Certification/Denial predictions of labor condition application (LCA) for H-1B visa petitions

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Executive Summary

The labor condition application (LCA) is an application filed by prospective employers on behalf of employees applying for an employment-based, non-immigrant visa (H-1B, or variants of H-1B) in the United States and is necessary to get certified for H-1B visa petitions. In this project, I aim to predict the certification and denial decisions of the LCA (decision from the step 1 by using (1) k-nearest neighbors classifier, (2) classification trees, (3) logistic regression and (4) neural nets. I have processed, cleaned and explored the LCA raw data obtained from the DOLETA's OFLC webpage. Then, I have built four prediction models on CERTIFIED/DENIED decisions with the balanced and unbalanced data sets using two different approaches in treating the categorical variables, and evaluated the performance of the classification models compared to two baseline models. From the data processing, cleaning and exploitation, we have learned that the units of wages need to be consistent with the amount of wage and that the proposed wage rate of pay needs to be at least the prevailing wage. From the prediction models, we have obtained higher accuracy using the four classification models with balanced data set than using the baseline models. The classification tree performed the best among the four models, probably because the U.S. DOL makes the CERTIFIED/DENIED decisions based on some rules and logics and the classification tree model can mimic the decision making process better than other models. From the classification tree model, I find the chance of CERTIFIED decisions increases, as H1B DEPENDENT exists, AGENT REPRESENTING EMPLOYER exists, PW SOURCE is from OES and the EMPLOYER NAME files more applications. On top of the current four classification models that already improved the prediction accuracy form the baseline models, I believe that the prediction models can be further improved by working on several possible approaches such as implementing PCA, checking invalid and inaccurate information and analyzing text variables better.

Introduction

The labor condition application (LCA) is an application filed by prospective employers on behalf of employees applying for an employment-based, non-immigrant visa (H-1B, or variants of H-1B) in the United States. The H-1B visa is one of the most common visa statuses that international students/scholars apply for or hold with a secured job position. Understanding and predicting the certification/denial of the visa can benefit the visa applicants, sponsor companies and lawyers in ways that they can strategize how to prepare for the visa petition. For example, the lawyers can screen the applicants' conditions through the predictor and determine whether to take the case or not, and which attributes of the petition need to be strengthened to get certified. Although lawyers with abundant experience in the H-1B visa petition might have built the instinct and/or reasoning to predict the decision based on the experience, novice lawyers, visa applicants and sponsor companies do not have any tool to gauge the probability of certification by themselves. Therefore, building the prediction model for the H-1B visa decision benefits those for the first screening before legal consultations or case study in detail.

The H-1B application steps include followings. Step 1: The prospective employer files the LCA and gets certified by the United States Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (DOLETA)'s Office of Foreign Labor Certifications (OFLC). This involves that the attestations from the employers such as the prospective wages, the confirmed prevailing wages in the location of work and working conditions. Step 2: Once the LCA is certified by the DOLETA, the H1-B visa petitions should be filed at the proper United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) office. Then, a decision letter will be sent out after the review.

In this project, I aim to predict the certification and denial decisions of the LCA (decision from the step 1 by using (1) k-nearest neighbors classifier, (2) classification trees, (3) logistic regression and (4) neural nets. Although the final decisions from the step 2 are not publicly available, the decisions from the step 1 is publicly available in the DOLETA's OFLC webpage: https://www.foreignlaborcert.doleta.gov/performancedata.cfm#dis. Since certification from the step 1 is necessary for the approval of the H1-B visa, we build the prediction model based on the available data of the step 1 decision to gauge the final decisions. From the DOLETA's OFLC webpage, I primarily used the most recent quarterly data (Oct. 1 – Dec. 31, 2017) for this report and have also performed preliminary examination of the second most recent but larger dataset (Oct. 1, 2016 – Sep. 30, 2017) – 2018 Q1 data since it was released in the first quarter of 2018.

Raw data processing and cleaning

The 2018 Q1 data consists of 52 variables with 94,622 records. The variables include each applicant's information such as case status, visa class, decision date and job title; employer's information such as name, address, total number of workers and proposed

wage rate by the employer; and attorney's information such as name, city and state. The full list of variable names and descriptions is tabulated in Appendix A. To avoid the curse of dimensionality, I manually omitted some variables in three groups. First, the variables that include the same information with another variable were omitted. For example, EMPLOYER_ADDRESS, EMPLOYER_POSTAL_CODE, EMPLOYER_PHONE EMPLOYER PHONE EXT were omitted, since they explain who the employer is, as described in EMPLOYER NAME. In a similar manner, I omitted AGENT ATTORNEY CITY, AGENT ATTORNEY STATE, WORKSITE COUNTY and WORKSITE POSTAL CODE as well. Second, the variables with multiple entries of NA, "N/A" or "NA" were omitted such as EMPLOYER BUSINESS DBA, WAGE RATE OF PAY TO, LABOR CON AGREE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE LOCATION. Third, date variables were omitted as variables for models CASE SUBMITTED, EMPLOYMENT_START_DATE, such DECISION_DATE, EMPLOYMENT END DATE and ORIGINAL CERT DATE.

The variables I believe important intuitively without looking at data in detail are as below:

- CASE_STATUS: Output variable. Certified, denied, certified but withdrawn, and withdrawn.
- EMPLOYER_NAME: Names of employers. We can gauge the wage levels, job title, number of employees, and credibility on visa support.
- AGENT_ATTORNEY_NAME: Names of agents/attorneys filing the petition on behalf
 of applicants/employers. We can expect applications to be of better quality when
 filed by attorneys compared to applications filed by applicants/employers.
 Furthermore, some attorneys may have more insight and experience resulting in
 higher certification rates.
- JOB_TITLE: Title of job. We can gauge the wage levels.
- PREVAILING_WAGE: Prevailing Wage for job requested. Basic rule of thumb for the LCA certification is to keep the right of work of American citizens by prohibiting worker visa holders from working at lower wage than the wage levels that is ought to be paid.
- WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM: Wage rate of pay starting from the value, proposed by the employers.

categorical variables such as EMPLOYER NAME, SOC CODE. Regarding the PW_WAGE_LEVELS and PW_SOURCE_YEAR, I approached in two ways. The first approach involves grouping levels of categories into fewer levels of categories if there are too many levels of factors, and then converting the categorical variables into dummy 0-1 variables for each level of categories. For example, JOB_TITLE contains 21,515 levels, and some of levels like ASIC DESIGN ENGINEER and ASIC DESIGN ENG barely have any difference each other. Therefore, I eliminated JOB TITLE and used SOC CODE to group them by different occupation groups, instead of converting JOB_TITLE into dummy 0-1 variables. SOC_CODE is occupational code classified by the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system, and the first two digits represent different major occupation groups. For example, SOC CODE starting with 11- represents management occupations. Similarly, NAICS CODE is industry code associated with the employer, classified by the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS), and I used NAICS_CODE to group EMPLOYER_NAME by different industry group and eliminated JOB_TITLE. All the continuous numerical variables, with exception to the dummy 0-1 variables, were normalized.

The second approach to treat the categorical variables uses the frequency of each level of categories. In this approach, I kept the EMPLOYER_NAME and AGENT_ATTORNEY_NAME variables because I hypothesized that certain employers or attorneys may have a higher chance of certification. If certain employers and attorneys have abundant experience on the H1-B petition filing, they may have a better strategy on successful LCA certification, thereby increasing the certification chance compared to the applications with the same job title and/or the same industry. This abundant experience on the filing can be implicitly inferred from the frequency of EMPLOYER_NAME and/or AGENT_ATTORNEY_NAME among applications. Therefore, I transformed all categorical variables including EMPLOYER_NAME, AGENT_ATTORNEY_NAME, SOC_CODE, NAICS_CODE, PW_WAGE_LEVEL, PW_SOURCE and H1B_DEPENDENT, etc. into numerical variables of the frequency of categories, and then, normalized the values.

Among the 94,622 records, 80,960 cases (85.6%) are certified, 8,900 cases (9.4%) are certified but withdrawn, 1,559 cases (1.6%) are denied, and 3,202 cases (3.4%) are withdrawn before the decision. Since the data is unbalanced with respect to the certification/denial decisions, I used both balanced and unbalanced data sampling to compare the prediction accuracy of analytical models.

Iterations of data exploitation, processing and cleaning

After initial data processing and cleaning, I mainly examined the proposed wage rate of pay and prevailing wage. One of the most important factors of H-1B approval is that the work visa holder does not get paid a lower wage than American citizens for the same work to ensure the work visa holder does not take over American citizens' right of labor. Due to this reason, I assumed that the proposed wage rate should be at least the prevailing wage to get certified and considered them important.

Figure 1 shows the raw data distribution of the wage rate proposed by employers and prevailing wage for the jobs. I find that these wages are grouped in four: (1) both prevailing wage and the proposed wage rate of pay are less than 10K; (2) prevailing wage is less than 10K but the proposed wage rate of pay is bigger than 10K; (3) prevailing wage is bigger than 10K but the proposed wage rate of pay is less than 10K; and (4) both prevailing wage and the proposed wage rate of pay is bigger than 10K. Here, we can ask why the wage distribution is discontinuous around 10K. The answer for this question is that the application asks the amount of wages and units of the wage separately so hourly, weekly, bi-weekly, monthly and yearly wages are segregated in different groups. Even in a single record, mismatch between the units of prevailing wage & the proposed wage rate of pay

exists for 147 records in 2018 Q1 data. Therefore, I changed the hourly, weekly, bi-weekly and monthly wages into hourly wages by assuming 52 working weeks per year, 5 working days per week, 40 working hours per week.

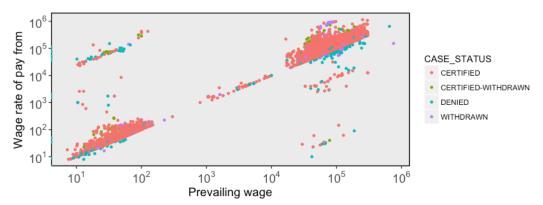


Figure 1. Raw data distribution of prevailing wage & wage rate of pay proposed by employers

Figure 2 shows the distribution of prevailing wage and the proposed wage rate of pay after unifying the units of wages as yearly-based. Here, I notice that two groups of outliers exist in this scatter plot, and these two groups are all denied: (1) the prevailing wage and/or the proposed wage rate of pay is very low, less than 10K; and (2) the prevailing wage is very high, larger than ~1M.

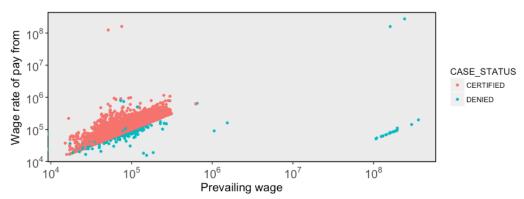


Figure 2. Distribution of prevailing wage & wage rate of pay proposed by employers after unifying the units of wages to USD per year

The second group of very high prevailing wage consists of 22 records and shares two similarities between the records. First, the top 22 cases in the prevailing wage denote the unit of prevailing wages as hourly-based, thereby making the converted yearly-based wage outrageously high. Second, for 20 cases among those top 22 cases, the proposed wage rage of pay is in the range between 50K and 200K yearly. A couple of cases reported the proposed wage rate of pay as ~77K and ~133K hourly. These two similarities imply that the

applicants made mistakes on the unit of prevailing wage or misinterpreted the unit as how to get paid for the yearly wage.

So far, we have examined the prevailing wage and the proposed wage rate of pay and found that those outlier groups are denied without exceptions. I believe that these outliers do not need the prediction model since if-else conditional test can determine the decisions. Therefore, I eliminate those outliers from the data used for the prediction model development.

Figure 3 shows the wage distribution after eliminating the outlier groups for CERTIFIED and DENIED cases, separately. The CERTIFIED group has a linear cut-off for the wage rate of pay below the prevailing wage and has a dense population around the cut-off. The DENIED group also has a dense population around the cut-off, and the wage rate of pay higher than the prevailing wage does not guarantee the certification. Due to this strong relationship between the wage rate of pay, prevailing wage and the decision, I added an extra variable, WAGE_DIFF, which is the wage difference between the proposed wage rate of pay and the prevailing wage. Further exploitation did not provide any more insights on the difference between the CERTIFIED and DENIED groups. Therefore, here is where we need a good prediction model.

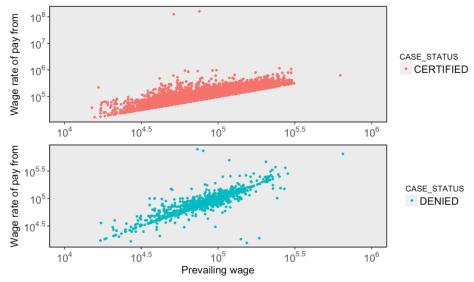


Figure 3. Distribution of the prevailing wage & proposed wage rate of pay after unifying the units of wages and eliminating the outlier groups

Prediction models

I have used four different classification methods for the prediction models of the decisions: (1) classification tree, (2) logistic regression, (3) k-nearest-neighbors classifier and (4) a neural network.

To evaluate the predictive performance of each model, I have examined accuracy of the prediction. Data is split into three groups, which are training, validation and test sets that consist of 50%, 25% and 25%, respectively. Models were built based on the training set; the probability cutoff value to determine 0 or 1 for the results was optimized as values around 0.5 using the validation set; and the accuracy of each model was calculated by using the test set.

Two baseline models were also built as benchmarks, the first one based on all-CERTIFIED prediction (zeroR) and the second one based on the relationship between the prevailing wage, the proposed wage rate of pay and CASE_STATUS. The all-CERTIFIED prediction predicts CERTIFIED for every record, since it is the majority of the data. The wage-based model predicts 100% DENIED if the proposed wage rate of pay is smaller than the prevailing wage and 100% CERTIFIED otherwise, as learned from the data exploitation.

Results

The prediction accuracy using the four different classification methods and the two base models are tabulated in Table 1. For all of the mothers, I tested both balanced and unbalanced data set and approached in two ways to deal with the categorical variables, as tabulated along each column in Table 1. These accuracies are the averaged accuracies over 20 random data samples of ~3,000 records per sample from 82,500 records.

Using the balanced data set, the classification tree model and the neural network model perform the best and better than the two base models. Since the CERTIFIED/DENIED decisions are made based on rules and logics in the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), the classification tree model with some criteria on variables of a single record seems to mimic the decision making process better than the other methods. Although we cannot directly guess how the neural network method yields a higher accuracy than the other two methods, it is very interesting to note that it performs pretty well.

Table 1. Accuracy of four classification methods (Classification tree, Logistic regression, Knearest neighbors and Neural network) models and two base models (all-CERTIFIED model and wage-based model) using two approaches in treating the categorical variables (using 0-1 dummy variables and frequency variables) for balanced and unbalanced data set

		Four classification models			Baseline models		
		Classificati	Logistic	K-nearest	Neural	All-	Wage-
		on tree	regression	neighbors	network	CERTIFIED	based
Balanced	Dummy	0.756	0.676	0.700	0.739	0.500	0.603
	Frequency	0.777	0.720	0.697	0.746	0.500	0.603
Unbalanced	Dummy	0.981	0.951	0.980	0.974	0.982	0.985
	Frequency	0.980	0.979	0.981	0.973	0.982	0.985

Using the unbalanced data set, the baseline models perform better than the other four classification models. I think that this might be because the data is too biased toward CERTIFIED so that building classification models have a high noise-to-signal (DENIED) ratio to be accurate. In other words, too few data of DENIED (1.8% on average) compared to CERTIFIED (98.2% on average) cannot be enough to build a model and to discriminate them from CERTIFIED data in the model.

Interpretation of the classification trees

Since the classification tree model predicts CASE STATUS the best using the balanced data set, we can infer what factors contribute to the CERTIFIED/DENIED decisions. Appendix B includes six exemplary classification trees with the balanced data set using the two different approaches treating the categorical variables, three trees for each. As understood from the data exploitation, WAGE DIFF is one of the most important variables and screen out the first group of DENIAL. Other important variables include H1B DEPENDENT, AGENT REPRESENTING EMPLOYER and PW SOURCE, as well as EMPLOYER NAME if frequency is used for categorical variables. The chance of certification increases, as H1B_DEPENDENT exists, AGENT_REPRESENTING_EMPLOYER exists, PW_SOURCE is from OES (Occupational Employment Statistics by U.S. DOL Bureau of Labor Statistics), and the EMPLOYER files more applications. However, we may need a bit more careful examination on these trends because the model might be inclined toward the CERTIFIED if the record just belongs to the majority due to the unbalanced probability of CERTIFIED and DENIED decisions. The existence of AGENT REPRESENTING EMPLOYER, PW SOURCE from OES and frequent data from certain EMPLOYER NAME belong to majority of data, while the existence of H1B_DEPENDENT does not.

Possible improvements in the future

- Implementation of principal component analysis (PCA)
 To avoid the curse of dimensionality, I omitted some variables but think that some correlations between the variables exist, as examined in the data exploitation. To further reduce the data dimension, we could perform PCA. I believe that the PCA and changing weights between the correlated variables will allow us to reduce the dimensions further and to reduce the computational cost with a bigger dataset.
- Another prediction model by checking invalid and inaccurate information
 According to the Code of Federal Regulations Title 20, 20 CFR 655.740 What actions
 are taken on labor condition applications?, LCA will be denied, when either of both of
 the following two conditions exist: (i) When the application is not properly completed;
 and (ii)When the Form ETA 9035 or ETA 9035E contains obvious inaccuracies. Therefore,
 we could build the prediction models based on these conditions.

SOC_CODE and NAICS_CODE can be example values to check the validity. SOC_CODE and NAICS_CODE are occupational and industry classification codes that are classified by U.S. DOL Bureau of Labor Statistics and U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau. Therefore, a set of codes is already assigned and the codes cannot be any other values than the assigned set of codes. Information about the prevailing wage such as PREVAILING_WAGE, PW_WAGE_LEVEL and PW_SOURCE can be another set of values to be check the validity.

Text analysis on text variables

Text analysis on some variables such as EMPLOYER_NAME and JOB_TITLE could be beneficial to identify the text information better and to increase the predicting accuracies. For example, five different levels exist for AMAZON FULFILLMENT SERVICES, INC. in the variable EMPLOYER_NAME, which are "AMAZON FULFILLMENT SERVICES INC", "AMAZON FULFILLMENT SERVICES INC.", "AMAZON FULFILLMENT SERVICES, INC.", "AMAZON FULFILLMENT SERVICES, INC.", "AMAZON FULFILLMENT SERVICES, INC.". The vast majority of applications chose the last level, thus few applications (3.5%, 0.4%, 1.6% and 0.1%) were included for the rest of the levels, thereby diluting the EMPLOYER_NAME data levels to small frequencies. If we treat them as just one level by using text analysis, the grouping and/or counting frequency will be more accurate, thereby enabling the prediction models to perform with a better accuracy.

Conclusions

I have processed, cleaned and explored the LCA raw data obtained from the DOLETA's OFLC webpage. Then, I have built four prediction models on CERTIFIED/DENIED decisions with the balanced and unbalanced data sets using two different approaches in treating the categorical variables, and evaluated the performance of the classification models compared to two baseline models. From the data processing, cleaning and exploitation, we have learned that the units of wages need to be consistent with the amount of wage and that the proposed wage rate of pay needs to be at least the prevailing wage. From the prediction models, we have obtained higher accuracy using the four classification models with balanced data set than using the baseline models. The classification tree performed the best among the four models, probably because the U.S. DOL makes the CERTIFIED/DENIED decisions based on some rules and logics and the classification tree model can mimic the decision making process better than other models. From the classification tree model, I find chance of CERTIFIED decisions increases, as H1B_DEPENDENT AGENT REPRESENTING EMPLOYER exists, PW SOURCE is from OES EMPLOYER NAME files more applications. On top of the current four classification models that already improved the prediction accuracy form the baseline models, I believe that the prediction models can be further improved by working on several possible approaches such as implementing PCA, checking invalid and inaccurate information and analyzing text variables better.

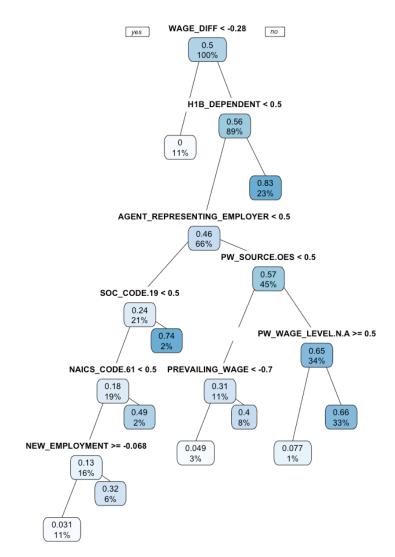
Appendix A. List of names and descriptions of 52 variables in data

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Name	Description		
CASE_NUMBER	Unique identifier assigned to each application submitted for		
	processing to the Chicago National Processing Center.		
	Status associated with the last significant event or decision. Valid		
CASE_STATUS	values include "Certified," "Certified-Withdrawn," Denied," and		
	"Withdrawn".		
CASE_SUBMITTED			
6.161_662	Date and time the application was submitted.		
	Date on which the last significant event or decision was recorded		
DECISION_DATE	by the Chicago National Processing Center.		
	Indicates the type of temporary application submitted for		
VISA_CLASS	processing. Values include H-1B, E-3 Australian, H-1B1 Chile, and		
VISA_CLASS	1.		
EMPLOYMENT_START_DATE	H-1B1 Singapore.		
	Beginning date of employment.		
EMPLOYMENT_END_DATE	Ending date of employment.		
EMPLOYER_NAME	Name of employer submitting labor condition application.		
EMPLOYER_BUSINESS_DBA	Trade Name or dba name of employer submitting labor condition		
	application, if applicable.		
EMPLOYER_ADDRESS			
EMPLOYER_CITY			
EMPLOYER_STATE			
EMPLOYER_POSTAL_CODE	Contact information of the Employer requesting temporary labor		
EMPLOYER_COUNTRY	certification.		
EMPLOYER_PROVINCE			
EMPLOYER_PHONE			
EMPLOYER_PHONE_EXT			
AGENT_REPRESENTING_EMP	Y = Employer is represented by an Agent or Attorney; N =		
LOYER	Employer is not represented by an Agent or Attorney.		
ACENT ATTORNEY NAME	Name of Agent or Attorney filing an H-1B application on behalf of		
AGENT_ATTORNEY_NAME	the employer.		
ACENIT ATTORNEY CITY	City information for the Agent or Attorney filing an H-1B		
AGENT_ATTORNEY_CITY	application on behalf of the employer.		
AGENT_ATTORNEY_STATE	State information for the Agent or Attorney filing an H-1B		
JOB_TITLE	application on behalf of the employer.		
SOC_CODE SOC_NAME	Title of the job.		
	Occupational code associated with the job being requested for		
NAICS_CODE	temporary labor condition, as classified by the Standard		
	Occupational Classification (SOC) System.		
TOTAL_WORKERS	` ' '		
NEW EMPLOYMENT	Occupational name associated with the SOC_CODE.		
	Industry code associated with the employer requesting		
CONTINUED_EMPLOYMENT	permanent labor condition, as classified by the North American		
	Industrial Classification System (NAICS).		
CHANGE_PREVIOUS_EMPLO			
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NEW_CONCURRENT_EMPLO	Indicates requested worker(s) will begin employment for new		
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YMENT	employer, as defined by USCIS I-29.
CHANCE ENABLOYED	Indicates requested worker(s) will be continuing employment
CHANGE_EMPLOYER	with same employer, as defined by USCIS I-29.
	Indicates requested worker(s) will be continuing employment
ANAENIDED DETITION	with same employer without material change to job duties, as
AMENDED_PETITION	defined by USCIS I-29. Indicates requested worker(s) will begin
	employment with additional employer, as defined by USCIS I-29.
	Indicates requested worker(s) will begin employment for new
	employer, using the same classification currently held, as defined
ELLI TIME DOSITION	by USCIS I-29. Indicates requested worker(s) will be continuing
FULL_TIME_POSITION	employment with same employer with material change to job
	duties, as defined by USCIS I-29. Y = Full Time Position; N = Part
	Time Position.
PREVAILING_WAGE	Prevailing Wage for the job being requested for temporary labor
PREVAILING_WAGE	condition.
PW_UNIT_OF_PAY	Unit of Pay. Valid values include "Daily (DAI)," "Hourly (HR)," "Bi-
FW_ONTI_OT_FAT	weekly (BI)," "Weekly (WK)," "Monthly (MTH)," and "Yearly (YR)".
PW_WAGE_LEVEL	Variables include "I", "II", "III", "IV" or "N/A."
PW_SOURCE	Variables include "OES", "CBA", "DBA", "SCA" or "Other".
PW_SOURCE_YEAR	Year the Prevailing Wage Source was Issued.
PW_SOURCE_OTHER	If "Other Wage Source", provide the source of wage.
WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM	Employer's proposed wage rate.
WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_TO	Maximum proposed wage rate.
WAGE_UNIT_OF_PAY H-	Unit of pay. Valid values include "Hour", "Week", "Bi-Weekly",
1B_DEPENDENT	"Month", or "Year".
WILLFUL_VIOLATOR	Y = Employer is H-1B Dependent; N = Employer is not H-1B
WILLI GE_VIOLATOR	Dependent.
SUPPORT_H1B	Y = Employer has been previously found to be a Willful Violator; N
3011 0K1_111B	= Employer has not been considered a Willful Violator.
	Y = Employer will use the temporary labor condition application
	only to support H-1B petitions or extensions of status of exempt
LABOR_CON_AGREE	H-1B worker(s); N = Employer will not use the temporary labor
	condition application to support H-1B petitions or extensions of
	status for exempt H-1B worker(s);
PUBLIC_DISCLOSURE_LOCATION	Variables include "Place of Business" or "Place of Employment."
WORKSITE CITY	City information of the foreign worker's intended area of
WORKSITE_CITY	employment.
WORKSITE COUNTY	County information of the foreign worker's intended area of
WORKSITE_COUNTY	employment.
WORKSITE STATE	State information of the foreign worker's intended area of
WORKSITE_STATE	employment.
WORKSITE DOSTAL CODE	Zip Code information of the foreign worker's intended area of
WORKSITE_POSTAL_CODE	employment.
ORIGINAL_CERT_DATE	Original Certification Date for a Certified_Withdrawn application.

Appendix B. Classification trees obtained from the balanced data set using two approaches in treating the categorical variables

(1) Using 0-1 dummy variables for categorical variables



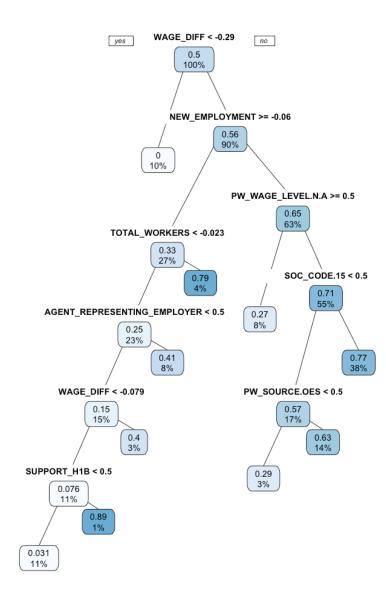
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      SOC_CODE.37
                     < 0.5
                                       to the right, agree=0.896, adj=0.013, (0 split)
      PREVAILING WAGE < 5.01118414
                                       to the right, agree=0.896, adj=0.006, (0 split)
      SOC_CODE.47
                      < 0.5
                                       to the right, agree=0.896, adj=0.006, (0 split)
Node number 2: 159 observations
 mean=0, MSE=0
Node number 3: 1353 observations,
                                     complexity param=0.09424011553
  mean=0.5587583149, MSE=0.2465474604
  left son=6 (1001 obs) right son=7 (352 obs)
  Primary splits:
      H1B_DEPENDENT
                        < 0.5
                                         to the left.
                                                       improve=0.10678967870, (0 missing)
      SUPPORT_H1B
                        < 0.5
                                         to the left.
                                                       improve=0.10458372890, (0 missing)
                        < -0.06827305677 to the right, improve=0.07880448930, (0 missing)</pre>
     NEW_EMPLOYMENT
                                         to the right, improve=0.07115664323, (0 missing)
      PW WAGE LEVEL.N.A < 0.5
     VISA_CLASS.H.1B < 0.5
                                         to the left, improve=0.05882655325, (0 missing)
  Surrogate splits:
      SUPPORT_H1B
                                        to the left.
                                                      agree=0.991, adi=0.966, (0 split)
                       < 0.5
      AMENDED PETITION < 0.03783364027
                                        to the left, agree=0.761, adj=0.082, (0 split)
      CHANGE_EMPLOYER < 1.105905772
                                        to the left, agree=0.741, adj=0.003, (0 split)
Node number 6: 1001 observations,
                                     complexity param=0.06265397247
  mean=0.4625374625, MSE=0.2485965583
  left son=12 (317 obs) right son=13 (684 obs)
  Primary splits:
      AGENT_REPRESENTING_EMPLOYER < 0.5
                                                    to the left, improve=0.09517244411, (0 missing)
                                  < -0.06827305677 to the right, improve=0.07032208163, (0 missing)</pre>
     NEW EMPLOYMENT
      PW_WAGE_LEVEL.N.A
                                  < 0.5
                                                    to the right, improve=0.05620172723, (0 missing)
     WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM
                                  < -0.1172501965 to the left, improve=0.04650677875, (0 missing)</pre>
      VISA_CLASS.H.1B
                                  < 0.5
                                                   to the left, improve=0.04266317884, (0 missing)
  Surrogate splits:
                          < -0.06827305677 to the right, agree=0.744, adj=0.192, (0 split)</pre>
      NEW_EMPLOYMENT
      NAICS_CODE.61
                          < 0.5
                                           to the right, agree=0.709, adj=0.082, (0 split)
                                           to the left, agree=0.701, adj=0.057, (0 split)
      PREVAILING WAGE
                          < -1.058994038
                          < 0.5
                                           to the right, agree=0.700, adj=0.054, (0 split)
      SOC_CODE.19
      PW SOURCE YEAR. 2017 < 0.5
                                           to the left. agree=0.697. adi=0.044. (0 split)
Node number 7: 352 observations
  mean=0.8323863636, MSE=0.1395193053
Node number 12: 317 observations,
                                     complexity param=0.0250576606
  mean=0.2365930599, MSE=0.1806167839
  left son=24 (283 obs) right son=25 (34 obs)
  Primary splits:
      SOC_CODE.19
                       < 0.5
                                        to the left.
                                                      improve=0.16543026110, (0 missing)
      NAICS_CODE.61
                       < 0.5
                                        to the left,
                                                      improve=0.13187124770, (0 missing)
                       < -0.2807026681 to the left,
                                                      improve=0.12875492530, (0 missing)
     WAGE_DIFF
     NEW EMPLOYMENT
                       < -0.06827305677 to the right. improve=0.09080559254. (0 missing)
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AMENDED_PETITION < 0.03783364027 to the left, improve=0.05285954735, (0 missing)
Node number 13: 684 observations,
                                     complexity param=0.0374114691
  mean=0.567251462, MSE=0.2454772409
  left son=26 (166 obs) right son=27 (518 obs)
  Primary splits:
      PW_SOURCE.OES
                            < 0.5
                                             to the left, improve=0.08422271315, (0 missing)
      PW_SOURCE.Other
                            < 0.5
                                             to the right, improve=0.08263026846, (0 missing)
                            < 0.5
                                             to the right, improve=0.06863413308, (0 missing)
      PW_WAGE_LEVEL.N.A
                                             to the left, improve=0.05349398691, (0 missing)
     WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -0.7069275797
      PREVAILING_WAGE
                            < -0.7806546902 to the left, improve=0.04284547656, (0 missing)</pre>
  Surrogate splits:
      PW_SOURCE.Other
                            < 0.5
                                             to the right, agree=0.993, adj=0.970, (0 split)
                                             to the right, agree=0.874, adj=0.482, (0 split)
      PW_WAGE_LEVEL.N.A
                            < 0.5
      PW_SOURCE_YEAR.2017
                            < 0.5
                                             to the left, agree=0.781, adj=0.096, (0 split)
      PW_SOURCE_YEAR.2016
                           < 0.5
                                             to the right, agree=0.778, adj=0.084, (0 split)
     WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -1.507259605
                                             to the left, agree=0.768, adj=0.042, (0 split)
Node number 24: 283 observations.
                                     complexity param=0.01158164935
  mean=0.1766784452, MSE=0.1454631722
  left son=48 (246 obs) right son=49 (37 obs)
  Primary splits:
      NAICS CODE.61
                       < 0.5
                                        to the left.
                                                      improve=0.09924278303, (0 missing)
     WAGE_DIFF
                       < 0.1896289892
                                        to the left,
                                                      improve=0.09672109165, (0 missing)
     NEW_EMPLOYMENT
                       < -0.06827305677 to the right, improve=0.09507283491, (0 missing)
                                        to the left, improve=0.08006258086, (0 missing)
      SOC_CODE.25
                       < 0.5
      AMENDED_PETITION < 0.03783364027 to the left, improve=0.06895157261, (0 missing)
  Surrogate splits:
      SOC\_CODE.25 < 0.5
                                   to the left, agree=0.922, adj=0.405, (0 split)
      WAGE_DIFF < 1.302159012
                                   to the left, agree=0.873, adj=0.027, (0 split)
      SOC CODE.21 < 0.5
                                   to the left. agree=0.873, adi=0.027, (0 split)
Node number 25: 34 observations
  mean=0.7352941176, MSE=0.1946366782
Node number 26: 166 observations,
                                     complexity param=0.01007514378
  mean=0.313253012, MSE=0.2151255625
  left son=52 (41 obs) right son=53 (125 obs)
  Primary splits:
      PREVAILING_WAGE
                            < -0.7006264828 to the left.
                                                           improve=0.10664560090, (0 missing)
      WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -0.7365002132 to the left,
                                                           improve=0.08957493413, (0 missing)
                                                           improve=0.07977609245, (0 missing)
      SOC CODE.15
                            < 0.5
                                             to the left,
     VISA_CLASS.H.1B
                            < 0.5
                                             to the left,
                                                           improve=0.04865497076, (0 missing)
                                             to the left. improve=0.03291307611, (0 missing)
     NAICS_CODE.42
                            < 0.5
  Surrogate splits:
     \overline{WAGE}_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -0.7365002132 to the left, agree=0.976, adj=0.902, (0 split)
      SOC_CODE.19
                            < 0.5
                                             to the right, agree=0.777, adj=0.098, (0 split)
                                             to the right, agree=0.771, adj=0.073, (0 split)
                            < 0.5
      SOC CODE.13
      SOC_CODE.27
                            < 0.5
                                             to the right, agree=0.771, adj=0.073, (0 split)
      NAICS_CODE.44
                            < 0.5
                                             to the right, agree=0.771, adj=0.073, (0 split)
Node number 27: 518 observations.
                                     complexity param=0.01153095213
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mean=0.6486486486, MSE=0.2279035793
  left son=54 (13 obs) right son=55 (505 obs)
  Primary splits:
      PW_WAGE_LEVEL.N.A
                              < 0.5
                                                to the right, improve=0.03692122171, (0 missing)
     WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -0.7069275797
                                                to the left, improve=0.02533107890, (0 missing)
                                                to the left, improve=0.02243929732, (0 missing)
      PW WAGE LEVEL.Level.III < 0.5
      PREVAILING_WAGE
                                                to the left,
                              < -1.388071967
                                                              improve=0.02222520176, (0 missing)
      SOC_CODE.15
                              < 0.5
                                                to the left, improve=0.01831010596, (0 missing)
  Surrogate splits:
                                      to the right, agree=0.979, adj=0.154, (0 split)
      SOC\_CODE.53 < 0.5
      NAICS_CODE.48 < 0.5
                                      to the right, agree=0.977, adj=0.077, (0 split)
Node number 48: 246 observations,
                                      complexity param=0.01158164935
  mean=0.1300813008. MSE=0.113160156
  left son=96 (162 obs) right son=97 (84 obs)
  Primary splits:
     NEW_EMPLOYMENT
                            < -0.06827305677 to the right, improve=0.16777037590, (0 missing)</pre>
                            < 0.03783364027 to the left, improve=0.14752255100, (0 missing)
      AMENDED_PETITION
     NAICS CODE.51
                            < 0.5
                                              to the left.
                                                            improve=0.10387413100, (0 missing)
                            < -0.2788685728 to the left,
                                                            improve=0.09304573265, (0 missing)
     WAGE_DIFF
     WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < 0.09654090939 to the left,
                                                            improve=0.05942394960, (0 missing)
  Surrogate splits:
      CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT < -0.0279406749 to the left.
                                                            agree=0.793, adj=0.393, (0 split)
      CHANGE_EMPLOYER
                            < 0.003402786991 to the left,
                                                            agree=0.785, adj=0.369, (0 split)
                            < -0.03347410691 to the left,
                                                            agree=0.744, adj=0.250, (0 split)
     WAGE_DIFF
                                                            agree=0.715, adj=0.167, (0 split)
agree=0.715, adj=0.167, (0 split)
      PREVAILING_WAGE
                            < 0.7412602643 to the left.
     WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < 0.04947260455 to the left,
Node number 49: 37 observations
  mean=0.4864864865, MSE=0.249817385
Node number 52: 41 observations
  mean=0.0487804878, MSE=0.04640095181
Node number 53: 125 observations
  mean=0.4, MSE=0.24
Node number 54: 13 observations
  mean=0.07692307692, MSE=0.07100591716
Node number 55: 505 observations
  mean=0.6633663366. MSE=0.2233114401
Node number 96: 162 observations
  mean=0.03086419753, MSE=0.02991159884
Node number 97: 84 observations
 mean=0.3214285714, MSE=0.2181122449
               0.7751322751 0.7645502646
Accuracy
Sensitivity
               0.8809523810 0.8677248677
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Specificity 0.6693121693 0.6613756614 Pos Pred Value 0.7270742358 0.7192982456 Neg Pred Value 0.8489932886 0.8333333333



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> tmp <- tree(train.df.norm, valid.df.norm, test.df.norm)</pre>
[1] 0.7566137566 0.5000000000
call:
rpart(formula = CASE_STATUS ~ ., data = trdf)
 n = 1512
             CP nsplit
                          rel error
                                           xerror
1 0.11094783248
                     0 1.000000000 1.0015963700 0.0004701283817
2 0.08122099389
                     1 0.8890521675 0.8917937375 0.0093461669749
3 0.05316611855
                     2 0.8078311736 0.8122764366 0.0164031290604
4 0.03920469848
                     3 0.7546650551 0.7724249790 0.0190691107590
5 0.01820957666
                     4 0.7154603566 0.7210425530 0.0206880568728
6 0.01432447382
                     5 0.6972507799 0.7231943235 0.0216554618749
7 0.01394173629
                     6 0.6829263061 0.7172716142 0.0219923236268
                     8 0.6550428335 0.6934419383 0.0215030545967
8 0.01012415326
9 0.0100000000
                     9 0.6449186803 0.6814475675 0.0213344477764
Variable importance
                  WAGE DIFF
                                                    NEW EMPLOYMENT
PW_WAGE_LEVEL.N.A
                                                     TOTAL_WORKERS
CONTINUED_EMPLOYMENT
                                AMENDED PETITION
                         22
                                                                20
9
            CHANGE_EMPLOYER
                                       CHANGE_PREVIOUS_EMPLOYMENT
SOC_CODE.15
                                                       SUPPORT_H1B
PREVAILING WAGE
                      WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM
                                3
                                                     H1B DEPENDENT
AGENT_REPRESENTING_EMPLOYER
PW_SOURCE.OES
                                                   VISA_CLASS.H.1B
                                SOC_CODE.13
PW_SOURCE.Other
                          3
2
                                2
                                                                 2
1
                SOC_CODE.17
                          1
Node
       number
                1:
                      1512
                             observations.
                                                       complexity
param=0.1109478325
  mean=0.5, MSE=0.25
  left son=2 (151 obs) right son=3 (1361 obs)
  Primary splits:
      WAGE_DIFF
                                < -0.2881880086
                                                    to the left,
improve=0.11094783250, (0 missing)
      NEW_EMPLOYMENT
                              < -0.06018574666 to
                                                      the right,
improve=0.07376857572, (0 missing)
      SUPPORT_H1B
                                                     to the left,
                            < 0.5
improve=0.07216806690, (0 missing)
      H1B_DEPENDENT
                                                     to the left,
                           < 0.5
improve=0.06873704908. (0 missing)
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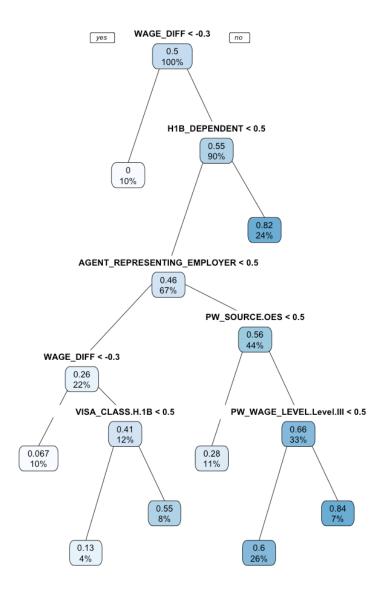
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to the right, improve=0.05106639952, (0 missing)
      PW_WAGE_LEVEL.N.A < 0.5
  Surrogate splits:
      SOC_CODE.47
                            < 0.5
                                             to the right, agree=0.902, adj=0.020, (0 split)
                                            to the left, agree=0.901, adj=0.013, (0 split)
     WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -1.772465109
                           < 0.5
     SOC CODE.43
                                             to the right, agree=0.901, adj=0.007, (0 split)
Node number 2: 151 observations
 mean=0, MSE=0
Node number 3: 1361 observations,
                                    complexity param=0.08122099389
  mean=0.5554739162, MSE=0.2469226446
  left son=6 (406 obs) right son=7 (955 obs)
  Primary splits:
     NEW EMPLOYMENT
                          < -0.06018574666 to the right, improve=0.09135683693, (0 missing)
     SUPPORT_H1B
                          < 0.5
                                           to the left, improve=0.07804347629, (0 missing)
                                           to the left, improve=0.07576642975, (0 missing)
                         < 0.5
     H1B_DEPENDENT
                                          to the right, improve=0.06556791018, (0 missing)
     PW_WAGE_LEVEL.N.A
                       < 0.5
      PW_SOURCE_YEAR.2017 < 0.5
                                          to the left, improve=0.05339649734, (0 missing)
  Surrogate splits:
     PREVAILING_WAGE
                            < -1.124248216
                                             to the left, agree=0.732, adj=0.101, (0 split)
                                             to the left, agree=0.730, adj=0.094, (0 split)
                           < 0.5
     VISA CLASS.H.1B
                                            to the left, agree=0.729, adj=0.091, (0 split)
     WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -0.9416475393
     TOTAL WORKERS
                           < 0.1488328109
                                            to the right, agree=0.719, adj=0.057, (0 split)
     CONTINUED_EMPLOYMENT < 0.2424696058
                                            to the right, agree=0.710, adj=0.027, (0 split)
Node number 6: 406 observations.
                                    complexity param=0.03920469848
  mean=0.3251231527, MSE=0.2194180883
  left son=12 (348 obs) right son=13 (58 obs)
  Primary splits:
     TOTAL_WORKERS
                                  < -0.02321245675 to the left,
                                                                 improve=0.1663533142, (0 missing)
                                  < 0.02264325911 to the left.
                                                                 improve=0.1188556974, (0 missing)
     AMENDED PETITION
                                                   to the left,
     AGENT_REPRESENTING_EMPLOYER < 0.5
                                                                 improve=0.1187260377, (0 missing)
                                                                 improve=0.1008077137, (0 missing)
                                  < 0.003899026122 to the left,
     CHANGE EMPLOYER
     NEW_EMPLOYMENT
                                  < 0.09510580444 to the left,
                                                                 improve=0.1002063556, (0 missing)
  Surrogate splits:
                                 < 0.09510580444 to the left,
     NEW_EMPLOYMENT
                                                                agree=0.966, adj=0.759, (0 split)
     AMENDED_PETITION
                                 < 0.02264325911 to the left, agree=0.943, adj=0.603, (0 split)
     CHANGE EMPLOYER
                                 < 0.003899026122 to the left, agree=0.941, adj=0.586, (0 split)
                                 < -0.03505805807 to the left, agree=0.938, adj=0.569, (0 split)
     CONTINUED_EMPLOYMENT
      CHANGE_PREVIOUS_EMPLOYMENT < 0.1024402574 to the left, agree=0.924, adj=0.466, (0 split)
Node number 7: 955 observations.
                                    complexity param=0.05316611855
  mean=0.6534031414, MSE=0.2264674762
  left son=14 (119 obs) right son=15 (836 obs)
  Primary splits:
                                           to the right, improve=0.09292178488, (0 missing)
     PW_WAGE_LEVEL.N.A < 0.5
      PW_SOURCE_YEAR.2017 < 0.5
                                           to the left, improve=0.06941074774, (0 missing)
                                           to the right, improve=0.06630019428. (O missina)
      PW SOURCE YEAR. 2016 < 0.5
     SUPPORT_H1B
                         < 0.5
                                           to the left, improve=0.04742934655, (0 missing)
     H1B_DEPENDENT
                          < 0.5
                                          to the left, improve=0.04580658588, (0 missing)
  Surrogate splits:
     PW SOURCE YEAR.2016 < 0.5
                                            to the right, agree=0.882, adi=0.050, (0 split)
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< -1.990981482
                                              to the left,
                                                            agree=0.880, adj=0.034, (0 split)
      PREVAILING_WAGE
      PW SOURCE YEAR. 2017
                            < 0.5
                                              to the left, agree=0.880, adj=0.034, (0 split)
                                              to the left, agree=0.879, adj=0.025, (0 split)
     WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -1.655457891
                            < 0.5
     NAICS_CODE.92
                                              to the right, agree=0.877, adj=0.017, (0 split)
Node number 12: 348 observations.
                                      complexity param=0.01432447382
  mean=0.2471264368, MSE=0.186054961
  left son=24 (222 obs) right son=25 (126 obs)
  Primary splits:
                                                                  improve=0.08362766662, (0 missing)
      AGENT_REPRESENTING_EMPLOYER < 0.5
                                                    to the left.
     WAGE_DIFF
                                   < -0.07862971755 to the left,
                                                                   improve=0.08061671936, (0 missing)
      SUPPORT_H1B
                                   < 0.5
                                                    to the left,
                                                                   improve=0.03884038324, (0 missing)
                                   < 0.5
                                                                  improve=0.03142254662, (0 missing)
      PW_WAGE_LEVEL.Level.III
                                                    to the left,
      SOC CODE.19
                                   < 0.5
                                                    to the left, improve=0.03097555922, (0 missing)
  Surrogate splits:
      PREVAILING_WAGE
                             < 0.3238590621
                                               to the left, agree=0.710, adj=0.198, (0 split)
      WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < 0.05038418641
                                               to the left, agree=0.704, adj=0.183, (0 split)
                                               to the left,
      PW_WAGE_LEVEL.Level.IV < 0.5
                                                             agree=0.678, adj=0.111, (0 split)
     WAGE DIFF
                             < 0.6349385089
                                               to the left, agree=0.664, adj=0.071, (0 split)
      SOC_CODE.17
                             < 0.5
                                               to the left, agree=0.658, adj=0.056, (0 split)
Node number 13: 58 observations
  mean=0.7931034483. MSE=0.1640903686
Node number 14: 119 observations
  mean=0.268907563, MSE=0.1965962856
Node number 15: 836 observations,
                                      complexity param=0.01820957666
  mean=0.7081339713, MSE=0.20668025
  left son=30 (260 obs) right son=31 (576 obs)
  Primary splits:
      SOC_CODE.15
                                            to the left,
                                                          improve=0.03983697872, (0 missing)
                          < 0.5
      PW_SOURCE_YEAR.2017 < 0.5
                                                          improve=0.03906430542, (0 missing)
                                            to the left,
      PW_SOURCE_YEAR.2016 < 0.5
                                            to the right, improve=0.03694177618, (0 missing)
                                            to the left, improve=0.03229427301, (0 missing) to the left, improve=0.02844498405, (0 missing)
     VISA_CLASS.H.1B
                          < 0.5
      SUPPORT_H1B
                          < 0.5
  Surrogate splits:
                                        to the right, agree=0.774, adj=0.273, (0 split)
      SOC CODE.13
                      < 0.5
                                        to the right, agree=0.755, adj=0.212, (0 split)
                      < 0.5
      SOC_CODE.17
      PREVAILING WAGE < -0.9819611606
                                       to the left, agree=0.732, adj=0.138, (0 split)
      SOC CODE.29
                      < 0.5
                                        to the right, agree=0.731, adj=0.135, (0 split)
                                        to the left. agree=0.725, adi=0.115, (0 split)
     VISA CLASS.H.1B < 0.5
Node number 24: 222 observations,
                                      complexity param=0.01394173629
  mean=0.1531531532, MSE=0.1296972648
  left son=48 (170 obs) right son=49 (52 obs)
  Primary splits:
                    < -0.07862971755 to the left.
                                                    improve=0.14822041410, (0 missing)
     WAGE DIFF
      SUPPORT_H1B
                   < 0.5
                                      to the left.
                                                    improve=0.13249031130, (0 missing)
     H1B_DEPENDENT < 0.5
                                      to the left,
                                                    improve=0.10246729100, (0 missing)
                                      to the left.
                                                    improve=0.09183818883, (0 missing)
      SOC\_CODE.19 < 0.5
                                                    improve=0.08441332225. (0 missing)
     NAICS CODE.61 < 0.5
                                      to the left.
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Surrogate splits:
      WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < 0.5961020628
                                             to the left, agree=0.793, adj=0.115, (0 split)
                                             to the left, agree=0.784, adj=0.077, (0 split)
                            < 0.5
      SOC_CODE.19
                            < 0.5
                                                           agree=0.784, adj=0.077, (0 split)
     NAICS_CODE.61
                                             to the left,
                                                           agree=0.779, adj=0.058, (0 split)
     NAICS_CODE.51
                            < 0.5
                                             to the left.
                            < 0.5
                                             to the right, agree=0.775, adj=0.038, (0 split)
      FULL_TIME_POSITION
Node number 25: 126 observations
  mean=0.4126984127, MSE=0.2423784329
Node number 30: 260 observations,
                                     complexity param=0.01012415326
  mean=0.5730769231, MSE=0.2446597633
  left son=60 (41 obs) right son=61 (219 obs)
  Primary splits:
      PW_SOURCE.OES
                                                   to the left, improve=0.06016093971, (0 missing)
                                                   to the left, improve=0.05225306146, (0 missing)
      AGENT_REPRESENTING_EMPLOYER < 0.5
      PW_SOURCE.Other
                                  < 0.5
                                                   to the right, improve=0.05079971404, (0 missing)
                                                   to the right, improve=0.04743561487, (0 missing)
     PW_SOURCE_YEAR.2016
                                  < 0.5
      PW_SOURCE_YEAR.2017
                                  < 0.5
                                                   to the left. improve=0.03780856095. (0 missing)
  Surrogate splits:
      PW SOURCE.Other
                                < 0.5
                                                 to the right, agree=0.992, adj=0.951, (0 split)
     NEW_CONCURRENT_EMPLOYMENT < 0.5
                                                 to the right, agree=0.854, adj=0.073, (0 split)
                                < 4.330906151
     WAGE RATE OF PAY FROM
                                                 to the right, agree=0.854, adj=0.073, (0 split)
      PREVAILING_WAGE
                                < 3.87100485
                                                 to the right, agree=0.846, adj=0.024, (0 split)
     WAGE_DIFF
                                < 3.559195063
                                                 to the right, agree=0.846, adj=0.024, (0 split)
Node number 31: 576 observations
  mean=0.7690972222, MSE=0.177586685
Node number 48: 170 observations,
                                     complexity param=0.01394173629
  mean=0.07647058824. MSE=0.07062283737
  left son=96 (161 obs) right son=97 (9 obs)
  Primary splits:
     SUPPORT_H1B
                             < 0.5
                                              to the left,
                                                            improve=0.52243331920, (0 missing)
                             < 0.5
                                                            improve=0.41490468830, (0 missing)
     H1B_DEPENDENT
                                              to the left,
                                                            improve=0.01632726294, (0 missing)
     VISA CLASS.H.1B
                             < 0.5
                                              to the left,
     PW_WAGE_LEVEL.Level.II < 0.5
                                              to the right, improve=0.01161399610, (0 missing)
     WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -0.4668398269 to the right, improve=0.01161399610, (0 missing)
  Surrogate splits:
     H1B DEPENDENT < 0.5
                                     to the left. agree=0.988. adi=0.778. (0 split)
Node number 49: 52 observations
  mean=0.4038461538, MSE=0.2407544379
Node number 60: 41 observations
  mean=0.2926829268, MSE=0.2070196312
Node number 61: 219 observations
  mean=0.6255707763, MSE=0.2342319802
Node number 96: 161 observations
 mean=0.03105590062. MSE=0.03009143166
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Node number 97: 9 observations mean=0.8888888889, MSE=0.0987654321

	[,1]	[,2]
Accuracy	0.7566137566	0.7447089947
Sensitivity	0.8359788360	0.8650793651
Specificity	0.6772486772	0.6243386243
Pos Pred Value	0.7214611872	0.6972281450
Neg Pred Value	0.8050314465	0.8222996516



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> tmp <- tree(train.df.norm, valid.df.norm, test.df.norm)</pre>
[1] 0.753968254 0.500000000
Call:
rpart(formula = CASE_STATUS ~ ., data = trdf)
  n = 1512
             CP nsplit
                           rel error
                                           xerror
1 0.10769230769
                     0 1.000000000 1.0014404835 0.0004465542337
2 0.08866790922
                     1 0.8923076923 0.8959017095 0.0113552975997
3 0.05569916224
                     2 0.8036397831 0.8072429217 0.0151077290727
4 0.04667693611
                     3 0.7479406209 0.7815427849 0.0186613631637
5 0.02525644633
                     4 0.7012636847 0.7100620900 0.0207644048150
6 0.01962564831
                     5 0.6760072384 0.7055492565 0.0210213642693
7 0.01286784661
                     6 0.6563815901 0.6882542562 0.0215509952233
8 0.01000000000
                     7 0.6435137435 0.6871994930 0.0222666294761
Variable importance
                  WAGE_DIFF
                                                     H1B_DEPENDENT
SUPPORT H1B
                                       AGENT_REPRESENTING_EMPLOYER
PW_SOURCE.OES
                           PW_SOURCE.Other
                          22
                                                                 14
14
                                 9
                                                                  8
          PW_WAGE_LEVEL.N.A
                                                   VISA_CLASS.H.1B
NEW_EMPLOYMENT
                                                   PREVAILING_WAGE
PW_WAGE_LEVEL.Level.III
                                         SOC_CODE.15
                                 2
           AMENDED_PETITION
                                            PW_WAGE_LEVEL.Level.II
PW SOURCE YEAR.2017
                                                     NAICS CODE.54
WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM
                               PW_SOURCE_YEAR.2016
                           2
                                                                  2
                                 1
1
                SOC_CODE.19
                                                       SOC_CODE.13
SOC_CODE.27
                          1
                                                                  1
1
Node
       number
                1:
                      1512
                              observations.
                                                        complexity
param=0.1076923077
  mean=0.5, MSE=0.25
  left son=2 (147 obs) right son=3 (1365 obs)
  Primary splits:
      WAGE_DIFF
                               < -0.3046590705
                                                     to the left,
improve=0.\overline{1}0769230770, (0 missing)
      H1B_DEPENDENT
                                                     to the left.
                           < 0.5
improve=0.08675346957, (0 missing)
      SUPPORT H1B
                            < 0.5
                                                     to the left,
improve=0.08245383201, (0 missing)
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< -0.04780941156 to the right, improve=0.06142357501, (0 missing)
     NEW_EMPLOYMENT
      PW WAGE LEVEL.N.A < 0.5
                                          to the right, improve=0.05095766723, (0 missing)
  Surrogate splits:
     WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -1.905902614
                                              to the left, agree=0.904, adj=0.014, (0 split)
                            < 0.5
                                              to the right, agree=0.904, adj=0.014, (0 split)
      SOC_CODE.37
                            < 4.386725697
                                              to the right, agree=0.903, adj=0.007, (0 split)
      PREVAILING WAGE
Node number 2: 147 observations
 mean=0, MSE=0
Node number 3: 1365 observations,
                                    complexity param=0.08866790922
  mean=0.5538461538, MSE=0.2471005917
  left son=6 (1006 obs) right son=7 (359 obs)
  Primary splits:
     H1B_DEPENDENT
                        < 0.5
                                          to the left, improve=0.09936920861, (0 missing)
                        < 0.5
      SUPPORT_H1B
                                          to the left, improve=0.09184731168, (0 missing)
                       < -0.04780941156 to the right, improve=0.07490112370, (0 missing)</pre>
     NEW_EMPLOYMENT
     PW_WAGE_LEVEL.N.A < 0.5
                                          to the right, improve=0.06730572004, (0 missing)
     VISA CLASS.H.1B < 0.5
                                          to the left. improve=0.05668935992. (0 missing)
  Surrogate splits:
      SUPPORT H1B
                       < 0.5
                                         to the left, agree=0.985, adj=0.944, (0 split)
      AMENDED_PETITION < -0.003659157996 to the left, agree=0.766, adi=0.109, (0 split)
Node number 6: 1006 observations,
                                     complexity param=0.05569916224
  mean=0.4602385686, MSE=0.2484190286
  left son=12 (336 obs) right son=13 (670 obs)
  Primary splits:
     AGENT_REPRESENTING_EMPLOYER < 0.5
                                                    to the left, improve=0.08424761654, (0 missing)
     NEW_EMPLOYMENT
                                  < -0.04780941156 to the right, improve=0.06905628083, (0 missing)
                                  < 0.5
                                                    to the left, improve=0.05141534721, (0 missing)
     PW_SOURCE.OES
                                                    to the left, improve=0.05132002690, (0 missing)
     PW WAGE LEVEL.Level.III
                                  < 0.5
                                                    to the right, improve=0.05096607489, (0 missing)
      PW_SOURCE.Other
                                  < 0.5
  Surrogate splits:
     NEW_EMPLOYMENT
                            < -0.04780941156 to the right, agree=0.734, adj=0.202, (0 split)
                                              to the left, agree=0.693, adj=0.080, (0 split)
                            < -1.044592675
     PREVAILING_WAGE
                            < 0.5
     SOC CODE.19
                                              to the right, agree=0.688, adj=0.065, (0 split)
                           < 0.5
     PW_SOURCE_YEAR.2017
                                              to the left, agree=0.683, adj=0.051, (0 split)
     WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -1.016098878
                                              to the left, agree=0.681, adj=0.045, (0 split)
Node number 7: 359 observations
  mean=0.8161559889, MSE=0.1500453907
Node number 12: 336 observations,
                                     complexity param=0.02525644633
  mean=0.255952381, MSE=0.1904407596
  left son=24 (149 obs) right son=25 (187 obs)
  Primary splits:
     WAGE_DIFF
                       < -0.3020302372
                                         to the left, improve=0.14919863890, (0 missing)
                      < -0.04780941156 to the right, improve=0.09641130563, (0 missing)
     NEW EMPLOYMENT
     NAICS_CODE.61
                       < 0.5
                                         to the left,
                                                       improve=0.08635215947, (0 missing)
                                                       improve=0.08385564083, (0 missing)
     AMENDED_PETITION < -0.003659157996 to the left,
      SOC_CODE.19
                      < 0.5
                                        to the left.
                                                       improve=0.07948155039, (0 missing)
  Surrogate splits:
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SOC_CODE.15
                             < 0.5
                                               to the right, agree=0.735, adj=0.403, (0 split)
      PW WAGE LEVEL.Level.II < 0.5
                                               to the right, agree=0.723, adj=0.376, (0 split)
                             < -0.3749158944
                                               to the right, agree=0.705, adj=0.336, (0 split)
     PREVAILING_WAGE
     NAICS_CODE.54
                             < 0.5
                                               to the right, agree=0.690, adj=0.302, (0 split)
     NEW_EMPLOYMENT
                             < -0.04780941156 to the right, agree=0.655, adj=0.221, (0 split)
Node number 13: 670 observations,
                                     complexity param=0.04667693611
  mean=0.5626865672, MSE=0.2460703943
  left son=26 (165 obs) right son=27 (505 obs)
  Primary splits:
     PW_SOURCE.OES
                            < 0.5
                                              to the left, improve=0.10701877440, (0 missing)
      PW_SOURCE.Other
                            < 0.5
                                              to the right, improve=0.10551874310, (0 missing)
                            < 0.5
                                              to the right, improve=0.08023645394, (0 missing)
      PW_WAGE_LEVEL.N.A
                                              to the left, improve=0.04919732725, (0 missing)
     WAGE RATE OF PAY FROM < -0.7417247649
      PW_SOURCE_YEAR.2016
                            < 0.5
                                              to the right, improve=0.04574011848, (0 missing)
  Surrogate splits:
      PW_SOURCE.Other
                            < 0.5
                                              to the right, agree=0.993, adj=0.970, (0 split)
                            < 0.5
                                              to the right, agree=0.881, adj=0.515, (0 split)
      PW_WAGE_LEVEL.N.A
      PW SOURCE YEAR.2016
                            < 0.5
                                              to the right, agree=0.782, adj=0.115, (0 split)
                            < 0.5
                                              to the left, agree=0.782, adj=0.115, (0 split)
      PW_SOURCE_YEAR.2017
     WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -1.62844559
                                              to the left, agree=0.766, adj=0.048, (0 split)
Node number 24: 149 observations
  mean=0.06711409396, MSE=0.06260979235
Node number 25: 187 observations,
                                     complexity param=0.01962564831
  mean=0.4064171123, MSE=0.2412422431
  left son=50 (63 obs) right son=51 (124 obs)
  Primary splits:
     VISA_CLASS.H.1B
                          < 0.5
                                            to the left, improve=0.16444506600, (0 missing)
     PW SOURCE YEAR. 2016 < 0.5
                                            to the right, improve=0.07726158176, (0 missing)
     SOC_CODE.15
                          < 0.5
                                            to the left, improve=0.06901269498, (0 missing)
                                            to the left, improve=0.06693483306, (0 missing)
     NAICS_CODE.61
                          < 0.5
      PW_SOURCE.Other
                          < 0.5
                                            to the right, improve=0.06433964329, (0 missing)
  Surrogate splits:
      SOC_CODE.13
                                 < 0.5
                                                   to the right, agree=0.722, adj=0.175, (0 split)
     SOC_CODE.27
                                 < 0.5
                                                   to the right, agree=0.722, adj=0.175, (0 split)
                                                   to the right, agree=0.690, adj=0.079, (0 split)
     VISA_CLASS.H.1B1.Singapore < 0.5
                                 < -1.30148446
                                                   to the left, agree=0.684, adj=0.063, (0 split)
     WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM
     NAICS_CODE.31
                                 < 0.5
                                                   to the right, agree=0.684, adi=0.063, (0 split)
Node number 26: 165 observations
  mean=0.2787878788, MSE=0.2010651974
Node number 27: 505 observations,
                                     complexity param=0.01286784661
  mean=0.6554455446, MSE=0.2258366827
  left son=54 (393 obs) right son=55 (112 obs)
  Primary splits:
      PW_WAGE_LEVEL.Level.III < 0.5
                                                to the left,
                                                              improve=0.04264929053, (0 missing)
     WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -1.131164232
                                                to the left,
                                                              improve=0.04076601403, (0 missing)
                              < -1.222613316
                                                              improve=0.03697594220, (0 missing)
     PREVAILING_WAGE
                                                to the left.
                                                to the right, improve=0.03451751947. (0 missing)
                              < 0.5
     PW WAGE LEVEL.N.A
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VISA_CLASS.H.1B < 0.5 to the left, improve=0.02953674263, (0 missing)
Surrogate splits:
CHANGE_PREVIOUS_EMPLOYMENT < 8.047647424 to the left, agree=0.782, adj=0.018, (0 split)
NAICS_CODE.71 < 0.5 to the left, agree=0.782, adj=0.018, (0 split)
ode number 50: 63 observations

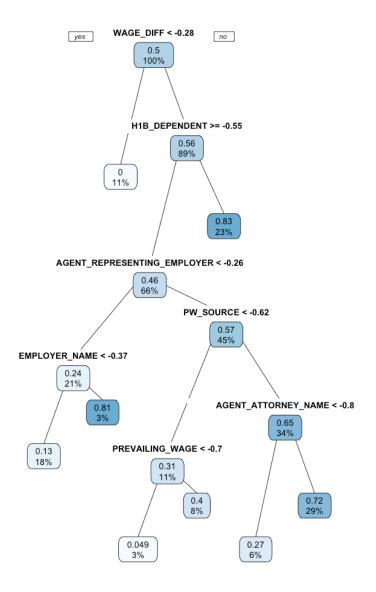
Node number 50: 63 observations mean=0.126984127, MSE=0.1108591585

Node number 51: 124 observations mean=0.5483870968, MSE=0.2476586889

Node number 54: 393 observations mean=0.6030534351, MSE=0.2393799895

Node number 55: 112 observations mean=0.8392857143, MSE=0.1348852041

[,1] [,2]
Accuracy 0.7539682540 0.7513227513
Sensitivity 0.8862433862 0.9126984127
Specificity 0.6216931217 0.5899470899
Pos Pred Value 0.7008368201 0.6900000000
Neg Pred Value 0.8453237410 0.8710937500



(2) Using frequency values for categorical variables

```
> tmp <- tree(train.df.norm. valid.df.norm. test.df.norm)</pre>
[1] 0.7764550265 0.5000000000
call:
rpart(formula = CASE_STATUS ~ ., data = trdf)
  n = 1512
             CP nsplit
                           rel error
                                           xerror
1 0.11751662971
                     0 1.000000000 1.0020403497 0.0005314641173
2 0.09424011553
                     1 0.8824833703 0.8858496954 0.00966666600901
                     2 0.7882432548 0.8076105517 0.0155994142098
3 0.06265397247
4 0.04963191633
                     3 0.7255892823 0.7656022359 0.0187988913901
5 0.03852757243
                     4 0.6759573660 0.7011180686 0.0203190257391
                     6 0.5989022211 0.6266152979 0.0232724143050
6 0.01007514378
                     7 0.5888270773 0.6352104137 0.0235853584330
7 0.01000000000
Variable importance
                  WAGE_DIFF
                                               AGENT_ATTORNEY_NAME
H1B_DEPENDENT
                                                       SUPPORT_H1B
AGENT_REPRESENTING_EMPLOYER
                                           EMPLOYER_NAME
                         18
                                                                 16
15
                                14
                                                                 10
8
                  PW SOURCE
                                                      PW WAGE LEVEL
PREVAILING_WAGE
                                             WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM
NEW_EMPLOYMENT
                           AMENDED_PETITION
3
                                 2
                                                                  2
                                                SOC_CODE
             PW_SOURCE_YEAR
Node
                              observations,
                                                        complexity
       number
                 1:
                      1512
param=0.1175166297
  mean=0.5, MSE=0.25
  left son=2 (159 obs) right son=3 (1353 obs)
  Primary splits:
      WAGE_DIFF
                              < -0.2849143498
                                                    to
                                                        the
                                                            left,
improve=0.11751662970, (0 missing)
                         < -0.553106408
      H1B_DEPENDENT
                                                             right,
improve=0.08779194662, (0 missing)
                            < -0.5550827383
      SUPPORT_H1B
                                                       the
                                                            right,
                                                  to
improve=0.08704420541, (0 missing)
      EMPLOYER_NAME
                         < -0.37312401
                                                   to
                                                        the
                                                             left,
improve=0.07531538166, (0 missing)
      NEW_EMPLOYMENT
                             -0.06827305677
                                                      the
                                                             right,
                                                to
improve=0.05985907180, (0 missing)
  Surrogate splits:
      SOC CODE
                      < -1.365253184
                                        to the left, agree=0.896,
adj=0.013, (0 split)
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CHANGE_EMPLOYER < 10.84468214
                                        to the right, agree=0.896, adj=0.013, (0 split)
      PREVAILING WAGE < 5.01118414
                                        to the right, agree=0.896, adj=0.006, (0 split)
Node number 2: 159 observations
 mean=0, MSE=0
Node number 3: 1353 observations,
                                     complexity param=0.09424011553
  mean=0.5587583149, MSE=0.2465474604
  left son=6 (1001 obs) right son=7 (352 obs)
  Primary splits:
      H1B_DEPENDENT < -0.553106408 to the right, improve=0.10678967870, (0 missing)
                     < -0.5550827383 to the right, improve=0.10458372890, (0 missing)
      SUPPORT H1B
      EMPLOYER_NAME < -0.3746827698 to the left, improve=0.09394038273, (0 missing)
     NEW_EMPLOYMENT < -0.06827305677 to the right, improve=0.07880448930, (0 missing)
      PW_WAGE_LEVEL < -1.142071348 to the left, improve=0.07115664323, (0 missing)
  Surrogate splits:
      SUPPORT_H1B
                       < -0.5550827383 to the right, agree=0.991, adj=0.966, (0 split)
                                        to the left, agree=0.761, adj=0.082, (0 split)
      AMENDED_PETITION < 0.03783364027
      PW SOURCE YEAR
                      < -4.353678328
                                        to the right, agree=0.741, adj=0.006, (0 split)
      CHANGE_EMPLOYER < 1.105905772
                                         to the left, agree=0.741, adj=0.003, (0 split)
Node number 6: 1001 observations,
                                     complexity param=0.06265397247
  mean=0.4625374625, MSE=0.2485965583
  left son=12 (317 obs) right son=13 (684 obs)
  Primary splits:
      AGENT_REPRESENTING_EMPLOYER < -0.2552031106 to the left, improve=0.09517244411, (0 missing)
      AGENT ATTORNEY NAME
                                  < 0.3339908615
                                                    to the right, improve=0.09517244411, (0 missing)
      EMPLOYER_NAME
                                  < -0.3746827698 to the left, improve=0.08339986742, (0 missing)</pre>
     NEW_EMPLOYMENT
                                  < -0.06827305677 to the right, improve=0.07032208163, (0 missing)</pre>
                                  < -1.142071348 to the left, improve=0.05620172723, (0 missing)
      PW_WAGE_LEVEL
  Surrogate splits:
      AGENT_ATTORNEY_NAME < 0.3339908615
                                           to the right, agree=1.000, adj=1.000, (0 split)
                          < -0.06827305677 to the right, agree=0.744, adj=0.192, (0 split)
      NEW_EMPLOYMENT
                                           to the left, agree=0.701, adj=0.057, (0 split) to the left, agree=0.697, adj=0.044, (0 split)
      PREVAILING_WAGE
                          < -1.058994038
      PW SOURCE YEAR
                          < -2.039008986
      SOC_CODE
                          < -1.364860696
                                           to the left, agree=0.694, adj=0.035, (0 split)
Node number 7: 352 observations
  mean=0.8323863636, MSE=0.1395193053
Node number 12: 317 observations,
                                     complexity param=0.04963191633
  mean=0.2365930599. MSE=0.1806167839
  left son=24 (269 obs) right son=25 (48 obs)
  Primary splits:
      EMPLOYER_NAME
                       < -0.3746827698 to the left, improve=0.32766909120, (0 missing)</pre>
                                                       improve=0.12875492530, (0 missing)
     WAGE DIFF
                       < -0.2807026681 to the left,
                       < -0.06827305677 to the right, improve=0.09080559254, (0 missing)
     NEW_EMPLOYMENT
                       < -1.240628821
                                        to the right, improve=0.06205084986, (0 missing)
      SOC CODE
      AMENDED_PETITION < 0.03783364027 to the left, improve=0.05285954735, (0 missing)
  Surrogate splits:
      AMENDED_PETITION < 0.03783364027 to the left,
                                                       agree=0.858, adj=0.062, (0 split)
                       < 0.02172660431 to the left. agree=0.852. adi=0.021. (0 split)
     TOTAL WORKERS
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Node number 13: 684 observations.
                                     complexity param=0.03852757243
  mean=0.567251462, MSE=0.2454772409
  left son=26 (166 obs) right son=27 (518 obs)
  Primary splits:
                                                            improve=0.08422271315, (0 missing)
                                             to the left.
      PW_SOURCE
                            < -0.6217253388
                                                            improve=0.07802293550, (0 missing)
      AGENT_ATTORNEY_NAME
                            < -0.798170725
                                             to the left.
                            < -1.142071348
                                             to the left,
                                                            improve=0.06863413308, (0 missing)
      PW_WAGE_LEVEL
     WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -0.7069275797
                                             to the left,
                                                            improve=0.05349398691, (0 missing)
                            < -0.7806546902
                                             to the left.
                                                            improve=0.04284547656. (0 missing)
      PREVAILING WAGE
  Surrogate splits:
                                                           agree=0.874, adj=0.482, (0 split)
      PW_WAGE_LEVEL
                            < -1.142071348
                                             to the left,
                            < -2.039008986
                                                            agree=0.781, adj=0.096, (0 split)
      PW_SOURCE_YEAR
                                             to the left,
      WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -1.507259605
                                             to the left,
                                                            agree=0.768, adj=0.042, (0 split)
      PREVAILING_WAGE
                            < -1.778911487
                                             to the left,
                                                           agree=0.766, adj=0.036, (0 split)
                                                           agree=0.759, adj=0.006, (0 split)
     VISA_CLASS
                            < -2.928316284
                                             to the left,
Node number 24: 269 observations
  mean=0.1338289963, MSE=0.115918796
Node number 25: 48 observations
  mean=0.8125, MSE=0.15234375
Node number 26: 166 observations,
                                     complexity param=0.01007514378
  mean=0.313253012, MSE=0.2151255625
  left son=52 (41 obs) right son=53 (125 obs)
  Primary splits:
      PREVAILING_WAGE
                            < -0.7006264828 to the left, improve=0.10664560090, (0 missing)</pre>
                                                           improve=0.08957493413, (0 missing)
     WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -0.7365002132
                                             to the left,
                                                           improve=0.07977609245, (0 missing)
      SOC_CODE
                            < -0.1536980364
                                             to the left,
                            < -0.4152105253
                                             to the right, improve=0.06295336041, (0 missing)
      EMPLOYER NAME
      VISA_CLASS
                            < -1.230523379
                                             to the left,
                                                           improve=0.04865497076, (0 missing)
  Surrogate splits:
     WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -0.7365002132
                                             to the left,
                                                           agree=0.976, adj=0.902, (0 split)
                                                           agree=0.789, adj=0.146, (0 split)
      SOC CODE
                            < -1.282830652
                                             to the left,
                                             to the left,
      VISA_CLASS
                            < -1.230523379
                                                           agree=0.765, adj=0.049, (0 split)
      NAICS_CODE
                            < -1.30640459
                                             to the left,
                                                           agree=0.765, adj=0.049, (0 split)
                            < -2.733183463
                                             to the left, agree=0.765, adj=0.049, (0 split)
      FULL_TIME_POSITION
Node number 27: 518 observations.
                                     complexity param=0.03852757243
  mean=0.6486486486, MSE=0.2279035793
  left son=54 (86 obs) right son=55 (432 obs)
  Primary splits:
                                                           improve=0.12693600030, (0 missing)
      AGENT_ATTORNEY_NAME
                            < -0.7980058731
                                             to the left,
                                                            improve=0.05595392415, (0 missing)
      EMPLOYER_NAME
                            < -0.4058579664
                                             to the left.
                                                            improve=0.04092636389, (0 missing)
      PW_WAGE_LEVEL
                            < -0.7242915889
                                             to the left,
                                                            improve=0.03984661172, (0 missing)
     NAICS_CODE
                            < -1.297741549
                                             to the left.
     WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -0.7069275797
                                                            improve=0.02533107890, (0 missing)
                                             to the left,
  Surrogate splits:
     WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -1.085847257
                                             to the left,
                                                           agree=0.847, adj=0.081, (0 split)
                                             to the left,
                                                           agree=0.844, adj=0.058, (0 split)
      NAICS_CODE
                            < -1.302910769
      SOC CODE
                            < -1.359085512
                                             to the left. agree=0.842. adi=0.047. (0 split)
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PW_SOURCE_YEAR < -2.039008986 to the left, agree=0.842, adj=0.047, (0 split) PREVAILING_WAGE < -1.596712066 to the left, agree=0.840, adj=0.035, (0 split)

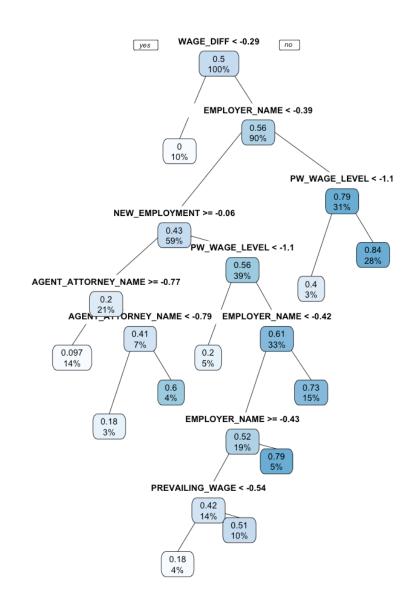
Node number 52: 41 observations mean=0.0487804878, MSE=0.04640095181

Node number 53: 125 observations mean=0.4, MSE=0.24

Node number 54: 86 observations mean=0.2674418605, MSE=0.1959167117

Node number 55: 432 observations mean=0.724537037, MSE=0.199583119

	[,1]	[,2]
Accuracy	0.7764550265	0.7910052910
Sensitivity	0.8306878307	0.8412698413
Specificity	0.722222222	0.7407407407
Pos Pred Value		
Neg Pred Value	0.8100890208	0.8235294118



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> tmp <- tree(train.df.norm, valid.df.norm, test.df.norm)</pre>
[1] 0.777777778 0.5500000000
call:
rpart(formula = CASE_STATUS ~ ., data = trdf)
  n = 1512
              CP nsplit
                           rel error
                                            xerror
  0.11094783248
                      0 1.000000000 1.0034394415 0.0006876593666
  0.10517019724
                      1 0.8890521675 0.9066176526 0.0119336114301
   0.06731789190
                      2 0.7838819703 0.7937842045 0.0165792730029
   0.03188192287
                      3 0.7165640784 0.7239316152 0.0195401705483
   0.02091934157
                      4 0.6846821555 0.7013880516 0.0211372657188
  0.01762960305
                      5 0.6637628140 0.6948331319 0.0216511700038
6
   0.01755609679
                      6 0.6461332109 0.6745801097 0.0223707130502
  0.01247575460
                      8 0.6110210173 0.6506875500 0.0225483895372
 0.01187927712
                      9 0.5985452627 0.6417225945 0.0232383383701
10 0.01000000000
                     10 0.5866659856 0.6338946384 0.0234816352251
Variable importance
              EMPLOYER_NAME
                                                         WAGE_DIFF
                                                     PW_WAGE_LEVEL
NEW EMPLOYMENT
AGENT_ATTORNEY_NAME AGENT_REPRESENTING_EMPLOYER
                                                                19
                         26
12
                                 9
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5
            PREVAILING_WAGE
                                                     TOTAL_WORKERS
WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM
                                                          SOC_CODE
CONTINUED_EMPLOYMENT
                                      VISA_CLASS
                          5
                                                                 4
                                 2
1
           AMENDED_PETITION
                                                     H1B_DEPENDENT
                                                   CHANGE_EMPLOYER
SUPPORT H1B
NAICS_CODE
                          1
                                                                 1
                            1
1
       number
                      1512
                             observations,
                                                        complexity
Node
                1:
param=0.1109478325
  mean=0.5. MSE=0.25
  left son=2 (151 obs) right son=3 (1361 obs)
  Primary splits:
      WAGE DIFF
                              < -0.2881880086
                                                       the left.
                                                   to
improve=0.11094783250, (0 missing)
                         < -0.3785190158
      EMPLOYER NAME
                                                  to
                                                       the
                                                             left,
improve=0.10050181180, (0 missing)
      NEW_EMPLOYMENT
                        < -0.06018574666
                                                     the
                                                            right,
                                               to
improve=0.07376857572, (0 missing)
      SUPPORT_H1B
                           < -0.6276629288
                                                      the
                                                            right,
                                                  to
improve=0.07216806690, (0 missing)
      H1B_DEPENDENT
                         < -0.6125790915
                                                 to
                                                      the
                                                            right,
improve=0.06873704908. (0 missing)
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Surrogate splits:
                                             to the left, agree=0.901, adj=0.013, (0 split)
      WAGE RATE OF PAY FROM < -1.772465109
                                             to the left, agree=0.901, adj=0.007, (0 split)
      SOC_CODE
                            < -1.374152137
     NAICS_CODE
                            < -1.311193169
                                             to the left, agree=0.901, adj=0.007, (0 split)
Node number 2: 151 observations
  mean=0, MSE=0
Node number 3: 1361 observations,
                                     complexity param=0.1051701972
  mean=0.5554739162, MSE=0.2469226446
  left son=6 (897 obs) right son=7 (464 obs)
  Primary splits:
     EMPLOYER_NAME < -0.3862979456 to the left, improve=0.11829474250, (0 missing)
     NEW_EMPLOYMENT < -0.06018574666 to the right, improve=0.09135683693, (0 missing)
                     < -0.6276629288 to the right, improve=0.07804347629, (0 missing)</pre>
     H1B_DEPENDENT < -0.6125790915 to the right, improve=0.07576642975, (0 missing)
      PW_WAGE_LEVEL < -1.128559757 to the left, improve=0.06556791018, (0 missing)
  Surrogate splits:
     TOTAL WORKERS
                           < -0.02321245675 to the left, agree=0.733, adj=0.218, (0 split)</pre>
                                           to the left, agree=0.685, adj=0.075, (0 split)
     CONTINUED_EMPLOYMENT < 0.2424696058
                           < 0.09510580444 to the left, agree=0.681, adj=0.065, (0 split)
     NEW EMPLOYMENT
                           < 0.02264325911 to the left, agree=0.678, adj=0.056, (0 split)
     AMENDED_PETITION
      CHANGE EMPLOYER
                           < 0.3723569947
                                           to the left. agree=0.676. adi=0.050. (0 split)
Node number 6: 897 observations,
                                    complexity param=0.0673178919
  mean=0.4325529543, MSE=0.245450896
  left son=12 (312 obs) right son=13 (585 obs)
  Primary splits:
     NEW_EMPLOYMENT
                                  < -0.06018574666 to the right, improve=0.11557535660, (0 missing)</pre>
                                                   to the right, improve=0.08990949707, (0 missing)
     AGENT_ATTORNEY_NAME
                                  < 0.284253762
     AGENT_REPRESENTING_EMPLOYER < -0.2683489623 to the left, improve=0.08990949707, (0 missing)
     SUPPORT_H1B
                                  < -0.6276629288 to the right, improve=0.08308498243, (0 missing)
                                  < -0.6125790915 to the right, improve=0.08256065263, (0 missing)
     H1B_DEPENDENT
  Surrogate splits:
     EMPLOYER_NAME
                                  < -0.3971884472
                                                   to the right, agree=0.720, adj=0.196, (0 split)
                                                   to the left, agree=0.709, adj=0.163, (0 split)
      AGENT_REPRESENTING_EMPLOYER < -0.2683489623
     AGENT_ATTORNEY_NAME
                                  < 0.284253762
                                                   to the right, agree=0.709, adj=0.163, (0 split)
     VISA CLASS
                                  < -1.16321874
                                                   to the left, agree=0.690, adj=0.109, (0 split)
      PREVAILING_WAGE
                                  < -1.184303608
                                                   to the left, agree=0.687, adj=0.099, (0 split)
Node number 7: 464 observations.
                                    complexity param=0.02091934157
  mean=0.7931034483. MSE=0.1640903686
  left son=14 (47 obs) right son=15 (417 obs)
  Primary splits:
     PW_WAGE_LEVEL
                          < -1.128559757
                                           to the left, improve=0.10385770940, (0 missing)
                                                         improve=0.06838423797, (0 missing)
                          < -0.5992121319
                                          to the left,
     PW_SOURCE
                                                         improve=0.03480777648, (0 missing)
     AGENT_ATTORNEY_NAME < -0.7629612096
                                          to the left.
                          < -0.6276629288
                                          to the right, improve=0.03066752724, (0 missing)
     SUPPORT H1B
     H1B_DEPENDENT
                         < -0.6125790915
                                          to the right, improve=0.02750723602, (0 missing)
  Surrogate splits:
      PW_SOURCE
                         < -0.5992121319 to the left, agree=0.909, adj=0.106, (0 split)
     PW SOURCE YEAR
                         < -1.937709229 to the left. agree=0.905. adi=0.064. (0 split)
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AGENT_ATTORNEY_NAME < -0.7874284629 to the left, agree=0.903, adj=0.043, (0 split)
Node number 12: 312 observations,
                                      complexity param=0.01762960305
  mean=0.2019230769, MSE=0.1611501479
  left son=24 (206 obs) right son=25 (106 obs)
  Primary splits:
      AGENT_ATTORNEY_NAME
                                   < -0.7680034476 to the right, improve=0.13254063020, (0 missing)
     AGENT_REPRESENTING_EMPLOYER < -0.2683489623 to the left, improve=0.12948665290, (0 missing)
                                  < -0.3971884472 to the right, improve=0.07343660356, (0 missing)</pre>
      EMPLOYER_NAME
                                  < -0.07862971755 to the left, improve=0.06599748333, (0 missing)</p>
     WAGE DIFF
     TOTAL_WORKERS
                                  < -0.02321245675 to the left, improve=0.05361127048, (0 missing)
  Surrogate splits:
      AĞENT_REPRESENTING_EMPLOYER < -0.2683489623 to the left, agree=0.997, adj=0.991, (0 split)
      PREVAILING WAGE
                                   < 0.3238590621
                                                    to the left.
                                                                  agree=0.737, adj=0.226, (0 split)
      WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM
                                   < 0.3836889588
                                                    to the left,
                                                                  agree=0.737, adj=0.226, (0 split)
     WAGE_DIFF
                                   < -0.06387737084 to the left,
                                                                  agree=0.686, adj=0.075, (0 split)
      TOTAL_WORKERS
                                   < -0.02321245675 to the left, agree=0.679, adi=0.057, (0 split)
Node number 13: 585 observations,
                                      complexity param=0.03188192287
  mean=0.5555555556, MSE=0.2469135802
  left son=26 (81 obs) right son=27 (504 obs)
  Primary splits:
      PW WAGE LEVEL
                            < -1.128559757
                                              to the left, improve=0.08343253968, (0 missing)
      PW_SOURCE_YEAR
                            < -1.937709229
                                              to the left,
                                                            improve=0.06710893855, (0 missing)
                            < -0.6125790915
                                              to the right, improve=0.05457215131, (0 missing)
     H1B_DEPENDENT
                                             to the right, improve=0.05400073529, (0 missing) to the left, improve=0.05111414993, (0 missing)
      SUPPORT_H1B
                            < -0.6276629288
     WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -0.8388327755
  Surrogate splits:
                            < -1.990981482
                                              to the left,
                                                            agree=0.868, adj=0.049, (0 split)
      PREVAILING_WAGE
     WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -1.655457891
                                                            agree=0.867, adj=0.037, (0 split)
                                              to the left.
                                                            agree=0.865, adj=0.025, (0 split)
                            < -1.309172057
                                              to the left,
      NAICS CODE
      PW_SOURCE_YEAR
                            < -1.937709229
                                              to the left.
                                                            agree=0.865, adj=0.025, (0 split)
                            < -1.371230089
                                                            agree=0.863. adi=0.012. (0 split)
      SOC CODE
                                              to the left.
Node number 14: 47 observations
 mean=0.4042553191, MSE=0.2408329561
Node number 15: 417 observations
  mean=0.8369304556, MSE=0.1364778681
Node number 24: 206 observations
  mean=0.09708737864. MSE=0.08766141955
Node number 25: 106 observations,
                                     complexity param=0.01187927712
  mean=0.4056603774, MSE=0.2411000356
  left son=50 (49 obs) right son=51 (57 obs)
  Primary splits:
                          < -0.7873044734 to the left.
                                                            improve=0.17570279650, (0 missing)
      AGENT_ATTORNEY_NAME
      PW_WAGE_LEVEL
                            < -0.9422280658 to the left.
                                                            improve=0.06171414156, (0 missing)
     TOTAL_WORKERS
                            < -0.08056087931 to the left,
                                                            improve=0.05328849531, (0 missing)
     WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -0.9884693752 to the left,
                                                            improve=0.04161521764, (0 missing)
                            < -0.4267483801 to the right. improve=0.03581029938. (0 missing)</p>
     EMPLOYER NAME
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Surrogate splits:
      EMPLOYER NAME
                            < -0.4251925941 to the left, agree=0.698, adj=0.347, (0 split)</pre>
      WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -0.6197545235
                                             to the left,
                                                            agree=0.670, adj=0.286, (0 split)
                                                            agree=0.642, adj=0.224, (0 split)
     NAICS_CODE
                            < -1.241658745
                                             to the left,
                                                            agree=0.642, adj=0.224, (0 split)
      PREVAILING_WAGE
                            < -1.145584865
                                             to the left.
                                                            agree=0.585, adj=0.102, (0 split)
      SOC_CODE
                            < -1.325338951
                                             to the left,
Node number 26: 81 observations
  mean=0.1975308642, MSE=0.1585124219
Node number 27: 504 observations,
                                     complexity param=0.01755609679
  mean=0.6130952381, MSE=0.2372094671
  left son=54 (280 obs) right son=55 (224 obs)
  Primary splits:
      EMPLOYER_NAME
                            < -0.4220810223 to the left,
                                                            improve=0.04779686333, (0 missing)
                                                            improve=0.04726729581, (0 missing)
      SOC_CODE
                            < -1.29192271
                                              to the left.
                                             to the left,
      PREVAILING_WAGE
                            < -0.8009777946
                                                            improve=0.04195186578, (0 missing)
                            < -1.937709229
                                                            improve=0.03888124751, (0 missing)
                                             to the left,
      PW_SOURCE_YEAR
      WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -0.7567524487 to the left, improve=0.03797630690. (O missing)
  Surrogate splits:
      H1B DEPENDENT
                          < -0.6125790915 to the right, agree=0.734, adj=0.402, (0 split)
                          < -0.6276629288 to the right, agree=0.720, adj=0.371, (0 split)</pre>
      SUPPORT_H1B
      AGENT_ATTORNEY_NAME < -0.7840807475 to the left, agree=0.653, adj=0.219, (0 split)
      SOC_CODE
                          < -0.1603034302 to the left, agree=0.653, adj=0.219, (0 split)</pre>
      AMENDED_PETITION
                          < 0.02264325911 to the left, agree=0.605, adj=0.112, (0 split)
Node number 50: 49 observations
  mean=0.1836734694, MSE=0.149937526
Node number 51: 57 observations
  mean=0.5964912281. MSE=0.2406894429
Node number 54: 280 observations,
                                     complexity param=0.01755609679
  mean=0.5178571429, MSE=0.2496811224
  left son=108 (207 obs) right son=109 (73 obs)
  Primary splits:
      EMPLOYER_NAME
                                  < -0.4267483801 to the right, improve=0.10811108910, (0 missing)</pre>
     AGENT ATTORNEY NAME
                                  < -0.748206464
                                                    to the right, improve=0.09715518092, (0 missing)
     AGENT_REPRESENTING_EMPLOYER < -0.2683489623
                                                   to the left, improve=0.09275487598, (0 missing)
      PREVAILING WAGE
                                  < -0.5659798268
                                                   to the left, improve=0.07212985302, (0 missing)
     WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM
                                  < -0.7567524487 to the left, improve=0.06451354800, (0 missing)</pre>
  Surrogate splits:
      \overrightarrow{AGENT}_ATTORNEY_NAME < -0.7878004312 to the right, agree=0.757, adj=0.068, (0 split)
                          < -1.308028802 to the right, agree=0.743, adj=0.014, (0 split)
     NAICS CODE
Node number 55: 224 observations
  mean=0.7321428571, MSE=0.1961096939
Node number 108: 207 observations,
                                      complexity param=0.0124757546
  mean=0.4202898551, MSE=0.2436462928
  left son=216 (57 obs) right son=217 (150 obs)
  Primary splits:
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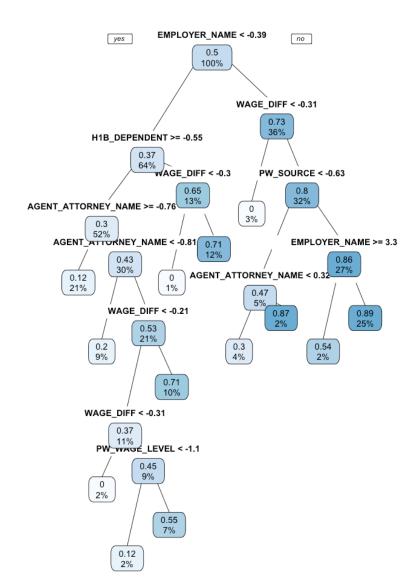
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PREVAILING_WAGE
                                       < -0.536224527
                                                            to the left, improve=0.09350362976, (0 missing)
                                       < -0.7449096129 to the left, improve=0.07284482759, (0 missing)</pre>
    WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM
                                                            to the right, improve=0.05617100952, (0 missing)
    AGENT_ATTORNEY_NAME
                                       < -0.748206464
    SOC_CODE < -1.269951157 to the left, improve=0.05524820008, (0 missing)
AGENT_REPRESENTING_EMPLOYER < -0.2683489623 to the left, improve=0.05243586646, (0 missing)
Surrogate splits:
    WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -0.5289673438 to the left, agree=0.937, AGJ=0.772, (0 split)
    SOC_CODE
                              < -1.29192271
                                                     to the left,
                                                                      agree=0.802, adj=0.281, (0 split)
                                                    to the left, agree=0.739, adj=0.053, (0 split) to the left, agree=0.734, adj=0.035, (0 split) to the left, agree=0.734, adj=0.035, (0 split)
                                < -1.937709229
    PW_SOURCE_YEAR
    VISA CLASS
                                < -1.16321874
    NAICS_CODE
                                < -1.305640215
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Node number 109: 73 observations mean=0.7945205479, MSE=0.1632576468

Node number 216: 57 observations mean=0.1754385965, MSE=0.1446598954

Node number 217: 150 observations mean=0.51333333333, MSE=0.2498222222

	[,1]	[,2]
Accuracy	0.777777778	0.7857142857
Sensitivity	0.8227513228	0.8148148148
Specificity	0.7328042328	0.7566137566
Pos Pred Value	0.7548543689	0.7700000000
Neg Pred Value	0.8052325581	0.8033707865



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> tmp <- tree(train.df.norm, valid.df.norm, test.df.norm)</pre>
[1] 0.7645502646 0.5000000000
call:
rpart(formula = CASE_STATUS ~ ., data = trdf)
  n = 1512
              CP nsplit
                            rel error
                                            xerror
                                                               xstd
   0.11927207774
                      0 1.0000000000 1.0010960872 0.0003901439582
   0.07477622311
                      1 0.8807279223 0.8919106441 0.0164923554691
   0.04859809766
                      2 0.8059516992 0.8209221322 0.0183619653882
   0.04755908693
                      3 0.7573536015 0.8163494990 0.0208662328257
   0.02778619854
                      4 0.7097945146 0.7772086997 0.0216917508948
                      5 0.6820083160 0.7454007911 0.0223804580989
  0.02597710990
6
   0.02395833732
                      6 0.6560312061 0.7276428965 0.0224343265142
  0.02190352021
                      7 0.6320728688 0.7010193478 0.0235625792209
                      8 0.6101693486 0.6599536426 0.0236410499068
   0.01367423664
                      9 0.5964951120 0.6509482269 0.0236254566878
10 0.01251688149
                     11 0.5714613490 0.6474111859 0.0241068545961
11 0.01047894807
12 0.01000000000
                     12 0.5609824009 0.6205958735 0.0237703397569
Variable importance
              EMPLOYER_NAME
                                                         WAGE_DIFF
AGENT ATTORNEY NAME
                                       AGENT REPRESENTING EMPLOYER
H1B_DEPENDENT
                               SUPPORT_H1B
                                                                 19
                         20
13
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6
                  PW_SOURCE
                                                     TOTAL_WORKERS
                                                    NEW_EMPLOYMENT
PW_WAGE_LEVEL
AMENDED_PETITION
                              PREVAILING_WAGE
                           4
                                                                  4
3
                                                                  2
      WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM
                                              CONTINUED_EMPLOYMENT
SOC_CODE
                      CHANGE_EMPLOYER
                                                        VISA_CLASS
PW_SOURCE_YEAR
                           2
                                                                  1
1
                                 1
                                                                  1
1
Node
       number
                      1512
                             observations,
                                                        complexity
                 1:
param=0.1192720777
  mean=0.5, MSE=0.25
  left son=2 (974 obs) right son=3 (538 obs)
  Primary splits:
                         < -0.392590771
      EMPLOYER_NAME
                                                        the left,
                                                   to
improve=0.11927207770, (0 missing)
                             < -0.3046590705
      WAGE DIFF
                                                        the left.
improve=0.10769230770, (0 missing)
      H1B_DEPENDENT
                        < -0.5511350306
                                                       the right,
                                                  to
improve=0.08675346957, (0 missing)
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< -0.5771593149 to the right, improve=0.08245383201, (0 missing)
     NEW_EMPLOYMENT < -0.04780941156 to the right, improve=0.06142357501, (0 missing)
  Surrogate splits:
     TOTAL_WORKERS
                           < -0.01220746605 to the left, agree=0.729, adj=0.240, (0 split)
      AMENDED_PETITION
                           < -0.003659157996 to the left.
                                                            agree=0.687, adj=0.121, (0 split)
      CONTINUED_EMPLOYMENT < 0.3325550385
                                             to the left,
                                                            agree=0.671, adj=0.074, (0 split)
      CHANGE_EMPLOYER
                           < 0.2681569126
                                             to the left,
                                                            agree=0.662, adj=0.050, (0 split)
     NEW_EMPLOYMENT
                           < 0.10093098
                                             to the left,
                                                            agree=0.660, adj=0.045, (0 split)
Node number 2: 974 observations.
                                    complexity param=0.04859809766
  mean=0.3716632444, MSE=0.2335296772
  left son=4 (779 obs) right son=5 (195 obs)
  Primary splits:
     H1B DEPENDENT
                                  < -0.5511350306
                                                     to the right, improve=0.08076255197, (0 missing)
      NEW_EMPLOYMENT
                                  < -0.04780941156
                                                    to the right, improve=0.07638014476, (0 missing)
     WAGE_DIFF
                                  < -0.3028767536
                                                     to the left, improve=0.07575640328, (0 missing)
                                                     to the right, improve=0.07498269182, (0 missing)
     AGENT_ATTORNEY_NAME
                                  < 0.2591668455
      AGENT_REPRESENTING_EMPLOYER < -0.243621524
                                                     to the left, improve=0.07498269182, (0 missing)
  Surrogate splits:
      SUPPORT_H1B
                       < -0.5771593149
                                         to the right, agree=0.980, adj=0.903, (0 split)
      AMENDED_PETITION < -0.003659157996 to the left, agree=0.813, adj=0.067, (0 split)
                       < -1.396764036
                                         to the right, agree=0.802, adj=0.010, (0 split)
Node number 3: 538 observations,
                                    complexity param=0.07477622311
  mean=0.7323420074, MSE=0.1960171916
  left son=6 (48 obs) right son=7 (490 obs)
  Primary splits:
     WAGE_DIFF
                          < -0.3050793806
                                            to the left, improve=0.26802721090, (0 missing)
                                            to the left, improve=0.06719986815, (0 missing) to the left, improve=0.06081310016, (0 missing)
      PW_SOURCE
                          < -0.6316668749
      PW_WAGE_LEVEL
                          < -1.125259665
                                             to the right, improve=0.04862867119, (0 missing)
      EMPLOYER NAME
                          < 3.335813705
      AGENT_ATTORNEY_NAME < 0.3223728988
                                            to the left, improve=0.04682342152, (0 missing)
Node number 4: 779 observations,
                                    complexity param=0.04755908693
  mean=0.3029525032, MSE=0.211172284
  left son=8 (321 obs) right son=9 (458 obs)
  Primary splits:
      AGENT_ATTORNEY_NAME
                                  < -0.758951988
                                                     to the right, improve=0.10928257840, (0 missing)
                                                     to the left, improve=0.10825036530, (0 missing)
      AGENT_REPRESENTING_EMPLOYER < -0.243621524
     WAGE DIFF
                                  < -0.3024134859
                                                     to the left, improve=0.09361140087, (0 missing)
     NEW_EMPLOYMENT
                                  < -0.04780941156
                                                    to the right, improve=0.06061702108, (0 missing)
      EMPLOYER NAME
                                  < -0.4324421652
                                                     to the right, improve=0.06021503497. (0 missing)
  Surrogate splits:
                                                     to the left, agree=0.999, adj=0.997, (0 split)
      AGENT_REPRESENTING_EMPLOYER < -0.243621524
     NEW_EMPLOYMENT
                                  < -0.04780941156
                                                    to the right, agree=0.733, adj=0.352, (0 split)
      EMPLOYER_NAME
                                  < -0.4048527385
                                                     to the right, agree=0.710, adj=0.296, (0 split)
     VISA_CLASS
                                  < -1.173640163
                                                     to the left, agree=0.634, adj=0.112, (0 split)
                                  < -1.044592675
                                                     to the left, agree=0.632, adj=0.106, (0 split)
      PREVAILING_WAGE
Node number 5: 195 observations,
                                    complexity param=0.02190352021
  mean=0.6461538462, MSE=0.2286390533
  left son=10 (18 obs) right son=11 (177 obs)
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Primary splits:
     WAGE DIFF
                     < -0.3048056316
                                       to the left.
                                                     improve=0.18570375830, (0 missing)
                                                     improve=0.07812136712, (0 missing)
      PW_WAGE_LEVEL < -1.125259665
                                       to the left.
     PW_SOURCE_YEAR < -2.039856404
                                       to the left,
                                                     improve=0.06058374209, (0 missing)
     NAICS_CODE
                     < -0.1057265349
                                       to the left.
                                                     improve=0.04500984285, (0 missing)
                     < -1.23823868
                                       to the left.
                                                     improve=0.04125132939, (0 missing)
      SOC_CODE
  Surrogate splits:
      SOC_CODE
                            < -1.389481555
                                              to the left, agree=0.918, adj=0.111, (0 split)
                            < -1.420168199
                                              to the left, agree=0.918, adj=0.111, (0 split)
      PREVAILING_WAGE
     WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -1.401655327
                                              to the left, agree=0.918, adj=0.111, (0 split)
Node number 6: 48 observations
  mean=0, MSE=0
Node number 7: 490 observations,
                                    complexity param=0.0259771099
  mean=0.8040816327, MSE=0.1575343607
  left son=14 (76 obs) right son=15 (414 obs)
  Primary splits:
      PW_SOURCE
                                  < -0.6316668749
                                                    to the left, improve=0.12720707210, (0 missing)
                                                    to the left, improve=0.11131723620, (0 missing)
                                  < -1.125259665
      PW_WAGE_LEVEL
                                  < -0.5511350306
                                                    to the right, improve=0.04832180034, (0 missing)
     H1B DEPENDENT
                                  < 0.3223728988
                                                    to the left, improve=0.04654534595, (0 missing)
     AGENT_ATTORNEY_NAME
                                                    to the right, improve=0.04654534595. (0 missing)
     AGENT_REPRESENTING_EMPLOYER < -0.243621524
  Surrogate splits:
                            < -1.125259665
                                              to the left, agree=0.916, adj=0.461, (0 split)
      PW_WAGE_LEVEL
                                              to the left, agree=0.853, adj=0.053, (0 split)
      PW_SOURCE_YEAR
                            < -2.039856404
                                              to the left, agree=0.851, adj=0.039, (0 split)
     AGENT ATTORNEY NAME
                            < -0.8056784396
     WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -1.127688768
                                              to the left, agree=0.847, adj=0.013, (0 split)
Node number 8: 321 observations
  mean=0.1214953271. MSE=0.1067342126
Node number 9: 458 observations,
                                    complexity param=0.02778619854
  mean=0.4301310044, MSE=0.2451183234
  left son=18 (142 obs) right son=19 (316 obs)
  Primary splits:
      AGENT_ATTORNEY_NAME
                          < -0.8063359799
                                              to the left, improve=0.09355773063, (0 missing)
                                              to the left,
                                                            improve=0.08224096184, (0 missing)
     WAGE DIFF
                            < -0.3050793806
                                              to the right, improve=0.06332741706, (0 missing)
                            < -0.4324421652
      EMPLOYER_NAME
     WAGE RATE OF PAY FROM < -0.6252342203
                                              to the left, improve=0.05854053306, (0 missing)
      PW_WAGE_LEVEL
                            < -1.125259665
                                              to the left, improve=0.03903958576, (0 missing)
  Surrogate splits:
                            < -1.203943615
                                              to the left,
                                                            agree=0.714, adj=0.077, (0 split)
      PREVAILING_WAGE
                                              to the left,
                                                            agree=0.712, adj=0.070, (0 split)
     WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -1.130039082
      FULL_TIME_POSITION
                            < -2.426412239
                                              to the left,
                                                            agree=0.703, adj=0.042, (0 split)
     WAGE_DIFF
                            < -3.935413089
                                              to the left,
                                                            agree=0.694, adj=0.014, (0 split)
      EMPLOYER_NAME
                            < -0.4309094193
                                              to the left, agree=0.692, adj=0.007, (0 split)
Node number 10: 18 observations
  mean=0. MSE=0
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Node number 11: 177 observations

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mean=0.7118644068, MSE=0.2051134731
Node number 14: 76 observations,
                                     complexity param=0.01367423664
  mean=0.4736842105, MSE=0.2493074792
  left son=28 (53 obs) right son=29 (23 obs)
  Primary splits:
      AGENT_ATTORNEY_NAME
                                   < 0.3223728988
                                                     to the left, improve=0.2728010209, (0 missing)
      AGENT_REPRESENTING_EMPLOYER < -0.243621524
                                                     to the right, improve=0.2728010209, (0 missing)
                                                     to the right, improve=0.2043839758, (0 missing)
     H1B_DEPENDENT
                                   < -0.5511350306
      SUPPORT H1B
                                   < -0.5771593149
                                                     to the right, improve=0.1611851852, (0 missing)
      PREVAILING_WAGE
                                   < 0.8652790838
                                                     to the right, improve=0.0850024050, (0 missing)
  Surrogate splits:
      AGENT_REPRESENTING_EMPLOYER < -0.243621524
                                                     to the right, agree=1.000, adj=1.000, (0 split)
     H1B DEPENDENT
                                   < -0.5511350306
                                                     to the right, agree=0.763, adj=0.217, (0 split)
      SUPPORT_H1B
                                   < -0.5771593149
                                                     to the right, agree=0.737, adj=0.130, (0 split)
                                                     to the right, agree=0.724, adj=0.087, (0 split)
      EMPLOYER_NAME
                                   < -0.3833942955
                                                     to the right, agree=0.724, adj=0.087, (0 split)
      SOC_CODE
                                   < -1.271610464
Node number 15: 414 observations.
                                      complexity param=0.01047894807
  mean=0.8647342995, MSE=0.1169688908
  left son=30 (35 obs) right son=31 (379 obs)
  Primary splits:
      EMPLOYER NAME
                           < 3.335813705
                                              to the right, improve=0.08179726365, (0 missing)
      CONTINUED_EMPLOYMENT < 0.3325550385
                                              to the right, improve=0.04449677697, (0 missing)
                           < -0.5511350306
                                              to the right, improve=0.03049365543, (0 missing)
     H1B_DEPENDENT
                                              to the right, improve=0.02988631979, (0 missing) to the left, improve=0.02486628865, (0 missing)
      SUPPORT_H1B
                           < -0.5771593149
      PW WAGE LEVEL
                           < -0.7043798753
  Surrogate splits:
      PREVAILING_WAGE < -1.427905667
                                         to the left, agree=0.918, adj=0.029, (0 split)
Node number 18: 142 observations
  mean=0.2042253521, MSE=0.1625173577
Node number 19: 316 observations,
                                      complexity param=0.02395833732
  mean=0.5316455696, MSE=0.2489985579
  left son=38 (165 obs) right son=39 (151 obs)
  Primary splits:
     WAGE DIFF
                            < -0.213246257
                                               to the left, improve=0.11509714750, (0 missing)
                                               to the left, improve=0.08376384197, (0 missing)
                            < -1.125259665
      PW_WAGE_LEVEL
                                               to the right, improve=0.07813113320, (0 missing)
      EMPLOYER NAME
                            < -0.4324421652
                            < -0.6316668749
                                               to the left, improve=0.05639213205, (0 missing)
      PW_SOURCE
     WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -0.6254967553
                                               to the left. improve=0.04142435346. (0 missing)
  Surrogate splits:
      WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -0.2403453602
                                               to the left, agree=0.652, adj=0.272, (0 split)
                            < -0.1800640999
      SOC_CODE
                                               to the left, agree=0.595, adj=0.152, (0 split)
                            < 0.004133279084
                                               to the left, agree=0.554, adj=0.066, (0 split)
      PREVAILING_WAGE
      NAICS_CODE
                            < -1.213336253
                                               to the left, agree=0.544, adj=0.046, (0 split)
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to the right, agree=0.535, adj=0.026, (0 split)

Node number 28: 53 observations mean=0.3018867925, MSE=0.210751157

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< -0.4324421652

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Node number 29: 23 observations
  mean=0.8695652174, MSE=0.1134215501
Node number 30: 35 observations
  mean=0.5428571429, MSE=0.2481632653
Node number 31: 379 observations
  mean=0.8944591029, MSE=0.09440201614
Node number 38: 165 observations,
                                     complexity param=0.01251688149
  mean=0.3696969697, MSE=0.2330211203
  left son=76 (28 obs) right son=77 (137 obs)
  Primary splits:
     WAGE DIFF
                          < -0.3052899568
                                            to the left.
                                                          improve=0.11987647390, (0 missing)
      EMPLOYER_NAME
                          < -0.4324421652
                                            to the right, improve=0.09627066069, (0 missing)
                                            to the left.
                                                          improve=0.07537190111, (0 missing)
      PW_WAGE_LEVEL
                          < -1.125259665
                                            to the left,
                                                          improve=0.06544507007, (0 missing)
     AGENT_ATTORNEY_NAME < -0.7991030375
                                                          improve=0.05844433060, (0 missing)
     PW_SOURCE
                          < -0.6316668749
                                            to the left.
Node number 39: 151 observations
  mean=0.7086092715, MSE=0.2064821718
Node number 76: 28 observations
  mean=0, MSE=0
Node number 77: 137 observations,
                                     complexity param=0.01251688149
  mean=0.4452554745, MSE=0.2470030369
  left son=154 (34 obs) right son=155 (103 obs)
  Primary splits:
     PW_WAGE_LEVEL
                          < -1.125259665
                                            to the left, improve=0.14343313740, (0 missing)
                                                          improve=0.12750135320, (0 missing)
                          < -0.6316668749
                                            to the left.
      PW SOURCE
      EMPLOYER_NAME
                          < -0.4324421652
                                            to the right, improve=0.08709099356, (0 missing)
     AGENT_ATTORNEY_NAME < -0.7991030375
                                            to the left,
                                                          improve=0.05787960922, (0 missing)
      FULL_TIME_POSITION < -2.426412239
                                            to the left, improve=0.04977560180, (0 missing)
  Surrogate splits:
                                              to the left, agree=0.869, adj=0.471, (0 split)
      PW_SOURCE
                            < -0.6316668749
      PREVAILING_WAGE
                            < -1.67798671
                                              to the left, agree=0.796, adj=0.176, (0 split)
                                              to the left, agree=0.796, adj=0.176, (0 split)
     PW SOURCE YEAR
                            < -2.039856404
     WAGE_RATE_OF_PAY_FROM < -1.534833098
                                              to the left, agree=0.796, adj=0.176, (0 split)
      EMPLOYER NAME
                            < -0.4017872466
                                              to the right, agree=0.759, adi=0.029, (0 split)
Node number 154: 34 observations
  mean=0.1176470588, MSE=0.1038062284
Node number 155: 103 observations
 mean=0.5533980583, MSE=0.2471486474
               0.7645502646 0.7698412698
Accuracy
Sensitivity
               0.8253968254 0.8492063492
               0.7037037037 0.6904761905
Specificity
Pos Pred Value 0.7358490566 0.7328767123
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Neg Pred Value 0.8012048193 0.8207547170