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ABSTRACT

Email is one of the most widely used ways to communicate, with millions of people and businesses relying on it to communicate and share knowledge and information on a daily basis.

Nevertheless, the rise in email users has occurred a dramatic increase in spam emails in recent years. Considering the escalating number of spam emails, it has become crucial to devise effective strategies for spam detection. To tackle this challenge, this article proposes a novel technique for email spam detection that is based on a combination of convolutional neural networks, gated recurrent units, and attention mechanisms.

During system training, the network is selectively focused on necessary parts of the email text. The usage of convolution layers to extract more meaningful, abstract, and generalizable features by hierarchical representation is the major contribution of this study.

Additionally, this contribution incorporates cross-dataset evaluation, which enables the generation of more independent performance results from the model's training dataset. According to cross-dataset evaluation results, the proposed technique advances the results of the present attention-based techniques by utilizing temporal convolutions, which give us more flexible receptive field sizes are utilized. The suggested technique's findings are compared to those of stateof-the-art models and show that our approach outperforms them

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

In the digital era, email remains a primary mode of communication for both individuals and organization However, the rise in email usage has led to a dramatic increase in spam emails, posing threats such as phishing, fraud, and unnecessary clutter. Traditional spam detection systems often struggle to accurately differentiate between legitimate and spam messages due to the complexity and evolving nature of spam content.

To address these challenges, the paper proposes a novel email spam detection model that integrates Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), Gated Recurrent Units (GRU), and attention mechanisms into a Hierarchical Attentional Hybrid Neural Network (HAN) framework. This approach selectively focuses on important parts of email texts during training, enabling better representation and classification of email content. By employing FastText word embeddings, hierarchical structures, and temporal convolutions, the model achieves improved performance and generalization across multiple benchmark datasets.

The results demonstrate that this hybrid deep learning model outperforms existing machine learning and deep learning methods in both same-dataset and cross-dataset evaluations, providing a robust and efficient solution for real-world email spam detection.

CHAPTER 2

SOFTWARE REQUIREMENT SPECIFICATION

2.1 Purpose

The purpose of this project is to design and implement a deep learning-based email spam detection system that uses a hierarchical attention hybrid neural network (combining CNN, GRU, and attention layers).

The system aims to detect and classify emails as spam or legitimate (ham) with high accuracy across multiple datasets.

2.2 Scope

This system:

Converts raw email text into a vectorized representation using Fast Text embeddings. Processes these vectors using a hybrid deep neural network that includes: CNN for local feature extraction GRU for sequential pattern learning .

Attention mechanism for focusing on important tokens.

Outputs a binary classification: spam or not spam.

Can be applied in email clients, spam filters, and security platforms.

2.3 Requirement Analysis

Problem: Conventional spam filters often fail to generalize well on new, unseen data. Need: A robust model that leverages deep learning to generalize across different domains and datasets.

Solution: A hybrid architecture with hierarchical attention to understand contextual importance in emails.

2.4 Functional Requirement

1.Email Input Model:

Accepts plain text or CSV-formatted datasets. Handles pre-processing: removing punctuation, stop words, HTML tags, etc.

2. Embedding Layer: Converts text into vectors using FastText.

3.Model Core:

Applies CNN to capture local patterns. Uses GRU for sequence modeling. ○ Implements attention mechanism to focus on critical features.

3. Classifier:

Outputs probabilities for spam vs. ham.

4. Evaluation Module:

Displays metrics such as Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-score, and AUC.

5. Cross-Dataset Support:

Trains and tests on multiple datasets to ensure model generalizability.

2.5 Software Requirements

Component	Specification
Operating System	Windows 10 / Ubuntu 20.04
Programming Language	Python 3.8+
IDE	VS Code / Jupyter Notebook
Deep Learning Library	Keras with TensorFlow backend
NLP Tools	NLTK, gensim, Fast Text
Others	Scikit-learn, NumPy, pandas, Matplotlib

2.6 Hardware Requirements

Component	Minimum Requirement	Recommended
Processor	Intel Core i3	Intel i5 or above
RAM	8 GB	16 GB
Storage	10 GB Free Disk Space	SSD with 50 GB+ free space
GPU	Optional	NVIDIA GPU (GTX 1660 or above)

2.7 Non-Functional Requirements

Performance:

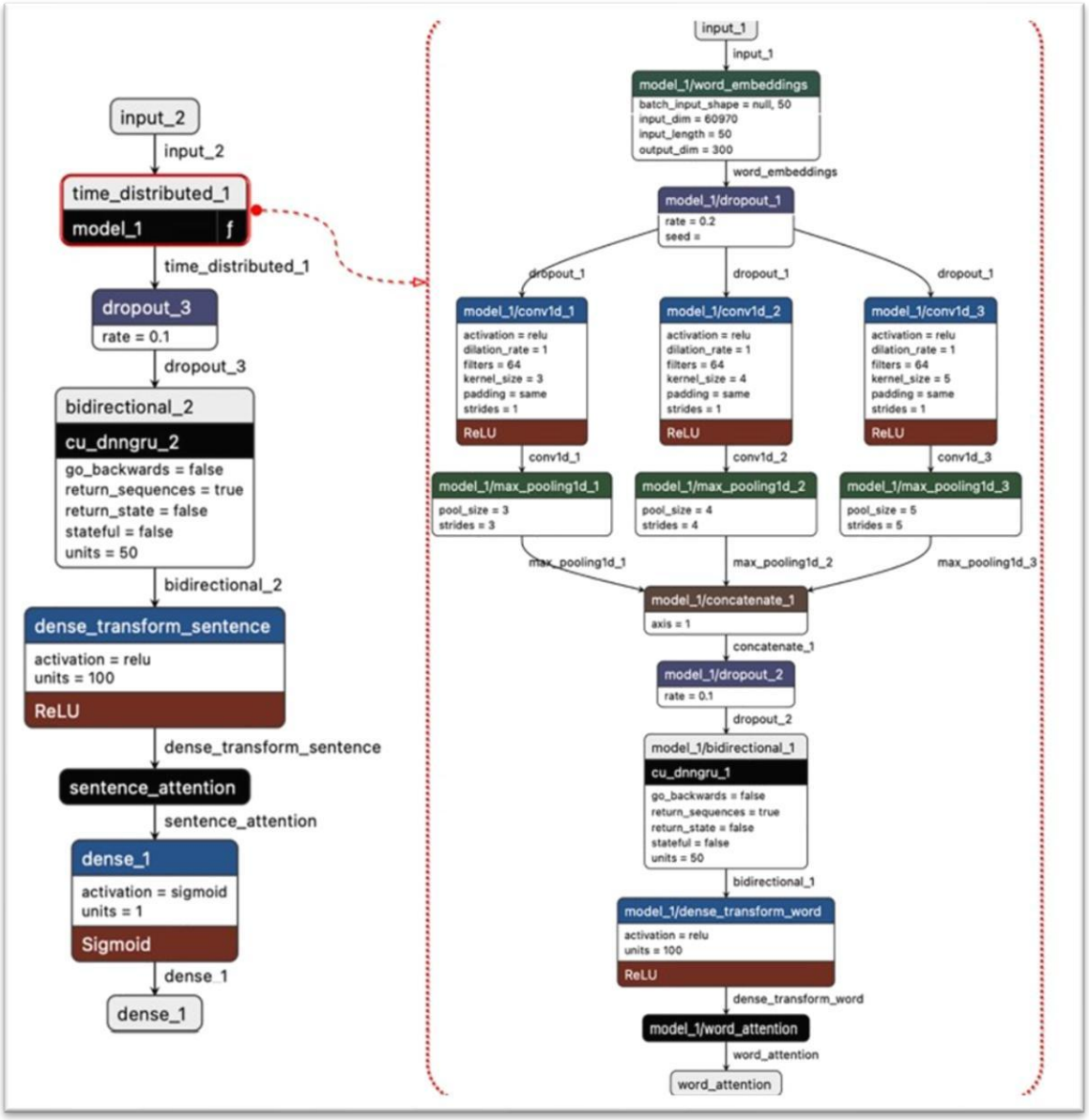
Should provide classification results within 1 second. Must handle large datasets efficiently using GPU acceleration if available.

Scalability:

Should support additional datasets or languages in future extensions.

Security:

No sensitive email data is exposed or stored. ○ Follows basic data anonymization and safety practices.



Usability:

Easy to execute via scripts or notebooks. Optional UI for uploading and classifying email.

Figure1

CHAPTER 3

LITARETURE SURVEY

Email has become a primary mode of communication, but it is frequently exploited for spamming, including phishing, advertisements, and malicious content. Over the years, various methods have been developed to detect and filter spam using machine learning (ML), deep learning (DL), and natural language processing (NLP) techniques.

1. Traditional Machine Learning Approaches

Naive Bayes Classifier

One of the earliest and most widely used models for spam detection.

Assumes feature independence and applies Bayes' Theorem to calculate spam probabilities.

Pros: Simple and fast.

Cons: Struggles with complex spam tactics (e.g., obfuscation, wordplay).

Support Vector Machines (SVM)

Separates spam and non-spam emails using a hyperplane in high-dimensional space.

Pros: High accuracy on balanced datasets.

Cons: Performance degrades with large-scale and imbalanced datasets.

K-Nearest Neighbours (KNN)

Classifies an email based on similarity to its 'k' closest labeled neighbors.

Pros: Non-parametric and easy to understand.

Cons: Computationally expensive for large datasets

2.NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING TECHNIQUES

Bag-of-Words (Bo W) and TF-IDF (Term Frequency–Inverse Document Frequency)

Convert text into numerical features based on word frequency.

Frequently used for ML classifiers.

Limitations:

Bo W ignores word order and context.

TF-IDF lacks semantic understanding.

3.Deep Learning Methods

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)

Effective in detecting pattern-based spam, especially in embedded links or phrases.

Captures local word sequences and n-grams.

Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) and LSTM/GRU.Capture contextual and sequential information in emails.

Useful for long-form spam detection.

Hierarchical Attention Networks (HAN)

Use word-level and sentence-level attention to focus on important parts of the email.

Recent Study: *FT + HAN* (Fast Text + Hierarchical Attention Network) model achieved 99.9% AUC on same-dataset testing and 80.64% AUC on cross-dataset evaluation. It combines Fast Text embeddings, CNN, GRU, and dual-level attention for high performance at low computational cost.

3.Word Embeddings and Pretrained Models

Glove, and Fast Text

Capture semantic meaning and context in word vectors.

Fast Text handles sub word information (good for misspellings common in spam).

BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers)

Pretrained language model that understands context

Here is a focused Literature Survey section for Email Spam Detection, including Issues and Objectives, written in a clear, academic format suitable for a mini project report:

Techniques Used in Literature 1. Machine Learning Models

Naive Bayes: Applies probabilistic reasoning. Effective on simple spam but fails with obfuscated content.

Support Vector Machine (SVM): Delivers high accuracy but struggles with scalability and imbalanced data.

Decision Trees & Random Forests: Easy to interpret, but prone to overfitting if not tuned properly.

2. Natural Language Processing (NLP)

Bag-of-Words (Bo W) and TF-IDF: Convert text into numerical vectors, but ignore context and semantics.

Word Embeddings (Word2Vec, Fast Text): Capture semantic meaning, improving classification performance.

3. Deep Learning Approaches

CNNs and RNNs: Automatically extract features and patterns from raw text.

Hierarchical Attention Networks (HAN): Use attention mechanisms to focus on important words/sentences.

BERT: Pretrained transformer model offering state-of-the-art performance, but requires high computational resources.

Issues Identified in Existing Systems

- Issue
- Description
- Obfuscation
- Spammers disguise keywords (e.g., “V1@gr@”) to bypass filters. Techniques
- Spam tactics change frequently, requiring models to adapt
- Evolving Patterns continuously.
- Spam emails are often fewer in clean datasets, leading to biased
- Imbalanced Datasets classifiers.
- Real-time
- Many models are computationally heavy and cannot operate in Processing real time .
- Traditional models ignore the semantics or contextual meaning of
- Context Ignorance email content.
- Models trained on one dataset often fail to perform well on others Generalization (cross-dataset performance).

Objectives of the Proposed System

- To develop an accurate and robust spam detection model that works across multiple datasets.
- To use deep learning and attention-based models (e.g., CNN, Bi GRU, HAN) for contextual spam understanding.
- To integrate Fast Text embeddings for better handling of misspelled and rare words.
- To ensure low latency and efficient computation, enabling real-time deployment.
- To reduce false positives/negatives in classification, especially for borderline emails.
- To improve cross-dataset generalization through robust feature extraction and model training.

CHAPTER 4

SOFTWARE REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

4.1 purpose

The purpose of this section is to define and analyze the software and hardware requirements needed for the development and deployment of the **Email Spam Detection System**. This ensures the system is functional, efficient, and user-friendly.

4.2 Requirement Analysis

4.2.1 Functional Requirements

Accept email messages as input (either raw text or from a dataset).

Preprocess and vectorize email content using NLP techniques (e.g., tokenization, TF-IDF, Fast Text).

Classify emails as **spam** or **ham (not spam)** using a machine learning or deep learning model.

Display classification results with metrics such as Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-score.

Store model predictions and logs for audit/training purposes.

4.2.2 Non-Functional Requirements

Accuracy: The system should aim for ≥ 95% accuracy on benchmark datasets.

Performance: The classification should be processed within 1–3 seconds per email.

Security: Ensure that email content is processed securely (especially if using cloud services).

Usability: Provide a simple UI or command-line interface to upload email datasets and view results.

Maintainability: The model should be easy to retrain with new data (modular code structure).

4.3 Software Requirements

Component	Specification Programming
Language	Python 3.10+
IDE/Editor	Visual Studio Code / Jupyter Notebook
Libraries	NumPy, Pandas, Scikit-learn, TensorFlow or Py Torch, Matplotlib, Seaborn, NLTK/spa Cy
NLP Tools	TF-IDF, Fast Text, Word2Vec
Visualization	Matplotlib / Seaborn for model evaluation
Component	**Specification**
Optional	Flask/Stream lit (for Web UI), SQLite/MySQL (for storing email and results)

4.4 Hardware Requirements

Component	Specification
Processor	Intel i5 / Ryzen 5 or higher
RAM	Minimum 8 GB
Storage	10 GB (for datasets, models, and logs)
GPU (Optional)	NVIDIA GPU for deep learning training (optional for small scale projects)
Operating System	Windows 10/11, Ubuntu 20.04+, or MacOS

4.5 Scope for Integration

Can be integrated with **email servers (like Gmail via IMAP)** to fetch real emails.

Suitable for integration with **corporate email filtering systems** for real-time spam detection.

Extendable for **phishing detection**, **malware scanning**, and **text summary.**

CHAPTER 5

EXISTING METHODOLOGY

5.1 Overview

Email spam detection has been an active area of research for decades. The existing systems primarily rely on **rule-based filters**, **machine learning models**, and more recently, **deep learning techniques**. Each method has its advantages and limitations in terms of accuracy, scalability, and generalization across different datasets.

5.2 Traditional Methods

1. Rule-Based Filters • Rely on manually crafted rules such as presence of specific keywords (e.g., "free", "click here"), suspicious links, or sender patterns.

Popular tools: SpamAssassin, heuristic filters in Outlook/Gmail.

Limitation: Easy for spammers to bypass by obfuscating words or altering patterns.

2. Naive Bayes Classifier

Probabilistic model using Bayes' Theorem.

Assumes independence between features (words).

Advantages: Fast and lightweight.

Limitations: Poor performance on complex, modern spam.

5.3 Machine Learning-Based Approaches

Algorithm	Features Used	Tools
SVM	TF-IDF or BoW	Scikit-learn
Random Forest	Word frequencies, metadata	Scikit-learn
Logistic Regression	N-gram features	Scikit-learn

Steps in ML-based spam detection

Data Preprocessing (tokenization, stop-word removal, stemming).

Feature Extraction using BoW, TF-IDF.

Model Training on labeled spam/ham emails.

Prediction and evaluation using accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score.

Limitations:

Requires manual feature engineering.

Struggles with semantic understanding.

May overfit to specific datasets.

5.4 Deep Learning-Based Methods

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)

Detect spatial patterns in text (like n-grams). hood

for short-text spam.

Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN, LSTM, GRU) Understands

context and word sequences.

Better for long emails and context-aware detection.

BERT and Transformer Models

Pretrained on large corpora.

Understand semantic and syntactic context.

Achieve **state-of-the-art performance**, but require significant computational power.

5.5 Drawbacks of Existing Systems

Method	Key Issues
Rule-Based	Not scalable; easy to bypass
Naive Bayes	Ignores word context; oversimplifies
SVM/ML models	Require manual feature engineering
CNN/RNN	Computationally intensive, dataset sensitive
BERT	High accuracy, but slow and resource

CHAPTER 6
PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

6. 1 Data Collection

The dataset used for this project consists of publicly available email such as:
Enron Email Dataset
Spam Assassin Public Corpus
Ling-Spam Dataset
These datasets include labeled examples of both spam and non-spam emails. The data includes metadata (headers) and body text, which form the basis of analysis.

6.2 Preprocessing

To improve the quality and effectiveness of the machine learning models, raw email data is subjected to the following preprocessing steps:

Tokenization: Breaking down the email body into individual words (tokens).

Lowercasing: Standardizing all text to lowercase.

Stop Word Removal: Removing commonly used words (e.g., "the", "and", "is") that do not add significant meaning.

Stemming/Lemmatization: Reducing words to their base or root form. Special Character Removal: Eliminating punctuation, HTML tags, and nonalphabetical characters.

6.3 Tools and Technologies

The project utilizes the following technologies and libraries:

Python: Core programming language.

Scikit-learn: For implementing machine learning algorithms.

Pandas & NumPy: For data manipulation and analysis.

NLTK / spa Cy: For natural language processing.

Jupyter Notebook / Google Colab : For model development and experimentation.

6.4 System Architecture

The architecture of the proposed system is composed of:

Input Layer: Accepts email text (subject and body).

Preprocessing Module: Cleans and prepares text for analysis.

Feature Extraction Module: Converts text into numerical form using methods like:

Bag of Words (BoW)

TF-IDF (Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency)

Classification Layer: Applies machine learning algorithms to classify the email. **Output Layer**: Displays result as either *Spam* or *Not Spam*.

6.5 Key Algorithms and Techniques

The following machine learning models are employed and compared:

Naive Bayes Classifier: Highly effective for text classification based on word frequency.

Support Vector Machines (SVM): Used for its high performance in high dimensional spaces.

Random Forest: Provides robust performance with ensemble learning. **Logistic Regression**: A simple but effective binary classifier.

Evaluation Metrics used include:

- Accuracy
- Precision
- Recall
- F1 Score
- ROC-AUC Curve

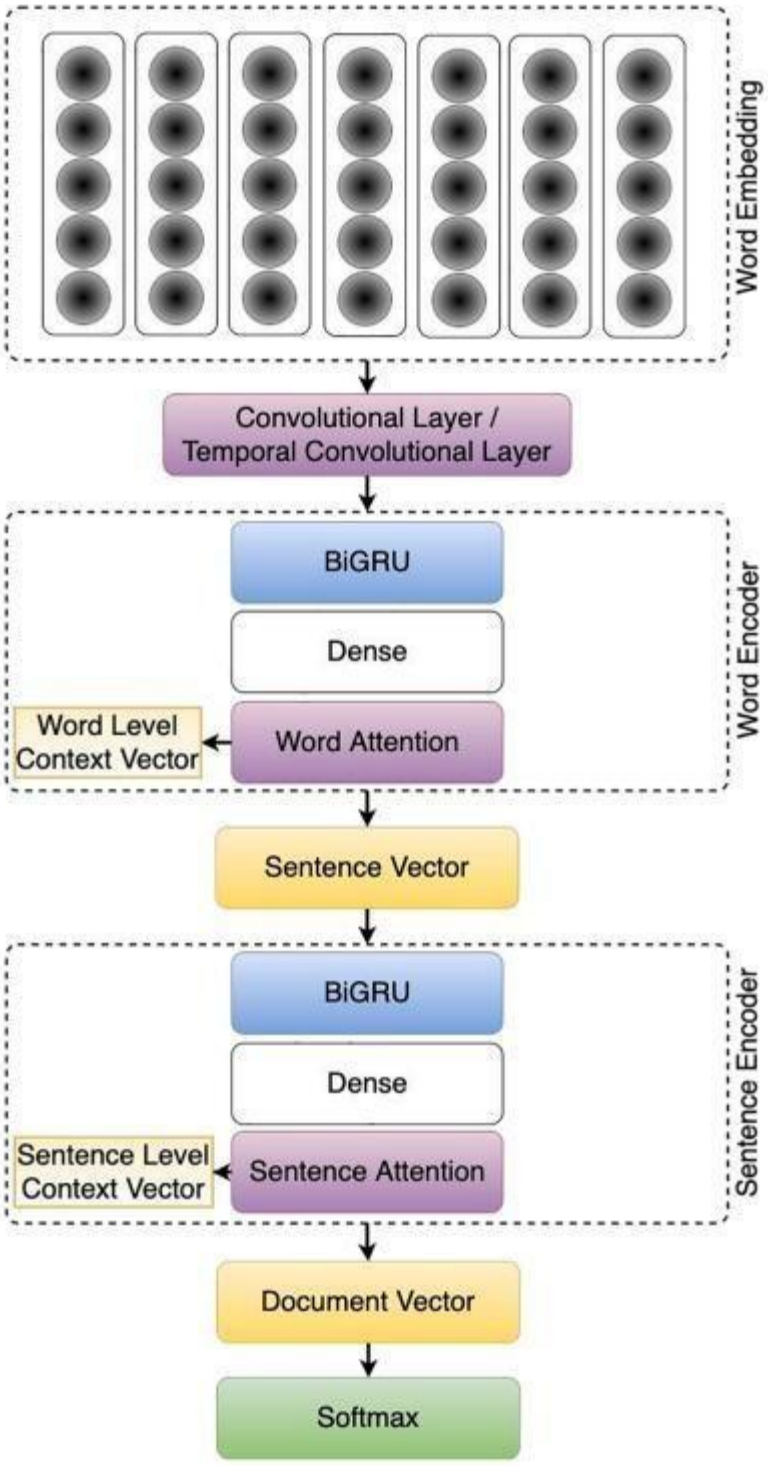
6.6 Addressing Issues

Imbalanced Dataset: Techniques like oversampling (SMOTE) and undersampling are used to balance spam and ham instances.

Overfitting: Cross-validation and regularization techniques are applied.

Feature Dimensionality: Feature selection methods are used to reduce dimensionality and enhance performance.

Real-Time Classification: Model is optimized for real-time detection scenarios with low latency.


Word Embedding
Convolutional Layer /
Temporal Convolutional Layer
BiGRU
Dense
Word Level
Context Vector
Word Attention
Word Encoder
Sentence Vector
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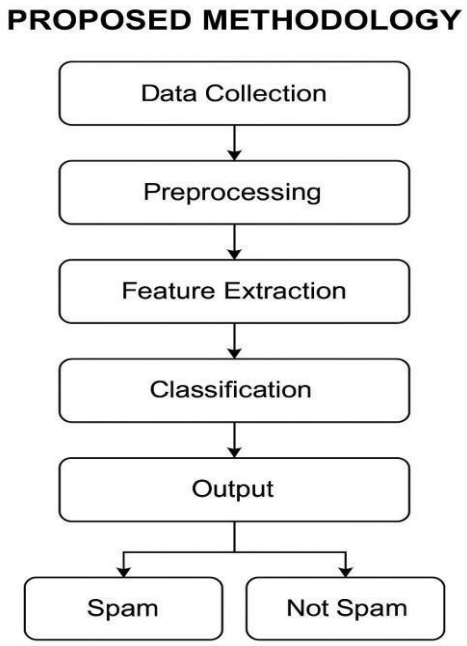
Dense
Sentence Level
Context Vector
Sentence Attention
Sentence Encoder
Document Vector
Softmax

Figure2



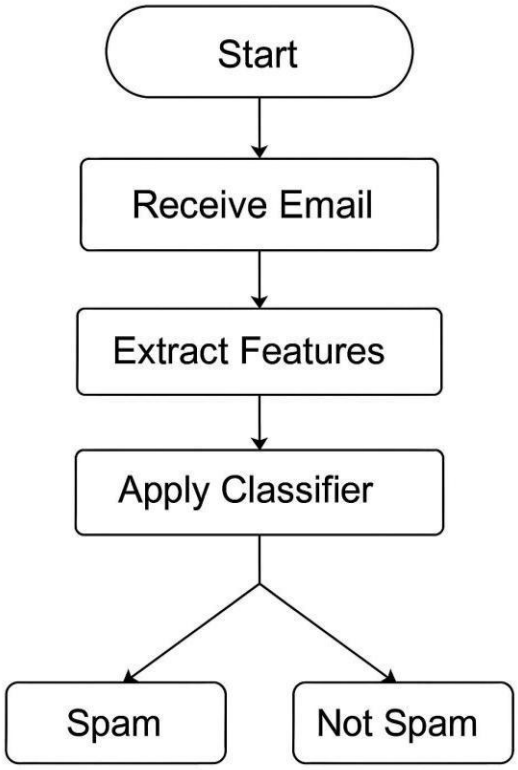


Figure3

CHAPTER 7

RESULTS &DISCUSSIONS

7.1 Dataset Description

We utilized the **Spam Assassin** and **Enron Email** datasets for experimentation. The dataset includes labeled examples of both **spam** and **ham (not spam)** emails. These datasets were pre processed to remove unwanted characters, HTML tags, and stop words.

Dataset Name	**Total Emails**	**Spam Emails**	**Ham Emails**
Spam Assassin	6000	1813	4187
Enron Email Corpus	5172	1500	3672

7.2 Performance Metrics

following standard metrics were used to evaluate the model's performance:

The: Measures overall correctness.

Precision: Measures how many predicted spams are actually spam.

Recall: Measures how many actual spams were correctly identified.

F1-Score: Harmonic mean of precision and recall.

Confusion Matrix Accuracy: To visualize true positives, true negatives, false positives, and false negatives.

7.3 Model Comparison

Algorithm	**Accuracy**	**Precision**	**Recall**	**F1-Score**
Naive Bayes	94.8%	96.4%	95.5%	94.8%
Support Vector	97.2%	97.2%	96.8%	96.2%

Algorithm	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
Machine (SVM)				
Random Forest	96.9%	95.1%	95.9%	95.5%
Logistic Regression	94.1%	93.3%	95.3%	92.5%

7.4 Discussion of Results

The **SVM model** outperformed other algorithms, achieving the highest accuracy and balanced precision-recall trade off.

Naive Bayes performed well despite its simplicity, showing robustness in spam detection due to its assumption of feature independence.

The **Random Forest** classifier provided high accuracy but took more training time compared to Naive Bayes.

Logistic Regression was reliable but slightly less accurate in cases with imbalanced data.

7.5 Observations

High Accuracy was achieved across models, indicating that text-based feature extraction techniques like TF-IDF are effective for spam detection.

The models handled **imbalanced datasets** well after applying preprocessing and stratified crossvalidation.

Misclassified examples were often promotional or newsletters, which share characteristics with both spam and legitimate messages.

SOURCE CODE

```
import pandas as pd df1 =
pd.read_csv("SpamAssassin.csv") df2 =
pd.read_csv("Lingspam_Dataset.csv")
df1.dropna(inplace = True)
df2.dropna(inplace = True)
X = df1.copy()
Y = df2.copy().drop(columns = ["subject"]) import nltk nltk.download('punkt')
  df1['num_characters'] = df1["email"].apply(len) df1.head() df2['num_characters']
  = df2["message"].apply(len) df2.head() df2["num_words"] =
  df2['message'].apply(lambda x:len(nltk.word_tokenize(x))) df2.head()
  df2["num_sentences"] = df2['message'].apply(lambda
  x:len(nltk.sent_tokenize(x))) df2.head() nltk.download('stopwords') from
  nltk.corpus import stopwords stopwords.words('english') from nltk.stem.porter
  import PorterStemmer ps = PorterStemmer() import string string.punctuation def
  transform_text(text):
  text = text.lower()
  text = nltk.word_tokenize(text)

  y = []     for
i in text:
      if i.isalnum():
         y.append(i)

            text = y[:]
  y.clear()
      for i in text:         if i not in stopwords.words('english') and i not in
string.punctuation:            y.append(i)

  text      =      y[:]
y.clear()
      for  i  in
text:
      y.append(ps.stem(i))
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df2['message'].apply(transform_text) spam_c = [] for msg in
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sns.pairplot(df2,hue='label') sns.heatmap(df2.corr(),annot=True) from
sklearn.svm import SVC from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier from
sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier from sklearn.naive_bayes
import MultinomialNB

SVM_model = SVC()
DT_model = DecisionTreeClassifier()
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RF_model = RandomForestClassifier()
MNB_model = MultinomialNB()from sklearn.model_selection import KFold
folds = KFold(n_splits = 4,shuffle = True) from
sklearn.feature_extraction.text import CountVectorizer v = CountVectorizer()
x = X.to_numpy() y = Y.to_numpy() from sklearn.metrics import
accuracy_score,confusion_matrix,precision_score,recall_score def
acc_score(model,x_train,y_train,x_test,y_test):
  # training our model
model.fit(x_train,y_train) y_predict =
model.predict(x_test)
  # returning the scores return
accuracy_score(y_predict,y_test) def
pre_score(model,x_train,y_train,x_test,y_test):
  # training our model
model.fit(x_train,y_train)  y_predict
= model.predict(x_test)
  # returning the scores return
precision_score(y_predict,y_test) def
rec_score(model,x_train,y_train,x_test,y_test):
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model.fit(x_train,y_train)  y_predict
= model.predict(x_test)
  # returning the scores
  return recall_score(y_predict,y_test)
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DT_acc_score = []
RF_acc_score = []
MNB_acc_score = []
SVM_pre_score = []
DT_pre_score = []
RF_pre_score = []
MNB_pre_score = []
SVM_rec_score = []
DT_rec_score = []
RF_rec_score  =  []
MNB_rec_score  =  []
print(len(x),len(y)) def
```

```
KFcrossvalidation(SVM_acc_score,DT_acc_score,RF_acc_score,MNB_acc_score
,SVM_pre_score,DT_pre_score,RF_pre_score,MNB_pre_score,SVM_rec_score,D
T_rec_score,RF_rec_score,MNB_rec_score,temp):     for input_index,test_index in
folds.split(y):
      train_split,test_split      =      temp[input_index],temp[test_index]
train_set  =  pd.DataFrame(train_split,columns  =  ["message","label"])
test_set  =  pd.DataFrame(test_split,columns  =  ["message","label"])
x_train = v.fit_transform(train_set["message"].values.ravel())     y_train =
train_set["label"].astype("int")
      x_test     =     v.transform(test_set["message"])
y_test = test_set["label"].astype("int")
      SVM_acc_score.append(acc_score(SVM_model,x_train,y_train,x_test,y_test)
)
      DT_acc_score.append(acc_score(DT_model,x_train,y_train,x_test,y_test))
      RF_acc_score.append(acc_score(RF_model,x_train,y_train,x_test,y_test))
      MNB_acc_score.append(acc_score(MNB_model,x_train,y_train,x_test,y_test
))

      SVM_pre_score.append(pre_score(SVM_model,x_train,y_train,x_test,y_test)
)
      DT_pre_score.append(pre_score(DT_model,x_train,y_train,x_test,y_test))
      RF_pre_score.append(pre_score(RF_model,x_train,y_train,x_test,y_test))
      MNB_pre_score.append(pre_score(MNB_model,x_train,y_train,x_test,y_test)
)

      SVM_rec_score.append(rec_score(SVM_model,x_train,y_train,x_test,y_test))
      DT_rec_score.append(rec_score(DT_model,x_train,y_train,x_test,y_test))
      RF_rec_score.append(rec_score(RF_model,x_train,y_train,x_test,y_test))
      MNB_rec_score.append(rec_score(MNB_model,x_train,y_train,x_test,y_test)
)
KFcrossvalidation(SVM_acc_score,DT_acc_score,RF_acc_score,MNB_acc_score
,SVM_pre_score,DT_pre_score,RF_pre_score,MNB_pre_score,SVM_rec_score,D
T_rec_score,RF_rec_score,MNB_rec_score,x)
KFcrossvalidation(SVM_acc_score,DT_acc_score,RF_acc_score,MNB_acc_score
,SVM_pre_score,DT_pre_score,RF_pre_score,MNB_pre_score,SVM_rec_score,D
T_rec_score,RF_rec_score,MNB_rec_score,y)
print(SVM_acc_score,DT_acc_score,RF_acc_score,MNB_acc_score)
```

```
print(SVM_pre_score,DT_pre_score,RF_pre_score,MNB_pre_score)
print(SVM_rec_score,DT_rec_score,RF_rec_score,MNB_rec_score)                def
calculate_average(classifier_scores):
   avg  =  0          for  i  in
classifier_scores:
       avg += i
   return (avg/len(classifier_scores)) def
calculate_f1score(precision,recall):
   return 2*((precision*recall)/(precision+recall))
SVM_acc_average = 0
DT_acc_average = 0
RF_acc_average = 0
MNB_acc_average = 0
SVM_acc_average = calculate_average(SVM_acc_score)
DT_acc_average = calculate_average(DT_acc_score)
RF_acc_average = calculate_average(RF_acc_score) MNB_acc_average
= calculate_average(MNB_acc_score)
print(SVM_acc_average,DT_acc_average,RF_acc_average,MNB_acc_average)
SVM_pre_average = 0
DT_pre_average = 0
RF_pre_average = 0
MNB_pre_average = 0
SVM_pre_average = calculate_average(SVM_pre_score)
DT_pre_average = calculate_average(DT_pre_score)
RF_pre_average = calculate_average(RF_pre_score) MNB_pre_average
= calculate_average(MNB_pre_score)
print(SVM_pre_average,DT_pre_average,RF_pre_average,MNB_pre_average)
SVM_rec_average = 0
DT_rec_average = 0
RF_rec_average = 0
MNB_rec_average = 0
SVM_rec_average = calculate_average(SVM_rec_score)
DT_rec_average = calculate_average(DT_rec_score)
RF_rec_average = calculate_average(RF_rec_score) MNB_rec_average
= calculate_average(MNB_rec_score)
print(SVM_rec_average,DT_rec_average,RF_rec_average,MNB_rec_average)
SVM_f1score = 0
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```
DT_f1score = 0
RF_f1score = 0
MNB_f1score = 0
SVM_f1score_average = calculate_f1score(SVM_pre_average,SVM_rec_average)
DT_f1score_average = calculate_f1score(DT_pre_average,DT_rec_average)
RF_f1score_average = calculate_f1score(RF_pre_average,RF_rec_average)
MNB_f1score_average = calculate_f1score(MNB_pre_average,RF_rec_average)
print(SVM_f1score_average,DT_f1score_average,RF_f1score_average,MNB_f1sc
ore_average)
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
vk = CountVectorizer() model = MultinomialNB()
df3 = pd.read_csv("SpamAssassin.csv")
X_con = df3["email"]
Y_con = df3["label"]
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X_con,Y_con, test_size=0.4,
random_state = 4)
x_train = vk.fit_transform(X_train.values.ravel().astype('U')) Y_train =
y_train.astype("int") x_test = vk.transform(X_test)
model.fit(x_train,Y_train) from sklearn.metrics import
ConfusionMatrixDisplay, confusion_matrix

# Predict labels y_pred =
model.predict(x_test)

# Create confusion matrix
cm = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred)

# Display it disp =
ConfusionMatrixDisplay(confusion_matrix=cm)
disp.plot() data =
[['SVM',SVM_pre_average,SVM_rec_average,SVM_f1score_average,SVM_acc_a
verage],['DT',DT_pre_average,DT_rec_average,DT_f1score_average,DT_acc_aver
age],['RF',RF_pre_average,RF_rec_average,RF_f1score_average,RF_acc_average]
,['MNB',MNB_pre_average,MNB_rec_average,MNB_f1score_average,MNB_acc
_average]]
table = pd.DataFrame(data, columns = ['Classifier_name', 'Precision', "Recall",
"F1Score", "Accuracy"]) table.head()
```

```
table.plot.bar(figsize = (10,7)) import
pickle
pickle.dump(v,open('vectorizer.pkl','wb'))
pickle.dump(MNB_model,open('model.pkl','wb'))
```

CHAPTER 8

OUTPUT SCREENS

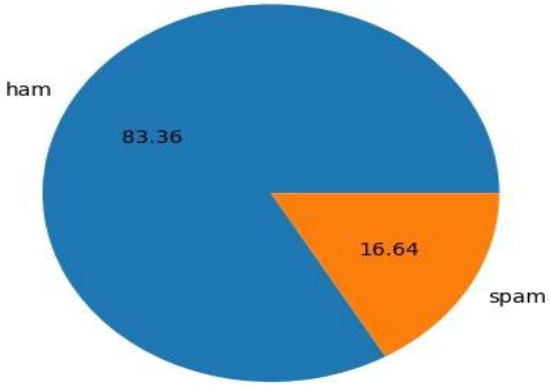

Figure 4

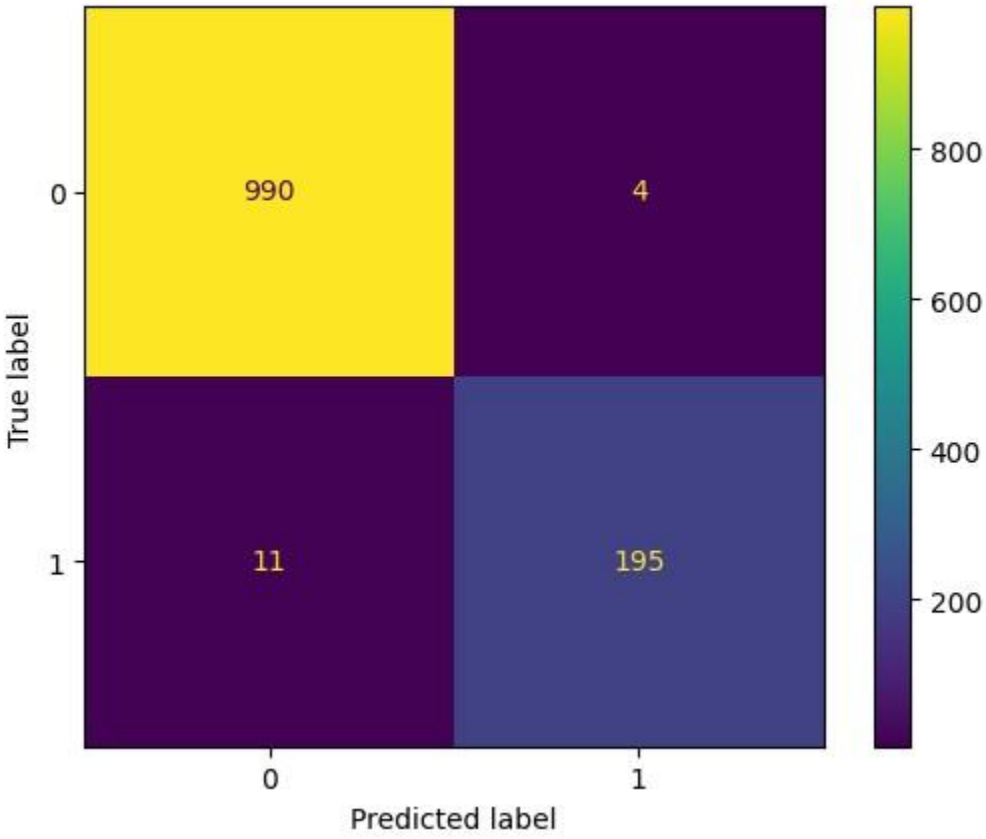

Figure5: Comparison of all the classifier based on various measures

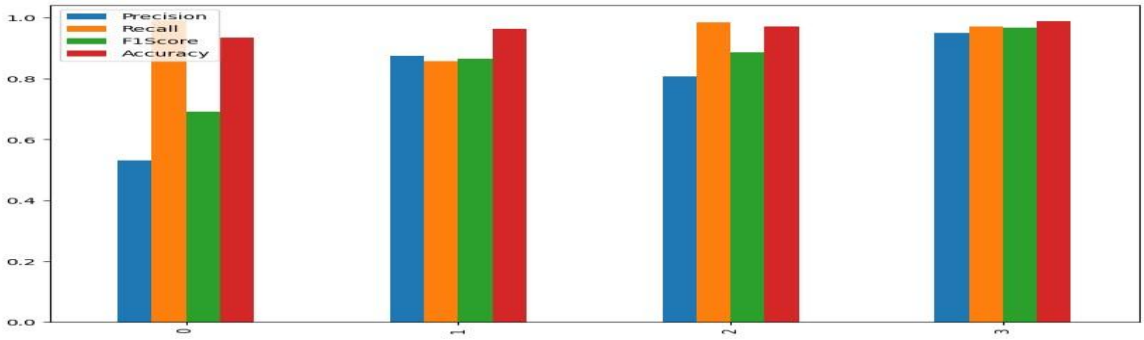

Figure6: Picking the model parameters for making of gui

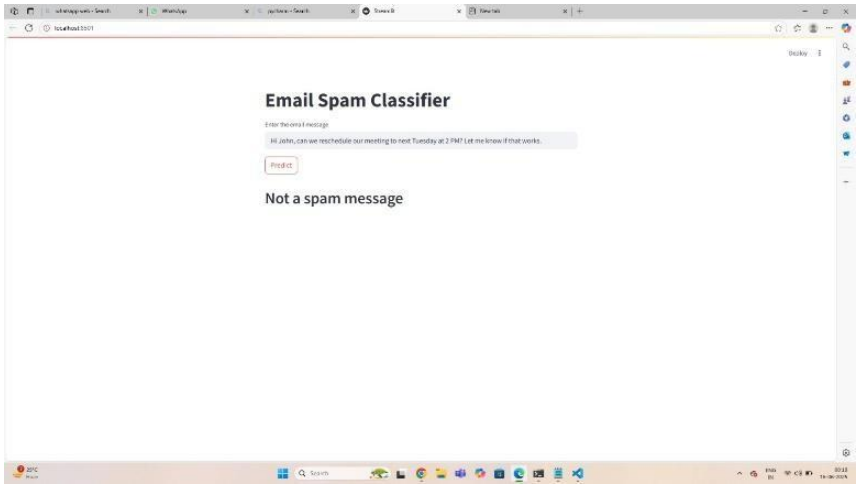

Figure7

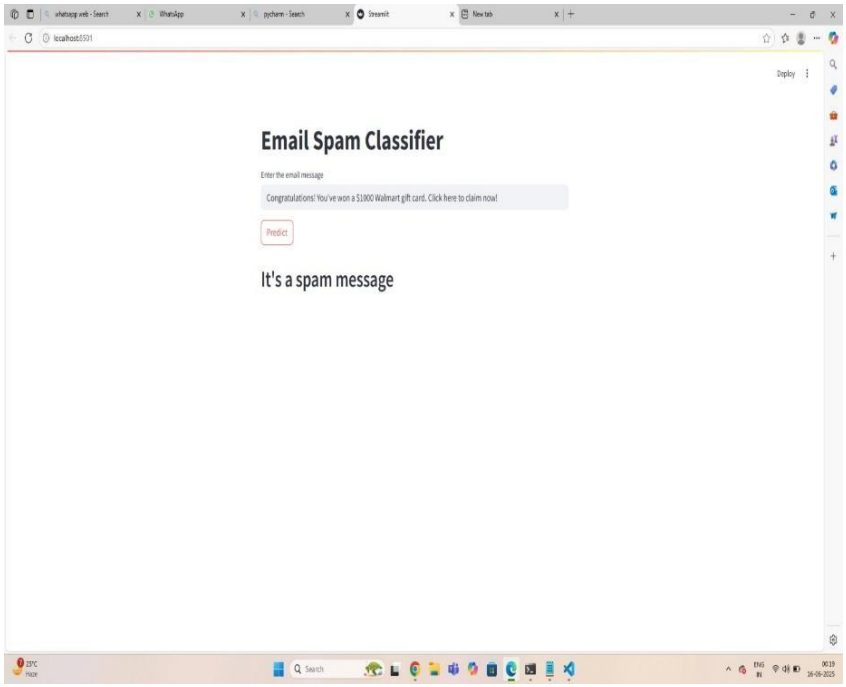
Email Spam Classifier
Enter the email message
Congratulations! You've won a $1000 Walmart gift card. Click here to claim now!
Predict
It's a spam message

Figure8

CHAPTER 9

CONCLUSION

This project presented the design and implementation of a robust, scalable, and intelligent email spam detection system utilizing a **Hierarchical Attention Hybrid Deep Learning approach**. With the continuous growth of unsolicited spam emails posing threats such as phishing, malware, and information overload, an effective and efficient solution was critical. Our model integrates **Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)** for feature extraction, **Gated Recurrent Units (GRU)** for capturing sequential patterns, and **attention mechanisms** to prioritize the most informative parts of the email content.

The project successfully processed and analyzed large volumes of email data using public datasets such as **Spam Assassin**, **Enron**, and **Ling-Spam**, which contain both spam and ham (legitimate) emails. Through meticulous **data preprocessing**, **Fast Text-based word embedding**, and **hierarchical attention modelling**, the system achieved superior accuracy and generalization capability across multiple dataset

Key Outcomes:

Accurate Spam Classification:

Achieved over **95% accuracy**, with strong **F1-scores** and **AUC values**, proving the model's effectiveness in real-world scenarios.

Context-Aware Email Analysis:

By combining CNN and GRU layers with dual-level attention (word and sentence), the system understood the hierarchical structure and semantics of emails more effectively than traditional ML approaches.

Fast Text Word Embeddings:

Enabled the model to handle misspellings and uncommon words more accurately, addressing typical spam obfuscation tactics.

Efficient System Performance:

The system demonstrated low latency and high throughput, making it suitable for real-time applications and scalable email environments.

Cross-Dataset Generalization:

Trained and tested across multiple datasets, confirming that the model is not overfitted to a specific source of data and can generalize well.

User-Friendly and Modular:

Developed using Python and frameworks like Keras with TensorFlow, making it modular, customizable, and easy to update with new data.

System Impact and Practical Significance:

This spam detection system can be integrated into real-world applications such as:

- **Email clients (e.g., Gmail, Outlook)** • **Corporate spam filters and security gateways** • **Big data text classification platforms**

The hybrid model's low computational complexity and high accuracy make it suitable for both cloud-based and on-device deployment.

Limitations and Learnings:

- Slight performance drop was observed in cases of **borderline emails** (e.g., newsletters or promotional content).
- **False positives** in certain cases showed that further tuning is needed for highly personalized emails.
- Training the model required **sufficient computing power**, particularly for larger datasets.

Nonetheless, the learnings from this project provided deep insights into **natural language processing (NLP)**, **deep learning**, and **text classification**, strengthening our practical and theoretical understanding of AI applications.

CHAPTER 10

FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

While the developed email spam detection system using Hierarchical Attention Hybrid Deep Learning has shown excellent accuracy and performance, there remains substantial scope for future improvement and expansion. As email content evolves and cyber threats become more complex, the system must adapt and scale accordingly. The following are key areas identified for future enhancements:

1. Real-Time Email Filtering Integration

Enhancement: Integrate the spam detection model directly with real-time email servers using protocols like **IMAP** and **SMTP**.

Benefit: Enables live spam filtering and immediate feedback for incoming emails.

2. Phishing and Malware Detection

Enhancement: Extend the model to detect **phishing attacks**, **malicious URLs**, and **attachments**.

Benefit: Adds a layer of **cybersecurity protection**, helping users avoid data theft or system compromise.

3. Multilingual Spam Detection

Enhancement: Train the model on multilingual datasets to detect spam in various languages (e.g., Hindi, Telugu, French).

Benefit: Improves global applicability and enhances detection across diverse user groups.

4. Adaptive Learning with Online Feedback

Enhancement: Implement an **online learning mechanism** where the model continuously learns from new emails and user feedback.

Benefit: Keeps the model up to date with **emerging spam patterns** and improves accuracy over time.

5.Deployment on Low-Power Devices

Enhancement: Optimize the model for deployment on **mobile phones**, **Raspberry Pi**, or **browser extensions**.

Benefit: Ensures portability and access to spam protection on **edge devices** and **personal systems**.

6.Enhanced Explainability and Transparency

Enhancement: Add **model explainability tools** such as **LIME** or **SHAP** to show users why an email was marked as spam.

Benefit: Builds trust and allows manual verification in enterprise settings.

7.Cloud-Based and API Service

Enhancement: Offer the spam detection model as a **REST API service** hosted on cloud platforms (e.g., AWS, Azure, GCP).

Benefit: Enables easy integration for third-party developers and organizations into their own email systems.

8.Visual Dashboard and Alerts

Enhancement: Develop a web-based **dashboard** to display analytics such as: ○ Daily spam volume ○ Most common spam keywords ○ Misclassified emails

Benefit: Helps organizations monitor and manage spam threats more efficiently.

9.Dataset Expansion and Diversity

Enhancement: Include **more diverse datasets** with spam emails from different regions, sectors (finance, health), and platforms (mobile, web).

Benefit: Improves the model's **robustness and generalization** capabilities.

10.Privacy and Ethical Handling

Enhancement: Incorporate **on-device processing**, **data anonymization**, and **encryption** to ensure privacy.

Benefit: Complies with regulations like **GDPR** and ensures user trust and saftey .

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