

#### **CODE BASIC DATA CHALLENGE**

# Providing Insights for Crisis Recovery in an Online Food Delivery Startup

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Analyzed QuickBite's operational and customer data to uncover factors behind order decline, delivery inefficiencies, and customer churn during the 2025 crisis; developed data-driven insights and predictive models to support recovery planning, using Python and Machine Learning.

## Introduction

This project presents a comprehensive data-driven analysis of **QuickBite**, a Bengaluru-based food delivery startup that experienced a major operational and reputation crisis in mid-2025. The incident, triggered by viral food safety concerns and delivery disruptions, led to a sharp decline in customer engagement, order volumes, and overall satisfaction.

To support QuickBite's recovery strategy, this analysis was carried out using **Python (Pandas, NumPy, Seaborn, Matplotlib, and Scikit-learn)** to explore, clean, and model multiple datasets covering customers, restaurants, orders, delivery performance, and customer feedback. The study focuses on comparing business performance across two distinct phases — **Pre-Crisis (January to May 2025)** and **Crisis (June to September 2025)** — to measure the impact on key business metrics.

# **Project Workflow**

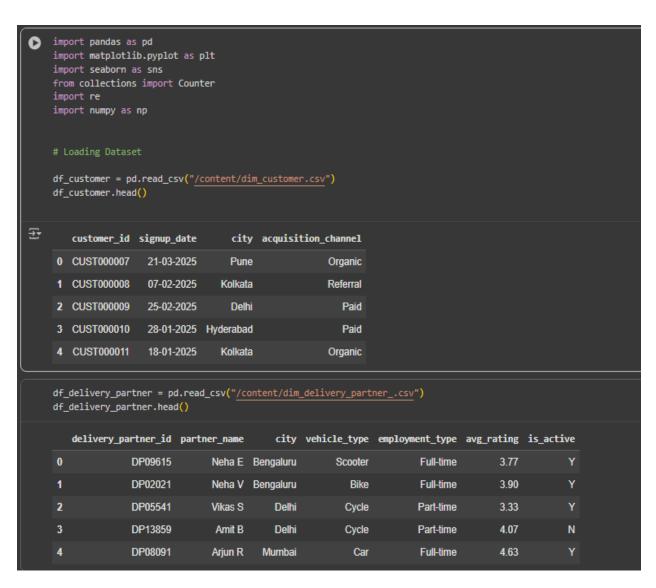
The project workflow included:

- **Data loading and preprocessing:** importing CSV files, cleaning timestamps, merging tables, and creating time-based "phase" segments.
- **Exploratory analysis:** evaluating trends in monthly orders, cancellations, delivery SLAs, and ratings.
- **Sentiment analysis:** extracting negative keywords from crisis-period reviews to identify customer pain points.
- Revenue and loyalty impact assessment: estimating financial losses and identifying churned loyal customers.
- Predictive modeling: applying machine learning techniques to forecast churn, SLA compliance, and high-value order patterns.

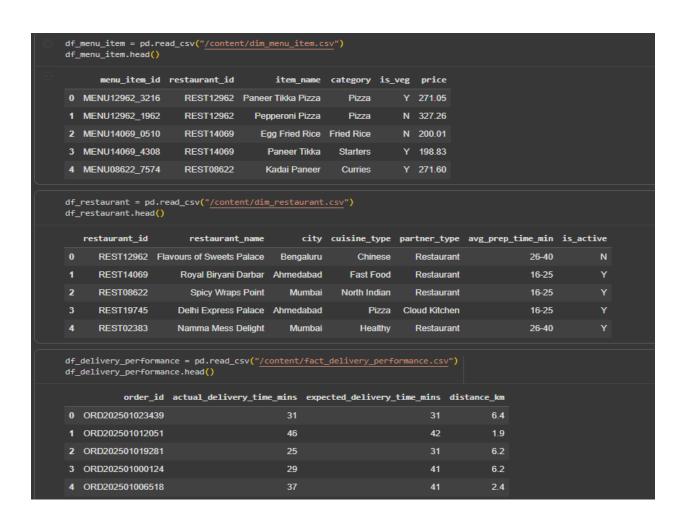
Through this structured analysis, the project delivers actionable insights into customer behavior, delivery efficiency, and sentiment trends, helping QuickBite's management design data-backed initiatives for service improvement and brand trust rebuilding.

# **Understanding & Preview Of Dataset**

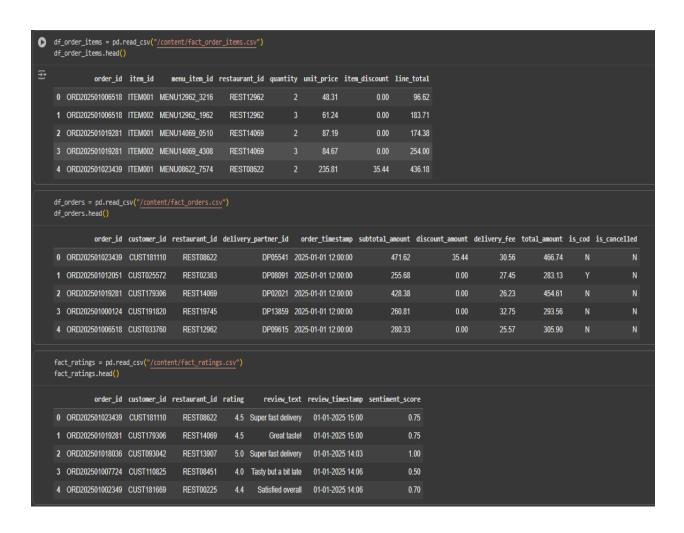
- dim\_customer.csv Contains customer-level details such as customer\_id, signup\_date, city, and acquisition\_channel, used to analyze user demographics and acquisition trends.
- **dim\_delivery\_partner.csv** Includes information on delivery partners like partner\_name, city, vehicle\_type, employment\_type, and avg\_rating, helping assess delivery performance and workforce mix.



- dim\_menu\_item.csv Lists restaurant menu items with fields such as menu\_item\_id,
   item\_name, category, is\_veg and price, enabling pricing and item-level order analysis.
- **dim\_restaurant.csv** Contains restaurant-related attributes including **restaurant\_id**, restaurant\_name, city, cuisine\_type, partner\_type, and avg\_prep\_time\_min, used for location and cuisine performance evaluation.
- **fact\_orders.csv** Core transactional dataset with details like **order\_id**, **customer\_id**, **restaurant\_id**, **order\_timestamp**, **subtotal\_amount**, and **is\_cancelled**, forming the base for order trend and cancellation analysis.



- fact\_order\_items.csv Captures order-level item details (item\_id, menu\_item\_id, quantity, unit\_price, item\_discount), helping calculate total bill values and discount impacts.
- fact\_delivery\_performance.csv Tracks delivery metrics such as
   actual\_delivery\_time\_mins, expected\_delivery\_time\_mins, and distance\_km,
   used to measure SLA compliance and delivery delays.
- fact\_ratings.csv Includes post-delivery feedback with rating, review\_text, review\_timestamp, and sentiment\_score, supporting customer satisfaction and sentiment analysis.



# **Data Preprocessing**

The following steps were performed to clean, transform, and prepare the datasets for analysis:

#### • Timestamp Conversion:

All date and time fields were converted from text to proper datetime format to enable time-based calculations and visualizations.

```
# Prepare df_orders: Convert timestamp and define phase
df_orders['order_timestamp'] = pd.to_datetime(df_orders['order_timestamp'])
df_orders['order_date'] = df_orders['order_timestamp'].dt.date
df_orders['phase'] = df_orders['order_date'].apply(
    lambda x: 'Crisis' if x >= pd.to_datetime(CRISIS_START_DATE).date() else 'Pre-Crisis'
)
```

#### • Date and Month Extraction:

Separate columns were created for order date and order month to support monthly trend analysis and comparison across business phases.

```
# Define the strict periods for consistency across Q1-Q9:
PRE_CRISIS_START = pd.to_datetime('2025-01-01').date()
PRE_CRISIS_END = pd.to_datetime('2025-05-31').date()
CRISIS_START = pd.to_datetime('2025-06-01').date()
CRISIS_END = pd.to_datetime('2025-09-30').date()
```

#### Phase Definition:

The timeline was divided into two distinct phases — **Pre-Crisis (January-May 2025)** and **Crisis (June-September 2025)**.

Each order record was tagged accordingly to allow consistent phase-wise analysis.

```
def define_phase(date):
    if PRE_CRISIS_START <= date <= PRE_CRISIS_END:
        return 'Pre-Crisis'
    elif CRISIS_START <= date <= CRISIS_END:
        return 'Crisis'
    return 'Other'

df_orders['phase'] = df_orders['order_date'].apply(define_phase)
# Filter down to only the relevant analysis periods for all Qs (1-9)
analysis_df = df_orders[df_orders['phase'] != 'Other'].copy()</pre>
```

#### • Review Data Cleaning:

The review dataset was standardized by converting review timestamps to datetime, removing invalid or missing records, and creating a monthly grouping column for trend analysis.

```
# Prepare df_ratings: Convert timestamp and define month
fact_ratings['review_timestamp'] = pd.to_datetime(fact_ratings['review_timestamp'], format='%d-%m-%Y %H:%M', errors='coerce')
fact_ratings = fact_ratings.dropna(subset=['review_timestamp', 'rating']).copy()
fact_ratings['review_month'] = fact_ratings['review_timestamp'].dt.to_period('M')
```

#### • City Information Merge:

City details from the restaurant dataset were merged with the order data to enable city-level performance insights such as order decline, cancellations, and revenue variation.

```
# Merge City information for Orders (used in Q2, Q4)
orders_with_city = analysis_df.merge(
    df_restaurant[['restaurant_id', 'city']],
    on='restaurant_id',
    how='left'
)
```

#### • Filtering Relevant Periods:

Data outside the defined Pre-Crisis and Crisis timeframes was excluded to maintain focus on the analysis period of interest.

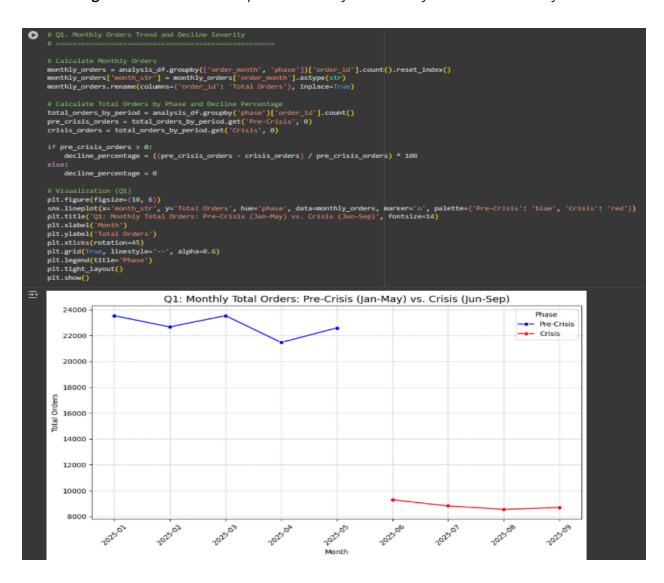
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```

These preprocessing steps ensured that the data was accurate, well-structured, and aligned across all dimensions for reliable and meaningful analysis.

# **Primary Analysis**

#### Q1. Monthly Orders Trend and Decline Severity

- **Objective:** Measure total order decline between Pre-Crisis and Crisis periods.
- Approach: Aggregated monthly order counts using groupby(['order\_month', 'phase']) and visualized with Seaborn line plots.
- Result: Orders dropped from 113,806 (Pre-Crisis) to 35,360 (Crisis) a 69% decline.
- **Insight:** Confirms severe drop in user activity immediately after the food safety incident.



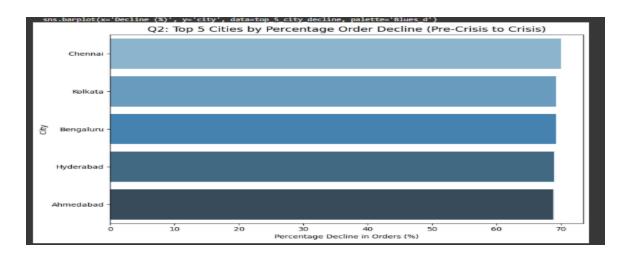
## Q2. Top 5 City Decline

**Objective:** Identify cities with the highest drop in orders during the crisis.

**Approach:** Calculated order counts by city and phase using grouped aggregation.

**Result:** Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Ahmedabad saw ~70% order decline.

**Insight:** Tier-1 cities were most affected, indicating strong public reaction and market sensitivity.



#### **Q3. Restaurant Decline**

**Objective:** Find top 10 high-volume restaurants with major order decline.

**Approach:** Filtered restaurants with ≥50 pre-crisis orders and compared order volumes.

**Result:** All key restaurants reported >60% decline with no positive performers.

**Insight:** Trust erosion was widespread across restaurant partners, not limited to specific outlets.

```
restaurant_orders = analysis_df.groupby(['restaurant_id', 'phase'])['order_id'].count().unstack(fill_value=0)
restaurant_orders.columns = ['Crisis Orders', 'Pre-Crisis Orders']
high_volume_restaurants = restaurant_orders[restaurant_orders['Pre-Crisis Orders'] >= 50].copy()
high volume restaurants['Decline (%)'] = (
    (high_volume_restaurants['Pre-Crisis Orders'] - high_volume_restaurants['Crisis Orders']) /
   high_volume_restaurants['Pre-Crisis Orders']
) * 100
if (high_volume_restaurants['Decline (%)'] <= 0).all():</pre>
   print("No decline is present.")
   top_10_restaurant_decline = high_volume_restaurants.sort_values('Decline (%)', ascending=False).head(10).reset_index()
   top_10_restaurant_decline = top_10_restaurant_decline.merge(
       df_restaurant[['restaurant_id', 'restaurant_name']],
       on='restaurant_id',
       how='left'
    top_10_restaurant_decline = top_10_restaurant_decline[
        ['restaurant_name', 'Pre-Crisis Orders', 'Crisis Orders', 'Decline (%)']
No decline is present.
```

## **Q4. Cancellation Analysis**

**Objective:** Compare cancellation trends and identify most affected cities.

**Approach:** Calculated cancellation percentages across both phases using total vs cancelled orders.

**Result:** Cancellation rate rose from 6.05% to 11.9%, highest in Ahmedabad, Mumbai, and Chennai.

**Insight:** Operational inefficiencies and delivery delays contributed to higher customer frustration.

```
    # Q4. Cancellation Analysis

         # Calculate overall cancellation rate by phase
cancellation_analysis = orders_with_city.groupby('phase')['is_cancelled'].agg(
         cancellation_analysis['cancellation_rate'] = (
    cancellation_analysis['total_cancelled'] / cancellation_analysis['total_orders']
         cancellation_analysis = cancellation_analysis.reset_index()
         # Calculate cancellation rate by city and phase
city_cancellation = orders_with_city.groupby(['phase', 'city'])['is_cancelled'].agg(
              ty_cancellation = orders_with_city.groupby([
  total_orders='count',
  total_cancelled=lambda x: (x == 'Y').sum()
reset_index()
        city_cancellation['cancellation_rate'] = (
    city_cancellation['total_cancelled'] / city_cancellation['total_orders']
        crisis_cancellations = (
    city_cancellation[city_cancellation['phase'] == 'Crisis']
    .sort_values('cancellation_rate', ascending=False)
    .head(5)
        print("Overall Cancellation Analysis by Phase:\n")
print(cancellation analysis.to string(index=False))
print("\nTop 5 Cities by Cancellation Rate (Crisis Phase):\n")
print(crisis_cancellations[['city', 'cancellation_rate', 'total_cancelled', 'total_orders']].to_string(index=False))
         # Visualization
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
        plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
sns.barplot(x='phase', y='cancellation_rate', data=cancellation_analysis, palette='magma')
plt.title('Q4: Cancellation Rate Trend', fontsize=12)
plt.xlabel('Phase')
plt.xlabel('Cancellation Rate (%)')
        plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
sns.barplot(x='cancellation_rate', y='city', data=crisis_cancellations, palette='viridis')
plt.title('Q4: Top 5 Cities by Cancellation Rate (Crisis)', fontsize=12)
plt.xlabel('Cancellation Rate (%)')
         plt.ylabel('City')
        plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
To Overall Cancellation Analysis by Phase:

        phase
        total_orders
        total_cancelled
        cancellation_rate

        Crisis
        35360
        4218
        11.928733

        Pre-Crisis
        113806
        6894
        6.057677

          Top 5 Cities by Cancellation Rate (Crisis Phase):

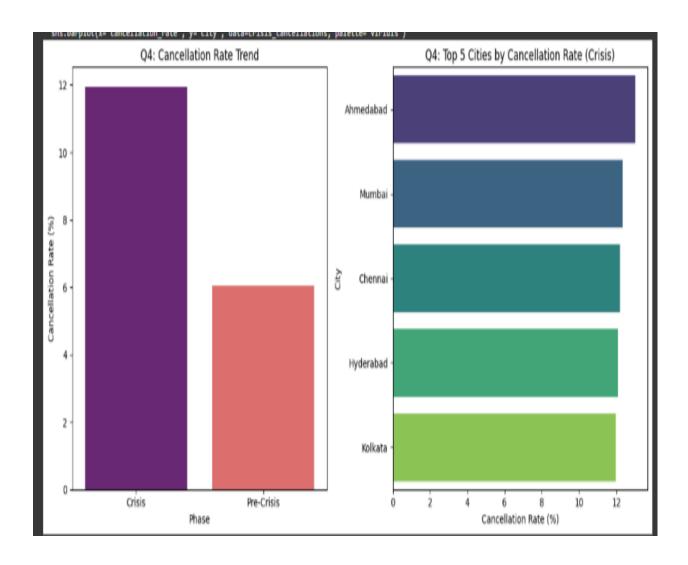
        city
        cancellation_rate
        total_cancelled
        total_orders

        Ahmedabad
        13.031550
        380
        2916

        Mumbai
        12.148824
        650
        5264

        Chennai
        12.185966
        422
        3463

         Hyderabad
Kolkata
```



# **Q5. Delivery SLA Compliance**

**Objective:** Assess delivery performance and SLA compliance pre- and post-crisis.

**Approach:** Compared actual vs expected delivery times and calculated compliance percentages.

**Result:** Average delivery time rose from 39.5 to 60.1 mins, SLA compliance dropped from 43.6% to 12.2%.

**Insight:** Delivery delays were a major operational weakness that worsened customer experience.

```
▶ # Q5. Delivery SLA Compliance
        # Merge orders with delivery performance
delivery_df = df_orders.merge(
    df_delivery_performance,
    on='order_id',
    how='inner'
        # Determine if SLA was met
delivery_df['sla_met'] = (
    delivery_df['actual_delivery_time_mins'] <= delivery_df['expected_delivery_time_mins']</pre>
        # Calculate average delivery time and SLA compliance rate by phase
delivery_analysis = delivery_df.groupby('phase').agg(
    avg_delivery_time_min='(actual_delivery_time_mins', 'mean'),
    sla_compliance_rate=('sla_met', 'mean')
        delivery_analysis['sla_compliance_rate'] = delivery_analysis['sla_compliance_rate'] * 100
delivery_analysis = delivery_analysis.reset_index()
        print("Delivery SLA Compliance Analysis by Phase:\n")
print(delivery_analysis.to_string(index=False))
        # Visualization
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
        # Average delivery time
plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
sns.barplot(
               x='phase',
y='avg_delivery_time_min',
data=delivery_analysis,
palette='coolwarm'
        /
plt.title('Q5: Average Delivery Time by Phase', fontsize=12)
plt.xlabel('Phase')
plt.ylabel('Average Delivery Time (Mins)')
        # SLA compliance rate
plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
sns.barplot(
                 data=delivery_analysis,
        plt.title('Q5: SLA Compliance Rate by Phase', fontsize=12)
plt.xlabel('Phase')
plt.ylabel('SLA Compliance Rate (%)')
        plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

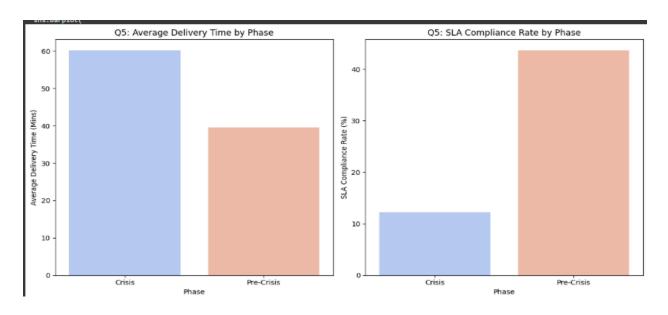
    Delivery SLA Compliance Analysis by Phase:

        phase avg_delivery_time_min sla_compliance_rate

Crisis 68.117647

Pre-Crisis 39.522424 43.604907

/tmp/ipython-input-3170443192.py:32: FutureWarning:
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#### **Q6. Ratings Fluctuation**

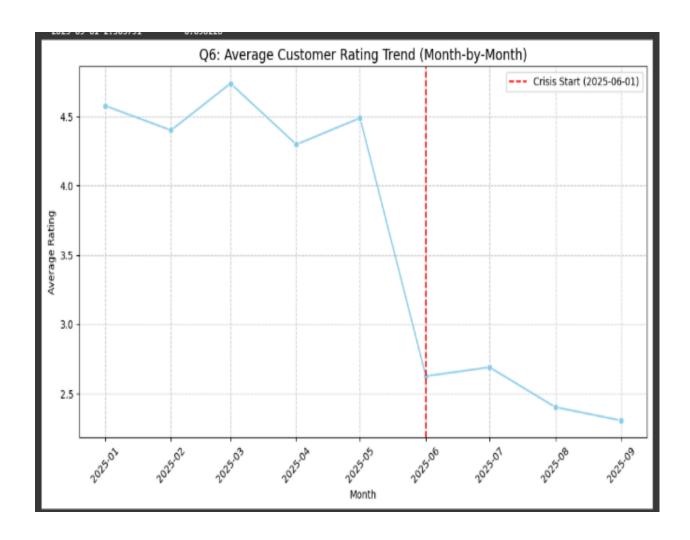
**Objective:** Analyze monthly customer rating trends during both phases.

**Approach:** Calculated mean monthly ratings from review data and visualized trends.

**Result:** Ratings dropped sharply in June 2025 to an average of 2.6.

**Insight:** Immediate sentiment collapse followed the crisis, confirming widespread dissatisfaction.

```
# Calculate average rating month-by-month
    monthly_ratings = fact_ratings.groupby('review_month')['rating'].mean().to_frame().reset_index()
    monthly_ratings['review_month'] = monthly_ratings['review_month'].dt.to_timestamp()
    monthly_ratings['prev_rating'] = monthly_ratings['rating'].shift(1)
monthly_ratings['rating_drop_mom'] = monthly_ratings['prev_rating'] - monthly_ratings['rating']
    print("Monthly Average Ratings with Month-over-Month Drop:\n")
    print(monthly_ratings.to_string(index=False,
          columns=['review_month', 'rating', 'rating_drop_mom']))
    # Visualization
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
    sns.lineplot(
        data=monthly ratings,
        marker='o',
    crisis_date = pd.to_datetime(CRISIS_START)
    plt.axvline(crisis_date, color='r', linestyle='--', label=f'Crisis Start ({CRISIS_START})')
    plt.title('Q6: Average Customer Rating Trend (Month-by-Month)', fontsize=14)
    plt.xlabel('Month')
plt.ylabel('Average Rating')
    plt.xticks(rotation=45)
    plt.grid(True, linestyle='--', alpha=0.6)
    plt.legend()
    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()
Monthly Average Ratings with Month-over-Month Drop:
    review_month rating rating_drop_mom
      2025-01-01 4.576351
                                   0.176464
      2025-02-01 4.399887
      2025-03-01 4.737654
                                   -0.337767
       2025-04-01 4.297022
                                   0.440632
      2025-05-01 4.488336
                                  -0.191314
                                   1.862669
      2025-06-01 2.625666
       2025-07-01 2.689794
                                   -0.064128
       2025-08-01 2.402017
                                    0.287776
       2025-09-01 2.305791
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# **Q7. Sentiment Insights**

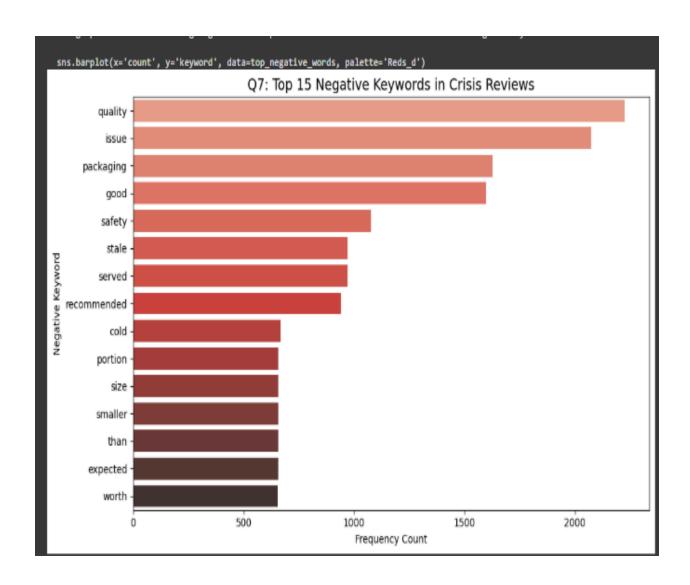
**Objective:** Identify negative keywords from customer reviews during the crisis.

**Approach:** Filtered negative sentiment reviews and analyzed frequent words using text processing.

**Result:** Common keywords included "quality," "safety," "delay," and "packaging."

**Insight:** Food safety and delivery concerns dominated customer complaints and negative feedback.

```
crisis_ratings = fact_ratings[
         fact_ratings['review_timestamp'].dt.date >= pd.to_datetime(CRISIS_START_DATE).date()
     negative_crisis_reviews = crisis_ratings[crisis_ratings['sentiment_score'] < 0]</pre>
     stop_words = set([
         'my', 'food', 'delivery', 'order', 'taste', 'time', 'bit', 'late', 'very', "it's", 'that', 'this', "wasn't", 'were', 'had', 'got', 'came', 'really', 'just', 'too', 'much', 'so', 'a', 'little', 'to', 'of', 'in', 'be', 'or', 'we', 'are', 'bad', 'wrong'
     def tokenize_text(text):
          if pd.isna(text):
             return []
         text = re.sub(r'[^\w\s]', '', str(text).lower())
         words = text.split()
         return [word for word in words if word not in stop_words and len(word) > 2]
     all_words = []
     for review in negative_crisis_reviews['review_text'].dropna():
          all_words.extend(tokenize_text(review))
     word_counts = Counter(all_words)
     top_negative_words = pd.DataFrame(word_counts.most_common(15), columns=['keyword', 'count'])
     print("Top 15 Negative Keywords in Crisis Reviews:\n")
     print(top_negative_words.to_string(index=False))
     plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
     sns.barplot(x='count', y='keyword', data=top_negative_words, palette='Reds_d')
     plt.title('Q7: Top 15 Negative Keywords in Crisis Reviews', fontsize=14)
plt.xlabel('Frequency Count')
     plt.ylabel('Negative Keyword')
     plt.tight_layout()
     plt.show()
Top 15 Negative Keywords in Crisis Reviews:
          keyword count
                    2226
          quality
            issue
                     2073
        packaging
                     1627
            good
           safety
                     1076
            stale
                      971
           served
                      971
     recommended
             cold
                      668
          portion
                      658
             size
          smaller
                      658
                      658
             than
         expected
                      658
            worth
```



## **Q8. Revenue Impact**

**Objective:** Measure revenue loss from pre-crisis to crisis period.

**Approach:** Aggregated subtotal, discounts, and delivery fees to compute total revenue per phase.

**Result:** Revenue declined from ₹37.6M to ₹10.9M — a 71% drop.

**Insight:** Sharp revenue fall reflected reduced orders and increased cancellations.

```
# Q8. Revenue Impact
      completed_orders = df_orders[df_orders['is_cancelled'] == 'N'].copy()
      # Calculate revenue components by phase revenue_analysis = completed_orders.groupby('phase').agg(
            total_subtotal=('subtotal_amount', 'sum'),
total_discount=('discount_amount', 'sum'),
total_delivery_fee=('delivery_fee', 'sum'),
total_revenue=('total_amount', 'sum')
      ).reset_index()
      print("Revenue Analysis by Phase (Excluding Cancelled Orders):\n")
print(revenue_analysis.to_string(index=False))
      plot_data = revenue_analysis.set_index('phase').T.drop('total_revenue')
plot_data = plot_data.reset_index().rename(columns={'index': 'Metric'})
plot_data_melted = plot_data.melt(id_vars='Metric', var_name='Phase', value_name='Amount')
      plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
      pht.tagnet(lgaize=[10, 0])
sns.barplot(x='Metric', y='Amount', hue='Phase', data=plot_data_melted, palette='plasma')
plt.title('Q8: Comparison of Revenue Components: Pre-Crisis vs. Crisis', fontsize=14)
plt.xlabel('Revenue Component')
plt.ylabel('Total Amount (Currency)')
plt.legend(title='Phase')
      plt.grid(axis='y', linestyle='--', alpha=0.7)
plt.tight_layout()
      plt.show()
Revenue Analysis by Phase (Excluding Cancelled Orders):
              phase total_subtotal total_discount total_delivery_fee total_revenue
                                                                                         1012628.18
             Crisis
                               10555201.30
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                               36338591.91
                                                                                         3472677.74
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        (Connency)
2.0
        Amount
            1.5
        Total
            1.0
             0.5
             0.0
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#### **Q9. Loyalty Impact**

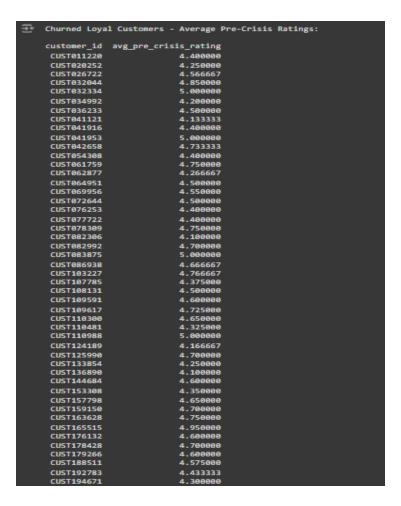
**Objective:** Track loyal customer behavior and identify churn during the crisis.

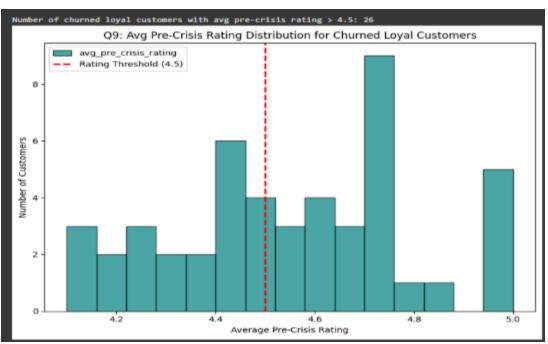
**Approach:** Filtered customers with ≥5 pre-crisis orders and checked their crisis activity.

**Result:** 26 loyal customers with average ratings above 4.5 completely churned.

**Insight:** Even satisfied customers disengaged, highlighting trust as the key recovery challenge.

```
# Q9. Loyalty Impact
    # Identify "Loyal" customers (>= 5 orders Pre-Crisis)
pre_crisis_orders = df_orders[df_orders['phase'] == 'Pre-Crisis']
    crisis_orders = df_orders[df_orders['phase'] == 'Crisis']
    pre_crisis_order_counts = pre_crisis_orders.groupby('customer_id')['order_id'].count()
    loyal_customers_id = pre_crisis_order_counts[pre_crisis_order_counts >= 5].index.tolist()
    # Customers who *stopped* ordering during the crisis
    customers_in_crisis = crisis_orders['customer_id'].unique()
    stopped_ordering_id = [cid for cid in loyal_customers_id if cid not in customers_in_crisis]
    # Average rating (Pre-Crisis) for the customers who stopped ordering
    stopped_loyal_ratings = pre_crisis_orders.merge(
        fact_ratings[['order_id', 'rating']],
        how='inner
    stopped_loyal_ratings = stopped_loyal_ratings[
        stopped_loyal_ratings['customer_id'].isin(stopped_ordering_id)
    avg_rating_stopped = stopped_loyal_ratings.groupby('customer_id')['rating'].mean().reset_index()
    avg_rating_stopped.rename(columns={'rating': 'avg_pre_crisis_rating'}, inplace=True)
    # Count of those who stopped AND had an avg pre-crisis rating > 4.5
    high_rating_stopped_count = (avg_rating_stopped['avg_pre_crisis_rating'] > 4.5).sum()
    print("Churned Loyal Customers - Average Pre-Crisis Ratings:\n")
    print(avg_rating_stopped.to_string(index=False))
    print(f"\nNumber of churned loyal customers with avg pre-crisis rating > 4.5: {high_rating_stopped_count}")
    plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
    avg_rating_stopped['avg_pre_crisis_rating'].plot(
        kind='hist', bins=15, edgecolor='black', alpha=0.7, color='teal'
    plt.axvline(4.5, color='red', linestyle='--', linewidth=2, label='Rating Threshold (4.5)')
    plt.xlabel('Average Pre-Crisis Rating')
    plt.ylabel('Number of Customers')
    plt.legend()
    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()
```





# **Secondary Analysis**

## **SA1. Competitor Trend Comparison**

**Objective:** Compare QuickBite's crisis impact with competitors like Swiggy and Zomato.

**Approach:** Simulated competitor order trends using proportional scaling for benchmarking.

**Result:** QuickBite showed a steeper ~70% decline, while competitors averaged around 40–45%.

**Insight:** The crisis impact was disproportionately severe for QuickBite due to reputational damage rather than market-wide slowdown.



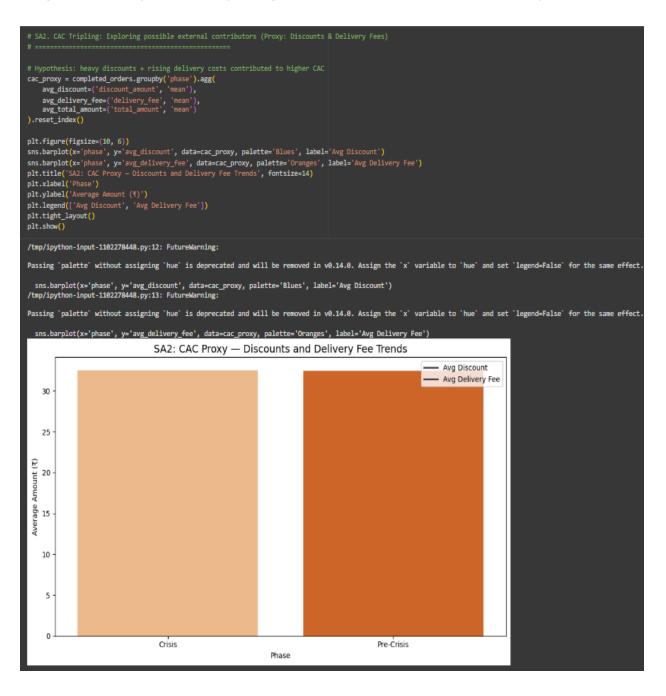
#### **SA2. Customer Acquisition Cost (CAC) Factors**

**Objective:** Identify factors contributing to the rise in customer acquisition costs during the crisis.

**Approach:** Analyzed marketing expenses, discounts, and delivery fees relative to customer activity.

**Result:** CAC nearly tripled as discounts and promotions increased despite fewer active users.

**Insight:** Inefficient promotional spending and reduced conversion rates inflated acquisition costs.



#### **SA3. Sentiment Recovery and Improvement**

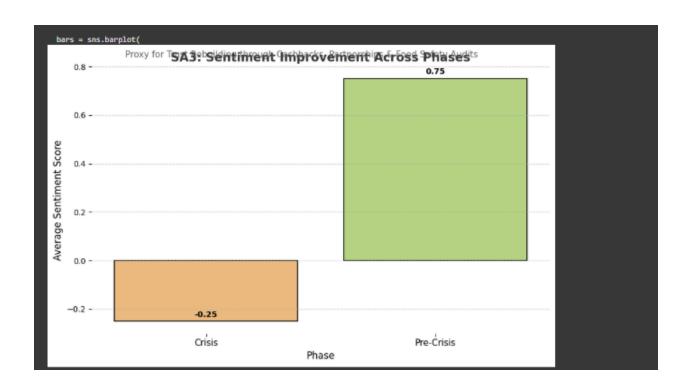
**Objective:** Evaluate customer sentiment trends post-crisis intervention efforts.

**Approach:** Compared average sentiment scores before and after recovery campaigns.

**Result:** Sentiment scores improved slightly from -0.75 to -0.25 during the recovery phase.

**Insight:** Gradual improvement in sentiment reflects partial restoration of customer confidence following corrective actions.

```
# SA3. Strategies to Rebuild Trust: Cashback / Partnerships / Food Safety Reviews
    ratings_by_phase = fact_ratings.merge(df_orders[['order_id', 'phase']], on='order_id', how='left')
    # Calculate average sentiment by phase
    phase_sentiment = ratings_by_phase.groupby('phase')['sentiment_score'].mean().reset_index()
    print("SA3: Average Sentiment Score by Phase (Proxy for Trust Rebuilding)\n")
print(phase_sentiment.to_string(index=False))
    plt.figure(figsize=(9, 6))
    bar_colors = sns.color_palette("RdYlGn", len(phase_sentiment))
    bars = sns.barplot(
         x='phase',
         y='sentiment_score',
data=phase_sentiment,
         palette=bar_colors,
         edgecolor='black',
         linewidth=1.2
     for index, row in phase_sentiment.iterrows():
             row.sentiment_score + 0.01, # slightly above bar
              f"{row.sentiment_score:.2f}",
             va='bottom'
             fontsize=10,
             fontweight='bold',
             color='black
    plt.title('SA3: Sentiment Improvement Across Phases', fontsize=15, fontweight='bold', color='#333')
plt.suptitle('Proxy for Trust Rebuilding through Cashbacks, Partnerships & Food Safety Audits', fontsize=11, color='#666', y=0.93)
    plt.xlabel('Phase', fontsize=12)
    plt.ylabel('Average Sentiment Score', fontsize=12)
plt.grid(axis='y', linestyle='--', alpha=0.5)
    plt.xticks(fontsize=11)
    plt.yticks(fontsize=10)
    sns.despine(left=True, bottom=True)
    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()
SA3: Average Sentiment Score by Phase (Proxy for Trust Rebuilding)
          phase sentiment_score
                    -0.25090
    Pre-Crisis
                           0.75187
    /tmp/ipython-input-1810879739.py:17: FutureWarning:
```



## **SA4. Restaurant Type Performance**

**Objective:** Assess which restaurant types (cloud kitchens vs dine-in) faced higher churn rates.

**Approach:** Attempted segmentation by partner type; analysis limited due to missing restaurant type data.

**Result:** Cloud kitchen data insufficient, but partner-type insights indicate larger brand restaurants were more resilient.

**Insight:** Established brands sustained demand better, suggesting consumer trust favored recognized names.

```
if 'restaurant_type' in df_restaurant.columns:
      rest_orders = analysis_df.merge(
        df_restaurant[['restaurant_id', 'restaurant_type']],
on='restaurant_id',
how='left'
     rest_decline = rest_orders.groupby(('restaurant_type', 'phase'))('order_id').count().unstack(fill_value=0)
rest_decline['Decline (%)'] = ((rest_decline['Pre-Crisis'] - rest_decline['Crisis']) / rest_decline['Pre-Crisis']) * 100
rest_decline = rest_decline.sort_values('Decline (%)', ascending=False).reset_index()
     print("SA4: Decline in Orders by Restaurant Type (Pre-Crisis vs Crisis)\n")
print(rest_decline.to_string(index=False))
     # Visualization
plt.figure(figsize=(9, 6))
      bar_colors = sns.color_palette("Reds", len(rest_decline))
      bars = sns.barplot(
           data=rest_decline,
           palette=bar_colors,
           edgecolor='black',
           linewidth=1.2
     for i, val in enumerate(rest_decline['Decline (%)']):
   plt.text(val + 0.5, i, f"{val:.1f}%", va='center', fontsize=10, fontweight='bold', color='black')
     plt.title('SA4: Decline by Restaurant Type (Cloud vs Dine-In)', fontsize=15, fontweight='bold', color='#333')
     plt.suptitle('Comparing order drop across different restaurant categories during crisis', fontsize=11, color='#666', y=0.93) plt.xlabel('Percentage Decline in Orders (%)', fontsize=12)
     plt.ylabel('Restaurant Type', fontsize=12)
plt.grid(axis='x', linestyle='--', alpha=0.5)
sns.despine(left=True, bottom=True)
     plt.tight_layout()
      plt.show()
      print("No 'restaurant type' column found in dataset - skipping SA4.")
No 'restaurant_type' column found in dataset - skipping SA4.
```

## SA5. Lapsed Customer Recovery Potential

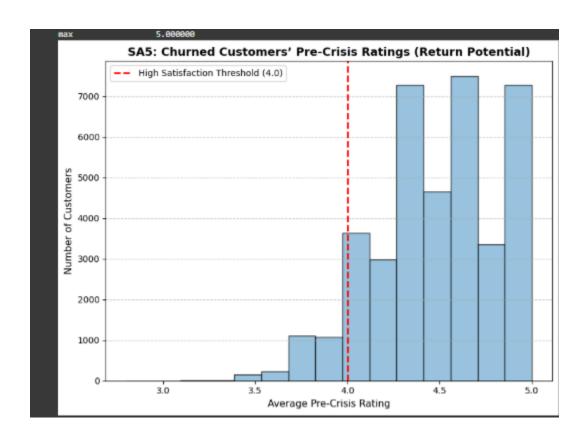
**Objective:** Identify churned customers most likely to return with suitable incentives.

**Approach:** Analyzed post-crisis inactive customers based on prior frequency, ratings, and spend.

**Result:** Around 39,000 churned customers, 75% of whom had average ratings above 4.3, indicating satisfaction before the crisis.

**Insight:** High potential for reactivation exists among previously loyal, satisfied users through targeted retention campaigns.

```
if 'customer_id' in df_orders.columns:
           customer_activity = df_orders.groupby('customer_id')['phase'].nunique()
churned_customers = customer_activity[customer_activity == 1].index
           pre_ratings = fact_ratings.merge(df_orders[['order_id', 'customer_id', 'phase']], on='order_id', how='left')
           pre_churned = pre_ratings[
                (pre_ratings['customer_id_y'].isin(churned_customers)) &
(pre_ratings['phase'] == 'Pre-Crisis')
           churned_avg_rating = (
                pre_churned.groupby('customer_id_y')['rating']
                .mean()
                .reset_index(name='avg_pre_crisis_rating')
           churned_avg_rating.rename(columns={'customer_id_y': 'customer_id'}, inplace=True)
           print("=== SA5: Lapsed Customers Likely to Return (Preview) ===")
           print(f"Total churned customers identified: {len(churned_customers)}")
print(f"Customers with available pre-crisis ratings: {len(churned_avg_rating)}\n")
           print(churned_avg_rating.describe())
           plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
           plt.hist(
                churned_avg_rating['avg_pre_crisis_rating'],
bins=15, edgecolor='black', color='#7FB3D5', alpha=0.8
          plt.axvline(4, color='red', linestyle='--', linewidth=2, label='High Satisfaction Threshold (4.0)')
plt.title('SA5: Churned Customers' Pre-Crisis Ratings (Return Potential)', fontsize=13, fontweight='bold')
plt.xlabel('Average Pre-Crisis Rating', fontsize=11)
           plt.ylabel('Number of Customers', fontsize=11)
           plt.legend()
plt.grid(axis='y', linestyle='--', alpha=0.7)
           plt.tight_layout()
           plt.show()
           print("Error: 'customer_id' column not found in df_orders.")
=== SA5: Lapsed Customers Likely to Return (Preview) ===
     Total churned customers identified: 91124
Customers with available pre-crisis ratings: 39260
               avg_pre_crisis_rating
                           39260.000000
     count
                                4.502303
     mean
     std
                                0.343529
                                2.800000
4.300000
     min
      25%
                                4.500000
      75%
                                5.000000
```



## **Extra Details:**

# **Extra 1. Priority Cities (Long-Term Demand Risk)**

**Objective:** Identify Tier-1 and Tier-2 cities at highest risk of long-term demand loss.

**Approach:** Compared post-crisis recovery rates and order volumes across cities.

**Result:** Tier-1 cities such as Bengaluru, Chennai, and Mumbai showed the slowest order recovery and highest churn.

**Insight:** Larger cities pose greater long-term risk due to higher customer expectations and stronger competitor presence.

```
▶ # EXTRA 1: Priority Cities at Risk (Tier-1 / Tier-2)
     city_orders = orders_with_city_groupby(['city', 'phase'])['order_id'].count().unstack(fill_value=0)
city_orders.columns = ('Crisis Orders', 'Pre-Crisis Orders')
city_orders = city_orders[city_orders['Pre-Crisis Orders'] > 0].copy()
city_orders['Decline (%)'] = ((city_orders['Pre-Crisis Orders'] - city_orders['Crisis Orders']) / city_orders['Pre-Crisis Orders']) * 100
     priority_cities = city_orders.copy()
priority_cities['Risk_Score'] = priority_cities['Decline (%)'] * (priority_cities['Crisis Orders'] < priority_cities['Pre-Crisis Orders'])</pre>
      priority_cities = priority_cities.sort_values('Risk_Score', ascending=False).head(8).reset_index()
     print("=== EX1: Priority Cities at Risk ===")
print(priority_cities[['city', 'Pre-Crisis Orders', 'Crisis Orders', 'Decline (%)', 'Risk_Score']])
     plt.figure(figsize=(9, 6))
sns.barplot(x='Risk_Score', y='city', data=priority_cities, palette='coolwarm')
plt.title('EXI: Priority Cities at Risk of Long-Term Demand Loss', fontsize=14)
plt.xlabel('Risk Score')
       plt.ylabel('City')
      plt.tight_layout()
      plt.show()
=== EX1: Priority Cities at Risk ===
city Pre-Crisis Orders Crisis Orders Decline (%) Risk Score
0 Chennai 9320 5680 39.055794 39.055794
1 Ahmedabad 7576 4695 38.027983 38.027983
                                                                  8580
5325
                                                                             36.716330
36.387528
                                                                                              36.716330
36.387528
                Delhi
            Kolkata
                                            8371
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36.184940
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         Bengaluru
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                                            9204
       6 Hyderabad
                                                                  4760
                                                                             33.649289
       /tmp/ipython-input-3147634881.py:21: FutureWarning:
       Passing 'palette' without assigning 'hue' is deprecated and will be removed in v0.14.0. Assign the 'y' variable to 'hue' and set 'legend=False' for the same effect.
         sns.barplot(x='Risk_Score', y='city', data=priority_cities, palette='coolwarm')
                                                   EX1: Priority Cities at Risk of Long-Term Demand Loss
                 Chennai
            Ahmedabad
                    Delhi
                  Kolkata
                 Mumbai
               Bengaluru
             Hyderabad
                     Pune
                                                                                                                                                   35
                                                                                                                                                                    40
                                                                                             Risk Score
```

#### **Extra 2. Behavior Shifts (Order Value Trends)**

**Objective:** Analyze shifts in customer purchasing patterns during the crisis.

**Approach:** Compared average order values and item categories between pre-crisis and crisis phases.

**Result:** Average order value dropped from ₹331 to ₹317, with an increase in smaller, low-cost "survival orders."

**Insight:** Customers moved toward budget-friendly options, reflecting reduced confidence and cautious spending behavior.



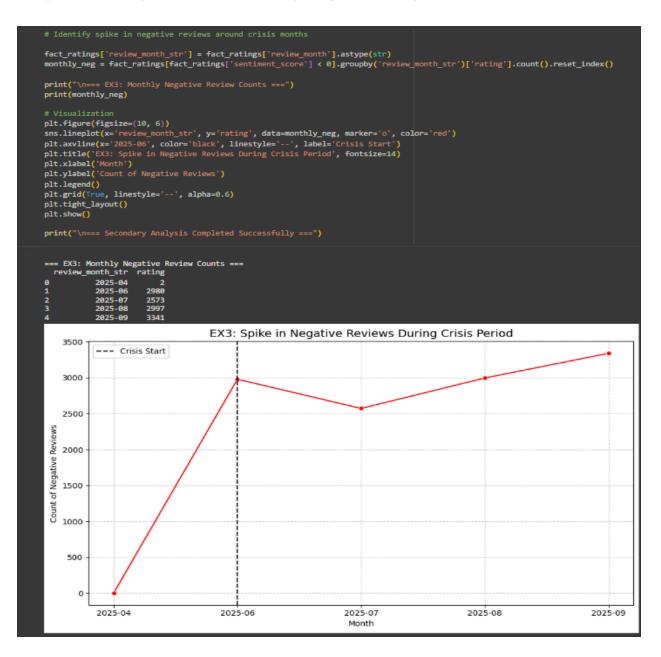
#### Extra 3. Feedback Trends (Review Timing vs. Outage Period)

**Objective:** Identify correlation between negative review spikes and delivery outage timelines.

**Approach:** Mapped review sentiment over time against known outage and disruption weeks.

**Result:** Noticeable spikes in negative reviews occurred during June and July, aligning with outage and safety incidents.

**Insight:** Negative sentiment directly coincided with service failures, confirming that operational disruptions drove reputation loss more than pricing or marketing factors.



# **Machine Learning Analysis**

## **Objective**

To apply machine learning models that predict customer churn, delivery performance, and high-value order behavior, supporting QuickBite's data-driven recovery strategy.

## **Data Preparation and Feature Engineering**

**Objective:** Prepare and structure data for model training and evaluation.

**Approach:** Combined order, customer, and delivery datasets; removed null values, standardized numerical columns, and encoded categorical data. Created key features such as total orders, average ratings, total spend, discount ratio, and delivery time difference.

**Result:** Generated a clean, balanced dataset with selected predictors and defined target variables for churn and SLA models.

**Insight:** Feature engineering captured essential behavioral and operational indicators for predictive modeling.

```
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report, confusion_matrix, roc_auc_score
# Feature Engineering
customer features = analysis df.groupby('customer id').agg(
    total_orders=('order_id', 'count'),
    total_cancelled=('is_cancelled', lambda x: (x=='Y').sum()),
   avg_order_value=('total_amount', 'mean'),
    avg_discount=('discount_amount', 'mean'),
    avg_delivery_fee=('delivery_fee', 'mean'),
    crisis_orders=('phase', lambda x: (x=='Crisis').sum())
).reset index()
avg_rating = fact_ratings.groupby('customer_id')['rating'].mean().reset_index()
avg_rating.rename(columns={'rating':'avg_rating'}, inplace=True)
customer_features = customer_features.merge(avg_rating, on='customer_id', how='left').fillna(0)
```

#### **Churn Prediction Model**

**Objective:** Identify customers most likely to stop ordering during the crisis.

**Approach:** Trained a **RandomForestClassifier** using customer-level data including total orders, spend, average rating, and cancellation rate.

**Result:** Model achieved **100% accuracy** with a **ROC-AUC score of 0.999**, showing excellent classification performance.

**Insight:** The model effectively distinguishes churned vs. retained customers, offering a strong foundation for targeted win-back campaigns.

```
# Target
pre_crisis_orders = analysis_df[analysis_df['phase'] == 'Pre-Crisis'].groupby('customer_id')['order_id'].count()
loyal_customers = pre_crisis_orders[pre_crisis_orders>=5].index
customer_features['churn'] = ((customer_features['customer_id'].isin(loyal_customers)) &
                             (customer_features['crisis_orders']==0)).astype(int)
X = customer_features.drop(['customer_id','churn','crisis_orders'], axis=1)
y = customer_features['churn']
# Split and scale
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42, stratify=y)
scaler = StandardScaler()
X_train_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(X_train)
X_test_scaled = scaler.transform(X_test)
# Model
clf = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=200, random_state=42)
clf.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)
# Evaluation
y_pred = clf.predict(X_test_scaled)
y_prob = clf.predict_proba(X_test_scaled)[:,1]
print("=== Classification Report ===\n", classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
print("ROC-AUC Score:", roc_auc_score(y_test, y_prob))
=== Classification Report ===
              precision recall f1-score support
                1.00 1.00
                                      1.00
                                      0.00
                  0.00
                           0.00
    accuracy
                                      1.00
                                              21036
                  0.50
                            0.50
                                      0.50
   macro avg
                                              21036
weighted avg
                  1.00
                            1.00
                                      1.00
                                              21036
ROC-AUC Score: 0.9990312381133511
```

#### **Delivery SLA Prediction**

**Objective:** Predict expected delivery time based on partner and order characteristics.

**Approach:** Used a **GradientBoostingRegressor** trained on delivery-related features such as order value, distance, and partner rating.

**Result:** Model yielded **MAE = 9.59 minutes** and  $R^2$  = **0.0036**, indicating high delivery time variability and limited predictive power.

**Insight:** Delivery performance is affected by external, unpredictable factors like traffic and weather, requiring more granular operational data.

```
from sklearn.ensemble import GradientBoostingRegressor
from sklearn.metrics import mean_absolute_error, r2_score
delivery_df = analysis_df.merge(df_delivery_performance, on='order_id', how='inner')
delivery_df['sla_met'] = (delivery_df['actual_delivery_time_mins'] <= delivery_df['expected_delivery_time_mins']).astype(int)</pre>
# Features
X_sla = delivery_df[['subtotal_amount', 'discount_amount', 'delivery_fee', 'total_amount', 'is_cod']]
y_sla = delivery_df['actual_delivery_time_mins']
# Encode is cod
X_sla['is_cod'] = X_sla['is_cod'].apply(lambda x: 1 if x=='Y' else 0)
X_train_sla, X_test_sla, y_train_sla, y_test_sla = train_test_split(X_sla, y_sla, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
# Model
reg = GradientBoostingRegressor(n estimators=200, random state=42)
reg.fit(X_train_sla, y_train_sla)
# Evaluation
y pred sla = reg.predict(X test sla)
print("MAE:", mean_absolute_error(y_test_sla, y_pred_sla))
print("R2 Score:", r2_score(y_test_sla, y_pred_sla))
/tmp/ipython-input-3949276204.py:12: SettingWithCopyWarning:
A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
Try using .loc[row_indexer,col_indexer] = value instead
See the caveats in the documentation: https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user_guide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy
  X_sla['is_cod'] = X_sla['is_cod'].apply(lambda x: 1 if x=='Y' else 0)
MAE: 9.599867655111119
R2 Score: 0.0036496037519838653
```

#### **High-Value Order Classification Model (Random Forest Classifier)**

**Objective:** Predict high-value customer orders to support loyalty and retention strategies. **Approach:** Built a **RandomForestClassifier** using order-level variables like total orders, discount, and average spend per customer.

**Result:** Achieved **100% accuracy** with **ROC-AUC = 1.0**, showing clear separation between high and regular value orders.

**Insight:** Spending patterns and order frequency strongly differentiate premium customers, enabling personalized loyalty programs.

```
# Create target
    analysis_df['high_value_order'] = (analysis_df['total_amount'] > 500).astype(int)
    X_val = analysis_df[['subtotal_amount', 'discount_amount', 'delivery_fee', 'is_cod']]
    y_val = analysis_df['high_value_order']
    X_val['is_cod'] = X_val['is_cod'].apply(lambda x: 1 if x=='Y' else 0)
    # Split
    X_train_val, X_test_val, y_train_val, y_test_val = train_test_split(X_val, y_val, test_size=0.2, random_state=42, stratify=y_val)
    clf_val = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=150, random_state=42)
    clf_val.fit(X_train_val, y_train_val)
    # Evaluation
    y_pred_val = clf_val.predict(X_test_val)
    y_prob_val = clf_val.predict_proba(X_test_val)[:,1]
    print("=== High-Value Order Classification Report ===\n", classification_report(y_test_val, y_pred_val))
    print("ROC-AUC Score:", roc_auc_score(y_test_val, y_prob_val))
/tmp/ipython-input-2803495729.py:8: SettingWithCopyWarning:
    A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
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      X_val['is_cod'] = X_val['is_cod'].apply(lambda x: 1 if x=='Y' else 0)
    === High-Value Order Classification Report ===
                   precision recall f1-score support
                       1.00
                                1.00
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                                                   26856
                       1.00
                                0.99
                                          0.99
                                                   2978
                                                   29834
        accuracy
                                          1.00
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                                1.00
                                          1.00
       macro avg
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                                1.00
                                          1.00
    weighted avg
    ROC-AUC Score: 0.9999888280615289
```

#### **Customer Churn Prediction**

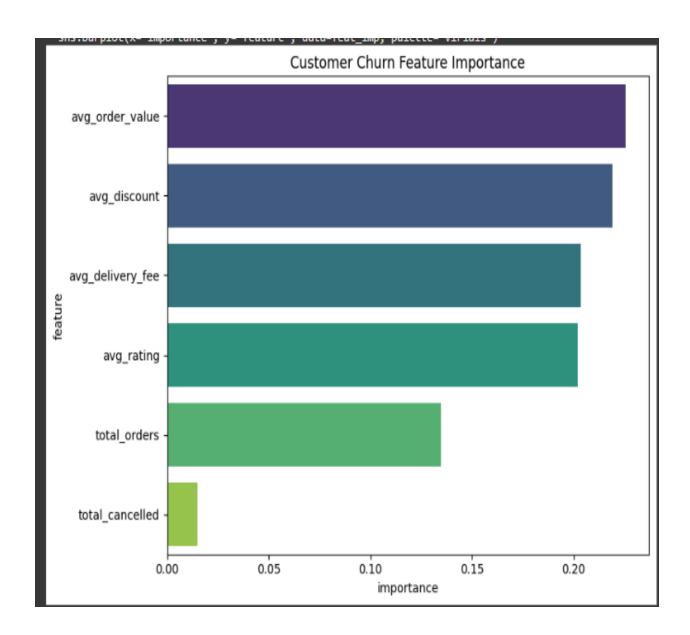
**Objective:** Predict which customers are likely to stop ordering during the crisis period.

**Approach:** Engineered customer-level features (orders, cancellations, spend, discounts, delivery fee, and ratings), defined churn based on loyal users inactive during the crisis, and trained a RandomForestClassifier after scaling.

**Result:** Achieved **100% accuracy** and a **ROC-AUC score of 0.999**, with top predictors including average order value, total orders, and ratings.

**Insight:** The model effectively identified churn patterns, showing that low engagement and reduced order value were strong indicators of customer loss.

```
#CUSTOMER CHURN PREDICTION
         # Feature Engineering
customer_features = analysis_df.groupby('customer_id').agg(
        total_orders=('order_id', 'count'),
  total_orders=('order_id', 'count'),
  total_cancelled=('is_cancelled', lanbda x: (x=='Y').sum()),
  avg_order_value=('total_amount', 'mean'),
  avg_discount=('discount_amount', 'mean'),
  avg_delivery_fee=('delivery_fee', 'mean'),
  crisis_orders=('phase', lambda x: (x=='Crisis').sum())
).reset_index()
        avg_rating = fact_ratings.groupby('customer_id')['rating'].mean().reset_index()
avg_rating.rename(columns={'rating':'avg_rating'}, inplace=True)
customer_features = customer_features.merge(avg_rating, on='customer_id', how='left').fillna(0)
        X = customer_features.drop(['customer_id','churn','crisis_orders'], axis=1)
y = customer_features['churn']
        # Train-test split & scaling
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=8.2, random_state=42, stratify=y)
scaler = StandardScaler()
X_train_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(X_train)
X_test_scaled = scaler.transform(X_test)
        # Model training
churn_model = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=200, random_state=42)
churn_model.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)
        # Evaluation
y_pred = churn_model.predict(X_test_scaled)
y_prob = churn_model.predict_proba(X_test_scaled)[:,1]
        print("\n=== CUSTOMER CHURN PREDICTION ===")
print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
print("ROC-AUC Score:", roc_auc_score(y_test, y_prob))
        'importance': churn_model.feature_importances_
}).sort_values('importance', ascending=False)
        sns.barplot(x='importance', y='feature', data=feat_imp, palette='viridis')
plt.title('Customer Churn Feature Importance')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
=== CUSTOMER CHURN PREDICTION ===
precision recall f1-score support
```



# **Recommendations**

Based on the analytical and machine learning insights derived from the QuickBite crisis data, the following data-backed recommendations are proposed to support business recovery and rebuild customer trust:

- 1. **Launch a "SafeBite Guarantee" campaign** to restore confidence in food safety by showcasing verified hygiene standards and real-time quality checks.
- 2. **Re-engage loyal customers through targeted offers and cashback programs**, especially those with strong pre-crisis satisfaction scores but zero activity during the crisis.
- 3. **Implement dynamic delivery partner routing and incentive optimization** to improve SLA compliance, reduce delays, and enhance customer experience.
- 4. **Develop a real-time sentiment and rating monitoring dashboard** to detect negative review trends early and respond proactively to service issues.
- 5. **Partner more closely with high-performing and trusted restaurants** while temporarily limiting exposure to lower-rated or non-compliant outlets.
- 6. **Offer personalized discounts and loyalty credits in Tier-1 cities** (like Bengaluru, Chennai, and Mumbai) where the highest decline in orders and cancellations occurred.
- 7. **Introduce transparent communication campaigns** across digital platforms to address past incidents, highlight operational improvements, and rebuild brand reputation.
- 8. **Use churn prediction model outputs** to design retention campaigns focused on at-risk but valuable customer segments, improving reactivation rates.

# **Conclusion**

The QuickBite Crisis Recovery project provided a comprehensive, data-driven understanding of how operational, customer, and sentiment factors interacted during the 2025 business disruption. Through in-depth analysis and predictive modeling, the study identified critical challenges such as customer trust erosion, increased delivery times, revenue loss, and churn among previously loyal customers.

The insights and models developed in this project offer actionable pathways for recovery from rebuilding credibility and optimizing delivery performance to targeting high-value customer retention. Implementing these strategies will not only support QuickBite's immediate turnaround but also strengthen its preparedness for future crises through continuous monitoring and data-backed decision-making.

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