Before you turn this problem in, make sure everything runs as expected. First, **restart the kernel** (in the menubar, select Kernel $\rightarrow$ Restart) and then **run all cells** (in the menubar, select Cell $\rightarrow$ Run All).

Make sure you fill in any place that says YOUR CODE HERE or "YOUR ANSWER HERE", as well as your name and collaborators below:

```
In [1]: NAME = "Connor McCormick"
    COLLABORATORS = "Matt Brennan"
```

# **Homework 4: Spam/Ham Classification**

# Feature Engineering, Logistic Regression, Cross Validation

Due Date: 11/1/18, 11:59PM

### **Course Policies**

Here are some important course policies. These are also located at <a href="http://www.ds100.org/fa18/">http://www.ds100.org/fa18/</a>. <a href="http://www.ds100.org/fa18/">(http://www.ds100.org/fa18/</a>).

### **Collaboration Policy**

Data science is a collaborative activity. While you may talk with others about the homework, we ask that you write your solutions individually. If you do discuss the assignments with others please include their names at the top of your solution.

# **This Assignment**

In this homework, you will use what you've learned in class to create a classifier that can distinguish spam (junk or commercial or bulk) emails from ham (non-spam) emails. In addition to providing some skeleton code to fill in, we will evaluate your work based on your model's accuracy and your written responses in this notebook.

After this homework, you should feel comfortable with the following:

- · Feature engineering with text data
- · Using sklearn libraries to process data and fit models
- Validating the performance of your model and minimize overfitting
- Generating and analyzing precision recall curves

# Warning

We've tried our best to filter the data for anything blatantly offensive as best as we can, but unfortunately there may still be some examples you may find in poor taste. If you encounter these examples and believe it is inappropriate for students, please let a TA know and we will try to remove it for future semesters. Thanks for your understanding!

# Regarding Submissions - IMPORTANT, PLEASE READ

For this assignment and future assignments (homework and projects) you will also submit your free response and plotting questions to Gradescope. To do this, you can download as PDF; there are two ways to do this:

- 1. File > Print Preview ----> Save website as PDF
- 2. Control/Command + P ----> Save website as PDF

If you are having trouble with text being cut off in the generated PDF:

• For cells containing text surrounded in triple quotes (e.g. """ Hello world """), you can press enter in the middle of the string to push the text to a new line so that all the text stays within the box.

You are responsible for submitting and tagging your answers in Gradescope. For each free response and plotting question, please include:

- 1. Relevant code used to generate the plot or inform your insights
- 2. The written free response or plot

# Part I - Initial Analysis

### **Loading in the Data**

The dataset consists of email messages and their labels (0 for ham, 1 for spam).

Your labeled dataset contains 8348 labeled examples, and the test set contains 1000 unlabeled examples.

Run the following cells to load in the data into DataFrames.

The train DataFrame contains labeled data that you will use to train your model. It contains four columns:

- 1. id: An identifier for the training example.
- 2. subject: The subject of the email
- 3. email: The text of the email.
- 4. spam: 1 if the email was spam, 0 if the email was ham (not spam).

The test DataFrame contains another set of 1000 unlabeled examples. You will predict labels for these examples and submit your predictions to Kaggle for evaluation.

```
In [4]: from utils import fetch_and_cache_gdrive
    fetch_and_cache_gdrive('1SCASpLZFKCp2zek-toR3xeKX3DZnBSyp', 'train.csv')
    fetch_and_cache_gdrive('1ZDFo9OTF96B5GP2Nzn8P8-AL7CTQXmC0', 'test.csv')

original_training_data = pd.read_csv('data/train.csv')
    test = pd.read_csv('data/test.csv')

# Convert the emails to lower case as a first step to processing the tex
    t
    original_training_data['email'] = original_training_data['email'].str.lo
    wer()
    test['email'] = test['email'].str.lower()

original_training_data.head()
```

Using version already downloaded: Fri Oct 26 21:33:10 2018 MD5 hash of file: 0380c4cf72746622947b9ca5db9b8be8 Using version already downloaded: Fri Oct 26 21:33:09 2018 MD5 hash of file: a2e7abd8c7d9abf6e6fafc1d1f9ee6bf

### Out[4]:

	id	subject	email	spam
0	0	Subject: A&L Daily to be auctioned in bankrupt	url: http://boingboing.net/#85534171\n date: n	0
1	1	Subject: Wired: "Stronger ties between ISPs an	url: http://scriptingnews.userland.com/backiss	0
2	2	Subject: It's just too small	<html>\n <head>\n </head>\n <body>\n <font siz<="" th=""><th>1</th></font></body></html>	1
3	3	Subject: liberal defnitions\n	depends on how much over spending vs. how much	0
4	4	Subject: RE: [ILUG] Newbie seeks advice - Suse	hehe sorry but if you hit caps lock twice the	0

### **Question 1a**

First let's check if our data contains any nan values. *Fill in the cell below to print whether any of the columns contain nan values*. If there are nan values, replace them with the appropriate filler values. In other words, a nan value in the subject column should be replaced with an empty string.

Note that while there are no nan values in the spam column, we should be careful when replacing nan values when they are the labels. Doing so without consideration may introduce significant bias into our model when fitting.

```
In [5]: original_training_data.isnull().values.any()
    original_training_data.fillna("", inplace=True)
    #raise NotImplementedError()
```

# **Question 1b**

In the cell below, print the text of the first ham and the first spam email in the original training set. Then, discuss one thing you notice that is different between the two that might relate to the identification of spam.

```
In [6]: # Print the text of the first ham and the first spam emails. Then, fill
    in your response in the q01 variable:
    first_ham = original_training_data[original_training_data['spam'] == 0].
    head(1)
    first_spam = original_training_data[original_training_data['spam'] == 1]
    .head(1)

#raise NotImplementedError()
```

- In [7]: first\_ham['email'][0]
- Out[7]: 'url: http://boingboing.net/#85534171\n date: not supplied\n \n arts an d letters daily, a wonderful and dense blog, has folded up its tent due \n to the bankruptcy of its parent company. a&l daily will be auctioned off by the \n receivers. link[1] discuss[2] (\_thanks, misha!\_)\n \n [1] http://www.aldaily.com/\n [2] http://www.quicktopic.com/boing/h/zlfterj nd6jf\n \n \n'
- In [8]: first\_spam['email'].iloc[0]
- Out[8]: '<html>\n <head>\n </head>\n <body>\n <font size=3d"4"><b> a man endowe d with a 7-8" hammer is simply<br>\n better equipped than a man with a 5-6"hammer. <br>\n <br>>would you rather have<br>>more than enough to get the job done or fall =\n short. it\'s totally up<br>>br>to you. our methods are guaranteed to increase y=\n our size by 1-3"<br/>209.163.187.47/cgi-bin/index.php?10=\n 004">come in here and see how</a >\n </body>\n </html>\n \n \n'
- In [9]: # This is a cell with just a comment but don't delete me if you want to
   get credit.

From just looking at the differences between first\_ham and first\_spam, the only weird attribute I noticed was that the email for first\_spam had things in brackets (<>). When looking at the entire dataset so follow up on my hypothesis, I found that a lot of the emails labeled spam have email contents containing the same pattern of brackets in their email content. This might be an indicator for spam emails.

# **Training Validation Split**

The training data we downloaded is all the data we have available for both training models and **validating** the models that we train. We therefore need to split the training data into separate training and validation datsets. You will need this **validation data** to validate your model once you are finished training. Note that we set the seed (random\_state) to 42. This will produce a pseudo-random sequence of random numbers. Do not modify this in the following questions, as our assert statements depend on this random seed.

```
In [10]: from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
    [train, val] = train_test_split(original_training_data, test_size=0.1, r
    andom_state=42)
```

# **Basic Feature Engineering**

We would like to take the text of an email and predict whether the text is ham or spam. This is a *classification* problem, so we can use logistic regression to make a classifier. Recall that to train an logistic regression model we need a numeric feature matrix  $\Phi$  (pronounced phi as in wifi) and corresponding binary labels Y. Unfortunately, our data are text, not numbers. To address this, we can create numeric features derived from the email text and use those features for logistic regression.

Each row of  $\Phi$  is derived from one email example. Each column of  $\Phi$  is one feature. We'll guide you through creating a simple feature, and you'll create more interesting ones when you are trying to increase your accuracy.

# **Question 2**

Create a function called words\_in\_texts that takes in a list of words and a pandas Series of email texts. It should output a 2-dimensional NumPy array containing one row for each email text. The row should contain either a 0 or a 1 for each word in the list: 0 if the word doesn't appear in the text and 1 if the word does. For example:

```
In [12]:
         # If this doesn't error, your function outputs the correct output for th
         is example
         assert np.allclose(words_in_texts(['hello', 'bye', 'world'],
                                            pd.Series(['hello', 'hello world hell
         0'])),
                            np.array([[1, 0, 0],
                                       [1, 0, 1]))
         assert np.allclose(words in texts(['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'g'],
                                            pd.Series(['a b c d e f g', 'a', 'b',
         'c', 'd e f g', 'h', 'a h'])),
                            np.array([[1,1,1,1,1,1,1],
                                       [1,0,0,0,0,0,0],
                                       [0,1,0,0,0,0,0]
                                       [0,0,1,0,0,0,0],
                                       [0,0,0,1,1,1,1]
                                       [0,0,0,0,0,0,0],
                                       [1,0,0,0,0,0,0]]))
```

# **Basic EDA**

Now we need to identify some features that allow us to tell spam and ham emails apart. One idea is to compare the distribution of a single feature in spam emails to the distribution of the same feature in ham emails. If the feature is itself a binary indicator, such as whether a certain word occurs in the text, this amounts to comparing the proportion of spam emails with the word to the proportion of ham emails with the word.

# **Question 3a**

Create a bar chart comparing the proportion of spam and ham emails containing certain words. It should look like the following plot (which was created using sns.barplot), but you should choose your own words as candidate features. Make sure to use the training set (after splitting).



### Hint:

 You can use DataFrame's .melt method to "unpivot" a DataFrame. See the following code cell for example

Our Original DataFrame has some words column and a type column. You can think of each row is a sentence, and the value of 1 or 0 indicates the number of occurances of the word in this sentence.

	type	word_1	word_2
0	spam	1	0
1	ham	0	1
2	ham	1	0
3	ham	0	1

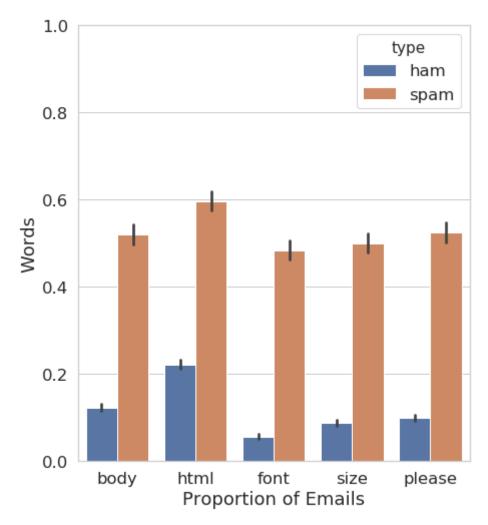
melt will turn columns into variale, notice how word\_1 and word\_2 become variable, their values are stoed in the value column

	type	variable	value
0	spam	word_1	1
1	ham	word_1	0
2	ham	word_1	1
3	ham	word_1	0
4	spam	word_2	0
5	ham	word_2	1
6	ham	word_2	0
7	ham	word_2	1

In [14]: train.head()

Out[14]:					
		id subject		email	spam
	7657	7657	Subject: Patch to enable/disable log\n	while i was playing with the past issues, it a	0
	6911	6911	Subject: When an engineer flaps his wings\n	url: http://diveintomark.org/archives/2002/10/	0
	6074	6074	Subject: Re: [Razor-users] razor plugins for m	no, please post a link!\n \n fox\n origi	0
	4376	4376	Subject: NYTimes.com Article: Stop Those Press	this article from nytimes.com \n has been sent	0
	5766	5766	Subject: What's facing FBI's new CIO? (Tech Up	<html>\n <head>\n <title>tech update today&lt;/ti&lt;/th&gt;&lt;th&gt;0&lt;/th&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;/tbody&gt;&lt;/table&gt;</title></head></html>	

In [15]: #train=train.reset index() # We must do this in order to preserve the or dering of emails to labels for words in texts words = ['body', 'html', 'font', 'size', "please"] #words = ['100', 'align', 'all', 'an', 'and', 'any', 'are', 'arial'] #words = ['as', 'at', 'be', 'bgcolor', 'body', 'border', 'br', 'by', 'ca n', 'cellpadding', 'cellspacing', 'center'] #words = ['charset', 'click', 'color', 'com', 'content', 'do', 'email', 'face', 'font', 'for', 'free', 'from', 'get'] #words = ['have', 'head', 'here', 'href', 'html', 'http', 'if', 'in', 'i
nformation', 'is', 'it', 'list', 'mail', 'more']
#words = ['name', 'nbsp', 'net', 'new', 'no', 'not', 'now', 'of', 'on', 'one', 'only', 'or', 'our', 'out', 'please'] #words = ['receive', 'remove', 'removed', 'size', 'table', 'td', 'text', 'that', 'the', 'this', 'time', 'title', 'to'] #words = ['tr', 'type', 'up', 'us', 'we', 'width', 'will', 'with', 'ww w', 'you', 'your'] goldenWords = ['width', 'removed', 'title', 'remove', 'title', 'td', 'please', 'nbsp', 'href', 'color', 'font', 'align'] word array = words in texts(words, train['email']) preMelt = pd.DataFrame(data=word array, columns=words) toMerge = train[['spam']] preMelt['type'] = ['ham' if x == 0 else 'spam' for x in toMerge['spam']] melted = preMelt.melt('type') fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(7,8)) sns.barplot(x='variable', y='value', data=melted, hue='type')  $ax.set_ylim(0.0, 1.0)$ plt.xlabel("Proportion of Emails") plt.ylabel("Words"); #raise NotImplementedError()

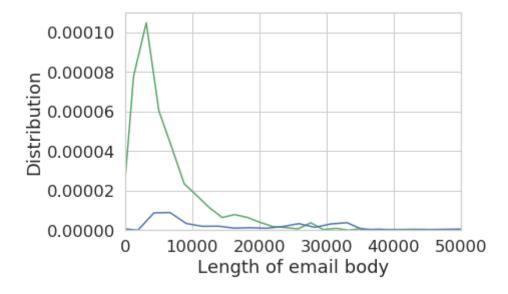


# **Question 3b**

When the feature is binary, it makes sense (as in the previous question) to compare the proportion of 1s in the two classes of email. Otherwise, if the feature can take on many values, it makes sense to compare the distribution under spam to the distribution under ham. Create a class conditional density plot like the one below (which was created using sns.distplot), comparing the distribution of a feature among all spam emails to the distribution of the same feature among all ham emails. You should use your training set (after splitting). You may use the length of the email body or create your own feature. If using length of the email body, please set the xlim to 50000.

training conditional densities

```
In [16]: zeroGraph = train[train['spam'] == 0]['email']
    oneGraph = train[train['spam'] == 1]['email']
    spamLengths = [len(x) for x in oneGraph]
    hamLengths = [len(x) for x in zeroGraph]
    fig, ax = plt.subplots()
    sns.distplot(spamLengths, hist=False, color = 'g')
    sns.distplot(hamLengths, hist=False, color = 'b');
    ax.set_xlim(0, 50000)
    plt.xlabel("Length of email body")
    plt.ylabel("Distribution");
    #raise NotImplementedError()
```



# **Basic Classification**

Notice that the output of words\_in\_texts(words, train['email']) is a numeric matrix containing features for each email. This means we can use it directly to train a classifier!

# **Question 4**

We've given you 5 words that might be useful as features to distinguish spam/ham emails. Use these words as well as the train DataFrame to create two NumPy arrays: Phi\_train and Y\_train.

Phi\_train should be a matrix of 0s and 1s created by using your words\_in\_texts function on all the emails in the training set.

Y\_train should be a vector of the correct labels for each email in the training set.

# **Question 5**

Now we have matrices we can give to scikit-learn! Using the <u>LogisticRegression (http://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/generated/sklearn.linear\_model.LogisticRegression.html)</u> classifier, train a logistic regression model using Phi\_train and Y\_train. Then, output the accuracy of the model (on the training data) in the cell below. You should get an accuracy of around 0.75.

```
In [19]: import sklearn.linear_model
    model = sklearn.linear_model.LogisticRegression(fit_intercept=True)
    model.fit(Phi_train, Y_train)
        training_accuracy = sum(model.predict(Phi_train) == Y_train)/(len(Phi_train))

    training_accuracy
    #raise NotImplementedError()

Out[19]: 0.75535738054039669

In [20]: assert training_accuracy > 0.72
```

# **Question 6**

That doesn't seem too shabby! But the classifier you made above isn't as good as this might lead us to believe. First, we are validating on the training set, which may lead to a misleading accuracy measure, especially if we used the training set to identify discriminative features. In future parts of this analysis, it will be safer to hold out some of our data for model validation and comparison.

Presumably, our classifier will be used for **filtering**, i.e. preventing messages labeled spam from reaching someone's inbox. Since we are trying There are two kinds of errors we can make:

- False positive (FP): a ham email gets flagged as spam and filtered out of the inbox.
- False negative (FN): a spam email gets mislabeled as ham and ends up in the inbox.

These definitions depend both on the true labels and the predicted labels. False positives and false negatives may be of differing importance, leading us to consider more ways of evaluating a classifier, in addition to overall accuracy:

**Precision** measures the proportion  $\frac{TP}{TP+FP}$  of emails flagged as spam that are actually spam.

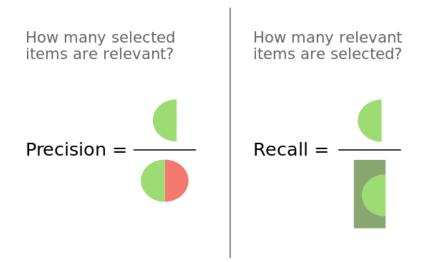
**Recall** measures the proportion  $\frac{TP}{TP+FN}$  of spam emails that were correctly flagged as spam.

**False-alarm rate** measures the proportion  $\frac{FP}{FP+TN}$  of ham emails that were incorrectly flagged as spam.

The following image might help:

# false negatives true negatives true positives false positives

selected elements



Note that a true positive (TP) is a spam email that is classified as spam, and a true negative (TN) is a ham email that is classified as ham. Answer the following questions in the cells below:

• (a) Suppose we have a classifier that just predicts 0 (ham) for every email. How many false positives are there? How many false negatives are there? Provide specific numbers using the training data from Question 4.

- (b) Suppose we have a classifier that just predicts 0 (ham) for every email. What is its accuracy on the training set? What is its recall on the training set?
- (c) What are the precision, recall, and false-alarm rate of the logistic regression classifier in Question 5? Are there more false positives or false negatives?
- (d) Our logistic regression classifier got 75.6% prediction accuracy (number of correct predictions / total). How does this compare with predicting 0 for every email?
- (e) Given the word features we gave you above, name one reason this classifier is performing poorly.
- (f) Which of these two classifiers would you prefer for a spam filter and why? (N.B. there is no "right answer" here but be thoughtful in your reasoning).

```
In [21]: # provide number of FP and FN, respectively,
# for a classifier that always predicts 0 (never predicts positive...)
zero_predictor_fp = sum(~Y_train & 0)
zero_predictor_fn = sum(Y_train & ~0)
#raise NotImplementedError()
```

In [22]: # This is a cell with just a comment but don't delete me if you want to get credit.

```
In [23]: # provide training accuracy & recall, respectively,
# for a classifier that always predicts 0
zero_predictor_acc = sum(0 == Y_train) / len(Phi_train)
zero_predictor_recall = 0 / sum(Y_train & ~0)
#raise NotImplementedError()
```

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- (c) There are much more false negatives. This is probably because our threshhold for deciding something is spam is pretty high.
- (d) Our model's accuracy is only 1.2% more accurate than the predicting zero method. This means that our model really is not doing much for us yet.
- (e)The primary reason I can think of is that it is pretty difficult to predict whether or not an email is spam based on 6 words; not to mention, some of those words are only in the spam emails around 20% 25% of the time.
- (f) With the current state of the model in mind, I would pick the zero predicter classifier. Even though the model has a 1.2% increase in accuracy, it may give us some false positives that could cause major issues. On the other hand, the zero predicter always flags the emails as ham, so I might have to do the spam sorting myself, but at least I won't miss an important email.

# Part II - Moving Forward

With this in mind, it is now your task to make the spam filter more accurate. In order to get full credit on the accuracy part of this assignment, you must get at least 88% accuracy on the test set. To see your accuracy on the test set, you will use your classifier to predict every email in the test DataFrame and upload your predictions to Kaggle.

To prevent you from overfitting to the test set, you may only upload predictions to Kaggle twice per day. This means you should start early and rely on your **validation data** to estimate your Kaggle scores.

Here are some ideas for improving your model:

- 1. Finding better features based on the email text. Some example features are:
  - A. Number of characters in the subject / body
  - B. Number of words in the subject / body
  - C. Use of punctuation (e.g., how many '!' were there?)
  - D. Number / percentage of capital letters
  - E. Whether the email is a reply to an earlier email or a forwarded email
- 2. Finding better words to use as features. Which words are the best at distinguishing emails? This requires digging into the email text itself.
- Better data processing. For example, many emails contain HTML as well as text. You can consider extracting out the text from the HTML to help you find better words. Or, you can match HTML tags themselves, or even some combination of the two.
- 4. Model selection. You can adjust parameters of your model (e.g. the regularization parameter) to achieve higher accuracy. Recall that you should use cross-validation to do feature and model selection properly! Otherwise, you will likely overfit to your training data.

You may use whatever method you prefer in order to create features. However, **you are only allowed to train logistic regression models and their regularized forms**. This means no random forest, k-nearest-neighbors, neural nets, etc.

We will not give you a code skeleton to do this, so feel free to create as many cells as you need in order to tackle this task. However, answering questions 7, 8, and 9 should help guide you.

**Note:** You should use the **validation data** to evaluate your model and get a better sense of how it will perform on the Kaggle evaluation.

```
In [27]: from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import CountVectorizer
          import re
          train['Subject Caps'] = [1 \text{ if } len(re.findall('[A-Z]{2,}', x)) > 3 \text{ else } 0
           for x in train['subject']]
          train['len < 10000'] = [1 if len(x) < 8000 else 0 for x in train['email']
          11
          train['contains \$'] = [1 if len(re.findall('\\$', x)) > 0 else 0 for x in
          train['subject']]
         train['Subject Caps Count'] = [len(re.findall('[A-Z]{2,}', x)) for x in
          train['subject']]
          train['<> count'] = [len(re.findall('[<>]', x)) for x in train['email']]
         val.fillna("", inplace=True)
         val['Subject Caps'] = [1 \text{ if } len(re.findall('[A-Z]{2,}', x)) > 3 \text{ else } 0 \text{ f}
         or x in val['subject']]
         val['len < 10000'] = [1 if len(x) < 6500 else 0 for x in val['email']]
         val['contains \$'] = [1 if len(re.findall('\\\\', x)) > 0 else 0 for x in v
          al['subject']]
         val['Subject Caps Count'] = [len(re.findall('[A-Z]{2,}', x)) for x in va
         1['subject']]
         val['<> count'] = [len(re.findall('[<>]', x)) for x in val['email']]
         corpus = list(train[train['spam'] == 1]['email'].values)
         vectorizer = CountVectorizer(min df=0.3)
         X = vectorizer.fit transform(corpus)
```

```
In [28]: def phi_creator(words, texts, feature01, feature02, feature03, feature04
              , , ,
             Args:
                  words (list-like): words to find
                  texts (Series): strings to search in
             Returns:
                  NumPy array of 0s and 1s with shape (n, p) where n is the
                  number of texts and p is the number of words.
             indicator_array = [[w in t for w in words] for t in texts]
             index = 0
             for i in feature01:
                  indicator_array[index].append(i)
                  index += 1
             index = 0
             for i in feature02:
                  indicator_array[index].append(i)
                  index += 1
             index = 0
             for i in feature03:
                  indicator_array[index].append(i)
                  index += 1
             index = 0
             for i in feature04:
                  indicator array[index].append(i)
                  index += 1
              index = 0
              for i in feature05:
         #
                   indicator_array[index].append(i)
                   index += 1
             #raise NotImplementedError()
             return np.array(indicator_array).astype(int)
```

In [29]: #train.loc[[7851]]['subject'].values
train.head()

Out[29]:

	id	subject	email	spam	Subject Caps	
7657	7657	Subject: Patch to enable/disable log\n	while i was playing with the past issues, it a	0	0	1
6911	6911	Subject: When an engineer flaps his wings\n	url: http://diveintomark.org/archives/2002/10/	0	0	1
6074	6074	Subject: Re: [Razor-users] razor plugins for m	no, please post a link!\n \n fox\n origi	0	0	1
4376	4376	Subject: NYTimes.com Article: Stop Those Press	this article from nytimes.com \n has been sent	0	0	1
5766	5766	Subject: What's facing FBI's new CIO? (Tech Up	<html>\n <head>\n <title>tech update today&lt;/ti&lt;/th&gt;&lt;th&gt;0&lt;/th&gt;&lt;th&gt;0&lt;/th&gt;&lt;th&gt;0&lt;/th&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;/tbody&gt;&lt;/table&gt;</title></head></html>			

Out[31]: (0.91856287425149696, 0.91108744842273393)

# **Question 7 (Feature/Model Selection Process)**

In this following cell, describe the process of improving your model. You should use at least 2-3 sentences each to address the follow questions:

- 1. How did you find better features for your model?
- 2. What did you try that worked / didn't work?
- 3. What was surprising in your search for good features?
- 1) I first brainstormed by looking at the dataframe and visually comparing differences between spam emails and ham emails. Once I came up with some ideas for different features to test, I would test them out in various ways. Some ways included making a new feature column in the training df and training a new model on that data. Other ways included using sklearn's count vectorizer to find words that were more frequent in spam emails and test them out in the visualizations above.
- 2) The count vectorizer was definitely the most effective method of model improvement I used. By using the count vectorizer, I was able to find which words appeared frequently in spam emails and not frequently in ham emails. Then I trained the model using these words and it increased my accuracy a lot. I also included features such as length of the emails, whether or not the subject included all caps words, and whether or not the emails contained odd characters such as '\$'. One thing that specifically didn't work was setting the class weights to balanced. I'm not entirely sure how the class weights work, so that probably didn't help, but when I removed the balanced class weights, my model accuracy shot up a lot.
- 3) Some surprising things were some of the words that were very frequent in spam emails; some of them aren't even words, but just strings of 3-4 letters. Another thing I found interesting was the length feature of the spam vs. ham emails. I want to understand how to extract text out of HTML better because I feel that it could greatly improve my model accuracy, and also might combat the possible overfitting from using so many spam trigger words.

# **Question 8 (EDA)**

In the two cells below, show a visualization that you used to select features for your model. Include both

- 1. A plot showing something meaningful about the data that helped you during feature / model selection.
- 2. 2-3 sentences describing what you plotted and what its implications are for your features.

Feel to create as many plots as you want in your process of feature selection, but select one for the cells below.

You should not show us a visualization just like in question 3. Specifically, don't show us a bar chart of proportions, or a one-dimensional class conditional density plot. Any other plot is acceptable, as long as it comes with thoughtful commentary. Here are some ideas:

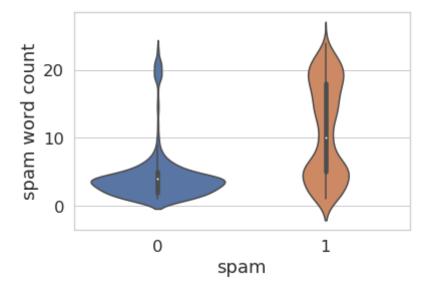
- 1. Consider the correlation between multiple features (look up correlation plots and sns.heatmap).
- 2. Try to show redundancy in a group of features (e.g. body and html might co-occur relatively frequently, or you might be able to design a feature that captures all html tags and compare it to these).
- 3. Use a word-cloud or another visualization tool to characterize the most common spam words.
- 4. Visually depict whether spam emails tend to be wordier (in some sense) than ham emails.

Out[32]:

	id	subject	email	spam	Subject Caps	len 1000
7657	7657	Subject: Patch to enable/disable log\n	while i was playing with the past issues, it a	0	0	1
6911	6911	Subject: When an engineer flaps his wings\n	url: http://diveintomark.org/archives/2002/10/	0	0	1
6074	6074	Subject: Re: [Razor-users] razor plugins for m	no, please post a link!\n \n fox\n origi	0	0	1
4376	4376	Subject: NYTimes.com Article: Stop Those Press	this article from nytimes.com \n has been sent	0	0	1
5766	5766	Subject: What's facing FBI's new CIO? (Tech Up	<html>\n <head>\n <title>tech update today&lt;/ti&lt;/th&gt;&lt;th&gt;0&lt;/th&gt;&lt;th&gt;0&lt;/th&gt;&lt;th&gt;0&lt;/th&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;/tbody&gt;&lt;/table&gt;</title></head></html>			

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In [33]: spamWords = [[w in t for w in wordBatch02] for t in train['email']]
    train['spam word count'] = [sum(x) for x in spamWords]
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In [34]: ax = sns.violinplot(x="spam", y="spam word count", data=train, scale='co
unt')
#raise NotImplementedError()



For this plot, I took the list of words that frequently showed up in spam emails and used a list comprehension to get a true or false value depending on whether the word showed up in each email or not. Then I then summed this boolean list to get the counts of trigger words for each email. I then graphed the relative distribution of spamTrigger word counts using a violin plot. As you can see, on the left in blue is the ham emails, and the wide part of the violin plot is toward the bottom at 0. Conversely, the spam emails have a wide violin up the entire graph, thus indicating that the spam emails tend to contain these trigger words a lot. This reinforces my earlier idea of using specific words as a key feature in the model.

# **Question 9 (Making a Precision-Recall Curve)**

We can trade off between precision and recall. In most cases we won't be able to get both perfect precision (i.e. no false positives) and recall (i.e. no false negatives), so we have to compromise. For example, in the case of cancer screenings, false negatives are comparatively worse than false positives — a false negative means that a patient might not discover a disease until it's too late to treat, while a false positive means that a patient will probably have to take another screening.

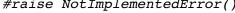
Recall that logistic regression calculates the probability that an example belongs to a certain class. Then, to classify an example we say that an email is spam if our classifier gives it  $\geq 0.5$  probability of being spam. However, we can adjust that cutoff: we can say that an email is spam only if our classifier gives it  $\geq 0.7$  probability of being spam, for example. This is how we can trade off false positives and false negatives.

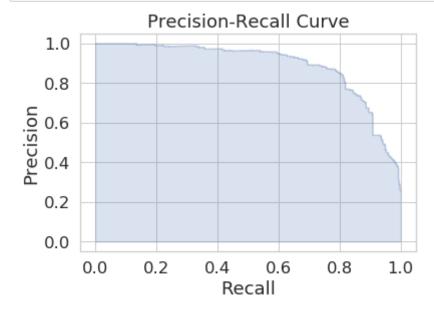
The precision-recall curve shows this trade off for each possible cutoff probability. In the cell below, <u>plot a precision-recall curve (http://scikit-</u>

<u>learn.org/stable/auto\_examples/model\_selection/plot\_precision\_recall.html#plot-the-precision-recall-curve)</u> for your final classifier (the one you use to make predictions for Kaggle).

```
In [35]: len(Y_train)
Out[35]: 7513
In [36]:
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from sklearn.metrics import precision recall curve
from sklearn.utils.fixes import signature
# Note that you'll want to use the .predict proba(...) method for your c
lassifier
# instead of .predict(...) so you get probabilities, not classes
precision, recall, _ = precision recall_curve(Y_train, model_01.predict_
proba(Phi_train01)[:, 1])
# In matplotlib < 1.5, plt.fill between does not have a 'step' argument
step_kwargs = ({'step': 'post'}
               if 'step' in signature(plt.fill between).parameters
               else {})
plt.step(recall, precision, color='b', alpha=0.2,
         where='post')
plt.fill_between(recall, precision, alpha=0.2, color='b', **step_kwargs)
plt.xlabel('Recall')
plt.ylabel('Precision')
#plt.ylim([0.0, 1.05])
#plt.xlim([0.0, 1.0])
plt.title('Precision-Recall Curve');
#raise NotImplementedError()
```





# **Question 10: Submitting to Kaggle**

The following code will write your predictions on the test dataset to a CSV, which you can submit to Kaggle. You may need to modify it to suit your needs.

Save your predictions in a 1-dimensional array called test\_predictions. Even if you are not submitting to Kaggle, please make sure you've saved your predictions to test\_predictions as this is how your grade for this part will be determined.

Remember that if you've performed transformations or featurization on the training data, you must also perform the same transformations on the test data in order to make predictions. For example, if you've created features for the words "drug" and "money" on the training data, you must also extract the same features in order to use scikit-learn's .predict(...) method.

You should submit your CSV files to <a href="https://www.kaggle.com/t/d9a7013e7fd048c291ff7efe6e1ac25e">https://www.kaggle.com/t/d9a7013e7fd048c291ff7efe6e1ac25e</a>)

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In [38]: # must be ndarray of predictions
    assert isinstance(test_predictions, np.ndarray)

# must be binary labels (0 or 1) and not probabilities
    assert np.all((test_predictions == 0) | (test_predictions == 1))

# must be the right number of predictions
    assert test_predictions.shape == (1000, )
```

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In [39]: # Please do not modify this cell
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The following saves a file to submit to Kaggle.

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In [40]: from datetime import datetime
         # Assuming that your predictions on the test set are stored in a 1-dimen
         sional array called
         # test predictions. Feel free to modify this cell as long you create a C
         SV in the right format.
         # must be ndarray of predictions
         assert isinstance(test predictions, np.ndarray)
         # must be binary labels (0 or 1) and not probabilities
         assert np.all((test predictions == 0) | (test predictions == 1))
         # must be the right number of predictions
         assert test predictions.shape == (1000, )
         # Construct and save the submission:
         submission df = pd.DataFrame({
             "Id": test['id'],
             "Class": test_predictions,
         }, columns=['Id', 'Class'])
         timestamp = datetime.isoformat(datetime.now()).split(".")[0]
         submission_df.to_csv("submission_{}.csv".format(timestamp), index=False)
         print('Created a CSV file: {}.'.format("submission_{}.csv".format(timest
         amp)))
         print('You may now upload this CSV file to Kaggle for scoring.')
```

Created a CSV file: submission\_2018-11-06T08:44:43.csv. You may now upload this CSV file to Kaggle for scoring.

### **Submission**

You're done!

Before submitting this assignment, ensure to:

- 1. Restart the Kernel (in the menubar, select Kernel->Restart & Run All)
- 2. Validate the notebook by clicking the "Validate" button

Finally, make sure to submit the assignment via the Assignments tab in Datahub