | 7280               | 1120         | 1120           | 5040          | Toyota    | Highlander | 2010      | N              | 1_Training | 0.96              |                    |
| 15                                  | 0               | 2           | YES                     | 46200              | 4200         | 8400           | 33600         | Dodge     | Neon       | 2003      | Y              | 2_Testing  | 0.90              |                    |
| 16                                  | 0               | 0           | NO                      | 63120              | 10520        | 10520          | 42080         | Acura     | MDX        | 1999      | Y              | 2_Testing  | 0.98              |                    |
| 17                                  | 1               | 2           | YES                     | 52110              | 5790         | 5790           | 40530         | Nissan    | Maxima     | 2012      | N              | 1_Training | 0.54              |                    |
| 18                                  | 0               | 2           | YES                     | 77880              | 14160        | 7080           | 56640         | Subaru    | Legacy     | 2015      | N              | 1_Training | 0.90              |                    |
| 19                                  | 1               | 0           | NO                      | 72930              | 6630         | 13260          | 53040         | Acura     | TL         | 2015      | N              | 1_Training | 0.96              |                    |
| 20                                  | 2               | 0           | NO                      | 60400              | 6040         | 6040           | 48320         | Nissan    | Pathfinder | 2014      | N              | 1_Training | 0.97              |                    |
| 21                                  | 1               | ?           |                         | 47160              | 0            | 5240           | 41920         | Subaru    | Impreza    | 2011      | N              | 1_Training | 0.98              |                    |
| 22                                  | 1               | 2           | ?                       | 37840              | 0            | 4730           | 33110         | Acura     | RSX        | 1996      | N              | 2_Testing  | 1.00              |                    |
| 23                                  | 0               | 0           | YES                     | 71520              | 17880        | 5960           | 47680         | Subaru    | Forrestor  | 2000      | Y              | 1_Training | 0.78              |                    |
| 24                                  | 2               | 2           | ?                       | 98160              | 8180         | 16360          | 73620         | Dodge     | RAM        | 2011      | Y              | 1_Training | 0.79              |                    |
| 25                                  | 1               | 3           | NO                      | 77880              | 7080         | 14160          | 56640         | Ford      | Escape     | 2005      | N              | 1_Training | 0.92              |                    |
| 26                                  | 1               | 3           | YES                     | 71500              | 16500        | 11000          | 44000         | Ford      | Escape     | 2006      | Y              | 1_Training | 0.52              |                    |
| 27                                  | 1               | 3           | YES                     | 9020               | 1640         | 820            | 6560          | Toyota    | Camry      | 2005      | N              | 2_Testing  | 0.92              |                    |
| 28                                  | 2               | 1           | ?                       | 5720               | 1040         | 520            | 4160          | Subaru    | Forrestor  | 2003      | Y              | 2_Testing  | 0.98              |                    |
| 29                                  | 1               | 0           | YES                     | 69840              | 7760         | 15520          | 46560         | Dodge     | Neon       | 2009      | N              | 1_Training | 0.99              |                    |
| 30                                  | 2               | 2           | NO                      | 51650              | 14100        | 14100          | 63450         | Acura     | TL         | 2011      | N              | 1_Training | 0.99              |                    |
| 31                                  | 0               | 0           | ?                       | 75600              | 12600        | 12600          | 50400         | Toyota    | Corolla    | 2005      | N              | 1_Training | 0.98              |                    |
| 32                                  | 2               | 2           | ?                       | 67140              | 7460         | 7460           | 52220         | Ford      | F150       | 2006      | Y              | 1_Training | 0.70              |                    |
| 33                                  | 2               | 3           | NO                      | 29790              | 3310         | 3310           | 23170         | BMW       | 3 Series   | 2008      | N              | 1_Training | 0.99              |                    |
| 34                                  | 1               | 2           | ?                       | 77110              | 14020        | 14020          | 49070         | Subaru    | Impreza    | 2015      | N              | 1_Training | 0.79              |                    |
| 35                                  | 0               | 1           | YES                     | 64800              | 10800        | 5400           | 48600         | Audi      | A3         | 1999      | N              | 2_Testing  | 0.99              |                    |
| 36                                  | 2               | 0           | YES                     | 53100              | 10620        | 5310           | 37170         | Mercedes  | C300       | 1995      | Y              | 2_Testing  | 0.99              |                    |
| 37                                  | 1               | 1           | YES                     | 60200              | 6020         | 6020           | 48160         | Subaru    | Forrestor  | 2004      | Y              | 1_Training | 0.99              |                    |
| 38                                  | 1               | 1           | YES                     | 5330               | 1230         | 820            | 3280          | Subaru    | Legacy     | 2001      | N              | 1_Training | 1.00              |                    |
| 39                                  | 2               | 0           | ?                       | 62300              | 12460        | 6230           | 43610         | JEEP      | Wrangler   | 2007      | N              | 2_Testing  | 0.53              |                    |
| 40                                  | 0               | 0           | NO                      | 20170              | 10600        | 10600          | 38800         | BMW       | 5 Series   | 2011      | N              | 1_Training | 0.99              |                    |

## Step 8: Visualize Results

- After model training (C&R Tree and Logistic Regression), I connected the Distribution Graph Node to visualize the target field fraud\_reported.
- The field fraud\_reported was selected as the target variable for visualization.
- The output shows a clear bar chart distribution of “Yes” (fraud) and “No” (non-fraud) claims.
  - **No (N): 76.7% (767 records)**
  - **Yes (Y): 23.3% (233 records)**

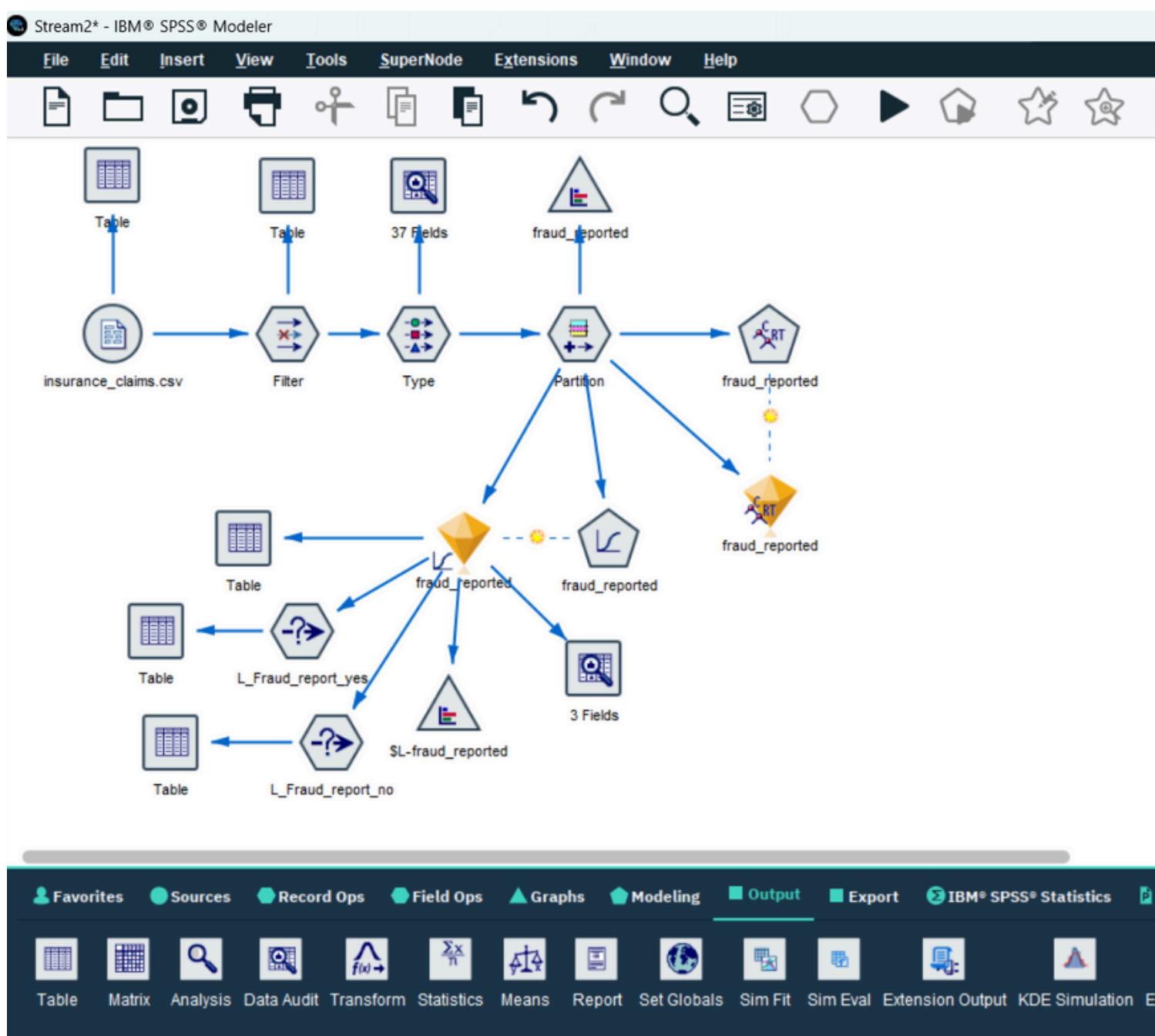
*This indicates that most insurance claims are non-fraudulent, but about one-fourth of cases (23.3%) are identified as fraud, which is still a significant number for analysis.*



# Insights :

- Major Damage and High Claim Amounts are the most common indicators of fraud.
- Customers with risky hobbies (like skydiving or motor racing) are more prone to fraudulent claims.
- Fraud detection is better when combining C&R Tree visualization and Logistic Regression probability scoring.

## FINAL VIEW



## **Model Comparison**

| <b>Model Type</b>   | <b>Description</b>                             | <b>Performance</b> | <b>Best Use</b>  |
|---------------------|--|--------------------|--|
| C&R Tree            | Decision tree showing split by features        | High accuracy      | High accuracy<br>Visual, interpretative classification |
| Logistic Regression | Statistical model estimating fraud probability | High accuracy      | Numerical fraud probability prediction                 |

## **Conclusion :**

**The project successfully built and evaluated two models to detect insurance fraud using IBM SPSS Modeler.**

**The models help the insurance company:**

- Identify potential fraudulent claims early.
- Save costs by reducing false claims.
- Improve the reliability of claim verification systems.

Overall, the C&R Tree and Logistic Regression models provided valuable insights into fraudulent behavior patterns.