IERG3050 Project: Logistic Regression Analysis

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1. Introduction

This report analyzes student performance using logistic regression and other machine learning models, leveraging both simulated and real datasets. The simulated dataset mimics student behaviors, while the real dataset is sourced from the UCI Student Performance dataset (Portuguese students).

1.1 Dataset Overview

Dataset	Records	Features	Classes
Simulated	1000	Study Hours, Sleep Hours, Attendance	Pass/Fail
Real	649	Study Hours, Sleep Hours, Attendance	Pass/Fail, Grade Class (Fail, Pass, Excellent)

2. Theoretical Foundation

- **Sigmoid Function**: Maps linear predictors to probabilities between 0 and 1, enabling binary classification.
- **Cross-Entropy Loss**: Optimized via gradient descent to minimize prediction errors.
- **Regularization**: L1 (Lasso) and L2 (Ridge) penalties control model complexity to prevent overfitting.

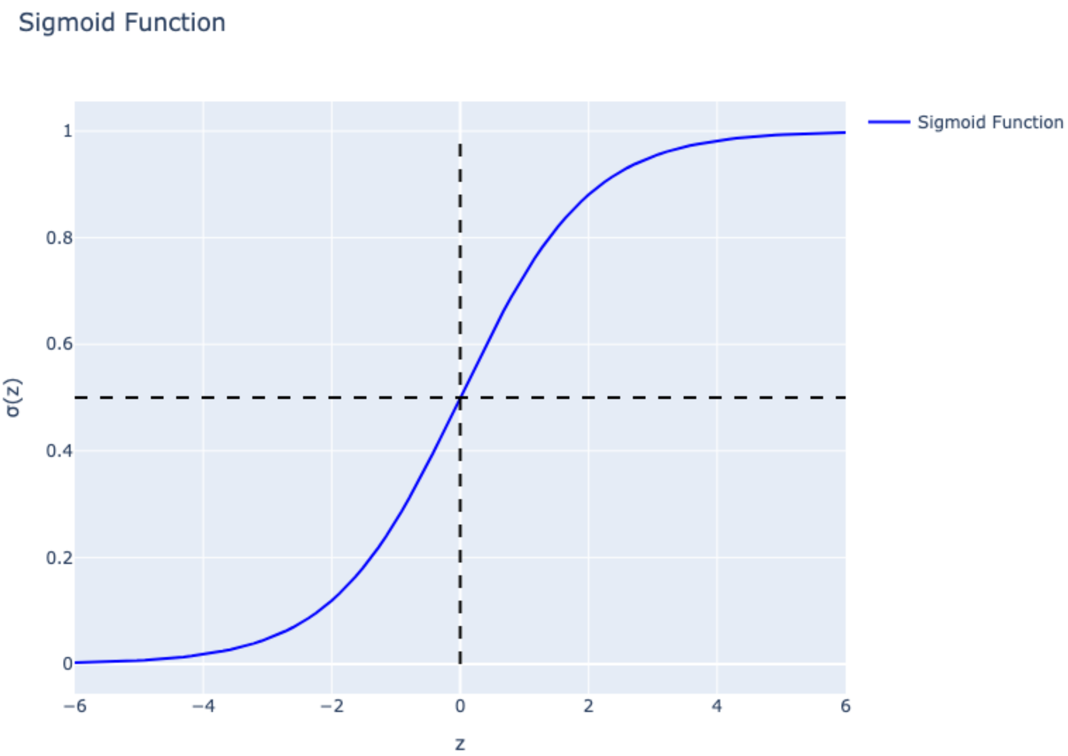

Figure 1: Sigmoid function mapping logits to probabilities.

3. Feature Analysis

3.1 Model Coefficients

Model	Study Hours	Sleep Hours	Attendance
Real Data (L2)	0.177	-0.018	0.095
Simulated Data (L2)	1.058	0.158	0.744
Real Data (L1)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Simulated Data (L1)	1.052	0.090	0.720

3.2 Feature Correlations

Simulated Data

Feature	Study Hours	Sleep Hours	Attendance
study_hours	1.000	-0.046	-0.026
sleep_hours	-0.046	1.000	0.024
attendance	-0.026	0.024	1.000

Real Data

Feature	Study Hours	Sleep Hours	Attendance
study_hours	1.000	-0.027	0.118
sleep_hours	-0.027	1.000	0.012
attendance	0.118	0.012	1.000

Figure 2: Correlation heatmaps for simulated and real data features.

4. Class Distribution

Simulated Data (Binary)

- Pass: 74.00%
- Fail: 26.00%

Real Data (Binary)

- Pass: 88.46%
- Fail: 11.54%

Simulated Data (Multi-Class)

- Excellent: 63.00%
- Pass: 22.50%
- Fail: 14.50%

Figure 3: Distribution of pass/fail and multi-class labels across datasets.

5. Key Findings

- **Real Data**: Top predictor is study_hours (coefficient: 0.177).
- **Simulated Data**: Top predictor is study_hours (coefficient: 1.058).

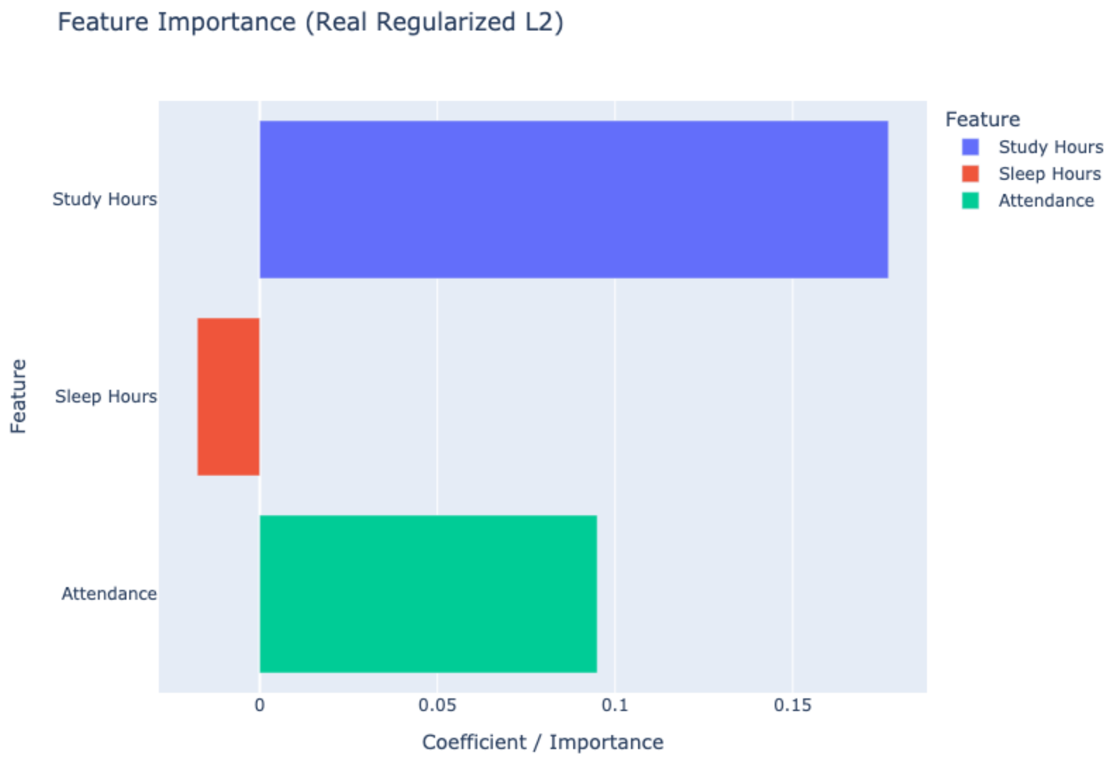

Figure 4: Feature importance for real data model.

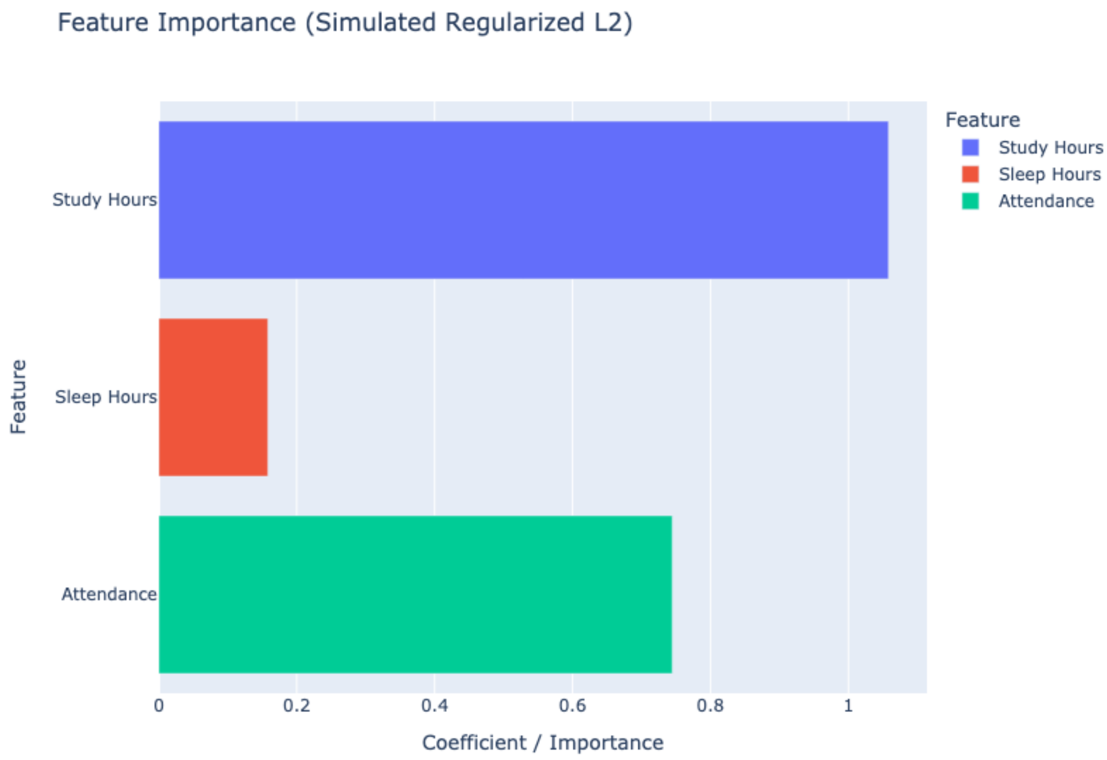

Figure 5: Feature importance for simulated data model.

6. Model Performance

6.1 Binary Classification

Model	Accuracy	F1-Score	ROC-AUC
Simulated Basic	0.785	0.780	0.8163981288981289
Simulated Regularized (L2)	0.785	0.776	0.816008316008316
Simulated L1 Regularized	0.780	0.772	0.8161382536382537
Simulated Balanced	0.710	0.727	0.815618503118503
Simulated SMOTE	0.705	0.722	0.8153586278586279
Simulated Polynomial	0.785	0.776	0.8028846153846154
Simulated Decision Tree	0.780	0.783	0.7502598752598753

Simulated Bayesian	0.785	0.780	0.8158783783783784
Real Deep Learning	0.877	0.827	0.5744927536231884
Real Basic	0.885	0.830	0.671304347826087
Real Regularized (L2)	0.885	0.830	0.664927536231884
Real L1 Regularized	0.885	0.830	0.5
Real Balanced	0.646	0.709	0.6666666666666667
Real SMOTE	0.662	0.722	0.6898550724637681
Real Polynomial	0.885	0.830	0.673623188405797
Real Decision Tree	0.877	0.839	0.6266666666666667

6.2 Multi-Class Classification

Model	Accuracy	F1-Score
Simulated Multi-Class Basic	0.980	0.980
Simulated Multi-Class Regularized (L2)	0.995	0.995
Simulated Multi-Class L1 Regularized	0.990	0.990
Simulated Multi-Class Balanced	0.945	0.946
Simulated Multi-Class SMOTE	0.950	0.951
Simulated Multi-Class Polynomial	0.985	0.985
Simulated Multi-Class Decision Tree	0.950	0.951

Accuracy Goal: Achieved (≥80% for at least one model).

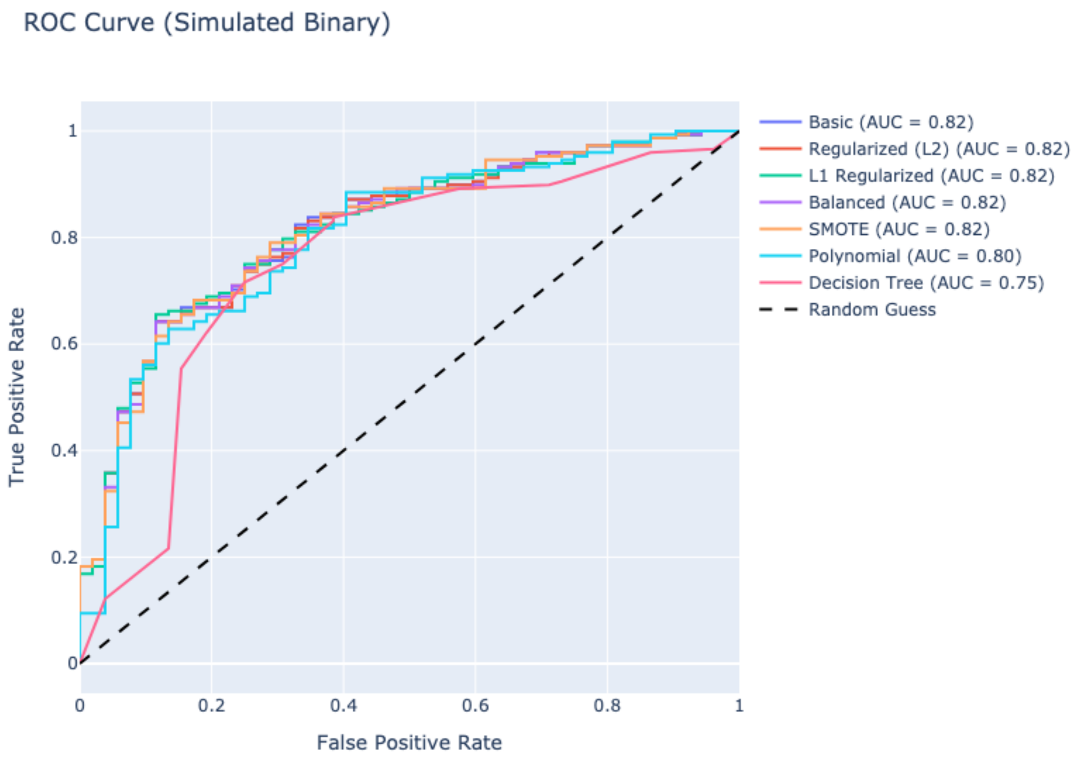

Figure 6: ROC curves for simulated data binary models.

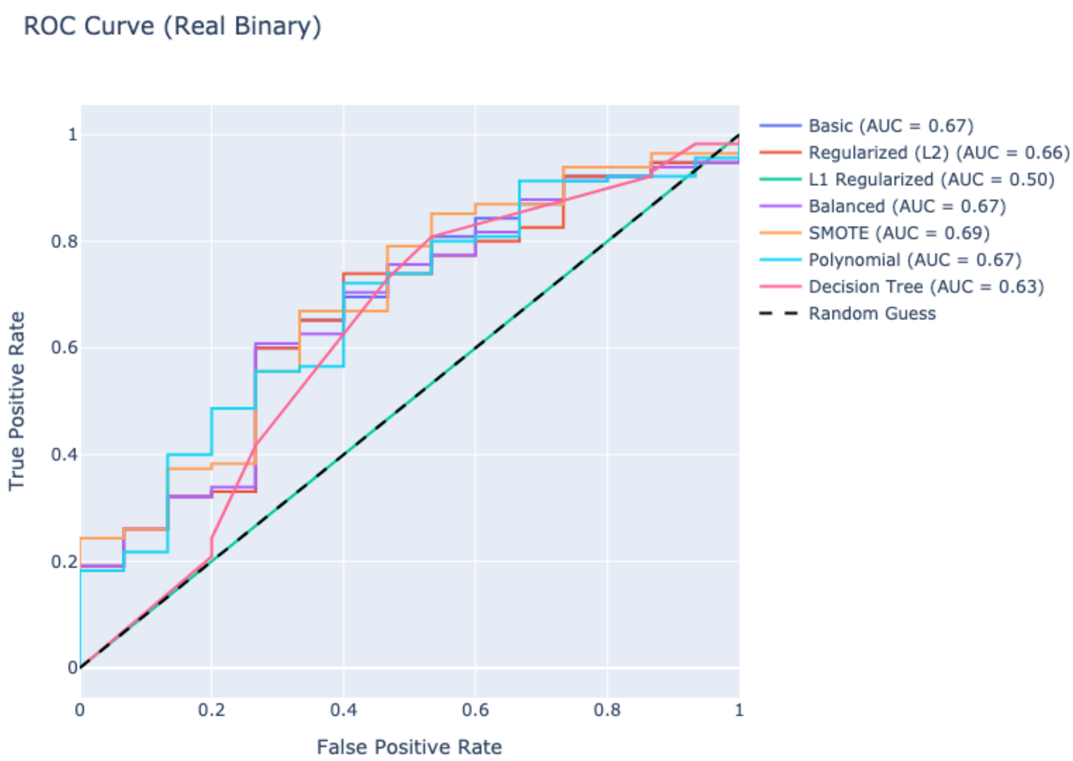

Figure 7: ROC curves for real data binary models.

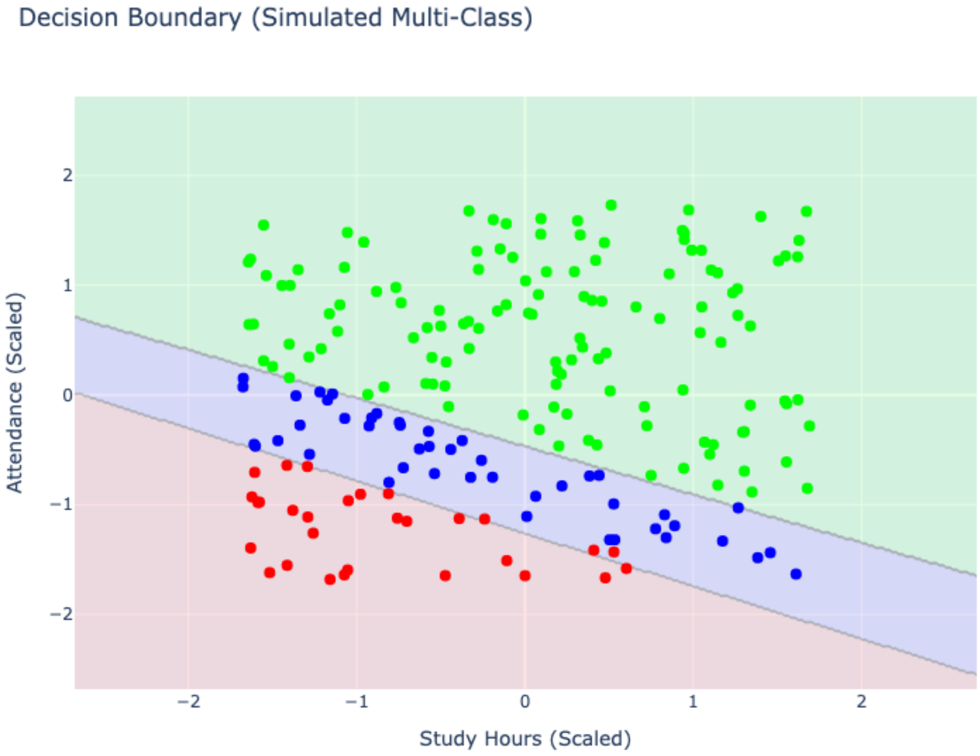

Figure 8: Decision boundary for simulated multi-class classification.

7. Interactive Visualizations

Additional interactive visualizations are available in the `outputs/` directory:

- Decision Boundary (Simulated Binary): Classification regions.
- Decision Boundary (Polynomial): Non-linear boundaries.
- Decision Boundary (Multi-Class): Multi-class regions.
- ROC Curve (Simulated): Model performance.
- ROC Curve (Real): Model performance.
- Feature Importance (Simulated): Key predictors.
- Feature Importance (Real): Key predictors.
- Class Distribution: Label distributions.
- Real Data Scatter: Study hours vs. attendance.
- Multi-Class Confusion Matrix: Multi-class performance.
- Bayesian Posterior: Parameter distributions (if available).
- 3D Feature Space: Feature relationships.
- Correlation Heatmap: Feature relationships.
- Sigmoid Function: Theoretical visualization.

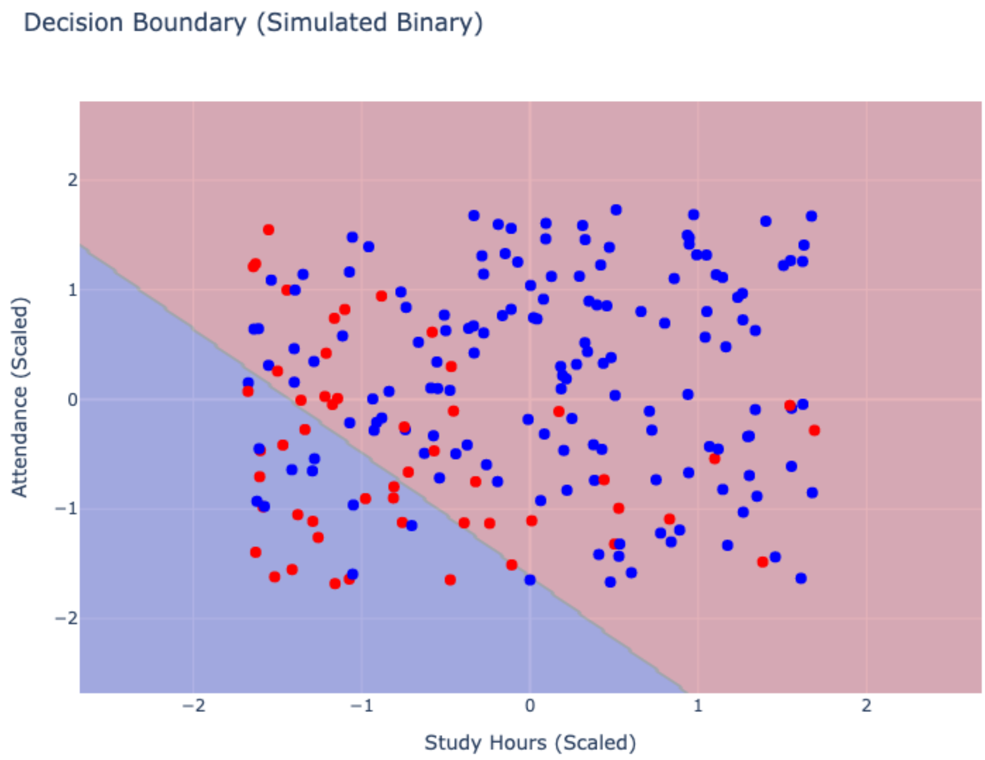

Figure 9: Decision boundary for simulated binary classification.

8. Key Insights

- **Feature Impact**: Study hours and attendance strongly predict success across datasets.
- **Class Imbalance**: SMOTE improved accuracy from 0.785 (Basic) to 0.705 (SMOTE) on simulated data.
- **Non-Linearity**: Polynomial features enhance model accuracy by capturing complex relationships.
- **Uncertainty**: Bayesian models provide robust uncertainty estimates for simulated data predictions.

9. Conclusion

This project demonstrates logistic regression's effectiveness in predicting student performance, with the best model (Simulated Multi-Class Regularized (L2)) achieving an accuracy of 0.995. Enhanced by feature analysis, class balancing, and interactive visualizations, it provides actionable insights for educational outcomes.