

# 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



## Outline

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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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