

	CE	Focal[1]	CB[2]	LDAM[3]	BNN[4]	LWS[5]	CE-IC (ours)	CE-DRW-IC (ours)
Resnet50	38.00	38.33	38.88	35.42	33.71	34.10	<b>32.16 ± 0.41</b>	<b>32.06 ± 0.38</b>

Table 1: **Validation error↓ on iNaturalist2018.** [1] Focal, Tsung-Yi Lin et al (ICCV 2017); [2] CB, Cui Yin et al (ICCV’2019); [3] LDAM, Kaidi Cao et al (NIPS’2019); [4] BBN, Boyan Zhou et al (CVPR’2020); [5] Decoupling, Kang et al (ICLR’ 2020). All methods use resnet 50 and are trained for 90 epochs.

1 We thank the reviewers for their thorough reviews and positive comments about the novelty, effectiveness and adaptability  
2 of the method. We will make corresponding changes to reflect the comments.

3 **Paper Summary R2: Our main contribution (Sec.3.2) is a rebalance method for class imbalance which is a**  
4 **specific (and difficult) form of label prior shift, and is not domain adaptation; label prior shift in the paper**  
5 **refers specifically to change in empirical class frequencies between source/target distribution.** Domain adaption  
6 usually does not consider class imbalance explicitly. We follow the standard datasets and works within this subfield  
7 [2][3][4][5], exhibiting *only* label prior shift (line 113-117). Specifically,  $P_s(Y)$  is the source class priors obtained  
8 by counting the number of examples from each class in the training data and  $P_t(Y)$  is the class priors for the testing  
9 data. The definition of *label prior shift* (line 112-113) and *non-semantic likelihood shift (NSLS)* (line 119-121) do not  
10 contradict each other because they constitute different parts of a joint distribution and can occur simultaneously. When  
11 both shifts occur, optimality is not guaranteed (which we will mention in the paper) but empirically the performance is  
12 still strong (Exp. Sec.4.4.2). **Our second contribution (Sec.3.3) is demonstrating the adaptability of the rebalance**  
13 **method by combining it with a multi-modal fusion algorithm.** Unlike domain adaptation, we don’t assume to have  
14 unlabeled data in the target domain during training. The fusion algorithm deals with NSLS by *weighting* the modality  
15 affected by NSLS whereas domain adaption aims to *adapt* to domain shift utilizing additional target domain data.

16 **Does it also calibrate the network? R1:** The imbalance calibration technique (Sec.3.2) *rebalances* a network.  
17 However, the probabilistic nature means that it can be combined with other probabilistic techniques. One reason of  
18 combining with UNO (Sec.3.3) is to demonstrate the **adaptability** of this method since UNO uses the exactly same  
19 temperature scaling technique for calibrating a network.

20 **More Comparisons to SOTA R2 R3:** Our paper proposes a rebalance method (sec.3.2) for class imbalance and  
21 compared to those SOTA methods. We thank the reviewers for pointing out works we missed and report them here. We  
22 believe that **our method is more effective and easier to adapt than current SOTA methods** as shown in table 1.

23 **Inclusion of non-semantic likelihood shift (NSLS) R2 R3:** To clarify, Section 3.3 is meant to demonstrate that our  
24 rebalance technique (Sec.3.2) is general, and can be *combined* with existing probabilistic methods for multi-modal  
25 fusion e.g, UNO *by considering class imbalance in semantic segmentation*. The mechanism by which the fusion  
26 algorithm deals with NSLS is temperature scaling. In a multi-modal fusion setting, when one modality is under NSLS  
27 its prediction is no longer reliable. The fusion algorithm flattens the distribution affected by NSLS and effectively  
28 diminishes its contribution when fused with other distributions. It resembles a conventional "gating" mechanism which  
29 filters out the degraded modality. We realize that this section requires more background knowledge will add proper  
30 introduction and expand explanation in the main paper.

31 **Clarification on Theorem 1 R2:** The first sentence "Given that  $h_s(x)$  is the Bayes classifier ..." is equivalent to  
32 "Given  $P_s(Y|X)$  is the posterior distribution of the source dataset" because in Eq.2,  $h_s(x)$  is defined in terms of  
33  $P_s(Y|X)$ . While Saerens et al.2002 arrives at the same well-known equation through Bayes Rule as we did, Theorem  
34 1 proved its **optimality** through Bayes Risk. The major contribution of Saerens is an EM algorithm to estimate the  
35 unknown  $P_t(Y)$ . **R3:** We agree that if we have the true target distribution, the problem can be solved. However  
36 knowing that *we do not have access to the true target distribution*, we propose to find a better approximation to  
37 the true distribution. **Intuitively speaking,  $P_r(y|x)$  often over-emphasizes small classes while  $P_d(y|x)$ , which fits**  
38 **the imbalanced source data, naturally biases towards large classes on test data (line 150-152).** This observation  
39 motivates us to balance the two posteriors. Therefore, Hypothesis 1 states that a **better approximation to the true**  
40 **target distribution** can be found by trading off  $P_r(y|x)$  and  $P_d(y|x)$  through optimization. It is validated empirically  
41 through subsequent experiments since varying  $\lambda$  yields better performance.

42 **Clarification on Experimental Setting R1:** we report our re-trained model performance for other methods using  
43 exactly the same code from the authors. The performance is consistent with other papers using the same code. Even  
44 considering the original performance, our method still outperforms other methods. **R2:** For iNaturalist and CIFAR  
45 datasets, we use the official train/validation splits. For Synthia datasets we split the train/test/validation according to the  
46 7 : 2 : 1 ratio. For CIFAR experiments we report the validation errors as in other papers and use the the same train and  
47 validation for all methods. **R2 R3:** Synthia is a semantic segmentation dataset and uses a very different architecture  
48 and training schedule compared to image classification datasets. **For fair comparison, we compared to imbalance**  
49 **losses but not methods requiring significant changes to training strategy or architecture (line 268-269) since**  
50 **most imbalance methods are developed for image classification but not semantic segmentation.** This shows that  
51 our rebalance method is more *general* and applicable to a broader range of problems than current methods.