Diet Recommendation System

Project Overview

The **Diet Recommendation System** is a personalized web application designed to recommend dietary options based on an individual's unique characteristics, preferences, and health goals. The application employs a content-based approach and utilizes machine learning models to predict calorie requirements. The recommendations are further tailored to suit specific dietary preferences and medical conditions.

Motivation

People from all around the world are getting more concerned about their health and way of life in today's modern environment. However, avoiding junk food and exercising alone are insufficient; we also need to eat a balanced diet. We can live a healthy life with a balanced diet based on our height, weight, and age. Your diet can help you achieve and maintain a healthy weight, lower your chance of developing chronic diseases (including cancer and heart disease), and improve your general health when combined with physical activity.

What is a food recommendation engine?

A food recommendation engine using a content-based approach is an important tool for promoting healthy eating habits. This type of engine uses information about the nutritional content and ingredients of foods to make personalized recommendations to users. One of the key advantages of a content-based approach is that it takes into account an individual's dietary restrictions and preferences, such as allergies or food preferences. By providing users with tailored recommendations, a content-based food recommendation engine can help them make better choices about what to eat and improve their overall health. Additionally, by recommending a variety of healthy foods, it can also help users to discover new and nutritious options, expand their dietary horizons and overcome food boredom. All these can lead to a better and well-rounded diet, which can have a positive impact on long-term health outcomes.

Objectives:

- 1. Predict the daily calorie intake required for users based on their personal data.
- Provide meal recommendations categorized into Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.
- 3. Support dietary preferences and medical conditions to ensure suitability for the user.

4. Visualize the calorie distribution for better understanding.

Tools and Technologies:

• **Programming Language:** Python

Libraries:

Data Processing: Pandas, NumPyMachine Learning: Scikit-learn

Visualization: MatplotlibWeb Application: Streamlit

• Machine Learning Model: Random Forest Algorithm

Dataset Details

Synthetic Dataset Creation:

A dataset with the following features was generated synthetically for this project:

Feature	Description
Age	User's age (18-65 years)
Gender	Male or Female
Weight	Weight of the user (in kg, 50-120 kg)
Height	Height of the user (in cm, 150-200 cm)
Activity Level	Low, Moderate, or High
Dietary Preference	Vegan, Vegetarian, or Non-Vegetarian
Health Goal	Weight Loss, Maintenance, or Gain
Medical Condition	None, Diabetes, Hypertension, or Gluten Intolerance
Calories	Daily calorie requirement (1500-3000 kcal)

System Architecture

1. Machine Learning Model

Data Preprocessing:

- **One-Hot Encoding:** Applied to categorical features (e.g., Gender, Activity Level, Dietary Preference).
- Target Variable: Calorie requirements were set as the target for prediction.

Model Training:

- Model: Random Forest Regressor
- Training:
 - Split data into training (80%) and testing (20%) sets.
 - Trained the model on the preprocessed dataset.

Model Saving:

• Saved the trained model and feature columns using Pickle for reuse in the application.

2. Recommendation Logic

 Based on predicted calorie requirements, a food database was filtered by dietary preference and medical conditions to recommend suitable meals.

3. Web Application (Streamlit)

Input:

- User inputs including:
 - o Age, Gender, Weight, Height
 - Activity Level, Dietary Preference
 - Health Goal, Medical Condition

Output:

- Predicted Calorie Intake
- Recommended Meals categorized as Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
- Calorie Distribution Visualization

Features

1. Calorie Prediction

 Predicts daily calorie requirements based on user inputs using the trained Random Forest Regressor model.

2. Meal Recommendations

• Categorizes meals into:

Breakfast: 30% of total calories
 Lunch: 40% of total calories
 Dinner: 30% of total calories

Tailors recommendations to dietary preferences and medical conditions.

3. Calorie Distribution Visualization

 Displays a bar chart showing calorie allocation across Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner for better understanding of the diet plan.

Implementation

Step 1: User Input

• The application collects user inputs via sliders and dropdowns.

Step 2: Data Processing

Encodes the inputs to match the model's feature structure.

Step 3: Calorie Prediction

Predicts the daily calorie intake using the trained Random Forest Regressor.

Step 4: Food Recommendation

- Filters food options based on:
 - User's dietary preference
 - Medical conditions

Step 5: Visualization

- Displays:
 - Recommended meals categorized by type.
 - o A bar chart of calorie distribution.

Code Snippet Highlights

1. Calorie Prediction

```
# Predict calorie needs
predicted_calories = model.predict(input_data)[0]
st.subheader(f"Recommended Calorie Intake: {int(predicted_calories)} kcal")
```

2. Food Recommendation

```
def recommend_foods(calories, preference, condition):
    food_database = {
        "vegan": ["Quinoa Salad", "Avocado Toast", "Lentil Soup"],
        "vegetarian": ["Paneer Tikka", "Vegetable Stir Fry", "Cheese Sandwich"],
        "non-vegetarian": ["Grilled Chicken", "Salmon Salad", "Beef Steak"],
    }
    condition_filter = {
        "diabetes": lambda x: "low sugar" in x.lower(),
        "hypertension": lambda x: "low salt" in x.lower(),
        "gluten intolerance": lambda x: "gluten-free" in x.lower(),
        "none": lambda x: True,
    }
    foods = food_database[preference]
    return [food for food in foods if condition_filter[condition](food)]
```

3. Calorie Distribution Visualization

```
calorie_distribution = {
    "Breakfast": predicted_calories * 0.3,
    "Lunch": predicted_calories * 0.4,
    "Dinner": predicted_calories * 0.3,
}
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
ax.bar(calorie_distribution.keys(), calorie_distribution.values(), color=["blue", "green", "orange"])
ax.set_title("Calorie Distribution")
ax.set_xlabel("Meal Type")
ax.set_ylabel("Calories")
st.pyplot(fig)
```

Future Enhancements

- 1. **Dynamic Food Database:** Integrate a larger, dynamic database of recipes with detailed nutritional values.
- 2. **Improved Categorization:** Use natural language processing (NLP) to classify meals based on descriptions.
- 3. **Mobile App Development:** Extend the application to mobile platforms for wider accessibility.
- 4. **Integration with Wearables:** Incorporate data from fitness trackers to improve calorie predictions.

Conclusion

The **Diet Recommendation System** is an effective and user-friendly tool for personalized diet planning. By combining machine learning and Streamlit's interactive capabilities, the application provides actionable dietary recommendations and insights to users, helping them achieve their health goals efficiently.