

Assignment 1

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Your assignment is to **individually** carry out the tasks described below. You should submit 2 files in Lisam: one Quarto (or R Markdown) file with your code and text **and** one file that is the rendered pdf version of the same Quarto (or R Markdown) file.

In the assignment, you will be using data regarding the maiden voyage of Titanic. If you want more information about the dataset and its variables, you can look here: <https://www.kaggle.com/c/titanic/data>. You load the data using the `titanic` package, as shown below.

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# Load the titanic package, if you haven't installed the package,  
# use install.packages("titanic") first.  
library(titanic)  
  
# The titanic package comes with two datasets and we'll be using the training dataset  
titanic <- titanic_traind
```

The assignment is due on Wednesday, January 31, at 13.00. You submit in Lisam, under assignments. Late submissions are not accepted, so do not wait until the last minute to submit. If Lisam is not working for you, e-mail your files to Richard, richard.ohrvall@liu.se, before the deadline.

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Tasks

Note that all tables should appear in the pdf and have relevant titles, labels, captions, and so on. The pdf file should not include your code, just the tables and your written answers. Remember that you can control the output from the code chunks by setting `echo`, `messages`, etc.

to FALSE, see <https://www.rstudio.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/rmarkdown-reference.pdf> and the first computer lab. For more information or consult the resources mentioned in the study guide and under Resources in Lisam.

Note also that you should present your answers in the form of full paragraphs, where you describe the results as you would do in an academic paper and in a way that is understandable for someone who is not familiar with this data.

A (max. 400 words)

The passengers on Titanic embarked from different ports. Create a new variable called Family, that should be a dummy variable (i.e. that takes the value 1 or 0) that refers to if the passenger had any spouse or sibling on board the ship.

Make a table with descriptive statistics for the variables: Sex, Age, Survived, Pclass, and your new variable Family. The continuous variables and the dummy variables (with 0 or 1) should have information on min, max, mean, SD, and number of observations (one could question the value of SD of a dummy variable, but include it anyway). The categorical variables should have information on number of observations and the distribution over the categories in percent.

Describe the descriptives statistics in the table as you would do in a paper with full paragraphs. Use clear and concise English.

B (300-500 words)

Let us say that we want to study if the old phrase “women and children first” accurately describes the event on Titanic, or rather if women and younger persons were more likely to survive.

Create a new dummy variable, female, that indicates if a passenger is female (=1) or not (=0). Estimate a linear probability model with survival as the dependent variable and age and your new variable female as independent variables. Estimate a second model where you also include passenger class and your new variable Family as independent variables.

Produce one table that includes both of the two estimated models.

Describe the estimated models and your findings, including interpretation of the results (including at least one measurement of the model fit), in a way that is understandable for someone who is not familiar with the data, i.e. as you would do in an article with full paragraphs. Use clear and concise English.