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Analysis and Development of Smoothie Advisor by using Machine Learning

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Abstract

The study focuses on the development of "Smoothie Advisor", a personalized smoothie recommendation system designed to cater to individual fitness and nutritional goals. The motivation behind this project is driven by the increasing demand for health-focused solutions that support weight loss, muscle gain, and overall wellness. With more people adopting active lifestyles, personalized nutrition has become a key element in enhancing health outcomes, leading to the need for intelligent systems that offer tailored dietary advice. The project aims to leverage machine learning techniques to create a user-centric solution that not only meets nutritional requirements but also aligns with taste preferences and convenience. The research methodology involved empirical data collection using a Google Form survey distributed among 103 participants. The sample was selected using convenience sampling, targeting individuals between the ages of 20-30. Collected data included user demographics, health goals, dietary preferences, and smoothie consumption habits. For data analysis and model development, feature engineering was performed, followed by training using the XGBoost classifier. Other machine learning techniques like Random Forest and Logistic Regression were also evaluated to compare model performance. The web application was developed using Python's Flask framework, ensuring an interactive and user-friendly experience. The study found that the XGBoost model achieved a high accuracy of 80%, making it the most effective technique for generating personalized smoothie recommendations. Analysis revealed that most participants were comfortable with a variety of fruits and vegetables, and 80% did not report any dietary restrictions, indicating a broad preference range for smoothie ingredients. Based on these findings, it is recommended to integrate real-time health tracking and feedback loops to further personalize the recommendations. Future work could involve expanding the system's features to include integration with wearable devices and fitness tracking apps, creating a comprehensive health management platform that adapts to evolving user needs and lifestyle changes.

Keywords

Early Smoothie Genie, Health and Wellness Goals, Machine Learning Techniques, User-Friendly Web Application, Personalized Recommendations.

1. Introduction

The focus of this study is the development and implementation of "Smoothie Advisor," a personalized smoothie recommendation system designed to enhance individual health and wellness by providing customized dietary solutions. The motivation behind this research is driven by the growing need for accessible, health-oriented dietary guidance that aligns with the evolving lifestyle preferences of modern consumers. The primary objective of this study is to create a system that leverages machine learning algorithms to generate smoothie

recommendations that are tailored to the specific health goals, dietary restrictions, and taste preferences of each user. In the current digital era, there is a significant shift towards personalized nutrition, where individuals are looking for dietary plans that not only promote health but also fit seamlessly into their busy lifestyles. This study aims to bridge that gap by developing a tool that uses data-driven insights to guide individuals toward healthier eating habits, ultimately contributing to better overall well-being.

Personalized nutrition is at the forefront of modern dietary trends, emphasizing the need to cater to individual differences in metabolism, nutritional requirements, and lifestyle choices. With this in mind, "Smoothie Genie" is designed to go beyond generic dietary advice, offering specific, user-centric solutions that can adapt to varying health objectives like weight loss, muscle gain, or boosting immunity. The study's focus on smoothies as the medium for nutritional delivery is rooted in their convenience, versatility, and the ability to incorporate a wide range of healthy ingredients. As smoothies are already popular among health-conscious consumers, developing a recommendation system that optimizes their nutritional value could significantly impact dietary practices at both individual and community levels.

2. Literature Review

The literature survey on smoothie recommendation systems and personalized nutrition highlights significant developments in the field of machine learning and its application to dietary planning. The study by (*M.B. Vivek, N. Manju, M.B. Vijay , 2018)* focused on a machine learning-based food recipe recommendation system, primarily utilizing collaborative filtering techniques. This approach effectively captured user preferences through item-based and user-based collaborative filtering, demonstrating its ability to provide accurate recipe recommendations by analyzing the interactions between users and recipes. However, the study noted limitations in scalability and computational costs, which could affect its adaptability in broader applications. Expanding on this, *(Marrapu Hari Krishna, Suvvari SravanthiRani Bhardwaj, Pitani Tejaswi, Varada Uma Devi, Moyya Ramya , 2022)*developed a personalized diet recommendation system using a hybrid filtering approach that combines both collaborative and content-based methods. This system was designed to assist in managing health conditions like hypertension and diabetes by tailoring dietary recommendations to the individual's needs. The integration of hybrid filtering with algorithms like KNN showed promising results in enhancing the precision of recommendations. Nonetheless, the study pointed out challenges related to data accuracy, food availability, and user data privacy. Further advancements in personalized nutrition were presented by *(Atharva Urade, Vaibhav Shirbhate, Mohan Bhambere, Prof. Sumit Muddalkar, Prathamesh Mahajan, 2024)*, who explored health-centric food recommendation systems that utilize real-time health data. By integrating machine learning algorithms with user-specific health metrics, this study emphasized the importance of adaptive dietary solutions that respond to changing health conditions. Despite the effectiveness of the KNN algorithm in generating personalized meal suggestions, the study identified gaps in the long-term impact of these recommendations on users' health outcomes and the integration of real-time wellness data. Moreover, *(Mayumi Ueda, Syungo Asanuma, Yusuke Miyawaki, Shinsuke Nakajima, 2014)*focused on enhancing recipe recommendations by considering both user preferences and the quantity of ingredients. Their approach improved the relevance of recommendations by analyzing ingredient dispersion and the user's cooking habits, resulting in higher accuracy compared to traditional methods. However, the study's reliance on a single dataset limited its findings, suggesting the need for broader data integration to capture diverse dietary preferences. Finally, the Nutrilize system by *(Nadja Leipold, Mira Madenach, Hanna Schäfer, Martin Lurz, NađaTerzimehić, Georg Groh, Markus Böhm, Kurt Gedrich, Helmut Krcmar, 2018)* examined a mobile-based nutrition recommender that utilized a personalized approach to dietary feedback. Despite its innovative design, the study was limited by its small sample size and the short duration of the pilot study, which affected the generalizability of its results. The system's usability issues and the underestimation of food intake indicated areas for future improvements, particularly in enhancing user interaction and the variety of recommendations.

2.1 Research Gaps

- Lack of Highly Personalized Smoothie Recommendations
- Limited Application of Machine Learning in the Smoothie Domain
- Underexplored UX Design in Dietary Recommendation Systems

2.2 Problem Statement

- Current smoothie and dietary recommendation systems struggle to deliver highly personalized advice that caters to individual health goals, taste preferences, and specific dietary restrictions.
- Many existing systems rely on basic machine learning approaches like collaborative filtering or hybrid methods, which do not fully capture the complexity of user-specific data and ingredient combinations.

- Many systems provide generic dietary advice that does not meet the specific needs of users seeking personalized nutrition strategies for goals like weight loss, muscle gain, or wellness optimization.

2.3 Aim

The aim of this project is to develop an intelligent smoothie recommendation system, "Smoothie Genie," that utilizes advanced machine learning techniques to provide personalized dietary suggestions. The system is designed to deliver customized smoothie recommendations based on individual user preferences, health goals, dietary restrictions, and real-time health metrics. By integrating adaptive algorithms like XG Boost and incorporating user data from wearable devices, the project aims to enhance the precision, relevance, and adaptability of dietary recommendations, promoting healthier eating habits and supporting users in achieving their wellness objectives.

2.4 Objectives

- To study the lifestyle of individuals in order to promote health and wellness
- To analyse the data , develop AI models and train the model for smoothie recommendations
- To develop and partially implement user friendly interface for capturing smoothie recommendation

3. Methodology

Figure 1 presents methodology.

Objective No.	Statement of the Objective	Method/ Methodology	Status (Completed/ On-going/yet to commence)
1	To study the lifestyle of individuals in order to promote health and wellness	Data has been obtained by Google form from the individuals	completed
2	To analyse the data , develop AI models and train the model for smoothie recommendations	Feature engineering, model trained using Xg Booster Classifier to teach the patterns and make recommendation	completed
3	To develop and partially implement user friendly interface for capturing smoothie recommendation	Webpage has been designed using PYTHON language ,FLASK for framework and HTML to structure the webpage	completed

Figure 1. Methodology

4. Conceptual Model

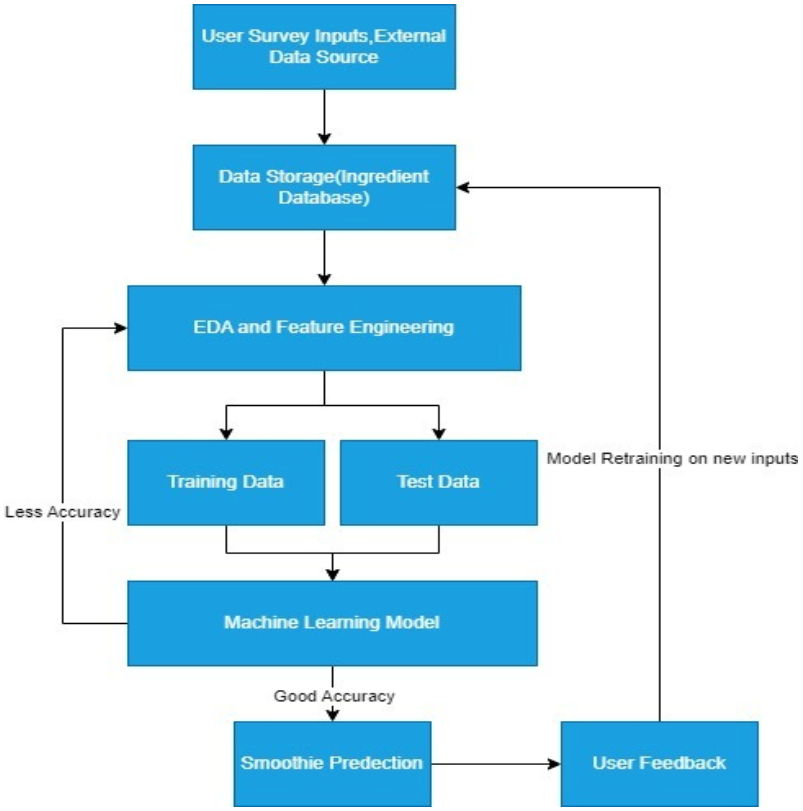

Figure 2. Conceptual Model

5. Hypothesis

This study is built on several hypotheses aimed at enhancing the accuracy and effectiveness of dietary recommendations through machine learning (Figure 2). The primary hypothesis is that the implementation of the XGBoost algorithm will significantly outperform traditional models in predicting personalized smoothie choices that align with user-specific dietary goals. XGBoost's gradient boosting framework is expected to offer superior prediction accuracy due to its capability to handle non-linear relationships between the diverse features of user data.

Another key hypothesis is that a well-designed web interface developed using modern frameworks like Flask will result in higher user engagement and satisfaction levels. It is believed that if the system provides an intuitive, easy-to-navigate platform for inputting health and taste preferences, users will be more inclined to utilize the service regularly. The third hypothesis suggests that integrating real-time data from health tracking devices will lead to more dynamic recommendations, allowing the system to adapt to changes in physical activity, sleep patterns, and other health metrics, thereby offering a more holistic approach to personalized nutrition.

A) Dataset

	gender	height	weight	weight_preference	taste_preference	smoothie
2	male	122	40	loose	sweet	Strawberry Delight Smoothie
3	male	122	40	loose	sour	Tangy Citrus Blast
4	male	122	40	loose	bitter	Bitter Green Detox Smoothie
5	male	122	40	gain	sweet	Banana Peanut Butter Delight Smoothie
6	male	122	40	gain	sour	Sour Power Smoothie
7	male	122	40	gain	bitter	Bitter Green Power Smoothie
8	male	122	45	loose	sweet	Pineapple Berry Blast
9	male	122	45	loose	sour	Tangy Citrus Blast
10	male	122	45	loose	bitter	Bitter Green Detox Smoothie
11	male	122	45	gain	sweet	Peanut Butter Banana Smoothie
12	male	122	45	gain	sour	Sour Power Gainer Smoothie
13	male	122	45	gain	bitter	Bitter Green Booster Smoothie
14	male	122	50	loose	sweet	Berry Blast Smoothie
15	male	122	50	loose	sour	Tangy Citrus Blast
16	male	122	50	loose	bitter	Bitter Green Detox Smoothie
17	male	122	50	gain	sweet	Banana Peanut Butter Delight Smoothie
18	male	122	50	gain	sour	Sour Power Protein Smoothie
19	male	122	50	gain	bitter	Bitter Green Power Smoothie
20	male	122	55	loose	sweet	Berry Blast Smoothie
21	male	122	55	loose	sour	Lemon-Ginger Zinger Smoothie
22	male	122	55	loose	bitter	Bitter Green Detox Smoothie
23	male	122	55	gain	sweet	Banana Peanut Butter Delight Smoothie
24	male	122	55	gain	sour	Sour Power Protein Smoothie
25	male	122	55	gain	bitter	Bitter Green Boost Smoothie
26	male	122	60	loose	sweet	Berry Blast Smoothie
27	male	122	60	loose	sour	Tangy Citrus Burst Smoothie
28	male	122	60	loose	bitter	Bitter Green Detox Smoothie
29	male	122	60	gain	sweet	Banana Peanut Butter Smoothie
30	male	122	60	gain	sour	Sour Power Protein Smoothie
31	male	122	60	gain	bitter	Bitter Green Power Smoothie
2851	female	197	85	gain	bitter	Bitter Greens Power Smoothie
2852	female	197	90	loose	sweet	Strawberry Delight Smoothie
2853	female	197	90	loose	sour	Tangy Citrus Burst Smoothie
2854	female	197	90	loose	bitter	Bitter Green Detox Smoothie
2855	female	197	90	gain	sweet	Banana Caramel Delight Smoothie
2856	female	197	90	gain	sour	Sour Citrus Boost Smoothie
2857	female	197	90	gain	bitter	Bitter Greens Power Smoothie
2858	female	197	95	loose	sweet	Strawberry Slimmer Smoothie
2859	female	197	95	loose	sour	Tangy Citrus Blast
2860	female	197	95	loose	bitter	Bitter Green Detox Smoothie
2861	female	197	95	gain	sweet	Banana Caramel Delight Smoothie
2862	female	197	95	gain	sour	Sour Green Power Smoothie
2863	female	197	95	gain	bitter	Bitter Greens Power Smoothie
2864	female	197	100	loose	sweet	Berry Bliss Smoothie
2865	female	197	100	loose	sour	Sour Citrus Blast
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2870	female	197	105	loose	sweet	Strawberry Delight Smoothie
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2875	female	197	105	gain	bitter	Bitter Greens Power Smoothie
2876	female	197	110	loose	sweet	Pineapple Berry Blast
2877	female	197	110	loose	sour	Tangy Citrus Delight
2878	female	197	110	loose	bitter	Bitter Green Detox Smoothie
2879	female	197	110	gain	sweet	Banana Nut Delight Smoothie
2880	female	197	110	gain	sour	Sour Power Protein Smoothie
2881	female	197	110	gain	bitter	Bitter Green Power Smoothie

Figure 3. Training Data

The above Figure 3 shows that the data has been trained where the key features are gender, height, weight, health goal, taste preference and smoothie. Data has been created for people of height 4 feet to 6.5 feet and weight 40kg to 110kg. There are 2881 combinations of data.

6. Analysis

A) Model Training

Models are presented in Figure 4, Figure 5, Figure 6 and Figure 7.

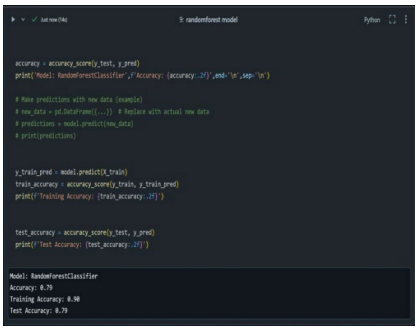

Figure 4. Random Forest Classifier Model

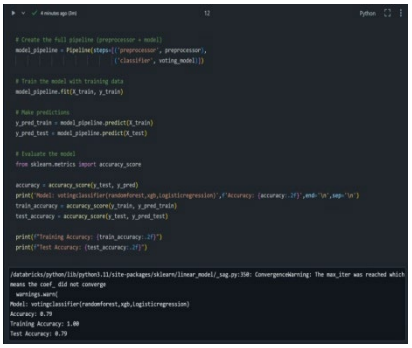

Figure 5. Voting Classifier (Random Forest, XgB, Logistic Classifier) Model

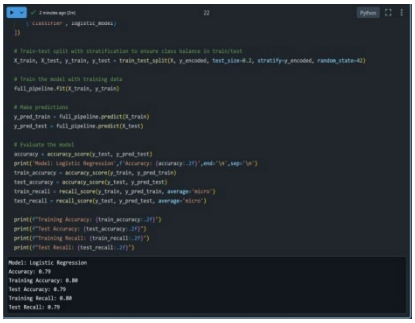

Figure 6. Logistic Regression Model

Figure 7. Xg Boost Classifier Model

Interpretation

After training the model under multiple machine learning algorithms we can conclude that Xg Boost Classifier gives good accuracy range that is 80% and also there is no much difference between training and testing accuracy. Hence further addition of data to the existing data doesn't affect the model much.

B) Webpage

- Python was used as a programming language
- Flask has been used for web framework
- Homepage captures details from user where all requirements are captured
- The captured data is provided to model to predict in backend
- Xg boost model has been used which trained on the smoothie data
- Hence the result smoothie is then submitted to user

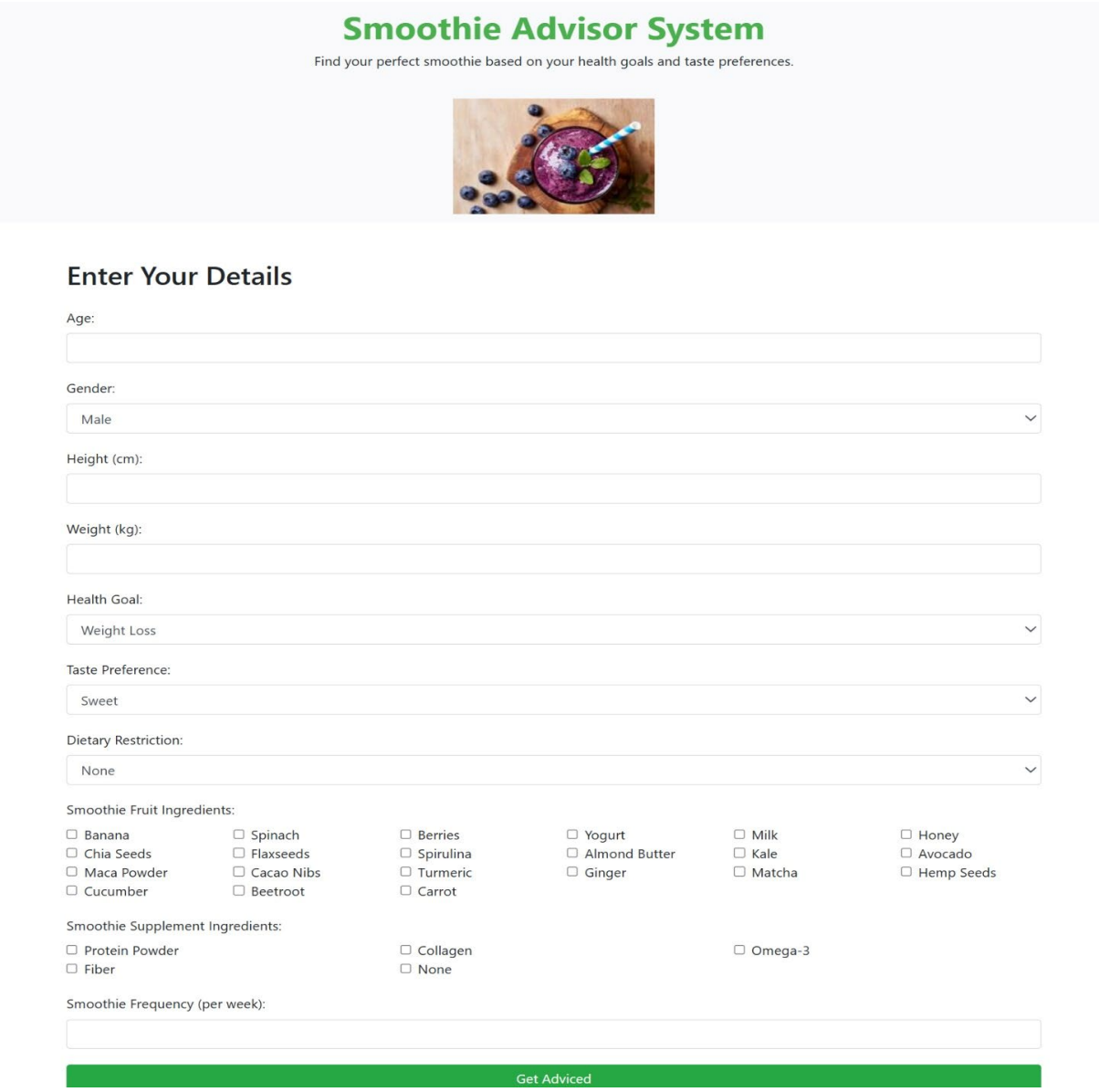

Figure 8. Webpage of Smoothie Advisor System

This is the webpage where the user can enter inputs and get their required output i.e. smoothies.

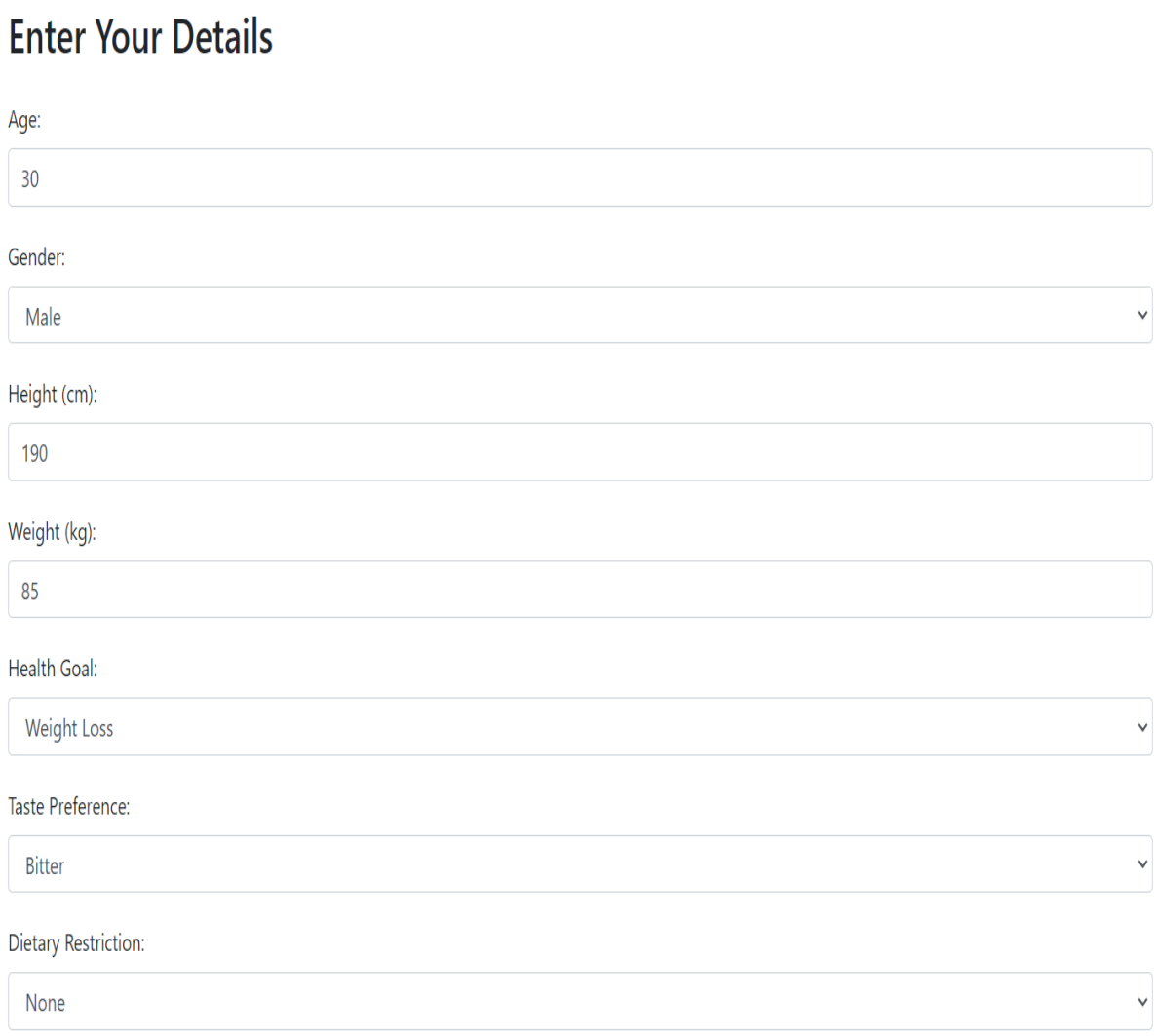

Figure 9. Webpage with User Inputs

The above Figure 8 and Figure 9 shows that the user has entered their details i.e. a female of age 45 whose height is 165 cm and weight of 68kgs focus on maintaining the weight and prefers savory taste with gluten free dietary restrictions.

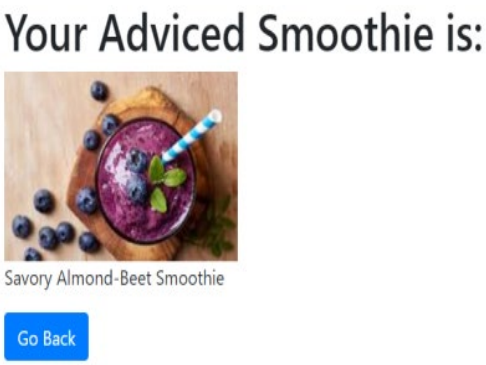

Figure 10. Advised Smoothie

The above Figure 10 shows that according to user details the webpage has advised the smoothie which is savory almond beet smoothie.

7. Findings and Contributions

A) Findings

The study found that the XG Boost machine learning model achieved a high accuracy rate of 80% for both training and testing data. This indicates that XG Boost is highly effective for predicting personalized smoothie recommendations based on user inputs.

Most participants in the study were comfortable with a wide variety of fruits and vegetables in their smoothies. 80% of respondents reported no medical conditions that would limit their dietary choices, suggesting a broad range of ingredient options for personalized recommendations. Preferences were well-balanced between plant-based and dairy products, indicating the need for diverse ingredient suggestions in the smoothie recommendations.

The study compared XGBoost with other machine learning models like Random Forest, Logistic Regression, and Voting Classifiers. While XGBoost showed the best overall performance, the accuracy of the other models was also relatively close, with slight variations. Voting Classifier models combining XGBoost, Random Forest, and Logistic Regression achieved training accuracies of up to 100% but performed similarly to XGBoost in the testing phase, highlighting XGBoost's consistency.

The web application was successfully developed using Flask, with a focus on creating a user-friendly interface that allows users to input their preferences easily. The system is designed to capture user requirements, send them to the backend for processing, and generate personalized smoothie recommendations.

The system promotes overall health and wellness by recommending smoothies that align with specific health goals, such as weight loss, muscle gain, or general well-being. The emphasis on using nutrient-rich ingredients supports the user's dietary objectives.

B) Contributions

The study contributed to the field of dietary recommendation systems by creating "Smoothie Genie," a machine learning-based platform that provides customized smoothie suggestions tailored to individual health goals and dietary preferences.

The successful implementation of the XGBoost algorithm for personalized dietary recommendations is a significant contribution, demonstrating its potential for accurate and reliable predictions in food recommendation systems.

The study utilized feature engineering techniques to transform user data into meaningful inputs for machine learning models, enhancing the accuracy and relevance of the smoothie recommendations based on health goals, dietary restrictions, and ingredient preferences.

The development of a user-friendly web interface using Flask highlights the importance of intuitive design in dietary applications. This approach ensures that users can easily interact with the system and receive personalized dietary advice, promoting broader adoption of health-focused technologies.

The study identified significant gaps in existing food and dietary recommendation systems, specifically the lack of highly personalized smoothie recommendations, limited application of machine learning in the smoothie domain, and underexplored UX design in dietary recommendation systems.

Suggestions for integrating real-time health tracking and wearable devices into the system lay the groundwork for future advancements in personalized nutrition. These enhancements could lead to more dynamic and adaptive health monitoring, resulting in even more precise recommendations.

8. Conclusion

The study successfully developed a personalized smoothie recommendation system called "Smoothie Advisor," leveraging machine learning techniques to support individual health and wellness goals. The system uses XGBoost as the primary machine learning model, achieving an impressive accuracy of 80% for both training and testing data, demonstrating its effectiveness in providing customized smoothie recommendations based on user preferences and health objectives.

The findings indicate that most users are comfortable with a wide variety of fruits and vegetables, with no significant dietary restrictions, allowing the system to offer diverse ingredient combinations. The balanced preference between plant-based and dairy products highlights the need for flexibility in recommendations, catering to a range of dietary preferences and health needs.

The user-friendly interface developed using Flask allows seamless interaction with the system, making it easy for users to input their preferences and receive personalized suggestions. This focus on intuitive design improves user experience and engagement, promoting healthier dietary choices in a convenient and accessible manner.

Moreover, the study addressed gaps in existing dietary recommendation systems, particularly in terms of providing dynamic and highly personalized smoothie recommendations. By integrating machine learning and feature engineering, the research demonstrated a novel approach to tailoring dietary advice, paving the way for future advancements in personalized nutrition.

A) Future Work

Integration with Real-Time Health Tracking: By continuously monitoring the user's health data, the system could provide recommendations that adapt in real-time, such as post-workout smoothies that replenish lost nutrients or energy-boosting options for users with low activity levels.

Enhanced Customization Features: The system can be expanded to allow users to input more detailed preferences, such as specific nutritional goals (e.g., high-protein, low-carb), ingredient dislikes, or dietary requirements like gluten-free or lactose-free options. This will ensure that the recommendations are even more tailored to meet individual health objectives.

Integration with Fitness and Meal Planning Apps: To create a more comprehensive health management tool, the Smoothie Advisor system could be integrated with existing fitness tracking and meal planning apps. This would enable users to align their nutrition plans with their exercise routines, providing a balanced approach to health and wellness.

Incorporation of User Feedback Loops: Incorporating user feedback into the system’s learning loop will allow the recommendation engine to evolve and become more accurate over time. Users can rate their satisfaction with the suggested smoothies, providing valuable insights that can be used to refine the machine learning models.
Exploring Recipe Categories and Ingredient Combinations: Future research could focus on how specific ingredient combinations affect the taste, texture, and nutritional value of the smoothies, allowing the system to make more informed recommendations.

B) Limitations

Limited Sample Size: The study was conducted with a relatively small sample size of 103 participants. Although this size provided sufficient data to develop and train the initial machine learning models, it limits the ability to generalize the findings to a broader population.

Quality and Completeness of User Data: The accuracy of the smoothie recommendations heavily depends on the quality and completeness of the data provided by users. If users input inaccurate or incomplete information regarding their dietary preferences, health conditions, or nutritional goals, the system's ability to make effective recommendations could be compromised.

Underexplored Impact of Recipe Categories and Ingredient Combinations: The study does not deeply analyze the influence of different recipe categories or specific ingredient combinations on the effectiveness of the recommendations. Understanding how certain combinations of ingredients affect taste, nutritional value, and user satisfaction could significantly improve the precision of the recommendations
User Experience (UX) Design Limitations: Although the system's user interface was developed to be user-friendly, the study does not extensively explore the impact of UX design elements on user engagement and retention.

Scalability and System Performance: The study highlights potential challenges with scalability, especially when dealing with larger datasets or a broader user base. The system's performance may degrade as more users join, requiring optimization to handle increased data volume and computational load efficiently.

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