

Task 4: Classification with Logistic Regression.

Task 4: Classification with Logistic Regression — Full Explanation

Objective

The goal of this task is to **build a binary classification model** using **Logistic Regression**.

Binary classification means the output has **two classes**, for example:

- Spam vs Not Spam
- Disease vs No Disease
- Pass vs Fail
- 0 vs 1

Logistic Regression predicts the probability that a given input belongs to class **1**.

Tools Used

1. Scikit-learn

A Python machine learning library used to:
split the dataset
train Logistic Regression
evaluate the model

2. Pandas

Used for:
loading datasets
cleaning and preparing data
working with tables

3. Matplotlib

Used for:
visualizing results

plotting ROC curves, confusion matrix, etc.

Hints / Mini Guide Explanation

1. Choose a binary classification dataset

Pick any dataset where the target column has **two classes** (0/1).

Common examples:

Titanic survival

Diabetes prediction

Heart disease dataset

2. Train/test split and standardize features

Split data into:

Training set (usually 70–80%)

Testing set (20–30%)

Then **standardize (normalize) features** so they all have equal scale, e.g. using:

`StandardScaler()`

3. Fit a Logistic Regression model

Train the model using:

`LogisticRegression()`

The model learns patterns in the data to predict class labels.

4. Evaluate Model Performance

You need to evaluate how good the model is.

Confusion Matrix

Shows:

True Positives

True Negatives

False Positives

False Negatives

Precision

Of all predicted positives, how many were correct?

Useful when **false positives** are costly.

Recall

Of all actual positives, how many did the model detect?

Useful when **false negatives** are costly.

ROC-AUC

Measures how well the model separates the two classes.

Higher AUC → Better classifier.

5. Tune threshold & explain sigmoid function

Sigmoid Function

Logistic Regression uses the **sigmoid** to convert numbers into probabilities:

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

Output is between **0 and 1**.

Threshold

Default threshold = **0.5**

If probability ≥ 0.5 Class 1

If probability < 0.5 Class 0

You can change the threshold to improve precision/recall.

In Simple Words

This task teaches you how to:

- 1 Choose a binary dataset

- 2 Split and scale data
- 3 Build and train Logistic Regression
- 4 Evaluate using multiple metrics
 - Understand sigmoid and probability
- 5 threshold

If you want, I can also provide: Full

code example

- Project report format
- Output explanations

Just tell me!