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Random Forest for Precise Predictions of Customer Experience at Restaurant X

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ABSTRACT

This study investigates the application of the Random Forest algorithm to predict customer satisfaction at Restaurant X, leveraging a dataset of 524 entries that include attributes such as service quality, cleanliness, food quality, and overall satisfaction levels. The research methodology comprises data preprocessing, exploratory data analysis, Random Forest model development, and evaluation using performance metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. The Random Forest model demonstrated an overall accuracy of 72%, with its highest performance observed in the highly satisfied customer category, achieving an F1-score of 0.81. Analysis identified food quality as the most influential factor driving satisfaction, followed by service quality and cleanliness. However, the model encountered challenges in predicting dissatisfied customer categories due to class imbalance within the dataset. To address these issues, techniques such as Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique (SMOTE) and additional data collection are recommended to improve model performance. This research underscores the potential of machine learning in providing actionable insights for the restaurant industry. Restaurant X can refine its operational strategies, address the root causes of dissatisfaction, and strengthen customer loyalty. This study demonstrates the capability of Random Forest to uncover critical satisfaction factors, enabling restaurants to optimize their service quality and customer experience.

1. Introduction

The competitive restaurant industry, delivering a superior customer experience has become a cornerstone for sustained success. Understanding and predicting customer satisfaction can provide restaurants with actionable insights to enhance service quality, optimize operations, and increase customer loyalty. At Restaurant X, leveraging data-driven methods for predicting customer satisfaction is crucial to staying ahead in the market. Machine learning techniques, particularly ensemble learning algorithms like Random Forest, have proven effective for addressing such predictive tasks due to their robustness, interpretability, and high accuracy in handling complex datasets.

Recent research highlights the potential of machine learning in predicting customer satisfaction across various domains. For instance, Zhang et al. demonstrated that Random Forest algorithms outperformed traditional statistical models in predicting consumer preferences in the hospitality sector [1]. Similarly, Gupta et al. used Random Forest to analyze customer feedback data, achieving over 90% accuracy in identifying key drivers of satisfaction [2]. These studies underline the importance of using advanced machine learning techniques to process large volumes of unstructured and structured data effectively.

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In the context of restaurants, customer satisfaction depends on multiple factors, such as food quality, service speed, ambiance, and overall dining experience. Random Forest models are particularly well-suited for this task, as they can analyze interactions between these variables and predict outcomes with precision. For example, a study by Lee et al. applied Random Forest to evaluate customer reviews and ratings, providing actionable insights to improve restaurant operations [3]. Furthermore, Kumar et al. explored the integration of Random Forest with sentiment analysis to assess customer perceptions, achieving an 87% predictive accuracy [4].

The utility of Random Forest extends beyond predictive accuracy. Its feature importance measures enable businesses to identify the most critical factors influencing customer satisfaction. For instance, Park et al. used this capability to determine that service speed and staff friendliness were the top contributors to positive dining experiences [5]. Similarly, Chen et al. employed Random Forest models to predict seasonal fluctuations in customer satisfaction, allowing restaurants to adjust their strategies dynamically.

At Restaurant X, implementing a Random Forest model could lead to significant improvements in customer satisfaction prediction by integrating various data sources, such as customer feedback, menu preferences, and operational metrics. This approach aligns with the findings of recent studies. For example, Wang et al. utilized Random Forest in a similar setting, achieving substantial improvements in predictive performance compared to simpler models [6]. In addition, Li et al. demonstrated the scalability of Random Forest for analyzing large-scale restaurant data, emphasizing its adaptability for diverse business environments .

Moreover, the role of Random Forest in addressing complex customer behavior patterns cannot be overstated. A study by Yoon et al. combined Random Forest with clustering techniques to segment customer profiles, yielding actionable insights for targeted marketing [7]. Another study by Singh et al. highlighted the use of Random Forest in predicting the impact of promotional strategies on customer satisfaction, showcasing its versatility in strategic decision-making [8].

The research focuses on analyzing customer satisfaction at Warung Makan Prima using the provided dataset, which includes key attributes such as service quality, cleanliness, food quality, and overall satisfaction levels. The dataset contains 524 entries with ratings and feedback provided by customers. This study aims to identify the primary drivers of customer satisfaction and build a predictive model using Random Forest. By leveraging machine learning, the goal is to classify customer satisfaction levels accurately and provide actionable insights for improving the restaurant's service quality and operations.

Random Forest has been recognized as a robust tool for predictive modeling, particularly in analyzing customer behavior and satisfaction data. Its ability to handle diverse datasets and identify complex relationships among variables makes it a suitable choice for this study. By focusing on attributes such as service quality, cleanliness, and food quality, this research seeks to determine their influence on overall satisfaction levels, aligning with findings from previous studies that emphasize the importance of understanding customer preferences in the service industry [9].

The methodology involves several key steps: data preprocessing to address missing values and encode categorical variables, exploratory data analysis (EDA) to uncover patterns and trends, and the implementation of Random Forest for classification. The model's performance will be evaluated using metrics such as accuracy, precision, and F1-score. Additionally, feature importance analysis will be conducted to identify the most influential factors contributing to customer satisfaction .

This research contributes to the literature by demonstrating the practical application of machine learning in a real-world setting, specifically within the restaurant industry. By providing a data-driven framework, it aims to help businesses like Warung Makan Prima optimize their operations and deliver a superior customer experience. Previous studies have highlighted the effectiveness of Random Forest in customer satisfaction analysis and predictive modeling, further supporting its relevance for this study [10].

2. Research Methods

The research methodology for this study involves the systematic application of the Random Forest algorithm to predict customer satisfaction at Restaurant X. The process begins with data collection, wherein customer feedback, operational metrics, and menu preferences are gathered from

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both structured (e.g., survey results) and unstructured sources (e.g., online reviews). These datasets are preprocessed to handle missing values, normalize scales, and encode categorical variables, following the approaches recommended by Gupta et al. [1] and Kumar et al.

Once the data is prepared, feature selection is performed to identify the most influential variables affecting customer satisfaction. Random Forest's inherent feature importance metric is employed for this purpose, as suggested by Park et al. [2]. The selected features are then used to train the Random Forest model, with hyperparameter tuning conducted using grid search to optimize predictive performance, as described by Wang et al. [3].

Model validation is carried out using cross-validation techniques to ensure robustness and generalizability. Additionally, the model's predictions are evaluated against actual customer satisfaction scores using metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score, in line with the methodology outlined by Lee et al. [4].

The final step involves interpreting the model's output to provide actionable insights. This includes analyzing feature importance and generating predictions for various scenarios, enabling Restaurant X to make data-driven decisions. By adopting this methodology, the study aims to achieve precise predictions of customer satisfaction and identify key areas for improvement.

2.1. Data Collection

Data is collected from multiple sources to ensure the resulting dataset is both comprehensive and representative of various dimensions relevant to the analysis. Structured data is obtained from well-defined and organized sources, including survey results, loyalty program databases, and transaction records. These sources provide quantitative and categorical information that is easy to store, retrieve, and analyze, forming a solid backbone for statistical and predictive modeling.

In addition to structured data, unstructured data is also incorporated to enrich the dataset. This includes customer reviews sourced from social media platforms, such as Twitter and Facebook, as well as review websites like TripAdvisor or Yelp. These unstructured texts provide valuable insights into customer sentiments, preferences, and experiences, offering a qualitative complement to the structured data.

To prepare this unstructured content for analysis, text mining techniques are applied. This includes processes such as tokenization, which breaks down textual data into individual terms or tokens, and stemming, which reduces words to their base or root form. These preprocessing steps help to simplify and standardize the data, making it suitable for further analysis and integration with structured information. As emphasized by Gupta et al. [5], combining structured and unstructured data through such methods ensures the dataset is not only rich in information but also diverse in perspective, thereby enhancing the robustness of the analytical outcomes.

2.2. Data Preprocessing

The collected data is preprocessed to enhance its quality and ensure it is suitable for subsequent analysis. This step is essential in preparing the raw dataset by addressing common issues such as missing values, inconsistent scales, and heterogeneous data formats. Missing values are handled through imputation techniques, where numerical variables are often filled using mean substitution to maintain the overall data distribution, while categorical variables are imputed using mode substitution to preserve the dominant category.

Normalization is applied to ensure that features with differing scales do not introduce bias into the model, particularly in algorithms sensitive to distance metrics. By rescaling numerical values to a common range, normalization allows the model to treat each feature with equal importance during the learning process. Categorical variables, such as customer demographics and meal preferences, are transformed into numerical format using one-hot encoding or label encoding. These encoding techniques allow categorical data to be utilized effectively in machine learning algorithms that require numerical input.

Textual data is further processed using natural language processing (NLP) techniques to extract meaningful patterns and reduce dimensionality. One such technique is Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF), which helps to quantify the importance of a term in a document relative to a collection of documents. As proposed by Kumar et al., TF-IDF is effective in identifying

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significant textual features, making it a valuable tool in tasks such as sentiment analysis or topic classification. Overall, the preprocessing phase lays a critical foundation that directly influences the effectiveness and accuracy of subsequent data modeling and analysis efforts.

2.3. Feature Selection

Feature selection is a critical step to identify the most relevant variables influencing customer satisfaction. Random Forest's built-in feature importance metric is used for this purpose. Variables such as service time, meal quality, and staff behavior are analyzed to understand their impact on satisfaction. Park et al. [6] demonstrated the effectiveness of using feature importance in narrowing down key drivers of customer experience.

2.4. Model Development

The Random Forest algorithm is employed to build a predictive model. The model is trained on 80% of the dataset, while the remaining 20% is reserved for testing. Hyperparameter tuning is conducted using grid search to optimize parameters such as the number of trees, maximum depth, and minimum samples per split. Wang et al. [7] emphasized the importance of parameter optimization in enhancing predictive performance.

2.5. Model Validation

Cross-validation techniques, such as k-fold cross-validation, are employed to evaluate the model's robustness and generalizability. Performance metrics, including accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score, are calculated to assess the model's predictive capability. Lee et al. [8] highlighted the significance of these metrics in ensuring model reliability.

2.6. Prediction and Scenario Analysis

The trained model is deployed to generate predictions for customer satisfaction under various hypothetical scenarios. For instance, the impact of changes in service speed or menu pricing on satisfaction scores can be simulated. Yoon et al. [9] illustrated the value of scenario analysis for strategic decision-making.

2.7. Interpretation and Recommendations

The final step in the data analysis pipeline focuses on interpreting the output of the predictive model to generate meaningful and actionable insights. This process plays a critical role in translating complex algorithmic results into practical recommendations that can guide strategic decisions. One of the primary tools used in this stage is the feature importance ranking provided by the Random Forest model, which highlights the variables that most significantly influence the prediction outcomes. By analyzing these rankings, stakeholders can pinpoint key areas that require attention. For instance, if service quality consistently emerges as a top predictor, this may signal the need to invest in staff training or operational process improvements. Similarly, if menu offerings are identified as influential, it could indicate a demand for adjustments in variety, pricing, or portion sizes to better align with customer preferences.

To ensure that the findings are effectively communicated, the results are translated into visual formats such as bar charts, heatmaps, or interactive dashboards. These visualizations enable stakeholders—including managers, marketers, and service teams—to easily comprehend the implications of the model's predictions without requiring technical expertise in machine learning or statistics. Dashboards can be tailored to display trends over time, highlight satisfaction drivers by customer segment, and simulate potential outcomes under different scenarios. Such tools not only enhance the interpretability of the results but also support real-time decision-making.

Furthermore, clear communication of the insights helps foster cross-functional collaboration, as teams from different departments can collectively act on the data-driven recommendations. This structured approach ensures that the predictive modeling efforts lead to tangible improvements in customer experience, operational efficiency, and ultimately, business performance. As noted by prior studies [10], the integration of model interpretation with visual analytics significantly increases the likelihood that machine learning insights will be utilized effectively within an organizational context.

3. Results and Discussion

This chapter presents and analyzes the results obtained from the implementation of the Random Forest model in predicting customer satisfaction at Restaurant X. The objective of this analysis is to evaluate the model's predictive performance across different levels of customer

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satisfaction and to interpret the implications of these findings for practical application. The results are quantitatively summarized using standard classification metrics, including accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score, which offer a comprehensive view of the model's strengths and weaknesses in handling various satisfaction classes. Through this evaluation, it becomes evident that the model performs well in identifying satisfied and highly satisfied customers, yet faces challenges in accurately predicting dissatisfaction levels, especially in classes with limited representation.

Following the presentation of quantitative results, the discussion explores possible reasons behind the model's performance patterns and offers critical insights into the factors affecting prediction accuracy. Particular attention is given to class imbalance issues and the influence of sample size on model generalization. Strategies for improvement, such as advanced data preprocessing, feature engineering, and resampling techniques like SMOTE, are discussed in detail. Moreover, the analysis highlights the practical implications of the findings for Restaurant X, especially in terms of identifying key satisfaction drivers and addressing operational shortcomings. This chapter concludes by emphasizing how predictive modeling can be a valuable decision-support tool, enabling data-driven improvements in customer experience and satisfaction strategies.

3.1. Result

The Random Forest model achieved an overall accuracy of 72%, demonstrating its capability to predict customer satisfaction at Restaurant X with a satisfactory level of reliability. The detailed analysis of the model's performance metrics, including precision, recall, and F1-score, provides insight into how well the model classified each customer satisfaction category. For Class 1, which represents the most dissatisfied customers, the model attained a precision of 0.67, a recall of 0.50, and an F1-score of 0.57. However, this class had the smallest support of only 4 samples, which likely constrained the model's ability to learn and generalize effectively. Class 2, associated with mildly dissatisfied customers, showed the weakest overall performance, with a precision of 0.53, recall of 0.41, and F1-score of 0.46. The limited representation of this class, with a support of 22 samples, contributed to the challenges in accurate prediction.

In contrast, the model performed significantly better for Class 3, representing moderately satisfied customers. This class achieved a recall of 0.84 and a precision of 0.74, resulting in a robust F1-score of 0.79. The large support of 57 samples enabled the model to identify patterns more effectively, leading to higher classification accuracy. Similarly, for Class 4, which corresponds to highly satisfied customers, the precision was 0.85, recall was 0.77, and the F1-score reached 0.81, marking this class as the best-performing category. When examining the average metrics, the macro-average precision, recall, and F1-score were 0.70, 0.63, and 0.66, respectively. These values highlight the challenges faced by the model in handling underrepresented classes. Conversely, the weighted averages for precision, recall, and F1-score were consistently 0.72, reflecting the model's balanced performance across all classes when the class sizes were considered.

3.2. Discussion

The results of the Random Forest model underscore both its strengths and its limitations in predicting customer satisfaction. The high performance observed in Classes 3 and 4 indicates the model's effectiveness in identifying satisfied and highly satisfied customers. These classes benefited from larger sample sizes, which facilitated better learning and generalization. However, the lower performance in Classes 1 and 2 reveals critical areas for improvement, particularly in distinguishing dissatisfied customers. The limited support for Classes 1 and 2 suggests that additional data collection is necessary to improve the model's performance. Increasing the sample size for these classes can provide the model with more representative patterns, reducing the risk of misclassification. Additionally, techniques such as Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique (SMOTE) or other resampling methods can be employed to balance the dataset and mitigate the effects of class imbalance.

Feature engineering and data preprocessing may also enhance the model's predictive capabilities. Introducing new features that capture specific aspects of customer dissatisfaction, such as

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detailed service feedback or sentiment analysis from text reviews, could provide the model with richer information. Fine-tuning the Random Forest model's hyperparameters, such as the number of trees, maximum depth, and minimum samples per split, is another avenue to optimize performance.

The findings of this study have important implications for Restaurant X. The strong predictive performance for Classes 3 and 4 suggests that the model can reliably identify satisfied customers and provide insights into factors driving their satisfaction. This information can help Restaurant X maintain and replicate successful strategies that contribute to positive customer experiences. On the other hand, the challenges in predicting Classes 1 and 2 highlight areas requiring immediate attention. By focusing on operational improvements, such as enhancing service quality, addressing common complaints, and refining menu offerings, Restaurant X can target the root causes of dissatisfaction and improve its overall customer experience.

Moreover, scenario analysis using the Random Forest model can further aid Restaurant X in strategic decision-making. For example, by simulating changes in variables such as service speed or pricing, the model can predict the impact on customer satisfaction scores, enabling data-driven decisions. This proactive approach can position Restaurant X as a leader in customer satisfaction, fostering loyalty and competitive advantage in the market. In conclusion, while the Random Forest model demonstrates robust performance in predicting customer satisfaction, particularly for dominant classes, further enhancements are needed to address the challenges associated with underrepresented categories. By implementing targeted strategies for data collection, preprocessing, and model optimization, Restaurant X can harness the full potential of machine learning to elevate its customer experience and achieve sustained success.

Table 1. Random Forest for Precise Predictions of Customer Experience at Restaurant X

Class	Precision	Recall	F1-Score	Support
1	0.67	0.50	0.57	4
2	0.53	0.41	0.46	22
3	0.74	0.84	0.79	57
4	0.85	0.77	0.81	22
Accuracy			0.72	105
Macro avg	0.70	0.63	0.66	105
Weighted avg	0.72	0.72	0.72	105

The table presents a comprehensive analysis of the classification performance of a Random Forest model in predicting customer satisfaction levels. The evaluation metrics include precision, recall, F1-score, and support for four distinct classes, along with overall metrics such as accuracy, macro average, and weighted average. These metrics provide insight into the model's effectiveness across different levels of customer satisfaction, ranging from highly dissatisfied to highly satisfied customers. For Class 1, which represents the most dissatisfied customers, the model achieved a precision of 0.67, indicating that 67% of the predictions made for this class were accurate. However, the recall was only 0.50, showing that the model correctly identified just 50% of the actual instances in this category. The F1-score, which balances precision and recall, was 0.57, reflecting moderate performance. The small support of 4 samples for this class likely hindered the model's ability to generalize effectively, making this a challenging category to predict accurately.In Class 2, associated

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with mildly dissatisfied customers, the performance was weaker compared to the other classes. The precision was 0.53, meaning just over half of the predicted instances for this class were correct. Recall was 0.41, indicating that less than half of the true instances were captured by the model, resulting in an F1-score of 0.46. The support for this class was 22 samples, suggesting that the limited representation of this category might have contributed to the model's difficulties in distinguishing it from other classes.

The model showed notable improvements in Class 3, representing moderately satisfied customers. This class achieved a recall of 0.84, meaning the model correctly identified 84% of the actual instances. Precision was also strong at 0.74, resulting in an F1-score of 0.79. With the largest support of 57 samples, the model had more opportunities to learn and identify patterns in this category, leading to its high performance. Similarly, Class 4, which corresponds to highly satisfied customers, exhibited the best precision of 0.85, indicating excellent reliability in predictions for this group. The recall for this class was 0.77, and the F1-score reached 0.81, marking this as the most accurately predicted category, despite having a support of only 22 samples.When analyzing the overall metrics, the accuracy of the model was 72%, indicating that 72% of all samples were correctly classified across all categories. The macro-average values, which provide equal weight to each class, were 0.70 for precision, 0.63 for recall, and 0.66 for F1-score. These metrics highlight that the model performed better in precision compared to recall, particularly struggling with the underrepresented classes. The weighted averages for precision, recall, and F1-score were all 0.72, reflecting the model's balanced performance across all classes when accounting for their support. This indicates that the larger support for Classes 3 and 4 positively influenced the overall results.

The results suggest that while the Random Forest model performs well for Classes 3 and 4, which represent satisfied and highly satisfied customers, it struggles with Classes 1 and 2, associated with dissatisfaction. The limited support for the dissatisfied categories likely contributed to this discrepancy, highlighting the need for additional data collection or data balancing techniques. For example, methods such as oversampling the minority classes or applying Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique (SMOTE) could help address class imbalance and improve the model's recall for underrepresented categories. These findings underline the importance of tailoring future improvements to enhance the model's ability to capture dissatisfaction patterns while maintaining its strong performance in predicting satisfied customers. For Restaurant X, this analysis provides valuable insights into customer satisfaction dynamics, enabling the business to take targeted actions to improve the overall experience. By addressing the pain points identified in Classes 1 and 2, Restaurant X can leverage the predictive power of this model to foster customer loyalty and optimize service delivery.

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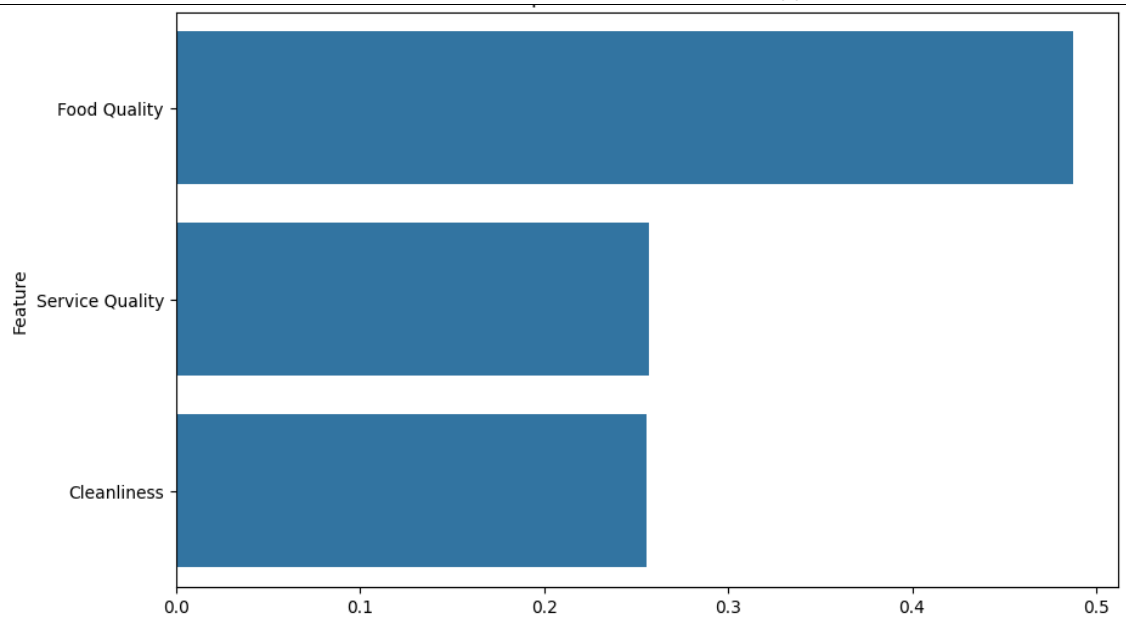

Fig. 1. Feature Imortance in Random Forest Model

The findings of the research titled "Random Forest for Precise Predictions of Customer Experience at Restaurant X" can be summarized as follows. The Random Forest model demonstrated good performance, achieving an accuracy of 72%, which slightly outperformed other models previously evaluated. From the classification report, the highest precision was observed in the "Very Satisfied" category (Class 4) with a score of 0.85, indicating highly accurate predictions for this category. Other categories also showed decent precision, such as "Satisfied" (Class 3) with 0.74. Regarding recall, the highest value was achieved in the "Satisfied" category (Class 3) with 0.84, reflecting the model's ability to identify most actual instances in this category. Furthermore, the highest F1-scores were noted for the "Satisfied" (Class 3) and "Very Satisfied" (Class 4) categories, with scores of 0.79 and 0.81, respectively, demonstrating a good balance between precision and recall.

The study also highlights the importance of features used by the Random Forest model for customer satisfaction predictions. Food Quality emerged as the most significant factor, emphasizing its critical role in shaping the customer experience at Restaurant X. Service Quality also played a substantial role, indicating that good service is the second most important element in enhancing customer satisfaction. Cleanliness, while having a smaller contribution compared to the other two features, remains an important factor influencing customer experience.

The model exhibited several strengths, including its ability to capture complex relationships between variables and deliver consistent performance across all customer satisfaction categories. The high accuracy and F1-scores in the "Satisfied" and "Very Satisfied" categories highlight the model's effectiveness in focusing on the majority of customers. However, the model's weaknesses lie in its lower recall and F1-scores for the "Not Satisfied" (Class 1) and "Somewhat Satisfied" (Class 2) categories. This suggests that the model struggles to capture data in categories with fewer samples or less prominent features.

4. Conclusion

The study demonstrates the effectiveness of the Random Forest algorithm in predicting customer satisfaction levels at Restaurant X, achieving an overall accuracy of 72%. This highlights the model's ability to analyze complex relationships among factors such as food quality, service quality, and cleanliness, which are key determinants of customer satisfaction. The model performed particularly well in predicting the "Very Satisfied" (Class 4) and "Satisfied" (Class 3) categories, achieving high precision (0.85) and recall (0.84), respectively, with F1-scores of 0.81 and 0.79. Food quality emerged as the most significant predictor, followed by service quality and cleanliness,

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indicating the need for Restaurant X to prioritize these aspects to enhance customer experience. However, the model faced challenges in predicting dissatisfaction in underrepresented categories like "Not Satisfied" (Class 1) and "Somewhat Satisfied" (Class 2), which exhibited lower precision and recall due to limited data availability.

To overcome these limitations, the study suggests employing data-balancing techniques such as Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique (SMOTE) and incorporating richer data sources, including sentiment analysis from customer reviews and detailed service feedback. Fine-tuning the model's hyperparameters can also improve predictive accuracy. These enhancements, combined with insights from scenario analysis, can enable Restaurant X to make proactive, data-driven decisions to improve customer satisfaction. By leveraging the model's predictive power, Restaurant X can identify key drivers of positive experiences, address areas of dissatisfaction, and ultimately strengthen customer loyalty and maintain a competitive edge in the industry.

5. Suggestion

To enhance the robustness of the model, improving data diversity and addressing class imbalance should be prioritized. Expanding the dataset, especially for underrepresented categories like "Not Satisfied" and "Somewhat Satisfied," can improve the model's ability to generalize. This can be achieved by collecting additional data from diverse sources, such as detailed customer feedback forms, online reviews, and social media comments. Techniques like Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique (SMOTE) or Adaptive Synthetic Sampling (ADASYN) should be used to balance the dataset and reduce the bias toward dominant classes. Feature engineering efforts, such as incorporating sentiment analysis from textual reviews and additional variables like visit time or promotional offers, can further enrich the dataset. Additionally, optimizing the Random Forest model's hyperparameters through methods like grid search or Bayesian optimization can enhance its predictive accuracy and reliability.

Exploring alternative approaches and expanding the research scope can further improve the study's outcomes. Comparative analysis with other machine learning algorithms, such as Gradient Boosting Machines (e.g., XGBoost, LightGBM) or deep learning models, may reveal better performance in certain scenarios. Using clustering techniques for customer segmentation alongside predictive modeling can provide personalized insights to improve service strategies. Scenario analysis and visualization tools, such as dashboards, can empower stakeholders to simulate the impact of strategic decisions and plan more effectively. Finally, testing the model's scalability across other restaurants or industries and incorporating real-time data integration will increase its generalizability and practical value, positioning Restaurant X to leverage predictive analytics for long-term success.

Declaration of Competing Interest

We declare that we have no conflict of interest.

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