

# EMPLOYING MACHINE LEARNING FOR FOOD RECOMMENDATION

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## ABSTRACT

This paper introduces a machine learning based diet recommendation system aiming to suggests what foods people should eat based on their needs. It tries to understand and help each person with what they should eat to stay healthy. Beyond considering user-specific factors such as their disease and other details like age, gender, weight, and the nutrients in their food, such as calories, protein, fat, sodium, fiber, and cholesterol, the system uses BMI (Body Mass Index) as an important measure to check the user is underweight, overweight or obesity. The machine learning techniques used here for recommendation are

k means and random forest. K-means and Random Forest are used to handle details about what people eat, their health signals,

and what they prefer. K-means puts similar eating habits in order, and Random Forest helps in suggesting things accurately based on this organized information. Both methods work together to give personalized and accurate advice about what's best for each person's diet.

## 1.INTRODUCTION

introduction According to WHO, since 1975, the number of people dealing with obesity worldwide has shot up a lot. In 2016, more than 1.9 billion adults (18 years and older) were facing weight issues. Out of this massive number, over 650 million were dealing with obesity. Think about it, 39% of adults were too heavy, and 13% were in the obese category. What's surprising is that in many places, more people die because of being overweight or obese than because of being underweight. But here's a positive point that we can prevent obesity, underweight or overweight problem just by taking a balanced and diverse diet that meets the body's energy, protein, vitamin, and mineral requirements. Even though many people know eating healthy is crucial, but life gets too busy that they don't want to think too hard about making meals. And here this system play an important role by helping people to switch up their eating habits and pick healthier foods. Its primary aim is to offer personalized dietary guidance, suggesting foods that match each person's unique needs, ultimately promoting a healthier way of life. Utilizing

advance technology and an in-depth comprehension of individual factors like health conditions, age, gender, and nutritional data encompassing calories, protein, fat, sodium, fiber, and cholesterol content, the system tries to provide personalized dietary needs. Within this system, Body Mass Index (BMI) serves as a crucial measure in evaluating an individual's health status, determining whether they fall within a healthy weight range or face issues like being underweight, overweight, or obese. Alongside BMI, the system employs complex machine learning techniques such as the K-means clustering and Random Forest algorithms. These methods form the core of the recommendation system, efficiently organizing and understanding dietary habits and health markers. K-means clustering assumes a central role in categorizing and arranging dietary patterns, identifying clear similarities among food preferences, thereby contributing to the construction of a structured dietary database. Simultaneously, the Random Forest algorithm enhances the accuracy and personalization of suggestions. By merging information about a person's food likes, health status, and nutritional necessities, the system crafts tailored recommendations, bridging the gap between personalized dietary guidance and optimal health results. The cooperative interplay between K-means clustering and Random Forest techniques enables the system to furnish precise and personalized dietary suggestions. Through amalgamating comprehensive dietary insights and health indicators, the system endeavors to offer thorough and accurate recommendations tailored to meet the distinct dietary needs of each individual.

### **1.1 PROBLEM STATEMENT**

The number of people eating more and more fast food is really alarming, they are getting various health issues such as diabetes, obesity, and increase in blood pressure etc. Hence it has become very essential for people to have a

good balanced nutritional healthy diet. But in this fast pace generation not everyone has the time and money to spend on personal dietitian and nutrition who will look upon and take care of their health by advising them a healthy diet plan according to the individual personal information. The food recommendation system will suggest them balanced diet food, which will give a satisfactory result for healthy life.

## **2.OBJECTIVES**

1.The objective to study this system is to consider the important aspects of the user's lifestyle & make sure that these factors are incorporated while the system is working on the solution to propose a recommended healthy and nutritious diet to the user.

2.A healthy lifestyle can live only by intaking a good nutritious healthy diet & doing a moderate amount of physical activity like Yoga & Playing Outdoor Games. A Healthy Diet & Physical Activity can surely help in maintaining a healthy weight.

3.A Good nutritious healthy diet can benefits more than just managing the healthy weight. A good nutritious diet keeps your vitals good which give you strength and you feel joyous & fall sick very rarely.

## **3.EXISTING SYSTEM**

There are several works proposed on recommendations system for diet and food. These systems are used for recommending the foods in different terms like Food Recommendations, Menu Recommendations, Diet Plan Recommendation, Recipe Recommendation & Health Recommendations for Specific Diseases. Majority of these system works on the preferences of the user extracted from different sources like user rating and online food bills ordered by the user.

Earlier the systems were only designed to provide the list of food for a healthy and safe

diet and the insulin of diabetic patients change on the hourly basis and they cannot eat the recommended food and in some cases the user may be allergic to the food recommended to the user.

The systems were proposed to provide breakfast, lunch, dinner and they started to provide the ingredients for the food they want to eat and the number of calories they need to take to maintain a healthy and balanced lifestyle. They were also given a preferable option that they want to lose weight or they want to gain weight so the recommendation system will suggest those food which will be low in carbs to reduce body weight and suggest those foods which are rich in carbohydrates so that a user can gain body weight.

This research introduces those techniques that will neglect the food that a user is allergic to, it would not be suggested to the user. Only those foods will be recommended which will be highly acceptable by the user's body.

In some case the food suggested to a diabetic patient may lead to a serious concern as mentioned earlier that the insulin level changes on an hourly basis. So, now the foods will have the option of when the user has eaten their last meal and what kind of meal, it will help the food recommender to predict a more accurate food for the user.

Maintaining a healthy lifestyle with ease will be available to any user without hiring a personal dietician and it will be more easy to cook those meals because the ingredients of the food will be provided to you and the time taken to prepare that will also be mentioned.

## 4. PROPOSED SYSTEM

### 4.1 K-MEANS CLUSTERING

The k means algorithm is a unsupervised machine learning algorithm and an iterative algorithm that tries to partition the dataset into pre-defined distinct nonoverlapping subgroups (clusters) where each data point belongs to only one group. It allows us to

cluster the data into different groups and a convenient way to discover the categories of groups in the unlabeled dataset on its own without the need for any training.

It is a centroid-based algorithm, where each cluster is associated with a centroid. The main aim of this algorithm is to minimize the sum of distances between the data point and their corresponding clusters such that the sum of the squared distance between the data points and the cluster's centroid is at the minimum.

#### 4.1.1 EQUATION

$$J = \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i^{(j)} - c_j\|^2$$

This is the formula of squared error function :

Where-

J=objective function

K=number of clusters

n=number of cases

$x_i$ =case i

$c_j$ =centroid for cluster j

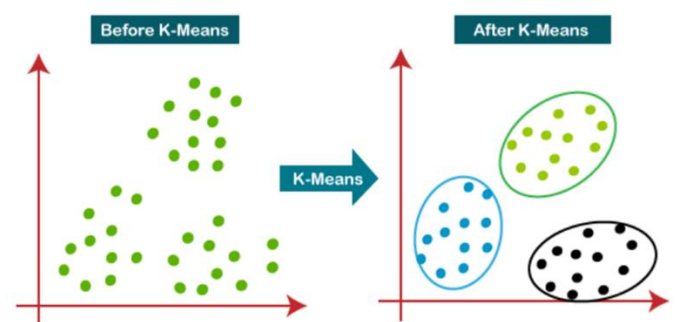


Fig-1 : K-means Algorithm

### 4.2 RANDOM FOREST ALGORITHM

Random Forest algorithm is CLASSIFIED UNDER Supervised classification algorithm in MACHINE LEARNING. In this algorithm we

create a forest in which the trees should be random , but we don't perform the algorithm in reference to the decision tree, we don't calculate the information gain or gini index in this case , we make random trees and the length of the tree will decide the accuracy of the prediction If you input a training dataset with targets and features into the decision tree, it will formulate some set of rules. These rules can be used to perform predictions. . There is a direct relationship between the number of trees in the forest and the results it can get.

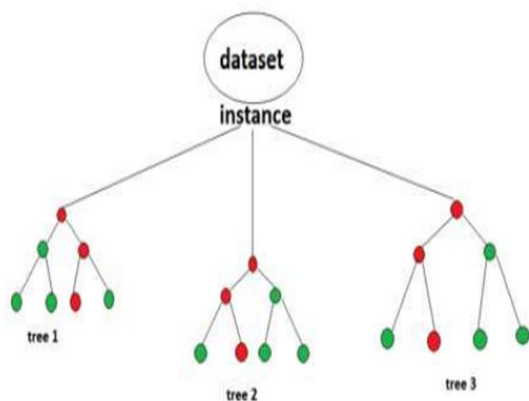


Fig-2: Random Forest algorithm

#### 4.3 K-NEAREST NEIGHBORS ALGORITHM

KNN is a machine learning algorithm to find clusters of similar users based on and make predictions using

cosine similarity. We can understand it's working with the help of following steps:

I. For actualizing any calculation, we require an information set. So amid the primary step of KNN, we must stack the preparing as well as test data.

II. Next, we have to select the esteem of K i.e. the closest information focuses. K can be any integer.

III. For each point within the test data do the following –

- Calculate the remove between test information and each push of preparing data with the assistance of cosine similarity.
- Now, based on the removed esteem, sort them in rising order.
- Next, it'll select the best K lines from the sorted array.

iv. Now, it'll relegate a lesson to the test point based on the foremost visit lesson of these rows.

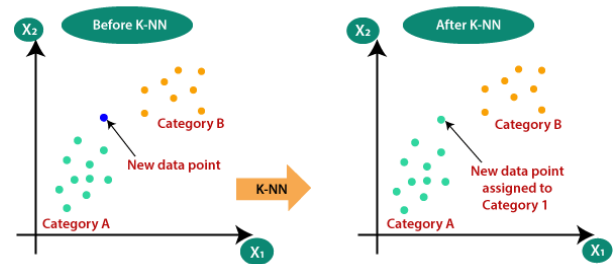


Fig-3: KNN Algorithm

## 5.IMPLEMENTATION AND DESIGN

### 5.1 User flow

The user flow will happen in various steps like :

- The user will request food by entering the details like weight, age and other asked details.
- Then the machine learning model will use the k-means clustering algorithm to cluster the foods to be recommended to the user .
- After that the user will be recommended food according to the daytime or nighttime by predicting the food by random forest algorithm .

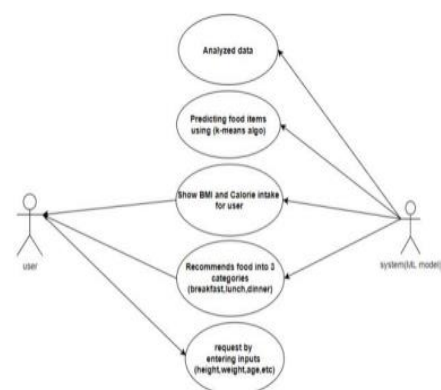


Fig- 3 : UR Diagram

### 5.2 SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

In this, we will be dividing our food under several categories like breakfast , lunch , snacks

, dinner. And we will then recommend food according to our user needs which would be healthy too.

1. The system will ask the necessary information about the user like their Name, Age, Gender, Height & Weight etc.

2. Now, the details will be going through the ML model in following ways:

2.1. ML Model will use K-Means algorithm for clustering to classify the food on the basis of calories.

2.2. Now, ML Model will use Random Forest Classifier to classify the food and do predict the food based on the input.

3. Now, after the analysis of all the data the system model will give response by showing the user's BMI & their corresponding health state like Overweight, Healthy Or Fit.

4. Then the system will be recommending diet to the user into four categories (Breakfast, Lunch, Evening Snacks & Dinner) based on their input.

5. Now, user will get choice of their own of choosing the diet from multiple recommended diet foods and make their own diet plan accordingly.

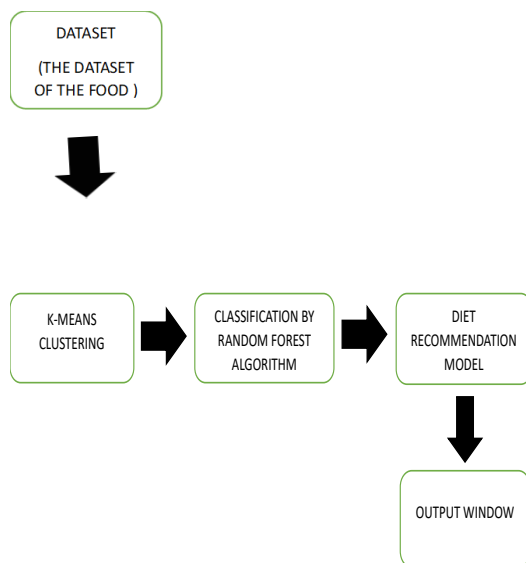


Fig – 4: System workflow

## 6.RESULT & ANALYSIS

The result will provide nutritious food and help in maintaining the healthy lifestyle of a person . here , we will have a input window where the user has to input some values into it and then suggest food according to their needs .

The output window will also show the ingredients and the time taken to prepare that food and also the calories required.

The input window is a dark-themed form titled "Diet Recommendation". It contains the following fields and options:

- Age:** A text input field with the value "2".
- Height(cm):** A text input field with the value "50".
- Weight(kg):** A text input field with the value "10".
- Gender:** Radio buttons for "Male" (selected) and "Female".
- Activity:** A dropdown menu with "Little/no exercise" selected. Other options include "Extra active (very active & physical job)".
- Choose your weight loss plan:** A dropdown menu with "Maintain weight" selected.
- Meals per day:** A text input field with the value "3".
- Generate:** A button at the bottom right.

Fig -5 :Input window

The output window displays the results of the BMI and Calorie calculations. It includes the following information:

- BMI CALCULATOR:**
  - Body Mass Index (BMI): 40.0 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
  - Obesity (highlighted in red)
  - Healthy BMI range: 18.5 kg/m<sup>2</sup> - 25 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- CALORIES CALCULATOR:**
  - The results show a number of daily calorie estimates that can be used as a guideline for how many calories to consume each day to maintain, lose, or gain weight at a chosen rate.
  - Four columns of data:
 

Maintain weight	Mild weight loss	Weight loss	Extreme weight loss
489 Calories/d	440 Calories/d	391 Calories/d	293 Calories/d
↓ -0 kg/week	↓ -0.25 kg/week	↓ -0.5 kg/week	↓ -1 kg/week
- Generating recommendations...** (indicated by a loading spinner)

Fig-6 : Output window

## 7.CONCLUSION & FUTURE SCOPE

The emerging technologies like machine learning and artificial intelligence playing a important part in the development of the IT (Information Technology) industries. We have made use of these technologies and create a website for people who are consult about their

diet and want to lead a healthy life. The importance of nutritional guidance and it will also help the user to maintain a healthy lifestyle . The recommendation will also helps in discarding the foods that you are allergic to and is to those patients whose body blood pressure and insulin level may change drastically and it be really helpful to the user to make any food according to your diet in just minutes and take the proper amount of calories as per needed by the body.

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