

## **Logistic Regression: Solving Binary Classification Problems**




Logistic Regression is a go-to algorithm for solving binary classification problems. Despite its name, it's a classification algorithm, not a regression one. Let's dive into its core concepts and how it works!


### **Summary**

Logistic Regression predicts the probability of an instance belonging to a class (e.g., 0 or 1). It's particularly effective for problems like spam detection, loan default prediction, and medical diagnoses.

### **Highlights**

 **Binary Output:** The model outputs probabilities between 0 and 1. A threshold (commonly 0.5) is used to classify the result as 0 or 1.

 **Decision Boundary:** Logistic Regression fits a linear boundary to separate the two classes in feature space.


 **Sigmoid Function:** Uses the logistic (sigmoid) function to map predicted values to probabilities.

### **Key Insights**

#### **Why Logistic Regression?**

Simple yet powerful for linearly separable data.

Outputs interpretable probabilities for decision-making.

 **Threshold Tuning:** Adjust the threshold (e.g., 0.4, 0.6) based on the problem's sensitivity and specificity requirements.

### **Evaluation Metrics:**

**Accuracy:** Overall correctness.

**Precision:** How many positive predictions were correct?

**Recall:** How many actual positives were identified?

**F1-Score:** Balance between precision and recall.

## **Key Takeaways**

- 1 Simple and Intuitive:** Logistic Regression works well for binary classification when the data is linearly separable.
- 2 Metrics Matter:** Use precision, recall, and F1-score to evaluate performance, especially for imbalanced datasets.
- 3 Thresholding:** Customize the threshold based on problem requirements for better decision-making.

GitHub code : <https://github.com/NafisAnsari786/Machine-Learning-Algorithms/blob/main/7%20Logistic%20Regression/Binary%20Classification/Logistic%20Regression%20Binary%20classification.ipynb>