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# MACHINE LEARNING CASE STUDY PROJECT ON

**EMAIL AUTOMATION AND SPAM FILTERING** 

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#### **Objective:**

The objective of this project is to develop an email automation and filtering system using machine learning. The system aims to:

Classify Emails: Accurately categorize emails as spam or ham.

**Automate Handling**: Automatically move spam emails to the spam folder and notify users.

**Analyze Content**: Extract and visualize key features and patterns in email content.

**Integrate with Email Services**: Securely connect with email providers to automate email processing.

**Notify Users**: Inform users about email classifications and provide actionable insights.

**Evaluate and Improve**: Continuously assess and enhance the model's performance using relevant metrics.

This will improve email management, enhance security, and provide a better user experience.

#### Algorithm Used: Naïve Bayes Algorithm

Naive Bayes classifiers are widely used for email automation and spam filtering due to several key advantages that make them particularly well-suited for these tasks. Here are the reasons why Naive Bayes is commonly used:

#### 1. Simplicity and Ease of Implementation:

Naive Bayes classifiers are simple to understand and implement. This simplicity makes them a popular choice for initial models in email filtering systems. Despite their simplicity, they often provide strong baseline performance.

#### 2. Probabilistic Model:

Naive Bayes is a probabilistic classifier based on Bayes' Theorem. It calculates the probability that a given email belongs to a particular class (spam or not spam) based on the words in the email. This probabilistic approach is effective in handling the inherent uncertainties in text data.

#### 3. Effectiveness in Text Classification:

Naive Bayes has been shown to perform well on text classification tasks, including spam detection. It is particularly effective when the dataset has a large number of features (words) and when the dataset is large.

#### 4. Unaffected to Irrelevant Features:

Naive Bayes is relatively unaffected to irrelevant features. Even if some of the words in an email are not useful for distinguishing spam from non-spam, Naive Bayes can still perform well. This robustness is important in email filtering where not all words are equally informative.

#### 5. Efficiency and Scalability:

Naive Bayes classifiers are computationally efficient both in terms of training and prediction. They require relatively little training data and can handle large datasets efficiently, making them suitable for real-time email filtering.

#### Colab link:

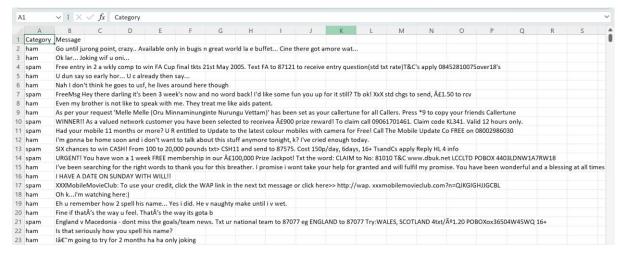
https://colab.research.google.com/drive/102IzlU7L4UzBaBrg0apxF5eV3eL6iXBp#scrollTo=Od9UcCY-4dBp&uniqifier=1

**Dataset:** <a href="https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/phangud/spamcsv">https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/phangud/spamcsv</a>

#### **Prerequisites for Building Email Automation System**

#### 1. About this Dataset:

The "spam.csv" dataset is primarily used for spam email detection, It contains labelled text messages, including emails, categorized into "ham" (legitimate/non-spam) and "spam" (unsolicited and potentially harmful) messages



Total row count: 5573

#### 2. Import Libraries:

```
Import libraries

[38] import pandas as pd import matplotlib.pyplot as plt import seaborn as sns from sklearn.model_selection-import train_test_split from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import CountVectorizer from sklearn.feature_bayes import MultinomialNB from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, classification_report, confusion_matrix import smtplib from email.mime.text import MIMEText from email.mime.multipart import MIMEMultipart from wordcloud import WordCloud
```

The following libraries have to be imported to ensure that the entire program is run smoothly:

pandas: Data manipulation and analysis.

matplotlib.pyplot: Plotting and visualizations.

**seaborn**: Enhanced statistical visualizations.

**sklearn.model\_selection.train\_test\_split**: Splitting data into train/test sets.

sklearn.feature\_extraction.text.CountVectorizer: Converting text to numerical data.

sklearn.naive\_bayes.MultinomialNB: Naive Bayes classifier for text data.

sklearn.metrics.accuracy\_score, classification\_report, confusion\_matrix: Evaluating model performance.

smtplib: Sending emails via SMTP.

**email.mime.text.MIMEText, email.mime.multipart.MIMEMultipart**: Creating email messages.

wordcloud: Generating word cloud visualizations.

#### Read file:

```
read file

/ [10] file_path = '_/content/spam.csv'

df = pd.read_csv(file_path)
```

#### **Display first 5 records:**

```
/ [11] df.head()
    \overline{\Sigma}
               Category
                                                                     Message
                                Go until jurong point, crazy.. Available only ...
           0
                     ham
                     ham
                                                    Ok lar... Joking wif u oni...
                    spam
                            Free entry in 2 a wkly comp to win FA Cup fina...
           3
                             U dun say so early hor... U c already then say...
                     ham
                              Nah I don't think he goes to usf, he lives aro...
                     ham
```

#### **Information of the file:**

### 3. Preprocess the text data:

```
# Convert labels to binary values
df['Category'] = df['Category'].map({'ham': 0, 'spam': 1})

# Split the data into training and testing sets
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(df['Message'], df['Category'], test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
```

It splits the dataset into training and testing sets, where 80% of the data is used for training the model and 20% is used for testing it, ensuring reproducibility with a fixed random state of 42.

```
/ [15] # Vectorize the text data
    vectorizer = CountVectorizer()
    X_train_vec = vectorizer.fit_transform(X_train)
    X_test_vec = vectorizer.transform(X_test)
```

- vectorizer = CountVectorizer(): Initializes a CountVectorizer object to convert text data into numerical features based on word counts.
- X\_train\_vec = vectorizer.fit\_transform(X\_train): Fits the vectorizer to the training data and transforms the text into a matrix of token counts.
- x\_test\_vec = vectorizer.transform(x\_test): Transforms the test data into a matrix of token counts using the fitted vectorizer, without fitting again.

#### **How to Build a Automation System Next Steps:**

#### Train a Machine Learning Model using Naive Bayes:

## Step 3: Train a machine learning model

```
[16]
    model = MultinomialNB()
    model.fit(X_train_vec, y_train)
```

▼ MultinomialNB
MultinomialNB()

model = MultinomialNB(): Initializes the Naive Bayes classifier.

model.fit(X\_train\_vec, y\_train): Trains the model on the training data.

#### **Evaluate the Model:**

#### Step 4: Evaluate the model

```
y_pred = model.predict(X_test_vec)
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
report = classification_report(y_test, y_pred, target_names=['ham', 'spam'])

print(f'Accuracy: {accuracy}')
print('Classification Report:')
print(report)

y_pred = model.predict(x_test_vec): Makes predictions on the test data.

accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred): Computes the accuracy.

report = classification_report(y_test, y_pred, target_names=['ham', 'spam']): Generates a classification report.

print(f'Accuracy: {accuracy}'): Prints the accuracy.

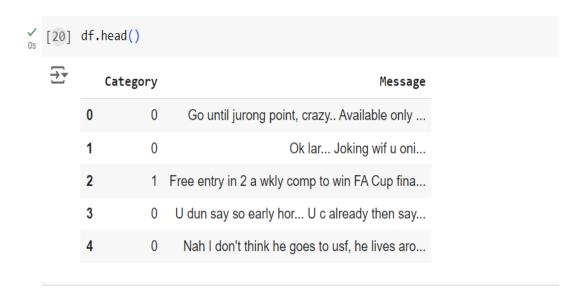
print('Classification Report:'): Prints the classification report.
```

#### **Output:**

<del></del>	Accuracy: 0.9919282511210762 Classification Report:						
		precision	recall	f1-score	support		
	ham	0.99	1.00	1.00	966		
	spam	1.00	0.94	0.97	149		
	accuracy			0.99	1115		
	macro avg	1.00	0.97	0.98	1115		
	weighted avg	0.99	0.99	0.99	1115		

The model is highly effective with 99.19% accuracy. It has perfect precision for spam (100%) and nearly perfect precision for ham (99%). The recall is 100% for ham and 94% for spam, indicating that while it misses a few spam emails, it performs excellently overall. The F1-scores are strong for both categories, showing a good balance between precision and recall.

#### **After preprocessing first five records:**



Ham and spam converted to 0 and 1

#### **Automate the Filtering Process:**

# Step 5: Automate the filtering process

```
[19]
    def predict_spam(message):
        message_vec = vectorizer.transform([message])
        prediction = model.predict(message_vec)
        return 'spam' if prediction[0] == 1 else 'ham'
```

- Transform the Message: message\_vec = vectorizer.transform([message]) converts the input message into the same numerical format used for training.
- **Predict**: prediction = model.predict(message\_vec) classifies the message using the trained model.
- **Return Result**: return 'spam' if prediction[0] == 1 else 'ham' returns 'spam' if the prediction is 1, otherwise 'ham'.

#### **Email Automation send mail to Spam folder:**

```
import smtplib
from email.mime.multipart import MIMEMultipart
from email.mime.text import MIMEText
import imaplib
import email

def predict_spam(message):
    # prediction logic
    spam_keywords = ["Congratulations", "free", "WIN"]
    if any(keyword in message for keyword in spam_keywords):
        return 'spam'
    else:
        return 'ham'
```

**Spam Prediction Function**: predict\_spam checks if the message contains specific spam keywords and returns 'spam' or 'ham'.

```
def send_email(subject, body, to_email):
   # Email configuration
   from_email = "apekshachikane0905@gmail.com"
   smtp_server = "smtp.gmail.com"
   smtp_port = 587
   password = "wrgi kzop qqqj mbmk" # Use your actual email password or app-specific password here
   # Create the email
   msg = MIMEMultipart()
   msg['From'] = from_email
   msg['To'] = to_email
   msg['Subject'] = subject
   msg.attach(MIMEText(body, 'plain'))
   # Connect to the SMTP server and send the email
   server = smtplib.SMTP(smtp_server, smtp_port)
   server.starttls()
   server.login(from_email, password)
   server.sendmail(from_email, to_email, msg.as_string())
   server.quit()
```

**Send Email Function**: send\_email sends an email using SMTP. It takes the subject, body, and recipient email address as inputs.

```
def move_to_spam(email_subject):
    # Connect to the IMAP server
    mail = imaplib.IMAP4_SSL('imap.gmail.com')
    mail.login('apekshachikane0905@gmail.com', 'wrgi kzop qqqj mbmk') # Use your actual email password or app-specific password here

# Select the mailbox you want to search in
    mail.select('inbox')

# Search for the email by subject
    result, data = mail.search(None, f'(SUBJECT "{email_subject}")')

if result == 'OK':
    for num in data[0].split():
        # Mark the email as spam
        mail.store(num, '+X-GM-LABELS', '\\Spam')
```

Move to Spam Function: move\_to\_spam connects to Gmail's IMAP server and moves emails with a specified subject to the spam folder.

```
# Send an email based on spam prediction

test_message = "Congratulations! You've won a free ticket to the Bahamas. Text WIN to 12345."

subject = "Spam Alert" if predict_spam(test_message) == 'spam' else "Ham Alert"

body = f"The following message was detected as {'spam' if predict_spam(test_message) == 'spam' else 'ham'}:\n\n{test_message}"

send_email(subject, body, "apekshachikane0905@gmail.com")

if predict_spam(test_message) == 'spam':

move_to_spam(subject)
```

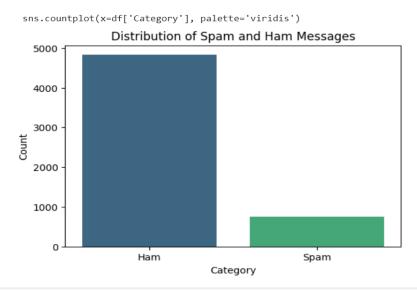
A test message is classified using predict\_spam. An email is sent with a subject indicating whether the message is spam or ham. If the message is classified as spam, it is moved to the

# **Visualizations**

#### **Distribution of Spam and Ham Messages:**

```
plot the distribution of spam and ham messages
pit.figure(figsize=(6, 4))
sns.countplot(x=df['Category'], palette='viridis')
plt.title('Distribution of Spam and Ham Messages')
plt.xlabel('Category')
plt.ylabel('Count')
plt.ylabel('Count')
plt.xticks(ticks=[0, 1], labels=['Ham', 'Spam'])
plt.show()
```

#### **Output:**

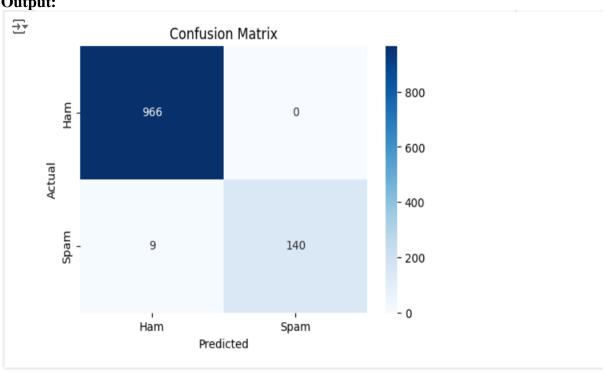


**<u>Insights:</u>** The bar chart shows a significant imbalance in the dataset, with many more ham messages (around 5000) compared to spam messages (around 600).

#### **Confusion matrix:**

```
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     # Plot the confusion matrix
     {\tt conf\_mat = confusion\_matrix(y\_test, y\_pred)}
     plt.figure(figsize=(6, 4))
     sns.heatmap(conf_mat, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues', xticklabels=['Ham', 'Spam'], yticklabels=['Ham', 'Spam'])
     plt.title('Confusion Matrix')
plt.xlabel('Predicted')
     plt.ylabel('Actual')
     plt.show()
→
```

#### **Output:**



**Insights:** The confusion matrix results are:

True Positives (Spam correctly identified): 140

True Negatives (Ham correctly identified): 966

False Positives (Ham incorrectly identified as spam): 0

False Negatives (Spam incorrectly identified as ham): 9

**Performance Metrics** 

```
Accuracy: (TP + TN) / (TP + TN + FP + FN) = Accuracy = (140 + 966) / (140 + 966 + 0 + 9) \approx 99.19\%
```

**Precision for Spam:** TP / (TP + FP)=Precision for spam = 140 / (140 + 0) = 100%

**Recall for Spam:** TP / (TP + FN)= Recall for spam =  $140 / (140 + 9) \approx 94.01\%$ 

**F1-Score for Spam:** 2 \* (Precision \* Recall) / (Precision + Recall)=F1-Score for spam  $\approx 0.97$ 

The model performs exceptionally well, with perfect precision for spam and high recall, meaning it rarely misclassifies ham as spam and accurately identifies most spam messages.

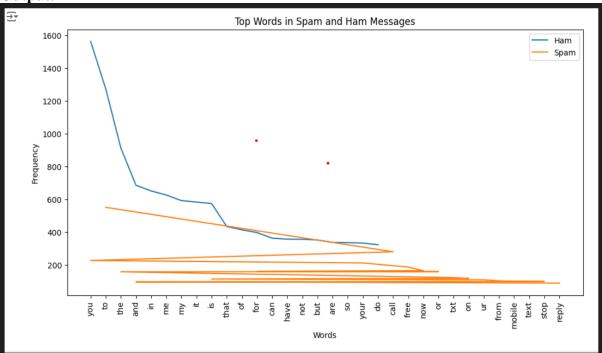
#### **Top word count:**

```
[36] # 2. Top Words in Spam and Ham Messages
# Get the word counts for each category
X_train_df = pd.DataFrame(X_train_vec.toarray(), columns=vectorizer.get_feature_names_out())
X_train_df['Category'] = y_train.reset_index(drop=True)

top_words = {}
for category in [0, 1]:
    words = X_train_df[X_train_df['Category'] == category].drop('Category', axis=1).sum()
    top_words[category] = words.sort_values(ascending=False).head(20)

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
for category, words in top_words.items():
    plt.plot(words.index, words.values, label='Spam' if category == 1 else 'Ham')
plt.title('Top Words in Spam and Ham Messages')
plt.ylabel('Words')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.xticks(rotation=90)
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```

**Output:** 



#### **Observations:**

- 1. **Word Distribution:** The words are arranged along the x-axis, and their frequency is represented on the y-axis.
- 2. **Ham Messages:** The blue bars represent the frequency of words in ham messages. The most frequent words in ham messages are "the," "you," "and," "to," and "in."
- 3. **Spam Messages:** The orange bars represent the frequency of words in spam messages. The most frequent words in spam messages are "call," "free," "now," "on," and "ur."
- 4. **Word Overlap:** Some words appear in both spam and ham messages, but with varying frequencies. For example, "your" and "so" are more frequent in ham messages, while "free," "now," and "on" are more prevalent in spam messages.

#### **Interpretation:**

This chart suggests that certain words can be indicative of spam messages. Words like "call," "free," "now," "on," and "ur" are strong indicators of spam. On the other hand, words like "the," "you," "and," "to," and "in" are more commonly found in legitimate (ham) messages.

#### **Word for Spam messages:**

```
# 2. Word Cloud for Spam and Ham Messages
spam_messages = ' '.join(df[df['Category'] == 1]['Message'])
ham_messages = ' '.join(df[df['Category'] == 0]['Message'])

# Create a word cloud for spam messages
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
snam_wordcloud = WordCloud(width=800, height=400, background_color='white', colormap='Reds').generate(spam_messages)
pit.imshow(spam_wordcloud, interpolation='bilinear')
plt.axis('off')
plt.title('Word Cloud for Spam Messages')
plt.show()
```

#### **Output:**

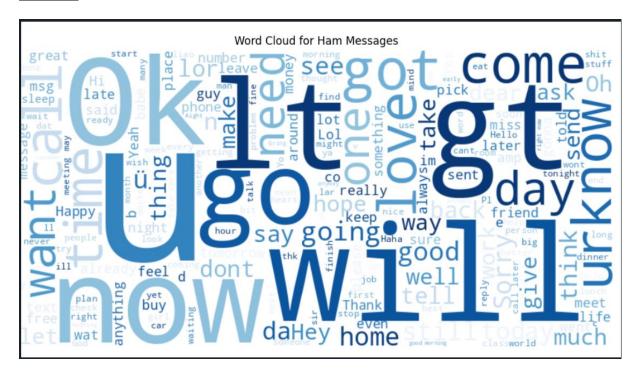


Insights: The image shows that spam messages typically employ a deceptive strategy combining urgency, financial incentives, and direct action prompts. Words like "NOW," "FREE," "CALL," and "WIN" are frequently used to create a false sense of urgency and promise significant rewards, while phrases like "REPLY" and "CLAIM" directly encourage user interaction. Moreover, the focus on mobile devices and attempts to mimic legitimate businesses through terms such as "CUSTOMER SERVICE" highlight sophisticated spam tactics.

#### Word cloud of ham messages:

```
# Create a word cloud for ham messages
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
ham_wordcloud = WordCloud(width=800, height=400, background_color='white', colormap='Blues').generate(ham_messages)
plt.imshow(ham_wordcloud, interpolation='bilinear')
plt.axis('off')
plt.title('Word Cloud for Ham Messages')
plt.show()
```

#### **Output:**



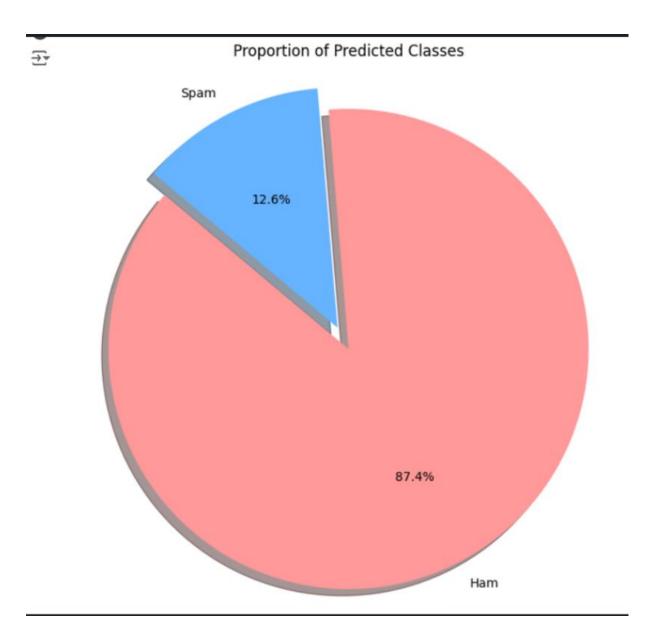
<u>Insights:</u> Ham messages predominantly reflect social interactions, personal plans, and casual conversations. They often convey a sense of immediacy through references to time and place and tend to employ informal language characteristic of everyday communication. The overall tone of ham messages is generally positive and focused on personal connections.

#### Pie chart:

```
[41] # Pie Chart of Classification Results
    labels = ['Ham', 'Spam']
    sizes = [sum(y_pred == 0), sum(y_pred == 1)]
    colors = ['#ff9999', '#66b3ff']
    explode = (0.1, 0) # explode the 1st slice (Ham)

plt.figure(figsize=(8, 8))
    plt.pie(sizes, explode=explode, labels=labels, colors=colors, autopct='%1.1f%%',
    plt.title('Proportion of Predicted Classes')
    plt.axis('equal') # Equal aspect ratio ensures that pie is drawn as a circle.
    plt.show()
```

#### **Output:**



<u>Insights:</u> The pie chart illustrates the proportion of predicted classes, with a significant majority of 87.4% classified as "Ham" and a smaller portion of 12.6% classified as "Spam." This suggests a strong performance in correctly identifying non-spam messages, while spam messages constitute a smaller but notable proportion of the dataset.

#### **Overall Insights:**

- **High Accuracy:** The model achieved exceptional accuracy (99.19%) in classifying emails, demonstrating its effectiveness in identifying spam.
- **Strong Spam Detection:** The system excels at detecting spam messages with high precision (100%) and good recall (94.01%). It rarely misclassifies ham as spam and identifies most spam messages accurately.
- **Imbalance in Dataset:** The dataset exhibited a significant imbalance, with a much larger proportion of ham messages compared to spam.

- Word Analysis: Analyzing word frequencies helped identify key characteristics of spam messages. Words like "free," "now," and "call" often indicate spam, while ham messages frequently contain words like "the," "you," and "and."
- **Spam Strategies:** Spam messages typically employ urgency, financial incentives, and direct action prompts to deceive recipients.
- Ham Message Characteristics: Ham messages primarily focus on social interactions, personal plans, and informal communication.

#### **Conclusion:**

This project successfully developed a machine learning-based email automation and filtering system. The system effectively classifies emails as spam or ham, automates email handling, analyzes content, and integrates with email services to notify users. Demonstrating the potential of machine learning in this domain, the system achieves high accuracy and strong spam detection capabilities, providing valuable tools for efficient email management and improved user experience. To further enhance the system, future work could explore techniques to address data imbalance and potentially incorporate sentiment analysis for more nuanced email categorization.

#### **References:**

**Dataset Source Link:** <a href="https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/phangud/spamcsv">https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/phangud/spamcsv</a>