

Ensembling Approach	Useful For	Component Models Differentiated By	Timing of Component Model Estimation	Component Models Combined Via
Stacking	Prediction	Could be anything; often, different types of models (linear model, KNN, CART)	Separate Estimation of Each Component Model, Combined Later	Stage 2 model takes predictions from stage 1 models as inputs. (Stage 2 could be a simple average or majority vote, or a complex model).
Boosting	Prediction	Each component model trained on residuals from previous models, or more weight assigned to cases not predicted well by previous models.	Sequential Estimation of Component Models, Estimation of Each Model Depends on Previous Models	Typically, additive (predictions from component models are added together)

Approach for Model Differentiation

Component Models Differentiated By...

Bagging

Models trained on bootstrap resampled data sets

Feature Subsets

Models use different subsets of features, or use features differently in estimation process

Named Ensemble Model	Component Models Differentiated By		
Random Forest	All component models are trees. Combines bagging and feature subsets: each tree is trained on a bagged data set, and a randomly selected subset of features are used in finding each split as the tree is grown.		