

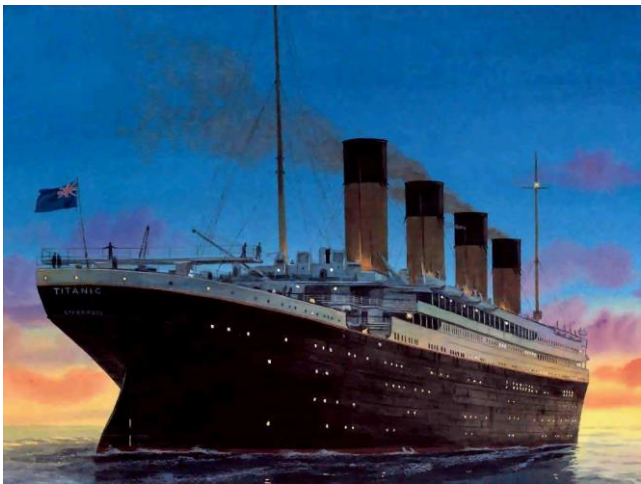
# Decision Trees – Titanic Data Set

## Lesson 4 – Section 2

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### Example: Tragedy of the Titanic



Women and  
children  
first?



Look closely at the data

How about this?

Do you know what this means?

What about this?

The screenshot shows a spreadsheet of the Titanic dataset. Callouts point to various columns: 'Look closely at the data' points to the 'survived' column; 'How about this?' points to the 'ticket' column; 'Do you know what this means?' points to the 'sibsp' column; and 'What about this?' points to the 'home' column.

# Start with a Data Definition

Feature	Data Description	Variable Type
survival	Survived (0 = no; 1 = yes)	Dependent variable
pclass	Ticket class 1 = 1st, 2 = 2nd, 3 = 3rd	Independent variable
name	Passenger's name as given	Relevance?
sex	Gender: Male or Female	Independent variable
age	Age	Independent variable
sibsp	Count of siblings and/or spouse aboard	Independent variable
parch	Count of parents or children aboard	Independent variable
ticket	Ticket number	Relevance?
fare	Passenger Fare	Independent variable
cabin	Cabin number	Relevance?
embarked	Port of departure (c = Cherbourg, q=Queenstown, s=Southampton)	Relevance?
boat	Rescue boat number	Relevance?
home	Home city of the passenger and ultimate (assumed) destination	Relevance?
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**Choose wisely:** More variables in the model can negatively affect compute time and potentially accuracy

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## First Steps... Look for Problems and Predictors

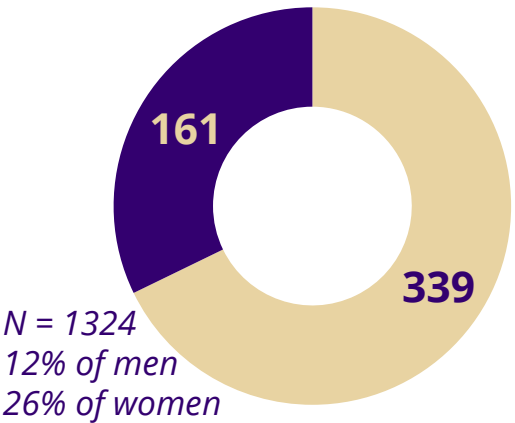
	pclass	survived	name	sex	age	sibsp	parch
261	1	1	Seward, Mr. Frederic Kimber	male	34	0	0
262	1	1	Shutes, Miss. Elizabeth W	female	40	0	0
263	1	1	Silverthorne, Mr. Spencer Victor	male	35	0	0
264	1	0	Silvey, Mr. William Baird	male	50	1	0
265	1	1	Silvey, Mrs. William Baird (Alice Munger)	female	39	1	0
266	1	1	Simonius-Blumer, Col. Oberst Alfons	male	56	0	0
267	1	1	Sloper, Mr. William Thompson	male	28	0	0
268	1	0	Smart, Mr. John Montgomery	male	56	0	0
269	1	0	Smith, Mr. James Clinch	male	56	0	0
270	1	0	Smith, Mr. Lucien Philip	male	24	1	0
271	1	0	Smith, Mr. Richard William	male		0	0
272	1	1	Smith, Mrs. Lucien Philip (Mary Eloise Hughes)	female	18	1	0
273	1	1	Snyder, Mr. John Pillsbury	male	24	1	0
274	1	1	Snyder, Mrs. John Pillsbury (Nelle Stevenson)	female	23	1	0
275	1	1	Spedden, Master. Robert Douglas	male	6	0	2
276	1	1	Spedden, Mr. Frederic Oakley	male	45	1	1
277	1	1	Spedden, Mrs. Frederic Oakley (Margaretta Corning Stone)	female	40	1	1
278	1	0	Spencer, Mr. William Augustus	male	57	1	0
279	1	1	Spencer, Mrs. William Augustus (Marie Eugenie)	female		1	0
280	1	1	Stahelin-Maeglin, Dr. Max	male	32	0	0
281	1	0	Stead, Mr. William Thomas	male	62	0	0
282	1	1	Stengel, Mr. Charles Emil Henry	male	54	1	0
283	1	1	Stengel, Mrs. Charles Emil Henry (Annie May Morris)	female	43	1	0
284	1	1	Stephenson, Mrs. Walter Bertram (Martha Eustis)	female	52	1	0
285	1	0	Stewart, Mr. Albert A	male		0	0
286	1	1	Stone, Mrs. George Nelson (Martha Evelyn)	female	62	0	0
287	1	0	Straus, Mr. Isidor	male	67	1	0
288	1	0	Straus, Mrs. Isidor (Rosalie Ida Blun)	female	63	1	0
289	1	0	Sutton, Mr. Frederick	male	61	0	0
290	1	1	Swift, Mrs. Frederick Joel (Margaret Welles Barron)	female	48	0	0
291	1	1	Taussig, Miss. Ruth	female	18	0	2
292	1	0	Taussig, Mr. Emil	male	52	1	1
293	1	1	Taussig, Mrs. Emil (Tillie Mandelbaum)	female	39	1	1

Look for Missing Values  
e.g., Age...

Make sure you  
understand column  
heading

## Survival by Gender (Passengers)

Survival Rate



More Women  
Survived

**IF sex='female' THEN survive=yes  
ELSE IF sex='male' THEN survive = no**

confusion matrix

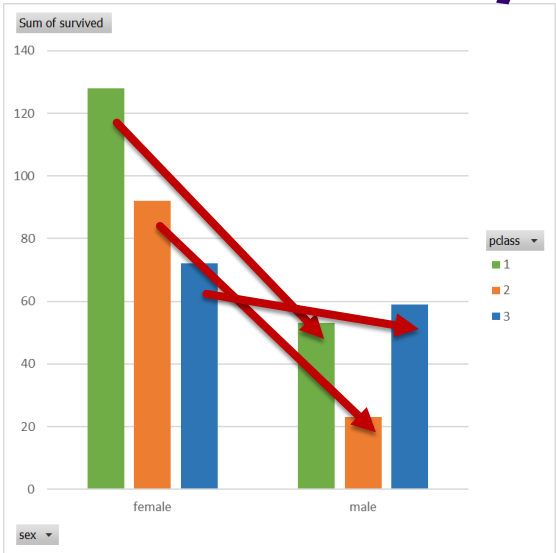
no yes<-- classified as

468	<del>109</del>	no
<del>81</del>	233	yes

$(468 + 233) / (468 + 109 + 81 + 233) = 79\%$  correct (and 21% incorrect)

Not bad!!

## Survival Rate by Gender and Class



Regardless of class,  
more women survived;  
However...

From this view it seems  
that class mattered  
more than gender

**IF pclass='1' THEN survive=yes  
ELSE IF pclass='2' THEN survive=yes  
ELSE IF pclass='3' THEN survive=no**

confusion matrix

no yes<-- classified as

372	<del>119</del>	no
<del>177</del>	223	yes

$(372 + 223) / (372+119+223+177) = 67\%$  correct (and 33% incorrect)

A little worse

**Let's take a look at this example in a Jupyter Notebook**

>Titanic-DecisionTree.ipynb

