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Handling Imbalanced Classes In Logistic Regression

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Like many other learning algorithms in scikit-learn, LogisticRegression comes with a built-in method of handling imbalanced classes. If we have highly imbalanced classes and have no addressed it during preprocessing, we have the option of using the class_weight parameter to weight the classes to make certain we have a balanced mix of each class. Specifically, the balanced argument will automatically weigh classes inversely proportional to their frequency:

$$w_j = rac{n}{k n_j}$$

where w_j is the weight to class j, n is the number of observations, n_j is the number of observations in class j, and k is the total number of classes.

Preliminaries

```
# Load libraries
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn import datasets
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
import numpy as np
```

Load Iris Flower Dataset

```
# Load data
iris = datasets.load_iris()
X = iris.data
y = iris.target
```

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