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README

Student Performance Classification Project

Project Overview

This project addresses a **classification problem** using a dataset of student performance. The main goal is to identify students who are at risk of failing, enabling school administrators to take early action and provide support.

Business Problem

School administrators need a reliable method to identify students likely to fail their final grade (defined as $G3 < 10$). Early identification allows for targeted academic intervention, reducing dropout rates and improving overall performance.

Stakeholders

The primary stakeholders are:

- School management teams
- Academic support staff and counselors
- Teachers and intervention specialists



Dataset Summary

The dataset includes the following features:

- **Demographics:** age, family background, parents' education
- **Academic Behavior:** study time, absences, failures
- **Grades:** first (G1), second (G2), and final (G3) period grades



Modeling Process

The classification task was addressed using the following models:

- Logistic Regression
- Support Vector Machine (SVM)
- Random Forest

Preprocessing Steps:

- Feature selection and encoding
- Train/test split
- Data normalization where required

Model Evaluation:

Evaluated models using metrics suitable for classification:

- Accuracy
- Precision
- Recall
- F1 Score



Results and Recommendation

Among the models tested, the **Random Forest** model showed the best performance overall with strong accuracy and interpretability. Important predictors included:

- Previous grades (G1 and G2)
- Study time
- Absences



Recommendations

- Implement the Random Forest model in school monitoring systems.
- Alert educators and counselors about at-risk students early.
- Design personalized interventions based on the predictions.



Project Files

- Student_Performance_Classification_Presentation.pptx : Non-technical presentation for stakeholders.
- Final_Chronological_ML_Notebook.ipynb : Full code from data loading to model evaluation.
- Student_Performance_Classification_Presentation.pdf (*optional for export*)



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