



SPAM DETECTION

Data-Driven Feature Engineering
and Multi-Model Optimization
for Enhanced Spam Detection



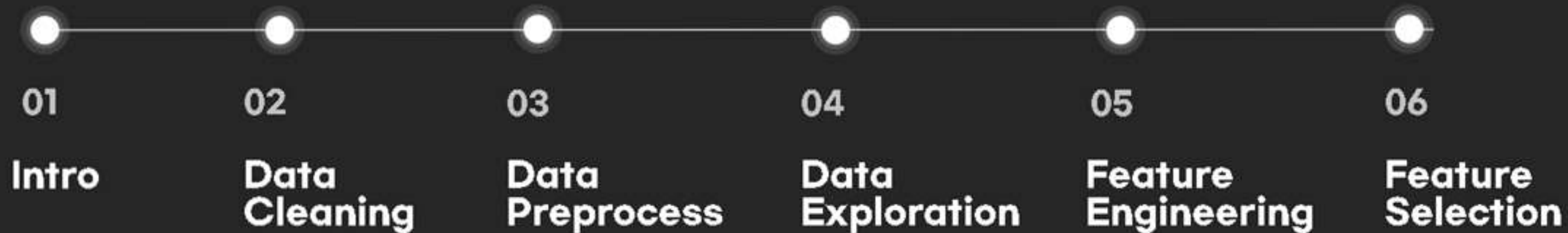
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PART 1: DATA HANDLING



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What are the public efforts on spam emails?

- CAN-SPAM act for opt-out mechanism
- Authentication headers
- X-Spam-Status header from SpamAssassin open source spam filtering program

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Common Models in the Field

- Random Forests: Handle overfitting
- Logistic Regression: Simple yet powerful
- Naive Bayes: Simple and effective
- Dense Neural Networks: Understand complex pattern

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Intro: Dataset

- 2007 TREC Public Spam Corpus and *Enron*-Spam

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meridia escapenumber escapenumber escapenumber escapenumber cysfrt have you ever stopped to wonder how much an average man pays for  
his medicines ap painkillers drugs to improve the quality of life weight reducing tablets and many more escapenumber what's worse  
the same mediucine costs a lot more if it is branded rfwur are you intrested so http dmvrwm remunerativ net dfuaeirxygiq visit our  
website escapenumber
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- Spam Assassin Dataset

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From gort44@excite.com Mon Jun 24 17:54:21 2002 Return-Path: gort44@excite.com Delivery-Date: Tue Jun 4 05:31:16 2002 Received:  
from mandark.labs.netnoteinc.com ([213.105.180.140]) by dogma.slashnull.org (8.11.6/8.11.6) with ESMTP id g544VF020182 for  
<jm@jmason.org>; Tue, 4 Jun 2002 05:31:15 +0100 Received: from wi-poli.poli.cl ([200.54.149.34]) by mandark.labs.netnoteinc.com  
(8.11.2/8.11.2) with SMTP id g544VC729935; Tue, 4 Jun 2002 05:31:13 +0100 Received: from 216.77.61.89 (unverified [218.5.180.148])  
by wi-poli.poli.cl (EMWAC SMTPRS 0.83) with SMTP id <B0000918901@wi-poli.poli.cl>; Tue, 04 Jun 2002 00:14:29 -0400 Message-Id:  
<B0000918901@wi-poli.poli.cl> To: <chrabader@telecom.at> From: "irese" <gort44@excite.com> Subject: Cash in on your home equity  
Date: Tue, 04 Jun 2002 00:18:34 -1600 MIME-Version: 1.0 Content-Type: text/plain; charset="Windows-1252" X-Keywords: Content-  
Transfer-Encoding: 7bit Mortgage Lenders & Brokers Are Ready to compete for your business. Whether a new home loan is what you  
seek or to refinance your current home loan at a lower interest rate, we can help! Mortgage rates haven't been this low in years  
take action now! Refinance your home with us and include all of those pesky credit card bills or use the extra cash for that pool  
you've always wanted... Where others say NO, we say YES!!! Even if you have been turned down elsewhere, we can help! Easy terms!  
Our mortgage referral service combines the highest quality loans with the most economical rates and the easiest qualifications!  
Take just 2 minutes to complete the following form. There is no obligation, all information is kept strictly confidential, and you  
must be at least 18 years of age. Service is available within the United States only. This service is fast and free. Free  
information request form: PLEASE VISIT http://builtit4unow.com/pos  
***** Since you have received this message you have either responded to  
one of our offers in the past or your address has been registered with us. If you wish to "OPT_OUT" please visit:  
http://builtit4unow.com/pos *****
```


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Intro: Dataset

- 2007 TREC Public Spam Corpus

We chose this dataset.

```
Return-Path: <bounce-debian-mirrors=ktwarwic=speedy.uwaterloo.ca@lists.debian.org>
Received: from murphy.debian.org (murphy.debian.org [70.103.162.31])
    by speedy.uwaterloo.ca (8.12.8/8.12.5) with ESMTP id 138H9S0I003031
    for <ktwarwic@speedy.uwaterloo.ca>; Sun, 8 Apr 2007 13:09:28 -0400
Received: from localhost (localhost [127.0.0.1])
    by murphy.debian.org (Postfix) with QMQP
    id 90C152E68E; Sun, 8 Apr 2007 12:09:05 -0500 (CDT)
Old-Return-Path: <yan.morin@savoirfairelinux.com>
X-Spam-Checker-Version: SpamAssassin 3.1.4 (2006-07-26) on murphy.debian.org
X-Spam-Level:
X-Spam-Status: No, score=-1.1 required=4.0 tests=BAYES_05 autolearn=no
    version=3.1.4
X-Original-To: debian-mirrors@lists.debian.org
Received: from xenon.savoirfairelinux.net (savoirfairelinux.net [199.243.85.90])
    by murphy.debian.org (Postfix) with ESMTP id 827432E3E5
    for <debian-mirrors@lists.debian.org>; Sun, 8 Apr 2007 11:52:35 -0500 (CDT)
Received: from [192.168.0.101] (bas6-montreal28-1177925679.dsl.bell.ca [70.53.184.47])
    by xenon.savoirfairelinux.net (Postfix) with ESMTP id C1223F69B7
    for <debian-mirrors@lists.debian.org>; Sun, 8 Apr 2007 12:52:34 -0400 (EDT)
Message-ID: <46191DCE.3020508@savoirfairelinux.com>
Date: Sun, 08 Apr 2007 12:52:30 -0400
From: Yan Morin <yan.morin@savoirfairelinux.com>
User-Agent: Icedove 1.5.0.10 (X11/20070329)
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: debian-mirrors@lists.debian.org
Subject: Typo in /debian/README
X-Enigmail-Version: 0.94.2.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
X-Rc-Spam: 2007-01-18_01
X-Rc-Virus: 2006-10-25_01
X-Rc-Spam: 2007-01-18_01
Resent-Message-ID: <tH0iyB.A.jEC.xGSGGB@murphy>
Resent-From: debian-mirrors@lists.debian.org
X-Mailing-List: <debian-mirrors@lists.debian.org>
X-Loop: debian-mirrors@lists.debian.org
List-Id: <debian-mirrors.lists.debian.org>
List-Post: <debian-mirrors@lists.debian.org>
List-Help: <debian-mirrors-request@lists.debian.org?subject=help>
List-Subscribe: <debian-mirrors-request@lists.debian.org?subject=subscribe>
List-Unsubscribe: <debian-mirrors-request@lists.debian.org?subject=unsubscribe>
Precedence: list
Resent-Sender: debian-mirrors-request@lists.debian.org
Resent-Date: Sun, 8 Apr 2007 12:09:05 -0500 (CDT)
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Intro: The credibility of the dataset

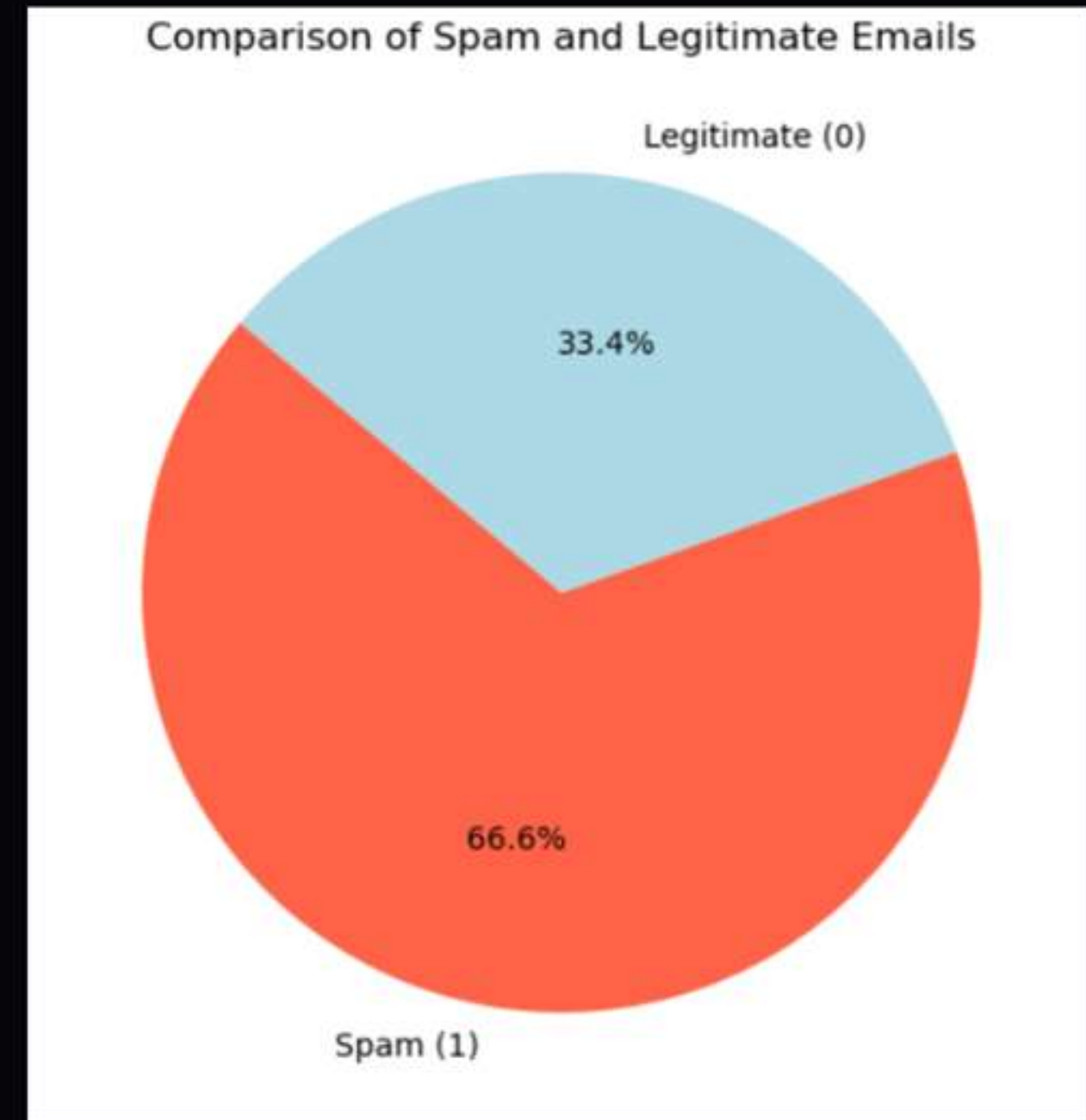
- Provided by University of Waterloo.
- Specifically for research focus use
- Dataset is part of TREC (Text Retrieval Conference) series, which is well-known in information retrieval community

<https://plg.uwaterloo.ca/~gvcormac/treccorpus07/about.html>

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Intro: Initial Exploration

- 75419 email entries
- 2 columns : the label (spam(1) and ham(0)) and the origin
- 50199 labeled as spam, 25220 labeled as ham



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Intro: Understand the data

- Want to understand the different characteristics of spam email and ham email

```
import random

def print_rand_emails(dataset, n=3):
    for i in range(n):
        row = random.randint(1, dataset.shape[0])
        row_text = dataset.iloc[row, 1]
        row_label = dataset.iloc[row, 0]
        print(f'Email {i}, identified as {"spam" if row_label == 1 else "ham"}')
        print('*'*50)
        print(row_text)

print_rand_emails(ham_emails, 2)
print_rand_emails(spam_emails, 2)
```

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Why emails classified as Spam?

- Medication offers
 - with random words,
 - suspicious links
 - unsolicited advertising
- Promotion offers
 - could not opt out the marketing email
 - advertise lowest price
 - long list of items

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Why emails classified as Ham?

- Technical discussion
 - specific and relevant context
 - personalised and contextual
 - no unsolicited offers or links
 - professional tone
- Subscription content
 - email from recognized organization
 - clear and relevant information
 - proper unsubscribe option

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Data Cleaning

- Email often sent in multipart format to accomodate
 - Multiple content type
 - Handle attachment
 - Compatibility with email client
 - Improve deliverability

```
Return-Path: <abbkids@cox.net>
Received: from WISEGIGA ([218.158.93.211])
        by flax9.uwaterloo.ca (8.12.8/8.12.5) with ESMTTP id 15544fhB003680
        for <smiles@speedy.uwaterloo.ca>; Tue, 5 Jun 2007 00:04:42 -0400
Message-ID: =?utf-8?b?PDAwMDAwMWM3YTcyNiRhMTIjIwMCRkMzVkOWVhYUdCu809wrvDqjHDhs0AwrHDqMOBw7jDiMKjPg=?=
From: "Philip" <abbkids@cox.net>
To: <smiles@flax9.uwaterloo.ca>
Subject: killer softwares for the price of nuts,vista new releases USA only
Date: Tue, 05 Jun 2007 13:04:36 +0100
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: multipart/alternative;
        boundary="-----ms050401020306070409060908"
X-Priority: 3
X-MSMail-Priority: Normal
X-Mailer: Microsoft Outlook Express 6.00.2900.3028
X-MimeOLE: Produced By Microsoft MimeOLE V6.00.2900.3028

This is a multi-part message in MIME format.

-----ms050401020306070409060908
```


02 Data Cleaning

- Multipart email handling
- Separation of bodies and headers
- Empty bodies or headers are replace with empty string

Data Preprocessing

- HTML and XML processing
 - extract the content and convert to plain text for textual analysis
 - extracts the mailto anchor tag for potential spam analysis

```
<hr size="1" noshade width="100%">  
You have agreed to receive this email from CNN.com as a result of your CNN.com preference settings.<br>  
To manage your settings click <a href="http://audience.cnn.com/services/cnn/memberservices/member_auth.jsp?url=http%3A%2F%2Faudience.cnn.com/services/cnn/memberservices/member_auth.jsp?url=http%3A%2F%2Faudience.cnn.com/services/cnn/memberservices/member_auth.jsp">here</a>. To alter your alert criteria or frequency or to unsubscribe from receiving custom email alerts, click <a href="http://audi  
<a href="http://www.cnn.com/youralerts/refer/">Refer a friend or colleague</a> to CNN's FREE personalized alerting service!  
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```


Data Preprocessing

- ```

---58272770452073173629
Content-Type: text/html;
Content-Transfer-Encoding: base64

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```

## 03 Data Preprocessing

Text Processing on Email Bodies and Subject to prepare for textual analysis

- Lowercase text
- Remove punctuation
- Retain the number
  - Notice a lot number pop up in medication offer email, it might be helpful
- Tokenize words and remove stopwords with NLTK



## 03 Data Preprocessing

### Email headers processing

Following the initial exploration and research, we process headers that could be potentially useful (List-Unsubscribe, X-Spam-Status, etc) for spam email analysis. Empty row is replaced with ("") or ([]) or None depending on condition.

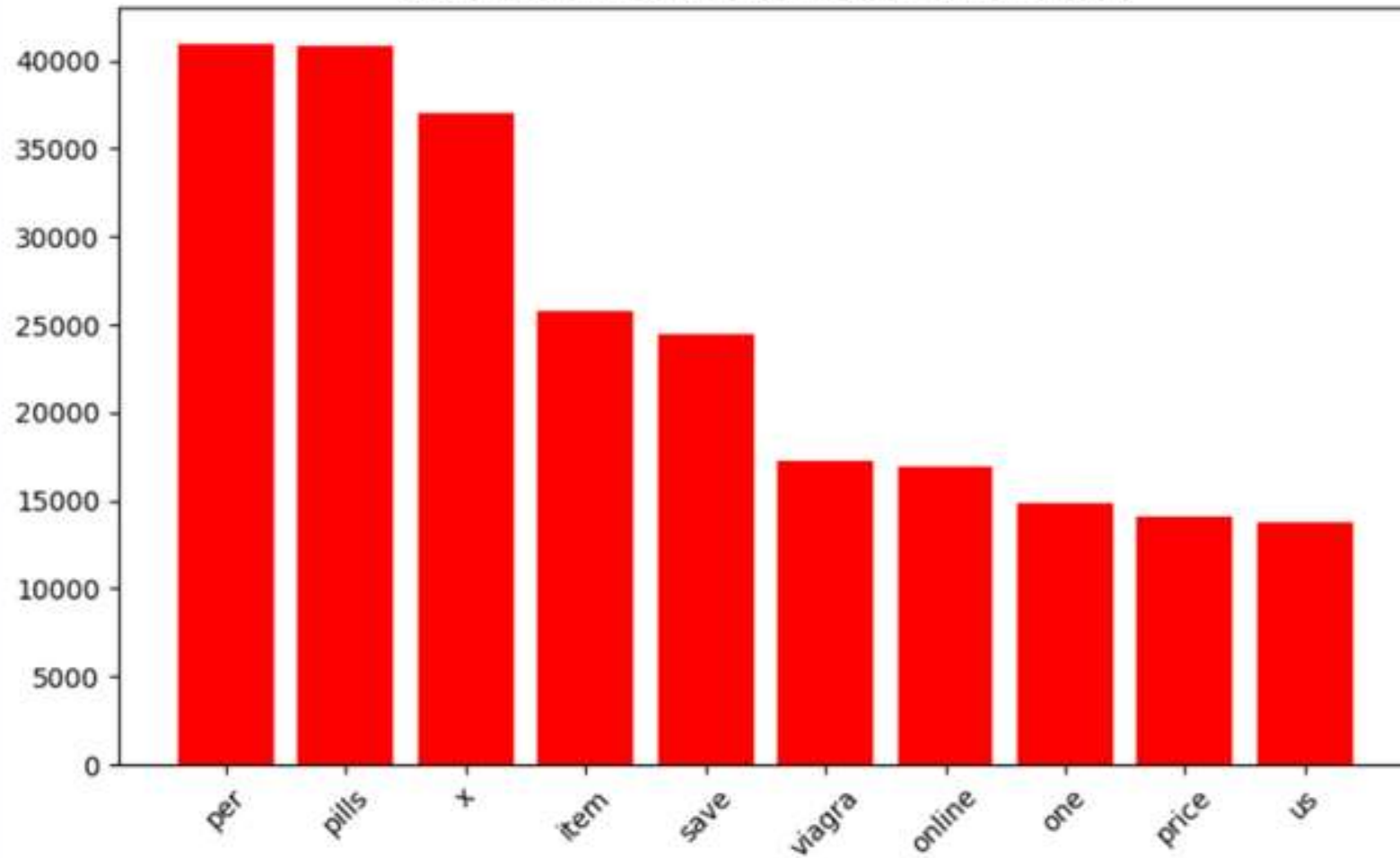
| label |   | return_path                                            | from                                          | received                                                  | list_unsubscribe                                      | x_spam_status | authentication                                    | list_subscribe                                        | list_post                                    | list_help                                             |
|-------|---|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 0     | 1 | <RickyAmes@aol.com>                                    | Tomas Jacobs<br><RickyAmes@aol.com>           | [from 129.97.78.23<br>([211.202.101.74])\tbody<br>spee... | None                                                  | no_info       | {SPF: False,<br>'DKIM': False,<br>'DMARC': False} | None                                                  | None                                         | None                                                  |
| 1     | 0 | <bounce-debian-<br>mirrors=ktwarwic=speedy.uwaterl...> | Yan Morin<br><yan.morin@savoirfairelinux.com> | [from murphy.debian.org<br>(murphy.debian.org [70...      | <mailto:debian-mirrors-<br>request@lists.debian.or... | no            | {SPF: False,<br>'DKIM': False,<br>'DMARC': False} | <mailto:debian-mirrors-<br>request@lists.debian.or... | <mailto:debian-<br>mirrors@lists.debian.org> | <mailto:debian-mirrors-<br>request@lists.debian.or... |

| subject                         | mailto:author | mailto:header | body                            |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| your's auto<br>forward<br>entry | 1             | 1             | your's auto<br>forward<br>entry |
| Topic<br>discussions            | 1             | 1             | Topic<br>discussions            |

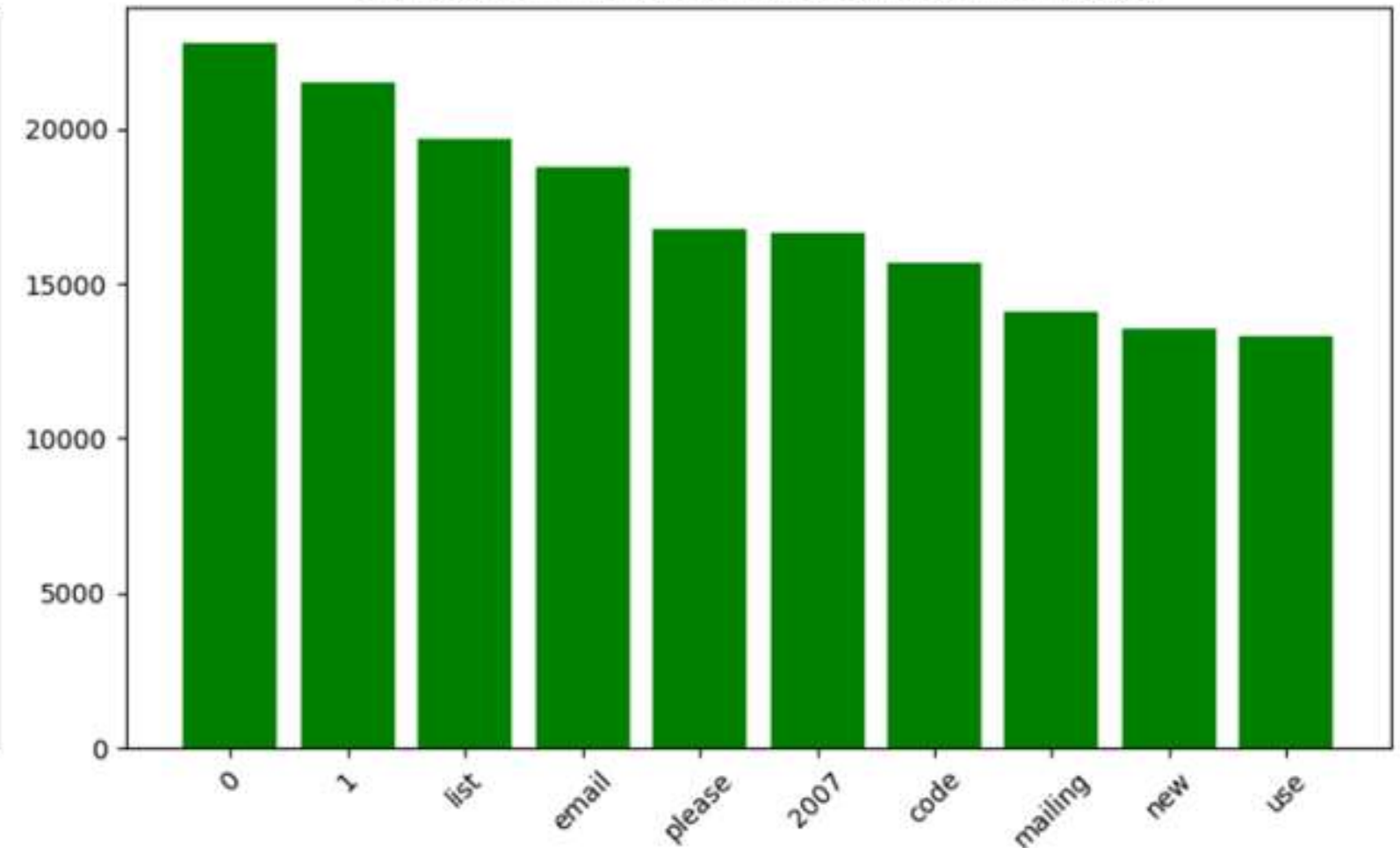
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## Data Exploration - Word Count Analysis

[1] Most Common Words in Spam Emails Body



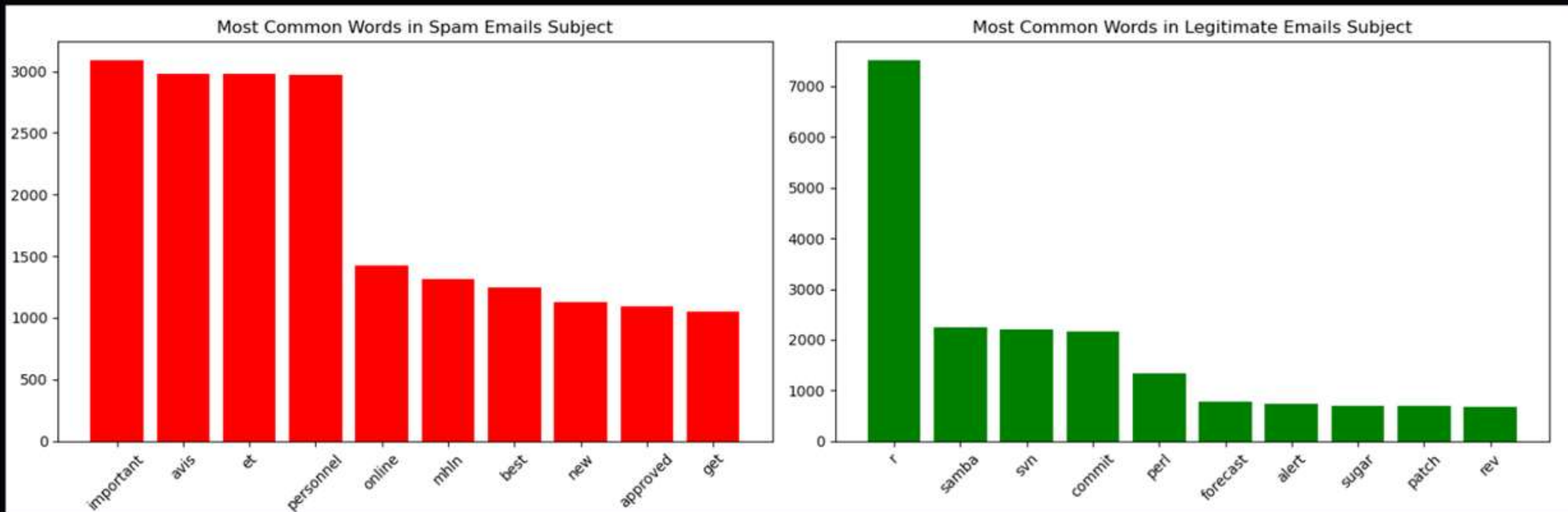
[2] Most Common Words in Legitimate Emails Body





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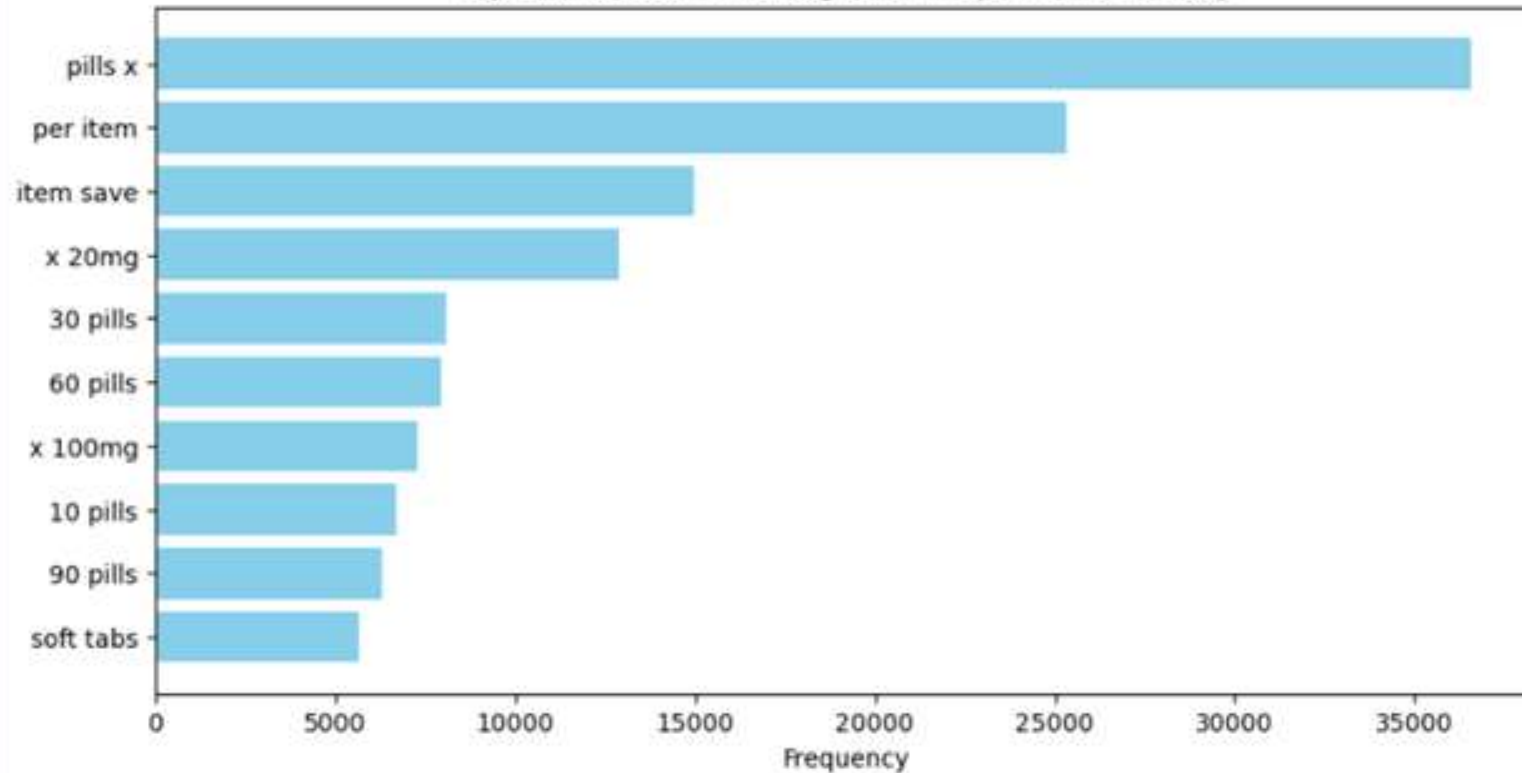
## Data Exploration - Word Count Analysis



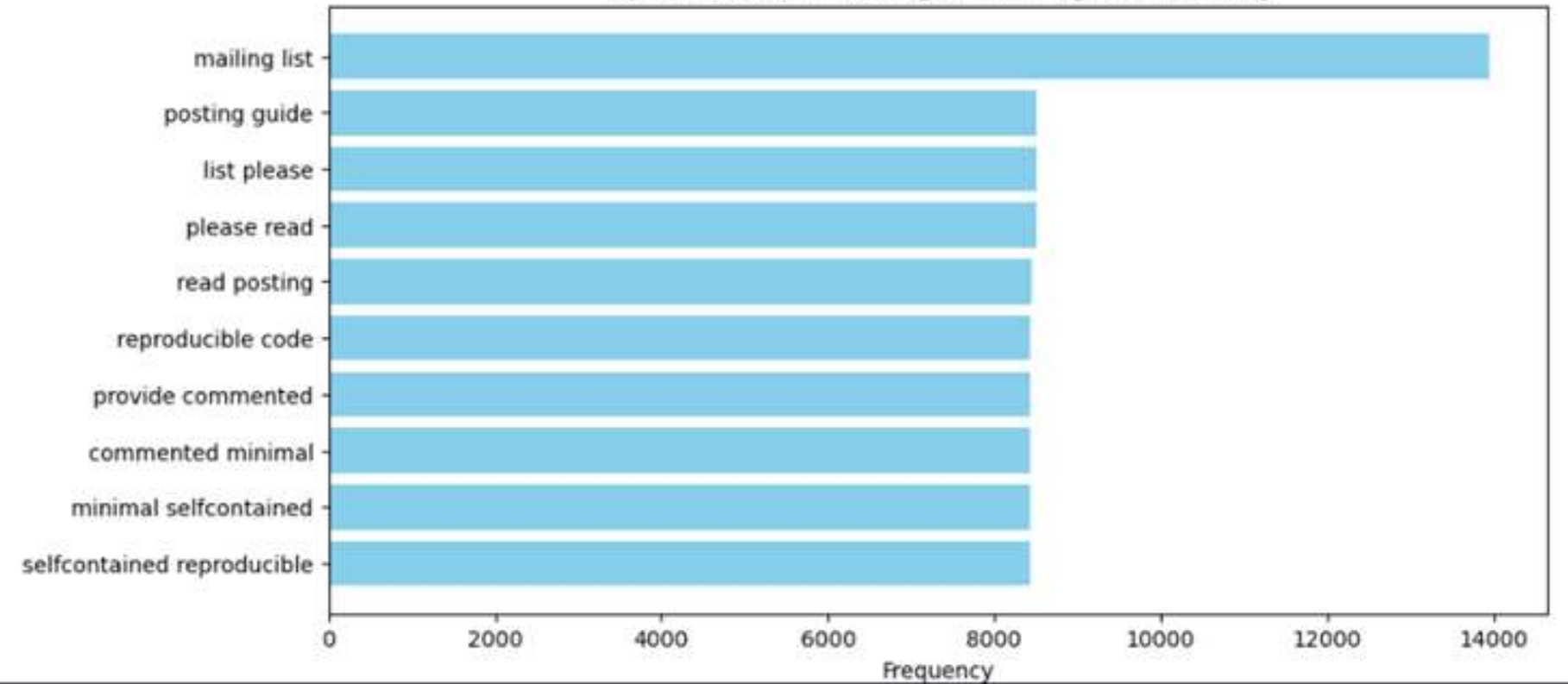
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# Data Exploration - Word Count Analysis

Top 10 Most Common Bigrams In Spam Emails Body



Top 10 Most Common Bigrams In Legit Emails Body



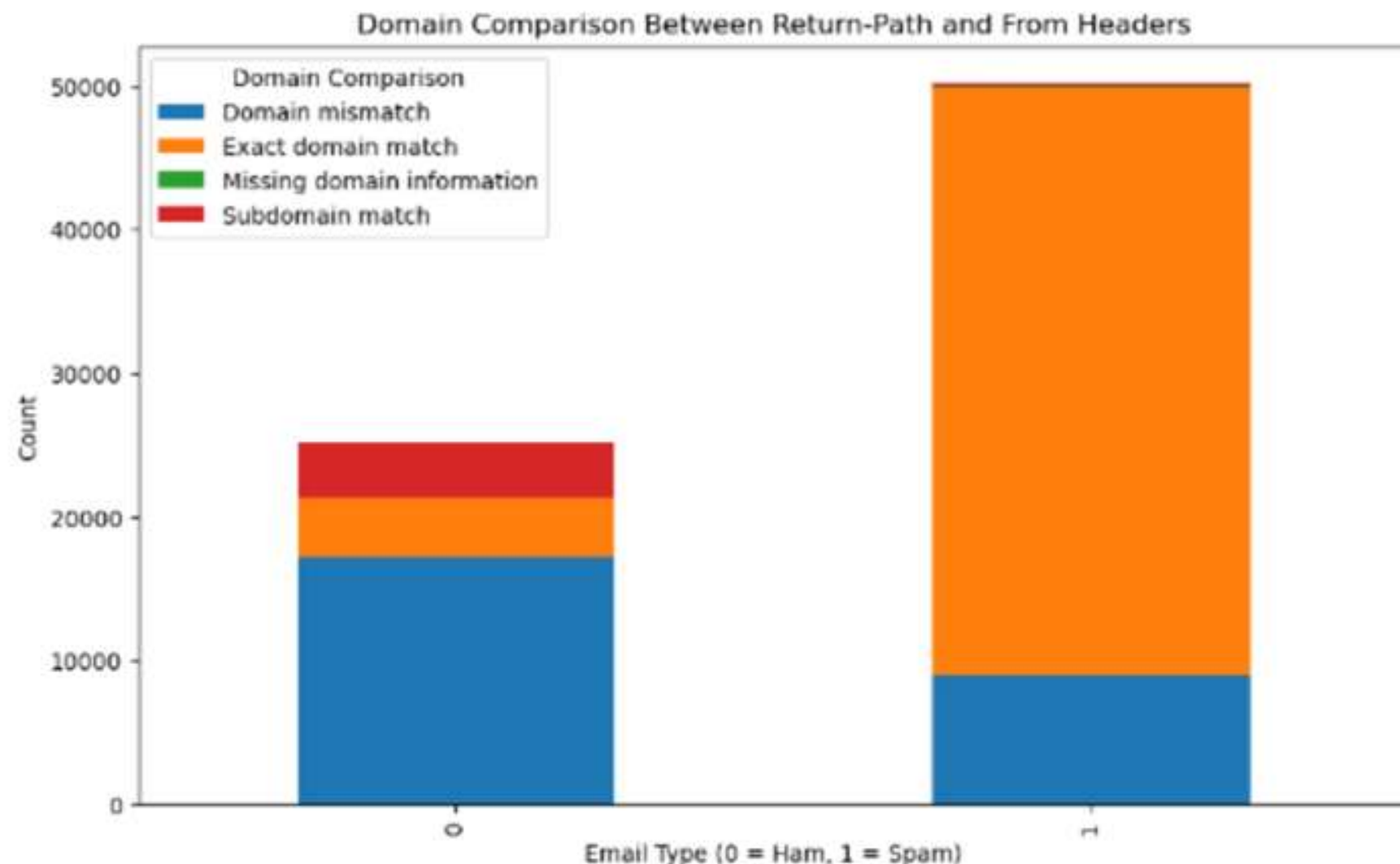


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# Data Exploration - Domain Comparison

```
domain_comparison Domain mismatch Exact domain match \
label
0 17258 4826
1 8947 48921
```

```
domain_comparison Missing domain information Subdomain match
label
0 0 3944
1 32 299
```



## Spam

- Domain mismatch

## Non-Spam

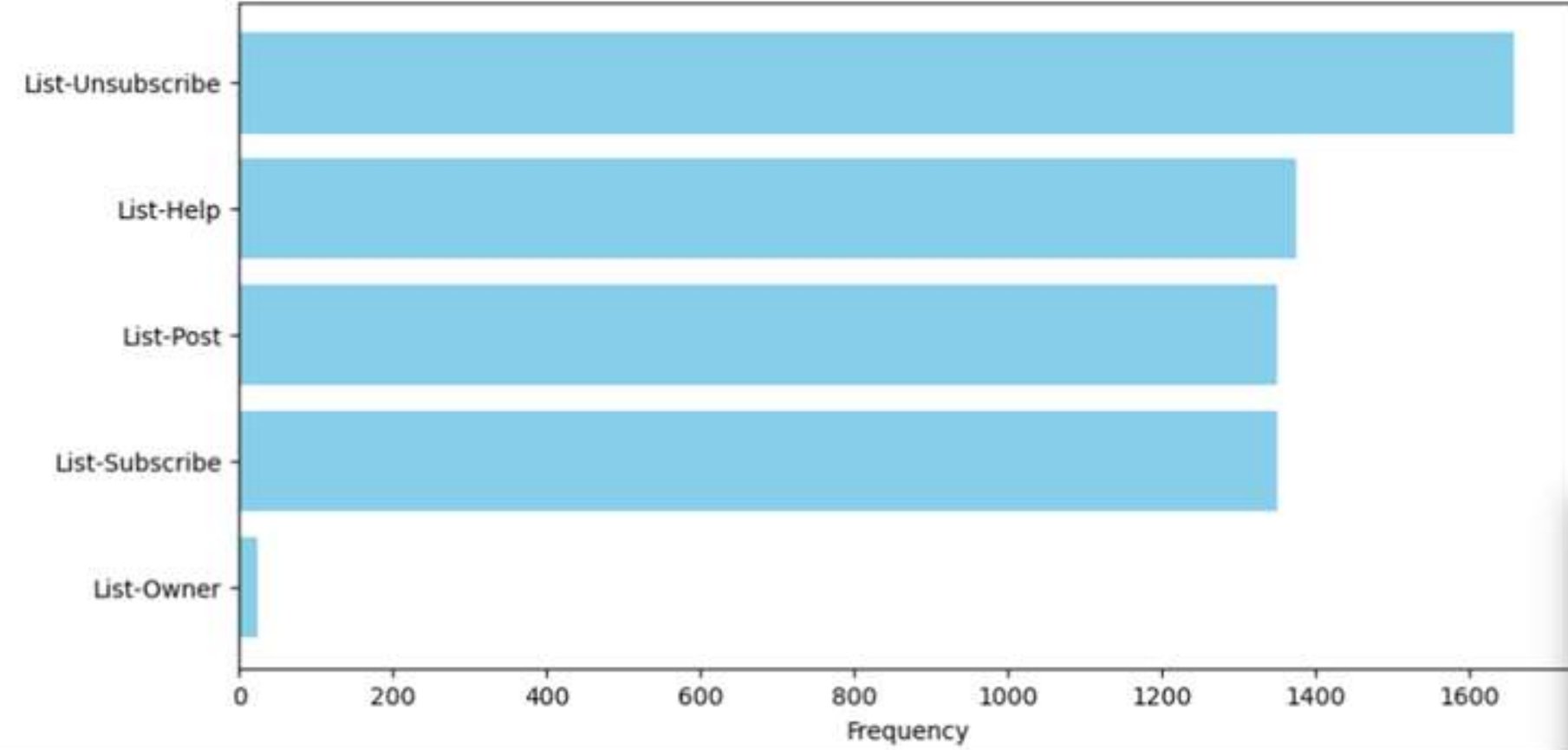
- Exact Domain match

Spammers might align these domains to avoid detection.

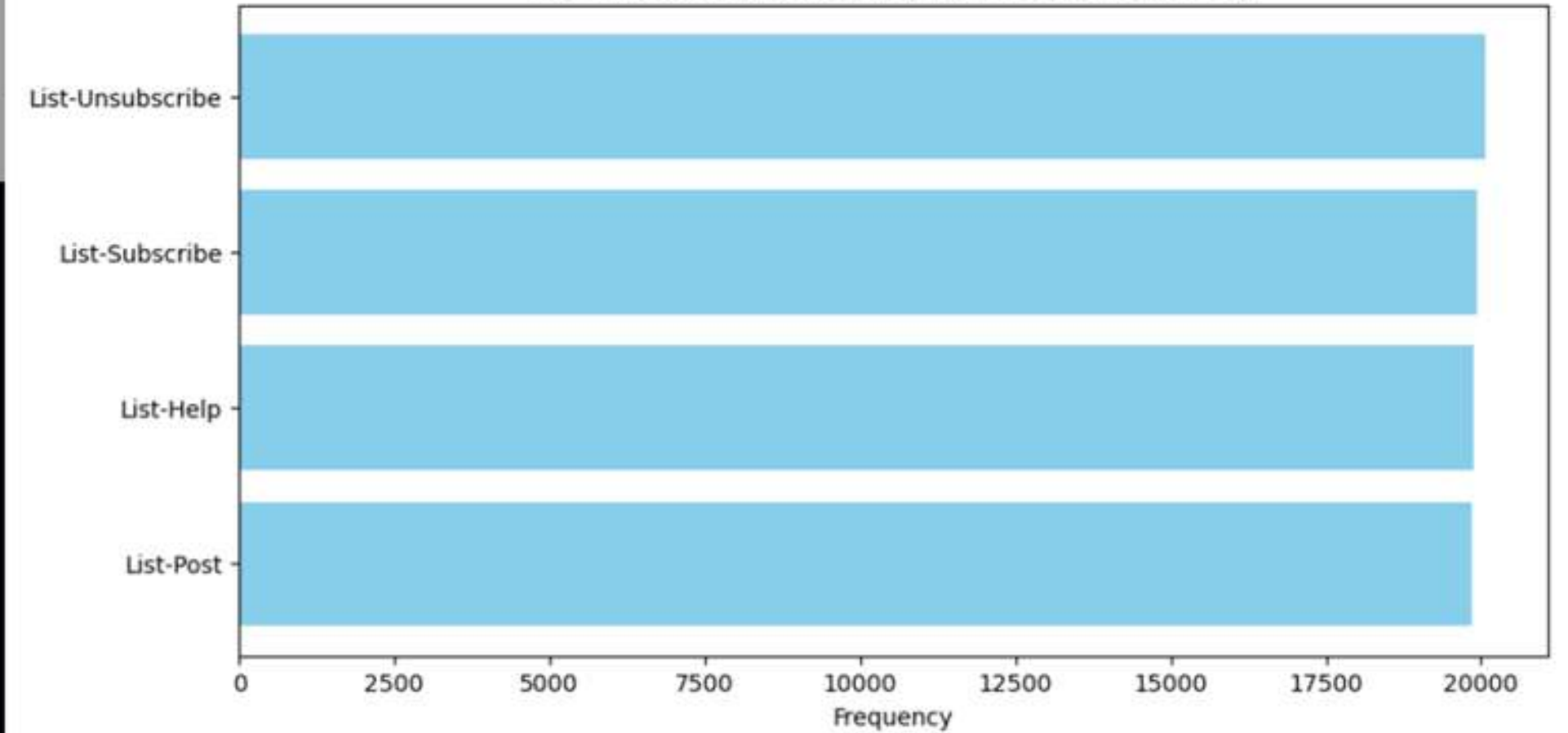
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# Data Exploration - 'mailto\_header'

Top 5 Most Common Unigrams In Spam Emails Body



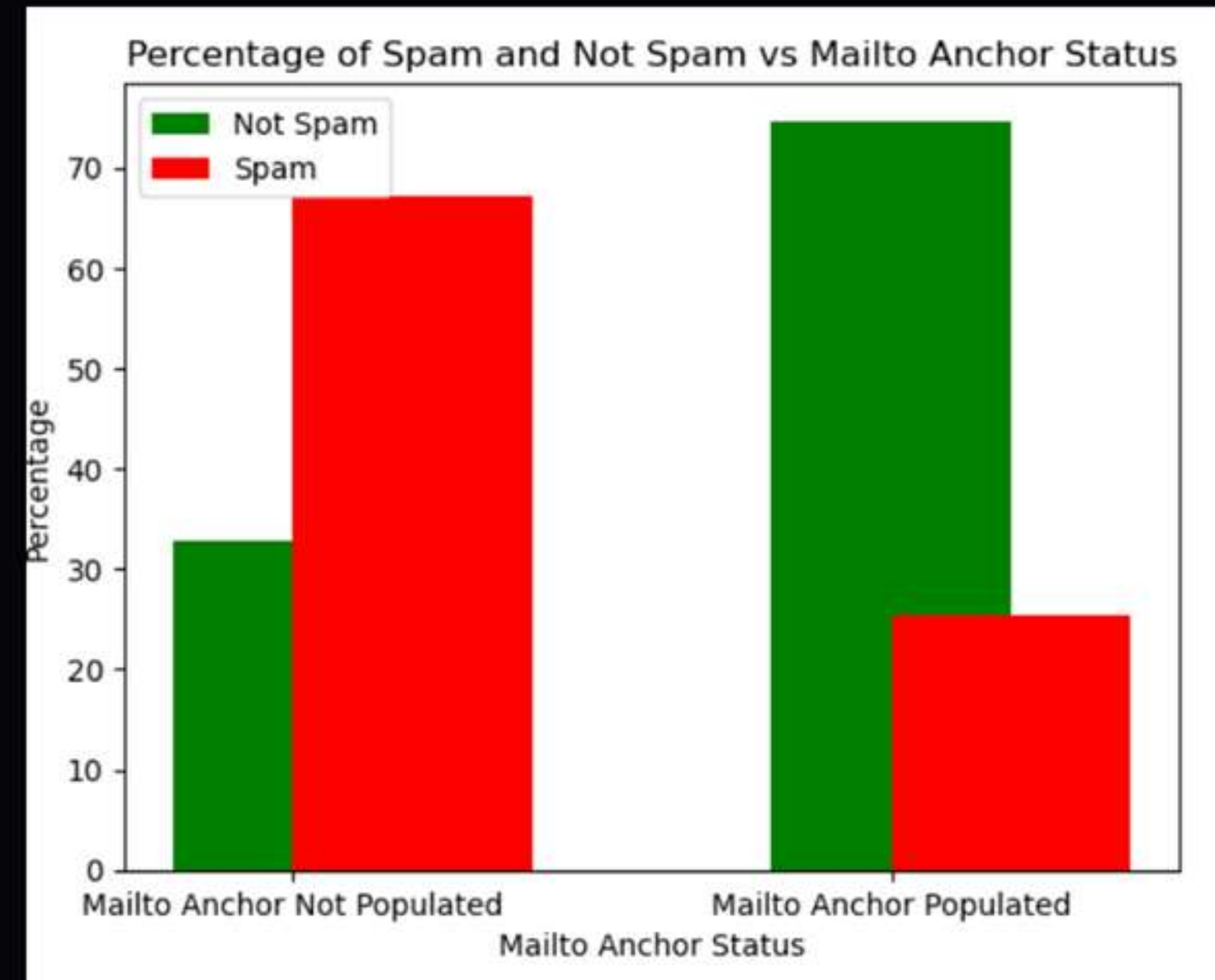
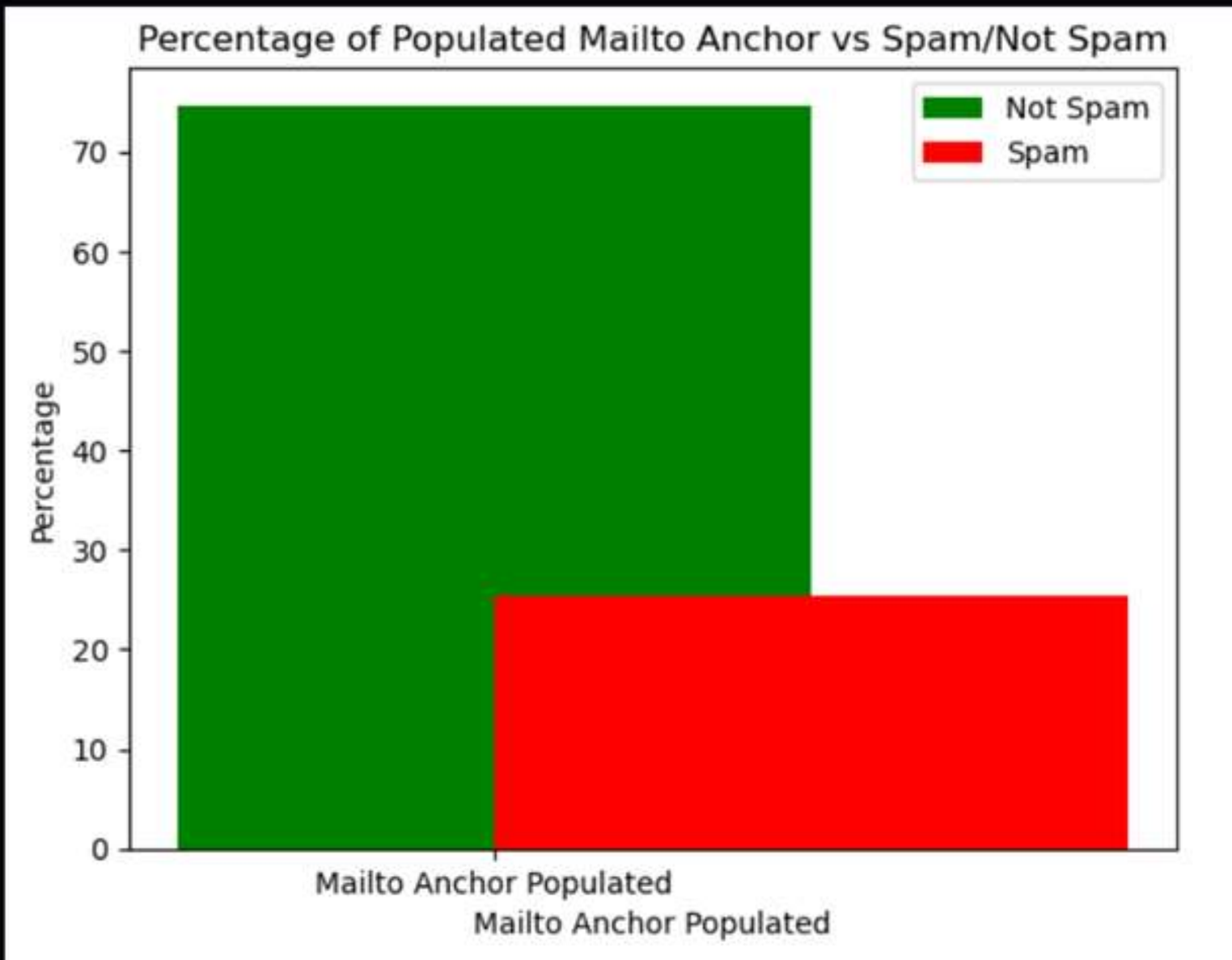
Top 4 Most Common Unigrams In Legit Emails Body





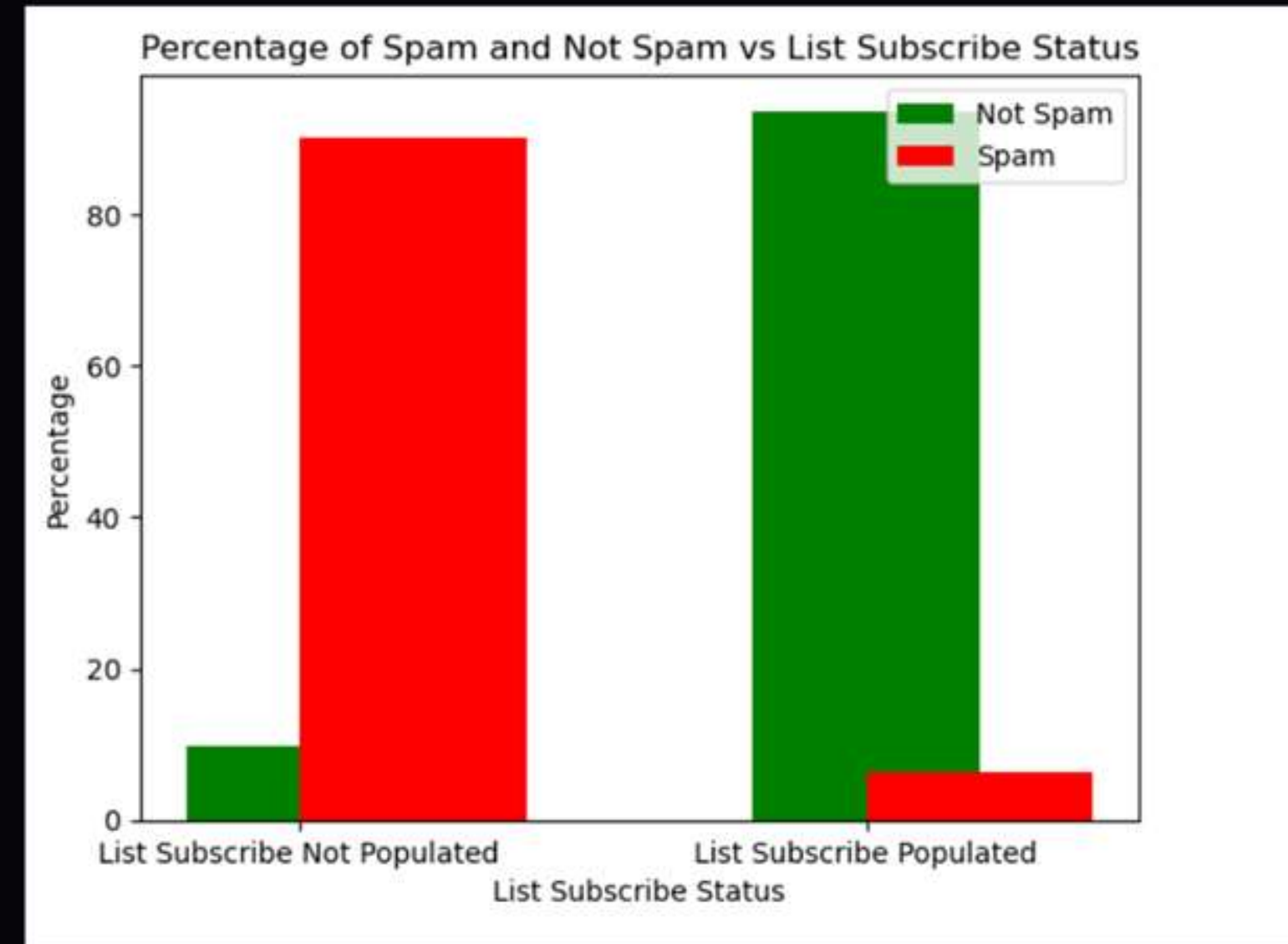
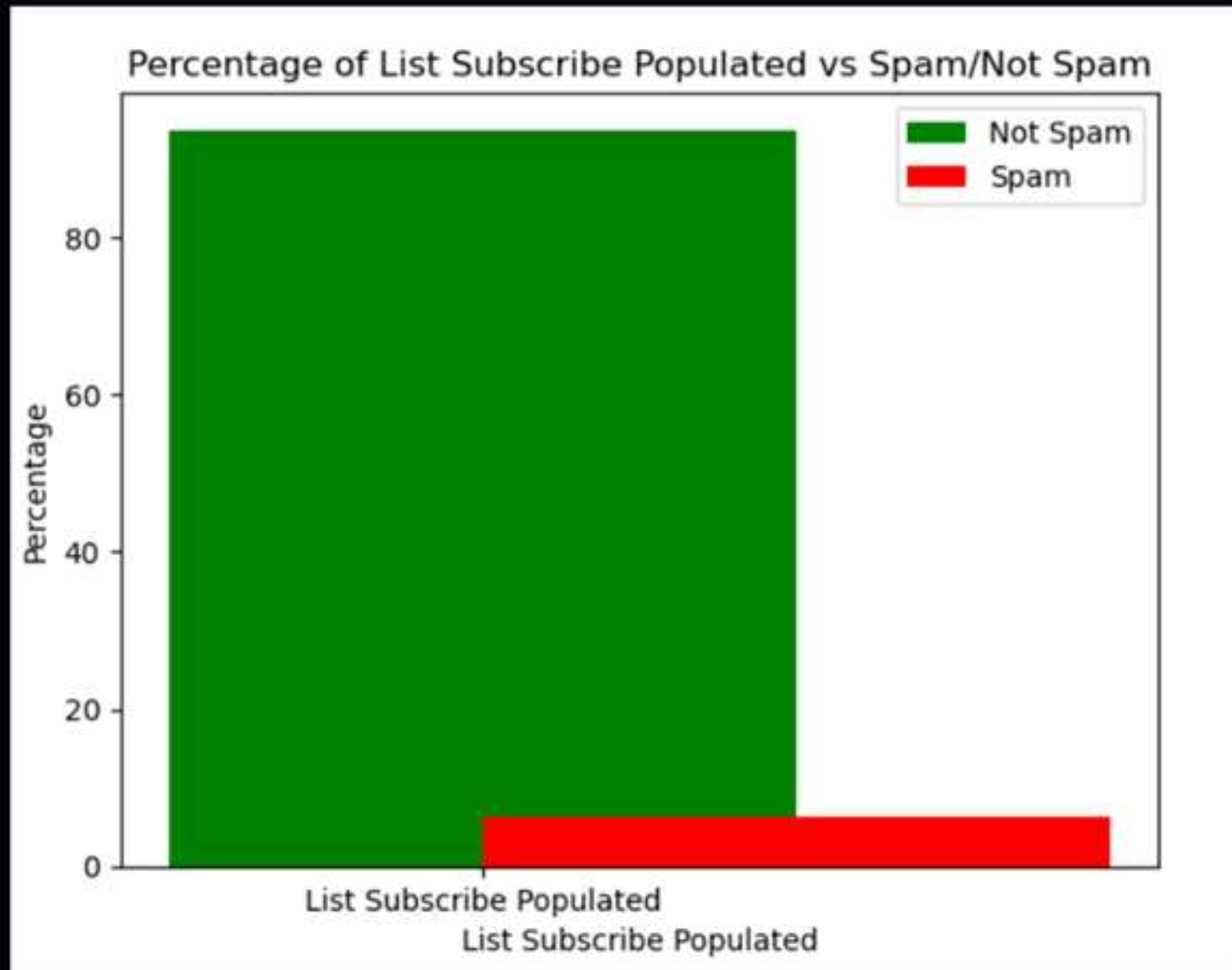
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## Data Exploration - 'mailto\_anchor'



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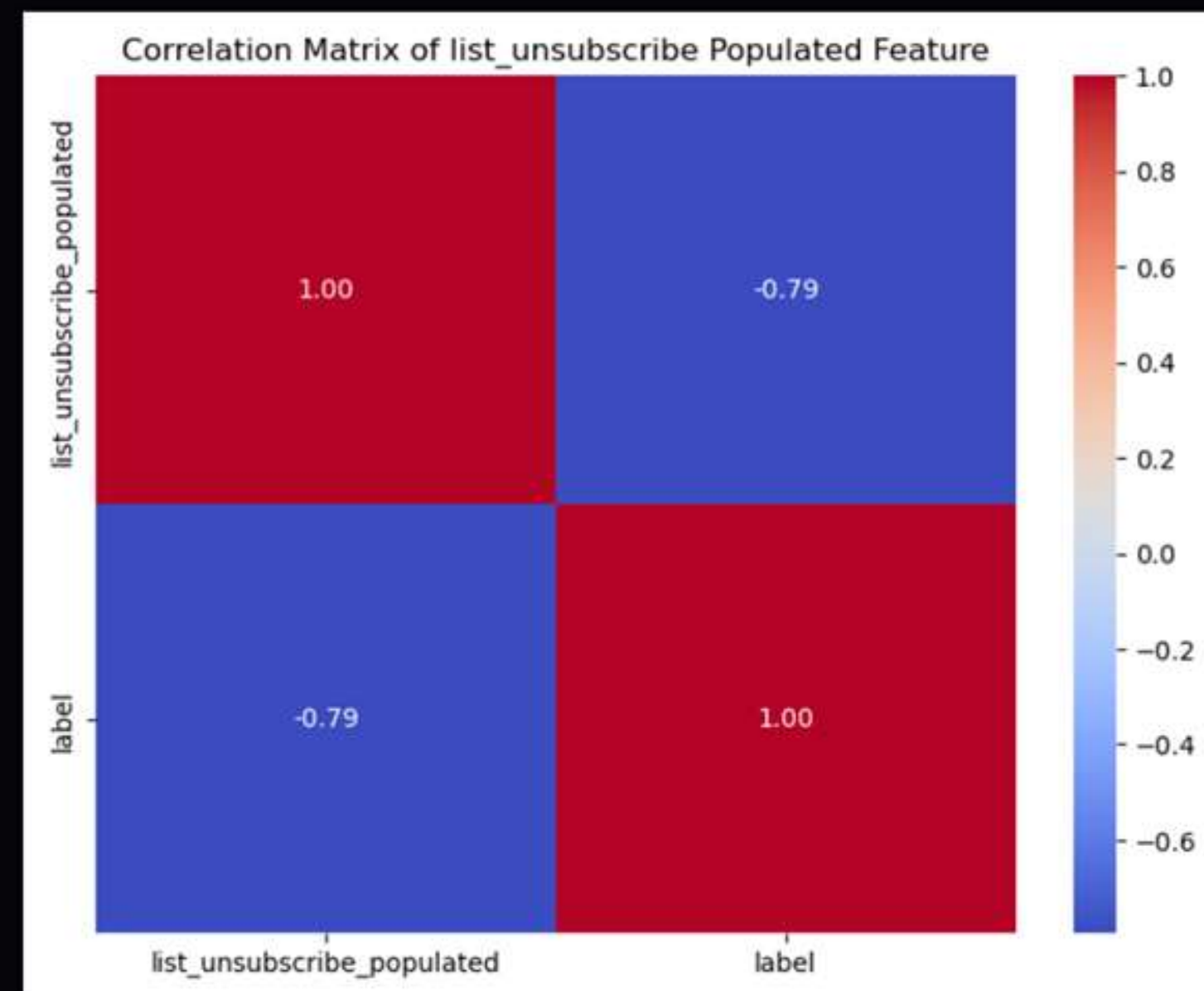
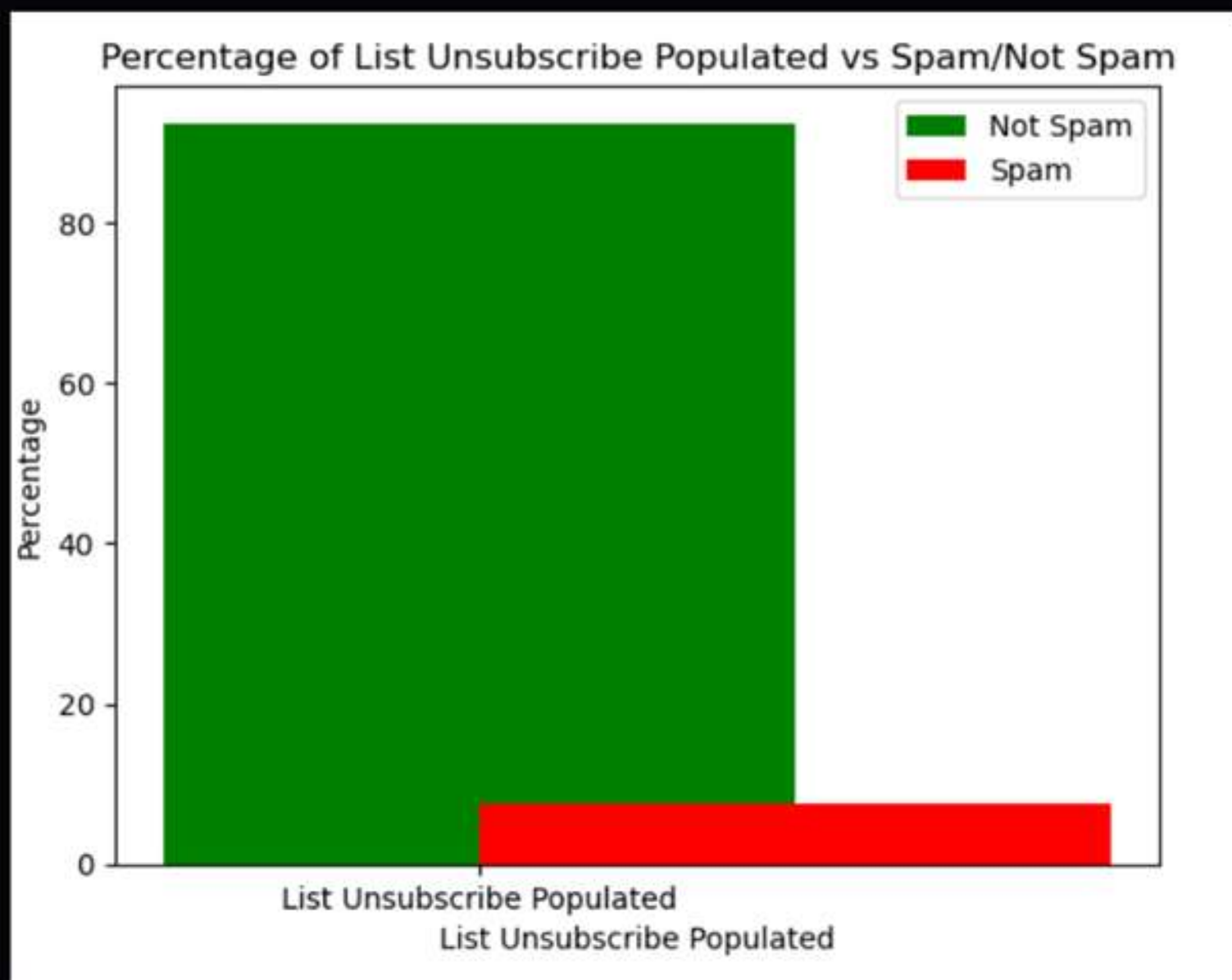
## Data Exploration - 'list\_subscribe'





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## Data Exploration - 'list\_unsubscribe'



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## Feature Engineering (1)

New features that are more suitable for use in the model were extracted from existing features, while simultaneously conducting tests to verify their relationship with the labels.

|                      | mailto_anchor,<br>mailto_header                     | list_unsubscribe                                              | authentication                                              |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| New Feature          | mailto_populated                                    | list_unsubscribe_populated                                    | is_authenticated                                            |
| What to create       | Binary indicator for the presence of a mailto link. | Binary indicator for the presence of a list-unsubscribe link. | Binary indicator for authentication by at least one method. |
| Phi Correlation Test | Phi coefficient: - 0.81<br>P-value $\approx$ 0.0    | Phi coefficient: - 0.79<br>P-value $\approx$ 0.0              | Phi coefficient: - 0.37<br>P-value $\approx$ 0.0            |



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## Feature Engineering (2)

New features that are more suitable for use in the model were extracted from existing features, while simultaneously conducting tests to verify their relationship with the labels.

|                                 | received                                                      | body                                                                         |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| New Feature                     | relay_count                                                   | body_duplicates                                                              |
| What to create                  | Continuous variable indicating the number of received headers | Continuous variable that specifies the number of times content is duplicated |
| Point-biserial Correlation Test | Correlation: -0.59                                            | Correlation: 0.14                                                            |

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# Additional Correlation Test

Relationship verification tests were conducted between the unchanged features and the labels.

|                 | x_spam_status    | domain_comparison |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Cramer's V Test | Cramer's V: 0.76 | Cramer's V: 0.64  |

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# Feature Selection



## Selected

- subject
- body
- list\_unsubscribe\_populated
- mailto\_populated
- is\_authenticated
- from\_email
- return\_email
- x\_spam\_status
- domain\_comparison

### Why?

- High correlation coefficient
- P-value converging to zero
- Contextually significant



## Removed

- relay\_count
- body\_duplicates
- to

### Why?

- Low correlation coefficient
- Interpretation differs from initial expectations despite not having low correlation
- Excluded to avoid contextual issues and logical conflicts



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## Data Transformation



### Vectorization

#### Text Columns: **subject, body**

It is an essential step before inputting text columns into the model.

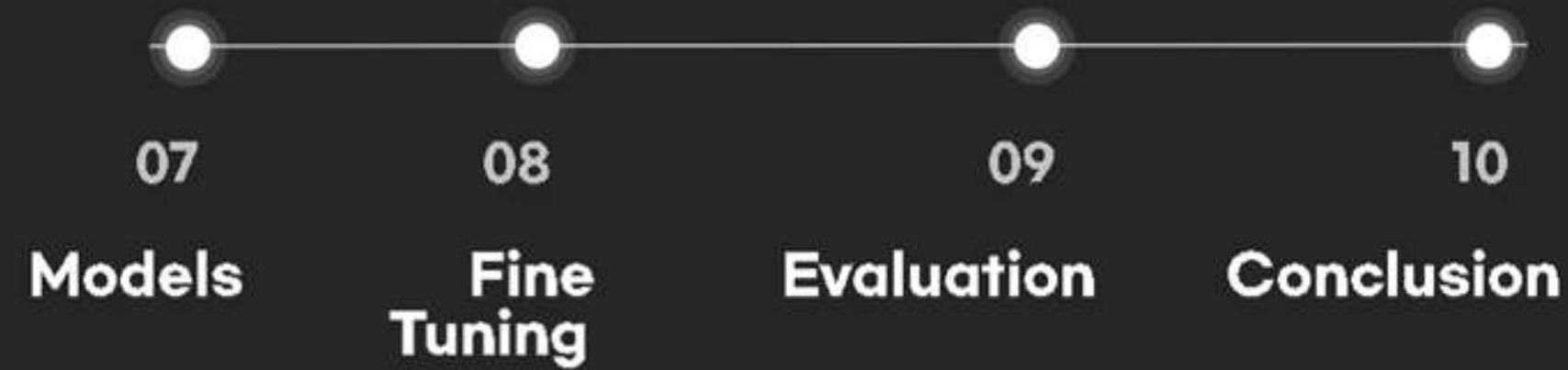
It can effectively control high cardinality.

By appropriately adjusting the max\_features of the TfidfVectorizer, the vector dimension and overfitting can be regulated.

#### One-hot Encoding: **x\_spam\_status, domain\_comparison**

One-hot encode columns with three or more categories..

### One-hot Encoding



## PART 2: IMPLEMENTATION

## Splitting Dataset

- **Holdout** Method for splitting training, validation, and test set (6:2:2)
- **Stratified** splitting is used to ensure that the label proportions of the original dataset are maintained within each subset.

## Evaluation Metrics

- **ROC-AUC score**: Indicates the overall performance of the model
- **Classification Report**: Analyzes the detailed predictive capabilities of the model



## We chose **3 Models**

### Logistic Regression

- Simple and effective for binary classification tasks
- Less prone to overfitting, especially when regularized

### Random Forest

- Capture complex, non-linear relationships between features
- Ensemble nature improves robustness and generalization

### Dense Neural Network (DNN)

- Powerful feature extraction capabilities, especially for large and complex datasets
- Capture subtle patterns through multiple layers of neurons

## Logistic Regression

### Basic Parameters:

- $C = 0.01$
- `max_iter = 1000`
- `class_weight='balanced'`

Logistic Regression **Validation** Results:

Validation AUC Score: 0.9808

Validation Classification Report:

|              | precision | recall | f1-score | support |
|--------------|-----------|--------|----------|---------|
| 0            | 0.93      | 0.91   | 0.92     | 5044    |
| 1            | 0.95      | 0.97   | 0.96     | 10040   |
| accuracy     |           |        | 0.95     | 15084   |
| macro avg    | 0.94      | 0.94   | 0.94     | 15084   |
| weighted avg | 0.95      | 0.95   | 0.95     | 15084   |

Logistic Regression **Test** Results:

Test AUC Score: 0.9826

Test Classification Report:

|              | precision | recall | f1-score | support |
|--------------|-----------|--------|----------|---------|
| 0            | 0.93      | 0.91   | 0.92     | 5044    |
| 1            | 0.95      | 0.97   | 0.96     | 10040   |
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| macro avg    | 0.94      | 0.94   | 0.94     | 15084   |
| weighted avg | 0.95      | 0.95   | 0.95     | 15084   |

## Random Forest

### Basic Parameters:

- `n_estimators = 100`
- `max_depth = 3`
- `min_samples_leaf=5`
- `class_weight='balanced'`

Random Forest **Validation** Results:

Validation AUC Score: 0.9763

Validation Classification Report:

|              | precision | recall | f1-score | support |
|--------------|-----------|--------|----------|---------|
| 0            | 0.97      | 0.88   | 0.92     | 5044    |
| 1            | 0.94      | 0.99   | 0.96     | 10040   |
| accuracy     |           |        | 0.95     | 15084   |
| macro avg    | 0.96      | 0.93   | 0.94     | 15084   |
| weighted avg | 0.95      | 0.95   | 0.95     | 15084   |

Random Forest **Test** Results:

Test AUC Score: 0.9826

Test Classification Report:

|              | precision | recall | f1-score | support |
|--------------|-----------|--------|----------|---------|
| 0            | 0.93      | 0.91   | 0.92     | 5044    |
| 1            | 0.95      | 0.97   | 0.96     | 10040   |
| accuracy     |           |        | 0.95     | 15084   |
| macro avg    | 0.94      | 0.94   | 0.94     | 15084   |
| weighted avg | 0.95      | 0.95   | 0.95     | 15084   |



## Dense Neural Network

### Basic Parameters:

- Dense layers: 64 units, ReLU
- Dropout rate: 0.5
- Output layer: 1 unit, Sigmoid
- Optimizer: Adam (lr=0.001)
- Loss: binary\_crossentropy
- Epochs: 10
- Batch size: 32
- Class weight: 'balanced'

Dense **Validation** Results:

Validation AUC Score: 0.9963

Validation Classification Report:

|  |              | precision | recall | f1-score | support |
|--|--------------|-----------|--------|----------|---------|
|  | 0            | 0.97      | 0.98   | 0.97     | 5044    |
|  | 1            | 0.99      | 0.99   | 0.99     | 10040   |
|  | accuracy     |           |        | 0.98     | 15084   |
|  | macro avg    | 0.98      | 0.98   | 0.98     | 15084   |
|  | weighted avg | 0.98      | 0.98   | 0.98     | 15084   |

\Dense **Test** Results:

Test AUC Score: 0.9965

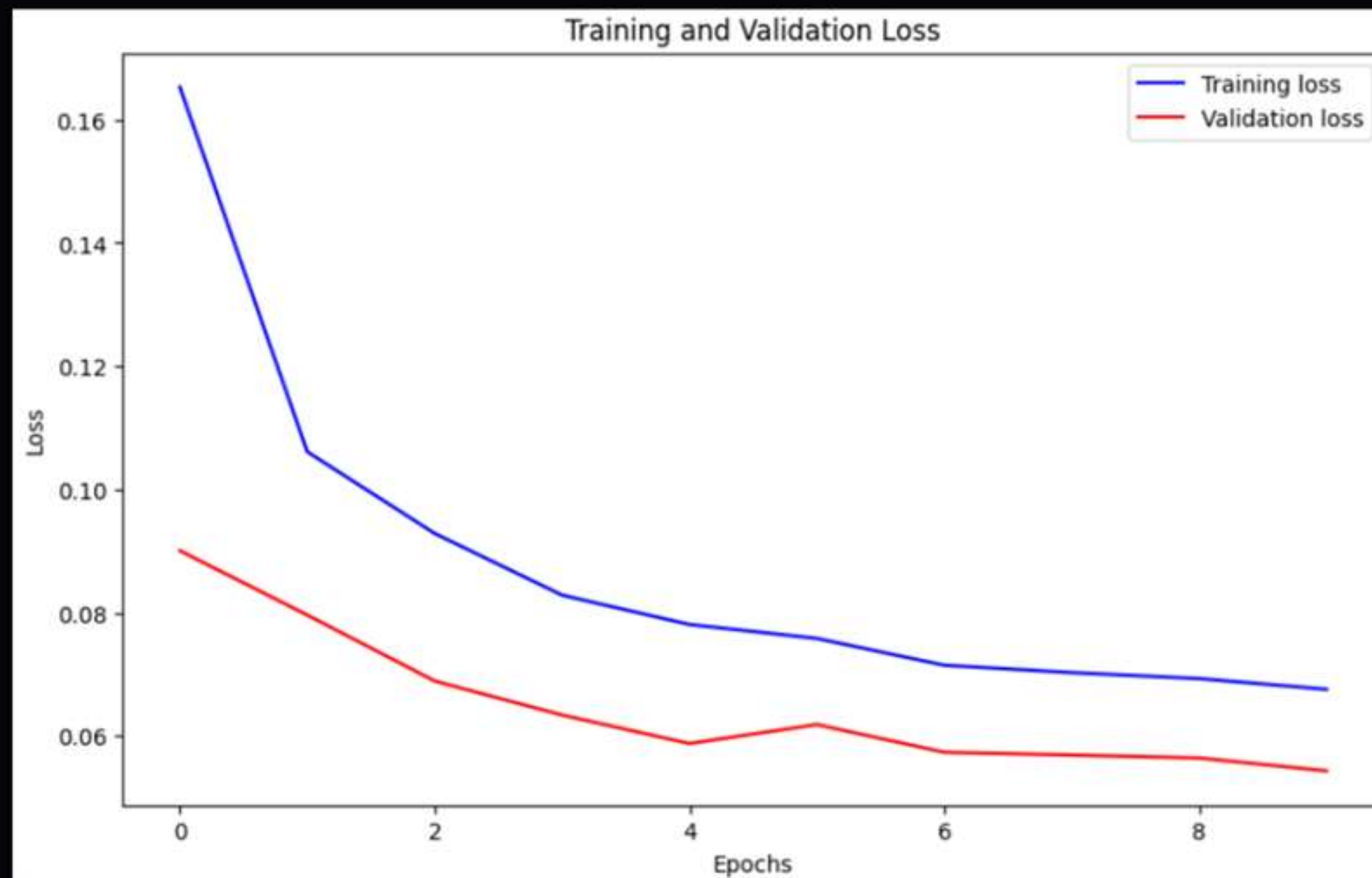
Test Classification Report:

|  |              | precision | recall | f1-score | support |
|--|--------------|-----------|--------|----------|---------|
|  | 0            | 0.97      | 0.98   | 0.98     | 5044    |
|  | 1            | 0.99      | 0.99   | 0.99     | 10040   |
|  | accuracy     |           |        | 0.98     | 15084   |
|  | macro avg    | 0.98      | 0.98   | 0.98     | 15084   |
|  | weighted avg | 0.98      | 0.98   | 0.98     | 15084   |

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## Fine Tuning

### Key Components in ML Models

Hyperparameters are crucial settings that control the learning process in machine learning models. They are not learned from the data but are set prior to training. These parameters significantly influence model performance and play a vital role in optimizing spam detection algorithms.



## Logistic Regression

### Best Parameters:

- $C = 1$
- `max_iter = 1000`
- `class_weight='balanced'`

Validation AUC score: 0.9925

Validation classification report:

|  |              | precision | recall | f1-score | support |
|--|--------------|-----------|--------|----------|---------|
|  | 0            | 0.95      | 0.95   | 0.95     | 5044    |
|  | 1            | 0.97      | 0.98   | 0.98     | 10040   |
|  | accuracy     |           |        | 0.97     | 15084   |
|  | macro avg    | 0.96      | 0.96   | 0.96     | 15084   |
|  | weighted avg | 0.97      | 0.97   | 0.97     | 15084   |

Test AUC score: 0.9934

Test classification report:

|  |              | precision | recall | f1-score | support |
|--|--------------|-----------|--------|----------|---------|
|  | 0            | 0.96      | 0.95   | 0.96     | 5044    |
|  | 1            | 0.98      | 0.98   | 0.98     | 10040   |
|  | accuracy     |           |        | 0.97     | 15084   |
|  | macro avg    | 0.97      | 0.97   | 0.97     | 15084   |
|  | weighted avg | 0.97      | 0.97   | 0.97     | 15084   |

## Random Forest

### Best Parameters:

- `n_estimators = 100`
- `max_depth = 5`
- `min_samples_leaf = 3`
- `class_weight = 'balanced'`

Validation AUC Score: 0.9812

Validation Classification Report:

|  |              | precision | recall | f1-score | support |
|--|--------------|-----------|--------|----------|---------|
|  | 0            | 0.99      | 0.87   | 0.93     | 5044    |
|  | 1            | 0.94      | 1.00   | 0.97     | 10040   |
|  | accuracy     |           |        | 0.96     | 15084   |
|  | macro avg    | 0.97      | 0.94   | 0.95     | 15084   |
|  | weighted avg | 0.96      | 0.96   | 0.96     | 15084   |

Test AUC Score: 0.9832

Test Classification Report:

|  |              | precision | recall | f1-score | support |
|--|--------------|-----------|--------|----------|---------|
|  | 0            | 0.99      | 0.88   | 0.93     | 5044    |
|  | 1            | 0.94      | 1.00   | 0.97     | 10040   |
|  | accuracy     |           |        | 0.96     | 15084   |
|  | macro avg    | 0.97      | 0.94   | 0.95     | 15084   |
|  | weighted avg | 0.96      | 0.96   | 0.96     | 15084   |

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# Fine Tuning

## Dense Neural Network

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- Dropout rate: 0.5
- Output layer: 1 unit, Sigmoid
- Optimizer: Adam (lr=0.001)
- Loss: binary\_crossentropy
- Epochs: 10
- Batch size: 64
- Class weight: 'balanced'

Validation AUC Score: 0.9963

Validation Classification Report:

|  |              | precision | recall | f1-score | support |
|--|--------------|-----------|--------|----------|---------|
|  | 0            | 1.00      | 0.96   | 0.97     | 5044    |
|  | 1            | 0.98      | 1.00   | 0.99     | 10040   |
|  | accuracy     |           |        | 0.98     | 15084   |
|  | macro avg    | 0.99      | 0.98   | 0.98     | 15084   |
|  | weighted avg | 0.98      | 0.98   | 0.98     | 15084   |

Test AUC Score: 0.9966

Test Classification Report:

|  |              | precision | recall | f1-score | support |
|--|--------------|-----------|--------|----------|---------|
|  | 0            | 0.99      | 0.96   | 0.97     | 5044    |
|  | 1            | 0.98      | 1.00   | 0.99     | 10040   |
|  | accuracy     |           |        | 0.98     | 15084   |
|  | macro avg    | 0.99      | 0.98   | 0.98     | 15084   |
|  | weighted avg | 0.98      | 0.98   | 0.98     | 15084   |

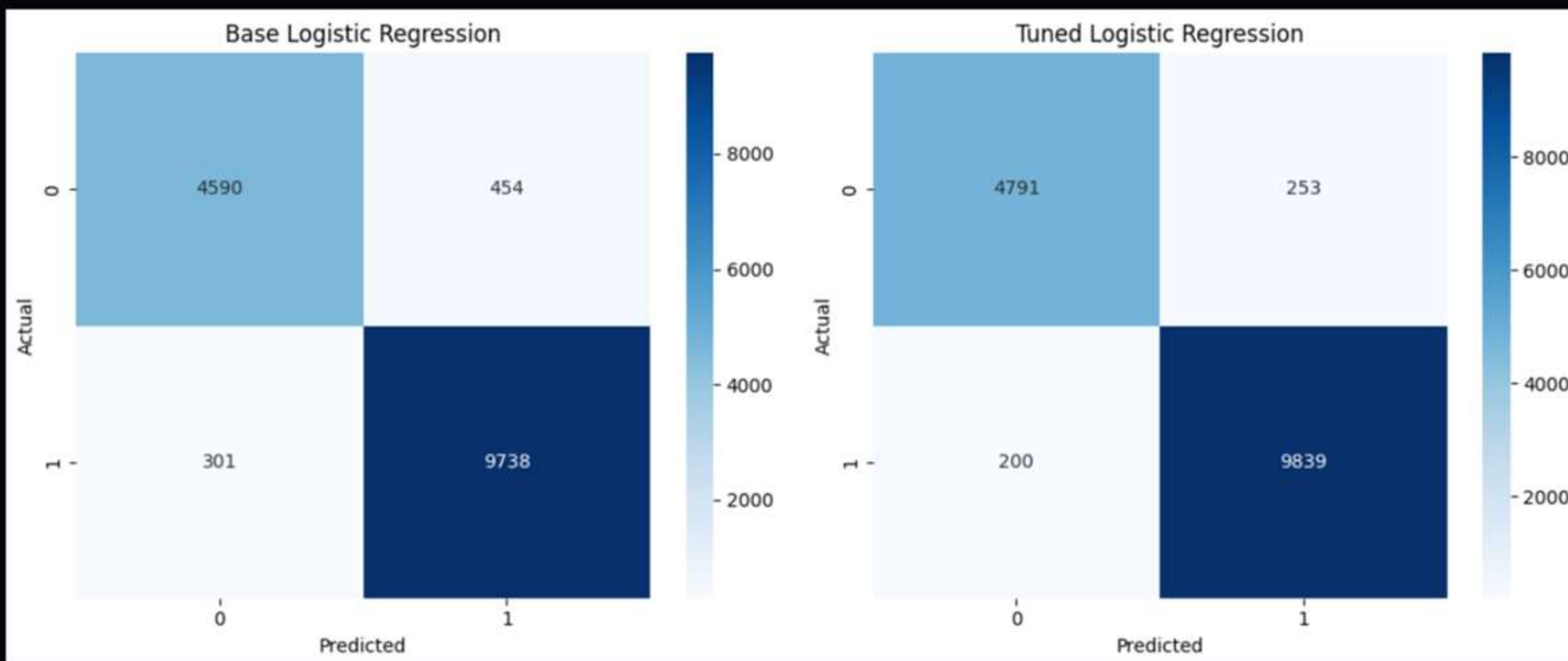


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# Evaluation

## Logistic Regression

Base Model Test AUC: 0.9826  
Tuned Model Test AUC: **0.9934**

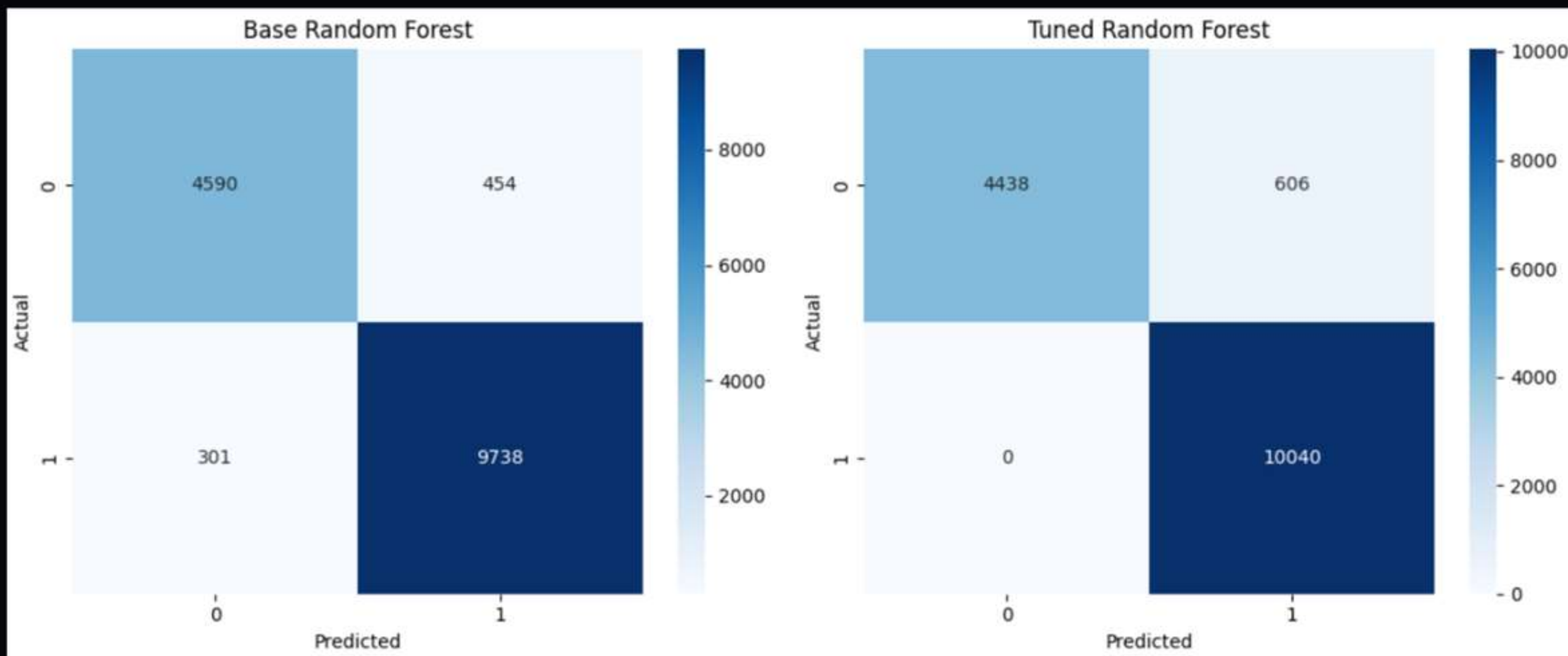


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# Evaluation

## Random Forest

Base Model Test AUC: 0.9826  
Tuned Model Test AUC: **0.9832**

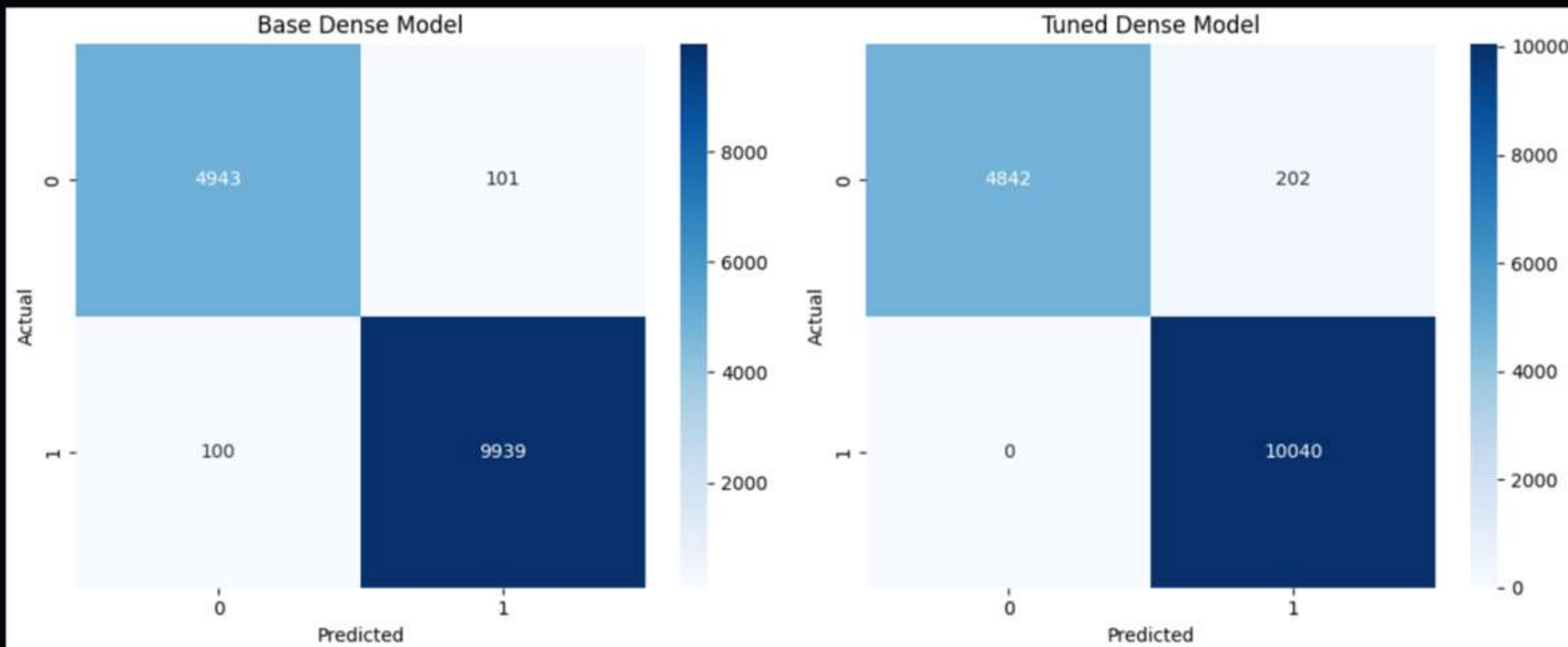


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# Evaluation

## Dense Neural Network

Base Model Test AUC: 0.9965  
Tuned Model Test AUC: **0.9966**





**Do we answer the 'Data Driven Feature Engineering and Multi Model Optimization for Enhanced Spam Email Detection'?**

## Conclusion : Feature Engineering

### Comparing with and without feature engineering

- Before feature engineering with 2 columns: .90 accuracy
- After feature engineering: average around .98 to .99
- Utilize hold-out and stratified splitting to address overfitting concerns

What does feature engineering helps?

- Capture patterns and relationships within data better
- Improve the interpretability on the input variables
- Reduce the cardinalities of the complex data



## Conclusion: Model Optimization

Comparing base and tuned models showed slight overall improvement, with the **dense model** performing best. All base models had very high accuracy initially. This was due to subject and body being strong predictors of the label.

**To dealing with this **overfitting** concern..**

- Fine tuning for max\_feature
- Balance the label distribution (class\_weight = 'balanced')
- Adjusting parameters involved in controlling overfitting in each model
- Display learning curve graph



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## What can we improve further in future?

- Feature Importance Analysis
- Utilized interpretability tools like SHAP and LIME
- Apply model in different datasets for datashift problem and adversarial shift problem



# Thank you for watching our Presentation!

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