Email Spam Detection Using Machine Learning

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Abstract

Email spam classification is a critical task in today's digital world, where the amount ofspam emails has increased dramatically. In this project, we propose to use machine learning (ML) and natural language processing (NLP) techniques to classify email messages as either spam or legitimate. The project aims to develop an efficient spam classifier that can accuratelyidentify and filter spam emails from legitimate ones. The dataset used in this project will consistof a large number of email messages with their corresponding labels (spam/ham). We will useNLP techniques such as tokenization, stop word removal, stemming, and feature extraction topreprocess the text data and extract relevant features.We will evaluate several ML algorithms such asNaive Bayes, Support Vector Machines (SVMs), and Random Forests to determine thebest model for spam classification. We will also perform hyper parameter tuning to optimize the model's performance. The accuracy of the classifier will be measured using evaluation metrics such as precision,recall,and F1-score.Theproject'soutcomeswillincludeaspam classifiermodelthatcanbeintegratedintoan email system to automatically filter spam emails, improving email security and productivity. Additionally, the project will contribute to the advancement of NLP and ML techniques for email spam classification.

Keywords-Ham/spam,NaturalLanguageProcessing,MachineLearning,Online Platform,Email.

INTRODUCTION

Email spam has become a significant problem in today's digital age, posing challenges for individuals, businesses, and organizations alike. Spam emails are unsolicited messages that flood inboxes, wasting valuable time and resourceswhile potentially exposing users tomalicious content or scams. To combat this issue, machine learning techniques have emerged as powerful tools for email spam detection.

The objective of email spam detection is to accurately classify incoming emails as either legitimate (ham) or spam. Traditional rule-based approaches have limited effectiveness due tothe constantly evolving nature of spam. Machine learning offers a more dynamic and adaptableapproach by leveraging patterns and features extracted from large email datasets.

Machine learning algorithms can learn from labeled email datasets to build models capable ofrecognizing patterns indicative of spam. These models can then be used to automatically classify new, unseen emails. By analyzing various emailattributessuchassenderinformation,subject line, content, and embedded URLs, machine learning algorithms can identify spam characteristics and make accurate predictions.

There are several machine learning techniques commonly employed for email spam detection. These include Naive Bayes, Support Vector Machines (SVM), Decision Trees, Random Forests, and Neural Networks. These algorithms can be trained on labeled datasets, allowing them to learn the underlying patterns and relationships between spam and non-spam emails. The success of email spam detection using machine learning heavily relies on the quality and diversity of the training data. A comprehensive dataset that covers a wide range ofspam types and legitimate emails is essential for training robust models. Additionally, feature engineering plays a crucial role in identifying relevant attributes and extractingmeaningfulinformationfromemaildata.Thebenefitsofusingmachinelearningfor emailspam detectionare numerous.Itenablesefficientfiltering and separationoflegitimate emailsfromspam, reducingthetimeandeffortspent by users in manually sorting through their inbox. Moreover,machine learning models can adapt to evolving spam techniques, continuously improving theiraccuracy over time.

Inthisemailspamdetectionapproach,machinelearningnotonlyenhancesemail security butalsocontributestooverall productivityand user experience. By accuratelyidentifyingandfilteringspam,individualsandorganizationscanfocuson importantemailsandmitigatepotentialrisksassociatedwithmaliciouscontent.Inconclusion,emailspamdetectionusing machinelearning offers a promising solution to the pervasive problem of unwanted andharmful emails. By leveraging pattern recognition and predictive models, machine learning algorithms can effectively distinguish spam fromlegitimate emails, enhancing email security and user experience. The continuous evolution and improvement ofmachine learning techniquesensurethatemailspam detection remainsadynamicand efficientdefenseagainst the ever- growing threat of spam.

In today's digital age, email is one of the most widely used communication mediums, and spam emails have become a significant problem for both individuals and organizations. Email spam filters are essential in managing and prioritizing emails in our inboxes. Machine learning (ML) and natural language processing (NLP) techniques can be used todevelop effectiveemailspamclassifiersthatcan automatically identifyand filterspam emails.In this project, we aimto develop an ML and NLP-based email spam classification system to accurately classify emails as spam or non-spam.The system's performance will be evaluated based on various metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score. Thedevelopmentofanaccurateandefficientemailspamclassificationsystemhaspotentialtosignificantlyimproveemail management and reduce the risk of fraudulent activities.

Email is one of the most popular communication methods, but unfortunately, it is also a commontarget for spam messages. Spam emails not only waste time but can also contain malicious linksor attachments that can harm computer systems. As the volume of emails continues to grow, it has become challenging to identify and classify spam emails manually. Therefore, the development of machine learning (ML) and natural language processing (NLP)techniques has openedupnewavenuesforautomatedemailspamclassification.Inthisproject,we aim touse MLand NLPtechniquesto classify emails as spam or legitimate, based on theircontent and other relevant features. The project involves building a model to analyze the text of emails anddetermine whether they are spam or legitimate. This study has the potential to provide a valuable solutiontotheproblem ofemailspamand helpuserstomanagetheir emailsmore effectively.

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This study performs a comparative analysis of machine learning algorithms for spam emaildetection. It evaluates the performance of algorithms such as Naive Bayes, decision trees, and K-nearest neighbours.

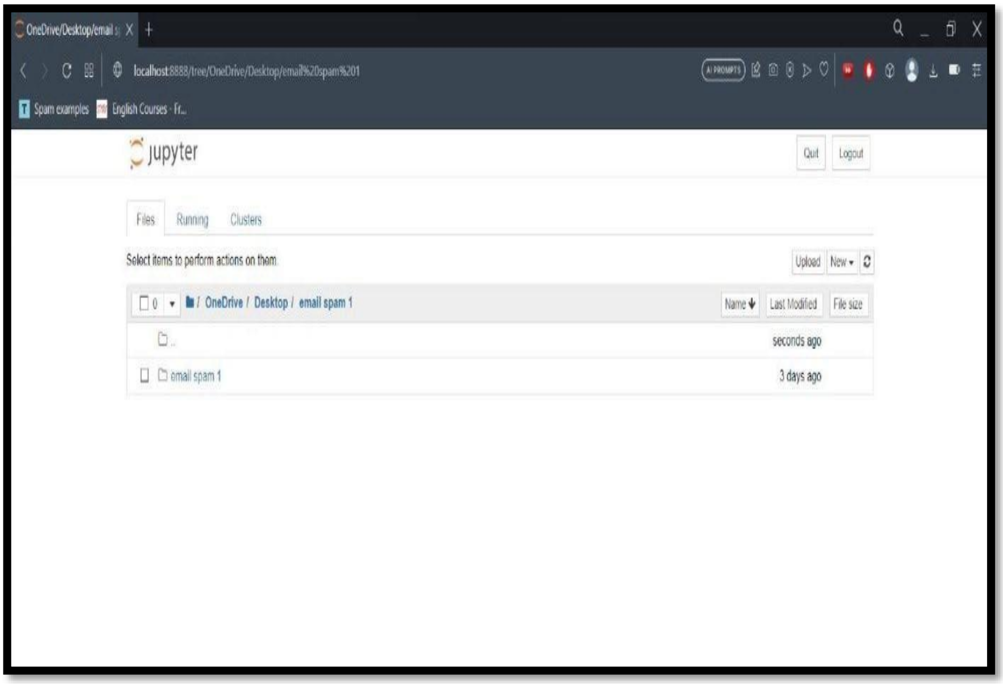
PROPOSEDSYSTEM

The problem addressed in this project is the increasing amount of spam emails that areinvading user inboxes without their consent, consuming valuable network capacity, andcausing financial damage to companies. Despite measures taken to eliminate spam, it remainsa viable source of income for spammers, and over-sensitive filtering can even eliminatelegitimate emails. The goal is to develop an effective spam filter using machine learning and natural language processing techniquesto accurately classify incoming emailsaseither spam ornon-spam.Theexisting system for email spam classification typically relies on rule-based filtering techniques, such as blacklisting known spam email addresses or domains, and whitelisting trusted senders. These techniques are not always effective, as spammers can easilychange their email addressesor use techniques such as phishingtoimpersonatetrustedsenders.Moreover, traditional rule-based filtering methods require frequent updates and maintenance, which can be time- consuming and resource-intensive.They may also mistakenly flag legitimate emails as spam, leading to a loss of important messages or even business opportunities. To address these limitations, machine learning and natural languageprocessing techniques can beused to develop more accurate and automated email spam classifiers. Theseapproaches can learn to recognize spam based on patterns and characteristics in the text, ratherthan relying on pre-defined rules.

We proposed in the Machine Learning Models such as Naïve Bayes, SVM, KNN Models are will having the highest accuracy when compared to the existing system. The proposed system will provide an efficient and accurate way to classify emails as spam or non-spam, reducing the amount of time and effort required to manually filter out unwanted emails. It will also improve the overall security and productivity of email communication. proposed system and advantagesareHereweuseNaturalLanguageProcessingTechnique. Weusedifferentmachinelearning algorithms such as Naïve Bayes, SVM, KNN. Higher accuracy.

RESULTS

- **To run the project file you need to open the Jupyter Notebook prompt andchange the directory to the folder where the projects files are present as shown in below figure:**

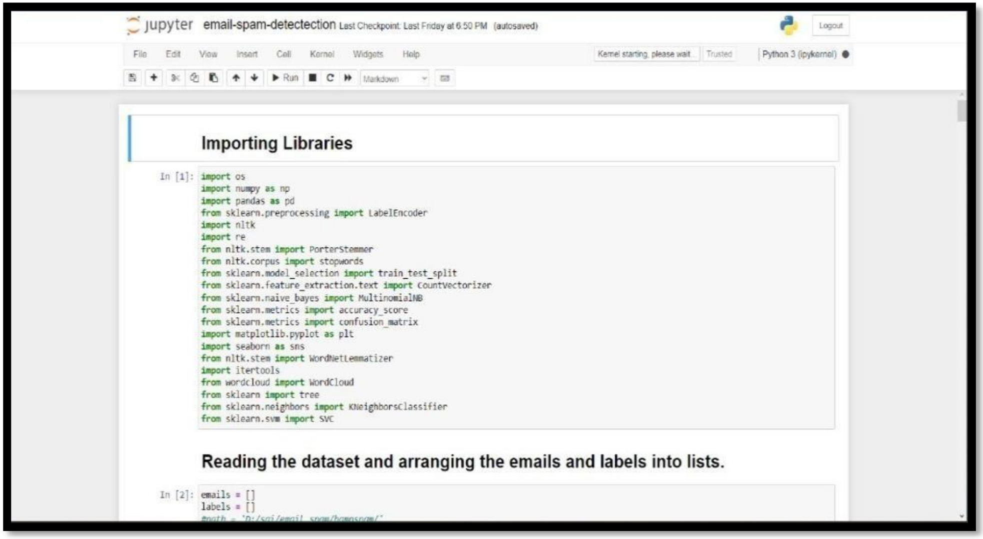


Select items to perform actions on them.

	Name	Last Modified	File size
□ 0	/ OneDrive / Desktop / email spam 1		
	..	seconds ago	
□	email spam 1	3 days ago	

Fig.1: OpeningProjectFile

- **Afterchangingthedirectory,youneedtoopenthefileinbelowfigure:**



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email-spam-detectection Last Checkpoint: Last Friday at 6:50 PM (autosaved)
Logout
File
Edit
View
Insert
Cell
Kernel
Widgets
Help
Kernel starting, please wait...
Trusted
Python 3 (ipykernel)
Run
Markdown

Importing Libraries

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In [1]: import os
        import numpy as np
        import pandas as pd
        from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
        import nltk
        import re
        from nltk.stem import PorterStemmer
        from nltk.corpus import stopwords
        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
        from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        import seaborn as sns
        from nltk.stem import WordNetLemmatizer
        import itertools
        from wordcloud import WordCloud
        from sklearn import tree
        from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
        from sklearn.svm import SVC
```

Reading the dataset and arranging the emails and labels into lists.

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In [2]: emails = []
        labels = []
        #path = 'D:/sai/email_spam/hamnspam/'
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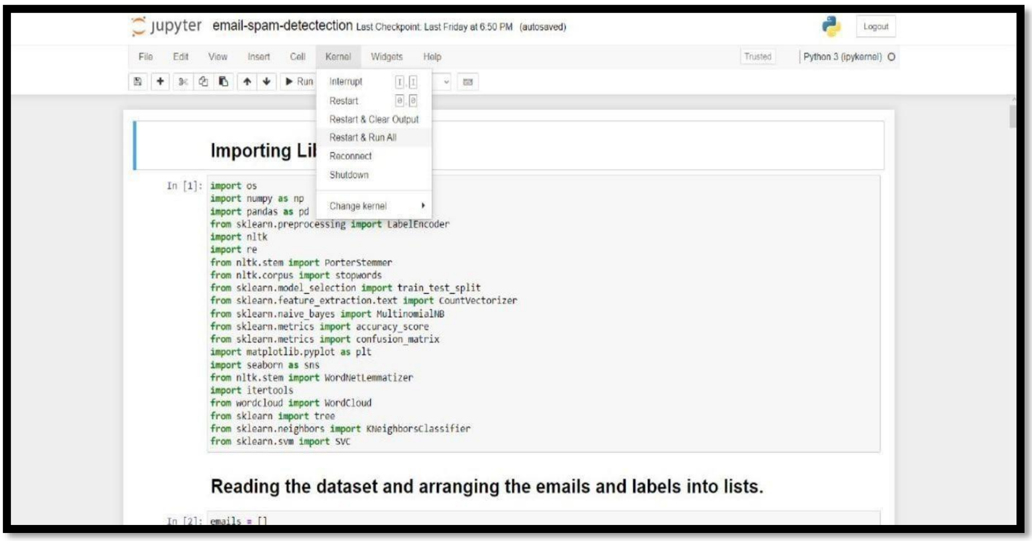
Fig.2: ChangingTheDirectory

- **Clickonkernelandselectrestartandrunall.**



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        from sklearn.naive_bayes import MultinomialNB
        from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
        from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        import seaborn as sns
        from nltk.stem import WordNetLemmatizer
        import itertools
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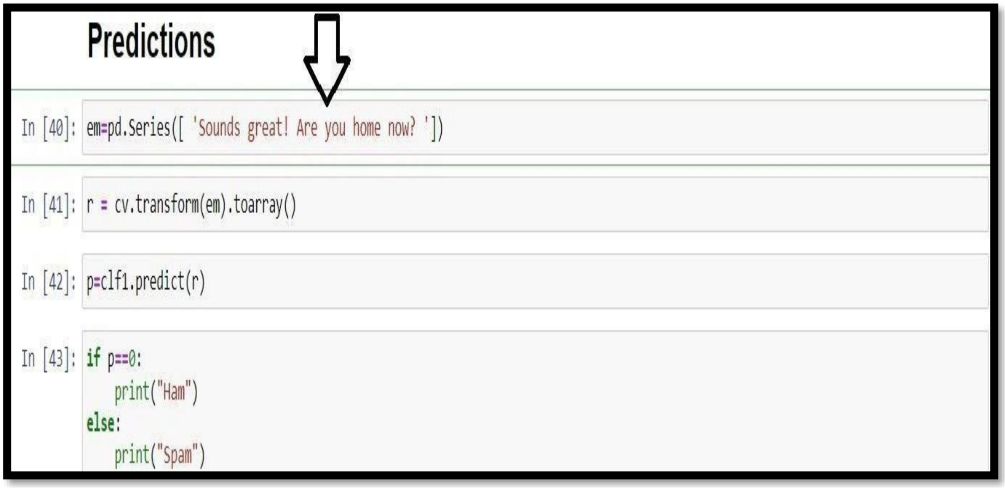
Fig.3: ExecutionOfTheProject

- **Wait for some time until the code gets execute, now at prediction template enterthe string which you want to predict whether it is a spam or ham and click on run as shown below:**



Predictions

```
In [40]: em=pd.Series([ 'Sounds great! Are you home now? '])

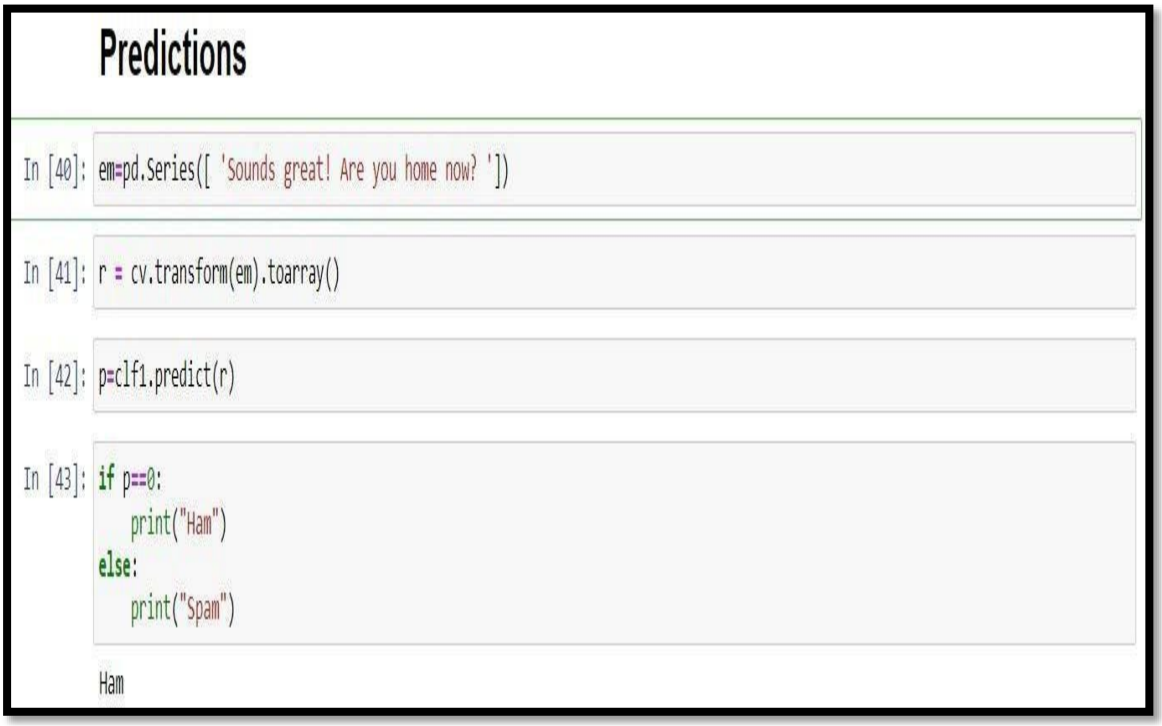
In [41]: r = cv.transform(em).toarray()

In [42]: p=clf1.predict(r)

In [43]: if p==0:
             print("Ham")
         else:
             print("Spam")
```

Fig.4: EnterTheStiring

- **IfthemessageishamitwillshowHamasshownbelow:**



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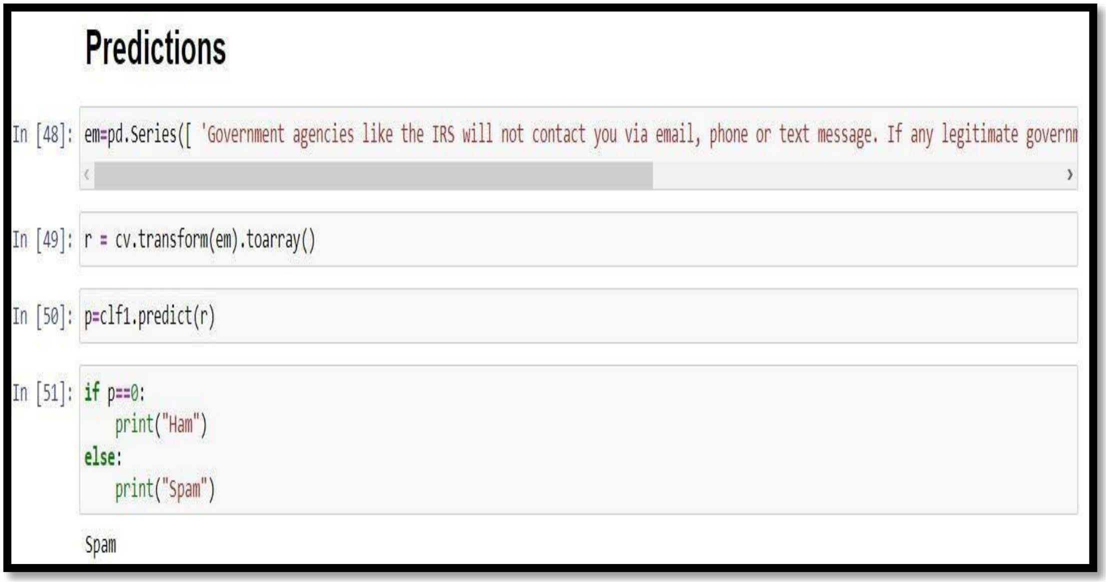
In [42]: p=clf1.predict(r)

In [43]: if p==0:
             print("Ham")
         else:
             print("Spam")

         Ham
```

Fig.5: PredictionOfHam

- **IfthemessageisSpamitwillshowSpamasshownbelow:**



Predictions

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In [48]: em=pd.Series([ 'Government agencies like the IRS will not contact you via email, phone or text message. If any legitimate governm

In [49]: r = cv.transform(em).toarray()

In [50]: p=clf1.predict(r)

In [51]: if p==0:
             print("Ham")
         else:
             print("Spam")

         Spam
```

Fig.6: PredictionOfSpam

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, machine learning and natural language processing (NLP) techniques canbe effectively used for email spam classification. By leveraging the power of supervised learning algorithms such as Naive Bayes, Support Vector Machines, and KNN, and bypreprocessing the text data using techniques such as tokenization, stop-word removal, and stemming, it is possible to build accurate and reliable spam filters that can automatically detectand filter out unwanted emails.Thesetechniquescanalsobeextendedtohandlemorecomplexspamming strategies such as phishing attacks and spear phishing. Overall, in the proposed models Naïve Bayes having the accuracy of 99% SVM having 98% and KNN having 97%. Finally naïve bayes having the highestaccuracy so we predict the Naïve bayes model. The useof ML and NLP for email spam classification can save users valuable time and resources and improve the overall productivity andsecurity of email communication.

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