**### Final Insights Report: Predicting Purchase Behavior Analysis**

**Objective:**

The goal of this project was to build an **accurate and practical machine learning model** to predict user purchases while minimizing false positives and false negatives. Additionally, I developed a **Power BI interactive dashboard** to visualize conversion funnel insights, and I conducted a **feature importance analysis** to identify key factors influencing purchase behavior.

**Best Performing Model: Dynamically Weighted Hybrid Model**

**Model Summary:**

* **Type:** Hybrid Model (65% XGBoost, 35% Random Forest)
* **Threshold:** 0.48 (Balanced Precision & Recall)
* **Performance Metrics:**
  + **Accuracy:** 96.42%
  + **Precision (Purchases):** 0.14
  + **Recall (Purchases):** 0.15
  + **False Positives:** Low
  + **False Negatives:** Moderate

**Key Takeaways:**

✅ **Balanced approach:** Avoided extreme false positives (from XGBoost) and extreme false negatives (from Random Forest).  
✅ **Threshold tuning:** Set at 0.48 to ensure a reasonable recall rate without generating too many false positives.  
✅ **Real-world usability:** This model is **deployable for predictive analytics** in marketing and e-commerce strategies.

**This model provides the best trade-off between capturing actual purchases and minimizing incorrect predictions.**

**Model Shortcomings:**

❌ **Low Precision:** The model struggles with predicting purchases accurately, as only 14% of predicted purchases were actually correct. This is due to the extreme class imbalance in the dataset (far more non-purchases than purchases).  
❌ **Moderate False Negatives:** While the model reduced false positives, it still **misses a significant number of actual purchases**, limiting its effectiveness for precise targeting.  
❌ **Limited Feature Set:** The dataset lacks key behavioral indicators such as session duration, product categories viewed, and past purchase history, which could improve predictive performance.  
❌ **Threshold Trade-Off:** Adjusting the threshold improves recall but at the cost of increasing false positives, which could mislead marketing efforts.

**Feature Importance Analysis**

**Methodology:**

To determine which factors influence purchases, I extracted feature importance scores from both **XGBoost** and **Random Forest**, applying the same weighting as the final hybrid model.

**Feature Rankings (Final Model):**

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| **Rank** | **Feature** | **Importance Score** |
| 1️ | **Country** | Highest Impact |
| 2️ | **Hour of the Day** | Significant Impact |
| 3️ | **Day of the Week** | Moderate Impact |
| 4️ | **Device Type** | Lowest Impact |

**Key Takeaways:**

✅ **Country is the strongest predictor:** Certain regions have higher/lower conversion rates.  
✅ **Time of day matters:** Purchases are more likely during specific hours.  
✅ **Day of the week shows trends:** Weekends vs. weekdays influence buying behavior.  
✅ **Device type has minimal influence:** Desktop vs. mobile had **less impact than expected** on purchase behavior.

**These insights can be used to optimize ad targeting, promotions, and customer engagement strategies.**

**Power BI Interactive Dashboard**

**Key Features:**

📊 **Conversion Funnel Visualization:** Tracks user drop-off points from page visit → cart → purchase.  
🎯 **Interactive Filters:** Users can explore conversion rates by country, device, and time of day.  
📌 **KPI Metrics:** Real-time tracking of **cart abandonment rate, conversion rate, and user engagement trends**.  
🌍 **Geographic Analysis:** A bubble map of conversion rates by country.

**Key Takeaways:**

✅ **Cart abandonment is a major issue:** The dashboard quantifies how many users leave without purchasing.  
✅ **Device-based filtering:** Helps identify which platforms (mobile vs. desktop) convert best.  
✅ **Time-based insights:** Pinpoints when users are most likely to complete a purchase.

**This dashboard is a powerful decision-making tool for optimizing e-commerce strategies!**

**Final Conclusion & Business Impact**

✅ **The final hybrid model is ready for real-world use** in predicting customer purchase behavior.  
✅ **Feature importance analysis provides actionable insights** for targeted marketing strategies.  
✅ **The Power BI dashboard delivers an interactive, data-driven approach** to tracking e-commerce performance.

💡 **Next Steps:**

* Collect more data to improve the accuracy and quality of potential insights, including: pageviews, time spent on each page, clicks, ad cost and revenue, and other demographic metrics
* Implement **A/B testing** to validate marketing campaigns based on the model’s insights.
* Use **dashboard filters** to analyze conversion rates for different product categories.
* Explore **customer segmentation models** to improve ad targeting.

**This project lays the foundation for data-driven e-commerce optimization!**