

# How to Get Your Questions Answered Quickly

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# Objective

# We all have questions...

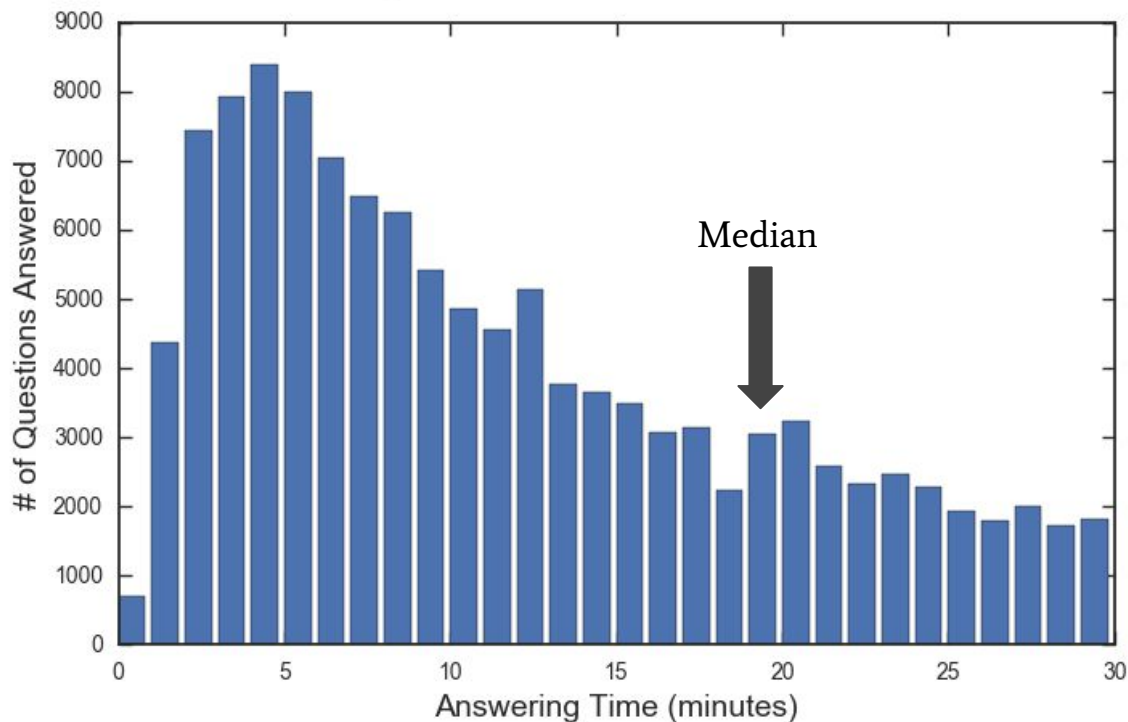
1. What features are important in getting answers?
2. Optimize the complexity of models and prediction time of new observations.



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# Target Selection

Answering Time vs # of Questions Answered

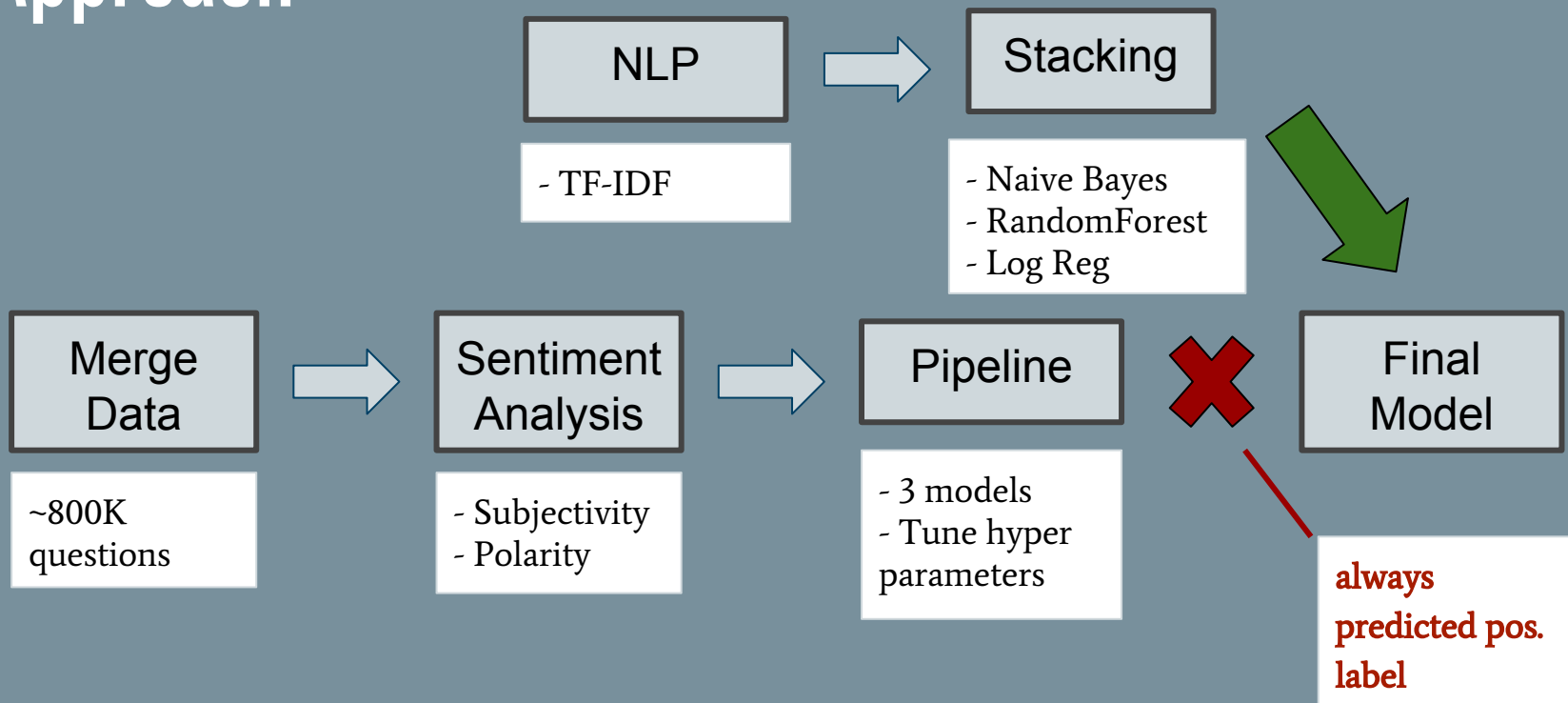


- Data limited to questions answered within 24 hours

Label:	Criteria:
Quick Answer	< 30 minutes
Slow Answer	>= 30 minutes

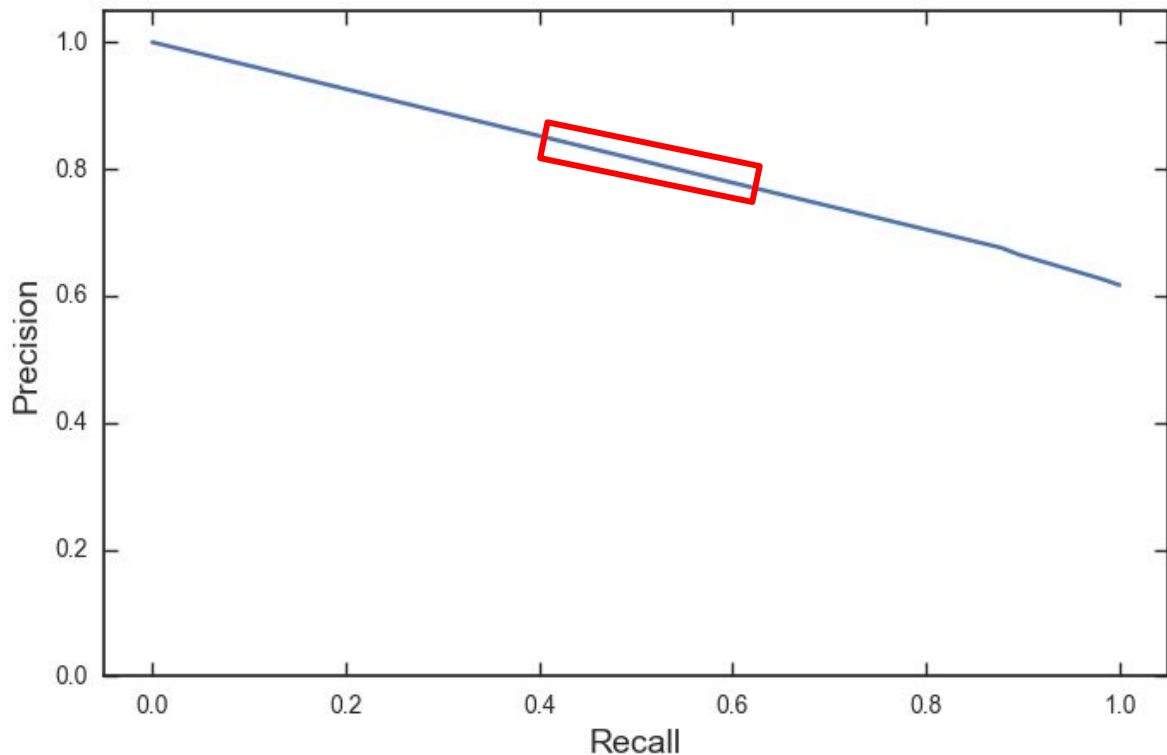
# Modeling

# Approach



# NLP → Multinomial NB → Stacking

Precision-Recall Curve



- Find the balance between precision and recall

- No more guessing only the positive label

- Limited to ~10,000 obs.

# Scores

- FBeta with a beta of 0.5 places a higher weight on precision.
- **Stacking:**

Multinomial NB + Random Forest → Logistic Regression

<u>Model:</u>	<u>FBeta:</u>
Multinomial NB	0.68
Random Forest	0.70
Logistic Regression	0.487
Stacking	0.70



**Fastest model**



Small gains for  
higher complexity



# Visualization

# Flask App + D3

Question Title:

Question Body:

SUBMIT

**Great job! Question will be answered quickly!**

**Probability: 0.85**



# Conclusions

# Takeaways

- According to the model, ~70% FBeta is possible.
- When something goes wrong.. try again!

# Future Works

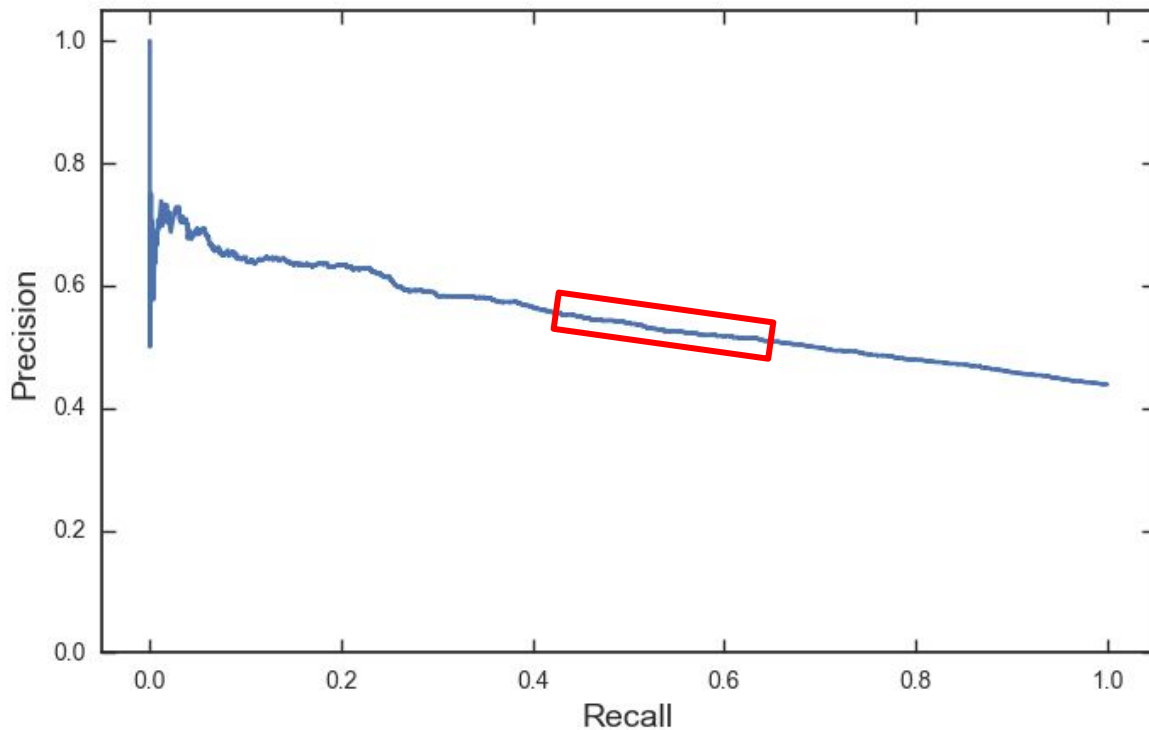
# Next steps

- Different combinations of **stacking** or *boosting* for better scores
- Find a way to use all of the available data rather than a subset of it.

# Appendix

# What went wrong?

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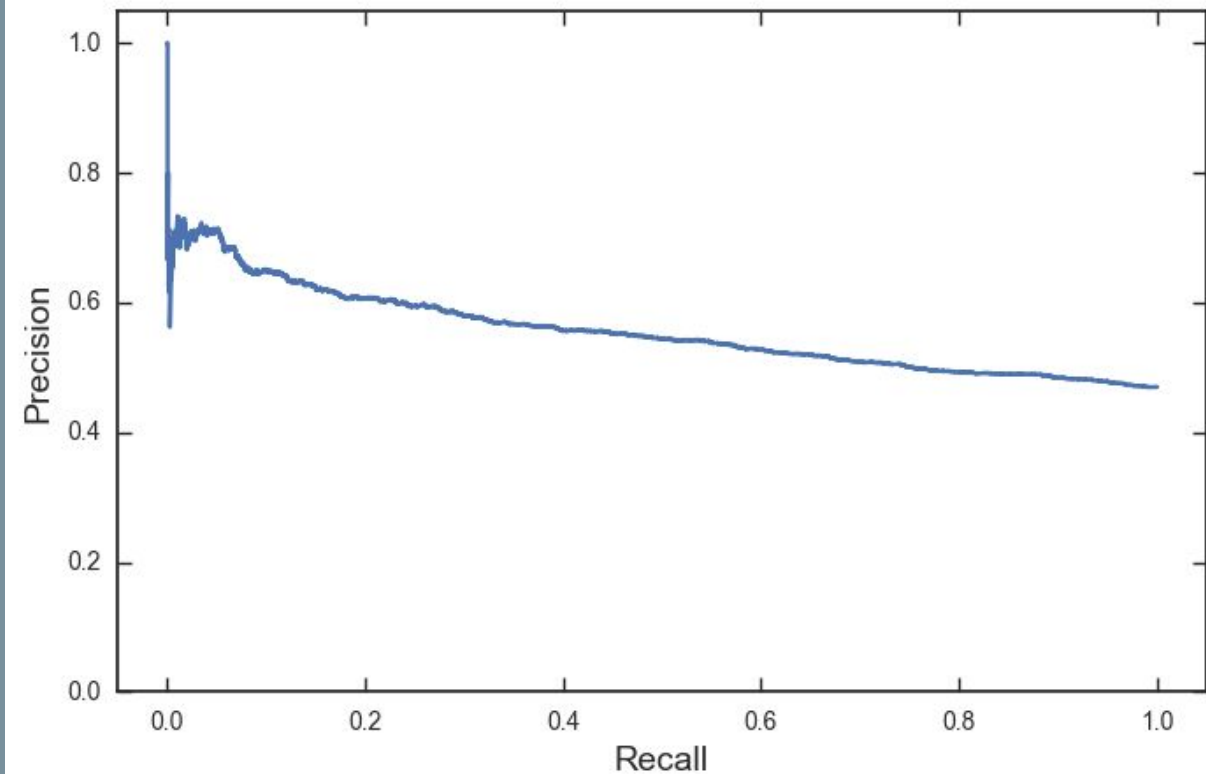


- Small precision increases
- **Logistic Regression model** was always predicting the positive label



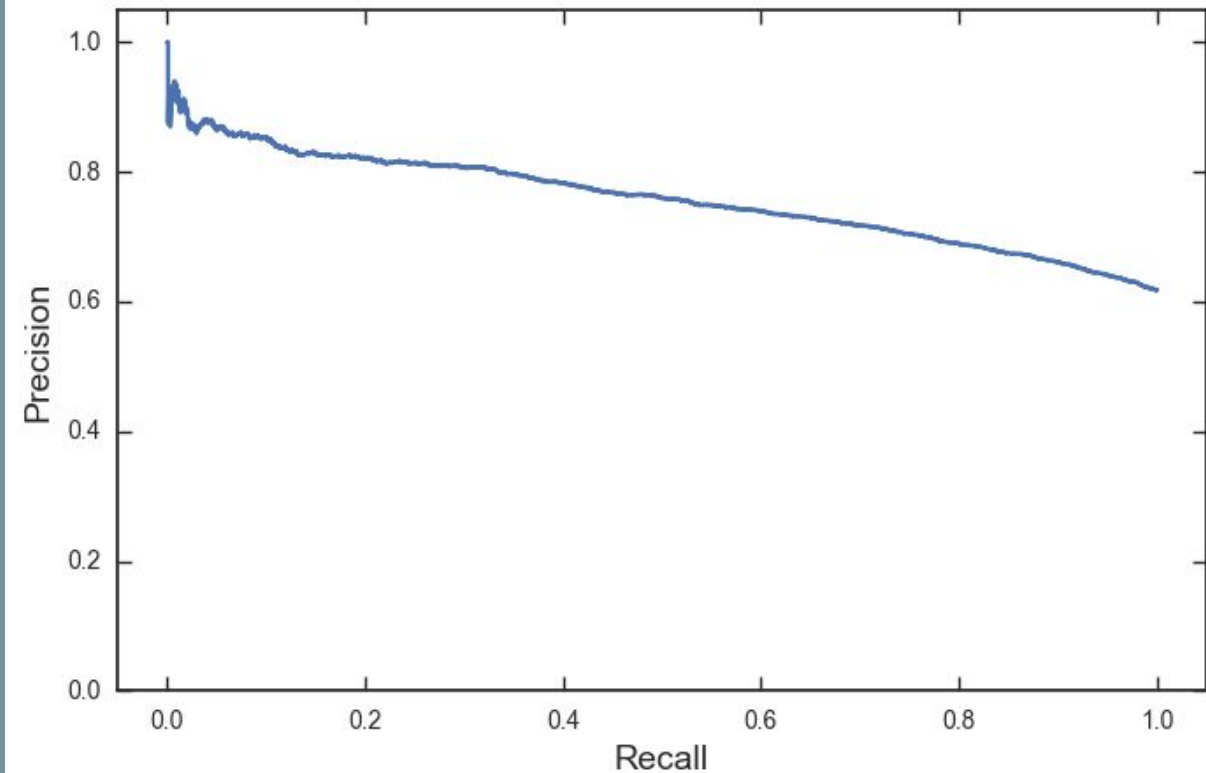
# Logistic Regression

Precision-Recall Curve



# Multinomial NB

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