

Cancellation Rate Prediction of Auto Insurance Policy

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- ▶ 7578 records, 16 features, 105 NAs, 25 cancel== -1, 40 age < len.at.res, 8 age > 100.

High Cancellation population:

- ▶ Low credit, Virginia, 2014(mainly caused by Virginia and Washington), Single + young + Online + New customer + Higher premium, Coverage type B + Tenant, Tenant + (n.adults > 3), Male + high n.adults, House + White color

Interactive visualization details:

- ▶ <https://visualplot1.herokuapp.com/>

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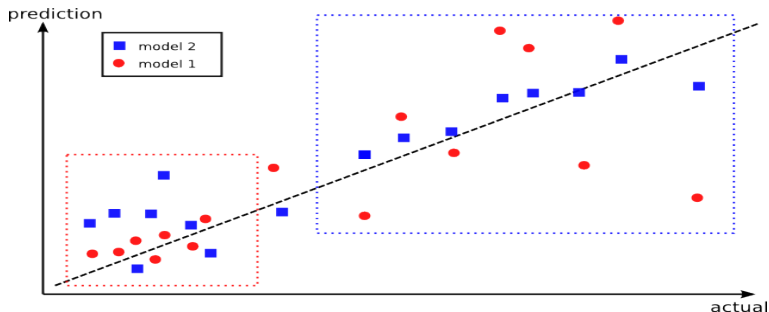
Important features in prediction models

We identify most important features for predicting cancellation rate based on two tree based models-**Decision Tree** and **Extreme Gradient Boosting (Xgboost)** and regression coefficients of the features in **logistic regression** with Lasso method.

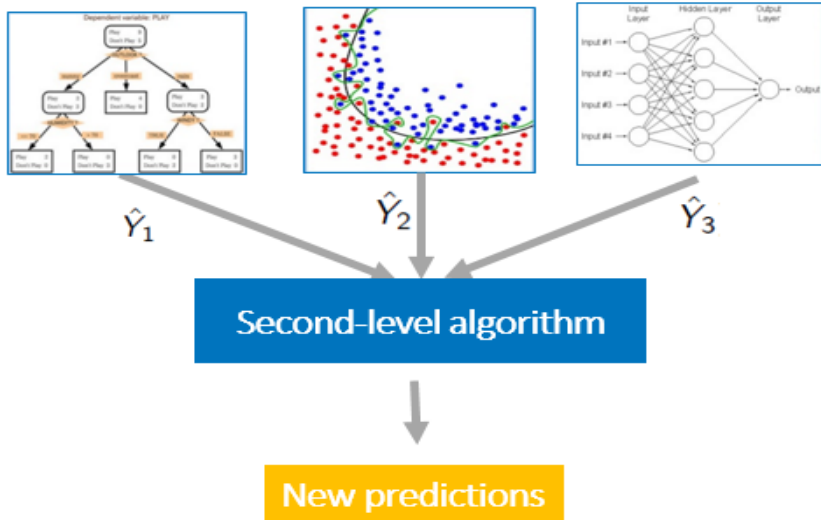
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Stacking models-Motivation

Data is quite heterogeneous and one single model can only capture partial information in the data. Combining multiple diverse models through stacking we could improve prediction accuracy.



Stacking multiple base models-an illustration



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3. Generally speaking stacking models has better prediction performance using more diverse base models.

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5. Direct/indirect causal effect? Confounder?

Thank You!