



Task 4: Classification with Logistic Regression — Full Explanation



Objective

Build a **binary classifier** (two-class prediction) using **Logistic Regression**.

Example:

Predict whether a person has diabetes (Yes/No)

Predict if an email is spam (Spam/Not Spam)

Predict if a customer will buy a product (Buy/Not Buy)



Tools Required

Scikit-learn → For ML model training

Pandas → For data loading + processing

Matplotlib → For plotting ROC curve, visualizations



Step-by-Step Mini Guide (Explained in Detail)

1

Choose a Binary Classification Dataset

A binary dataset means the target has **two classes** such as:

Example

Diabetes

Spam email

Titanic survival

Classes

0 = No, 1 = Yes

0 = Not spam, 1 = Spam

0 = No, 1 = Yes

Common datasets in scikit-learn:

```
from sklearn.datasets import  
load_breast_cancer  
data = load_breast_cancer()
```

Or load your own CSV with
Pandas.

2 Train-Test Split + Standardize Features

Train-test split

We divide data into:

Training set (80%) → teach the model

Test set (20%) → evaluate performance

```
from sklearn.model_selection  
import train_test_split
```

```
X_train, X_test, y_train,  
y_test = train_test_split(X,  
y, test_size=0.2,  
random_state=42)
```

Standardization

Logistic Regression performs better when
features are scaled.

```
from sklearn.preprocessing  
import StandardScaler
```

```
scaler = StandardScaler()
```

```
X_train =  
scaler.fit_transform(X_train)
```

```
X_test =  
scaler.transform(X_test)
```

3 Fit Logistic Regression Model

```
from sklearn.linear_model  
import LogisticRegression
```

```
model = LogisticRegression()  
model.fit(X_train, y_train)
```

This learns the relationship between input features and the binary output.

4 Evaluate Model Performance

✓ Confusion Matrix

Shows:

True Positive (TP)

True Negative (TN)

False Positive (FP)

False Negative (FN)

```
from sklearn.metrics import  
confusion_matrix,  
classification_report
```

```
y_pred = model.predict(X_test)  
print(confusion_matrix(y_test,  
y_pred))  
print(classification_report(y_t  
est, y_pred))
```

✓ Precision

Out of predicted “positive”, how many are correct?

✓ Recall

Out of actual “positive”, how many we detected correctly?

✓ ROC-AUC score

Measures how well model separates classes.

```
from sklearn.metrics import  
roc_auc_score, roc_curve  
  
y_prob =  
model.predict_proba(X_test)[:,1]  
  
roc_auc =  
roc_auc_score(y_test, y_prob)
```

✓ ROC Curve Plot

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

```
fpr, tpr, _ =
roc_curve(y_test, y_prob)

plt.plot(fpr, tpr)
plt.xlabel("False Positive
Rate")
plt.ylabel("True Positive
Rate")
plt.title("ROC Curve")
plt.show()
```

5 Tune Threshold + Explain Sigmoid Function

✓ Sigmoid Function

Logistic Regression outputs a **probability** using:

$$\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$

This converts any number into a value between **0 and 1**.

✓ Default Threshold = 0.5

If probability > 0.5 → Predict Class 1

Else → Predict Class 0

✓ Tuning Threshold

Useful when:

You want fewer false negatives (e.g., detecting disease)

You want fewer false positives (e.g., spam filter)

Example:

```
threshold = 0.3
```

```
y_custom = (y_prob >
threshold).astype(int)
```



Final Summary

Step

What You Do

- 1 Pick dataset
- 2 Train-test split + standardize
- 3 Train logistic regression

Evaluate using confusion matrix, precision,
4 recall, ROC-AUC
Tune decision threshold & understand
5 sigmoid