

A Machine Learning Approach to Detect Spam Messages

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What is spam?

Why is spam detection important?

How spam affects users?

- Unwanted or irrelevant messages sent in bulk over the internet. Includes junk emails, fake ads, phishing messages, and harmful links
 - Why is spam detection important?
 - Protects users from **fraud and phishing attacks**.
 - Saves **time and storage space**.
 - Prevents **malware or virus infections**.
 - Keeps your **inbox clean and organized**.
 - How spam affects users
 - Leads to **financial losses** through scams.
 - Steals **personal or sensitive data**.
 - Can **infect computers** with viruses or ransomware.

Objective of the Project:

develop an efficient “Spam Detection System “that can automatically identify and classify emails or messages as spam or not ham using Machine Learning techniques

- To classify messages as Spam or Not Spam using Machine Learning.
- To automate the process of spam detection with high accuracy.
- To deploy the trained model using a simple Gradio web app.

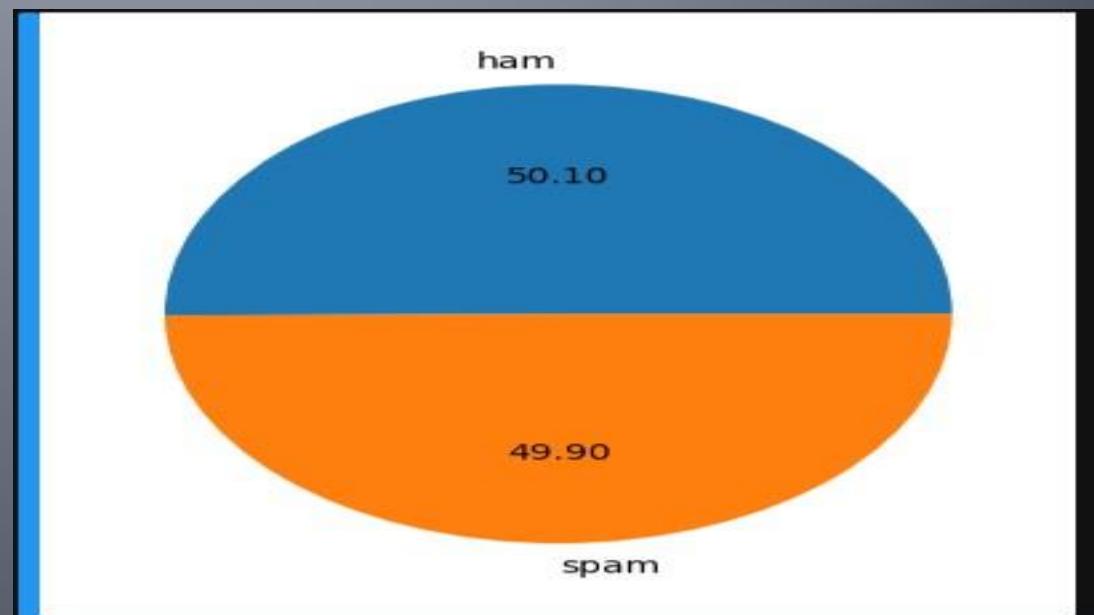
Name of dataset : “small_spam_dataset.csv”

Total messages: 500

Two columns: Label (Spam/Ham) and Message (Text).

Around 49% of messages are spam.

pie chart showing % of Spam vs Ham:



Data Preprocessing

- Lowercasing the text.
- Removing punctuation and special characters.
- Tokenization and stopword removal.
- Applying stemming using PorterStemmer.
- Converting text to numerical form using TF-IDF.

Model Building

Algorithm used: Naive Bayes.

- TF-IDF Vectorizer used to convert text into feature vectors.
- Dataset split into training and testing sets (50:49).
- SMOTE used to balance spam and ham samples.
- Model trained to achieve 92% accuracy.

Implementation: by Gradio App :A Gradio app is created for real-time spam detection.The user inputs a message, and the model predicts Spam or Not Spam

The image shows a screenshot of the Gradio Spam Message Classifier application interface. The interface is dark-themed with orange and grey accents.

Left Panel (Example 1):

- Text Input:** "Let's go for lunch."
- Output:** Not Spam
- Buttons:** Clear (grey), Submit (orange), Flag (grey)

Right Panel (Example 2):

- Text Input:** "Win a free iPhone!"
- Output:** Spam
- Buttons:** Clear (grey), Submit (orange), Flag (grey)

Bottom Navigation:

- Use via API 🔥 · Built with Gradio 🎨 · Settings ⚙️

Central Header: Spam Message Classifier

Sub-Header: Detect whether a message is Spam or Not Spam.

Results & Accuracy

- Accuracy achieved 92%
- Confusion matrix or classification report:



References

- Dataset source: kaggle
- Tools used : Python, Scikit-learn, NLTK, Gradio,etc
- Open source
- IDE: Jupyter Notebook.