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LAB 4G: Growing trees

Response Sheet

Directions: Record your responses to the lab questions in the spaces provided.

Trees vs. Lines

Our first tree

- **Why can't we just use a *linear model* to predict whether a passenger on the Titanic survived or not based on their gender?**

Viewing trees

- **Write down the labels of the two *branches*.**

- **Write down the labels of the two *leaves*.**

- **Which gender does the model predict will survive?**

- **Where does the plot tell you the number of people that get sorted into each leaf? How do you know?**

- **Where does the plot tell you the number of people that have been sorted *incorrectly* in each leaf?**

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Leafier trees

- Mrs. Cumings was a 38 year old female with a 1st class ticket from Cherbourg. Does the model predict that she survived?
- Which variable ended up not being used by tree?

Tree complexity

- How is tree3 different from tree2?

Misclassification rate

Predictions and Cross-validation

On your own

- In your own words, explain what the *misclassification rate* is.
- Which model (tree1, tree2 or tree3) had the lowest misclassification rate for the `titanic_test` data?
- Does creating a more complex *classification tree* always lead to better predictions? Why not?