

Stacking Algorithm for Ensemble Modelling

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Motivation - The wisdom of the crowd

- The aggregation of individual guesses in groups is often superior to individual guesses - even to experts
- BUT: Only fulfilled under certain criteria
 - ▶ Variation of guesses
 - ▶ Independence of guesses
 - ▶ Decentralization
 - ▶ Algorithm



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Ensemble Learning - Terminology

Machine Learning

- Part of computer science that uses statistical techniques to train models on data
- Typically used for prediction purposes

Ensemble Learning

- Idea is to combine hypotheses of multiple learning algorithms (base learners)
- Goal is to obtain a better predictive performance than with each of the single algorithms alone
- Mainly used in supervised learning
- Very flexible method



Ensemble Learning

Which models to combine?

- Effective ensembling builds on diverse and low correlated models
- Best to use strong base learners

Similar criteria as mentioned in the Motivation!



Decision Tree

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Bagging

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Random Forest

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Boosting

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Gradient Boosting

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Bayes??

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Stacked Generalization

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Potentials and Problems of Ensemble Learning

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