

# Package ‘pmlbr’

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**Title** Interface to the Penn Machine Learning Benchmarks Data Repository

**Description** Check available classification and regression data sets from the PMLB repository and download them.  
The PMLB repository (<<https://github.com/EpistasisLab/pmlbr>>) contains a curated collection of data sets for evaluating and comparing machine learning algorithms. These data sets cover a range of applications, and include binary/multi-class classification problems and regression problems, as well as combinations of categorical, ordinal, and continuous features. There are currently over 150 datasets included in the PMLB repository.

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classification\_dataset\_names  
*Names of available classification datasets*

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**Description**

A list of the names of available classification datasets

**Usage**

classification\_dataset\_names

**Format**

An object of class character of length 162.

**Source**

<https://github.com/EpistasisLab/pmlb>

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compute\_imbalance      *Computes imbalance value for a given dataset.*

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**Description**

Computes imbalance value for a given dataset.

**Usage**

compute\_imbalance(target\_col)

**Arguments**

target\_col      Factor or character vector of target column.

**Value**

A value of imbalance metric, where zero means that the dataset is perfectly balanced and the higher the value, the more imbalanced the dataset.

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dataset_names	<i>Names of all available datasets</i>
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**Description**

A list of the names of available datasets

**Usage**

```
dataset_names
```

**Format**

An object of class character of length 284.

**Source**

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fetch_data	<i>fetch_data function</i>
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**Description**

Download a data set from the PMLB repository, (optionally) store it locally, and return the data set. You must be connected to the internet if you are fetching a data set that is not cached locally.

**Usage**

```
fetch_data(  
  dataset_name,  
  return_X_y = FALSE,  
  local_cache_dir = NA,  
  dropna = TRUE  
)
```

**Arguments**

dataset_name	The name of the data set to load from PMLB
return_X_y	Boolean. Whether to return the data with the features and labels stored in separate data structures or a single structure (can be TRUE or FALSE, defaults to FALSE)
local_cache_dir	The directory on your local machine to store the data files in (defaults to NA, indicating cache will not be used)
dropna	Boolean. Whether rows with NAs should be automatically dropped. Default to TRUE.

**See Also**

[summary\\_stats](#).

**Examples**

```
# Features and labels in single data frame
penguins <- fetch_data("penguins")
head(penguins)

# Features and labels stored in separate data structures
penguins <- fetch_data("penguins", return_X_y = TRUE)
penguins$x # data frame
penguins$y # vector
```

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get\_type

*Get type/class of given vector.*

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**Description**

Get type/class of given vector.

**Usage**

```
get_type(x, include_binary = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	Input vector.
include_binary	Boolean. Whether binary should be counted separately from categorical.

**Value**

Type/class of 'x'.

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```
nearest_datasets      Select nearest datasets given input 'x'.
```

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### Description

If 'x' is a data.frame object, computes dataset characteristics. If 'x' is a character object specifying dataset name from PMLB, use the already computed dataset statistics/characteristics in 'summary\_stats'.

### Usage

```
nearest_datasets(x, ...)

## Default S3 method:
nearest_datasets(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'character'
nearest_datasets(
  x,
  n_neighbors = 5,
  dimensions = c("n_instances", "n_features"),
  target_name = "target",
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
nearest_datasets(
  x,
  y = NULL,
  n_neighbors = 5,
  dimensions = c("n_instances", "n_features"),
  task = c("classification", "regression"),
  target_name = "target",
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

x	Character string of dataset name from PMLB, or data.frame of n_samples x n_features(or n_features+1 with a target column)
...	Further arguments passed to each method.
n_neighbors	Integer. The number of dataset names to return as neighbors.
dimensions	Character vector specifying dataset characteristics to include in similarity calculation. Dimensions must correspond to numeric columns of [all_summary_stats.tsv](https://github.com/EJ
target_name	Character string specifying column of target/dependent variable.

y	Vector of target column. Required when 'x' does not contain the target column.
task	Character string specifying classification or regression for summary stat generation.

**Value**

Character string of names of most similar datasets to df, most similar dataset first.

**Examples**

```
nearest_datasets('penguins')
nearest_datasets(fetch_data('penguins'))
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pmlb	<i>pmlb: R interface to the Penn Machine Learning Benchmarks data repository</i>
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**Description**

The **PMLB** repository contains a curated collection of data sets for evaluating and comparing machine learning algorithms. These data sets cover a range of applications, and include binary/multi-class classification problems and regression problems, as well as combinations of categorical, ordinal, and continuous features. There are approximately 290 data sets included in the PMLB repository and there are no missing values in these data sets.

**Details**

This R library includes summaries of the classification and regression data sets but does NOT include any of the PMLB data sets. The data sets can be downloaded using the [fetch\\_data](#) function which is similar to the corresponding PMLB python function.

See [fetch\\_data](#), [summary\\_stats](#) for usage examples and further information.

If you use PMLB in a scientific publication, please consider citing the following paper:

Randal S. Olson, William La Cava, Patryk Orzechowski, Ryan J. Urbanowicz, and Jason H. Moore (2017).

PMLB: a large benchmark suite for machine learning evaluation and comparison

<https://biodatamining.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s13040-017-0154-4>

BioData Mining 10, page 36.

I have no affiliation with the authors of PMLB or the University of Pennsylvania.

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`regression_dataset_names`*Names of available regression datasets*

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**Description**

A list of the names of available regression datasets

**Usage**`regression_dataset_names`**Format**

An object of class character of length 122.

**Source**

<https://github.com/EpistasisLab/pmlb>

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`summary_stats`*Summary statistics for the all datasets*

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**Description**

Summary statistics for the all datasets

**Usage**`summary_stats`**Format**

A data frame with 10 variables:

**dataset:** Dataset name

**n\_instances:** Number of data observations (equal to number of rows)

**n\_features:** Total number of features (number of columns - 1)

**n\_binary\_features:** Number of binary features

**n\_categorical\_features:** Number of categorical features

**n\_continuous\_features:** Number of continuous features

**n\_classes:** Number of classes in target variable

**endpoint\_type:** Value type of endpoint/target (can be binary, categorical or continuous)

**imbalance:** Imbalance metric, where zero means that the dataset is perfectly balanced and the higher the value, the more imbalanced the dataset

**task:** Type of problem/task. Can be classification or regression.

**Source**

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