



Anti-Spam detection and interpretation

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Introduction

Problem statement: Display linguistic interpretation of a spam detection algorithm

- Train a NN model to solve the spam detection problem
- Implement XAI methods for interpretation purpose

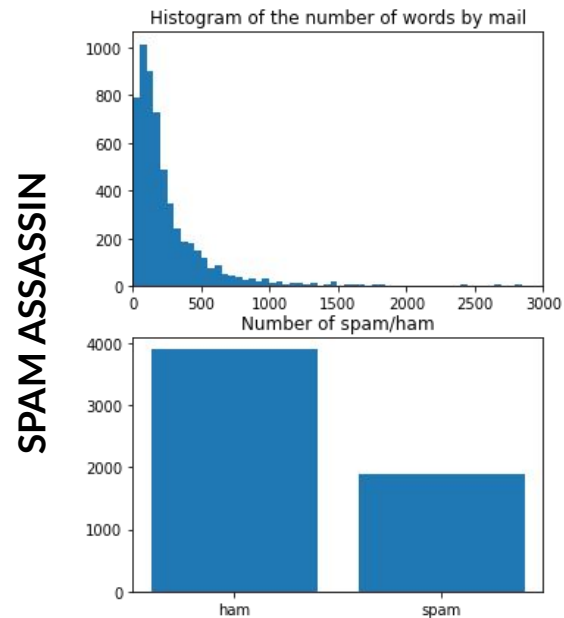
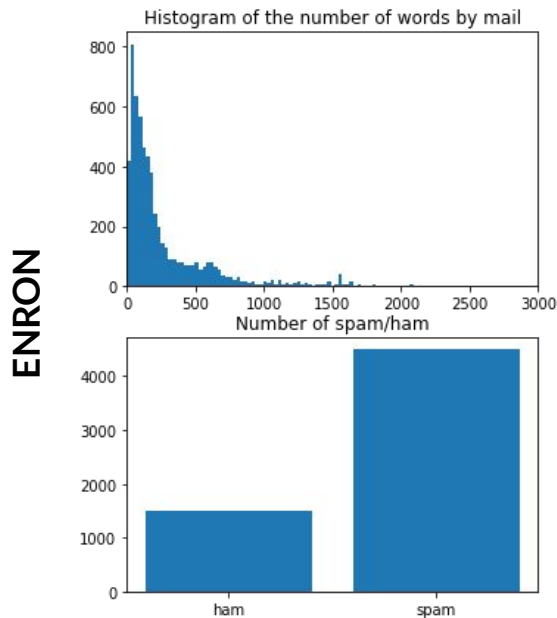




Data Sets

- **Enron** → professional e-mail
- **Spam Assassin** → more generic e-mail

Exploratory Data Analysis



HAM

SPAM

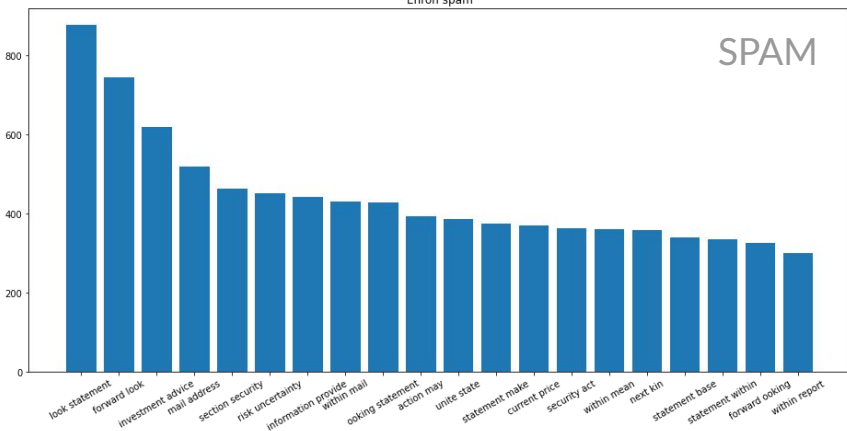
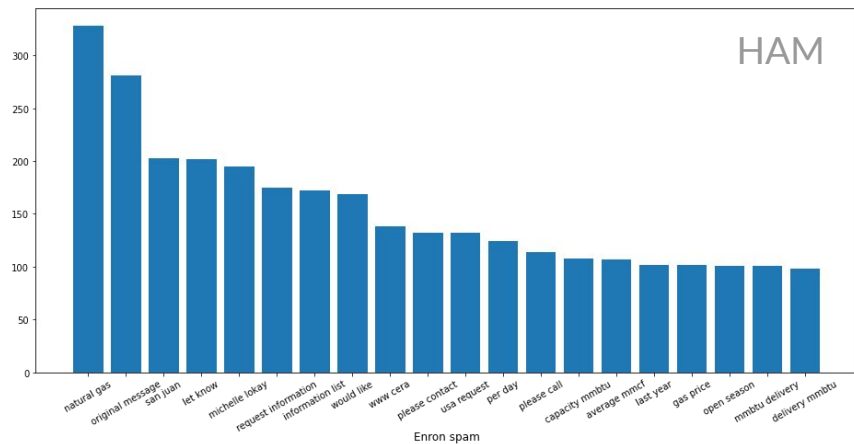
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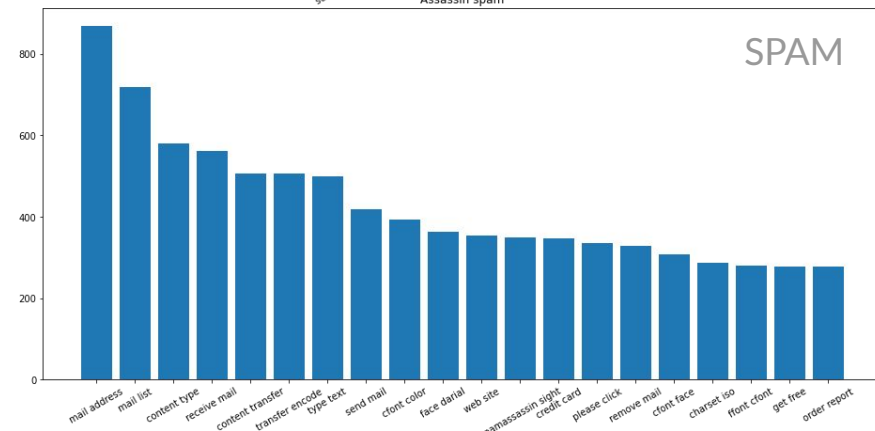
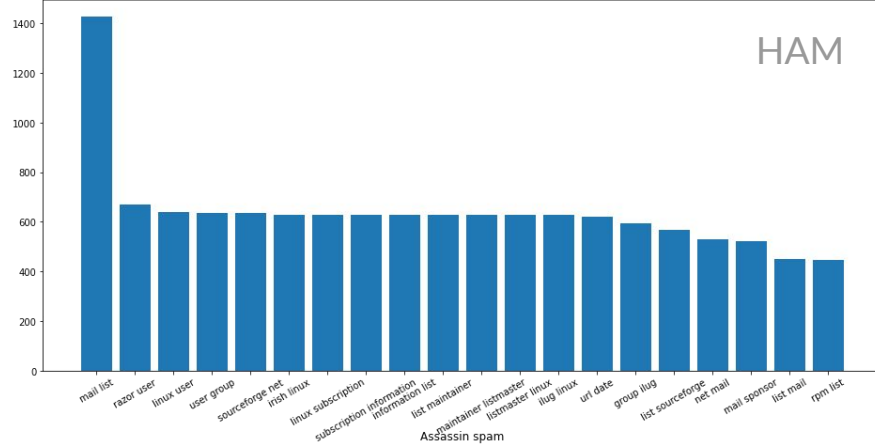
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Classification

CountVectorizer + Naive Bayesian



Neural Network



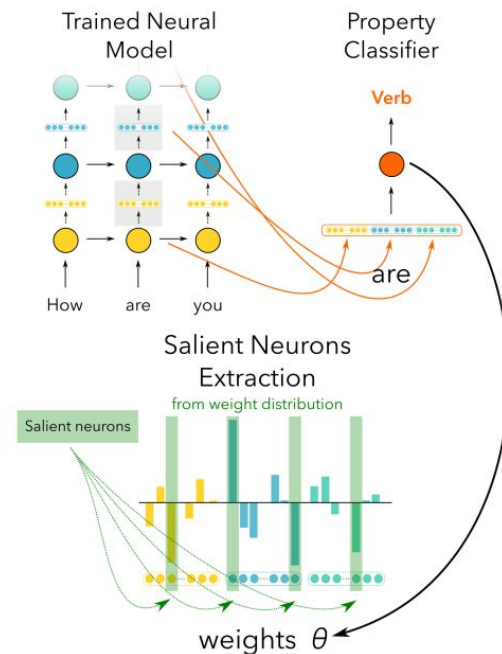


XAI - Linguistic Correlation Analysis

- Find a way to rank importance of each neuron in given model
- Visualize how words in sentences affects neurons

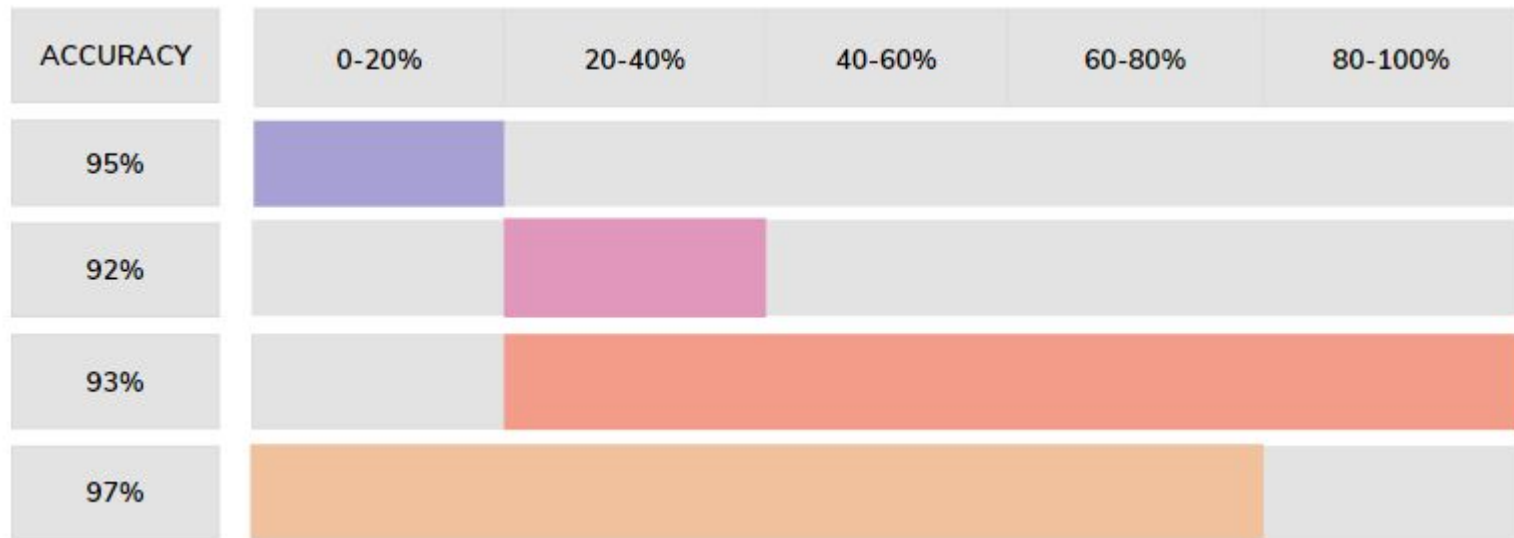
Question. What kind of neuron is best?

1. Get neuron values for each data in test set
2. Train logistic regression model on neuron values and target values from test set
3. Extract coefficients and rank them based on absolute value
4. Check if this ranking works based on network results outputs with chosen subset of neurons





Do this method works?





How to get which word changes values most?

For given word get how values of top #N of neuron changes based on ablation of a word.

- Get copies of sentence each without one word
- Get them through network saving neuron values for each word
- Calculate changes based on average or individual neurons.
- Print nicely effect of each word.

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Note! Red and Green colors in each sentence don't mean green is ham and red is not

Examples

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Conclusion, Problems and what to Improve

There are methods to visualize how words affect sentences and how given neurons work.

Method of picking best neurons tends to choose values from last layers as there are usually less neurons so they have bigger “power”. Not being able to directly spot spam words but only with changes in values makes output not obvious. Big computational power for long inputs.

Get more data, with more complicated model. Find a way to search for a given word / words / part of speech in neurons to find most important ones. Pick better logistic model for neuron rank extraction, use more advanced algorithm.



XAI - Frozen weights method

- Freeze the weights of each neuron of our neural network
- Train other models on basic linguistic properties
- Compare the weights of our model with that of the others



XAI - Frozen weights method

How can we find the linguistic properties attached to our model ?

- Classification
- Optimization
- Embedding



Classification

Train another NN on the family of models to detect the presence of the specified linguistic properties, then apply it on the model.

- + Efficient
- + Adaptable
- Heavy computational power needed
- Unable to combine properties



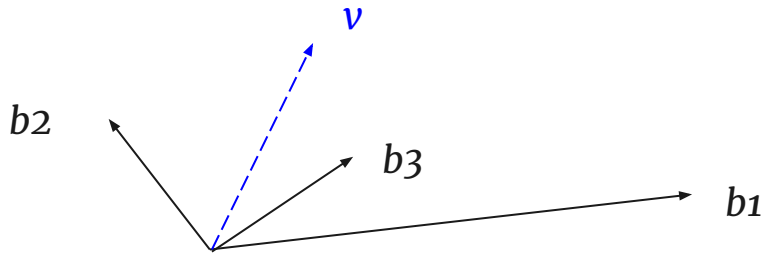
Optimization

Find the closest model from the family to ours.

- + Adaptable
- + In certain cases the best solution
- Combinatorial optimization
- Unable to combine properties -> need for a big family of model
- An optimum isn't necessary "close" in the absolute

Projection / Embedding

- By flattening the weights, we can describe a NN as a vector
- Idea : describe our model by a linear combination of other models



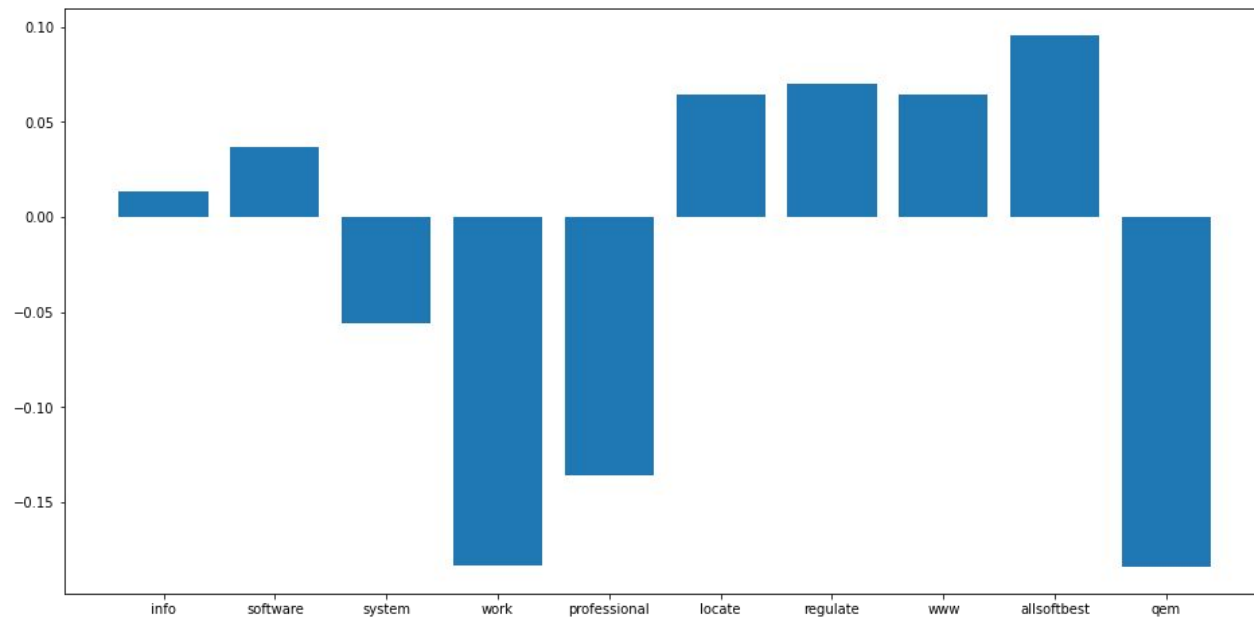


Model embedding

- + Much faster
- + Able to combine properties
- Need to extract an adapted basis from the model family
- Linear combination of linguistic properties



Model embedding





Further work

- Improve the selection of the family of model (reduce intercorrelation)
- Compare for different choices of basis / properties
- Study possible transformations
- Compare with other methods

Questions