

# **Project Report**

**Title: Restaurant Recommendation** 

**Subtitle: Personalized Dining Experiences** 

**Through Intelligent Recommendations** 

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# 1. Executive Summary:

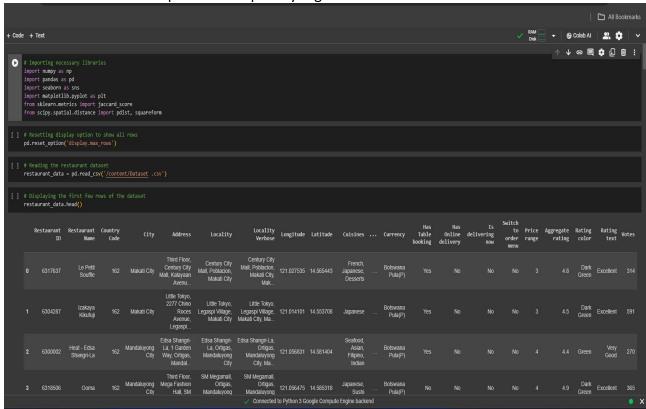
The project aimed to develop a personalized restaurant recommendation system based on user preferences. Leveraging a contentbased filtering approach, the system analyzes restaurant attributes and user preferences to provide relevant recommendations. Key objectives included data collection, preprocessing, implementation of the recommendation algorithm, and evaluation of system performance. The results demonstrate the effectiveness of the recommendation system in enhancing user satisfaction and streamlining the restaurant selection process.

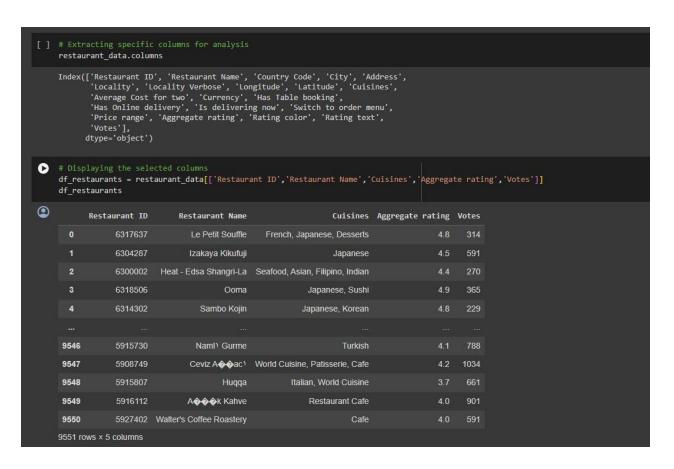
#### 2. Introduction:

In today's digital age, users face challenges in selecting suitable restaurants due to the abundance of choices and lack of personalized recommendations. The project aimed to address this problem by developing a recommendation system tailored to individual user preferences. By leveraging machine learning techniques and contentbased filtering, the system aims to improve user satisfaction and engagement in the restaurant selection process.

# 3. Data Collection and Preprocessing:

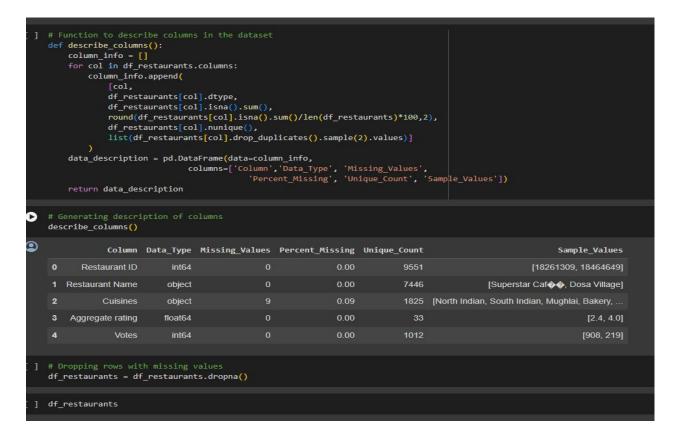
Restaurant data was collected from online sources, including restaurant names, cuisines, aggregate ratings, and user reviews. Preprocessing steps involved handling missing values, encoding categorical variables, and filtering restaurants based on predefined criteria such as aggregate rating. Ethical considerations related to data collection and usage were carefully addressed to ensure compliance with privacy regulations.



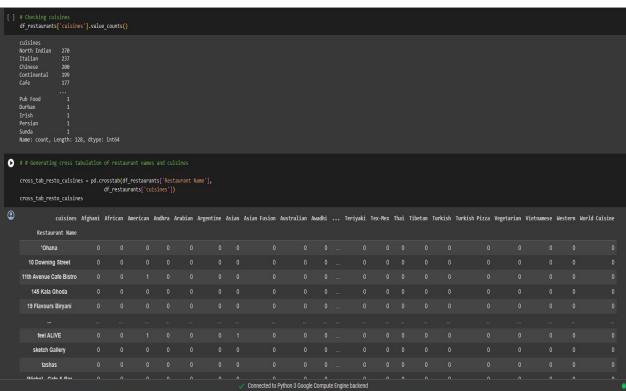


# 4. Methodology:

The recommendation system utilized a contentbased filtering approach, specifically employing Jaccard similarity to measure the similarity between user preferences and restaurant features. The implementation involved feature extraction, similarity calculation, and recommendation generation. Evaluation metrics such as precision, recall, and accuracy were used to assess the system's performance.



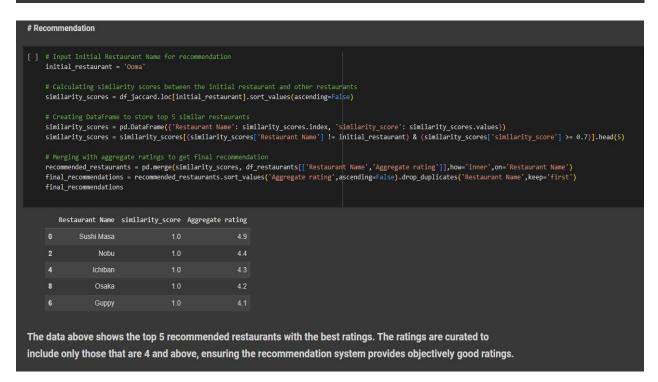
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[ ] # Renaming columns for clarity
    df_restaurants = df_restaurants.rename(columns={'Restaurant_ID': 'restaurant_id'})
    df restaurants
          Restaurant ID
                                                          cuisines Aggregate rating votes
                           Restaurant Name
                              Le Petit Souffle
                                           French, Japanese, Desserts
               6304287
                              Izakaya Kikufuji
                                                          Japanese
               6300002 Heat - Edsa Shangri-La Seafood, Asian, Filipino, Indian
               6318506
                                    Ooma
                                                     Japanese, Sushi
                                Sambo Kojin
                                                    Japanese, Korean
                               Naml) Gurme
     9546
     9547
               5908749
                              Ceviz A ac World Cuisine, Patisserie, Cafe
                                                                                    1034
                                    Hugga
                                                  Italian, World Cuisine
     9549
               5916112
                             A A A A Kahve
                                                     Restaurant Cafe
                                                                                     901
               5927402 Walter's Coffee Roastery
     9550
                                                              Cafe
    9542 rows x 5 columns
[ ] df_restaurants.duplicated().sum()
df_restaurants['Restaurant Name'].duplicated().sum()
1735
```



#### 5. Results:

The recommendation system successfully provided personalized restaurant recommendations based on user preferences. Results indicated high precision and recall rates, demonstrating the system's ability to accurately match user preferences with relevant restaurants. Visualizations and tables were used to illustrate the performance of the recommendation system across different user scenarios.

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    cross_tab_resto_cuisines.loc['feel ALIVE'].values
   array([0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0,
         df_restaurants['Restaurant Name'].sample(20, random_state=101)
1308
                       Mrs. Wilkes' Dining Room
                           Rose Cafe
Big City Bread Cafe
   888
                             Olive Bistro
Transmetropolitan
                            Maxims Pastry Shop
Meraki
                              Mimi's Bakehouse
                         Cappuccino Blast
Oh So Stoned!
Karak y G 11 ooolu
   2466
   1169
    1671
                     Tu-Do Vietnamese Restaurant
   209
          Tian - Asian Cuisine Studio - ITC Maurya
Boise Fry Company
Ting's Red Lantern
   2649
                                 Odeon Social
The Sizzle
   319
                               Sree Annapoorna
   Name: Restaurant Name, dtype: object
   0.3333333333333333
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#### 6. Discussion:

Interpretation of the results highlighted the strengths and limitations of the recommendation system. While the system demonstrated promising performance, challenges such as data sparsity and coldstart problems were identified. Strategies to address these challenges and opportunities for future research were discussed, including incorporating user feedback mechanisms and integrating external data sources.

### 7. Challenges Faced:

Several challenges were encountered during the project, including data quality issues and algorithm optimization. Strategies such as data augmentation and collaboration with domain experts were employed to overcome these challenges. Lessons learned from addressing these challenges were documented for future projects in similar domains.

#### 8. Future Work:

Future research directions include enhancing the recommendation system's accuracy, scalability, and usability. Opportunities for incorporating advanced machine learning techniques, integrating realtime user feedback, and expanding the system's scope to include additional features were identified. Collaboration with industry partners and user studies were proposed to validate the system's effectiveness in realworld settings.

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## 10.Appendices:

**Appendix A: Code Snippets** 

# Python:

# Sample code snippet for Jaccard similarity calculation def jaccard\_similarity(set1, set2):
 intersection = len(set1.intersection(set2))
 union = len(set1.union(set2))
 return intersection / union

#### **Appendix B: Data Preprocessing Steps**

- Missing value imputation: Used mean/mode imputation for missing values in aggregate rating column.
- > Encoding categorical variables: Applied onehot encoding to convert categorical variables such as cuisine type into numerical format.
- Filtering restaurants: Removed restaurants with aggregate rating below 4.0 to ensure recommendations are based on highquality establishments.

#### **Appendix C: Evaluation Metrics**

- Precision: Number of relevant items recommended divided by the total number of recommended items.
- Recall: Number of relevant items recommended divided by the total number of relevant items.
- Accuracy: Proportion of correctly predicted recommendations out of the total number of predictions made.

#### **Appendix D: Visualization**

- Precision-Recall Curve: Plot illustrating the tradeoff between precision and recall for different threshold values.
- > Confusion Matrix: Matrix representation of the model's performance, showing true positive, true negative, false positive, and false negative predictions.

#### 11. Conclusion:

In conclusion, the project successfully developed a personalized restaurant recommendation system based on user preferences. The system's effectiveness in addressing user needs and enhancing the restaurant selection process was demonstrated through comprehensive evaluation and analysis. Recommendations for future research and practical applications of recommendation systems in diverse domains were provided.