

**STOR 320.1**  
**Modeling VI**

# Introduction

- Non-Parametric Classification
- K-Nearest Neighbors (k-NN)
  - Machine Learning Technique
  - Intuitive
  - Non-Parametric
  - Used for Predicting Classes of an Output Variable

# K-NN Algorithm

- Step 1: Choose a  $k$
- Step 2: Select the  $k$  Most Similar Observations in a Database Which are the “Closest” According to the Input Variables
- Step 3: Find the Most Common Classification Among These
- Step 4: Classify the New Observation Based on What is Category is Known to Occur Most

# Tutorial 12

- Instructions
  - Data `> library(titanic)`
  - Required Packages
    - `library(modelr)`
    - `library(tidyverse)`
    - `library(purrr)`
    - `library(broom)`
    - `library(class)`
- Download Tutorial 12 and Open .Rmd File

# Part 1: Feature Engineering and Visualization

- Titanic Survival Data

```
> library(titanic)
```

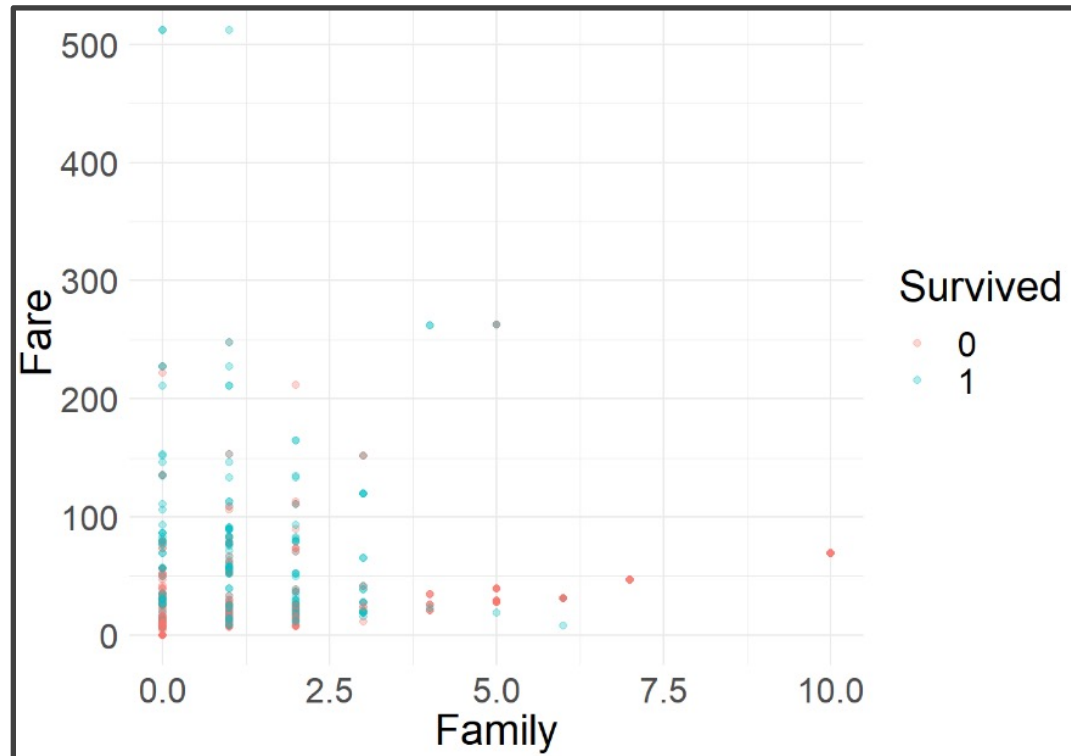
- Response Variable

$$Y = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if Survived} \\ 0 & \text{if Did Not Survive} \end{cases}$$

- Explanatory Variables
  - Siblings/Spouses Aboard
  - Parents/Children Aboard
  - Passenger Fare
- Goal: Use k-NN to Predict a Passenger to Survive or to Die a Miserable, Cold Death

# Part 1: Feature Engineering and Visualization

- Run Chunk 1
  - Creating a New Variable
  - What Does This Variable Represent?
- Run Chunk 2





# Part 2: Obtaining Predictions Using K-NN

- Finding Similar Passenger
  - Out-of-Sample Passenger
    - $X_{11} = \textit{Family Onboard}$
    - $X_{12} = \textit{Fare}$
  - Passenger in Training Data
    - $X_{21} = \textit{Family Onboard}$
    - $X_{22} = \textit{Fare}$
- Geometric Distance Formula
- Two Scenarios
  - Distance is Small
  - Distance is Large

$$d = \sqrt{(x_{11} - x_{21})^2 + (x_{12} - x_{22})^2}$$



# Part 2: Obtaining Predictions Using K-NN

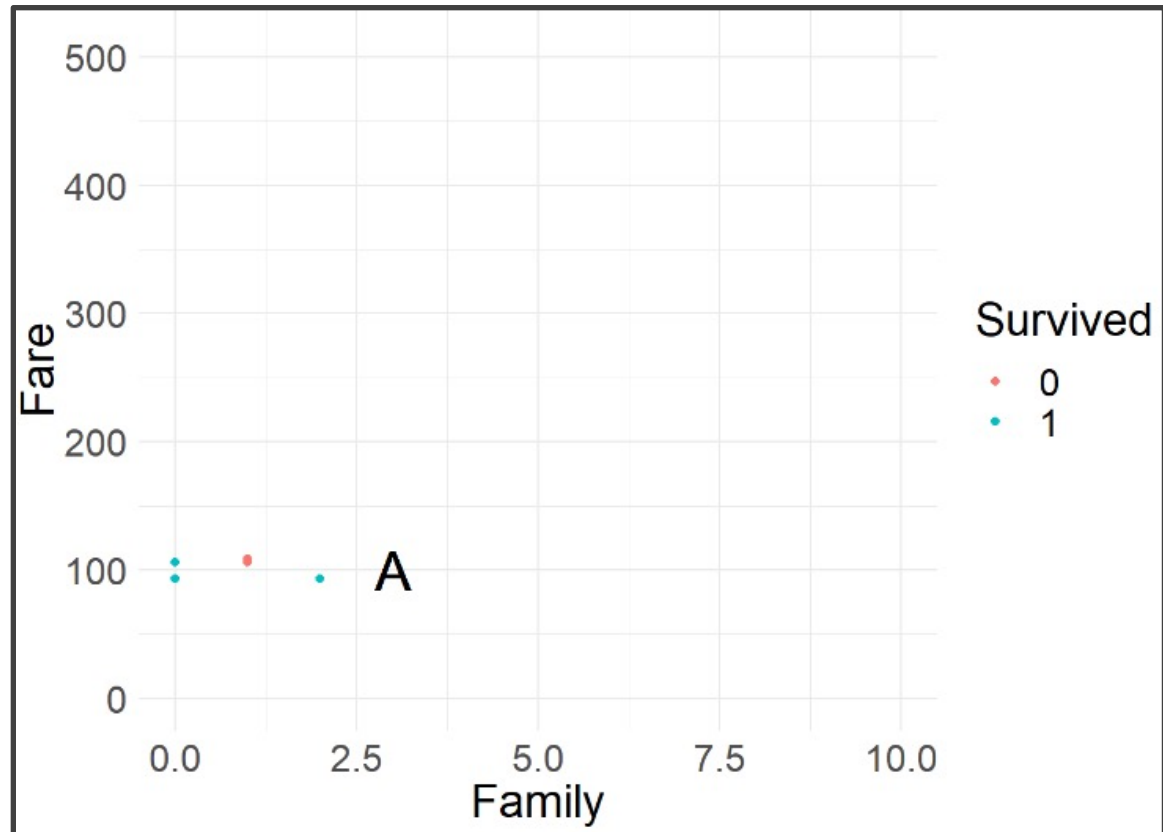
- Run Chunk 2
  - Suppose  $k=5$
  - Five Most Similar Passengers

Survived	Fare	Family	d
1	93.500	2	6.576473
0	106.425	1	6.729088
1	106.425	0	7.090883
1	93.500	0	7.158911
1	108.900	1	9.121952
0	108.900	1	9.121952

- Why are There Six?
- Did Alice Survive or Die?

# Part 2: Obtaining Predictions Using K-NN

- Run Chunk 3
  - Output Figure



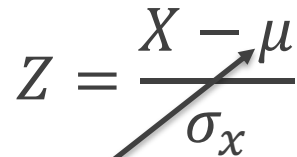
- What Did You Expect to See?
- Are You Surprised?

# Part 3: Transform and Revisit K-NN

- Consider Standardization

- Multiple Methods

- Classic Formula

$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma_x}$$


- Use  $\bar{x}$  and  $s_x$

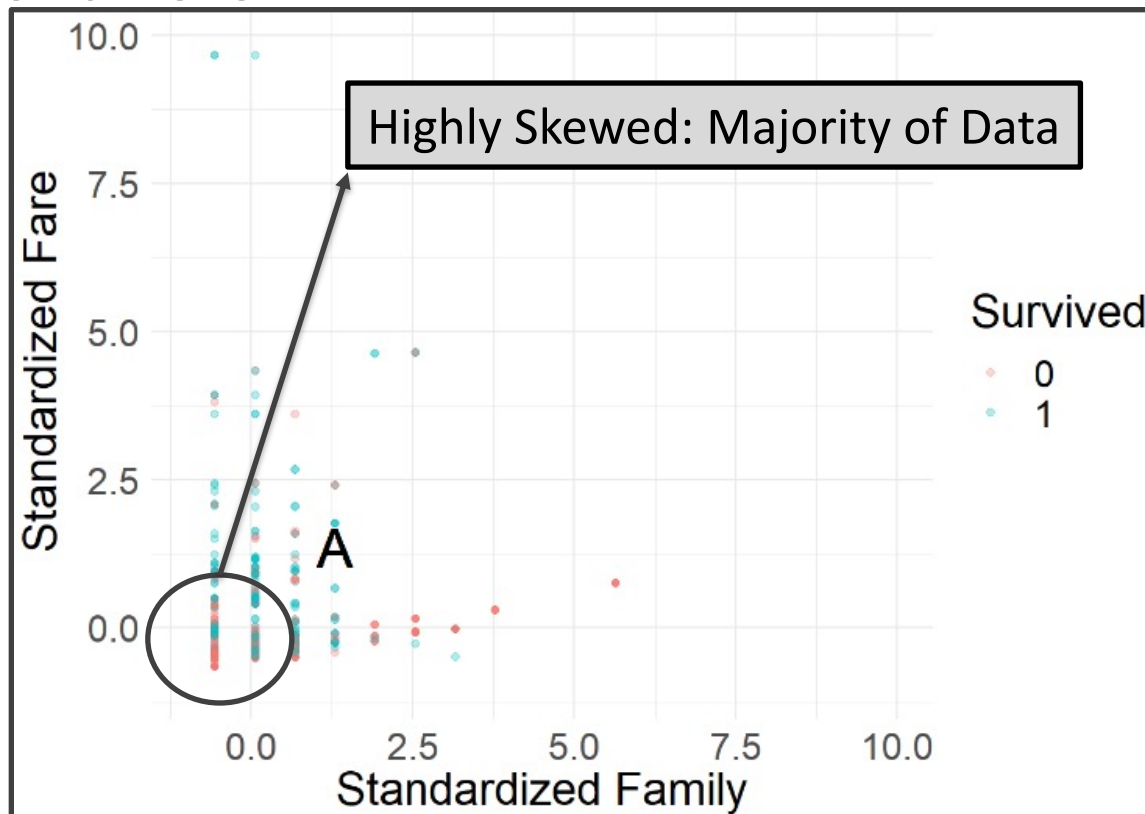
- What We are Doing

- Centering Data
    - Scaling Data

```
> scale(x,center=T,scale=T)
```

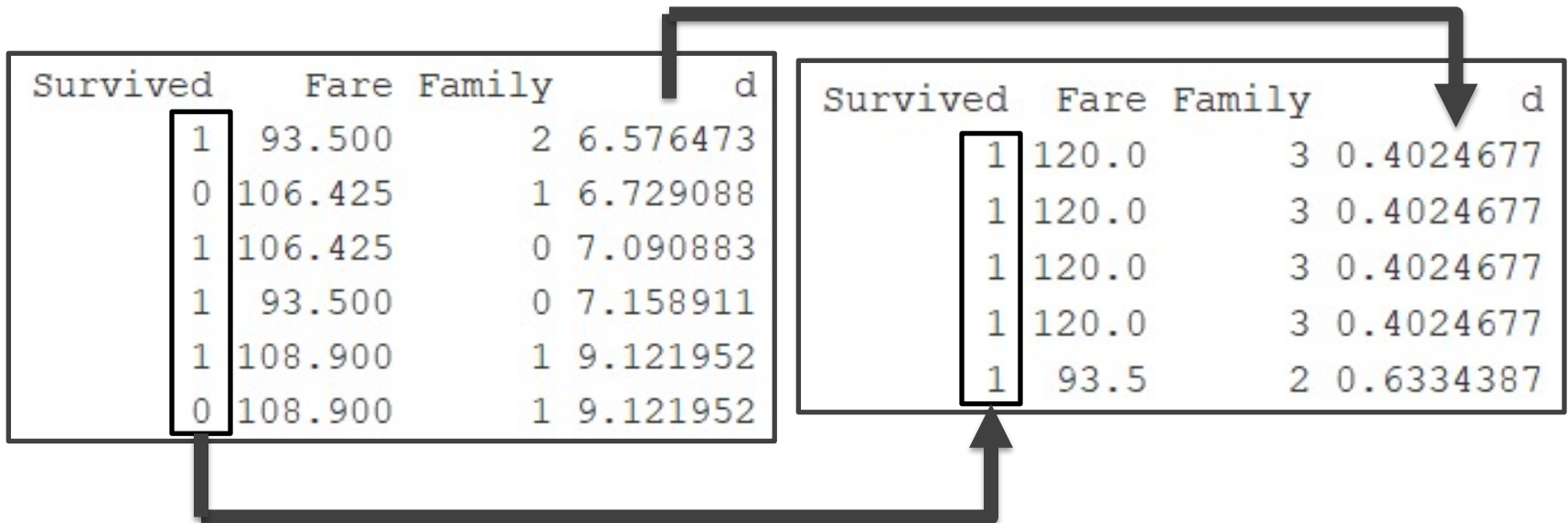
# Part 3: Transform and Revisit K-NN

- Run Chunk 1
  - Units: Standard Deviations
  - Alice: Above Average Family Size and Fare



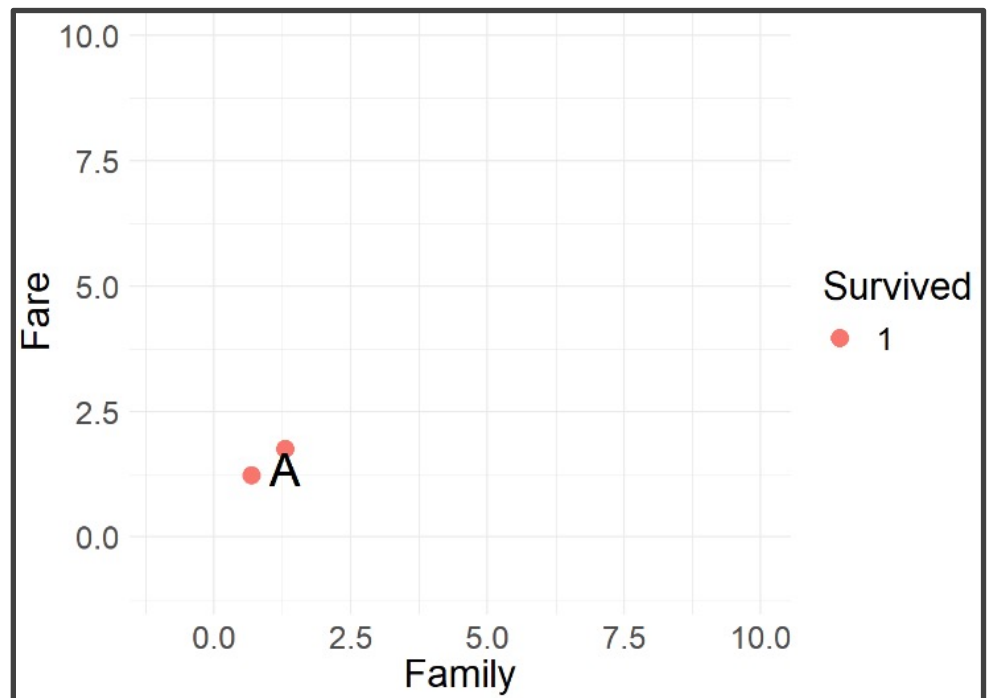
# Part 3: Transform and Revisit K-NN

- Run Chunk 2
  - Recall: Alice
    - Family Size of 3
    - \$100 Ticket
  - Before & After Standardization



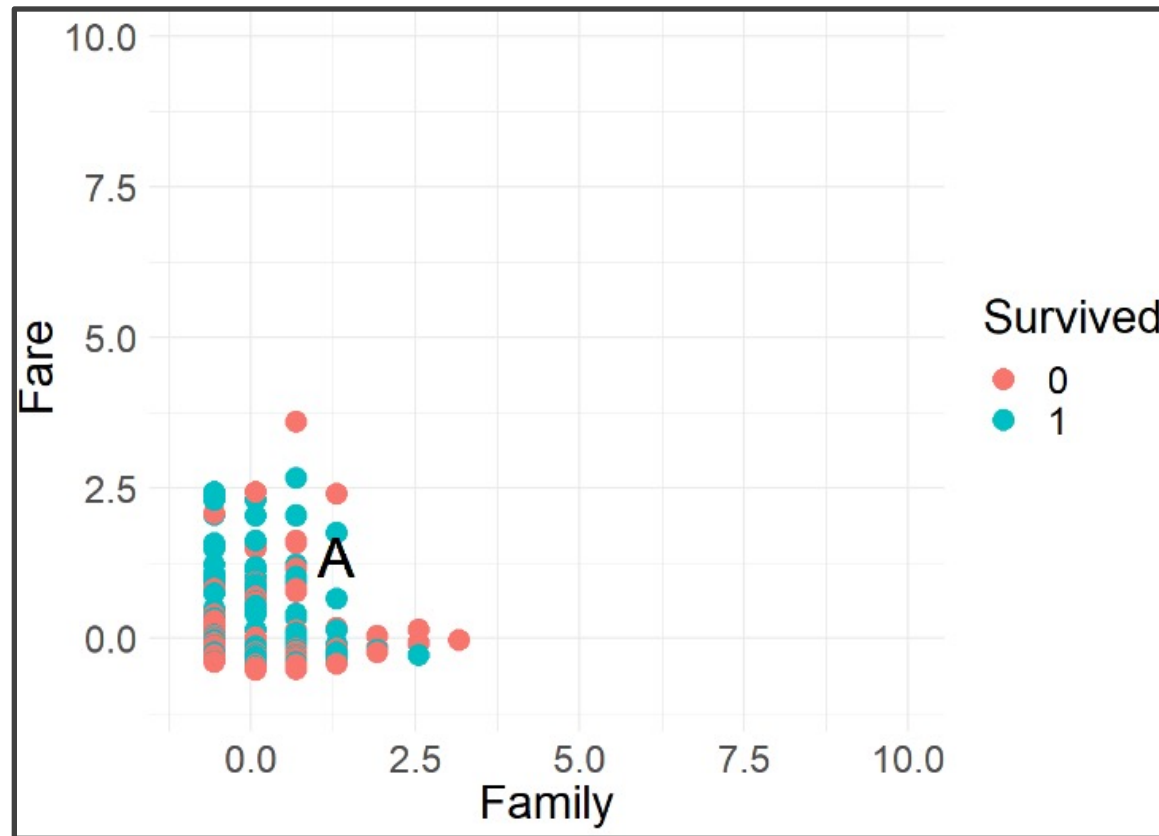
# Part 3: Transform and Revisit K-NN

- Chunk 2 Continued
  - Both Before and After Standardization We Would Predict Alice to Survive
- Updated Figure



# Part 4: Tuning K for K-NN

- Run Chunk 1
  - Suppose k is Large (k=500)



# Part 4: Tuning K for K-NN

- Chunk 1 Continued
  - Votes From Neighbors

```
KNN.PREDICT=table(ST5$Survived)
print(KNN.PREDICT)
```

```
##
##      0      1
## 258 251
```

- Based on k-NN When k=500
  - 258 Neighbors Died
  - 251 Neighbors Survived
- Predict Alice is Food for Fish

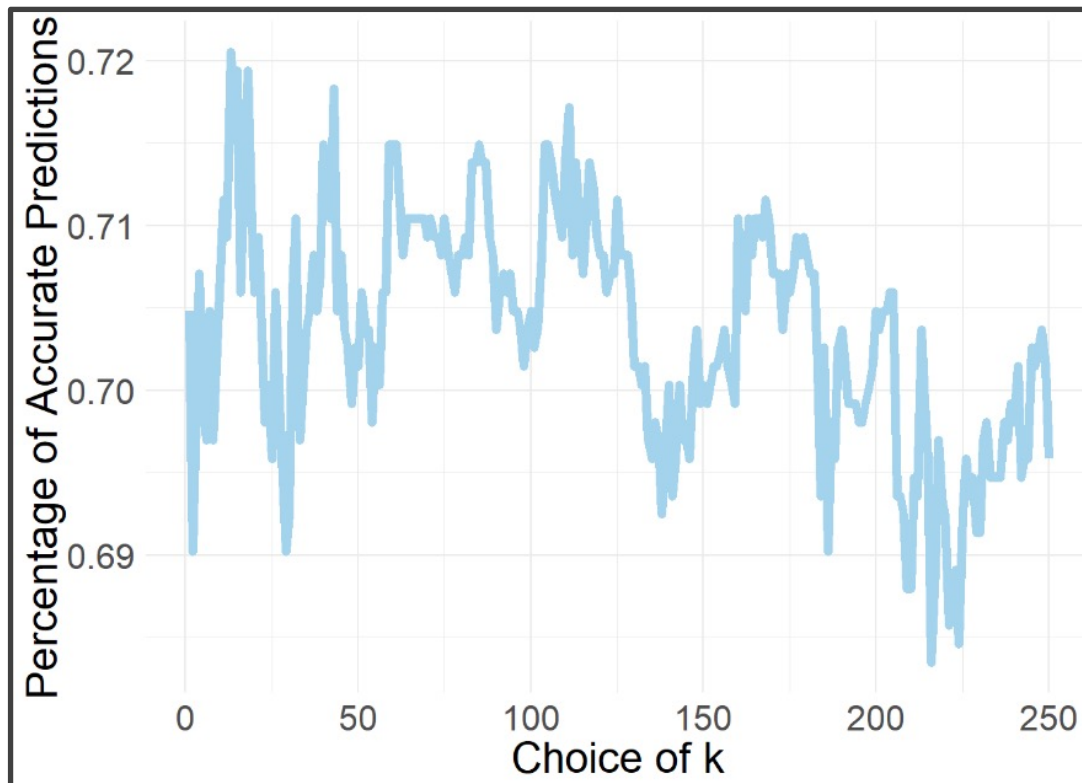


# Part 4: Tuning K for K-NN

- Leave-on-Out Cross Validation
  - Helpful Package for k-NN `> library(class)`
  - Install the R Package
  - Helpful Functions
    - Performing k-NN `> knn(train, test, cl, k = 1)`
    - LOOCV `> knn.cv(train, cl, k = 1)`
  - For Other Important Arguments, See Documentation

# Part 4: Tuning K for K-NN

- Run Chunk 2
  - Consider  $k=1,2,3,\dots,250$
  - Use CV, to Generate Out-of-Sample Predictions for Each  $k$
  - Calculate Overall Accuracy Percentage



# Part 4: Tuning K for K-NN

- Run Chunk 3
  - Identify Best Choice for k (k=18)
  - Use k to Generate Predictions on Future Data With Unknown Survival
- Figure Illustrating Predictions on Test Set for Competition

```
> titanic_test
```

