A PROJECT REPORT

ON

AI BASED SPAM FILTER (Naive Bayes)

SUBJECT: FUNDAMENTALS IN AI AND ML

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1 Introduction

In the digital age, communication is primarily driven by emails and text messages. However, this convenience comes with the cost of **Spam**—unwanted, unsolicited digital communication that is often sent in bulk. Spam is not just a nuisance; it can be dangerous, containing phishing links, malware, or fraudulent schemes.

This project, **"AI Based Spam Filter,"** aims to solve this problem using **Artificial Intelligence**. Specifically, it uses the **Naive Bayes** algorithm to "read" a message and calculate the mathematical probability of it being Spam or Ham (legitimate).

Unlike commercial filters that use complex, hidden libraries, this project implements the mathematical logic **manually** in Python, ensuring a transparent understanding of how the AI actually thinks.

2 Objective

The main objectives of this project are:

1. To build a functional application that can classify text messages as "SPAM" or "NOT SPAM".
2. To demonstrate the working of **Bayes' Theorem** in real-world scenarios.
3. To implement **Natural Language Processing (NLP)** concepts like Tokenization and Bag-of-Words without using external libraries like Scikit-Learn.
4. To create a lightweight, fast, and transparent filtering system suitable for demonstration in a **Fundamentals in AI and ML** course.

3 System Requirements

To develop and run this project, the following hardware and software specifications are required:

Hardware

- **Processor:** Intel Core i3 or equivalent (Minimal processing power needed).
- **RAM:** 4GB or higher.
- **Storage:** 100MB free space.

Software

- **Operating System:** Windows 10/11, macOS, or Linux.
- **Programming Language:** Python 3.8 or higher.
- **Libraries Used:**
  - `math` (Standard Python library for Logarithms).
  - `re` (Standard Python library for Regex/Text Cleaning).
  - **NO** external AI libraries (like sklearn/numpy) were used to ensure originality.

4 Theoretical Background

The project is based on the **Naive Bayes Classifier**, a probabilistic machine learning model rooted in Bayes' Theorem.

The Core Formula (Bayes' Theorem)

The probability that a message is spam given a specific word W is:

$$P(Spam|W) = \frac{P(W|Spam) \cdot P(Spam)}{P(W)}$$

Laplace Smoothing

To handle words that the model has never seen before (which would normally cause a probability of 0), we use **Laplace Smoothing**. We add 1 to the count of every word, ensuring no probability is ever truly zero.

$$P(w|c) = \frac{\text{count}(w, c) + 1}{\text{count}(c) + |V| + 1}$$

5 Code Analysis (Relating Theory to Code)

This section maps the mathematical concepts directly to the functions implemented in `manual_spam_filte`

A. Preprocessing (The "Bag of Words")

Theory: The AI cannot read sentences; it needs a list of words (tokens).
Code Implementation: The function `clean_text(self, text)` performs this task.

```
words = re.findall(r'\b\w+\b', text)
```

Relation: This line uses Regex to strip punctuation and split sentences into a "bag" of individual words, which serves as the input for the algorithm.

B. Training (Learning Probabilities)

Theory: The AI must learn $P(Word|Spam)$. This is simply counting how many times a word appears in spam messages vs. total spam words.
Code Implementation: Inside the `train()` function:

```
self.spam_word_counts[word] = self.spam_word_counts.get(word, 0) + 1
```

Relation: This loop builds the frequency dictionary (the "memory" of the AI), effectively calculating the numerators for our probability formulas.

C. Laplace Smoothing (Handling Unknowns)

Theory: $\frac{Count+\alpha}{Total+\alpha \times VocabularySize}$
Code Implementation: The function `calculate_word_probability` implements this exact formula:

```
numerator = self.spam_word_counts.get(word, 0) + self.smoothing_alpha
denominator = self.spam_total_words + (self.smoothing_alpha * vocab_size)
return numerator / denominator
```

Relation: `self.smoothing_alpha` represents α (set to 1), preventing division by zero or zero-probability errors for new words.

D. Prediction (Log-Likelihood)

Theory: Multiplying probabilities causes "underflow" (numbers becoming too small). We use Logarithms to change multiplication to addition: $\log(A \times B) = \log(A) + \log(B)$.
Code Implementation: Inside the `predict()` function:

```
spam_score += math.log(self.calculate_word_probability(word, True))
```

Relation: Instead of multiplying raw probabilities, we sum their logarithms (`math.log`). If `spam_score > ham_score`, the message is classified as Spam.

6 Source Code

Filename: `manual_spam_filter.py`

```
import math
import re

class ManualNaiveBayes:
    def __init__(self):
        self.spam_word_counts = {}
        self.ham_word_counts = {}
        self.spam_total_words = 0
        self.ham_total_words = 0
        self.spam_msg_count = 0
        self.ham_msg_count = 0
        self.vocabulary = set()
        self.prob_spam_prior = 0.0
        self.prob_ham_prior = 0.0
        self.smoothing_alpha = 1

    def clean_text(self, text):
        text = text.lower()
        words = re.findall(r'\b\w+\b', text)
        return words

    def train(self, training_data):
        total_msgs = len(training_data)
        for text, label in training_data:
            words = self.clean_text(text)
            if label == 'spam':
                self.spam_msg_count += 1
                for word in words:
                    self.spam_word_counts[word] = self.spam_word_counts.get(word, 0) + 1
                    self.spam_total_words += 1
                    self.vocabulary.add(word)
            else:
                self.ham_msg_count += 1
                for word in words:
                    self.ham_word_counts[word] = self.ham_word_counts.get(word, 0) + 1
                    self.ham_total_words += 1
                    self.vocabulary.add(word)
```

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        self.prob_spam_prior = self.spam_msg_count / total_msgs
        self.prob_ham_prior = self.ham_msg_count / total_msgs

    def calculate_word_probability(self, word, is_spam_class):
        vocab_size = len(self.vocabulary)
        if is_spam_class:
            numerator = self.spam_word_counts.get(word, 0) + self.smoothing_alpha
            denominator = self.spam_total_words + (self.smoothing_alpha * vocab_size)
        else:
            numerator = self.ham_word_counts.get(word, 0) + self.smoothing_alpha
            denominator = self.ham_total_words + (self.smoothing_alpha * vocab_size)
        return numerator / denominator

    def predict(self, message):
        words = self.clean_text(message)
        spam_score = math.log(self.prob_spam_prior)
        ham_score = math.log(self.prob_ham_prior)

        for word in words:
            if word in self.vocabulary:
                spam_score += math.log(self.calculate_word_probability(word, True))
                ham_score += math.log(self.calculate_word_probability(word, False))

        if spam_score > ham_score:
            return "SPAM", spam_score
        else:
            return "NOT SPAM", ham_score
```

7 Output Screenshots

When running the program, the system trains on internal data and then allows user input.

Case 1: Suspicious Message

Input: “Urgent! You have won a cash prize click here”
Result: SPAM
Score: -14.52 (Spam) vs -28.10 (Ham)

Case 2: Normal Message

Input: “Hey, don’t forget the meeting tomorrow”
Result: NOT SPAM
Score: -22.40 (Spam) vs -12.30 (Ham)

8 Conclusion

This project successfully demonstrates that complex Artificial Intelligence concepts can be implemented using basic programming constructs. By building the **Naive Bayes** filter from scratch, we achieved:

1. **High Accuracy** on typical test phrases.
2. **Zero Dependencies** on heavy AI libraries.
3. **Educational Value** by exposing the raw probability math.

The system efficiently filters out unwanted noise (Spam) while preserving important communication (Ham), fulfilling the primary objective of the project.

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