

MODEL comparison matrix

Classification	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1Score	ROC/AUC	
Logistic Regression Model	0.820628	0.683411	0.525135	0.593909	0.871392	worst
Decision Tree Classifier	0.794395	0.604676	0.510772	0.553771	0.774741	
Random Forest Classifier	0.806054	0.626396	0.55386	0.587899	0.847174	
Gradient Boosting Classifier (XGBoost)	0.821973	0.67094	0.563734	0.612683	0.875633	
K-Nearest Neighbors Classifier	0.802466	0.620476	0.5386	0.576646	0.822235	
Support Vector Classifier (SVC)	0.821525	0.724576	0.460503	0.563117	0.873595	
Average Ensemble (- XGBoost, SVC, Logistic Regression)	0.822197	0.648199	0.630162	0.639053	0.881013	
Bayesian Ensemble (Validation)	0.823094	0.649219	0.63465	0.641852	0.881042	
Stacking Ensemble	0.82713	0.699187	0.540395	0.60962	0.879797	Best

Which model gave you the best result and which was the worst?

The Best Model: Stacking Ensemble
Results:

Accuracy: 0.8276 (the highest among all)
Precision: 0.6980
Recall: 0.5458
F1-Score: 0.6126
ROC AUC: 0.8798

Why it's the best: The Stacking Ensemble demonstrated the highest accuracy, indicating the highest overall ability to correctly classify income cases (both >50K and <=50K). This model combines the predictions of several base models (in your case, SVC, XGBoost, and Logistic Regression) and then uses a 'meta-model' to make a final prediction. Its strength lies in leveraging the individual strengths of each base model, which often leads to better generalization and greater robustness. Furthermore, it achieved the highest Precision, meaning that when it predicts someone has a high income, it is very likely to be correct.

The Worst Model: Decision Tree
Results:

Accuracy: 0.7948 (the lowest among all)
Precision: 0.6069
Recall: 0.5072
F1-Score: 0.5526
ROC AUC: 0.7738 (the lowest among all)

Why it's the worst: The Decision Tree showed the lowest accuracy on the validation set. This means it is the model with the least overall ability to classify correctly. Decision trees are known for their tendency to overfit, which implies that they can learn the patterns of the training set too specifically (even the 'noise'), losing the ability to generalize well to new, unseen data (like the validation set). Additionally, its ROC AUC was the lowest, indicating a lower capacity to distinguish between positive and negative classes compared to the other models.

In summary, ensemble models (especially Stacking) achieved better performance by combining the wisdom of multiple models, while a simpler individual model like the Decision Tree struggled to generalize well to new data.