Weather Forecasting using Logistic Regression

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github: https://github.com/norquip/Machine_Learning_Python.git

Introduction

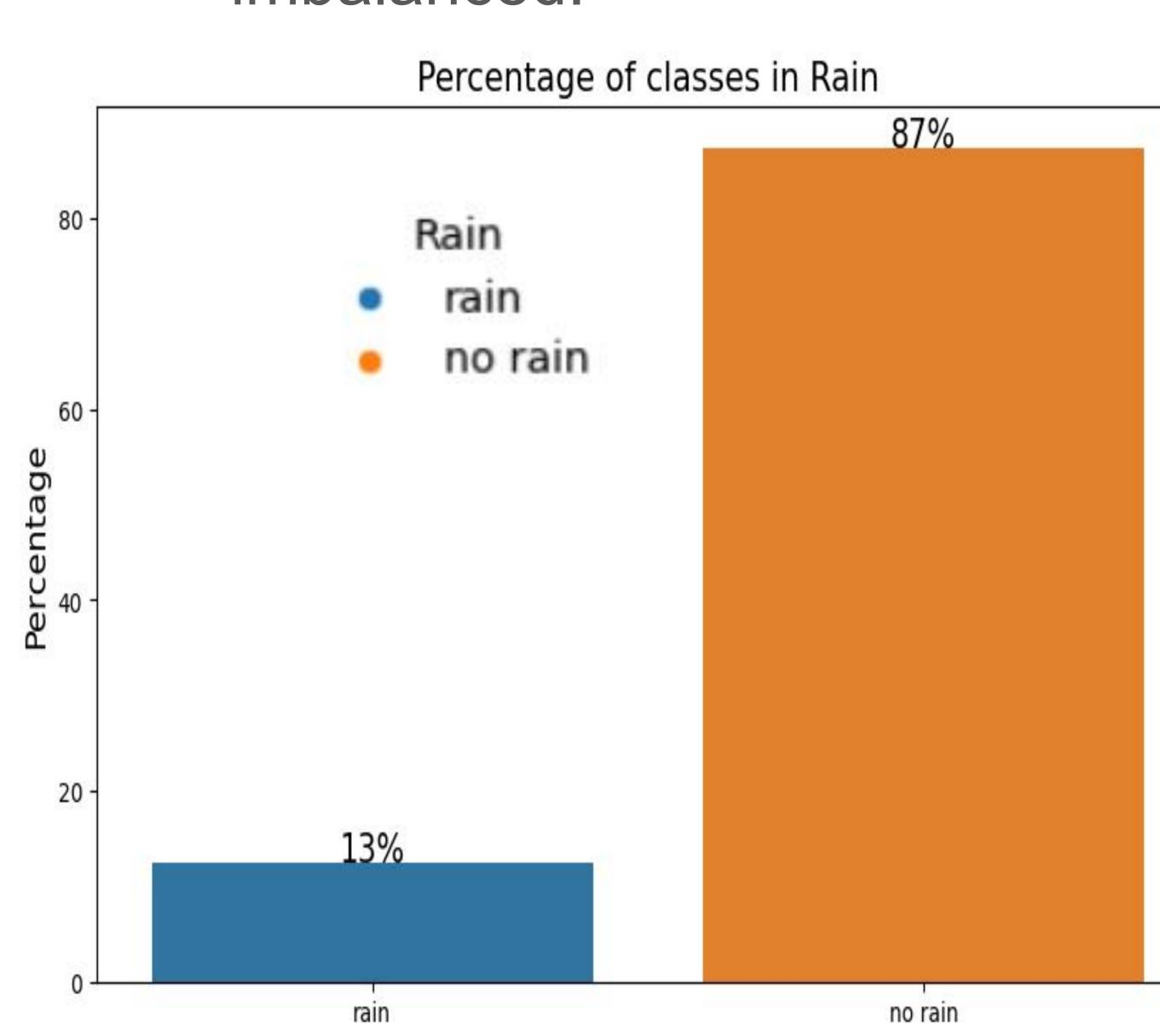
The <u>Weather Forecast Dataset</u> at Kaggle consists of 2500 observations with six weather conditions: Temperature, Humidity, Wind Speed, Cloud Cover, and Pressure.

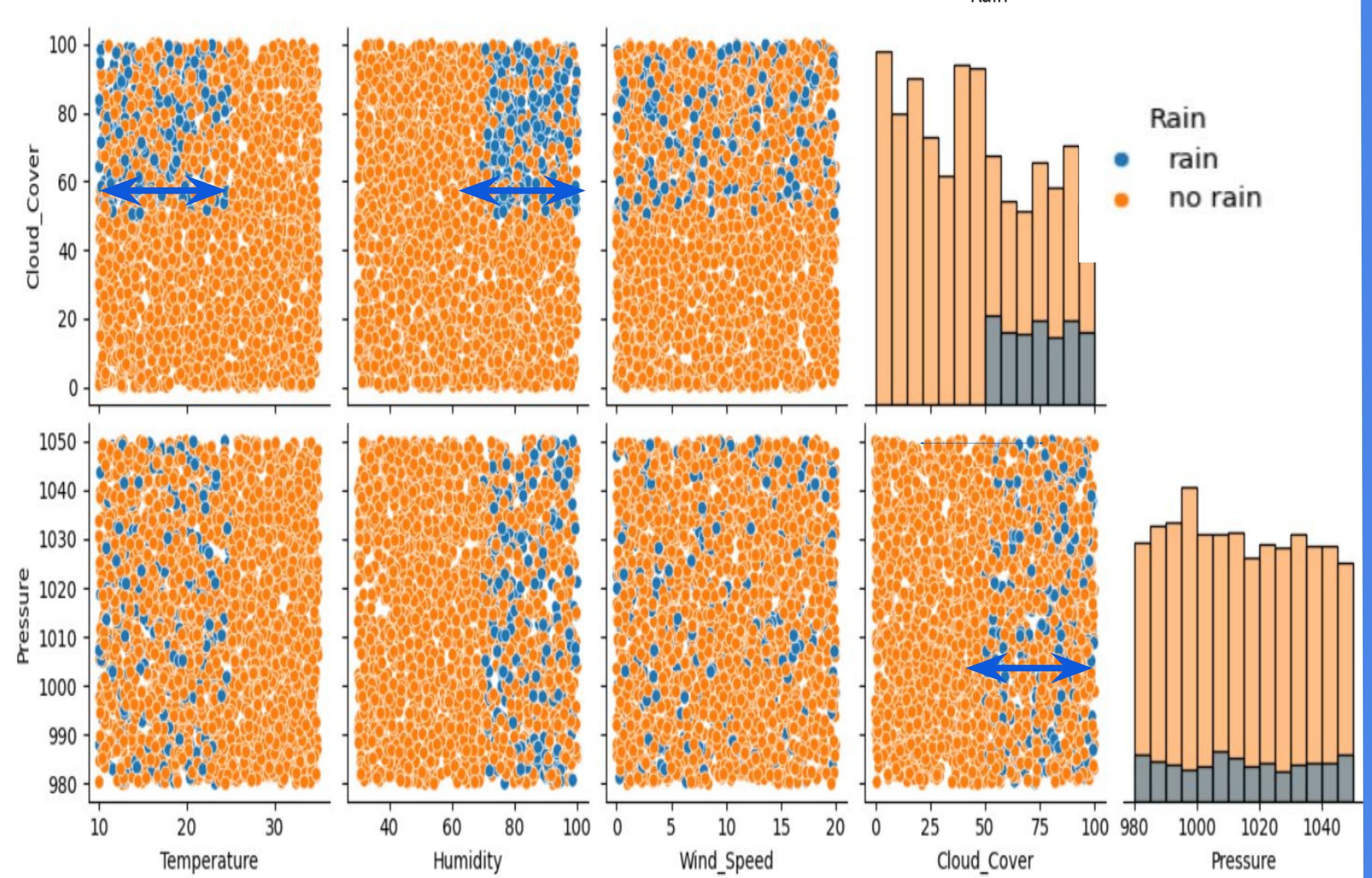
Objective: predict the rainfall based on these weather conditions by applying logistic regression.

Data Exploration

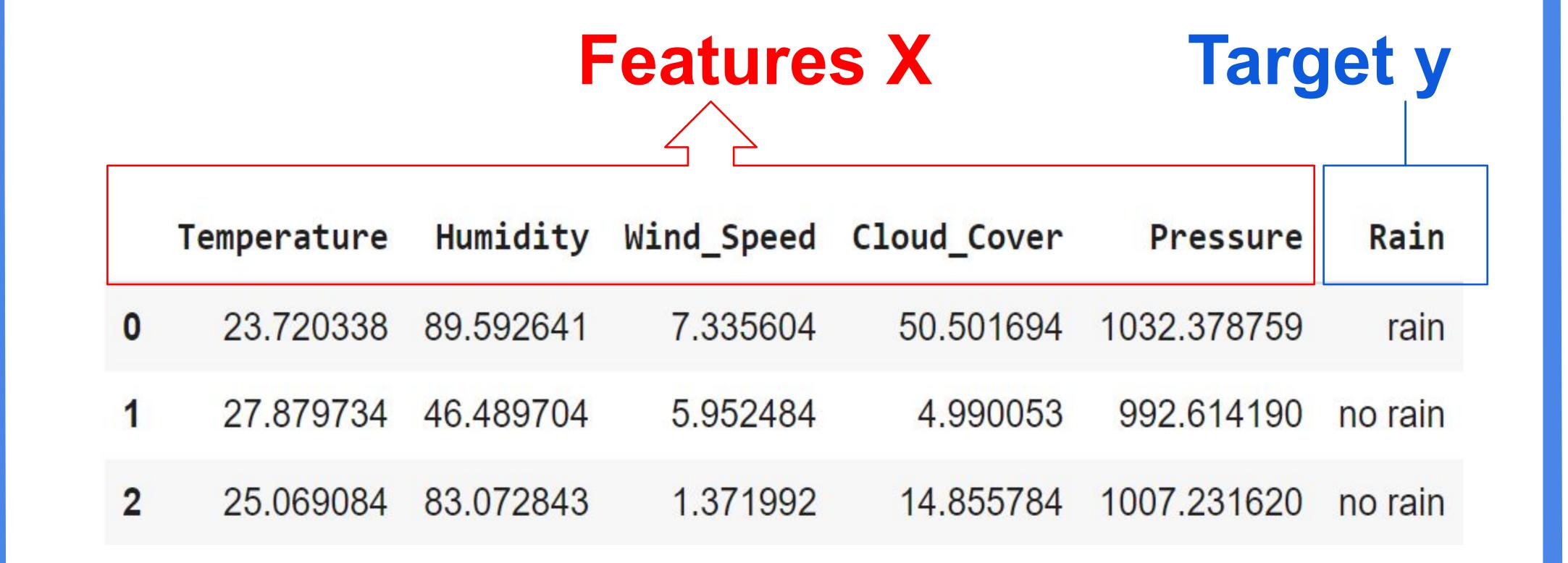
- Rain is a categorical variable with two classes.
- The rest of the variables are continuous.
- ☐ No missing values,no outliers.
- ☐ No correlation between variables.
- ☐ Scatter plots show the different range of values for the *Rain* classes in *Temperature*, *Humidity* and *Cloud Cover*.

The *Rain* variable is slightly imbalanced.





Data processing



Logistic regression predictor

Considerations:

- In the context of weather, false negatives can be more costly than false positives. Hence, the best metrics to consider are recall and f1-score.
- The data set is a bit imbalanced.

A weighted logistic regression is suitable for these considerations.

The model predicting the probability of rain is given by the function

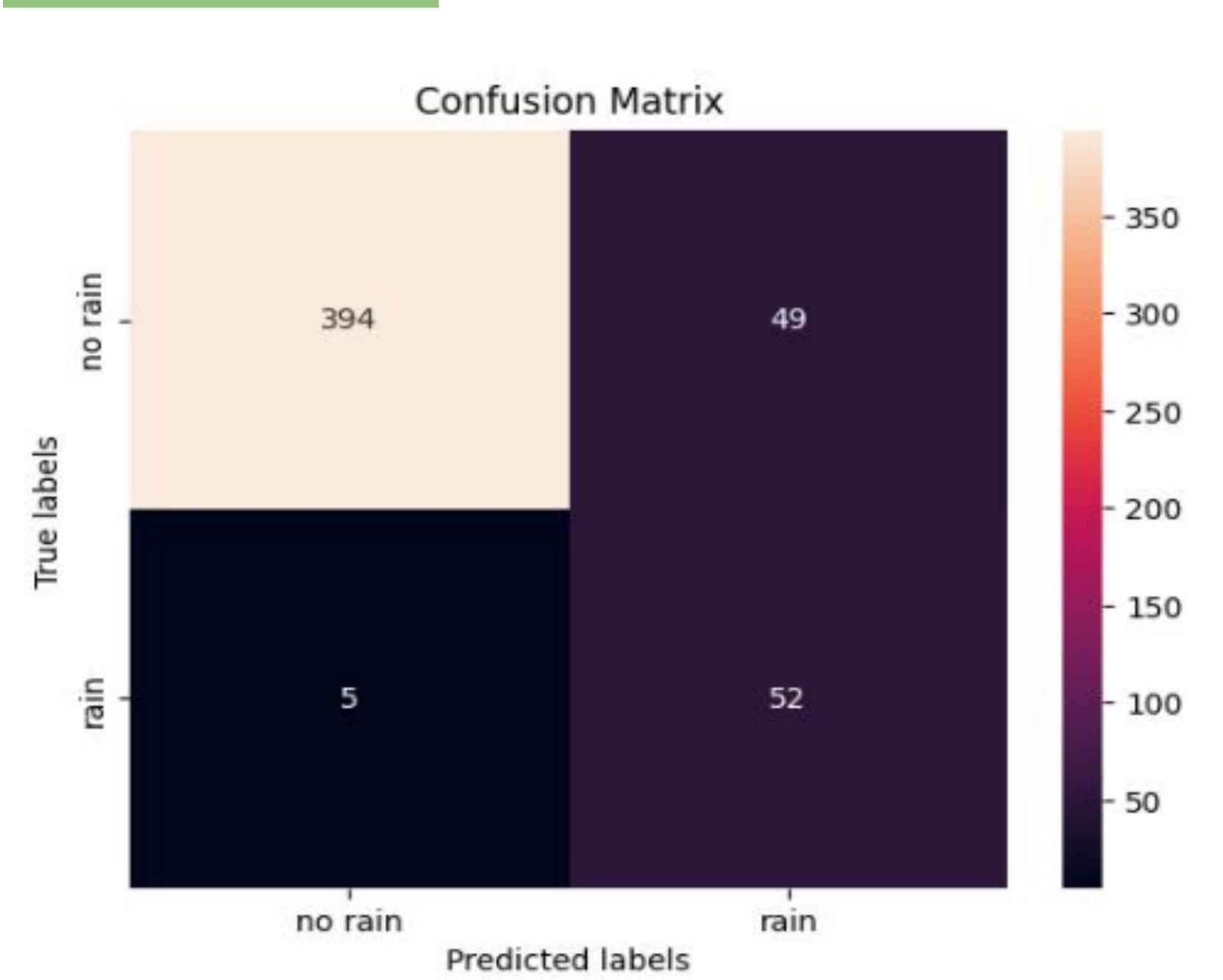
$$P(y_i = 1|X_i) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{3.76 + 2.1 \, T - 3.01 \, H - 0.06 \, WS - 2.65 \, CC + 0.02 \, P}}$$

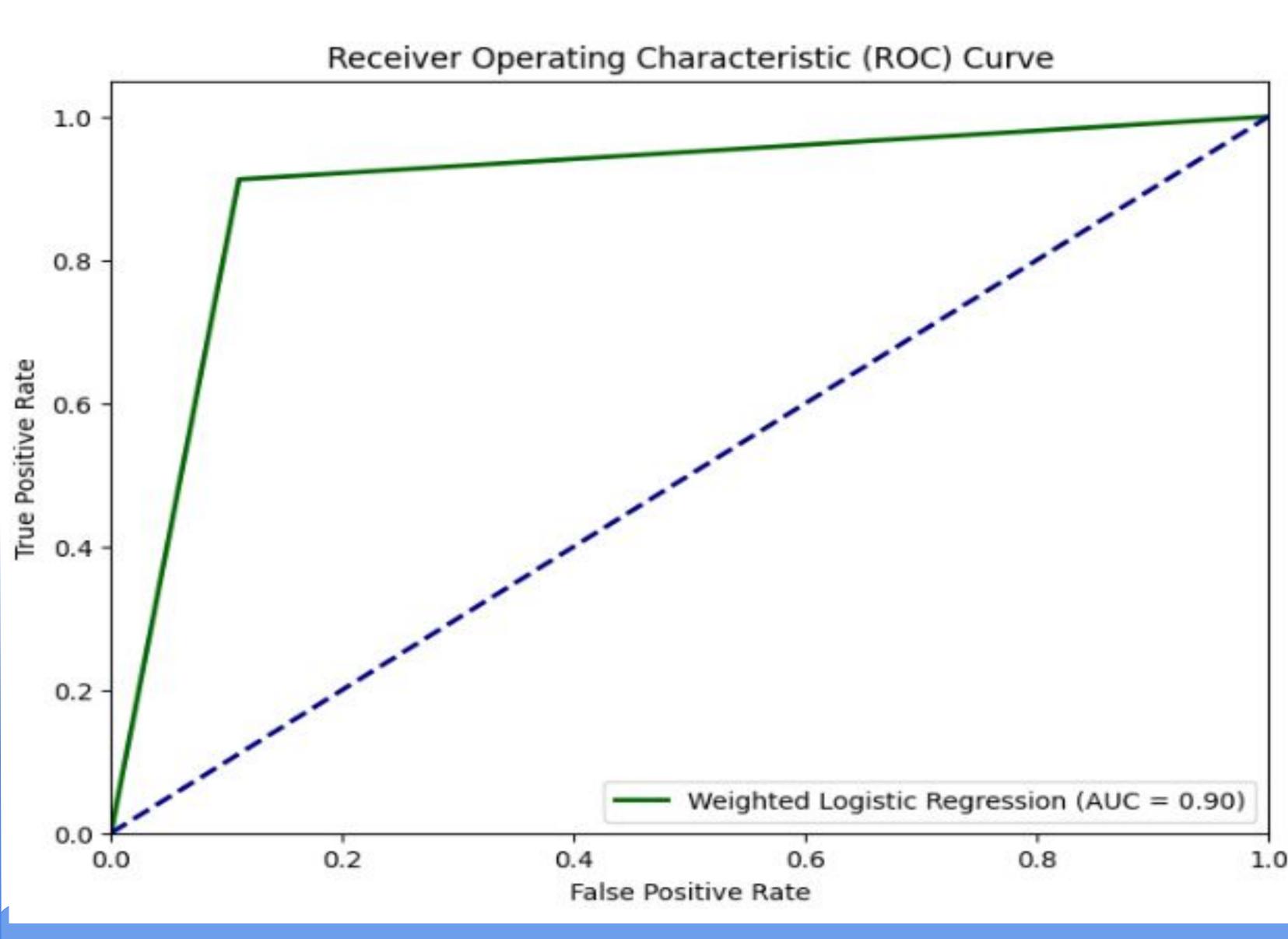
with coefficients

Т	Н	WS	CC	P
Temperature	Humidity	Wind_Speed	Cloud_Cover	Pressure
-2.102817	3.011339	0.061277	2.649962	-0.024458

Metrics		precision	recall	f1-score	
	0	0.99	0.89	0.94	
	1	0.51	0.91	0.66	
accurac	су			0.89	
macro av	/g	0.75	0.90	0.80	
weighted av	/g	0.93	0.89	0.90	

Model Evaluation





Conclusions

- 1. The weighted logistic model reduces the number of false negatives.
- 2. The model has an acceptable accuracy, but recall is much better.
- 3. Humidity is the most influential variable in the model due to its highest coefficient.
- 4. Cloud Cover and Temperature contribute significantly but Temperature does in the opposite direction. Wind Speed and Pressure contribute less.
- 5. The area under the ROC-AUC curve is 0.9 which shows the good performance of the model.