Project Overview

In this project I will explore some patterns in the Titanic dataset available at https://www.kaggle.com/c/titanic (https://www.kaggle.com/c/titanic). The main objective of this piece is to experiment with different functions in python, particularly Numpy and Pandas. In this report, I will present different visualization techniques and in the end, present a classification model.

First, let's take a look at the data and see how it looks like:

In [2]: import pandas as pd
titanic = pd.read_csv("C:/Users/sur216/Box Sync/school stuff/Udacity/Data Analyst/p2_titanic/titanic.csv")

In [3]: titanic.head(10)

Out[3]:

	Passengerld	Survived	Pclass	Name	Sex	Age	SibSp	Parch	Ticket	Fare	Cabin	Embarked
0	1	0	3	Braund, Mr. Owen Harris	male	22.0	1	0	A/5 21171	7.2500	NaN	S
1	2	1	1	Cumings, Mrs. John Bradley (Florence Briggs Th	female	38.0	1	0	PC 17599	71.2833	C85	С
2	3	1	3	Heikkinen, Miss. Laina	female	26.0	0	0	STON/O2. 3101282	7.9250	NaN	s
3	4	1	1	Futrelle, Mrs. Jacques Heath (Lily May Peel)	female	35.0	1	0	113803	53.1000	C123	S
4	5	0	3	Allen, Mr. William Henry	male	35.0	0	0	373450	8.0500	NaN	S
5	6	0	3	Moran, Mr. James	male	NaN	0	0	330877	8.4583	NaN	Q
6	7	0	1	McCarthy, Mr. Timothy J	male	54.0	0	0	17463	51.8625	E46	S
7	8	0	3	Palsson, Master. Gosta Leonard	male	2.0	3	1	349909	21.0750	NaN	s
8	9	1	3	Johnson, Mrs. Oscar W (Elisabeth Vilhelmina Berg)	female	27.0	0	2	347742	11.1333	NaN	s
9	10	1	2	Nasser, Mrs. Nicholas (Adele Achem)	female	14.0	1	0	237736	30.0708	NaN	С

Table below provides a description of the titanic variables. It looks like the "Survived" column can be the most potential response variable and many questions can be posed around this variable. Most of the variables are categorical and only two continuous i.e. "Age" and "Fare". Additionally, some "NaN" values can be seen throughout the table.

• survived : Survival (0 = No; 1 = Yes)

• pclass: Passenger Class (1 = 1st; 2 = 2nd; 3 = 3rd)

name: Namesex: Sex

• age: Age

sibsp: Number of Siblings/Spouses Aboardparch: Number of Parents/Children Aboard

ticket: Ticket Numberfare: Passenger Fare

• cabin: Cabin

• embarked: Port of Embarkation

Project Question

In this project I intend to answer the following question: "what are some of the factors correlating with one's chance of survival?"

The main objective, however, is to experiment with different python package to showcase how to tackle a typical data analysis question in python.

Analysis and Procedure

In this analysis we are going to need **pandas**, **numpy** and **matplotlib** which are common data analysis packages. **seaborn** package highly improves the python plots. **sklearn** is the main machine learning package for python and I am going to use this package and suggest a SVM classifier model.

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        import seaborn as sns
        from sklearn.svm import SVC
        from sklearn import svm
        from sklearn.preprocessing import Imputer
        from scipy.stats import ttest_ind
        import warnings
In [5]: | titanic.dtypes
Out[5]: PassengerId
                          int64
        Survived
                          int64
        Pclass
                          int64
                         object
        Name
        Sex
                         object
                        float64
        Age
        SibSp
                          int64
                          int64
        Parch
        Ticket
                         object
        Fare
                        float64
        Cabin
                         object
        Embarked
                         object
        dtype: object
```

As explained earlier, only two variables are continuous (marked as float64) and the rest are categorical. some of the categorical variables are string and for some python packages these variables need to be converted to integers.

```
In [6]: print 'Only {} passengers survived this accident.Of 891 passengers, {} of them were women/girls.'.format(len(titanic [titanic['Survived']==1]),len(titanic[titanic['Sex']=="female"]))
```

Only 342 passengers survived this accident.Of 891 passengers, 314 of them were women/girls.

In [7]: warnings.filterwarnings("ignore", category=RuntimeWarning) #to avoid the warnings due to NaN
 titanic.describe()

Out[7]:

In [4]: import pandas as pd

import numpy as np

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

From this table, we understand that the median fare for this trip was \$14.45 and that most of the passengers were in class 3. The age data for 177 passengers is missing. Depending on what we're gonna do with this data we might have different approaches about the missing values. For example, if we wanted to infer something about the Age column alone, we can simply use the dropna() command from the Pandas package. After running the lines below we can see that there is no row that have all it's values marked as NaN.

By running the loop above we get the unique values for the important categorical variables in our dataset. We know understand that the ship has stopped by three ports (i.e. S,C and Q). There were three classes of tickets and 148 cabins on the ship. We also get a sense of how large the families were.

There seems to be some nan values in **Embarked** as well. We first check how many of them are there. It looks like there are only two. We can go ahead and print these two rows. We can see that the ticket numbers are the same (probably bought together).

```
In [10]: print len(titanic.Embarked.dropna(axis = 0, how = 'any')) # 'Embarked' column seems to have two NaN values
         print titanic[titanic.Embarked.isin(['S','C','Q'])==False] # and here are the rows with missing v
         889
              PassengerId Survived Pclass
                                                                                Name \
         61
                       62
                                 1
                                                                  Icard, Miss. Amelie
         829
                      830
                                 1
                                         1 Stone, Mrs. George Nelson (Martha Evelyn)
                      Age SibSp Parch Ticket Fare Cabin Embarked
              female 38.0
         61
                               0
                                      0
                                         113572 80.0
                                                        B28
                                                                 NaN
                                        113572 80.0
         829
             female 62.0
                               0
                                                        B28
                                                                 NaN
```

We now check for cabins and we can see that information on 204 cabins is missing. We make a histogram of these rows and we can see that most of them were class 3.

```
In [11]: print len(titanic.Cabin.dropna(axis = 0, how = 'any'))
b = titanic[titanic.Cabin.isnull()]['Pclass']
```

We can check to see how many rows have all the data for both cabin and age available. By running the lines below we can see that 158 have neither available while only 185 have both of them.

```
In [12]: print len(titanic[titanic.Age.isnull() & titanic.Cabin.isnull()]) #those with both Cabin and Age marked as NaN
print len(titanic[titanic.Age.notnull() & titanic.Cabin.notnull()]) #those which we have data on both Age and Cabin

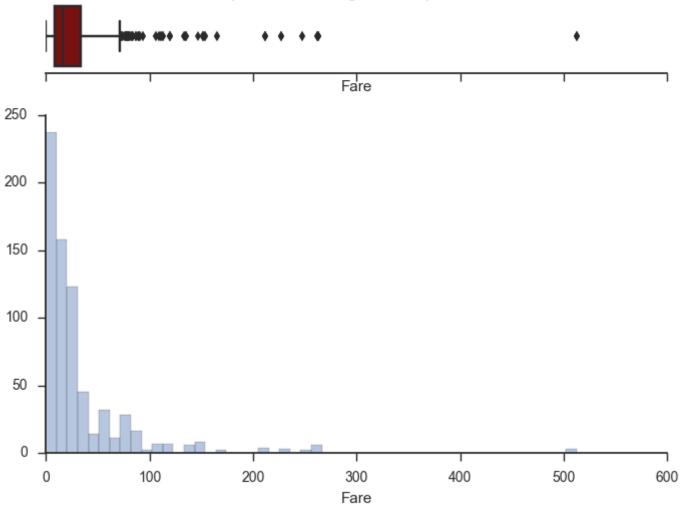
158
185
```

In this analysis I will focus on the some major factos so in here we don't care about cabins it's ok if they're Null. we do care about Age and Pclass, however. therefore, we simply remove those rows which have eithe rof these missing.

```
In [13]: titanic = titanic[titanic.Age.notnull() & titanic.Pclass.notnull()]
```

Out[15]: <matplotlib.text.Text at 0xc7d2470>



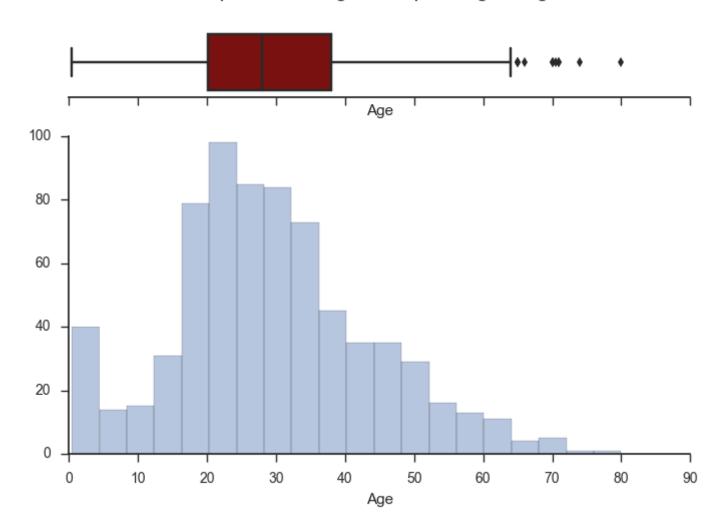


This historgram shows that most of the number of people who has paid low fare to get on the ship was extremely larger nd most of them were as low as 10 to 20 dollars.

```
In [502]: y = titanic['Age']
    y = y[np.isfinite(y)]
    sns.set(style="ticks")
    f, (ax_box, ax_hist) = plt.subplots(2, sharex=True, gridspec_kw={"height_ratios": (0.2, 0.9)})
    sns.boxplot(y, ax=ax_box, color = '#8B0000')
    sns.distplot(y, ax=ax_hist,kde=False)
    ax_box.set(yticks=[])
    sns.despine(ax=ax_hist)
    sns.despine(ax=ax_box, left=True)
    plt.subplots_adjust(top=0.9)
    f.suptitle("Box plot and histogram for passenger's Age",fontsize = 14)
```

Out[502]: <matplotlib.text.Text at 0x1ffa0f98>

Box plot and histogram for passenger's Age

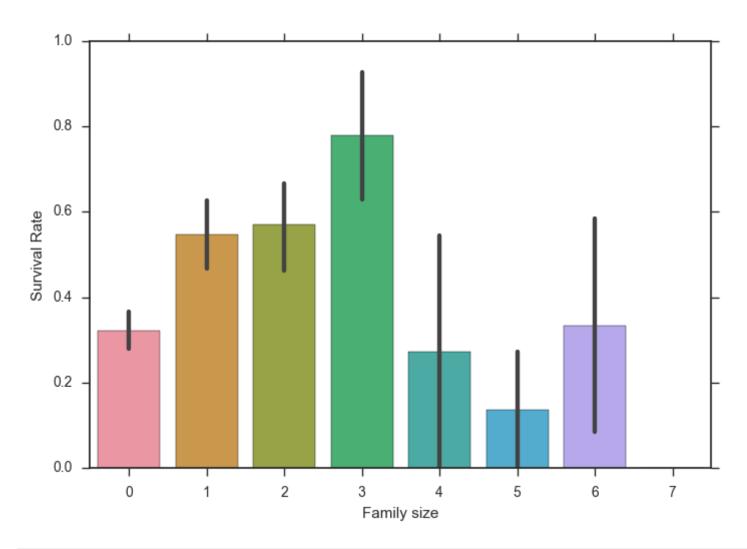


In the plot below I use **FacetGrid** barplots to check the effect of multiple factors at the same time. **FacetGrid** is a module in **seaborn** library and can be applied to different graphs. The boxplots below show that most of the males in the class 1 and class 2 were survived, the color is indicator of the family size which I made by adding *SibSp* and *Parch*. All the males in the large families in class 1 and 2 were survived. In the class 3 section, females have had a better chance of surviving. Males who had the 3rd class tickets experienced the highest rates of deaths. We can also see that family size appears to be an important factor. The larger family size the higher chance of survival, in general.

```
In [21]: titanic['Family size'] = titanic["SibSp"]+titanic["Parch"]
    ax = sns.barplot(x="Family size", y="Survived", data=titanic)
    ax.set(ylabel='Survival Rate')
    plt.title('Bar plots for mean survival per family size', horizontalalignment='center',y=1.15,fontsize = 16)
```

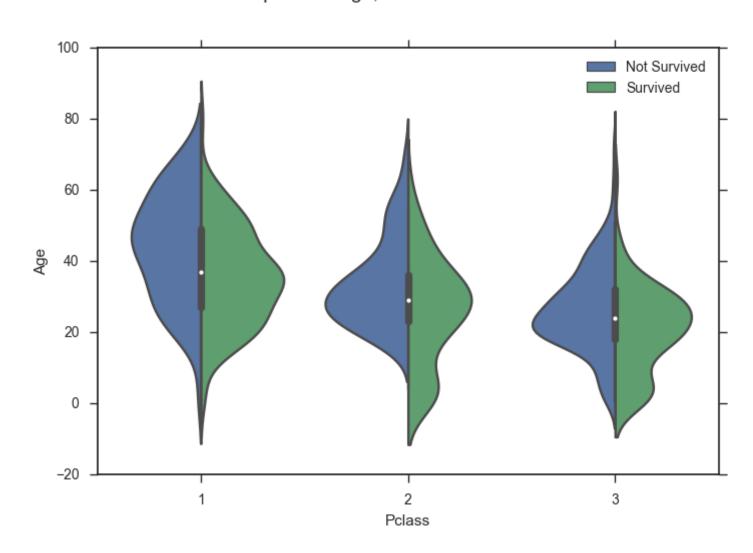
Out[21]: <matplotlib.text.Text at 0xebed278>

Bar plots for mean survival per family size



In [34]: sns.violinplot(x="Pclass", y="Age", hue="Survived", data=titanic, split=True)
plt.title('Violin plots for Age, Class and Survival Status', horizontalalignment='center',y=1.1,fontsize = 14)
L= plt.legend()
L.get_texts()[0].set_text('Not Survived')
L.get_texts()[1].set_text('Survived');

Violin plots for Age, Class and Survival Status



The **violinplot** enables us to simultaneously study both continuous and categorical variables. For example, in the plot above, we can see that older people in the class 1 had lower chance of survival than youngers. the median age for survived in class 1 is around 30 and for unsurvived it's more than 40. in both class 2 and 3 we can see a bump on the lower end of the survived groups (i.e. color green) these bumps represent the younger ages meaning that in both class 2 and 3 a good number of children were survived. most of the unsurvived in class 2 and 3 were around 20-30 years old.

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In [17]:
    def stat_var(variable_list):
        a = titanic.groupby(variable_list,as_index=True).mean().iloc[:,1:9]
        b = titanic.groupby(variable_list,as_index=True).median().iloc[:,1:9]
        d = titanic.groupby(variable_list,as_index=True)
        c = d.count().PassengerId
        return a,b,c

mean,median,count = stat_var(['Sex'])
    print mean,"\n"*3, median, "\n"*3, count

mean,median,count = stat_var(['Survived'])
    print mean,"\n"*3, median, "\n"*3, count

mean,median,count = stat_var(['Survived','Sex'])
    print mean,"\n"*3, median, "\n"*3, count

mean,median,count = stat_var(['Survived','Pclass'])
    print mean,"\n"*3, median, "\n"*3, count
```

```
Survived Pclass
                           Age
                                  SibSp
                                          Parch
                                                    Fare
Sex
female 0.754789 2.065134 27.915709 0.639847 0.708812 47.582759
male 0.205298 2.335541 30.726645 0.439294 0.271523 27.268836
      Survived Pclass Age SibSp Parch Fare
Sex
                2 27.0
          1
female
                             0
                                   0 26.0
          0
                  3 29.0
                          0
male
                                   0 13.0
Sex
female 261
male
       453
Name: PassengerId, dtype: int64
Pclass Age
                           SibSp
                                   Parch
                                            Fare
Survived
0 2.485849 30.626179 0.525943 0.365566 22.965456
      1.872414 28.343690 0.493103 0.527586 51.843205
        Pclass Age SibSp Parch
Survived
            3 28.0
                      0
                            0 11.8875
            2 28.0
                      0
                            0 26.2500
Survived
0 424
    290
Name: PassengerId, dtype: int64
              Pclass Age SibSp
                                        Parch
Survived Sex
       female 2.812500 25.046875 0.968750 1.078125 22.771877
       male 2.427778 31.618056 0.447222 0.238889 22.999871
       female 1.822335 28.847716 0.532995 0.588832 55.643148
1
       male 1.978495 27.276022 0.408602 0.397849 43.793865
             Pclass Age SibSp Parch
Survived Sex
              3.0 24.5 1.0 0.0 15.3729
       female
       male 3.0 29.0 0.0 0.0 10.5000
1
       female 2.0 28.0 0.0 0.0 26.2500
       male
              2.0 28.0 0.0 0.0 26.2875
Survived Sex
               64
       female
        male
               360
        female 197
1
        male
               93
Name: PassengerId, dtype: int64
                 Age SibSp Parch Fare
Survived Pclass
   1 43.695312 0.359375 0.375000 67.356313
             33.544444 0.344444 0.155556 20.754953
       3
             26.555556 0.625926 0.433333 13.180014
       3
1
             35.368197 0.500000 0.426230 98.770904
1
       2
             25.901566 0.518072 0.674699 22.248595
             20.646118 0.458824 0.529412 13.386421
              Age SibSp Parch
                                 Fare
Survived Pclass
0 1 45.25 0.0 0.0 51.93125
                           0.0 13.00000
              25.00
                     0.0
                           0.0 8.05000
1
       1
              35.00
                     0.0
                           0.0 77.95830
       2
              28.00
                     0.0
                           0.0 23.00000
       3
              22.00
                           0.0 9.35000
                     0.0
Survived Pclass
        1
                 64
        2
                90
                270
        3
1
        1
                122
                 83
        2
```

3

Name: PassengerId, dtype: int64

85

According to the tables printed above, females chance of survival was more than males by almost three times. Although, it should be noted that the median passenger class for female passengers were 2 and for men was 3. The median paid fare for females was twice as much for males. This suggests that females were generally located in better parts of the ship. as we separated the data by "survived" (i.e. mean,median,count = stat_var(['Survived'])) we can see some other interesting patterns. For example, Thos who had parents or childrens with the have had a better chance of survival. Generally, 360 male passengers died and only 93 were survived while most of the female passengers survived (197 survivals vs. 64 deaths). Generally, younger people in either class 1,2 or 3 had better chances of survival. In general, 270 passengers in class 3 died and only 85 survived. 63% of the deaths of the entire accident was among the class 3 pssengers.

We can now run a t-test to see if gender was indeed an influential factor in one's survival. As we can see, the P value is almost zero and the t score is high. It looks like gender has been an important factor in one's chance of survival.

```
In [18]: sur_fem = titanic[titanic.Sex == "female"]
    sur_mal = titanic[titanic.Sex == "male"]
    sur_fem.head()
    print "P-Value:",ttest_ind(sur_fem.Survived,sur_mal.Survived)[1],"\n","T
    score:",ttest_ind(sur_fem.Survived,sur_mal.Survived)[0];
```

P-Value: 5.2247099268e-55 T score: 17.0671463693

In the next step, I will make two new variables which are the categorical versions of **Age** and **Fare**. To do this, we first find the max, min and standard deviation of each variable to see how many groups would fit these variables. For example, we can see that the olderst person on the ship was 80 and the youngest was 0.42. We can also see that the standard deviation is 14.5 years. It looks like age groups of length 10 is reasonable for this variable. With the same strategy, I will divide the **Fare** variable to 10 groups of length 50. we will next make the same plot but this time we use **AgeGroup** instead of **Age**.

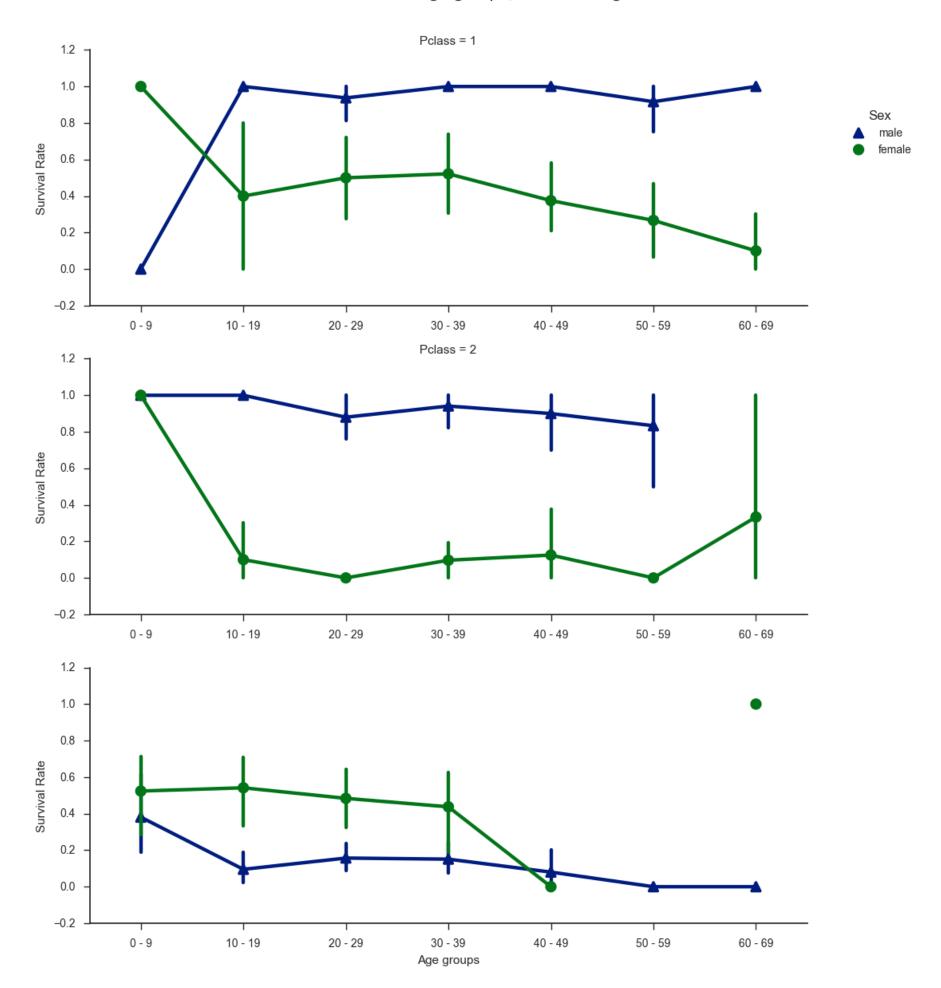
```
In [23]: #for the ease of visualization we know convert the two numerical variables to categorical variables
# convert "Age" to multiple age groups of length 10
print (max(titanic["Age"]), min(titanic["Age"]),np.std(titanic["Age"]))

labels = [ "{0} - {1}".format(i, i + 9) for i in range(0, 70, 10) ]
titanic['AgeGroup'] = pd.cut(titanic["Age"], range(0, 80, 10), right=False, labels=labels)

# convert "Fare" to multiple groups of length 50
print (max(titanic["Fare"]), min(titanic["Fare"]), np.std(titanic["Fare"]))
labels = [ "{0} - {1}".format(i, i + 49) for i in range(0, 465, 50) ]
titanic['FareGroup'] = pd.cut(titanic["Fare"], range(0, 515, 50), right=False, labels=labels)
```

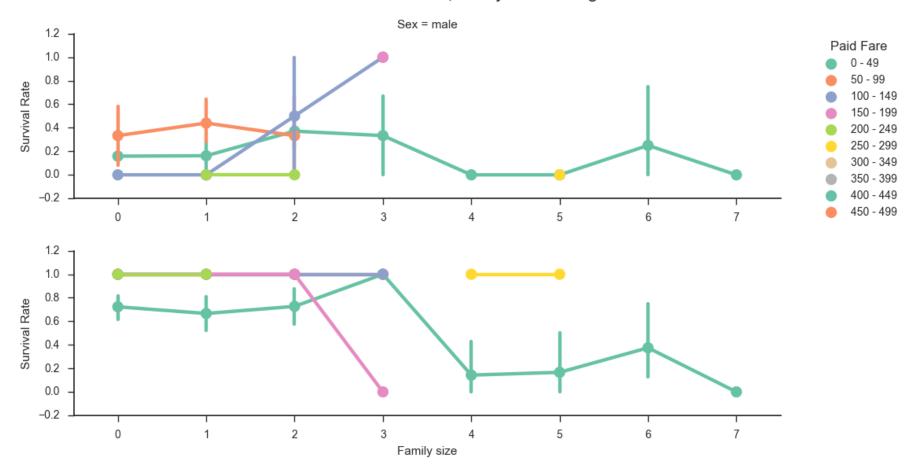
(80.0, 0.41999999999999, 14.516321150817317) (512.3292000000001, 0.0, 52.881858444051744)

Chance of survival for different age groups, classes and gender values



The plot is more interpretable now. As you can see the division between men and women survived in class 2 is the highest. Again, we can see that most of the men in class 3 did not survive. In class 3 young girls had the highest chance of being survived while in both class 1 and 2 all men between 30 and 39 were survived.

Chance of survival for different Fares ,Family sizes and gender values



We make the same type of graph once more but this time we use **FareGroup** instead of AgeGroup. We can see that within the 0-49 fare group the chance of survival for females in larger family size we less than those with smaller family size. Recall that the majority of the passengers had paid less than 50. The optimum family size for both men and women in this group is 2-3 members. Also, we can see that most of those passengers who have paid more than \$50 for ticket, have also had small family sizes. Females who paid more than 50 have had a good chance of survival.

In the section below, I suggest a SVM classifer for this dataset. SVM (o.e. Support Vector Machine) is one of the most common classification methods. Since I intend to visualize different SVM models with different kernels, I will only use 2 variables that I found to be influential in the previous steps. These two variables are **Fare** and **Age**. However, if I run the model with these two it will take hours simply because there are too many unique quantities for these two variables. To remedy this, I will use **AgeGroup** and **FareGroup** instead. My purpose here is not to provide an accurate classification model, but it's rather about going through a typical classification process. A better idea would have been to find the principal components first and choose the first two, to get more accurate results but I will skip this step.

Recall that AgeGroup and FareGroup were objects and not integer. SVM only accepts floats and integers as input. Therefore, I will first code these two variables and convert them to integers.

```
In [26]: #convert string categories to numerical
    titanic['AgeGroup'] = titanic['AgeGroup'].astype('category')
    titanic['FareGroup'] = titanic['FareGroup'].astype('category')
    titanic['AgeGroup_2'] = titanic.AgeGroup.cat.codes
    titanic['FareGroup_2'] = titanic.FareGroup.cat.codes
    titanic.head()
    x_titanic = titanic.iloc[:, [15,16]] #selecting variables for the classification tree
    x_titanic = x_titanic.apply(lambda x: pd.to_numeric(x, errors='coerce')) #convert predictors to numeric
    y_titanic = pd.to_numeric(titanic.iloc[:,1], errors='coerce') #convert response to numeric
    x_titanic.head()
```

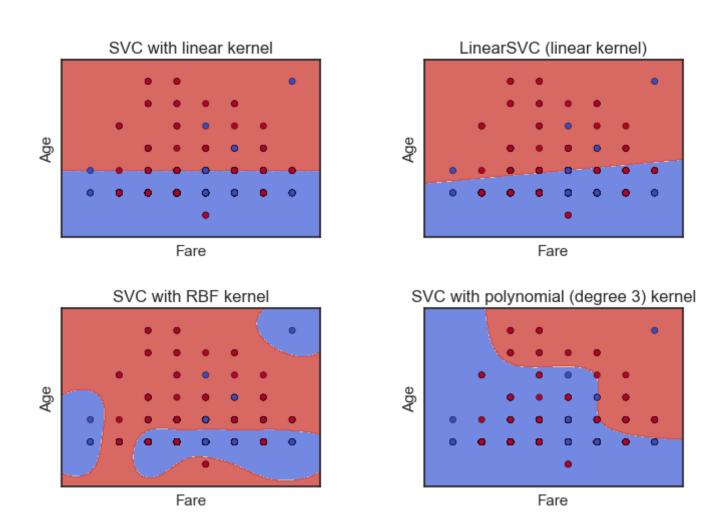
Out[26]

	AgeGroup_2	FareGroup_2
0	2	0
1	3	1
2	2	0
3	3	1
4	3	0

The methods used in this section is mostly adopted from here: http://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/svm.html (http://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/svm.html (http://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/svm.html)
I first used imputer to get rid of the NaN variables and then divided the dataset into a train set (80% of the data) and test set. I fit four SVM models with different methods and apply the resulting models to the test set and see which one give more accurate results.

```
In [33]: warnings.filterwarnings("ignore", category=np.VisibleDeprecationWarning) # to avoid the warning which is caused by t
         he new version of numpy
         imp = Imputer(missing_values='NaN', strategy='mean', axis=0)
         x_t = imp.fit_transform(x_titanic)
         np.random.seed(1)
         rnd_sample = np.random.rand(len(x_t)) < 0.8
         x = x_t[rnd_sample]
         x_{test} = x_{test} - rnd_{sample}
         y = y_titanic[rnd_sample]
         y_test = y_titanic[~rnd_sample]
         h=0.02
         C=1.0
         svc = svm.SVC(kernel='linear', C=C).fit(x, y)
         rbf_svc = svm.SVC(kernel='rbf', gamma=0.7, C=C).fit(x, y)
         poly_svc = svm.SVC(kernel='poly', degree=4, C=C).fit(x, y)
         lin_svc = svm.LinearSVC(C=C).fit(x, y)
         x_{min}, x_{max} = x[:, 0].min() - 1, x[:, 0].max() + 1
         y_{min}, y_{max} = x[:, 1].min() - 1, <math>x[:, 1].max() + 1
         xx, yy = np.meshgrid(np.arange(x_min, x_max, h),
                               np.arange(y_min, y_max, h))
         titles = ['SVC with linear kernel',
                    'LinearSVC (linear kernel)',
                    'SVC with RBF kernel',
                    'SVC with polynomial (degree 3) kernel']
         for i, clf in enumerate((svc, lin_svc, rbf_svc, poly_svc)):
             # Plot the decision boundary. For that, we will assign a color to each
             # point in the mesh [x_min, x_max]x[y_min, y_max].
             plt.subplot(2, 2, i + 1)
             plt.subplots_adjust(wspace=0.4, hspace=0.4)
             Z = clf.predict(np.c_[xx.ravel(), yy.ravel()])
             Z = Z.reshape(xx.shape)
             plt.contourf(xx, yy, Z, cmap=plt.cm.coolwarm, alpha=0.8)
             plt.scatter(x[:, 0], x[:, 1], c=y, cmap=plt.cm.coolwarm)
             plt.xlabel('Fare')
             plt.ylabel('Age')
             plt.xlim(xx.min(), xx.max())
             plt.ylim(yy.min(), yy.max())
             plt.xticks(())
             plt.yticks(())
             plt.title(titles[i])
             plt.suptitle("A comparison between different SVM models' performance", y= 1.05, fontsize = 15)
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A comparison between different SVM models' performance



In [514]:	pd.crosst	ab(<pre>/_test, poly_svc.predict(x_test))</pre>
Out[514]:	col_0	0	1
	Survived		
	0	81	4
	1	51	6
١			
In [515]:	pd.crosst	ab(/_test, rbf_svc.predict(x_test))
Out[515]:	col_0	0	1
	Survived		
	0	73	12
		22	25
	1	32	
ſ			
			/_test, svc.predict(x_test))
In [516]:		:ab(
	pd.crosst	ab()	/_test, svc.predict(x_test))
	pd.crosst	ab()	/_test, svc.predict(x_test)) 1
	pd.crosst	ab()	/_test, svc.predict(x_test)) 1 7
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In this particular case it looks like RBF kernel is more accurate than all other models. The accuracy of classification for the RBF kernel SVM is roughly 69%.

Conclusion

In this write up I examined different methods to discover which factors were influencial in one's chance of survival in the titanic accident. In this project, I did not test for staitical significance of different variables, but rather tried too find some trends and patterns via a mostly visual EDA. We found out that passenger class, sex, fare and age were all influential factors in different ways. In the end, I tried an SVM classifier by incorporating only two variables (i.e. Fare and Age) and the model was capable of predicting the chance of survival by 69% accuracy. We found out that young Single Males or thoses with small family size had lower chance of survival in class 3 section while for class 1 and 2 males had a better chance of survival. We also realized that family size was an important factor, those with large family sizes, either male or female had better chances of survival. Overall, Class 3 have experienced more deaths compared to the two classes, obviously the security measures in class three have been dramatically lower than the two.

limitations and suggestions

While we analyzed the importance of some general factors, many influential factors are missing from this dataset. for example, the position of cabins in relation to the hole in the ship, number of peopl ein each cabin, where each person were at the time of accident, and the family ties between the passenger IDs. Also there were a number of rows with missing data. For future work, I suggest trying some of the well-known classification methods such as logistic regressions and decision trees to find to what extent each factor were important in one's survival.

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