Balancing basically ensures that all cells are almost at equal SOC and no one cell takes or draws too much current.

Methods:

1.**Passive:** resistors are used to dissipate excess charge from cell in order to maintain equality

2.**Active**: Electronic switches used to prevent a cell from drawing or giving too much current away relative to other cells, and ensure that all cells are at same SOC

3.**Auto**: Cells grouped in parallel will maintain same voltage,therefore redistributing charge among themselves to balance theselves

<http://www.mpoweruk.com/balancing.htm>