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Abstract

With the widespread adoption of mobile technology, SMS (Short Message Service) has become one of the most common and convenient modes of communication. However, this popularity has also led to its exploitation by malicious actors who distribute spam messages to users at large scales. These spam messages often contain misleading information, promotional content, or phishing links that compromise user privacy and data security.

This project focuses on developing a robust SMS spam detection system using Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Machine Learning (ML) techniques. The goal is to classify SMS messages into two categories: "**spam**" and "**ham**" (legitimate). The proposed system uses a labeled dataset to train models such as **Naive Bayes**, **Logistic Regression**, and **Support Vector Machines (SVM)**. Key NLP preprocessing techniques—including tokenization, stop-word removal, stemming, and vectorization (TF-IDF/BOW)—are applied to prepare the data. The performance of each model is evaluated using metrics like **accuracy**, **precision**, **recall**, and **F1-score**.

The system is intended to be scalable, efficient, and capable of real-time deployment. Its implementation not only contributes to reducing unwanted message traffic but also enhances mobile security and user trust.

In recent years, the rapid growth of mobile communication has brought about significant benefits in accessibility and connectivity. SMS (Short Message Service) remains a dominant and cost-effective method for communication, especially in developing countries. Unfortunately, this convenience has also opened the door to abuse in the form of **spam messages**—unwanted or unsolicited messages sent in bulk, typically for advertising, phishing, or malicious purposes.

Spam messages are more than just an annoyance; they can lead to **data breaches**, **financial scams**, and **loss of trust** in mobile communication. Traditional methods of spam filtering, such as keyword blacklists or manual flagging, have proven inadequate in dealing with the evolving nature of spam content. This calls for intelligent, automated systems capable of learning from data and adapting to new spam tactics.

Project Code

```
pip install pandas scikit-learn numpy
```

```
# Step 1: Import Libraries
```

```
import pandas as pd
```

```
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
```

```
from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import CountVectorizer
```

```
from sklearn.naive_bayes import MultinomialNB
```

```
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, confusion_matrix, classification_report
```

```
# Step 2: Load Dataset
```

```
df = pd.read_csv('C:\\Users\\BGSCET\\Downloads\\sms+spam+collection\\SMSSpamCollection',  
sep='\\t', header=None, names=['label', 'message'])
```

```
df.columns = ['label', 'message']
```

```
print(df.head())
```

```
# Step 3: Preprocess Data
```

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

```
# Step 4: Split Data
```

```
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(df['message'], df['label'], test_size=0.2,  
random_state=42)
```

```
# Step 5: Convert Text to Vectors
```

```
vectorizer = CountVectorizer()
```

```
X_train_vec = vectorizer.fit_transform(X_train)
```

```
X_test_vec = vectorizer.transform(X_test)
```

```
# Step 6: Train Naive Bayes Classifier
```

```
model = MultinomialNB()
```

```
model.fit(X_train_vec, y_train)
```

```
# Step 7: Make Predictions and Evaluate
```

```
y_pred = model.predict(X_test_vec)
```

```
print("Accuracy:", accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred))
```

```
print("Confusion Matrix:\n", confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred))
```

```
print("Classification Report:\n", classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
```

```
# Step 8: Predict Custom Message
```

```
sample = ["Congratulations! You've won a $1000 gift card. Call now!"]
```

```
sample_vec = vectorizer.transform(sample)
```

```
print("Prediction (1 = spam, 0 = ham):", model.predict(sample_vec)[0])
```

Output

```
print(df.head())
```

	label	message
0	ham	Go until jurong point, crazy.. Available only ...
1	ham	Ok lar... Joking wif u oni...
2	spam	Free entry in 2 a wkly comp to win FA Cup fina...
3	ham	U dun say so early hor... U c already then say...
4	ham	Nah I don't think he goes to usf, he lives aro...

Accuracy: 0.9919282511210762

Confusion Matrix:

```
[[966  0]
```

```
 [ 9 140]]
```

Classification Report:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.99	1.00	1.00	966
1	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

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sample_vec = vectorizer.transform(sample)
print("Prediction (1 = spam, 0 = ham):", model.predict(sample_vec)[0])
```

Prediction (1 = spam, 0 = ham): 1

