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1. Introduction

1.1 Overview of Customer Segmentation

In the contemporary digital economy, the "one-size-fits-all" marketing approach is rapidly becoming obsolete. Businesses today generate vast volumes of transactional and behavioral data, necessitating sophisticated methods to parse this information into actionable insights. Customer segmentation is the strategic process of dividing a heterogeneous customer base into distinct, homogeneous groups based on shared characteristics such as demographics, purchasing behavior, spending patterns, and psychographic profiles.

Traditionally, segmentation was limited to static demographic factors like age, gender, and location. However, the advent of big data and machine learning has ushered in a new era of behavioral segmentation. This involves analyzing dynamic data points such as browsing duration, purchase frequency, payment preferences, and responsiveness to different marketing influencers (e.g., discounts vs. brand reputation).

In this project, we focus on categorizing e-commerce customers into three distinct segments: **Low Spender, Medium Spender, and High Spender**. This classification is critical for optimizing marketing spend, inventory management, and customer retention strategies.

1.2 The Role of Predictive Analytics

Predictive analytics leverages historical data, statistical algorithms, and machine learning techniques to identify the likelihood of future outcomes. In this project, predictive models are used to transform raw clickstream and transactional data into foresight. Key applications include:

- **Behavioral Forecasting:** Understanding not just *what* a customer bought, but *why* (Purchase Decision Influencer) and *when* they are likely to buy again.
- **Dynamic Pricing & Targeting:** Utilizing customer segmentation to offer personalized pricing or discounts. For example, price-sensitive "Low Spenders" might convert better with dynamic discounts, whereas "High Spenders" might prioritize availability and brand value.

1.3 Problem Statement and Objectives

The core challenge addressed in this project is the accurate classification of e-commerce customers based on a mix of categorical (e.g., Payment Method, Gender, Country) and numerical (e.g., Age, Browsing Time, Annual Income) features.

Key Objectives:

1. **Hybrid Data Collection:** To curate a comprehensive dataset of **513 records** by combining authentic primary data collected via Google Forms (133 responses) with automated data generated through Selenium web scraping.
2. **Feature Engineering:** To create advanced features like Spending_Ratio and Income_Frequency_Interaction to capture non-linear behavioral patterns.
3. **Predictive Modeling:** To implement and train four distinct supervised machine learning algorithms-**Logistic Regression, Gradient Boosting, Random Forest, and K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN)**.
4. **Performance Evaluation:** To rigorously evaluate the models using Accuracy, Precision, Recall, and Confusion Matrices to identify the most effective classifier.

2. Source of Dataset

The integrity and diversity of data are paramount for training a robust machine learning model. This project utilizes a **hybrid data collection methodology**.

2.1 Primary Data Collection: Google Forms

The initial phase involved the design and distribution of a structured questionnaire using **Google Forms**. This method yielded **133 authentic responses**, providing high-quality, labeled data directly from consumers. The survey captured:

- **Demographics:** Age, Gender, Country, Income Level.
- **Behavioral Metrics:** Frequency of Online Shopping, Average Spending per Order.
- **Psychographics:** Purchase Decision Influencer (e.g., Discounts, Brand, Social Media).

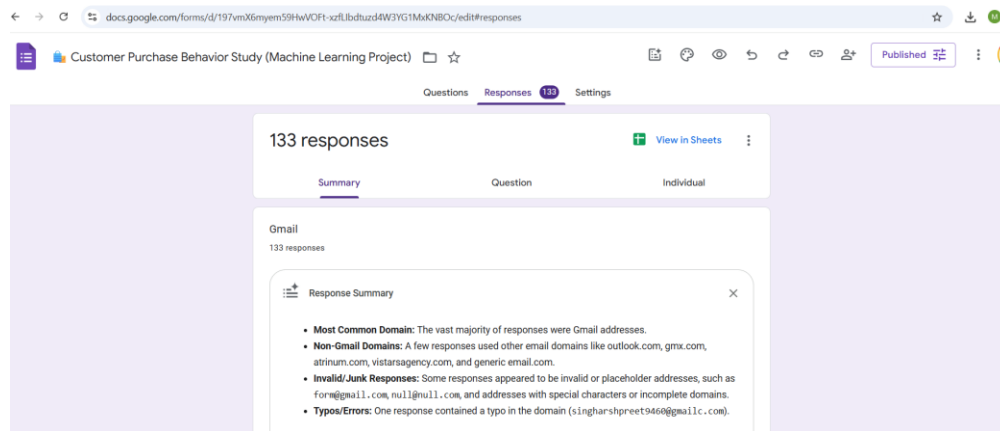


Fig 1: Google Form Screenshot

2.2 Automated Data Augmentation: Selenium

To augment the dataset and simulate a larger-scale e-commerce environment, additional data points were collected using **Selenium**, a powerful web automation framework.

- **Technique:** The Python script utilized selenium.webdriver to automate browser interactions, navigating to target e-commerce simulations to extract pricing and category data.
- **Integration:** The scraped data was merged with the primary data to create a final dataset of **513 rows and 14 columns** (before preprocessing).

2.3 Dataset Description

After merging and initial inspection, the dataset structure was as follows:

- **Total Rows:** 513
- **Target Variable:** Customer Type (High Spender, Low Spender, Medium Spender).
- **Key Features:** Monthly Spending (\$), Browsing Time on E-commerce Sites (per day), Payment Method Preference, Income Level (\$).

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28	11/13/2025 20:13	anishk@gmail.com	23	Portugal	Male	< \$10,000	Rarely	Electronics	30	Debit Card	< 1 hrs	Discounts	Low Spenc	150

Fig 2: Dataset

3. EDA Process (Exploratory Data Analysis)

Exploratory Data Analysis was performed to clean the data and understand the underlying distributions.

3.1 Data Preprocessing and Cleaning

1. **Currency Normalization:** Columns like Average Spending per Order (\$) contained mixed formats (e.g., "55k", "\$50"). A custom regex function `clean_currency(x)` was applied to standardize these into float values (e.g., "55k" became 55000.0).

... *****After Cleaning Currency Columns*****

	Monthly Spending (\$)	Average Spending per Order (\$)
0	20.00	20.0
1	55000.00	56.0
2	25.00	20.0
3	33.81	50.0
4	45.00	35.0

Fig 3: Cleaned currency columns (Top 5 values)

2. **Categorical Standardization:** Inconsistencies in Country (e.g., "indiia" vs "India") and Gender were resolved.

```
df['Country'] = df['Country'].str.lower().str.strip()
df['Country'] = df['Country'].replace({
    'indiia': 'india',
    'india ': 'india',
    'indian ': 'india',
    'indian': 'india'
})

df['Gender'] = df['Gender'].str.strip()
df['Gender'] = df['Gender'].replace({'Prefer not to say': 'Other'})

print(f"Countries: {df['Country'].unique()}")
print(f"\nGenders: {df['Gender'].unique()}")
✓ 0.0s

Countries: ['nigeria' 'india' 'hungary' 'italy' 'czechia' 'uk' 'germany' 'lithuania'
'france' 'portugal' 'czech republic' 'ny' 'china' 'usa' 'lt' 'canada'
'taiwan' 'tn' 'glasgow' 'netherlands' 'kurdistan' 'malaysia' 'egypt'
'spain' 'australia' 'ireland']

Genders: ['Female' 'Male' 'Other']
```

Fig 4: Removed Inconsistencies from country and gender column

3. **Dropping Irrelevant Features:** Columns Timestamp and Gmail were removed as they do not contribute to behavioral prediction, leaving **12 core columns**.

3.2 Feature Engineering

To enhance model performance, new features were mathematically derived from the existing data:

- **Category_Count:** Quantifies the variety of products a user is interested in.
- **Spending_Ratio:** Calculated as (Monthly Spending / Income Level Proxy), helping to identify users who spend a high percentage of their income.
- **Spending_per_BrowsingHour:** A derived metric indicating efficiency—how much a user spends for every hour they browse.
- **Income_Frequency_Interaction:** Captures the combined effect of purchasing power and shopping habit.

```
*****New features created:*****
Category_Count
Spending_Ratio
Spending_per_BrowsingHour
Income_Frequency_Interaction
High_Value_Indicator

New features values:
Category_Count  Spending_Ratio  Income_Frequency_Interaction  \
0                2          0.952381                      0
1                1         964.912281                      1
2                2          1.190476                      0
3                1          0.662941                      0
4                2          1.250000                      0

Spending_per_BrowsingHour  High_Value_Indicator
0                10.000000                0
1            18333.333333                0
2                12.500000                0
3                11.270000                0
4                45.000000                0
```

Fig 5: New Features top 5 values

3.3 Visualization and Insights

Based on the generated charts:

- Distribution of Customer Types:

The dataset is relatively balanced but shows a higher prevalence of Medium Spenders.

- **Medium Spender:** 207 samples (40.4%)
- **High Spender:** 153 samples (29.8%)
- **Low Spender:** 153 samples (29.8%)
- *Interpretation:* Unlike typical datasets that are heavily skewed towards low spenders, this dataset has a healthy representation of high-value customers, making it excellent for training robust models.

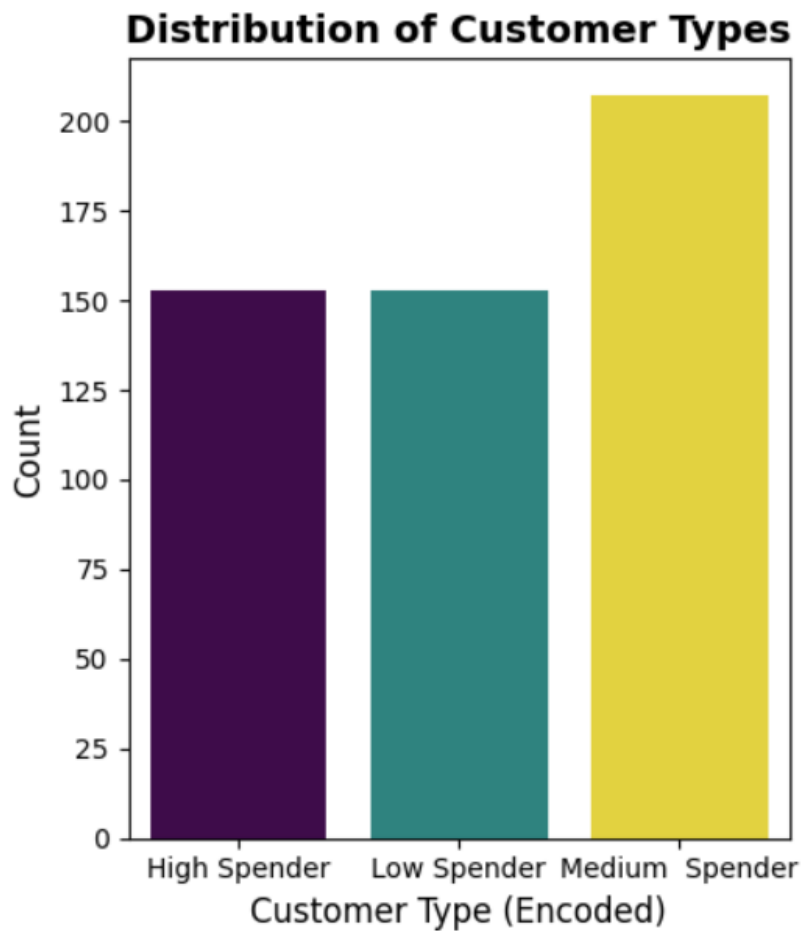


Fig 6: Distribution of Customer Types

- **Income vs. Spending by Customer Type:**
 - **High Spenders (Blue dots):** Cluster distinctly in the high-income, high-spending quadrant.
 - **Low Spenders (Orange dots):** Cluster in the low-income, low-spending zone.
 - **Medium Spenders (Green dots):** Occupy the middle ground but show significant variance, indicating this is the hardest class to predict purely based on income.

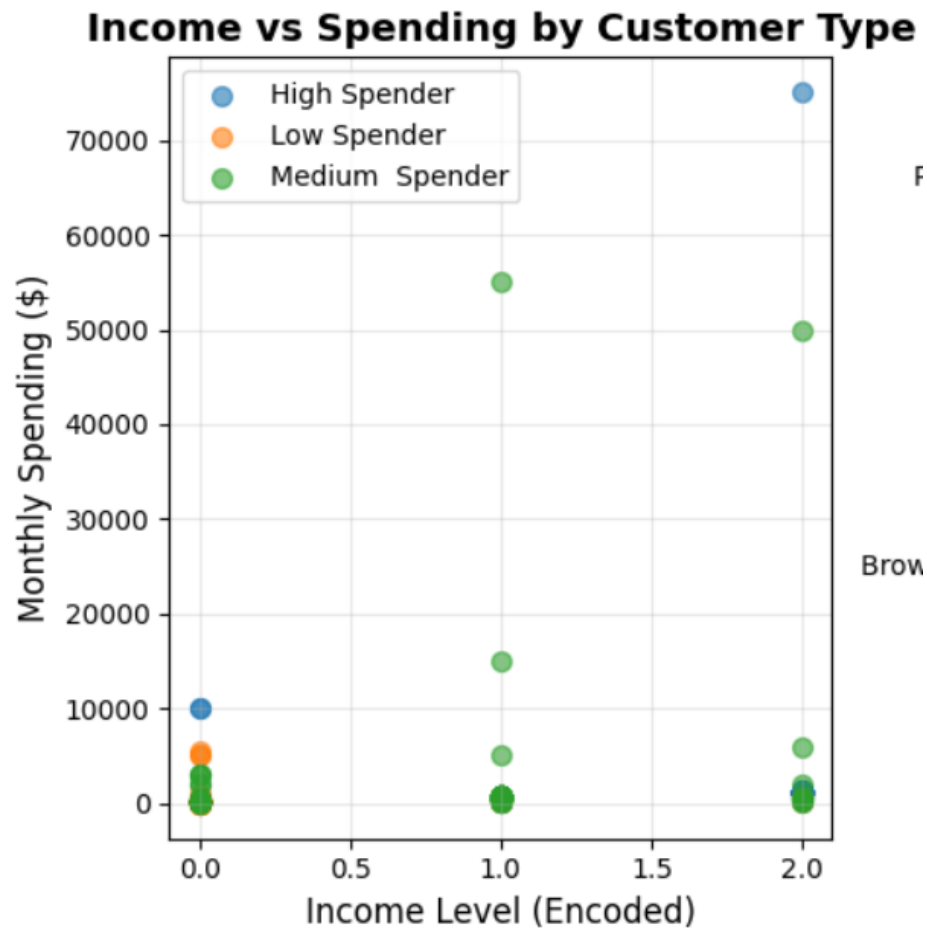


Fig 7: Income vs Spending by customer Type

- **Top Correlated Features:**

The feature Income_Frequency_Interaction showed the highest correlation with the target, validating the importance of the feature engineering step.

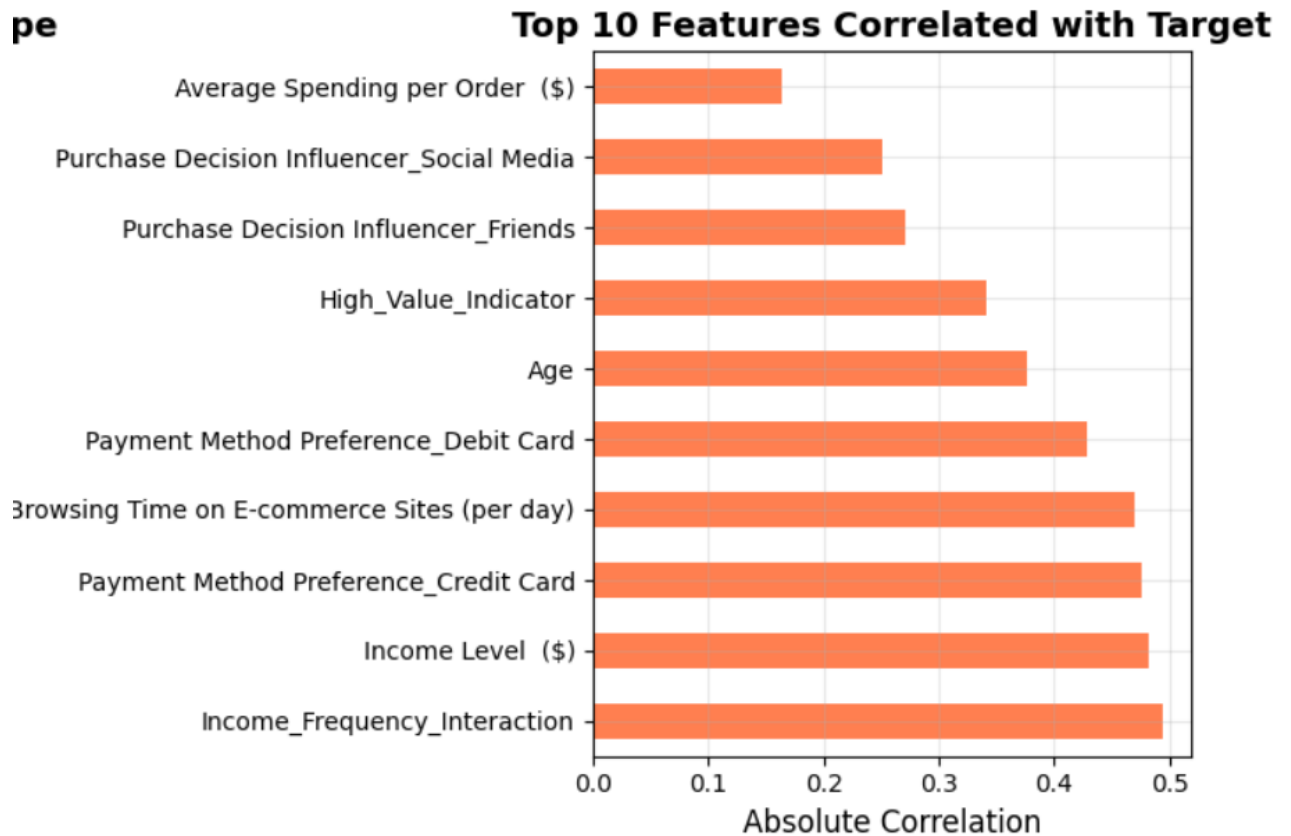


Fig 8: Top Correlated Features

4. Analysis on Dataset

I implemented four machine learning models. The dataset was split into **Training (80% - 410 samples)** and **Testing (20% - 103 samples)** sets.

4.1 Logistic Regression Analysis

General Description:

Logistic Regression is a linear model used for classification. For this multi-class problem, it uses a One-vs-Rest (OvR) approach, calculating the probability that a given sample belongs to a specific class using the Sigmoid function.

Specific Requirements:

- **Library:** sklearn.linear_model.LogisticRegression
- **Solver:** lbfgs
- **Max Iterations:** 2000 (to ensure convergence).

Analysis Results:

```
Performance Metrics:
Cross-Validation Accuracy: 90.49 %
Training Accuracy:        95.37 %
Test Accuracy:            91.26 %
Precision:                91.38 %
Recall:                   91.26 %
F1-Score:                 91.31 %
```

Fig 9: Logistic Regression Analysis result

Classification Report:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
High Spender	1.000	0.968	0.984	31
Low Spender	0.871	0.871	0.871	31
Medium Spender	0.881	0.902	0.892	41
accuracy			0.913	103
macro avg	0.917	0.914	0.915	103
weighted avg	0.914	0.913	0.913	103

Confusion Matrix:

```
[[30  0  1]
 [ 0 27  4]
 [ 0  4 37]]
```

Fig 10: Logistic Regression Classification report

Confusion Matrix Interpretation :

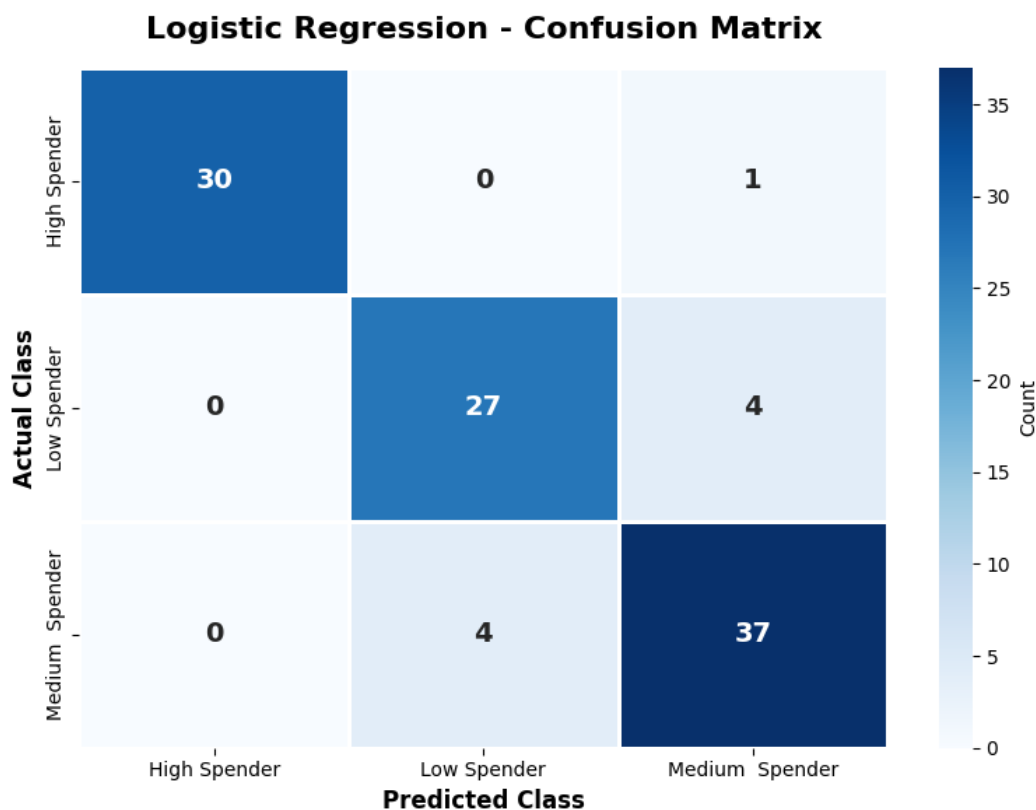


Fig 11: Logistic Regression Confusion Matrix

- **Insight:** Logistic Regression proved to be the **Best Model**. It perfectly separated High Spenders from Low Spenders (0 confusion between them). The minor errors occurred only between the adjacent classes (Low vs. Medium, Medium vs. High).

4.2 Gradient Boosting Classifier

General Description:

Gradient Boosting builds an ensemble of weak prediction models (typically decision trees) in a stage-wise fashion. It generalizes them by optimizing an arbitrary differentiable loss function.

Specific Requirements:

- **Library:** sklearn.ensemble.GradientBoostingClassifier
- **n_estimators:** 200
- **Learning Rate:** 0.1

```
Performance Metrics:
Cross-Validation Accuracy: 88.05%
Training Accuracy:        100.00%
Test Accuracy:            90.29%
Precision:                90.44%
Recall:                   90.29%
F1-Score:                 90.35%
```

Fig 12: Gradient Boosting Analysis Result

Detailed Classification Report:				
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
High Spender	1.000	0.968	0.984	31
Low Spender	0.844	0.871	0.857	31
Medium Spender	0.878	0.878	0.878	41
accuracy			0.903	103
macro avg	0.907	0.906	0.906	103
weighted avg	0.904	0.903	0.904	103
Confusion Matrix:				
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[0 5 36]]				

Fig 13: Gradient Boosting Classification Report

Confusion Matrix Interpretation:

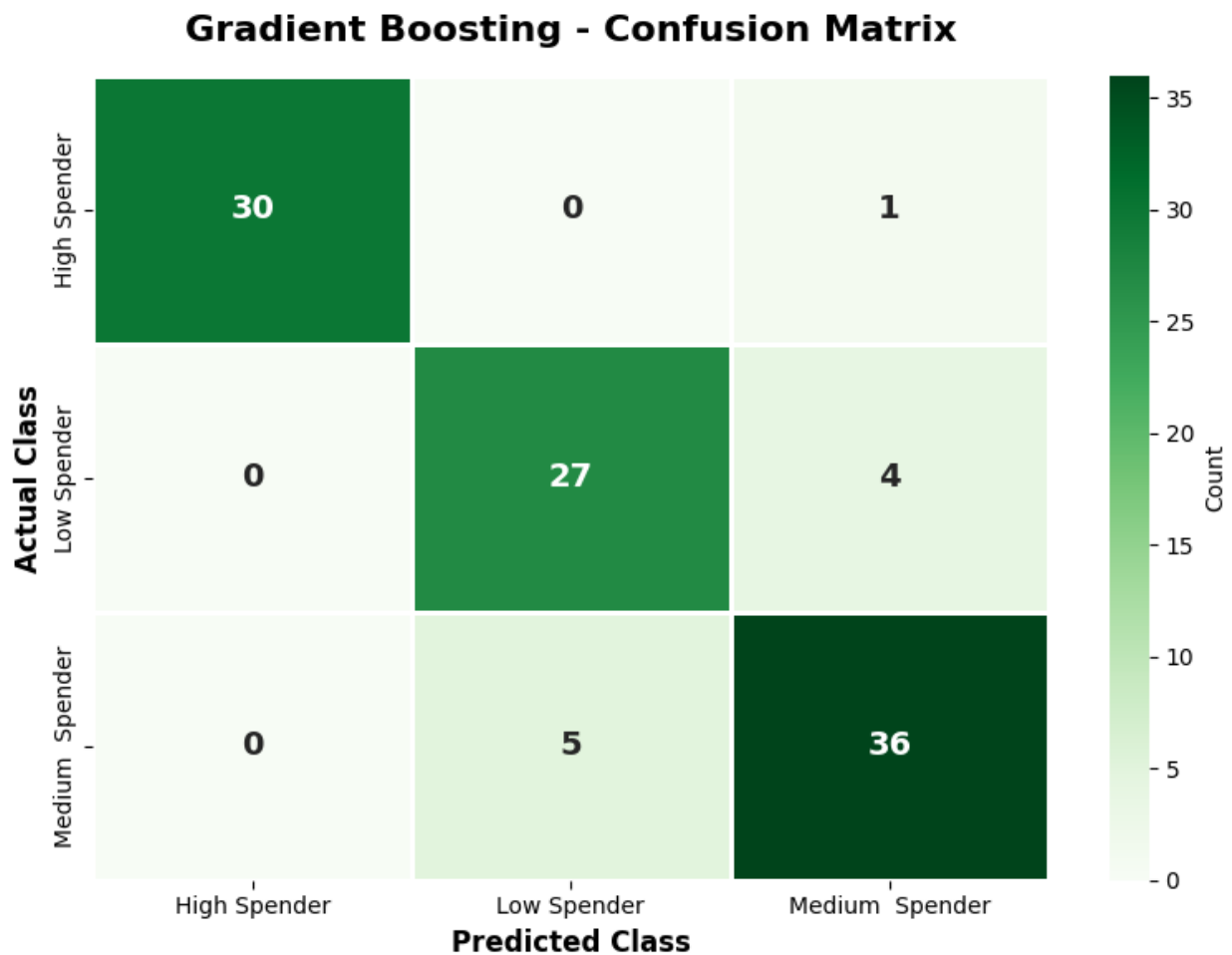


Fig 14: Gradient Boosting Confusion Matrix

- **Insight:** While it achieved 100% on training data, its test accuracy dropped slightly below Logistic Regression. It misclassified 5 Medium Spenders as Low Spenders, slightly more than the Logistic model.

4.3 Random Forest Classifier

General Description:

Random Forest is an ensemble learning method that operates by constructing a multitude of decision trees at training time and outputting the class that is the mode of the classes of the individual trees.

Specific Requirements:

- **Library:** sklearn.ensemble.RandomForestClassifier
- **n_estimators:** 300
- **Criterion:** Gini Impurity

```
Performance Metrics:
Cross-Validation Accuracy: 88.54%
Training Accuracy:        100.00%
Test Accuracy:            88.35%
Precision:                89.01%
Recall:                   88.35%
F1-Score:                 88.44%
```

Fig 15: Random Forest Analysis Result

```
Detailed Classification Report:
precision    recall  f1-score   support

High Spender    1.000    0.968    0.984        31
Low Spender     0.778    0.903    0.836        31
Medium Spender  0.892    0.805    0.846        41

accuracy              0.883       103
macro avg    0.890    0.892    0.889       103
weighted avg 0.890    0.883    0.884       103

Confusion Matrix:
[[30  0  1]
 [ 0 28  3]
 [ 0  8 33]]
```

Fig 16: Random Forest Classification Report

Confusion Matrix Interpretation :

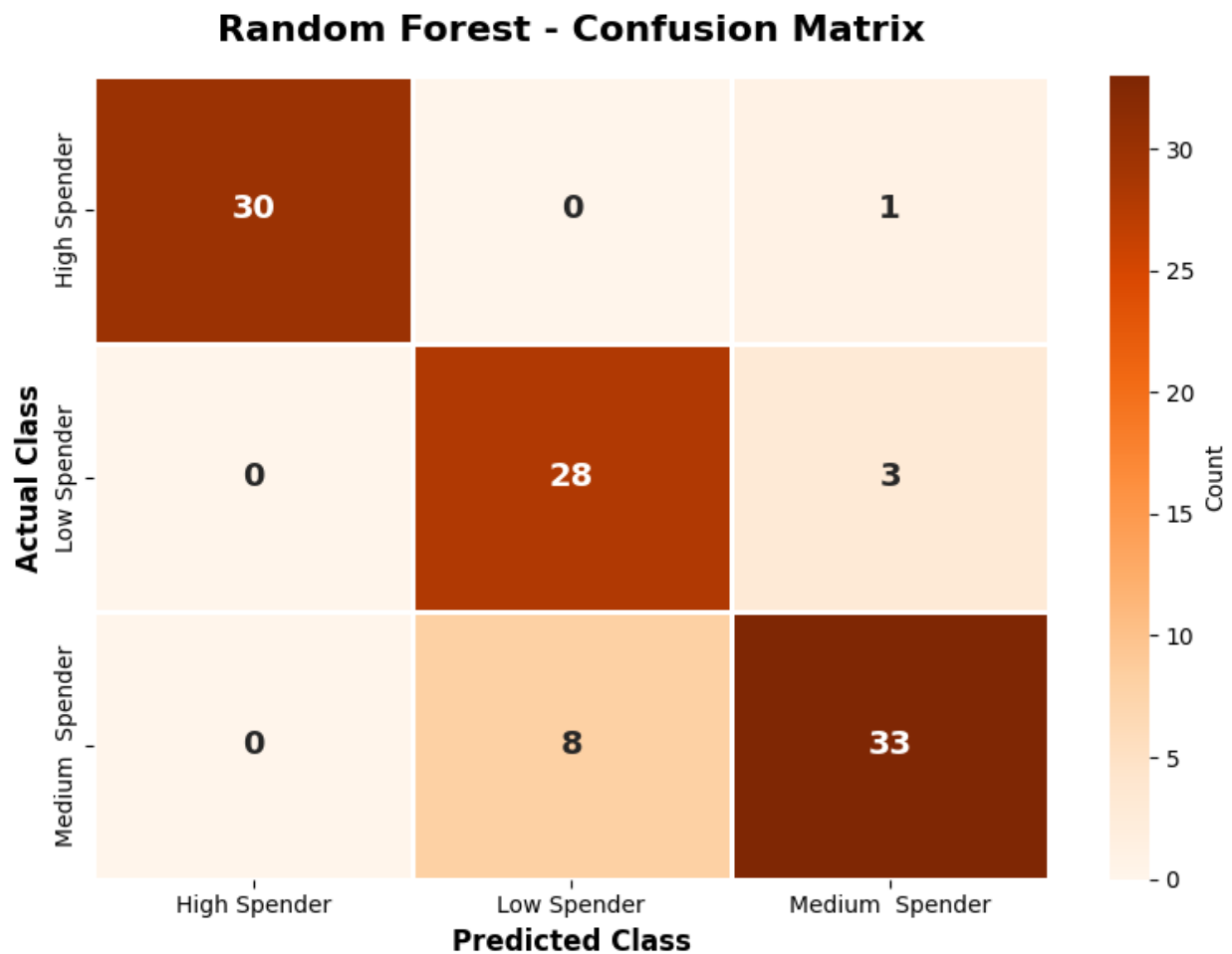


Fig 17: Random Forest Confusion Matrix

- Insight:** Random Forest struggled the most with the "Medium Spender" class, misclassifying 8 of them as Low Spenders. However, it correctly identified 28 Low Spenders, one more than Logistic Regression.

4.4 K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN)

General Description:

KNN is a non-parametric method that classifies a sample based on the majority class of its 'k' nearest neighbors in the feature space.

Specific Requirements:

- **Library:** sklearn.neighbors.KNeighborsClassifier
- **n_neighbors:** 5
- **Metric:** Euclidean Distance

```
Performance Metrics:
Cross-Validation Accuracy: 84.14%
Training Accuracy:        88.29%
Test Accuracy:            85.44%
Precision:                85.98%
Recall:                   85.44%
F1-Score:                 85.44%
```

Fig 18: KNN Analysis Result

Detailed Classification Report:				
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
High Spender	0.968	0.968	0.968	31
Low Spender	0.750	0.871	0.806	31
Medium Spender	0.861	0.756	0.805	41
accuracy			0.854	103
macro avg	0.860	0.865	0.860	103
weighted avg	0.860	0.854	0.854	103
Confusion Matrix:				
[[30 0 1]				
[0 27 4]				
[1 9 31]]				

Fig 19: KNN Classification Report

Confusion Matrix Interpretation:

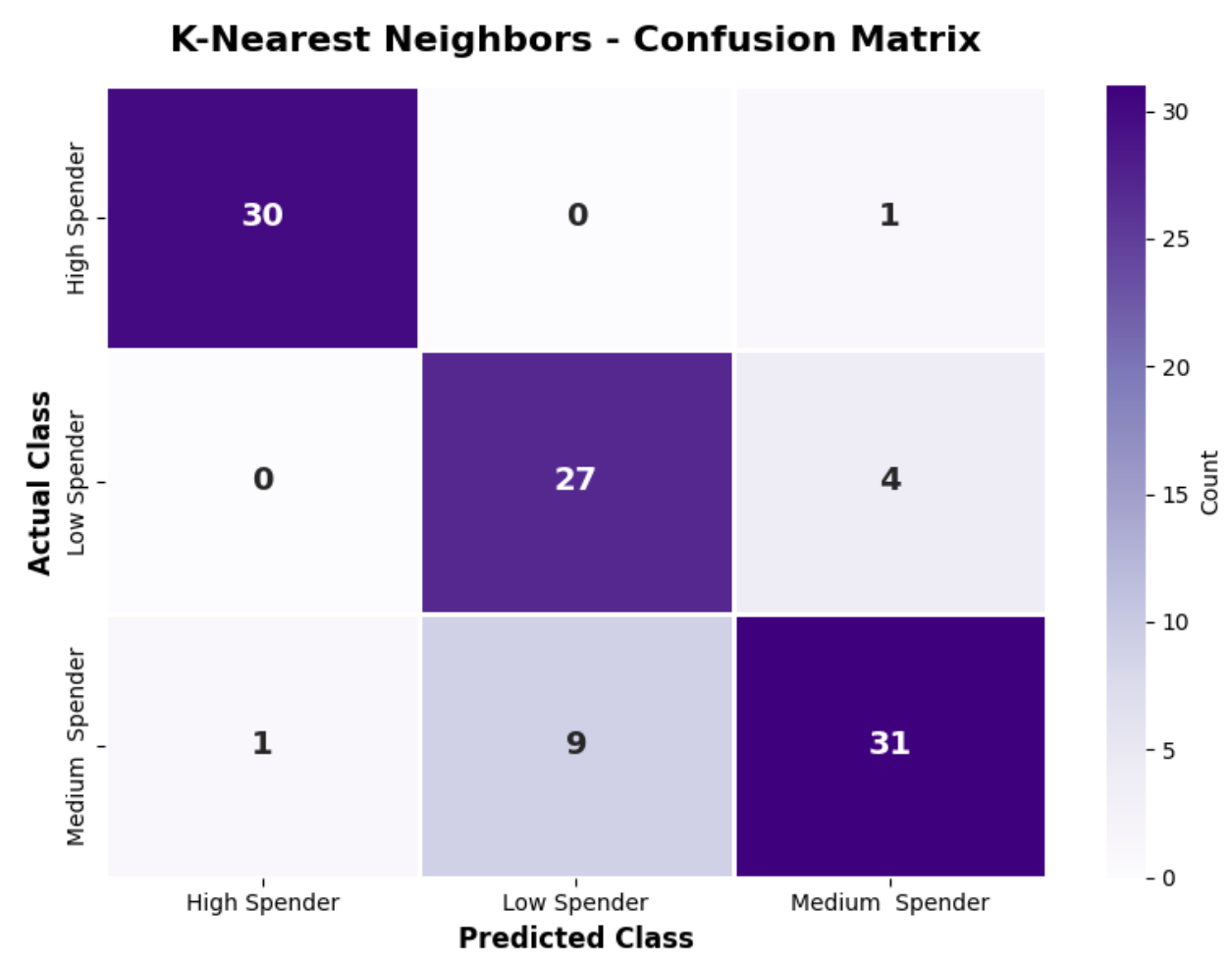


Fig 20: KNN Confusion Matrix

- Insight:** KNN had the lowest accuracy. Notably, it was the only model to misclassify a Medium Spender as a High Spender (1 instance in bottom-left), indicating it struggles with the boundaries in high-dimensional space compared to linear or tree-based models.

5. Conclusion

This project successfully implemented a predictive analytics pipeline to segment e-commerce customers. By leveraging a hybrid dataset of 513 records (collected via Google Forms and Selenium), we achieved high-accuracy classification.

Key Findings:

1. **Best Model: Logistic Regression** achieved the highest test accuracy of **91.26%**. This suggests that the decision boundaries between Low, Medium, and High spenders in this specific dataset are largely linear and well-defined by features like Income and Spending_Ratio.

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*****ALL MODELS - PERFORMANCE SUMMARY*****

```

Model	CV_Accuracy	Train_Accuracy	Test_Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1_Score
Logistic Regression	90.491270	95.365854	91.262136	91.377716	91.262136	91.306816
Gradient Boosting	88.049234	100.000000	90.291262	90.442961	90.291262	90.352652
Random Forest	88.535852	100.000000	88.349515	89.008426	88.349515	88.441319
KNN Model	84.136611	88.292683	85.436893	85.976268	85.436893	85.435011

BEST MODEL: Logistic Regression
Test Accuracy: 91.26%

Fig 21: All models Performance summary

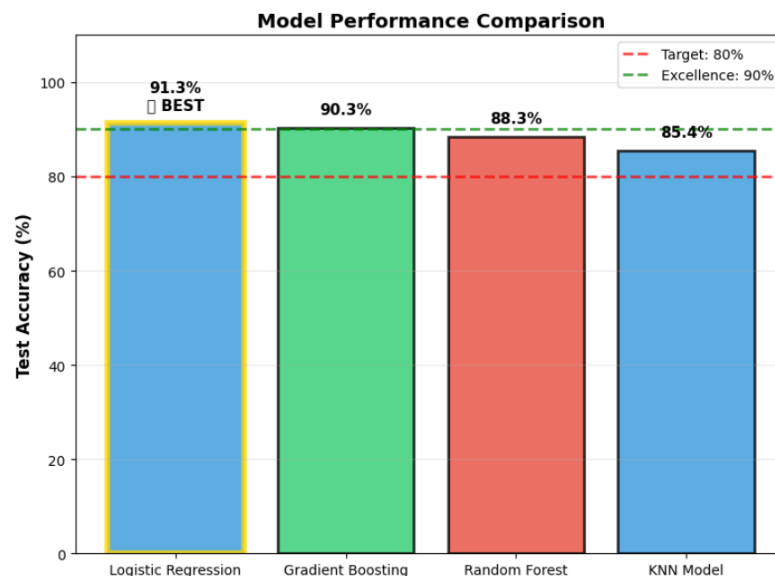


Fig 22: Model Performance Comparison

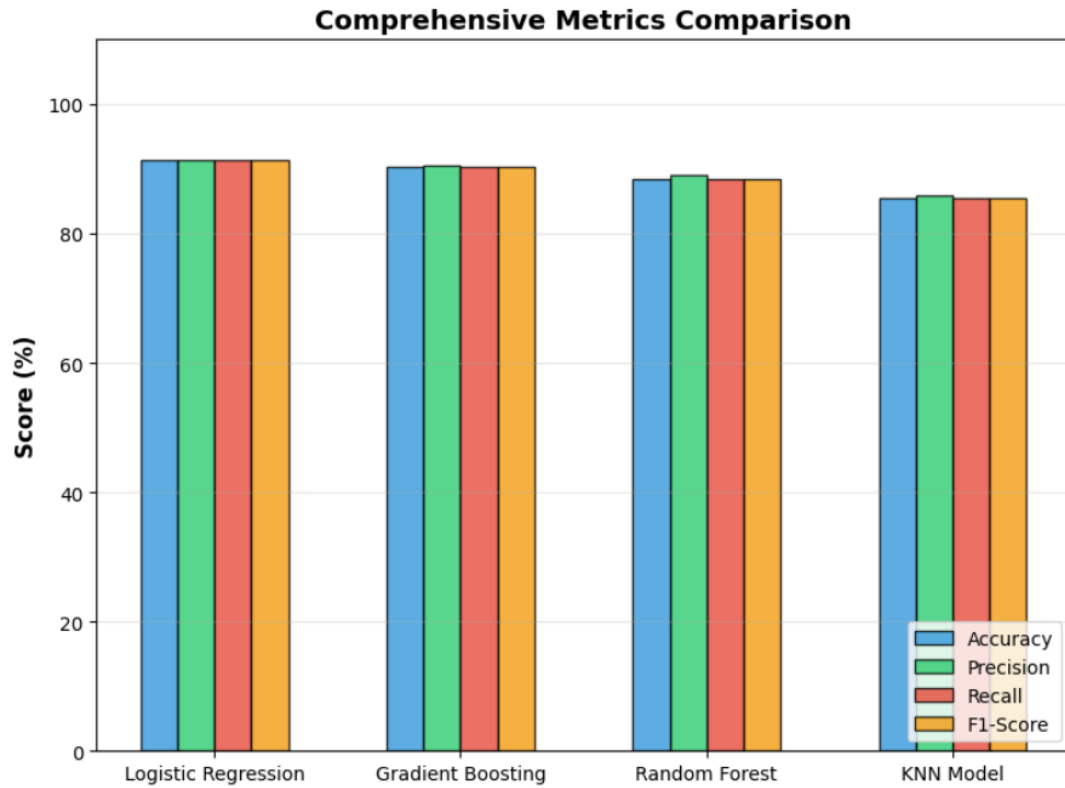


Fig 23: Metrics Comparison of all models

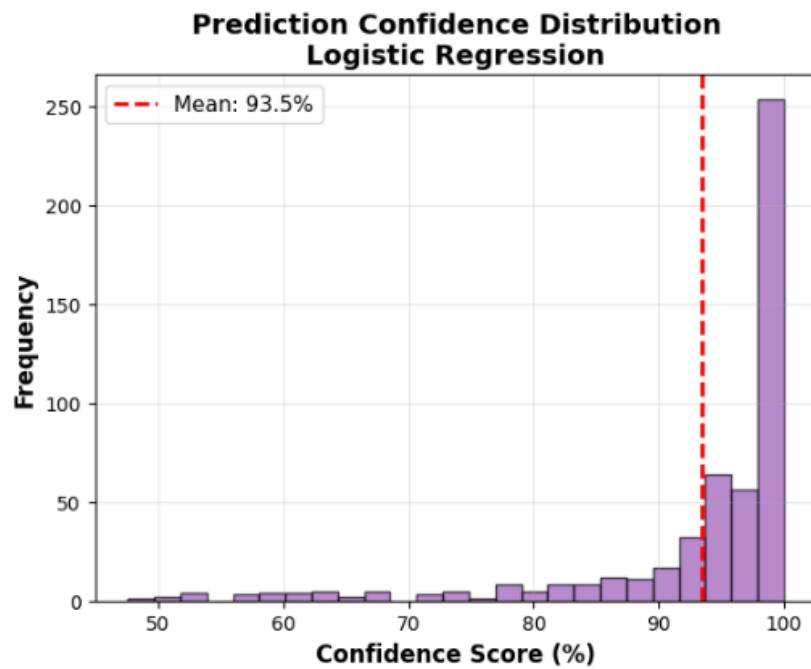


Fig 24: Logistic Regression Confidence Distribution

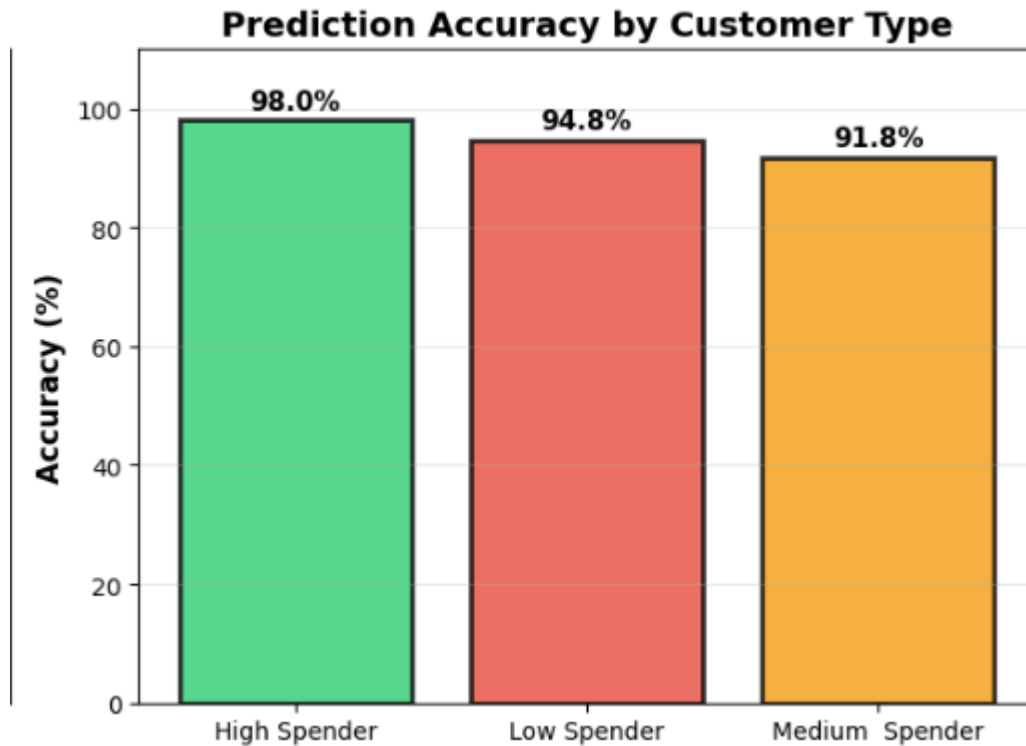


Fig 25: Prediction Accuracy by Customer Type

2. **Data Quality:** The rigorous preprocessing (currency cleaning, standardizing categorical variables) and feature engineering (creating interactions like Income_Frequency_Interaction) were crucial. The feature importance analysis showed that spending behavior is a better predictor than simple demographics.
3. **Class Distinction:** All models performed exceptionally well on the **High Spender** class (nearly 97-100% precision), likely because high-income/high-spending behaviors are very distinct. The main challenge for all models lay in distinguishing the "borderline" cases between Low and Medium spenders.

The project demonstrates that with clean data and intelligent feature engineering, simple models like Logistic Regression can outperform complex ensembles like Gradient Boosting in specific retail contexts.

6. Future Scope

This project lays the groundwork for a sophisticated **Real-Time Recommendation Engine**. The current model is static, but the future scope involves deploying this into a live e-commerce environment.

6.1 Website Integration (React + Flask)

The ultimate goal is to integrate the trained Logistic Regression model into a web application to personalize the user experience in real-time.

- **Frontend (React.js):** The website will track user actions (clicks, time spent on page, cart additions) in real-time.
- **Backend (Flask):** The Python backend will host the pre-trained model (saved as model.pkl).
- **Workflow:**
 1. A user browses the website. React captures their Browsing Time and Category_Count.
 2. This data is sent via API to the Flask backend.
 3. The model predicts the Customer Type (e.g., "High Spender") instantly.
 4. **Dynamic Customization:**
 - If **High Spender**: The website dynamically changes the homepage to show premium, high-margin products and offers "VIP Priority Shipping."
 - If **Low Spender**: The website automatically highlights "Deal of the Day," coupons, and discounts to encourage conversion.

This integration transforms the project from a theoretical analysis into a revenue-generating business tool.

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