

Review of spam classification using different machine learning algorithms

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Abstract

Email is necessary and essential for communication in today's life. Today internet users are increases, and email is necessary for communication over the internet. Spam mail is a major and big problem of researchers to analyze and reduce it. Spam emails are received in bulk amount and it contains trojans, viruses, malware and causes phishing attacks. Problems are arise when number of unwanted mails are come from unknown sites and how to classify the user that email are received which is spam email or ham. This paper used to classify that incoming emails are spam mail or ham by the use of different classification techniques to identify spam mail and remove it. This paper benchmark dataset is used. The dataset contains 58 attributes and 4601 instances used to build a model. These papers play a very important role to remove viruses, trojans, malware and websites including phishing attacks and fraudulent attempts in emails. Different Classification algorithms are used like Naive Baye's, Random Forest and Random Tree are applied on spam dataset.

Keywords

Spam problem, Anti spam , Classification methods.

1.Introduction

Email is mandatory for every field of communication in modern era such as Education, Banking, Social networking sites, and offices etc. Spam mail means unwanted mail or unused mail, that means there are no use in present and not in future. Ham is opposite for spam means wanted and useful mail. To detect incoming mail is spam or ham is a big problem for users. Every user tries to recognize spam mail and to delete it. But the spam mail is coming in huge amount, it contains advertisement of some commercial websites for purchasing their products, also contains fraud messages to open free saving account and apply for credit card and to credential information of user causes phishing attacks. So to remove the problem researchers are used different spam filtering approaches and machine learning algorithms to identify spam messages.

Why people send spam

Spam mail is equivalent to junk mail. Spammers send spam to promote business by advertising of selling products online shopping websites. Also send spam messages to hack details of user's personal confidential information by using fake websites

appending bank links. Also spam mails to destroy users system by appending Trojans, viruses, and malwares [1].

Problems with spam mail

Cost - Costs to handle spam is very high because spam mails will come in bulk amount in each and every account of users and these causes wastage of internet data and bandwidth. It is key factor to calculate total costs to handle spam at global level[1].

Privacy - spammers send fake websites link bank websites to login with password and user id or apply for credit card to capture user credential information and that misuse the information fraud attempts to use users account[1].

Time - time is the key factor in life because no one have time to check the email is coming my mail is spam or not and not sufficient time to check headers information in which id mail will come , in busy life schedule spam mail is the major problem to handle with sufficient time because it comes huge amount[1].

Security - in number of huge spam mails come in everyday, security of the system violates because deception and fraud attempts to capture users credential information i.e. to open a free account by using name, mobile no., email, and aadhar no. And personal details like debit card [1].

2.Working of anti spam

It completes in two parts are action and classification. In classification phase, the message is subject to define it is spam or not. It is also used to define the message is spam or ham and looking its characteristics to derive it[1].

In action phase, once the classification is done the message is spam or not, it will be rejected or selected for move into mailbox [1].

Step-1: collect the spam and non spam data

Step-2: Preprocessing the data means to remove the unused field and refresh the data.

Step-3: classify the bad sender specific or check the header of mail.

Step-4: apply appropriate classification methods to test according of our requirement.

Step-5: Result stored in text based, image based or content based[1].

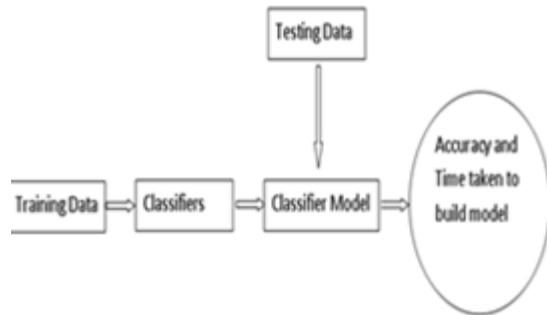


Figure 1 How anti-spam words

3.Literature review

In 2015, Anju Radhakrishnan and Vaidhehi performed a work, “Email Classification Using Machine Learning Algorithms”. They used two machine learning algorithms namely j48 classifier and naïve baye's classifier. Email classification Weka software is used. And gives result that j48 classifier is more efficient than naïve baye's classifier [2].

In 2016, Prof Manisha Tijare, Mis.ElifeneshYitagesu, performed a work, “Email Classification using Classification Method”. They used three classification algorithms namely support vector machine, k nearest neighbour method and naïve baye's classifier. In this classification Weka software is used. And gives result that naïve baye's classifier is more effective than other [3].

In 2015, Mr. C. Balakumar, Dr. D. Ganeshkumar performed a work” Data Mining on Various Classifiers in Email Spam Filtering”. They used six classification algorithms namely BFTree, REPTree, Random Forest Tree (RndTree), SimpleCARTAlgorithm, Logistic Model Tree Induction, J48 Decision Tree Algorithm. In this classification Weka Software is used. The Random Tree gives best performance than others [4].

In 2017, Shahreen Kasim, Norfaradilla Wahid, Nurul Fitriah Rusland, HanayantiHafit performed a work, “Analysis of Naive Bayes for Spam mail across Multiple Datasets”. They used only naïve baye's classifier and with weka software. And gives result that naïve baye's perform a role in spam filtering algorithms [5].

In 2015, Priyanka Sao, Prof. KarePrashanthi performed a work,” Spam mail Classification by Naïve Bayesian Classifier”. They used only naïve baye's classifier and with weka software. And gives result that spam mail is big problem and can be solve by using naïve baye's classifier [6-15].

4.Proposed work

Table 1.1 Evaluation measures for spam filters

Evaluation Measure	Evaluation Function
Accuracy	$Acc = \frac{TN + TP}{TP+FN+FP+TN}$
Recall	$r = \frac{TP}{TP+FN}$
Precision	$P = \frac{TP}{TP+FP}$
F-measure	$F = \frac{2pr}{p+r}$

Evaluation measures for spam filters are the testing process of dataset [5].

Accuracy and time is the main factor to compute and build the model.

Where, precision = ratio of tp to false positive, true positive.

Recall = ratio of tp to the false negative, true positive. Accuracy= ratio of sum of true negative and true positive to the sum of all number of instances such as false positive ,true positive, false negative,true negative.

F-measure = average of recall and precision.

True positive = instances of spam messages in No. of correctly classified.

True Negative = instances of non spam messages in No. of correctly classified.

False Positive = Number of spam mail specify as non spam.

False negative = Number of non spam mail specify as spam[5].

Dataset

A collection of dataset is a spam and non spam messages. It consists 58 attributes and 4601 instances of spambase dataset. It is a benchmark dataset collected in UCI machine repository online portal [16-19]

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