Predicting Popular Recipes

Tasty Bytes

Presented to the Product Manager

Overview

- High-traffic recipes increase overall website traffic by up to 40%, leading to more subscriptions

- Predict recipes that will lead to high traffic on the website

- Minimize the chance of displaying unpopular recipes

- **A solution to correctly predict high-traffic recipes 80% of the time**

Dataset

| recipe	calories	carbohydrate	sugar	protein	category	servings	high_traffic
1					Pork	6	High
2	35.48	38.56	0.66	0.92	Potato	4	High
3	914.28	42.68	3.09	2.88	Breakfast	1	null
4	97.03	30.56	38.63	0.02	Beverages	4	High
5	27.05	1.85	0.8	0.53	Beverages	4	null

- Data Cleaning:
  - Cleaned inconsistencies in the *servings* column by extracting numeric portion and convert dtype to int.
  - Dropped observations with missing nutritional values since they account for less than 5% of the dataset.
  - Fill null values under *high_traffic* column with "Low".

- Exploratory Data Analysis:
  - Checked distribution and variance of variables.
  - Assessed relationships between variables.

- Predictive Modeling:
  - Development of base and comparison models, compared performance metrics and evaluated model performance

Key Findings

Recipe Categories Count

Distribution of Calories
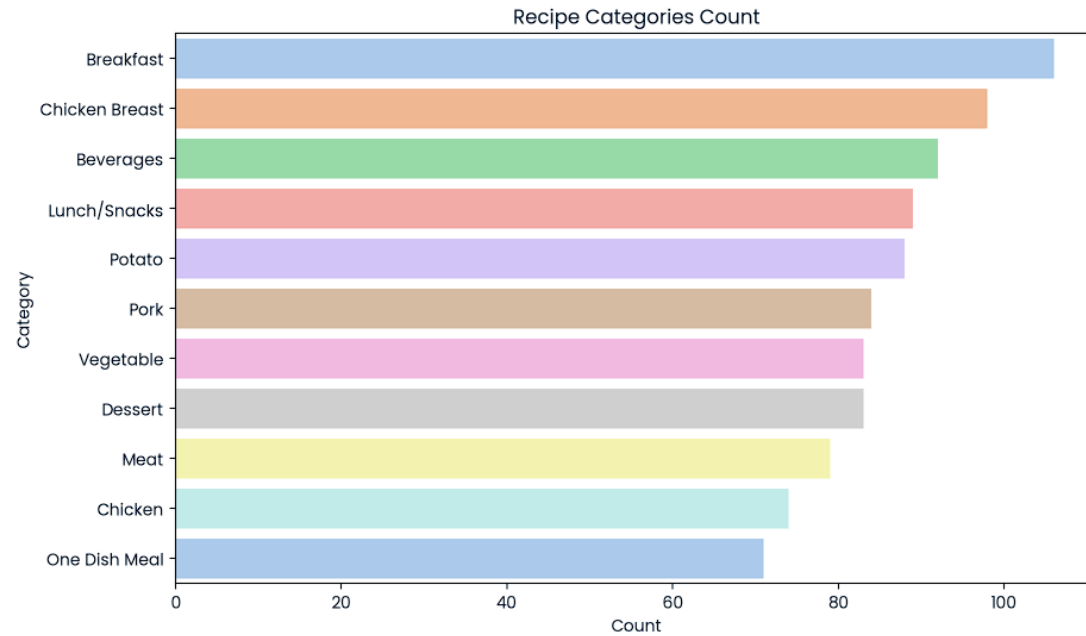
Recipe category count
The dataset contains recipes from various categories, with some categories (e.g., "Breakfast", "Chicken Breast") being more frequent than others. This indicates that certain types of recipes are more common in the dataset.
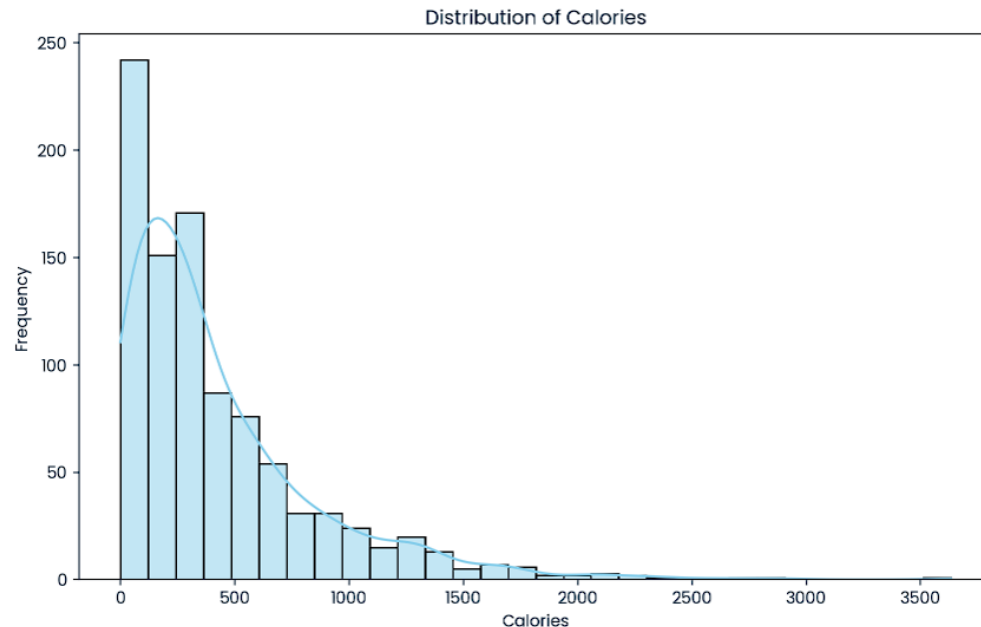
Distribution of calories
The distribution of calorie is right-skewed, suggesting that most recipes have lower calorie counts, with a few outliers having very high calories. This indicates that most recipes are relatively low-calorie, with a small number of high-calorie recipes.

Key Findings

Spread of Carbohydrate, Protein, and Sugar


Calories vs. Traffic Type
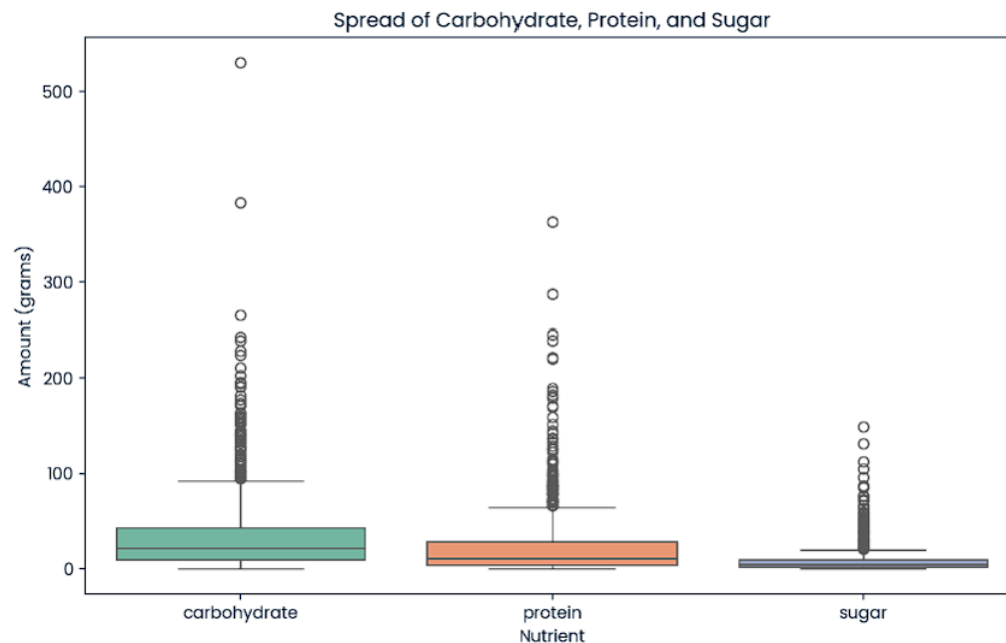
Spread of carbohydrate, protein, sugar
Carbohydrate: The spread is wide, with many outliers on the higher end. This suggests that some recipes are very high in carbohydrates.
Protein: The spread is narrower compared to carbohydrates, with fewer outliers. Most recipes have moderate protein content.
Sugar: The spread is relatively narrow, but there are some outliers with very high sugar content.
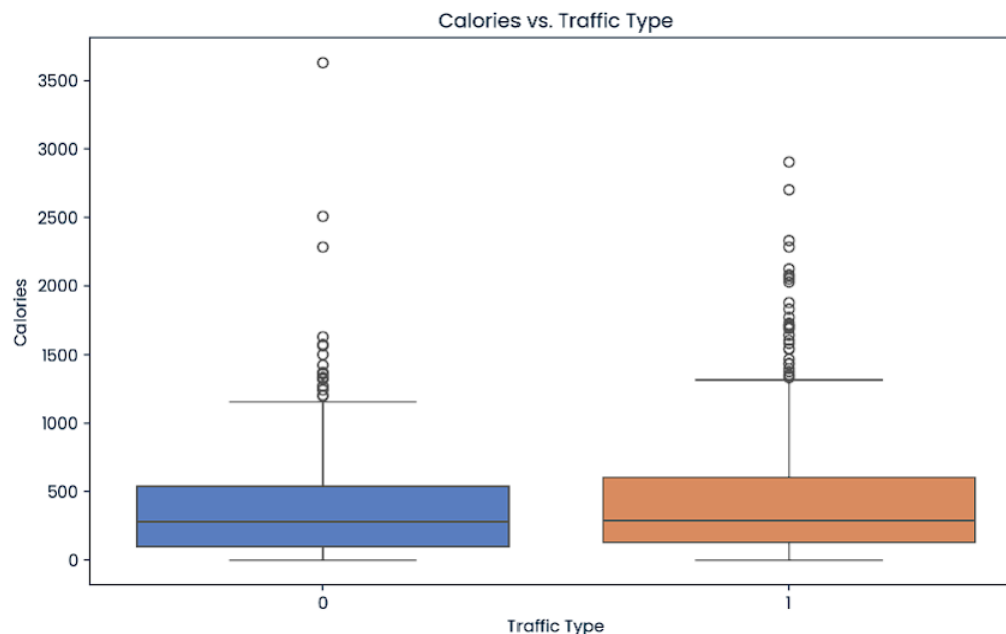
Traffic VS Calorie
"High" traffic recipes tend to have more varied calorie counts, but not dramatically different from "Low".
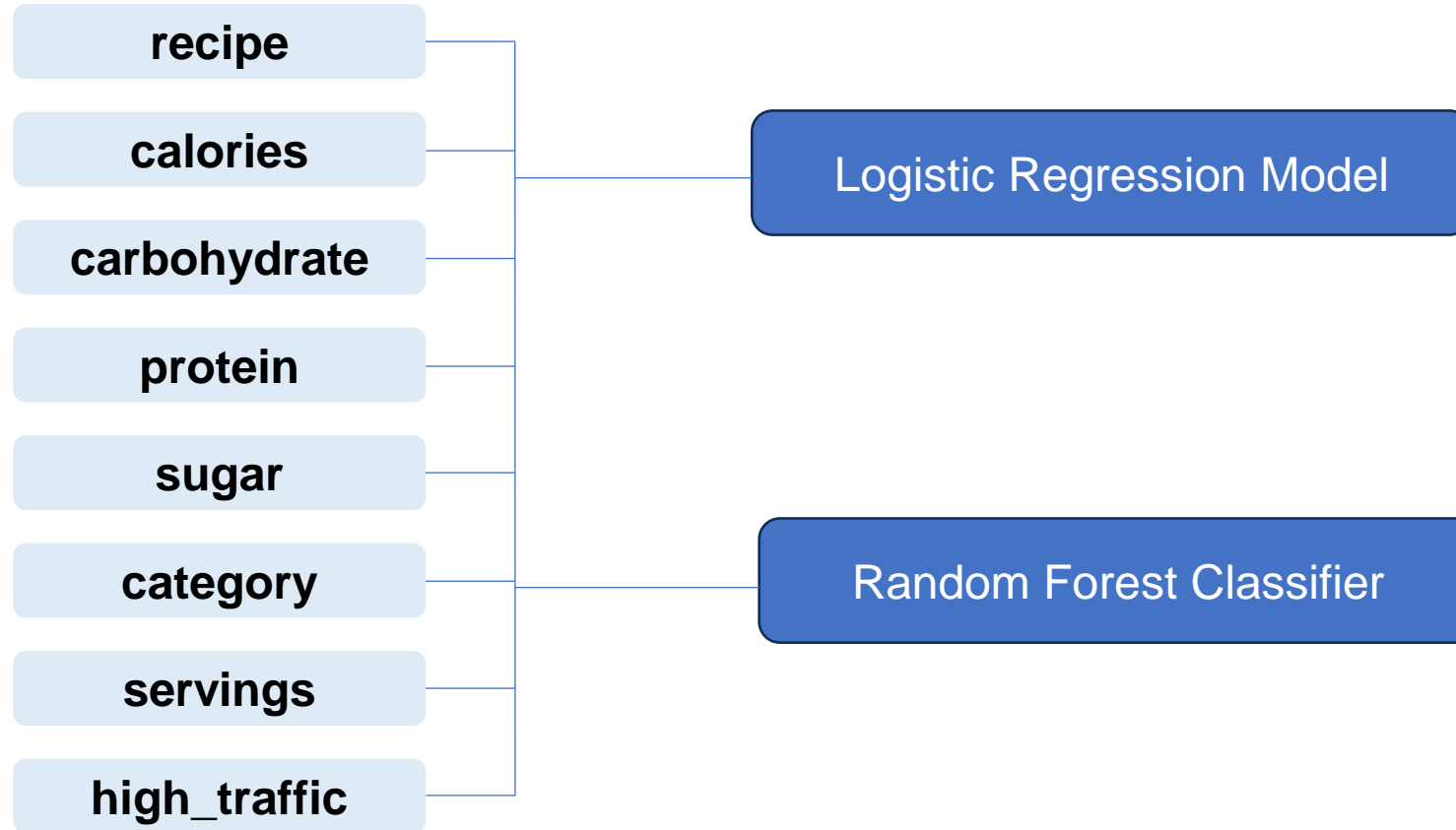
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Correlation Matrix
- The heatmap shows correlations between numerical variables (e.g., calories, carbohydrate, sugar, protein).
- There is a moderate positive correlation between calories and protein, as seen in the scatter plot.
- Other correlations (e.g., carbohydrate and sugar) are also visible, indicating relationships between nutritional components.

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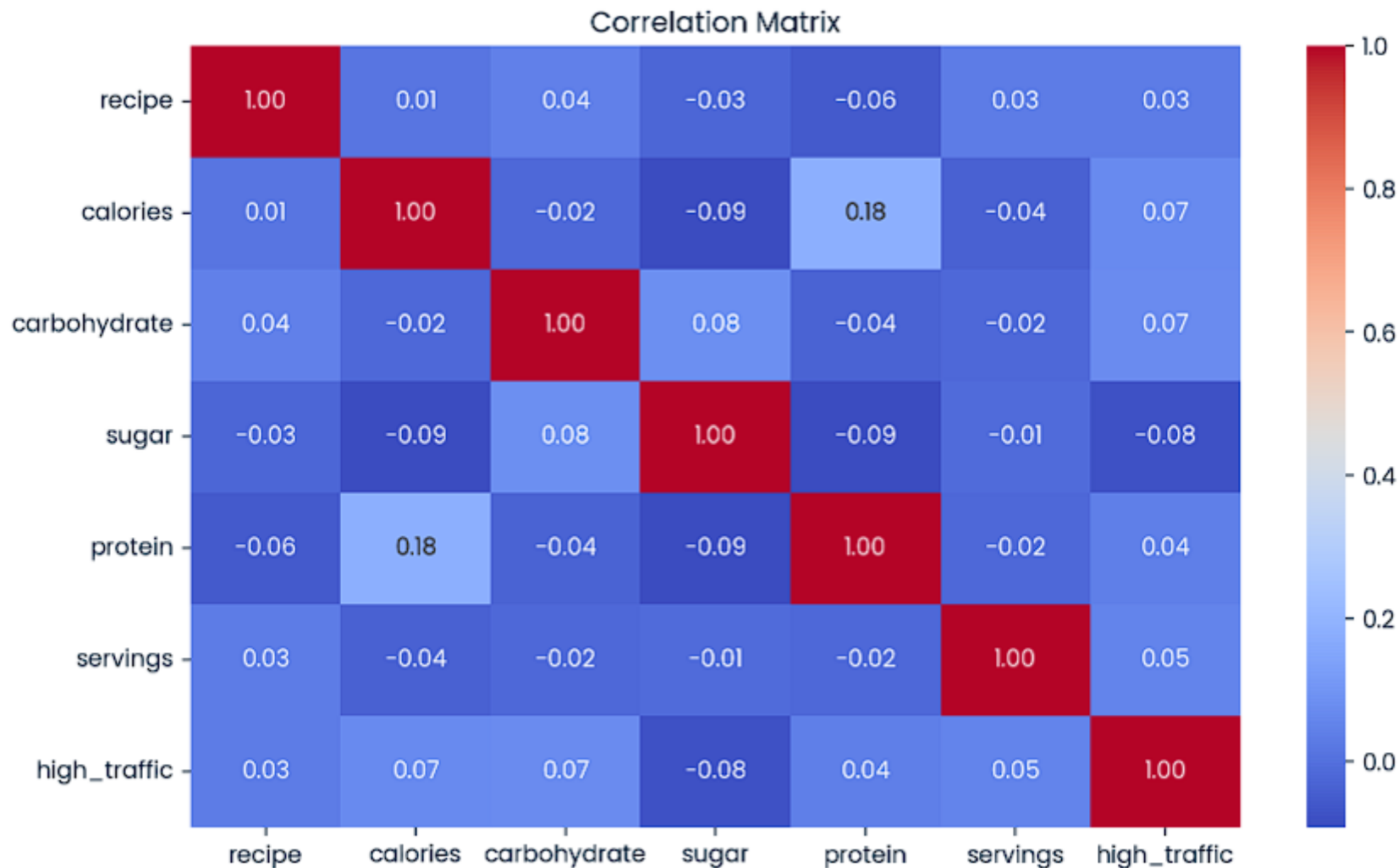
Model Development

Two models – Logistic Regression model and Random Forest Classifier

recipe

calories

carbohydrate

protein

sugar

category

servings

high_traffic

Logistic Regression Model

Random Forest Classifier

Key metrics

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Key metric for business to monitor

Model Evaluation

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Recommendations

- Adopt Logistic Regression as the primary model as it outperforms the Random Forest in terms of precision, recall and accuracy.

- It is more effective in predicting high-traffic recipes, and also has fewer misclassifications (false positives and false negatives), which reduces the risk of incorrect predictions.

- Explore feature engineering and tune hyperparameters for further improvements to the model. Test other models to ensure no better alternative exists.

- Continuously monitor model performance over time to ensure it remains effective as new data comes in. Track key metrics and detect any degradation in performance.

- Since model achieves 87% recall for high-traffic recipes (Class 1), the business can :
  - Prioritize marketing efforts for high-traffic recipes.
  - Optimize inventory management for ingredients used in these recipes.
  - Improve customer satisfaction by promoting popular recipes.

Thank You