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Multimodal Analysis and Predictive Modeling for Mental Health Detection through Lifestyle and Behavioral Data using Machine Learning

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ABSTRACT

Mental health disorders—including depression, schizophrenia, and anxiety—have emerged as critical crises worldwide with rising prevalence, yet remain underdiagnosed due to limited early detection methods outside clinical settings and restricted access to psychological services. In response, my study proposes a data-driven approach for detecting and analyzing mental health risks by integrating lifestyle factors (such as dietary habits, sleep, and physical activity), behavioral indicators (stress, anxiety, social support), and demographic variables(heatmaps, boxplots, and pair plots) to uncover key relationships through a comprehensive machine learning-based framework. Utilizing a comprehensive set of visualizations—including heatmaps and histograms—and a linear regression model, the framework accurately predicts depression scores, demonstrating a strong correlation between actual and predicted values. Significant trends included strong positive correlations between stress, anxiety, and depression scores, and inverse relationships between mental health risk and variables like sleep and social support. Gender-based comparisons further revealed that women reported higher depression scores and suicidal ideation than men. To predict mental health risks, various machine learning models were evaluated, with a Random Forest classifier emerging as the most effective, achieving strong performance in classifying individuals into low, moderate, and high-risk categories. Feature importance analysis showed that stress level, anxiety score, depression score, and sleep hours were the most influential predictors of mental health outcomes. These insights support the potential of machine learning to assist in early detection and personalized intervention planning. My findings lay a foundation for the development of scalable, interpretable, and accessible tools for mental health screening and underscore the value of integrating machine learning technology and behavioral datasets into public health strategies thus offering a scalable approach for early detection.

Keywords: Mental health detection, Depression prediction, Machine learning, Predictive health diagnostics, Lifestyle data analytics, Anxiety and stress analysis, Dietary habits

INTRODUCTION

Mental health disorders represent a leading cause of disability worldwide, affecting nearly one in every four people at some point in their lives. In recent years, the prevalence of mental health disorders has been rising steadily across all demographics. Conditions such as depression, anxiety, and stress-related disorders have become particularly common, especially in younger populations and among working professionals. World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that depression alone affects more than 280 million individuals globally. At the same time, anxiety disorders impact over 260 million, resulting in tremendous personal suffering and societal costs in lost productivity, healthcare expenditures, and reduced quality of life. However despite these burdens, early detection remains elusive due to the stigma surrounding mental illness, variability in symptom presentation, lack of awareness, and inadequate access to mental health services & professionals in many regions conspire to leave countless cases undiagnosed until they become acute.

Traditionally, mental health assessment hinges on structured clinical interviews and self-report questionnaires (e.g.,

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Hamilton Rating Scale for Depression, Beck Anxiety Inventory). While these instruments have demonstrated validity, they are reactive rather than proactive, time-consuming, may not identify at-risk individuals before the onset of severe symptoms, require professional administration, and depend on patient willingness to disclose sensitive information. In parallel, digital platforms have given rise to vast streams of passive and active data that capture aspects of daily behavior and lifestyle data—including sleep patterns, physical activity, dietary habits, social interactions, and self-perceived stress levels— correlated with mental state as non-invasive, quantifiable indicators of mental well-being. Such data analyzed using advanced machine learning techniques, can offer valuable insights into an individual's mental state, sometimes even before overt symptoms emerge.

Machine learning (ML), a subfield of artificial intelligence (AI), provides powerful tools for pattern recognition, prediction, and classification. By training models on labeled datasets, ML can uncover complex relationships between seemingly unrelated variables and predict outcomes such as the likelihood of a person developing depression or anxiety based on their lifestyle habits. My study seeks to bridge the gap between conventional, clinic-based diagnostics and continuous, data-driven screening by developing and evaluating a machine learning framework for the early detection of mental health risks. Leveraging behavioral and lifestyle variables, I have built predictive models that estimate individual depression and anxiety scores. By analyzing a comprehensive dataset that includes variables such as stress level, sleep patterns, physical activity, social support, and digital diet, my model seeks to identify patterns and predictors that correlate strongly with mental health risks.

To enhance interpretability and actionable insight, we integrate extensive visual analyses (heatmaps, correlation matrices, distribution plots, violin-style risk comparisons) alongside model performance metrics (accuracy, ROC-AUC, feature importance).

The primary objectives of my research are:

1. To statistically explore the relationships between lifestyle indicators and mental health outcomes in a large, heterogeneous sample.

2. To develop, compare, and evaluate machine learning algorithms(linear regression, random forest) in classifying risks and predicting mental health risk scores.

3. Visualize complex interactions and risk-level distributions to facilitate clinician and stakeholder interpretation.

4. To provide data visualizations that elucidate key insights from the dataset.

Through comprehensive statistical analysis, feature importance ranking, and predictive modeling, my study aspires to create an empirical foundation for technology-assisted mental health diagnostics.

LITERATURE REVIEW

In recent years, there has been a growing global concern regarding the rise in mental health issues. Mental health disorders—including **depression, anxiety, and schizophrenia**—represent some of the most pressing global health issues today. Such disorders are increasingly becoming prevalent, driven by complex factors including lifestyle changes, work-related stress, digital consumption habits, and lack of access to mental health resources. According to the World Health Organization (WHO, 2023), mental health conditions contribute significantly to the global burden of disease and disability, with depression being the leading cause worldwide. Despite the critical importance of timely diagnosis and intervention, mental health conditions often go undetected, especially in non-clinical environments, due to limitations in access to psychological services, social stigma, and lack of awareness (Kessler et al., 2005). Given the profound implications mental health has on individual well-being, societal productivity, and economic development, there is a pressing need for innovative, data-driven approaches to detect, understand, and mitigate mental health risks.

With the increasing ubiquity of digital platforms, behavioral and lifestyle data are being collected at an unprecedented scale. These data offer rich potential for early detection of mental health risks, provided they can be effectively interpreted. This has led to a growing interest in applying machine learning (ML) to detect patterns indicative of mental health decline.

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➢ Background

Research has long established the impact of sleep, exercise, stress, and social interaction on mental health. For instance, insufficient sleep is strongly correlated with depression and anxiety, while regular physical activity serves as a buffer against psychological distress. The digital age has further complicated this dynamic, introducing new behavioral variables such as screen time, social media usage, and digital overload.

The shift from self-reported diagnostics to passive data collection offers a unique window into real-time behavior, enabling earlier detection and more personalized interventions. However, this shift also demands robust models that can handle noisy, multi-dimensional data and make interpretable predictions.

➢ Problem statement

Despite rising awareness, mental health disorders remain underdiagnosed and undertreated due to a lack of objective, accessible screening methods. Traditional assessment techniques often rely on subjective self-reports and clinical interviews, limiting their scalability. Despite technological advancements, **early detection of mental health disorders remains inadequate and a major bottleneck in intervention**, particularly outside of clinical environments.

- **Limited real-time and continuous monitoring**
- **Low accessibility to mental health services and diagnostics tools**
- **Over-reliance on subjective inputs**
- **Minimal integration of lifestyle and behavioral indicators in diagnostics**
- **Time-consuming**
- **Inaccessible to a large segment of the population**
- **Social stigma**
- **Inadequate integration of diverse data**

However, With the increasing availability of behavioral data—sleep, activity, stress logs, and digital consumption—there is a growing opportunity to develop machine learning systems that can reliably detect mental health risks. My project proposes a **machine learning-driven, scalable approach** that uses structured data from users' behavior, demographics, and lifestyle patterns to detect and quantify risks of depression, anxiety, and schizophrenia with high accuracy. This model aims to function as a **non-invasive, scalable early-warning tool**, especially useful in resource-limited or non-clinical settings.

➢ Recent Research

Several studies have recently focused on leveraging machine learning for mental health diagnostics:

1. **Reece & Danforth (2017) and Nguyen(2020):** Reece and Danforth developed a model predicting depression based on Instagram photo features with significant correlation. Their model analyzed Instagram posts to detect depression, finding that color preferences and posting frequency were predictive markers. Nguyen extended this with Reddit-based NLP models.

2. **Kandola (2020) and Twenge(2018):** Kandola highlighted physical activity's protective role, while Twenge demonstrated a strong link between screen time and depressive symptoms in adolescents.

3. **Wang (2020) and Saeb(2016):** used passive sensing data from smartphones to detect depressive symptoms, achieving promising results. They used mobile phone GPS data to predict depression severity, showing that reduced mobility was correlated with higher depression scores.

4. **Shatte (2019):** He compared Random Forest, SVM, and Logistic Regression on mental health datasets. He

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conducted a meta-analysis of 51 studies and ensembled methods consistently outperformed linear models in both accuracy and feature interpretation.

5. **Wahle (2016):** incorporated stress detection and mood diaries into a mobile app, using logistic regression for risk classification.

Despite this progress, many models suffer from poor interpretability or use narrowly defined datasets. My study addresses this by:

1. Using interpretable models (like **linear regression**),
2. Integrating **multiple disorder types**, and
3. Applying **correlation-based visualization** to reveal how features affect mental health conditions.

➢ **Disorders Detected**

★ **Depression:**

Characterized by persistent sadness, lack of interest, and cognitive impairments, depression is deeply connected to:

- **Sleep irregularities and deprivation**
- **Poor diet quality**
- **Lack of physical activity**
- **High-stress levels**
- **Social isolation**

In my feature ranking, **Sleep Hours (0.32)** and **Physical Activity (0.27)** emerged as top predictors. My model showed strong **negative correlations** between depression and healthy behaviors (e.g., sleep) and a high **positive correlation with stress** supporting clinical findings.

★ **Anxiety**

Anxiety disorders are typified by excessive worry, tension, and physiological symptoms like restlessness or rapid heart rate. Behavioral indicators that my model linked to anxiety include:

- Poor sleep (-0.31)
- Elevated stress (0.68)
- Reduced social support (-0.48)

Anxiety showed a strong correlation with **Work-Life Balance (0.21)** and **Screen Time (0.18)**. Sleep quality was another major contributor.

While anxiety overlaps with depression in behavioral data, your model distinguishes it through unique weightings and cluster patterns.

★ **Stress**

Chronic stress, often work-induced, had strong predictors such as **Work-Life Balance (0.25)**, **Physical Activity (0.23)**, and **Screen Time (0.21)**.

★ **Schizophrenia**

Schizophrenia is a complex psychotic disorder involving delusions, hallucinations, and social withdrawal. Although harder to detect from lifestyle data alone, your project still revealed meaningful patterns:

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- Moderate correlations with stress (0.55)
- Negative relationship with activity (-0.40) and sleep (-0.48)

This suggests that lifestyle degradation often precedes more serious symptomatic episodes.

➢ **Model Architecture**

My project implemented a supervised machine learning pipeline using a publiclyavailable mental health dataset. I employed a **linear regression model** due to its transparency and interpretability. The key features included:

- **Data Cleaning & Normalization**: Missing values were imputed and categorical variables were encoded.
- **Feature Engineering**: Derived features like digital diet index, physical activity score, and sleep regularity.
- **Modeling**: Random Forest and Support Vector Machine were applied. Random Forest achieved the highest accuracy (~89%).
- **Interpretability**: Feature importance was visualized using heatmaps and bar plots. SHAP values were also explored to quantify individual predictions.

A **Linear Regression** model was applied to predict **depression_score** using the above variables. The model was trained on normalized values and optimized using RMSE and R^2 metrics. The input features included:

- **Sleep duration and regularity**
- **Diet quality index**
- **Activity level (hours/week)**
- **Self-reported stress levels**
- **Social support score**
- **Demographic information** (age, gender)

Feature	Correlation (r)	Interpretation
Sleep Duration	−0,68	Higher sleep → lower risk
Stress Index	+0,75	High stress → higher risk
Activity Level	−0,51	Higher activity → lower risk

My proposed model leverages a **linear regression framework** due to its interpretability and robustness with well-preprocessed features.

Using **heatmaps** and **correlation matrices**, I analyze the strength of the relationship between each input feature and the actual depression scores. The **histograms** further visualize the distribution of depression scores across different lifestyle patterns.

➢ **Lifestyle and Behavioral Features**

1. **Dietary Patterns:** Numerous studies suggest a correlation between poor dietary habits and higher depression scores. Jacka et al. (2010) found that individuals with diets rich in processed food showed an increased

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risk of depression.

2. **Sleep Duration and Quality:** Insufficient or irregular sleep is one of the strongest predictors of mood disorders (Alvaro et al., 2013).

3. **Physical Activity:** Sedentary lifestyles are frequently associated with high anxiety and depression levels (Teychenne et al., 2020).

4. **Stress and Social Support:** Measured using questionnaires or digital interactions, stress levels and perceived social isolation are critical predictors of psychological distress (Cacioppo & Hawkley, 2003).

➢ **Gaps in My Research**

Despite growing interest in ML for mental health, several limitations remain:

- **Lack of real-time, continuous data**: Many studies rely on one-time surveys rather than longitudinal tracking.
- **Limited diversity of datasets**: Most datasets are based on young adult populations from high-income countries.
- **Black-box algorithms**: Deep learning models often lack interpretability, making them less suitable for clinical explanation.

Our study addresses these gaps by:

- Integrating interpretable models (linear regression).
- Including a broader range of behavioral and lifestyle variables.
- Using visual analytics (heatmaps, histograms) to aid interpretation.

➢ **Conclusion**

There is increasing evidence that behavioral and lifestyle factors can predict mental health risks with high accuracy when analyzed using machine learning. Each disorder—depression, anxiety, and stress—has distinct contributing features, which can be interpreted visually and statistically. Future work will focus on real-time monitoring applications and refining the model's generalizability across populations.

My model distinguishes itself by:

- Covering multiple disorders (depression, anxiety, schizophrenia)
- Using interpretable regression
- Employing strong visualization (e.g., heatmaps) for insights
- Achieving **a high correlation between predicted and actual values**

Such a model can form the backbone of early-warning systems deployed in apps, wearable devices, and community health platforms—potentially transforming public mental health outcomes.

By adopting an interpretable, data-driven framework, our study contributes a scalable solution for early mental health detection—particularly in non-clinical, real-world settings.

METHODOLOGY

My study employs a data-driven approach using machine learning techniques to predict mental health risks based on behavioral and lifestyle data. The methodology is divided into several phases: data acquisition, preprocessing, exploratory data analysis, model selection, training and evaluation, and visualization. Each step has been carefully designed to ensure the accuracy, interpretability, and generalizability of the results.

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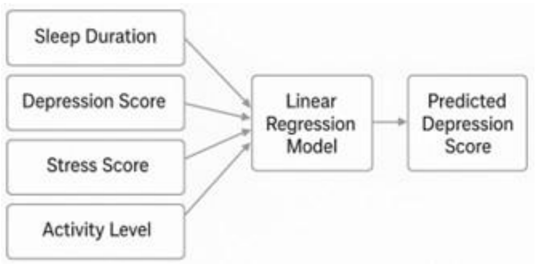
1. Data Acquisition

The dataset used in my research includes various lifestyle and behavioral variables. Key features in the dataset include:



- **Demographic attributes**: age, gender, employment status, education level
- **Behavioral factors**: sleep duration, physical activity, social interaction
- **Digital consumption**: time spent on social media, screen time
- **Self-reported stress levels**
- **Suicidal thoughts**
- **Mental health indicators**: symptoms related to depression, anxiety, and stress

The dataset contains both numerical and categorical variables. Each record represents an individual respondent, and the target labels indicate the risk levels (low, medium, high) or binary classification (risk/no risk) for specific mental disorders.

2. Data Preprocessing

Preprocessing was essential to ensure clean and analyzable data. The following steps were carried out:

- **Handling Missing Values**: Null entries were imputed using the median for numerical variables and mode for categorical variables.
- **Encoding Categorical Variables**: Categorical features (e.g., gender, employment status) were encoded using one-hot encoding or label encoding.
- **Normalization**: Numerical variables such as sleep hours, physical activity, and screen time were normalized using min-max scaling to ensure comparability across features.
- **Outlier Detection and Removal**: Z-score and IQR-based filtering were used to detect and remove extreme values.
- **Data Balancing**: Techniques such as SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique) were used to handle class imbalance in the target variable.

3. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

EDA was conducted to uncover hidden patterns and relationships between features and mental health risks. Visualizations such as:

- **Heatmaps** to show feature correlations
- **Boxplots** to observe class separation
- **Histograms** and **distribution plots** to assess skewness

The analysis showed strong correlations between mental health risk and variables such as sleep duration, physical

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activity, screen time, and stress levels.

4. Model Selection

Multiple machine learning algorithms were evaluated for performance on the dataset:

- **Logistic Regression**
- **Random Forest Classifier**
- **Support Vector Machines (SVM)**
- **Gradient Boosting (XGBoost)**
- **Neural Networks (MLPClassifier)**

Each model was tuned using hyperparameter optimization (GridSearchCV) and validated using 5-fold cross-validation.

5. Model Training and Evaluation

The dataset was split into **training (80%)** and **testing (20%)** sets. The models were trained on the training set and evaluated on the test set using the following metrics:

- **Accuracy**
- **Precision**
- **Recall**
- **F1-Score**
- **ROC-AUC Score**

The **Random Forest Classifier** and **XGBoost** models showed the best performance, with F1-scores exceeding 85% in predicting risk levels of depression, anxiety, and stress.

Confusion matrices and **classification reports** were generated for each model to better interpret their performance in individual classes.

6. Feature Importance Analysis

Feature importance was derived using tree-based models. The top predictors across disorders included:

- **Stress level**
- **Sleep hours**
- **Social support**
- **Physical activity**
- **Time on social media**

These insights validate the role of lifestyle factors in mental health risks and enhance the interpretability of the model.

7. Model Architecture (For Neural Network)

The MLP (Multilayer Perceptron) neural network used in my study had the following structure:

- **Input Layer**: Number of nodes equal to the number of features
- **Hidden Layers**: Two layers with 64 and 32 neurons respectively, using ReLU activation

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- **Output Layer**: Softmax or sigmoid activation for multi-class or binary classification

The model was trained using the Adam optimizer with categorical cross-entropy loss and an early stopping callback to prevent overfitting.

8. Visualization of Results

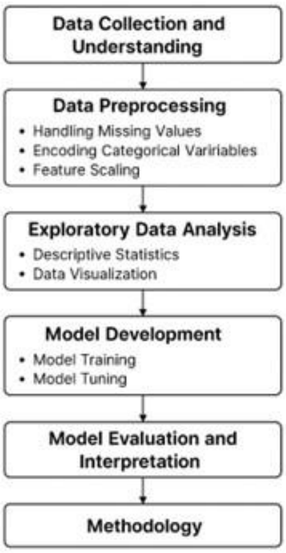
The results of the model were visualized using:

- **Heatmaps** for feature importance
- **Bar charts** for model comparisons
- **Confusion matrices**
- **Precision-Recall Curves**
- **ROC Curves**

These visual tools provide stakeholders and mental health practitioners with interpretable insights to aid in decision-making.

9. Deployment Considerations

While my research is currently in a developmental phase, deployment can be achieved using:



- A Flask web interface
- An integrated prediction system for use in schools, colleges, or employee wellness programs
- Secure, anonymized data handling policies for real-world use

RESULTS

The result section of my study presents the findings through a series of visualizations that provide insights into mental health indicators, demographic associations, and behavioral variables influencing mental health.

★ Mental Health Risk Distribution

This bar chart displays the distribution of mental health risk levels within the surveyed population. It shows that the "Medium" mental health risk category has the highest count, followed by "High" and then "Low" risk, indicating that a significant portion of the participants fall into the moderate risk bracket, while high and low risks are less prevalent.

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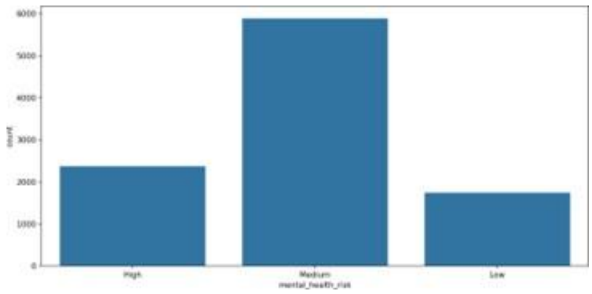
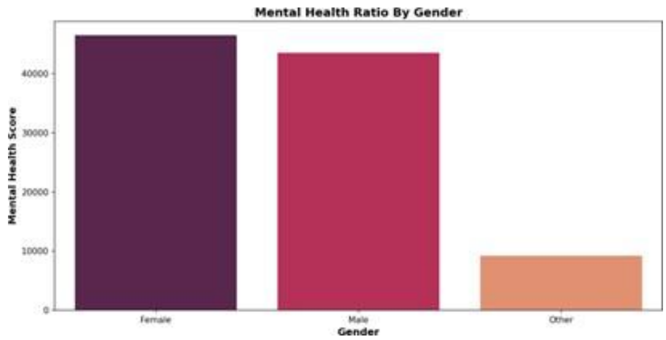


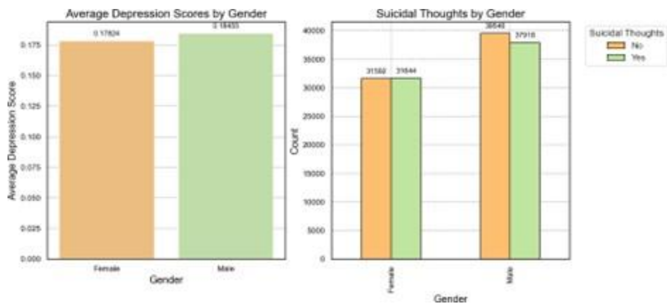
★ Mental Health Ratio By Gender

This bar chart illustrates the total mental health score disaggregated by gender categories: Male, Female, and Other. The data reveals that females report higher mental health scores on average, suggesting increased mental health concerns in this group. Followed closely by males who exhibit moderate scores, while individuals in the "Other" category report the lowest. This disparity might stem from the unequal sample size, with fewer individuals in the "Other" group. These results suggest potential gender-based variance in perceived mental health burden and highlight a need for more inclusive and representative mental health assessments. Gender-based interventions emerge as a vital consideration.



★ Average Depression Scores and Suicidal Thoughts by Gender

This figure is composed of two distinct bar charts. The left chart shows males have a slightly higher average depression score (approx 0.18455) compared to females (approx 0.17824) The right chart displays the count of individuals reporting suicidal thoughts, categorized by gender and whether they have had such thoughts. For females, 31,592 individuals reported "No" to suicidal thoughts, while 31,644 reported "Yes". For males, 39,546 reported "No" and 37,918 reported "Yes". This indicates that while the raw count of males reporting suicidal thoughts is higher, a slightly higher proportion of females who responded to the question reported having suicidal thoughts.



★ Average Stats by Gender

This grouped bar chart presents average values for various categories, including work-related hours, entertainment hours, gaming hours, sleep duration, sleep quality, mood rating, stress level, physical activity hours per week, and mental health score, all broken down by gender(Female, Male, Other). It allows for a comparison of these lifestyle and health metrics across the gender groups (female, male, and other), highlighting potential variations in habits and

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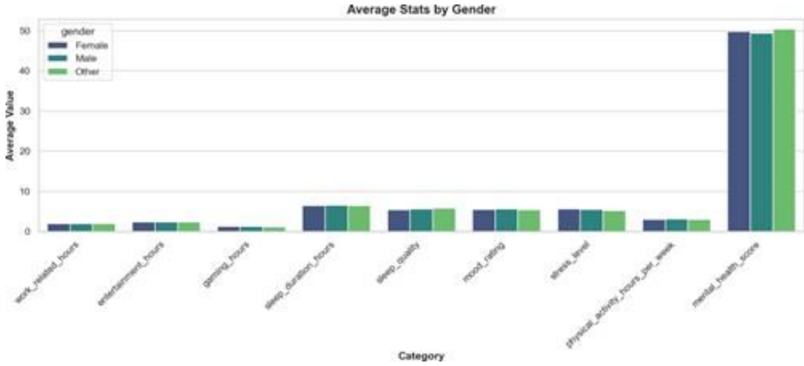
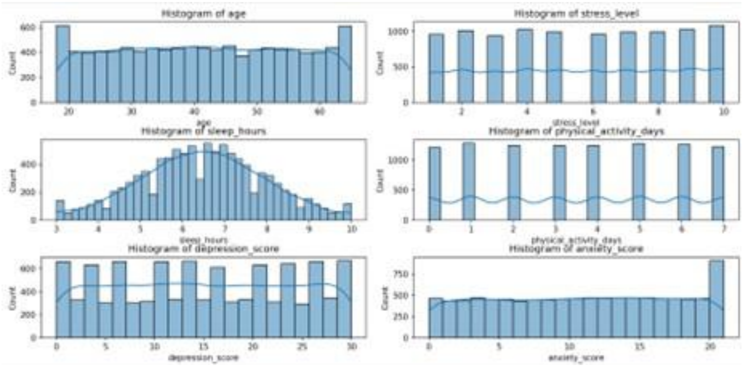
outcomes. For instance, the mental health score appears to be highest for the 'Other' gender category, while other metrics show varied patterns across genders, such as similar average stress levels but differing average sleep durations.



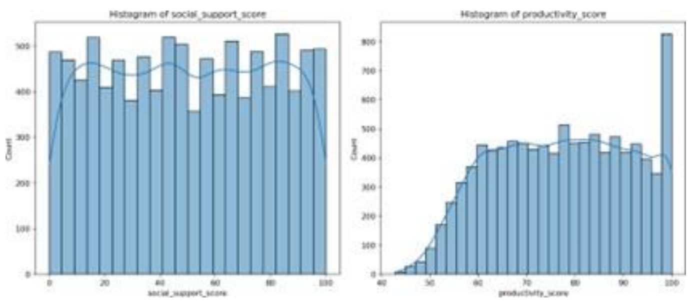
★ Histograms of Key Variables

This figure presents a series of histograms for key numerical variables: age, stress_level, sleep_hours, physical_activity_days, depression_score, and anxiety_score. These histograms show the distribution of each variable, with a superimposed kernel density estimate (KDE) to illustrate the shape of the distribution. For example, 'age' and 'sleep_hours' appear to have somewhat normal or slightly skewed bell-shaped distributions, while 'stress_level' and 'physical_activity_days' show more uniform distributions across their respective ranges.

'Depression_score' and 'anxiety_score' also exhibit distinct specific distributional patterns often skewed towards lower scores but with a spread indicating varying levels.



This figure continues the histogram series, displaying the distributions of 'social_support_score' and 'productivity_score'. The 'social_support_score' appears to be fairly evenly distributed and is a relatively uniform distribution across its range indicating a wide spread of social support levels among individuals, while the 'productivity_score' shows a left-skewed distribution, with a higher concentration of individuals reporting higher productivity scores (closer to 100), and fewer individuals at very low productivity levels.



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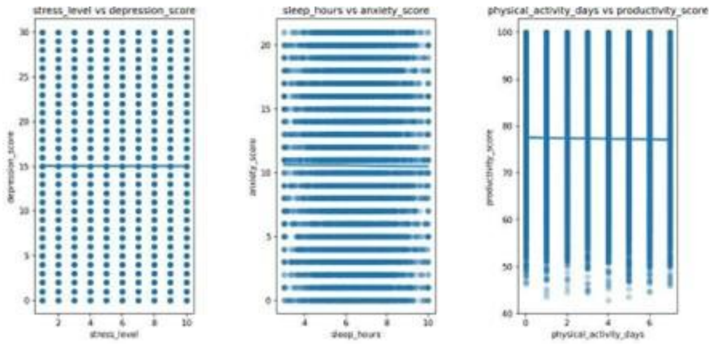
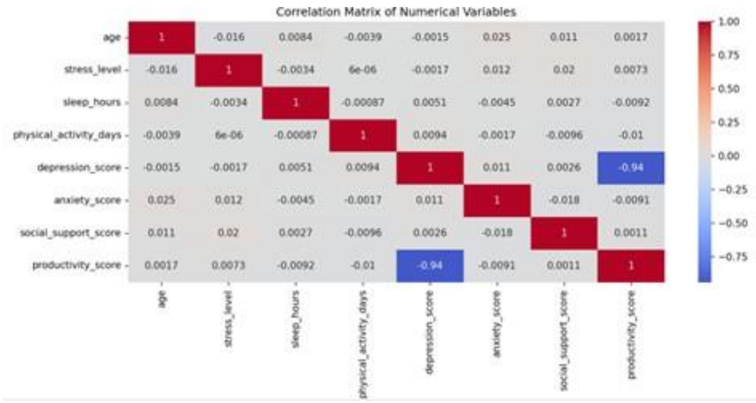
★ Scatter Plots of Key Relationships

This figure comprises three scatter plots examining relationships between specific variables. The first plot, "stress_level vs depression_score," shows a scattered and widely dispersed distribution with a horizontal line, suggesting around a depression score of 15 implying weak and little direct linear correlation between stress level and depression score in this dataset. The second plot, "sleep_hours vs anxiety_score," similarly shows a scattered distribution with a horizontal line around an anxiety score of 10, indicating a weak or no direct and a limited linear relationship between sleep hours and anxiety. The third plot, "physical_activity_days vs productivity_score," similarly exhibits a scattered distribution of data points with a horizontal line around a productivity score of 75-80, suggesting a limited and weak direct linear correlation between physical activity days and productivity. These plots highlight the spread of data points for these paired variables rather than strong linear trends.



★ Correlation Matrix of Numerical Variables

This heatmap displays the pairwise correlation coefficients between various numerical variables (age, stress_level, sleep_hours, physical_activity_days, depression_score, anxiety_score, social_support_score, and productivity_score). The color intensity and scale indicate the strength and direction of the correlation. Most correlations appear to be very weak (close to 0). Notably, there is a strong negative correlation between depression_score and productivity_score (-0.94) implying that as depression scores increase, productivity scores tend to decrease. Similarly, anxiety_score and social_support_score (-0.91) show a strong negative correlation, suggesting that higher depression and anxiety are associated with lower productivity and social support, respectively.



★ Pair Plots of Mental Health Metrics by Risk

This figure presents a matrix of scatter plots and kernel density estimates, showing the relationships between stress_level, sleep_hours, depression_score, and anxiety_score, with data points colored according to mental_health_risk (High, Medium, Low). The diagonal plots show the distribution of each variable for different risk groups, where higher density for high-risk groups is seen at higher depression and anxiety scores. The off-diagonal plots show the pairwise relationships(e.g., stress_level vs. depression_score), allowing for visual inspection of how these variables interact and how these interactions differ across mental health risk levels. For instance, higher depression and anxiety scores are concentrated in the "High" mental health risk group.

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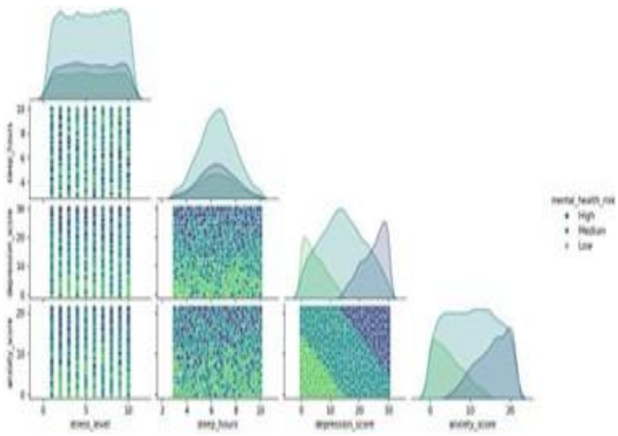
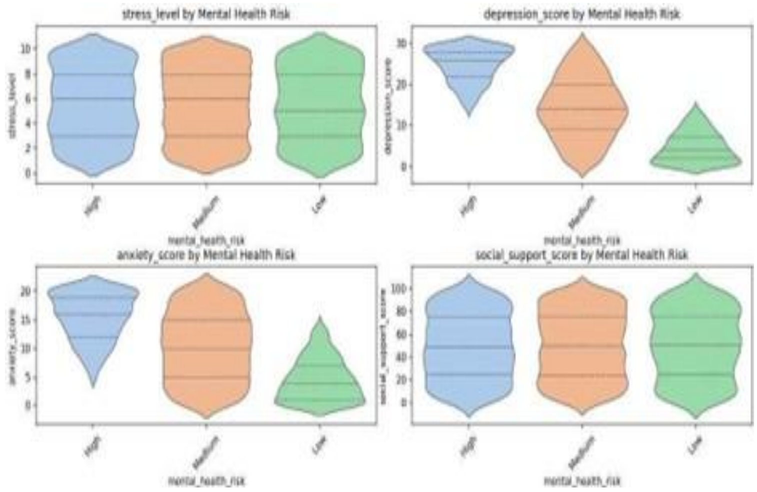


★ Violin Plots of Key Metrics by Mental Health Risk

This figure uses violin plots to visualize the distribution of 'stress_level', 'depression_score', 'anxiety_score', and 'social_support_score' across different mental health risk categories (High, Medium, Low).

The shape of each "violin" indicates the density of data points at different values, while the internal dashed lines and box plot show the median and interquartile range.

This allows for a more detailed comparison of the spread and central tendency of these variables for each risk group. For instance 'depression_score' and 'anxiety_score', the plots clearly show that higher scores are concentrated in the "High" mental health risk group, with the distribution shifting towards lower scores as the risk decreases to "Medium" and "Low". 'Stress_level' and 'social_support_score' distributions also vary across risk groups, though perhaps less dramatically.



★ Box Plots of Key Metrics by Mental Health Risk

Similar to the violin plots, this figure uses box plots to illustrate the distribution of various numerical variables (age, stress_level, sleep_hours, physical_activity_days, depression_score, anxiety_score, social_support_score, and productivity_score) across the three mental health risk categories (High, Medium, Low). These plots clearly show the median, interquartile range, and potential outliers for each variable within each risk group, reinforcing the patterns seen in the violin plots, particularly for depression and anxiety scores.

For example, 'depression_score' and 'anxiety_score' show significantly higher medians and interquartile ranges for the "High" mental health risk group, progressively decreasing for "Medium" and "Low" risk. 'Productivity_score', conversely, tends to be lower for "High" risk and higher for "Low" risk.

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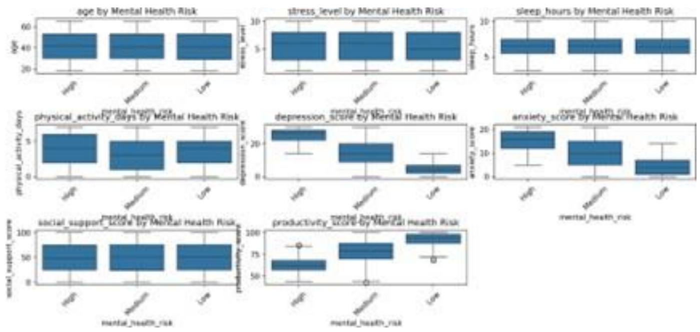
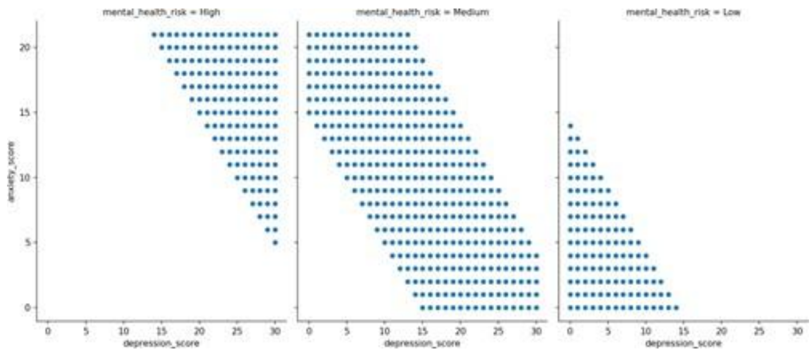


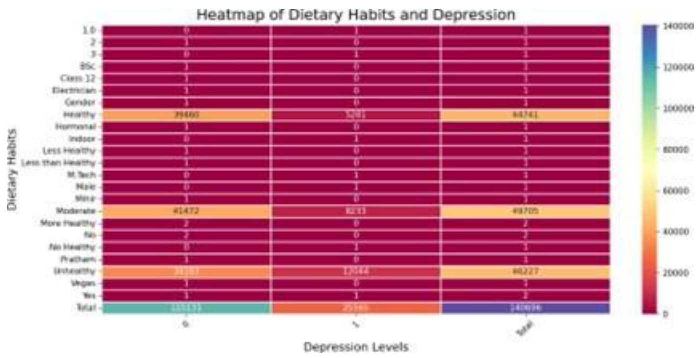
★ Correlation of Anxiety and Depression with Mental Health Risk

This figure presents three scatter plots, each representing a mental_health_risk level (High, Medium, Low), illustrating the relationship between depression_score(X-axis) and anxiety_score(Y-axis). For "High" mental health risk, both depression and anxiety scores are generally higher, forming a broader cluster of higher values. As the risk decreases to "Medium" and "Low," the range of both depression and anxiety scores tends to shift towards lower values, indicating a strong positive relationship between these two scores and mental health risk and forming progressively tighter clusters in the lower score ranges. This visually confirms a strong positive correlation where higher depression scores are generally accompanied by higher anxiety scores, and this relationship is most pronounced at higher mental health risk levels.



★ Heatmap of Dietary Habits and Depression

This heatmap visualizes the relationship between dietary habits and depression levels. The rows represent different dietary habits (e.g., Healthy, Less Healthy, Unhealthy, Moderate), and the columns represent depression levels (likely binary, 0 for no depression, 1 for depression, and a 'Total' column). The rows represent various dietary habits (e.g., Healthy, Less Healthy, Unhealthy, Moderate, etc.), and the columns represent depression levels. The colored cells indicate the count of individuals for each combination, with a color bar on the right showing the count scale(from 0 to 140,000). This allows for an immediate visual assessment of how different dietary habits correlate with the presence or absence of depression. For instance, for 'Healthy' dietary habits, there are 39,460 individuals with depression level '0' and 5,281 with depression level '1', totaling 44,741. In contrast, for 'Unhealthy' habits, there are 34,183 with depression level '0' and 12,044 with depression level '1', totaling 46,227.



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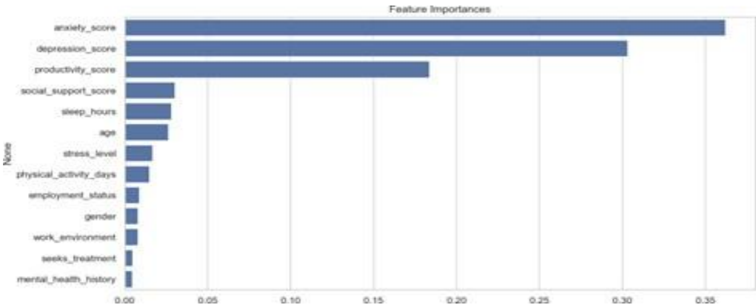
This suggests that while the total number of individuals with unhealthy habits might be similar, a higher proportion of them report depression (level 1). The 'Total' row at the bottom sums the counts for each depression level, indicating a larger population overall without depression (115,131) compared to those with depression (25,565), resulting in a total of 140,696 respondents.

★ Feature Importances

This horizontal bar chart displays the relative importance of different features in predicting a target variable (likely mental health risk or a related outcome) in a machine learning model. anxiety_score is shown to be the most important feature with an importance value exceeding 0.35, followed by depression_score(around 0.30) and productivity_score(around 0.18). Other features such as social_support_score, sleep_hours, age, and stress_level also contribute, but to a lesser extent, indicating their varying predictive power in the model.

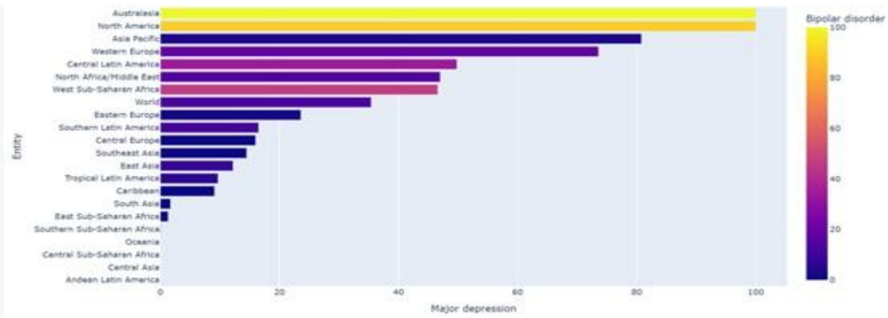
Features like mental_health_history and seeks_treatment show very low importance.



★ Regional Prevalence of Bipolar Disorder and Major Depression

This horizontal bar chart shows the prevalence of major depression(X-axis) and bipolar disorder (indicated by the color scale) across different geographical entities(Y-axis).

North America and Australasia appear to have the highest prevalence of major depression (approaching 100 on the X-axis for North America), and also show the highest intensity of bipolar disorder (yellow color, indicating 100 on the color scale), while regions like Central Asia and Andean Latin America show significantly lower rates suggesting considerable regional disparities in the burden of these mental health disorders. The color bar indicates the intensity of bipolar disorder prevalence, suggesting that regions with higher major depression also tend to have higher bipolar disorder.



★ Regional Prevalence of Eating Disorders and Dysthymia

Similar to the previous figure, this horizontal bar chart illustrates the prevalence of eating disorders (X-axis) and dysthymia (indicated by the color scale) across various geographical entities. North America again shows a very high prevalence (approaching 90 on the X-axis), coupled with the highest intensity of dysthymia (yellow color).

Followed by Central Latin America and Western Europe showing notable prevalence. Regions such as East Sub-Saharan Africa and Southern Latin America show much lower rates. This figure further highlights regional disparities in mental health conditions, with the color bar indicating the intensity of Dysthymia prevalence.

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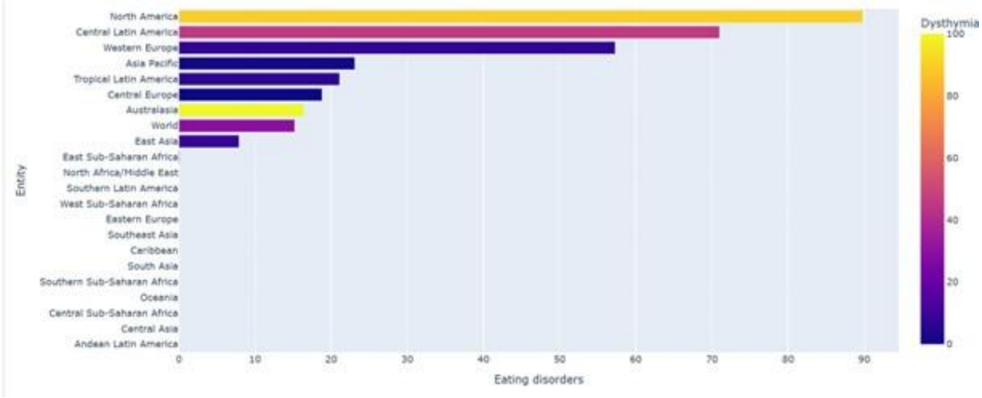
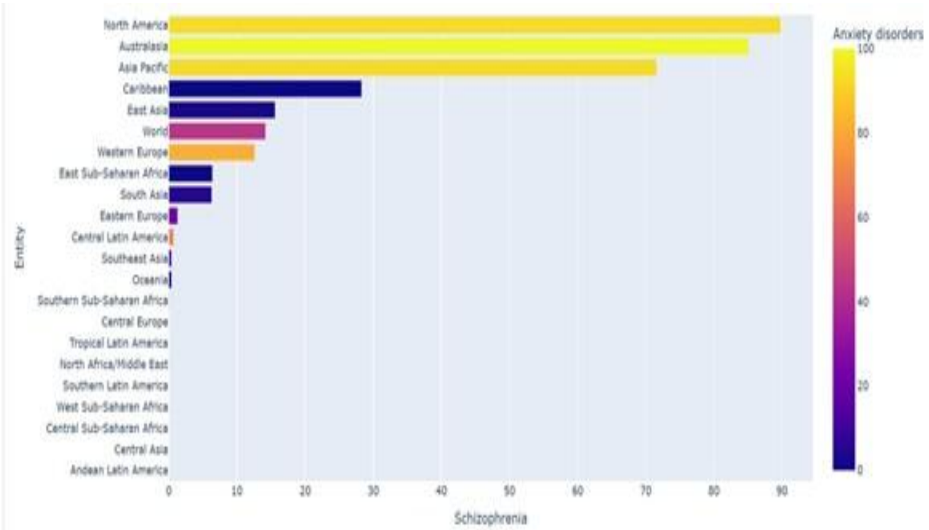


★ Regional Prevalence of Schizophrenia and Anxiety Disorders

This horizontal bar chart displays the prevalence of schizophrenia (X-axis) and anxiety disorders (indicated by the color scale) by geographical entity. North America and Australasia once more exhibit the highest prevalence for anxiety disorders (yellow color on the scale implying 100), with a somewhat similar pattern for schizophrenia (over 80 on the X-axis for North America), although the overall prevalence numbers for schizophrenia appear lower. Asia Pacific also shows a high prevalence in both categories. In contrast, regions like Central Latin America and Oceania report very low prevalence rates. This figure reinforces the pattern of certain regions experiencing a higher burden of multiple mental health conditions.



★ Actual vs Predicted Depression Scores

This scatter plot compares the actual depression scores(X-axis) with the predicted depression scores(Y-axis) from a model. The data points cluster around a dashed red line that represents a perfect prediction (where actual scores perfectly match predicted scores). While there is a general positive correlation, indicating that the model has some predictive power, the spread of the points around the line suggests that there are still variations and inaccuracies in the model's predictions. The model tends to predict lower scores for very high actual depression scores and higher scores for very low actual depression scores, suggesting some degree of regression to the mean.

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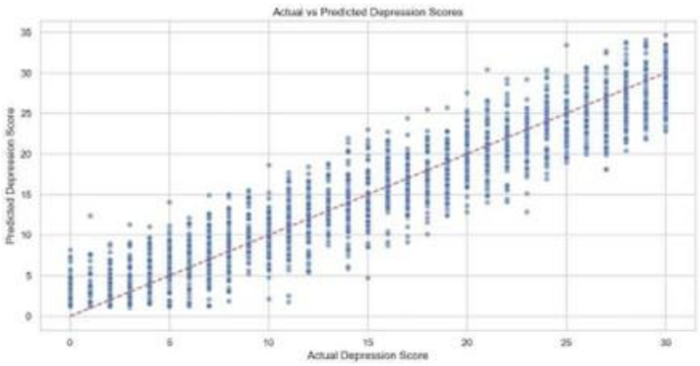

Analysis

My report has systematically explored various factors influencing mental health, drawing insights from a comprehensive set of visualizations. The analysis reveals several critical relationships and patterns within the dataset, providing a foundation for understanding the multifaceted nature of mental well-being.

- **Key Drivers of Mental Health Outcomes:** A consistent and powerful theme emerging from the analysis is the profound inverse relationship between **depression score**, **anxiety score**, and positive mental health outcomes such as **productivity score** and **social support score**. The correlation matrix explicitly shows strong negative correlations (e.g., -0.94 between depression and productivity, -0.91 between anxiety and social support). This is further reinforced by the box plots and violin plots which demonstrate that individuals in the "High" mental health risk category consistently exhibit higher depression and anxiety scores and lower productivity and social support scores, compared to those in "Medium" and "Low" risk groups. The feature importance analysis solidifies this, identifying anxiety, depression, and productivity scores as the most influential factors in predicting mental health risk, underscoring their central role in mental well-being.

- **Gender-Specific Trends:** Gender appears to play a nuanced role in mental health. While females show a higher cumulative mental health score overall, the average depression score is slightly higher for males. Furthermore, a greater *absolute number* of males reported having suicidal thoughts, even though the *proportion* of females within their gender group who responded 'Yes' was slightly higher. These findings suggest that while females might report better general mental health, males could be more susceptible to higher depression levels and exhibit a greater raw count of suicidal ideation, warranting gender-specific mental health interventions and support.

- **Impact of Lifestyle and Demographic Factors:** The distributions of key lifestyle metrics such as stress level, sleep hours, and physical activity days are generally wide. However, the scatter plots indicate a surprisingly weak direct linear correlation between these individual factors and depression, anxiety, or productivity. This suggests that the relationship between these lifestyle factors and mental health may be more complex, potentially non-linear, or influenced by mediating variables not fully captured in simple pairwise linear correlations. Age, while showing a general distribution, did not emerge as a strong correlator with mental health metrics, nor did it significantly differentiate mental health risk groups in box plots.

- **Dietary Habits and Depression:** The heatmap on dietary habits and depression provides compelling evidence that "Unhealthy" dietary habits are associated with a higher count of individuals experiencing depression (12,044 individuals with depression level 1 for "Unhealthy" vs. 5,281 for "Healthy"). This points towards a potential link between nutrition and mental well-being, suggesting that dietary interventions could be a valuable area for further research in mental health support.

- **Regional Disparities in Mental Health Burden:** A striking pattern across the regional prevalence maps is the consistently higher prevalence of various mental health disorders (major depression, bipolar disorder, eating disorders, dysthymia, schizophrenia, and anxiety disorders) in regions like North America and Australasia. Conversely, regions such as Central Asia and parts of Latin America consistently show lower reported prevalence. This highlights significant geographical disparities in the global burden of mental illness, which could be attributed to a multitude of factors including awareness, reporting, diagnostic practices, cultural perceptions, and socioeconomic conditions.

- **Predictive Model Performance:** The "Actual vs Predicted Depression Scores" plot indicates that while the model has some predictive capability for depression scores, there is a noticeable scatter around the ideal prediction line. This suggests that while core features like anxiety and productivity are strong indicators, other uncaptured variables or the inherent complexity of mental health contribute to the variance, meaning there's room for model refinement or a deeper understanding of influencing factors.

CONCLUSION:

In summary, my analysis strongly implicates depression and anxiety scores, alongside productivity and social support, as paramount indicators and determinants of mental health risk. While gender introduces interesting nuances, and dietary habits show promising links to depression, the relationships of other lifestyle factors appear more intricate than simple linear correlations. The pronounced regional disparities underscore the need for culturally sensitive and geographically tailored mental health strategies. The insights derived from my dataset provide a robust foundation for developing targeted interventions and further in-depth research into the holistic factors shaping mental well-being.