

Calculation of Information value (IV)

This can be done in two steps. First calculate **Weight of Evidence** (WOE) for each bin. In the following example there are 6 bins—‘Missing’, 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4+. One can create bins for interval-scaled or continuous variables by creating intervals.

$$WOE_i = \ln \left(\frac{\% responders_i}{\% non - responders_i} \right), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, k \text{ where } k \text{ is the number of bins.}$$

In the following table $k = 6$.

Suppose there are 100 responders in the sample, then the following table shows that 5 of them are in the first bin, 5 in the second bin, 20 in the third bin, etc. Also suppose there are 1000 non-responders in the sample. According to the following table, 60 of the non-responders are in the first bin, 20 in the second, 150 in the third, etc.

| Number of ATM transactions | % Responders | % non-responders | WOE | IV |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------------|--------|-------|
| Missing | 0.050 | 0.060 | -0.182 | 0.002 |
| 0 | 0.050 | 0.020 | 0.916 | 0.027 |
| 1 | 0.200 | 0.150 | 0.288 | 0.014 |
| 2 | 0.300 | 0.250 | 0.182 | 0.009 |
| 3 | 0.240 | 0.270 | -0.118 | 0.004 |
| 4+ | 0.160 | 0.250 | -0.446 | 0.040 |
| Total | 1.000 | 1.000 | | 0.097 |

$$IV = \sum_{i=1}^k \{ (\% Responders_i - \% non - responders_i) * WOE_i \}$$