Why Classification?

Classification Methods

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In this video, we will cover:

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The Student Success Challenge

The Goal: Predict whether a student will pass or fail based on study habits and background

Available Data:

- Self-study hours per week
- Group study hours per week
- Library hours per week
- Class attendance rate
- Assignments submitted on time
- Forum participation
- Sleep hours per night
- Previous GPA

Student Data Features

Feature	Type	Example Values
Self-study hours	Continuous	0-40 hours/week
Group study hours	Continuous	0-20 hours/week
Library hours	Continuous	0-30 hours/week
Attendance rate	Continuous	0-100%
Assignments on time	Discrete	0-10 assignments
Forum participation	Binary	Yes/No
Sleep hours	Continuous	4-12 hours/night
Previous GPA	Continuous	0.0-4.0
Outcome	**Binary**	**Pass/Fail**

Classification vs. Regression

Regression:

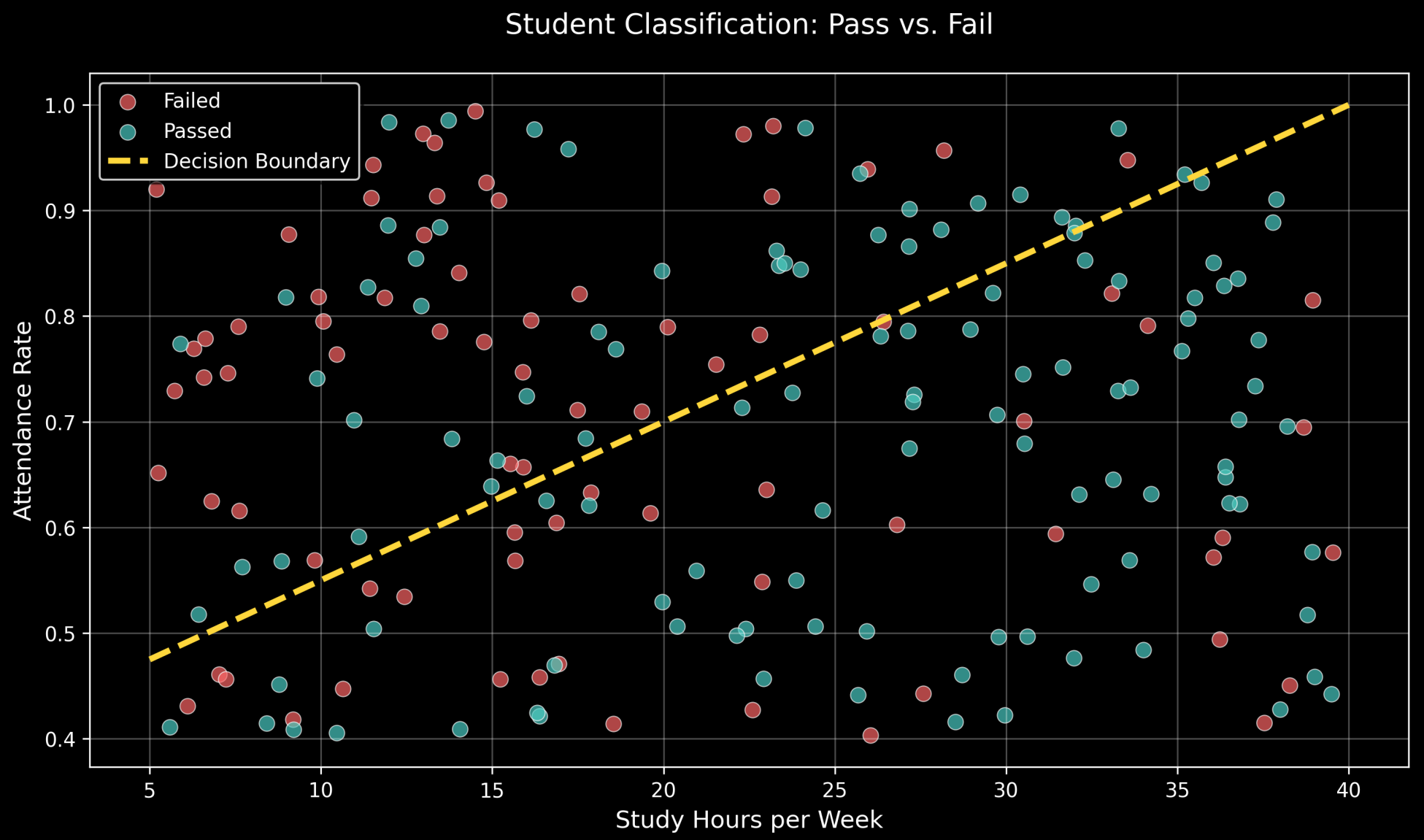
- Predicts continuous values
- Example: Exam score (0-100)
- Measures: Mean squared error
- Output: Specific number

Classification:

- Predicts categories/labels
- Example: Pass/Fail
- Measures: Accuracy, precision
- Output: Class label

The **same data** can be used for both tasks!

Decision Boundaries



Real-World Impact

Early Warning Systems:

- Identify at-risk students early in semester
- Provide targeted interventions
- Improve graduation rates

Challenges:

- Model accuracy affects real lives
- False negatives: miss students who need help
- False positives: unnecessary interventions

What We've Covered

In this video, we've explored:

- Classification as predicting categories from features
- Student success prediction as a concrete example
- How classification differs from regression
- The concept of decision boundaries