Solution

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[1]: import numpy as np
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0.1 Preprocessing

First, we load the data:

The data are pretty unbalanced: 5914 from class 0, and 18506 from class 1:

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[3]: np.unique(train_data[:, -1], return_counts=True)
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[3]: (array([0., 1.]), array([ 5914, 18506]))
```

The simplest way of dealing with this is probably to rebalance:

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[4]: def balance(data):
    """Balance a data set to have the same number of examples from each class.
    """
    labels = data[:, -1]
    ix_1 = np.where(labels == 1)[0]
    ix_0 = np.where(labels == 0)[0]

    n = min(len(ix_1), len(ix_0))

    return np.concatenate((
        data[ix_1[:n]],
        data[ix_0[:n]]
    ))
```

This helper function will also be useful:

```
[5]: def split_labels(data):
    """
    Take an array that has labels in the last column and return
    two arrays: one with features, and one with labels.
    """
    return (
        data[:, :-1],
        data[:, -1]
)
```

Then we balance the training set and create validations sets:

```
[6]: # balance the training set
balanced_train_data = balance(train_data)
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[7]: # create a validation set
shuffled_train_data = np.random.permutation(balanced_train_data)
train_set = shuffled_train_data[:-2_000]
validation_set = shuffled_train_data[-2_000:]
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[8]: # balance the test set
X_test, y_test = split_labels(balance(test_data))
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[9]: X_full, y_full = split_labels(balanced_train_data)
X_train, y_train = split_labels(train_set)
X_val, y_val = split_labels(validation_set)
```

We'll also create a standardized version of the data set:

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[10]: mu = X_train.mean(axis=0)
sigma = X_train.std(axis=0)
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[11]: def standardize(X):
    return (X - mu) / sigma
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[12]: Z_train, Z_val, Z_full, Z_test = [standardize(X) for X in [X_train, X_val, ⊔ → X_full, X_test]]
```

0.2 Least Squares (Baseline)

The simplest approach to implement is probably linear least squares. It achieves a pretty high score of 68% – enough to get a point of extra credit:

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[13]: w = np.linalg.lstsq(X_full, y_full, rcond=None)[0]
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[14]: pred = (X_test @ w > 0.5).astype(int)
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[15]: (pred == y_test).mean()
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[15]: 0.6891541255838091

0.3 kNN

kNN is also pretty simple to implement. It received close to the highest accuracy.

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[16]: import scipy.spatial.distance
[17]: def knn_predict(X_train, y_train, X, k):
          distances = scipy.spatial.distance_matrix(X, X_train)
          ix_knn = np.argpartition(distances, k)[:,:k]
          return (np.mean(y_train[ix_knn], axis=1) >= 0.5).astype(int)
     We need to choose the number of neighbors, k. This can be done with a simple grid search:
[18]: for k in range(5, 200, 10):
          val_score = (knn_predict(Z_train, y_train, Z_val, k) == y_val).mean()
          print(f'k = {k}: {val_score}')
     k = 5: 0.6975
     k = 15: 0.7085
     k = 25: 0.717
     k = 35: 0.7155
     k = 45: 0.7205
     k = 55: 0.7195
     k = 65: 0.7225
     k = 75: 0.718
     k = 85: 0.717
     k = 95: 0.72
     k = 105: 0.7215
     k = 115: 0.7175
     k = 125: 0.719
     k = 135: 0.7205
     k = 145: 0.7205
     k = 155: 0.7205
     k = 165: 0.7215
     k = 175: 0.7175
     k = 185: 0.719
     k = 195: 0.719
[19]: pred = knn_predict(Z_full, y_full, Z_test, 25)
[20]: (pred == y_test).mean()
```

[20]: 0.7143227815256876