



How to build Ensemble Models with Machine Learning



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WHO WE ARE

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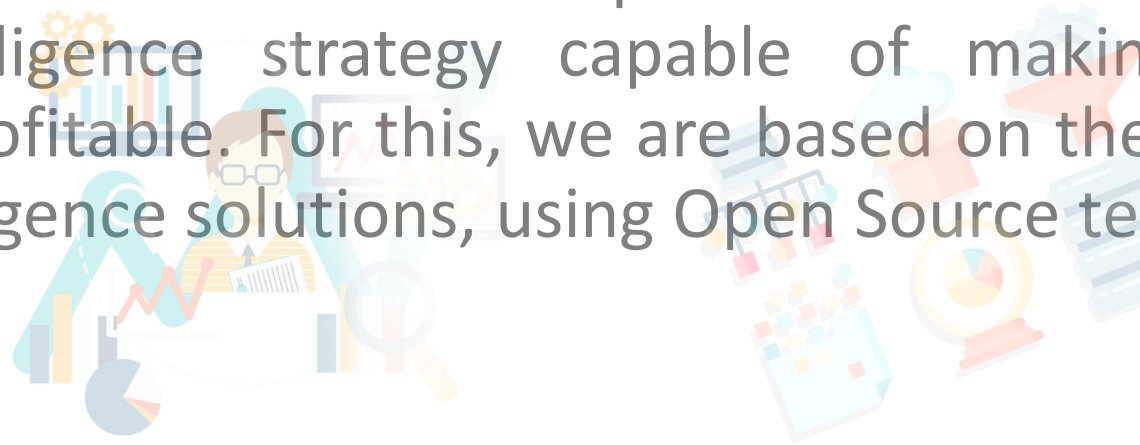
A collection of colorful icons representing business intelligence and data analysis. It includes a bar chart, a line graph, a pie chart, a magnifying glass over a document, a gear, a cloud, a funnel, and a person sitting at a desk with a laptop.

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WHO WE ARE

- Stratebi is the only Spanish company that has been present at all the Pentaho Developers held in Europe, having organized the one in Spain.
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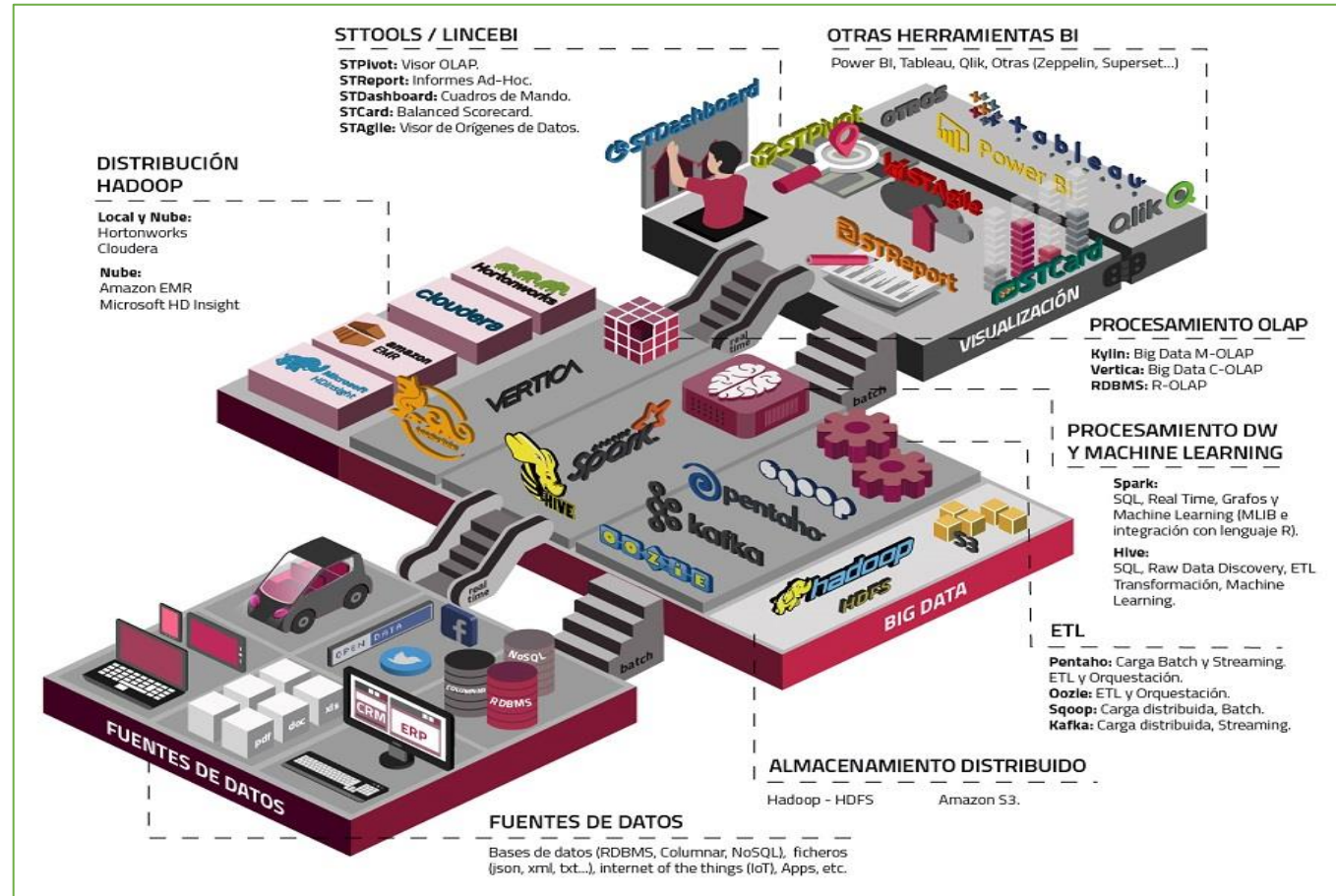
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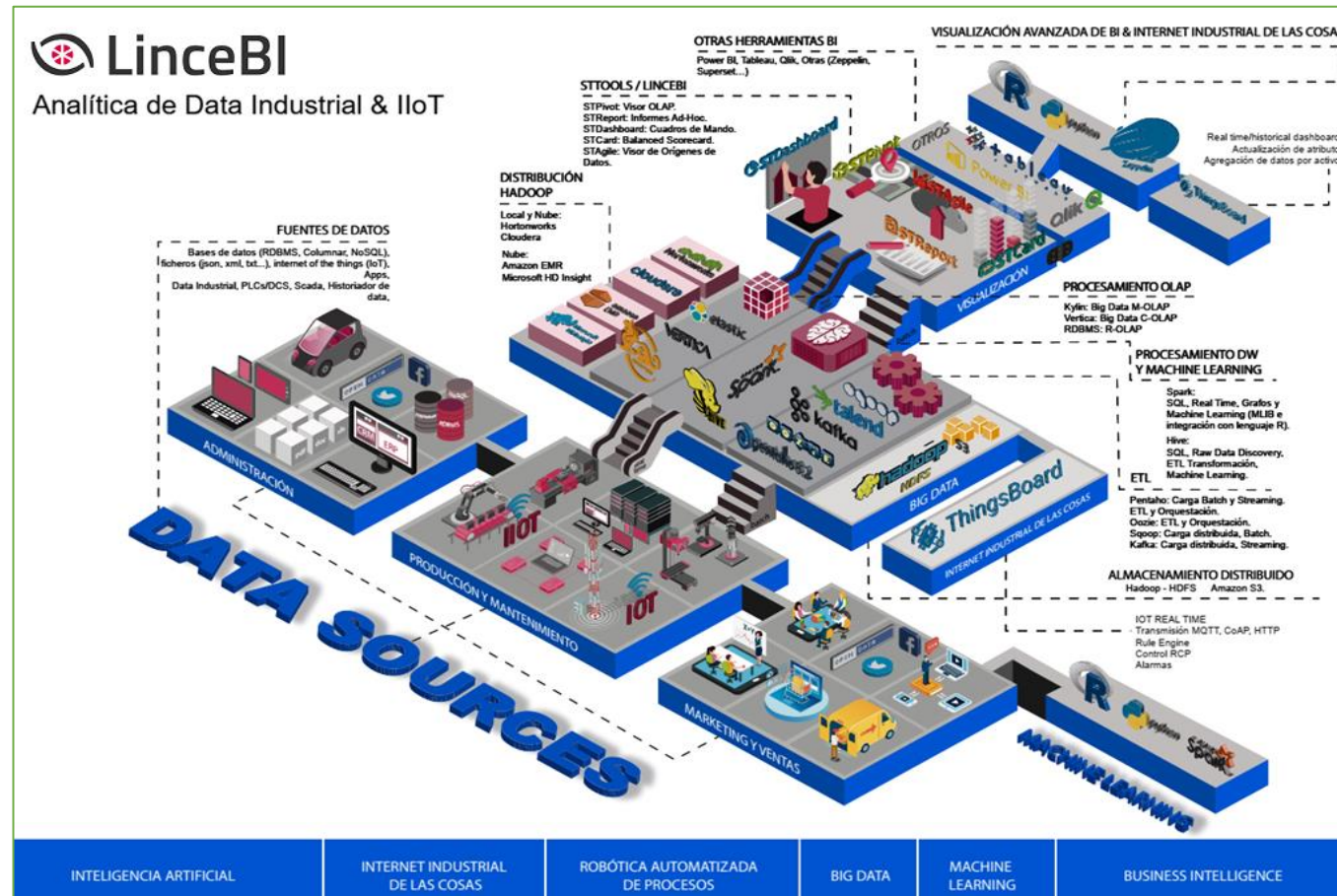
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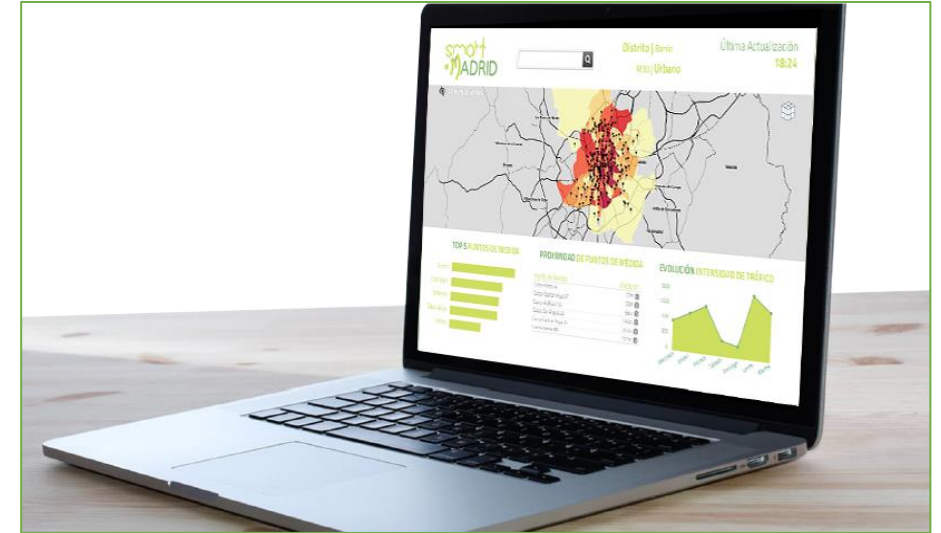
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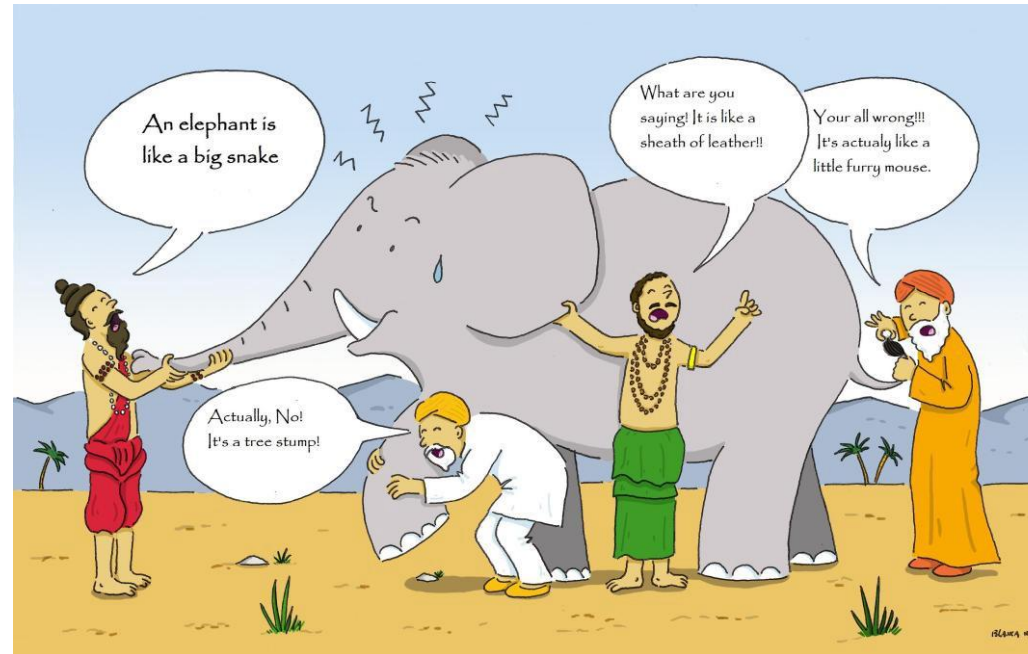


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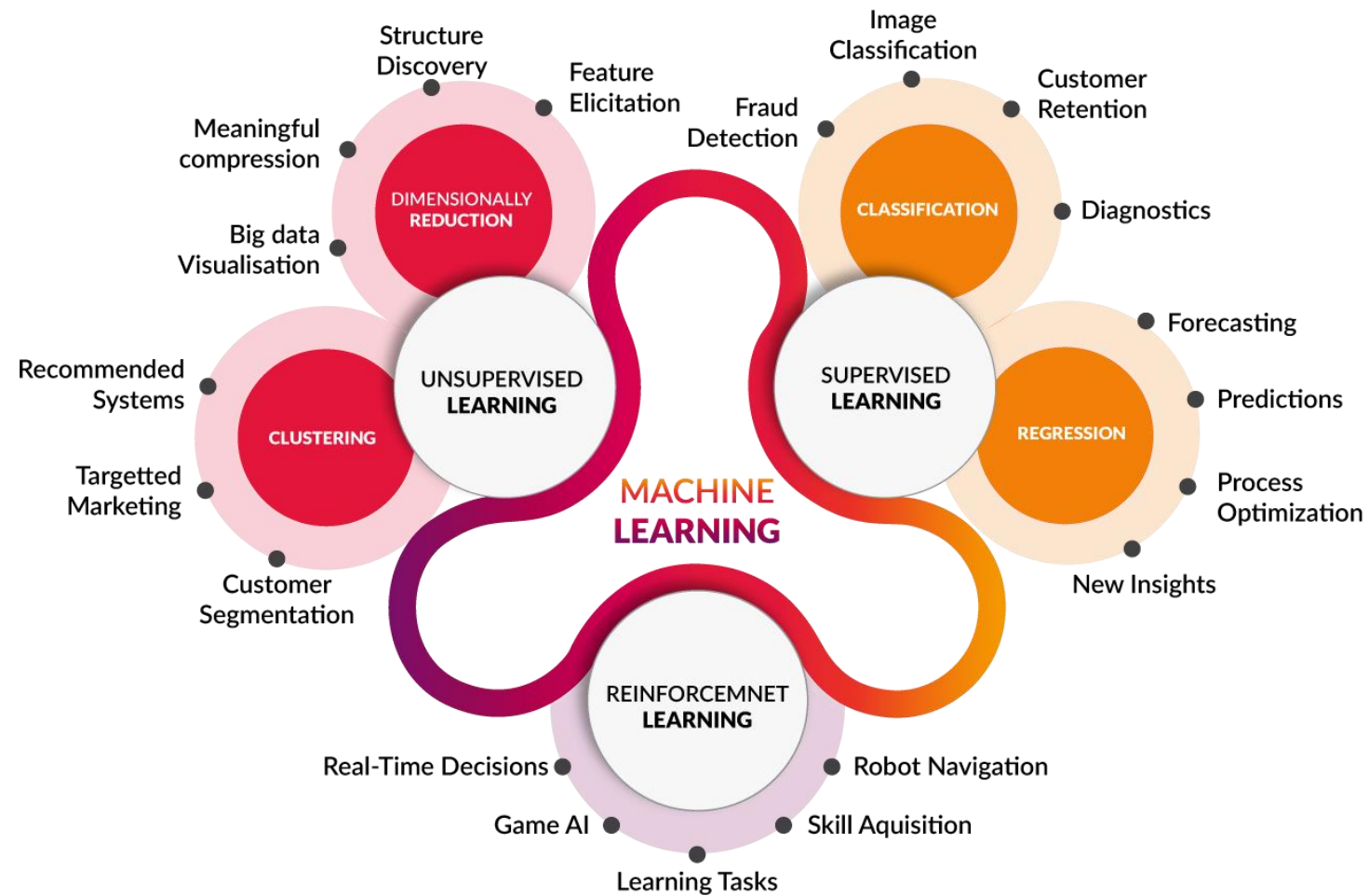
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1. INTRODUCTION

- Ensemble methods are the data science version of the old saying about two heads being better than one: if one model works well, multiple models working together can do even better.



2. MACHINE LEARNING

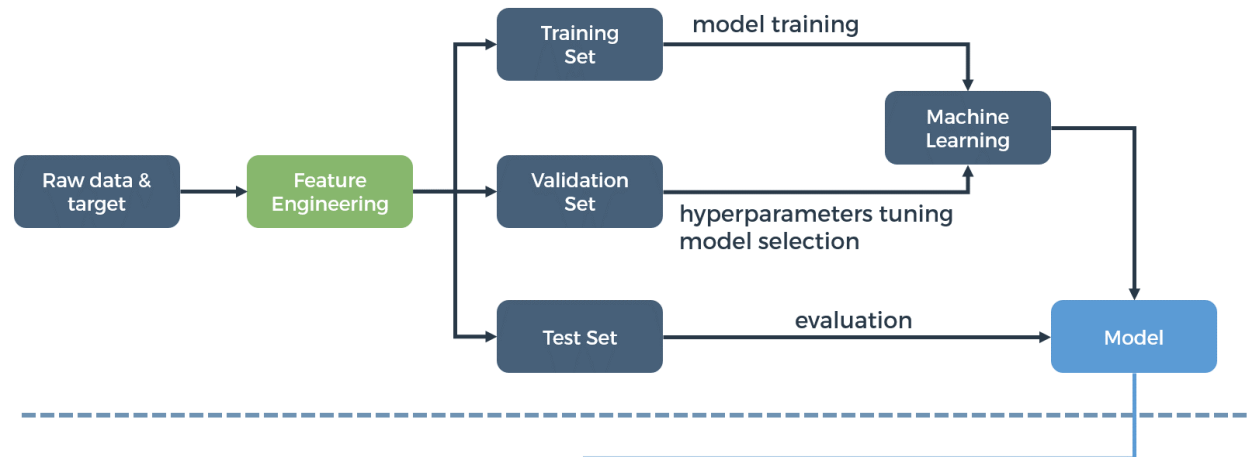


2. MACHINE LEARNING

- There is not a “one and only one” way to solve a problem in the Machine Learning world.
- There are always more than one algorithm that fits, you have to choose which one fits better.

3. SUPERVISED MACHINE LEARNING

TRAINING



PREDICTING



3. SUPERVISED MACHINE LEARNING



Regression

What is the temperature going to be tomorrow?

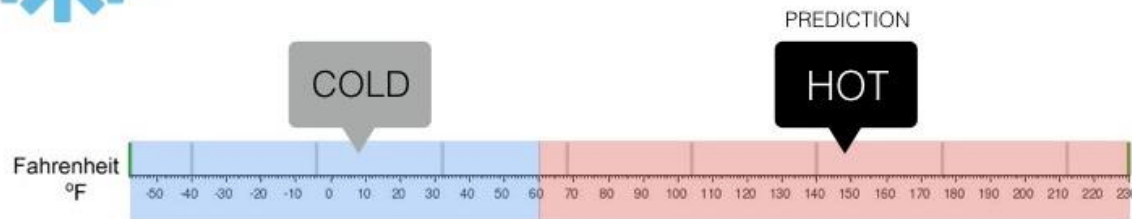


Classification and Regression share the common concept of using past data to make predictions, or take decisions, that's where their similarity ends.



Classification

Will it be Cold or Hot tomorrow?



3. SUPERVISED MACHINE LEARNING

Classification problems:

1. *Binary classification:* only two classes to predict, usually 1 or 0.
2. *Multi-Class Classification:* more than two class labels to predict.

The objective is to predict a discrete number of values for a given input data. The labels (Y) is categorical and represents a finite number of classes.

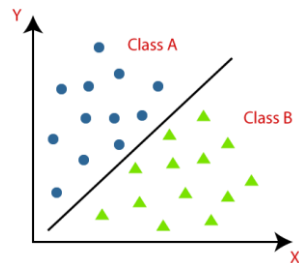
Regression problems:

- The objective is to predict a continuous value for an input based on past data; the labels (Y) are numerical.

4. POPULAR ALGORITHMS

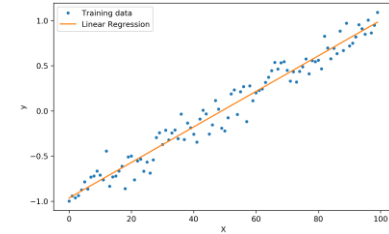
- Classification:

- Decision Trees.
- Logistics Regression.
- Naive Bayes.
- KNN.
- SVM.



- Regression:

- Regression Trees.
- Simple Regression.
- Multiple Regression.
- Ridge Regression.
- Lasso Regression.



5. ENSEMBLE METHODS

- They have impressive results in a number of machine learning competitions, where the winning solutions used ensemble methods, and also they have been successfully applied to diverse real-world tasks.
- Ensemble Methods are among the most powerful and easiest to use of predictive analytic algorithms and R/Python have an outstanding collection that includes the best performers.

5. ENSEMBLE METHODS

- Ensemble methods refer to a group of models working together to solve a common problem.
- Rather than depending on a single model for the best solution, ensemble learning utilizes the advantages of several different methods to counteract each model's individual weaknesses.
- The resulting quality & predictive performance will be higher than even the best individual algorithms.

REASONS TO USE ENSEMBLE METHODS

Ensemble helps to reduce Bias and Variance.

- Reduce variance: it will be less sensitive to specific training data, increasing the robustness of the model (averaging reduces variance, without increasing bias).
- Reduce bias: for simple models, average of models has much greater capacity than single model.

GENERAL IDEA

- Each model in the ensemble makes a prediction.
- A *final prediction* is determined by:
- Averaging: take the average of predictions, in case of a regression problem or while predicting probabilities for a classification problem.
- Majority vote: take the prediction with maximum votes, in case of predicting the outcomes of a classification problem.
- Weighted average: a different weight is assigned to each prediction, then take the average of them, which means giving high or low importance to specific model output.

METHODS FOR CONSTRUCTING ENSEMBLES

- *By manipulating the training set:*

Create multiple training sets by re-sampling the original data according to some sampling distribution or technique.

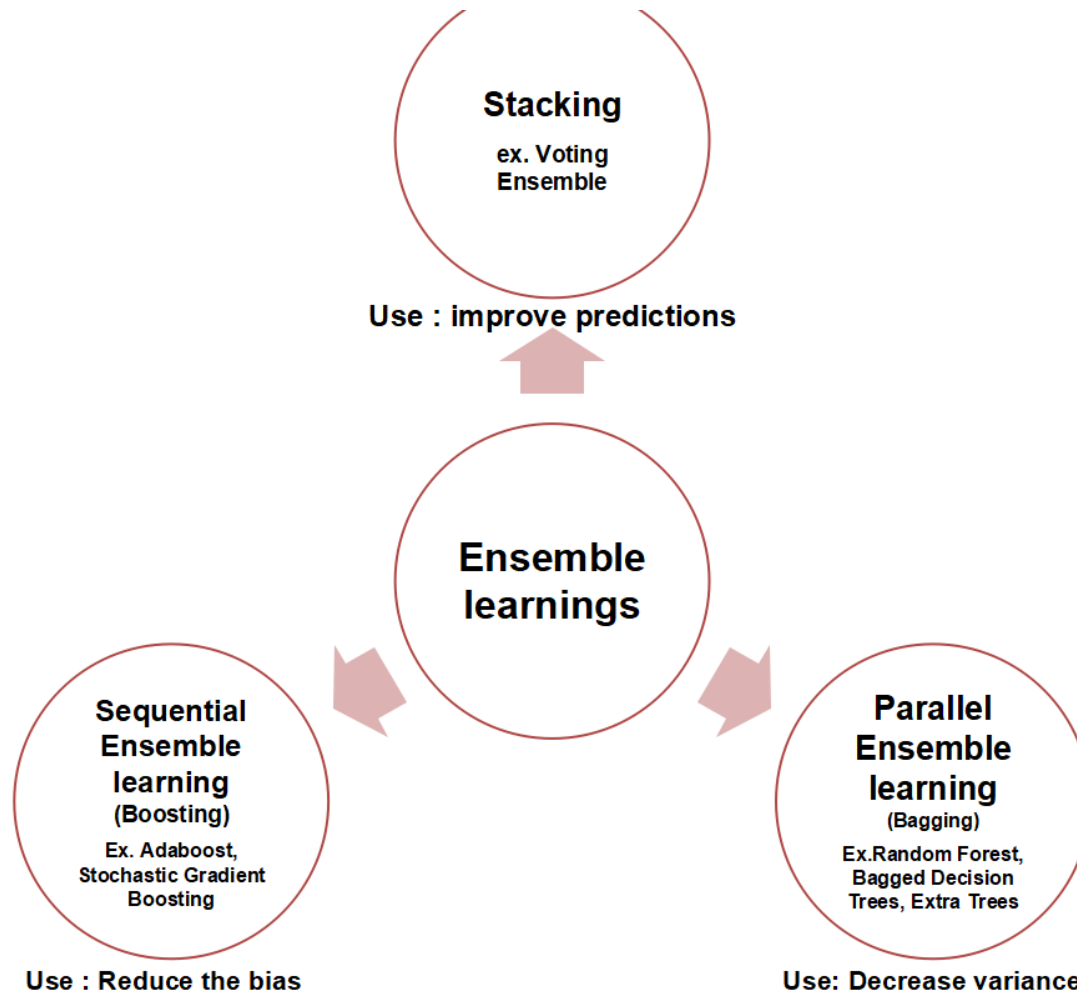
- *By manipulating the input features:*

Choose a subset of input features to form each training set.

- *By manipulating the learning algorithm:*

Manipulate the learning algorithm to generate different models.

ENSEMBLE LEARNING TYPES



Common Types of Ensemble Methods

Bagging

- Reduces variance and increases accuracy
- Robust against outliers or noisy data
- Often used with Decision Trees (i.e. Random Forest)

Boosting

- Also reduces variance and increases accuracy
- Not robust against outliers or noisy data
- Flexible – can be used with any loss function

Stacking

- Used to ensemble a diverse group of strong learners
- Involves training a second-level machine learning algorithm called a "metalearner" to learn the optimal combination of the base learners

ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES

- Advantages:

- Stable and more robust model.
- They often improve predictive performance.
- They're unlikely to overfit.

- Disadvantages:

- They suffer from lack of interpretability.
- Ensemble methods are usually computationally expensive.
- The selection of models for creating an ensemble is an art which is really hard to master.

A photograph of numerous wooden letter blocks on a wooden surface. The blocks are arranged in rows, with the word 'EXAMPLES' clearly visible in the center. The image has a dark, semi-transparent overlay, and the text '6. EXAMPLES' is written in white over the central part of the image.

6. EXAMPLES

A close-up photograph of numerous light-colored wooden letter blocks scattered on a wooden surface. In the center, seven blocks are arranged in a row to spell out the word 'RESULTS'. Overlaid on this row is the text '7. RESULTS' in a white, sans-serif font. The background is filled with many other letter blocks, some of which are out of focus, creating a sense of depth. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the wood.

7. RESULTS

BASELINE MODELS

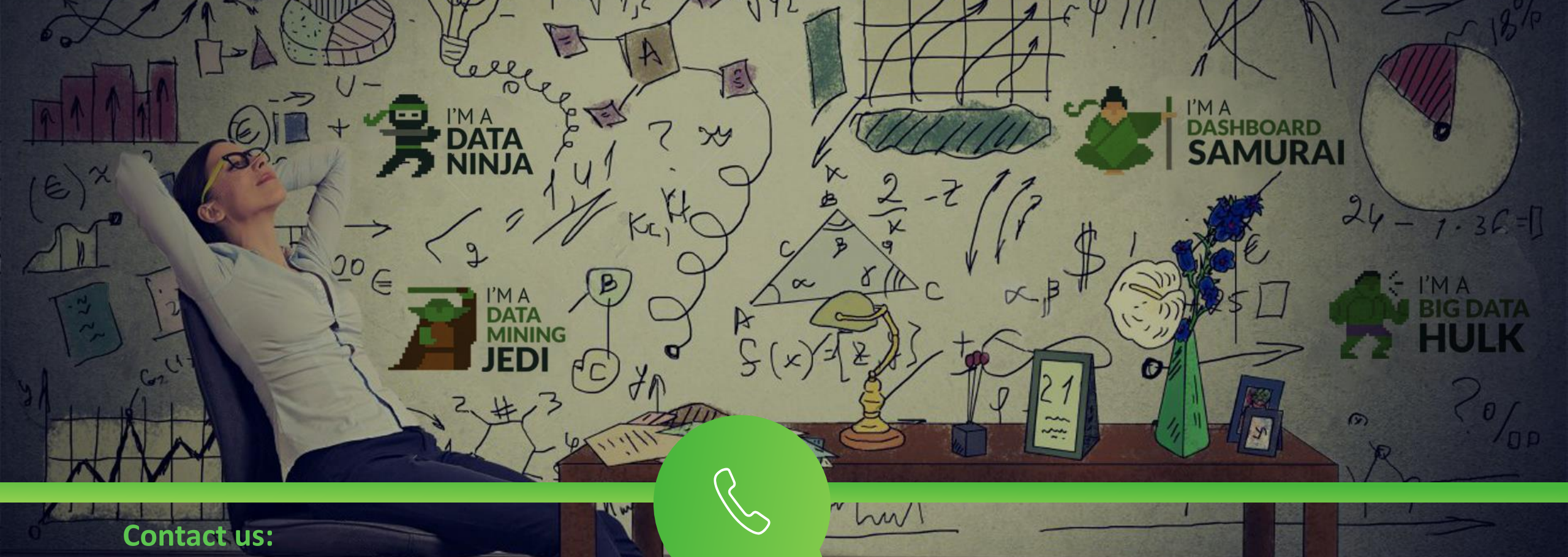
	Baseline Model 1: Adaboost	Baseline Model 2: Gradient Boosting	Baseline Model 3: Random Forest
Parameters Used	DecisionTreeClassifier(max_depth=1) n_estimators=200	n_estimators=300 learning_rate=0.75 random_state=0	n_estimators=300 min_samples_leaf = 3 random_state=0
Training Accuracy Score	0.7657564718398401	0.8175150714078468	0.8237693026854509
Test Accuracy Score	0.7678363232915868	0.7843469103764714	0.7948775809545301
F1 Score	0.645982680506968	0.6987496059682673	0.703619171829149
Precision Score	0.7551622418879056	0.7344008834897846	0.7686097589932328

ITERATION I

	Gradient Boosting	Random Forest
Parameters Used	learning_rate=0.005 max_depth=7 max_features='sqrt' n_estimators=1750 random_state=10 subsample=1	max_features=None min_samples_leaf=12 min_samples_split=5 n_estimators=150
Training Accuracy Score	0.8027338083110351	0.8048615364776427
Test Accuracy Score	0.7963819624656813	0.7978487344390538
F1 Score	0.7073829856231759	0.7123668860705303
Precision Score	0.7678047635808988	0.7643546164446486
Parameter Tuning Time	181.2min (576 fits, 288 candidates, 2 folds)	22.3min (30 fits, 10 candidates, 3 folds)

ITERATION II

	XGBoost	CatBoost	Light GBM
Parameters Used	learning_rate=0.05 max_depth=10 min_child_weight=3 n_estimators=200	depth=10 iterations= 300 l2_leaf_reg= 9 learning_rate= 0.03	learning_rate=0.01 max_depth=25 n_estimators=200 num_leaves=300 silent=False
Training Accuracy Score	0.8231567748799123	0.8023630677971566	<u>0.8061833070053838</u>
Test Accuracy Score	0.800368573470232	0.7994283350257625	<u>0.801572078679153</u>
F1 Score	0.7163317657118426	0.7113083960374601	0.7165269718461208
Precision Score	0.7674338715218139	0.7734871674122911	0.7723850341712035
Parameter Tuning Time (81 fits, 27 candidates, 3 folds)	122.2min	38.7min	12.6min



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