

load_breast_cancer

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sklearn.datasets.load_breast_cancer(*, return_X_y=False,  
as_frame=False)
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Load and return the breast cancer Wisconsin dataset (classification).

The breast cancer dataset is a classic and very easy binary classification dataset.

Classes	2
Samples per class	212(M),357(B)
Samples total	569
Dimensionality	30
Features	real, positive

The copy of UCI ML Breast Cancer Wisconsin (Diagnostic) dataset is downloaded from:

<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/dataset/17/breast+cancer+wisconsin+diagnostic>

Read more in the [User Guide](#).

Parameters:

return_X_y : bool, default=False

If True, returns (`data, target`) instead of a Bunch object. See below for more information about the `data` and `target` object.

 **Added in version 0.18.**

as_frame : bool, default=False

If True, the data is a pandas DataFrame including columns with appropriate dtypes (numeric). The target is a pandas DataFrame or Series depending on the number of target columns. If `return_X_y` is True, then (`data, target`) will be pandas DataFrames or Series as described below.

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Returns:

data : *Bunch*

Dictionary-like object, with the following attributes.

data : {ndarray, dataframe} of shape (569, 30)

The data matrix. If `as_frame=True`, `data` will be a pandas DataFrame.

target : {ndarray, Series} of shape (569,)

The classification target. If `as_frame=True`, `target` will be a pandas Series.

feature_names : ndarray of shape (30,)

The names of the dataset columns.

target_names : ndarray of shape (2,)

The names of target classes.

frame : DataFrame of shape (569, 31)

Only present when `as_frame=True`. DataFrame with `data` and `target`.

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DESCR : str

The full description of the dataset.

filename : str

The path to the location of the data.

 **Added in version 0.20.**

(data, target) : tuple if `return_X_y` is True

A tuple of two ndarrays by default. The first contains a 2D ndarray of shape (569, 30) with each row representing one sample and each column representing the features. The second ndarray of shape (569,) contains the target samples. If `as_frame=True`, both arrays are pandas objects, i.e. `X` a dataframe and `y` a series.

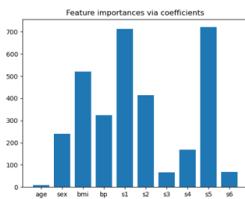
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Examples

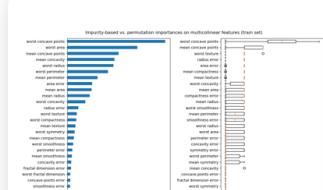
Let's say you are interested in the samples 10, 50, and 85, and want to know their class name.

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>>> from sklearn.datasets import load_breast_cancer  
>>> data = load_breast_cancer()  
>>> data.target[[10, 50, 85]]  
array([0, 1, 0])  
>>> list(data.target_names)  
[np.str_('malignant'), np.str_('benign')]
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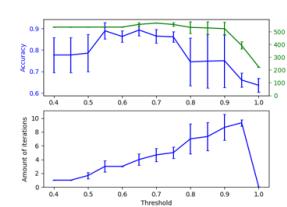
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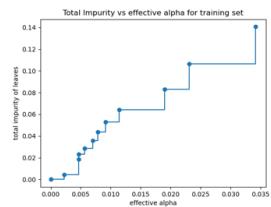
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Effect of varying threshold for self-training



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