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| Understand data | Make first observation | 1 Passengerid is useless  2 Extract name info  3 Sex convert to numeric value  4 Missing age  5 Ticket is useful?  6 Carbin too many null, may drop this info  7 Embark has null  8 Embark convert to numeric value  9 Fare needs to be grouped  10 Age needs to be grouped |
|  | Use python to read basic data stats |  |
|  | Use tableau to visualize data from first observation | <https://public.tableau.com/profile/kenny2174#!/vizhome/Kaggle_titanic_15746524123480/agebin> |
| Feature engineering plan | List to-do | Train  7 Fill in missing Embark  Test  12 Fill in missing Fare  Both  1 Remove passengerid  2 Extract name info (Mr. Miss.)  3 Sex convert to numeric value (0 male, 1 female)  4 Fill in missing age  5 Remove tickets  6 Remove Carbin  8 Embark convert to numeric value (0S 1C 2Q)  9 Group fare (bin size )  10 Group age (bin size )  11 FamilySize/IsAlone  13 nameLen |
| Address issues in to-do list | Address issues in to-do list | 2 get Title first using Regex then convert it to ordinal value  title\_mapping = {"Mr": 1, "Miss": 2, "Mrs": 3, "Master": 4, "Rare": 5}  4 More accurate way of guessing missing values is to use other correlated features. In our case we note correlation among Age, Gender, and Pclass. Guess Age values using median values for Age across sets of Pclass and Gender feature combinations. So, median Age for Pclass=1 and Gender=0, Pclass=1 and Gender=1, and so on…  10 put age into 5 bins in the range of min/max, then convert age to ordinal value based on age bins  9 and 12 Used median then convert fare to ordinal value (hard-coded 7.91/14.454/31)  7 only 2 missing Embarked in train\_df, simply replace them with the most frequent one  11 FamilySize = SibSp + Parch; IsAlone is based on FamilySize, choose to keep SibSp/Parch |
| Implement feature engineering |  |  |
| Model | a classification and regression problem |  |
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Starter: <https://www.kaggle.com/startupsci/titanic-data-science-solutions>

Stacking: <https://www.kaggle.com/arthurtok/introduction-to-ensembling-stacking-in-python>

Feature engineering: <https://www.kaggle.com/gunesevitan/advanced-feature-engineering-tutorial-with-titanic>

Ultimate: <https://www.kaggle.com/ldfreeman3/a-data-science-framework-to-achieve-99-accuracy>

Advanced feature engineering lacks one-hot vector

Terms:

Ordinal: 1, 2, 3

Nominal: name, text

Quantitative: age and fare variable are continuous

Categorical: sex

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| feature\_engineering.py | get\_null\_percentage(df) |
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| Understand data | Head  Tail  Info  get\_null\_percentage(df):  describe |
| See correlation | Tableau  Line chart for trend  Pearson\_Correlation\_of\_Features for cross-variable correlation |
| Feature Engineering ([train, test] array is passed by reference, it will update array itself, train, test)  (train/test is passed by copy, no update) | Add cols  Drop cols  Categorize into several big groups  categorical\_to\_ordinal (map non-numerical to numerical)  Fill missing data (use closely correlated vars to get the mean/median)  Group continuous data into bins, then use bin to convert to ordinal |
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Generic Algorithm

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RxTfc4JLYKs>

<https://www.kaggle.com/guesejustin/91-genetic-algorithms-explained-using-geap>

Based on Darwin’s theory of biological evolution, there are three points:

1) Heredity — There must be a process in place by which children receive the property of their parent;

2) Variation — There must be a variety of traits present in the population or a means with which to introduce a variation;

3) Selection — There must be a mechanism by which some members of the population can be parents and pass down their genetic information and some do not (survival for the fittest)

Situation: our goal is to use random string to produce the word “theory”.

Step 1: We start with say 4 (N) words of length 6, namely,

theoaa – 4 (40%)

abcdef – 1 (10%)

cddorx – 0 (0%)

heortk – 5 (50%)

Step 2: We have a fitness function to assess how fit an individual is, here we use letter match, as the number shown above.

Step 3 (N times for N new children):

1. Pick 2 parents, such as theoaa and herotk (based on letter match) or pick 2 based on the possibility, say we choose theoaa and herotk here;
2. Crossover: Create a child from the parent, such as the+otk or th+rotk, say we get the+otk=theotk here;
3. Mutation: we can have a 1% chance of mutation rate here, such as 1% chance to change the first letter t to some random letter, this is for the case that original population does not have the right letter/gene that we hope for (y in this case);
4. Add the new child to a new population

Step 4: replace the old population with the new (the new population should be fitter, meaning closer to our end goal “theory”)

A screenshot of a cell phone

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