## **An Interactive Data Science Tutorial**

Based on the Titanic competition on Kaggle

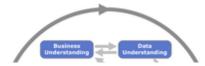
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# 1. Business Understanding

## 1.1 Objective

Predict survival on the Titanic

# 1.2 Description

The sinking of the RMS Titanic is one of the most infamous shipwrecks in history. On April 15, 1912, during her maiden voyage, the Titanic sank after colliding with an iceberg, killing 1502 out of 2224 passengers and crew. This sensational tragedy shocked the international community and led to better safety regulations for ships.

One of the reasons that the shipwreck led to such loss of life was that there were not enough lifeboats for the passengers and crew. Although there was some element of luck involved in surviving the sinking, some groups of people were more likely to survive than others, such as women, children, and the upper-class.

In this challenge, we ask you to complete the analysis of what sorts of people were likely to survive. In particular, we ask you to apply the tools of machine learning to predict which passengers survived the tragedy.

Before going further, what do you think is the most important reasons passangers survived the Titanic sinking?

Description from Kaggle

# 2. Data Understanding

# 2.1 Import Libraries

First of some preparation. We need to import python libraries containing the necessary functionality we will need.

Simply run the cell below by selecting it and pressing the play button.

```
In [1]:
        # Ignore warnings
        import warnings
        warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
        # Handle table-like data and matrices
        import numpy as np
        import pandas as pd
        # Modelling Algorithms
        from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
        from sklearn.linear model import LogisticRegression
        from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
        from sklearn.naive bayes import GaussianNB
        from sklearn.svm import SVC, LinearSVC
        from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier , GradientBoostingClassifier
        # Modelling Helpers
        from sklearn.preprocessing import Imputer, Normalizer, scale
        from sklearn.cross validation import train test split , StratifiedKFold
        from sklearn.feature selection import RFECV
        # Visualisation
        import matplotlib as mpl
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        import matplotlib.pylab as pylab
        import seaborn as sns
        # Configure visualisations
        %matplotlib inline
        mpl.style.use( 'ggplot' )
        sns.set_style( 'white' )
        pylab.rcParams[ 'figure.figsize' ] = 8 , 6
```

/opt/conda/lib/python3.5/site-packages/sklearn/cross\_validation.py:44: Deprecati onWarning: This module was deprecated in version 0.18 in favor of the model\_sele ction module into which all the refactored classes and functions are moved. Also note that the interface of the new CV iterators are different from that of this module. This module will be removed in 0.20.

"This module will be removed in 0.20.", DeprecationWarning)

# 2.2 Setup helper Functions

There is no need to understand this code. Just run it to simplify the code later in the tutorial.

Simply run the cell below by selecting it and pressing the play button.

```
In [2]:
        def plot_histograms( df , variables , n_rows , n_cols ):
            fig = plt.figure( figsize = ( 16 , 12 ) )
            for i, var name in enumerate( variables ):
                ax=fig.add_subplot( n_rows , n_cols , i+1 )
                df[ var name ].hist( bins=10 , ax=ax )
                ax.set title( 'Skew: ' + str( round( float( df[ var name ].skew() ) , ) )
        ) # + ' ' + var_name ) #var_name+" Distribution")
                ax.set_xticklabels( [] , visible=False )
                ax.set_yticklabels( [] , visible=False )
            fig.tight_layout() # Improves appearance a bit.
            plt.show()
        def plot_distribution( df , var , target , **kwargs ):
            row = kwargs.get( 'row' , None )
            col = kwargs.get( 'col' , None )
            facet = sns.FacetGrid( df , hue=target , aspect=4 , row = row , col = col )
            facet.map( sns.kdeplot , var , shade= True )
            facet.set( xlim=( 0 , df[ var ].max() ) )
            facet.add_legend()
        def plot_categories( df , cat , target , **kwargs ):
            row = kwargs.get( 'row' , None )
            col = kwargs.get( 'col' , None )
            facet = sns.FacetGrid( df , row = row , col = col )
            facet.map( sns.barplot , cat , target )
            facet.add_legend()
        def plot_correlation_map( df ):
            corr = titanic.corr()
            _ , ax = plt.subplots( figsize =( 12 , 10 ) )
            cmap = sns.diverging_palette( 220 , 10 , as_cmap = True )
            _ = sns.heatmap(
                corr,
                cmap = cmap,
                square=True,
```

```
cbar_kws={ 'shrink' : .9 },
        ax=ax,
        annot = True,
        annot kws = { 'fontsize' : 12 }
    )
def describe_more( df ):
   var = []; l = []; t = []
   for x in df:
       var.append( x )
       1.append( len( pd.value_counts( df[ x ] ) ) )
       t.append( df[ x ].dtypes )
   levels = pd.DataFrame( { 'Variable' : var , 'Levels' : 1 , 'Datatype' : t } )
   levels.sort_values( by = 'Levels' , inplace = True )
   return levels
def plot variable importance( X , y ):
   tree = DecisionTreeClassifier( random state = 99 )
   tree.fit( X , y )
    plot_model_var_imp( tree , X , y )
def plot_model_var_imp( model , X , y ):
    imp = pd.DataFrame(
        model.feature_importances_ ,
       columns = [ 'Importance' ] ,
        index = X.columns
    imp = imp.sort_values( [ 'Importance' ] , ascending = True )
    imp[ : 10 ].plot( kind = 'barh' )
    print (model.score( X , y ))
```

## 2.3 Load data

Now that our packages are loaded, let's read in and take a peek at the data.

```
In [3]:
# get titanic & test csv files as a DataFrame
train = pd.read_csv("../input/train.csv")
test = pd.read_csv("../input/test.csv")

full = train.append( test , ignore_index = True )
titanic = full[ :891 ]

del train , test

print ('Datasets:' , 'full:' , full.shape , 'titanic:' , titanic.shape)
```

Datasets: full: (1309, 12) titanic: (891, 12)

### 2.4 Statistical summaries and visualisations

To understand the data we are now going to consider some key facts about various variables including their relationship with the target variable, i.e. survival.

We start by looking at a few lines of the data

In [4]:

# Run the code to see the variables, then read the variable description below to understand them.

titanic.head()

Out[4]:

	Age	Cabin	Embarked	Fare	Name	Parch	PassengerId	Pclass	Sex	SibSp	Surviv
0	22.0	NaN	S	7.2500	Braund, Mr. Owen Harris	0	1	3	male	1	0.0
1	38.0	C85	С	71.2833	Cumings, Mrs. John Bradley (Florence Briggs Th	0	2	1	female	1	1.0
2	26.0	NaN	S	7.9250	Heikkinen, Miss. Laina	0	3	3	female	0	1.0
3	35.0	C123	S	53.1000	Futrelle, Mrs. Jacques Heath (Lily May Peel)	0	4	1	female	1	1.0
4	35.0	NaN	S	8.0500	Allen, Mr. William Henry	0	5	3	male	0	0.0

#### **VARIABLE DESCRIPTIONS:**

We've got a sense of our variables, their class type, and the first few observations of each. We know we're working with 1309 observations of 12 variables. To make things a bit more explicit since a couple of the variable names aren't 100% illuminating, here's what we've got to deal with:

## Variable Description

• Survived: Survived (1) or died (0)

• Pclass: Passenger's class

· Name: Passenger's name

Sex: Passenger's sex

· Age: Passenger's age

· SibSp: Number of siblings/spouses aboard

· Parch: Number of parents/children aboard

· Ticket: Ticket number

Fare: Fare

· Cabin: Cabin

· Embarked: Port of embarkation

More information on the Kaggle site

#### 2.4.1 Next have a look at some key information about the variables

An numeric variable is one with values of integers or real numbers while a categorical variable is a variable that can take on one of a limited, and usually fixed, number of possible values, such as blood type.

Notice especially what type of variable each is, how many observations there are and some of the variable values.

An interesting observation could for example be the minimum age 0.42, do you know why this is?

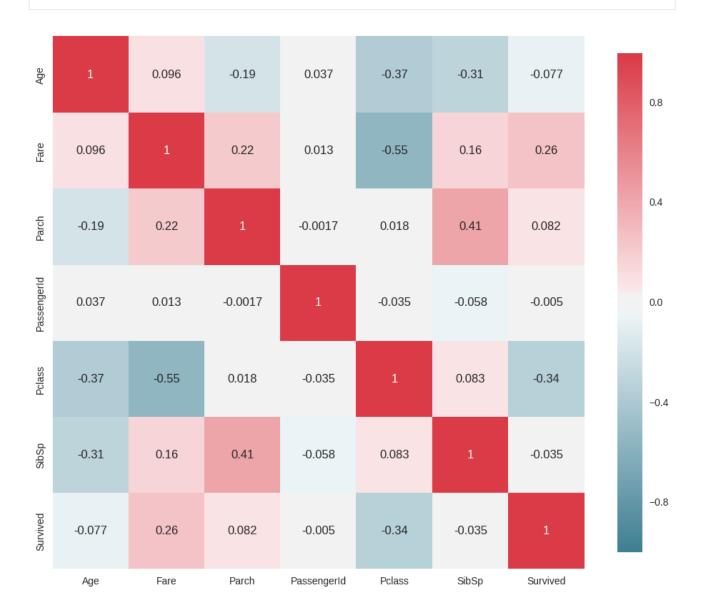
```
In [5]:
    titanic.describe()
```

Out[5]:

	Age	Fare	Parch	Passengerld	Pclass	SibSp	Survived
count	714.000000	891.000000	891.000000	891.000000	891.000000	891.000000	891.000000
mean	29.699118	32.204208	0.381594	446.000000	2.308642	0.523008	0.383838
std	14.526497	49.693429	0.806057	257.353842	0.836071	1.102743	0.486592
min	0.420000	0.000000	0.000000	1.000000	1.000000	0.000000	0.000000
25%	20.125000	7.910400	0.000000	223.500000	2.000000	0.000000	0.000000
50%	28.000000	14.454200	0.000000	446.000000	3.000000	0.000000	0.000000
75%	38.000000	31.000000	0.000000	668.500000	3.000000	1.000000	1.000000
max	80.000000	512.329200	6.000000	891.000000	3.000000	8.000000	1.000000

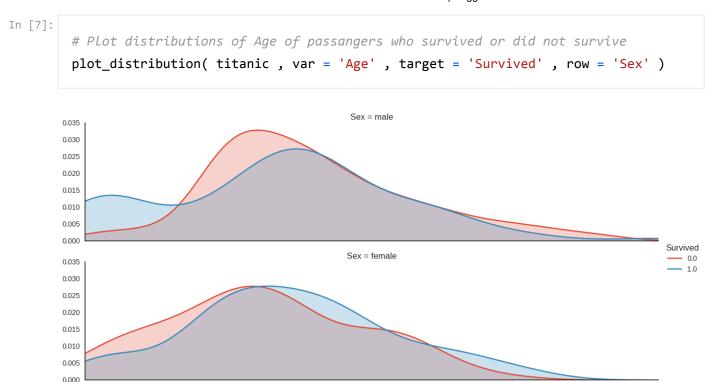
2.4.2 A heat map of correlation may give us a understanding of which variables are important Select the cell below and run it by pressing the play button.

In [6]:
 plot\_correlation\_map( titanic )



# 2.4.3 Let's further explore the relationship between the features and survival of passengers

We start by looking at the relationship between age and survival.



Consider the graphs above. Differences between survival for different values is what will be used to separate the target variable (survival in this case) in the model. If the two lines had been about the same, then it would not have been a good variable for our predictive model.

Consider some key questions such as; what age does males/females have a higher or lower probability of survival?

### 2.4.3 Excersise 1: Investigating numeric variables

It's time to get your hands dirty and do some coding! Try to plot the distributions of Fare of passangers who survived or did not survive. Then consider if this could be a good predictive variable.

Hint: use the code from the previous cell as a starting point.

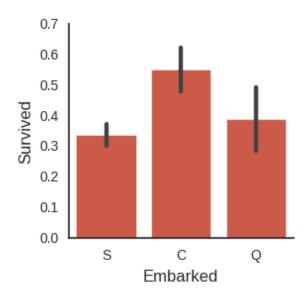
```
In [8]:
# Excersise 1
# Plot distributions of Fare of passangers who survived or did not survive
```

#### 2.4.4 Embarked

We can also look at categorical variables like Embarked and their relationship with survival.

- C = Cherbourg
- Q = Queenstown
- S = Southampton

```
# Plot survival rate by Embarked
plot_categories( titanic , cat = 'Embarked' , target = 'Survived' )
```



### 2.4.4 Excersise 2 - 5: Investigating categorical variables

Even more coding practice! Try to plot the survival rate of Sex, Pclass, SibSp and Parch below.

Hint: use the code from the previous cell as a starting point.

After considering these graphs, which variables do you expect to be good predictors of survival?

```
In [10]:
# Excersise 2
# Plot survival rate by Sex
```

```
In [11]:
# Excersise 3
# Plot survival rate by Pclass

In [12]:
# Excersise 4
# Plot survival rate by SibSp

In [13]:
# Excersise 5
# Plot survival rate by Parch
```

# 3. Data Preparation

# 3.1 Categorical variables need to be transformed to numeric variables

The variables *Embarked*, *Pclass* and *Sex* are treated as categorical variables. Some of our model algorithms can only handle numeric values and so we need to create a new variable (dummy variable) for every unique value of the categorical variables.

This variable will have a value 1 if the row has a particular value and a value 0 if not. **Sex** is a dichotomy (old school gender theory) and will be encoded as one binary variable (0 or 1).

```
In [14]:
    # Transform Sex into binary values 0 and 1
sex = pd.Series( np.where( full.Sex == 'male' , 1 , 0 ) , name = 'Sex' )
```

```
# Create a new variable for every unique value of Embarked
embarked = pd.get_dummies( full.Embarked , prefix='Embarked')
embarked.head()
```

Out[15]:

	Embarked_C	Embarked_Q	Embarked_S
0	0	0	1
1	1	0	0
2	0	0	1
3	0	0	1
4	0	0	1

```
In [16]:
    # Create a new variable for every unique value of Embarked
    pclass = pd.get_dummies( full.Pclass , prefix='Pclass' )
    pclass.head()
```

Out[16]:

	Pclass_1	Pclass_2	Pclass_3
0	0	0	1
1	1	0	0
2	0	0	1
3	1	0	0
4	0	0	1

# 3.2 Fill missing values in variables

Most machine learning alghorims require all variables to have values in order to use it for training the model. The simplest method is to fill missing values with the average of the variable across all observations in the training set.

```
In [17]:
# Create dataset
imputed = pd.DataFrame()

# Fill missing values of Age with the average of Age (mean)
imputed[ 'Age' ] = full.Age.fillna( full.Age.mean() )

# Fill missing values of Fare with the average of Fare (mean)
imputed[ 'Fare' ] = full.Fare.fillna( full.Fare.mean() )

imputed.head()
```

#### Out[17]:

	Age	Fare
0	22.0	7.2500
1	38.0	71.2833
2	26.0	7.9250
3	35.0	53.1000
4	35.0	8.0500

# 3.3 Feature Engineering – Creating new variables

Credit: http://ahmedbesbes.com/how-to-score-08134-in-titanic-kaggle-challenge.html

## 3.3.1 Extract titles from passenger names

Titles reflect social status and may predict survival probability

In [18]: title = pd.DataFrame() # we extract the title from each name title[ 'Title' ] = full[ 'Name' ].map( lambda name: name.split( ',' )[1].split( '.' )[0].strip() ) # a map of more aggregated titles Title Dictionary = { "Capt": "Officer", "Col": "Officer", "Officer", "Major": "Jonkheer": "Royalty", "Don": "Royalty", "Sir" : "Royalty", "Dr": "Officer", "Rev": "Officer", "the Countess": "Royalty", "Dona": "Royalty", "Mme": "Mrs", "Mlle": "Miss", "Ms": "Mrs", "Mr" : "Mr", "Mrs" : "Mrs", "Miss" : "Miss", "Master" : "Master", "Lady" : "Royalty" } # we map each title title[ 'Title' ] = title.Title.map( Title\_Dictionary ) title = pd.get\_dummies( title.Title ) #title = pd.concat( [ title , titles\_dummies ] , axis = 1 ) title.head()

Out[18]:

	Master	Miss	Mr	Mrs	Officer	Royalty
0	0	0	1	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	1	0	0
2	0	1	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	1	0	0
4	0	0	1	0	0	0

## 3.3.2 Extract Cabin category information from the Cabin number

Select the cell below and run it by pressing the play button.

```
In [19]:
    cabin = pd.DataFrame()

# replacing missing cabins with U (for Uknown)
    cabin[ 'Cabin' ] = full.Cabin.fillna( 'U' )

# mapping each Cabin value with the cabin Letter
    cabin[ 'Cabin' ] = cabin[ 'Cabin' ].map( lambda c : c[0] )

# dummy encoding ...
    cabin = pd.get_dummies( cabin['Cabin'] , prefix = 'Cabin' )

cabin.head()
```

Out[19]:

	Cabin_A	Cabin_B	Cabin_C	Cabin_D	Cabin_E	Cabin_F	Cabin_G	Cabin_T	Cabin_U
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

#### 3.3.3 Extract ticket class from ticket number

Select the cell below and run it by pressing the play button.

```
In [20]:
         # a function that extracts each prefix of the ticket, returns 'XXX' if no prefix
          (i.e the ticket is a digit)
         def cleanTicket( ticket ):
             ticket = ticket.replace( '.' , '' )
             ticket = ticket.replace( '/' , '' )
             ticket = ticket.split()
             ticket = map( lambda t : t.strip() , ticket )
             ticket = list(filter( lambda t : not t.isdigit() , ticket ))
             if len( ticket ) > 0:
                 return ticket[0]
             else:
                 return 'XXX'
         ticket = pd.DataFrame()
         # Extracting dummy variables from tickets:
         ticket[ 'Ticket' ] = full[ 'Ticket' ].map( cleanTicket )
         ticket = pd.get_dummies( ticket[ 'Ticket' ] , prefix = 'Ticket' )
         ticket.shape
         ticket.head()
```

Out[20]:

	Ticket_A	Ticket_A4	Ticket_A5	Ticket_AQ3	Ticket_AQ4	Ticket_AS	Ticket_C	Ticket_CA	Ticket_C
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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5 rows × 37 columns

### 3.3.4 Create family size and category for family size

The two variables Parch and SibSp are used to create the famiy size variable

Select the cell below and run it by pressing the play button.

```
family = pd.DataFrame()

# introducing a new feature : the size of families (including the passenger)
family[ 'FamilySize' ] = full[ 'Parch' ] + full[ 'SibSp' ] + 1

# introducing other features based on the family size
family[ 'Family_Single' ] = family[ 'FamilySize' ].map( lambda s : 1 if s == 1 el
se 0 )
family[ 'Family_Small' ] = family[ 'FamilySize' ].map( lambda s : 1 if 2 <= s <=
4 else 0 )
family[ 'Family_Large' ] = family[ 'FamilySize' ].map( lambda s : 1 if 5 <= s el
se 0 )</pre>
```

Out[21]:

	FamilySize	Family_Single	Family_Small	Family_Large
0	2	0	1	0
1	2	0	1	0
2	1	1	0	0
3	2	0	1	0
4	1	1	0	0

# 3.4 Assemble final datasets for modelling

Split dataset by rows into test and train in order to have a holdout set to do model evaluation on. The dataset is also split by columns in a matrix (X) containing the input data and a vector (y) containing the target (or labels).

### 3.4.1 Variable selection

Select which features/variables to inculde in the dataset from the list below:

- · imputed
- embarked
- pclass
- sex
- family
- cabin
- ticket

Include the variables you would like to use in the function below seperated by comma, then run the cell

```
# Select which features/variables to include in the dataset from the list below:
# imputed , embarked , pclass , sex , family , cabin , ticket

full_X = pd.concat( [ imputed , embarked , cabin , sex ] , axis=1 )
full_X.head()
```

Out[22]:

	Age	Fare	Embarked_C	Embarked_Q	Embarked_S	Cabin_A	Cabin_B	Cabin_C	Cabin_D
0	22.0	7.2500	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
1	38.0	71.2833	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
2	26.0	7.9250	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
3	35.0	53.1000	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
4	35.0	8.0500	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
4	1								<b>&gt;</b>

#### 3.4.2 Create datasets

Below we will seperate the data into training and test datasets.

```
In [23]:
# Create all datasets that are necessary to train, validate and test models
train_valid_X = full_X[ 0:891 ]
train_valid_y = titanic.Survived
test_X = full_X[ 891: ]
train_X , valid_X , train_y , valid_y = train_test_split( train_valid_X , train_v
alid_y , train_size = .7 )

print (full_X.shape , train_X.shape , valid_X.shape , train_y.shape , valid_y.sha
pe , test_X.shape)
```

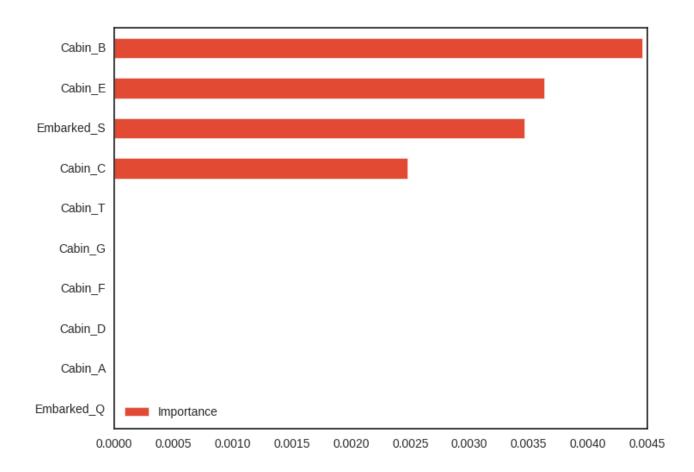
```
(1309, 15) (623, 15) (268, 15) (623,) (268,) (418, 15)
```

## 3.4.3 Feature importance

Selecting the optimal features in the model is important. We will now try to evaluate what the most important variables are for the model to make the prediction.

```
In [24]:
    plot_variable_importance(train_X, train_y)
```

0.991974317817



# 4. Modeling

We will now select a model we would like to try then use the training dataset to train this model and thereby check the performance of the model using the test set.

## 4.1 Model Selection

Then there are several options to choose from when it comes to models. A good starting point is logisic regression.

Select ONLY the model you would like to try below and run the corresponding cell by pressing the play button.

#### 4.1.1 Random Forests Model

Try a random forest model by running the cell below.

```
In [25]:
    model = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=100)
```

### 4.1.2 Support Vector Machines

Try a Support Vector Machines model by running the cell below.

```
In [26]:
    model = SVC()
```

## 4.1.3 Gradient Boosting Classifier

Try a Gradient Boosting Classifier model by running the cell below.

```
In [27]:
    model = GradientBoostingClassifier()
```

### 4.1.4 K-nearest neighbors

Try a k-nearest neighbors model by running the cell below.

```
In [28]:
    model = KNeighborsClassifier(n_neighbors = 3)
```

## 4.1.5 Gaussian Naive Bayes

Try a Gaussian Naive Bayes model by running the cell below.

```
In [29]:
    model = GaussianNB()
```

## 4.1.6 Logistic Regression

Try a Logistic Regression model by running the cell below.

```
In [30]:
    model = LogisticRegression()
```

### 4.2 Train the selected model

When you have selected a dataset with the features you want and a model you would like to try it is now time to train the model. After all our preparation model training is simply done with the one line below.

Select the cell below and run it by pressing the play button.

# 5. Evaluation

Now we are going to evaluate model performance and the feature importance.

# 5.1 Model performance

We can evaluate the accuracy of the model by using the validation set where we know the actual outcome. This data set have not been used for training the model, so it's completely new to the model.

We then compare this accuracy score with the accuracy when using the model on the training data. If the difference between these are significant this is an indication of overfitting. We try to avoid this because it means the model will not generalize well to new data and is expected to perform poorly.

```
# Score the model
print (model.score( train_X , train_y ) , model.score( valid_X , valid_y ))

0.794542536116 0.772388059701
```

## 5.2 Feature importance - selecting the optimal features in the model

We will now try to evaluate what the most important variables are for the model to make the prediction. The function below will only work for decision trees, so if that's the model you chose you can uncomment the code below (remove # in the beginning) and see the feature importance.

Select the cell below and run it by pressing the play button.

```
In [33]:
    #plot_model_var_imp(model, train_X, train_y)
```

## 5.2.1 Automagic

It's also possible to automatically select the optimal number of features and visualize this. This is uncommented and can be tried in the competition part of the tutorial.

```
In [34]:
         rfecv = RFECV( estimator = model , step = 1 , cv = StratifiedKFold( train_y , 2 )
         , scoring = 'accuracy' )
         rfecv.fit( train_X , train_y )
         #print (rfecv.score( train_X , train_y ) , rfecv.score( valid_X , valid_y ))
         #print( "Optimal number of features : %d" % rfecv.n features )
         # Plot number of features VS. cross-validation scores
         #plt.figure()
         #plt.xlabel( "Number of features selected" )
         #plt.ylabel( "Cross validation score (nb of correct classifications)" )
         #plt.plot( range( 1 , len( rfecv.grid_scores_ ) + 1 ) , rfecv.grid_scores_ )
         #plt.show()
Out[34]:
         RFECV(cv=sklearn.cross validation.StratifiedKFold(labels=[ 0. 1. ..., 1. 0.],
         n folds=2, shuffle=False, random state=None),
            estimator=LogisticRegression(C=1.0, class_weight=None, dual=False, fit_interc
         ept=True,
                   intercept scaling=1, max iter=100, multi class='ovr', n jobs=1,
                   penalty='12', random state=None, solver='liblinear', tol=0.0001,
                   verbose=0, warm start=False),
            n jobs=1, scoring='accuracy', step=1, verbose=0)
```

## 5.3 Competition time!

It's now time for you to get your hands even dirtier and go at it all by yourself in a challenge!

- 1. Try to the other models in step 4.1 and compare their result
  - Do this by uncommenting the code and running the cell you want to try
- 2. Try adding new features in step 3.4.1
  - Do this by adding them in to the function in the feature section.

The winner is the one to get the highest scoring model for the validation set

# 6. Deployment

Deployment in this context means publishing the resulting prediction from the model to the Kaggle leaderboard. To do this do the following:

- 1. select the cell below and run it by pressing the play button.
- 2. Press the Publish button in top right corner.
- 3. Select Output on the notebook menubar
- 4. Select the result dataset and press | Submit to Competition | button

```
In [35]:
    test_Y = model.predict( test_X )
    passenger_id = full[891:].PassengerId
    test = pd.DataFrame( { 'PassengerId': passenger_id , 'Survived': test_Y } )
    test.shape
    test.head()
    test.to_csv( 'titanic_pred.csv' , index = False )
```