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Abstract

The spread of fake news has become a growing concern in the digital age, fueled by the accessibility of social media platforms and online news portals. Misinformation can have far-reaching consequences, from influencing elections to inciting social unrest, making it imperative to develop solutions to combat it. In this project, we address the problem of detecting fake news using Machine Learning techniques, focusing on three algorithms: Naive Bayes, Decision Tree, and Logistic Regression. The aim is to build a model that can accurately differentiate between genuine and fabricated news articles, thereby reducing the spread of false information.

To achieve this, we curated a labeled dataset of real and fake news articles and applied preprocessing techniques to ensure data consistency and quality. Text-based features, such as word frequencies and TF-IDF scores, were extracted to train the selected algorithms. Each model was evaluated using performance metrics like accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score to determine their effectiveness. Hyperparameter tuning was applied to enhance the models' performance and identify the most suitable configuration for the task.

Our findings indicate that all three algorithms performed well, with Logistic Regression offering the highest accuracy, followed by Decision Tree and Naive Bayes. However, each algorithm had its strengths: Naive Bayes was computationally efficient, Decision Tree provided interpretability, and Logistic Regression demonstrated superior predictive power. These results highlight the importance of algorithm selection based on the specific requirements of real-world applications, such as speed, scalability, or interpretability.

The significance of our work lies in demonstrating that Machine Learning can be effectively applied to fake news detection, offering a scalable and automated solution to the challenge of misinformation. While no model is foolproof, our approach shows that leveraging different algorithms and evaluating their trade-offs can provide a robust framework for identifying fake news. Future work can involve incorporating more complex algorithms, such as ensemble models or deep learning techniques, and expanding the dataset to enhance the system’s generalization across diverse topics and contexts.

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ABBREVIATION TABLE

Sr. No.	Abbreviation	Full Form
1	ML	Machine Learning
2	NLP	Natural Language Processing
3	TF-IDF	Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency
4	SVM	Support Vector Machine
5	CNN	Convolutional Neural Network
6	LSTM	Long Short-Term Memory
7	RNN	Recurrent Neural Network
8	BERT	Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION TO FAKE NEWS DETECTION USING MACHINE LEARNING

1.1 Introduction:

The exponential rise in online content has drastically changed the way people consume information. With the convenience of sharing news on platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and WhatsApp, news consumption has become instantaneous. However, this ease of dissemination has also made it easy for malicious actors to spread false information, resulting in the phenomenon commonly referred to as "fake news." Fake news refers to deliberately fabricated content intended to mislead readers or manipulate public perception. It has become a pressing issue, as it can shape opinions, influence elections, promote political agendas, or even incite violence.

Traditional fact-checking approaches, which rely on human intervention, are not scalable due to the sheer volume of information produced every day. As a result, there is a need for automated systems that can identify fake news accurately and efficiently. Machine Learning (ML) presents a viable solution by enabling systems to learn from existing data and recognize patterns that differentiate genuine news from fabricated ones. ML algorithms can analyze textual features—such as word frequency, sentiment, and writing style—and classify articles as real or fake based on these patterns.

This project aims to explore the potential of Machine Learning in combating the fake news epidemic by building and evaluating predictive models. We employ three well-established algorithms—Naive Bayes, Decision Tree, and Logistic Regression—to detect fake news, each offering unique strengths. This comparative approach ensures a broader understanding of how different algorithms perform in this domain, helping to identify which model best balances accuracy, interpretability, and computational efficiency.

By applying these ML models, we hope to contribute to the ongoing efforts in curbing misinformation and safeguarding online communities from the adverse effects of fake news. The outcome of this project can potentially serve as a building block for future work on automated news verification systems, with real-world applications in journalism, social media moderation, and government policymaking.

1.2 Motivation behind our project:

The proliferation of fake news poses a serious threat to individuals, societies, and democratic institutions. With the advent of digital media, traditional news channels are no longer the sole gatekeepers of information. Social media platforms allow users to create and share content freely, leading to the rapid spread of both credible information and fabricated news. The issue is exacerbated by the viral nature of social platforms, where misinformation can quickly reach millions without verification. Unlike traditional media, where news is scrutinized through editorial processes, social media lacks mechanisms to consistently filter out false information. This reality has amplified the need for automated systems to detect fake news in real time.

One of the driving motivations behind this project is the growing public concern about the adverse effects of fake news. False information has been linked to several high-profile events, such as political misinformation campaigns, stock market manipulation, and health-related hoaxes during the COVID-19 pandemic. These examples highlight the dangerous potential of fake news to mislead people, erode public trust, and provoke social or political unrest. Furthermore, the phenomenon affects not only individuals but also institutions, causing damage to reputations and undermining democratic processes through misinformation campaigns.

Another key motivation for this project lies in the limitations of manual fact-checking. Fact-checking organizations, although effective, struggle to keep pace with the overwhelming volume of online content. Manual verification is resource-intensive and time-consuming, often failing to address misinformation before it spreads widely. Therefore, there is a need for scalable, automated tools capable of identifying and flagging fake news in real time.

1.3 Aim and Objective(s):

Aim:
The aim of this project is to build a machine learning model that identifies fake news articles, helping people tell the difference between true information and false claims in the digital world.

Objectives:

- To collect and preprocess a diverse dataset of news articles, including both real and fake news, for training and testing the model.
- To implement and compare different machine learning algorithms, including Naive Bayes, Decision Tree, and Logistic Regression, for fake news detection.
- To evaluate the performance of each model using metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score.
- To develop a user-friendly interface that allows users to input news articles and receive real-time feedback on their authenticity.
- To conduct a comprehensive analysis of the model's strengths and weaknesses, identifying areas for further improvement.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY OF FAKE NEWS DETECTION USING MACHINE LEARNING

2.1) Introduction:

The rise of digital media has made it easier to share information, but it has also led to the rapid spread of fake news. Fake news refers to false or misleading information presented as factual, often with the intent to deceive readers or influence public opinion. Detecting fake news has become a crucial challenge, given its potential to harm societies by spreading misinformation. Traditional methods of fact-checking are time-consuming and unable to keep up with the volume of online content. As a result, machine learning techniques have emerged as an effective approach to automate the detection of fake news.

2.2) Previous Research Papers on Fake News Detection Using Machine Learning:

1. Paper Title: A Research Paper on Fake News Detection [2]

    a. Work Done: Uses NLP and Passive-Aggressive classifier, with text preprocessing and TF-IDF feature extraction.

    b. Work Description:
    Natural Language Processing (NLP) is a field of artificial intelligence that focuses on the interaction between computers and humans through natural language [2]. The goal of NLP is to enable machines to understand, interpret, and generate human language in a valuable way. It encompasses various tasks such as text analysis, language translation, sentiment analysis, and more. In the context of fake news detection, NLP helps in analyzing the content of news articles to determine their authenticity.

    Passive-Aggressive Classifier is a type of linear classifier used in machine learning for large-scale learning tasks, especially for text classification. It is called "passive-aggressive" because it makes minimal updates to the model weights for correctly classified samples (passive) and larger updates for misclassified samples (aggressive)[2]. This approach allows for quick adjustments to the model based on incoming data while minimizing changes when the predictions are correct.

    Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF) is a numerical statistic that reflects the importance of a word in a document relative to a collection of documents [2].

c. Pros:
    i. Efficient online learning with Passive-Aggressive classifier.
    ii. Fast learning and adaptability to new data.
    iii. Combination of NLP with TF-IDF feature extraction provides robust text analysis.

d. Cons:
    i. Heavy dependence on the quality of training dataset.
    ii. Limited to text data, potentially missing out on multimedia content.
    iii. Could struggle with complex language nuance and context.

e. Comparison:
Our use of Decision Tree adds interpretability, a plus over this paper's method.

2. Paper Title: Fake News Detection using Machine Learning [4]

a. Work Done: The system uses a combination of machine learning classifiers such as Naive Bayes, Logistic Regression, and Support Vector Machine (SVM).

b. Work Description:
Naive Bayes is a **probabilistic classifier** based on **Bayes' Theorem** [4], assuming features are independent (hence "naive"). It calculates the probability of each class given the input data and selects the class with the highest probability. It works well with text data, such as spam detection and fake news detection where features like word.

Logistic Regression is a **linear model** used for **binary classification** problems. It predicts the probability that a given input belongs to a specific class by using the **sigmoid function** to map predictions to a range between 0 and 1 [4]. The sigmoid function is a weighted sum of the input features. This is useful in fake news detection as it learns relationships between features like word usage and also labels like fake.

SVM is a **supervised learning algorithm** that finds the **optimal hyperplane** to separate data points of different classes. It aims to maximize the margin that is the distance between the nearest data points of each class to the hyperplane. There are different topics in SVM like:
    i. **Linear SVM**: Works with linearly separable data.
    ii. **Kernel SVM**: Uses kernels to handle non-linear data by mapping it to higher-dimensional spaces.
    iii. **Decision Boundary**: Defined by the support vectors that are the critical points close to the margin.

SVM is effective for text classification tasks like fake news detection where the data is high dimensional [4].

c. Pros:
   i. Use of multiple classifiers improves overall accuracy.
   ii. Diversity in methods allows more comprehensive fake news detection.
   iii. Each classifier complements the other, covering different aspects of data.

d. Cons:
   i. Balancing the classifiers can be tricky and computationally intensive.
   ii. Integration and implementation can be complex.
   iii. May face issues with real-time detection due to multiple models.

e. Comparison:
   It is similar to our project, but it makes use of SVM (Support Vector Machine) which is more complex to integrate.

3. Paper Title: A Smart System for Fake News Detection Using Machine Learning [3]

a. Work Done: In this smart system they made use of CNN and LSTM for text analysis.

b. Work Description:
   CNN short for Convolutional Neural Network are specialized deep learning models primarily used for processing **grid-like data** such as images or sequences. They apply **convolutional filters** to extract features like patterns, edges, or phrases from the input [3]. CNNs are effective in capturing **local patterns** in text, such as word combinations or short phrases, making them useful for **sentence classification**.

   LSTM is a type of **Recurrent Neural Network (RNN)** designed to handle **sequential data** by capturing **long-term dependencies**. It solves the vanishing gradient problem found in traditional RNNs, allowing it to retain information over long sequences. LSTMs are useful for fake news detection by capturing **context over multiple words or sentences**, helping understand deeper meaning. Both **CNNs** and **LSTMs** are often used in NLP tasks, either individually or together in hybrid models, depending on whether local patterns (CNN) or long-term dependencies (LSTM) [3].

c. Pros:
   i. Advanced techniques like CNN and LSTM capture spatial dependencies and temporal patterns in text.
   ii. High accuracy due to deep learning methodologies.
   iii. Robust against sophisticated fake news generation techniques.

d. Cons:
   i. Requires significant computational power and resources.

ii. Complex and time-consuming to train.
iii. Difficult to interpret compared to simpler models.

e. Comparison:
Our project is more accessible and easier to implement but it is less accurate as compared to deep learning methods.

2.3) State-of-the-Art Algorithms for Fake News Detection:

- **Naïve Bayes:** Naive Bayes is a simple yet powerful probabilistic machine learning algorithm used for classification tasks. It is based on Bayes' Theorem, which calculates the probability of a class given certain features, assuming that all features are independent (hence the term "naive") [4]. Despite this independence assumption, Naive Bayes performs well in practice, especially in text classification tasks such as spam filtering and fake news detection. The algorithm estimates the likelihood of each class and selects the one with the highest probability for a given input [4]. It is computationally efficient, easy to implement, and works well with large datasets, making it a popular choice for quick and reliable predictions.

- **Logistic Regression:** Logistic Regression is a supervised machine learning algorithm used for binary classification tasks, where the goal is to predict one of two possible outcomes (e.g., real or fake news). It models the relationship between the input features and the probability of a specific outcome using the logistic (sigmoid) function, which maps predictions to a range between 0 and 1[4]. The algorithm finds the optimal weights for input features by minimizing a loss function, typically binary cross-entropy, to make accurate predictions. Logistic Regression assumes a linear relationship between the input features and the log-odds of the target class, making it simple yet effective for high-dimensional data like text [4]. Its interpretability and ease of implementation make it a popular choice for tasks like spam filtering, fake news detection.

- **Decision Tree:** A Decision Tree is a supervised machine learning algorithm used for both classification and regression tasks. It works by splitting the dataset into smaller subsets based on specific feature values, forming a tree-like structure where each internal node represents a decision on a feature, each branch represents an outcome of that decision, and each leaf node represents a final prediction or class label [4]. The algorithm selects splits that maximize the separation between classes, often using metrics like Gini Impurity or Information Gain. Decision Trees are easy to interpret, handle both numerical and categorical data, and perform well on smaller datasets [4].

CHAPTER 3

MACHINE LEARNING CONCEPTS USED IN FAKE NEWS DETECTION

3.1) Methodology and Algorithms:

The primary methodology for the Fake News Detection project involves using machine learning algorithms to analyze textual data from news articles. The process includes data collection, text preprocessing, feature extraction using TF-IDF, and training models like Naive Bayes, Logistic Regression, and Decision Tree. The goal is to accurately classify news articles as real or fake, thereby aiding users in identifying misinformation and contributing to reliable information dissemination.

Algorithms Used:

- Naive Bayes:

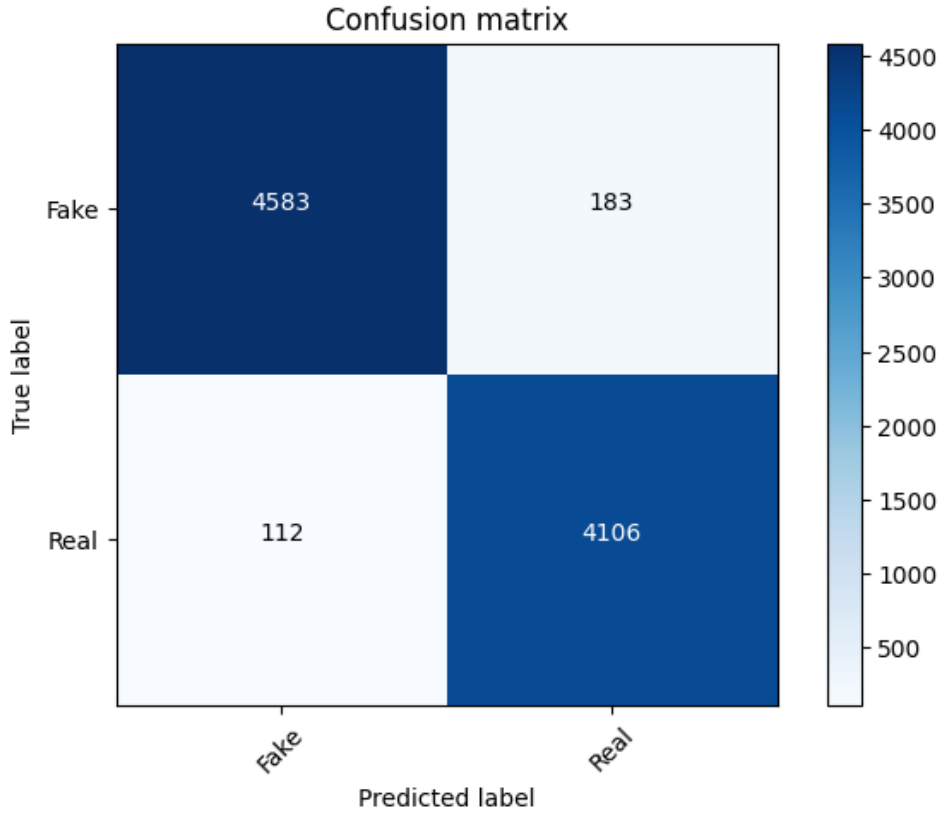
  Naive Bayes is widely used for text classification tasks, including spam filtering, sentiment analysis, and fake news detection. In the context of fake news detection, the algorithm leverages the Bayesian probability framework to predict whether a given article belongs to the “real” or “fake” class based on word frequencies [4].

  During training, the algorithm calculates the prior probabilities of each class (real or fake) and the conditional probabilities of words appearing in each class. This step helps the model learn how frequently certain words or phrases appear in real or fake news articles. For example, words like "breaking" or "exclusive" might occur more often in fake news articles.

  When a new article is given as input, Naive Bayes applies Bayes' Theorem to compute the posterior probability for both the real and fake classes. The model assigns the article to the class with the highest probability. Naive Bayes performs well with high-dimensional data (like text) and can handle new words that weren’t seen during training through smoothing techniques (e.g., Laplace smoothing) [4], which prevent the model from assigning zero probability to unfamiliar words.

  Example:
  Consider a dataset containing labeled news articles. Naive Bayes can analyze the word distribution and quickly determine the likelihood that an incoming article belongs to the “fake” category based on its vocabulary and structure.
  If words like “clickbait,” “shocking,” or “viral” appear frequently in fake news during training, the algorithm will learn to associate such terms with that class, making it easier to detect fake news in future articles.

Confusion Matrix:



(Fig. (3.1) Confusion Matrix of Naïve Bayes)

Accuracy of the model : 96.27 %

Naive Bayes' speed and simplicity make it ideal for fake news detection, especially in scenarios where real-time classification is needed. However, it works best when the word features are independent.

Advantages: Simple, fast, and effective for text classification, especially with large datasets. Works well even with limited training data and can handle high-dimensional inputs like text.

Disadvantages: Assumes feature independence, which is often not true for text data, potentially reducing accuracy.

- Logistic Regression:

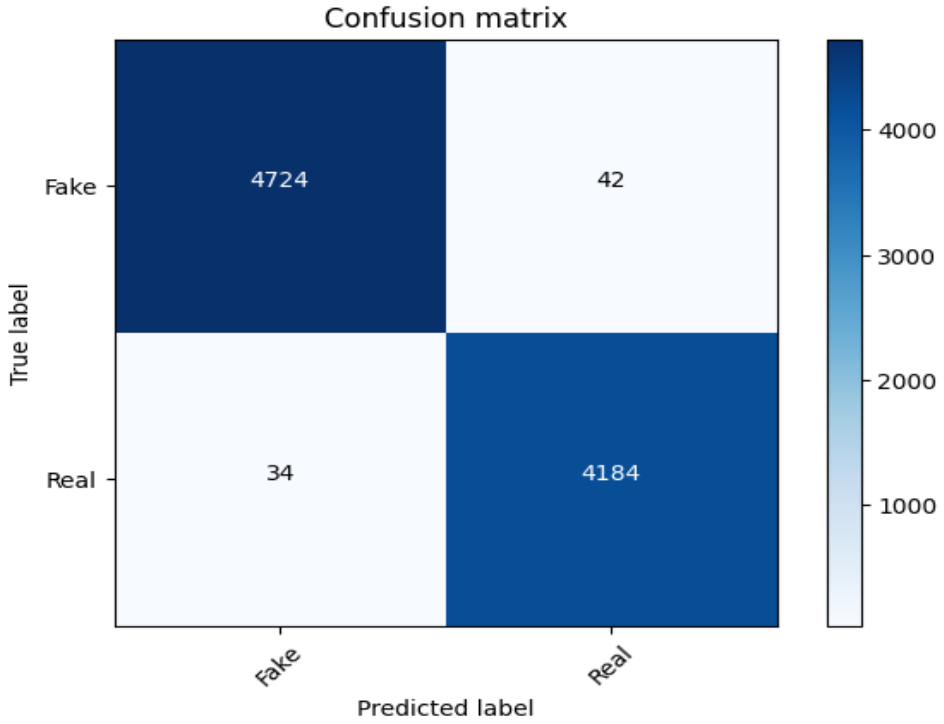
Logistic Regression is a widely used binary classification algorithm that models the probability of a news article being classified as real or fake based on its features. In fake news detection, Logistic Regression analyzes relationships between the input features (e.g., words or phrases) and the target label (real/fake) to make predictions.

In the training process, the algorithm learns the weights for each feature by fitting the input features (word vectors) to the class labels (real or fake) [4]. Logistic Regression uses gradient descent to minimize the error in its predictions and optimize the model's parameters.

For a new article, the weighted sum of the feature values is calculated and passed through the sigmoid function to output a probability between 0 and 1. If the predicted probability is greater than 0.5, the article is classified as fake. If the probability is less than 0.5, the article is classified as real.

Example:
Logistic Regression can be trained on a dataset of labeled articles with features like word occurrences, article length, or sentiment scores. If words like "breaking," "fake," or "unconfirmed" appear more frequently in fake articles, the algorithm will assign higher weights to those words, improving its ability to detect similar patterns in unseen data.
For example, if a new article contains many high-weight words associated with the fake class, the model will output a higher probability for it being fake.

Confusion Matrix:



(Fig. (3.2) Confusion Matrix of Logistic Regression)

Accuracy of the model: 99.15 %

Logistic Regression works well even with high-dimensional text data, especially when feature selection or dimensionality reduction is applied. Regularization techniques, such as L2 regularization, are often used to prevent overfitting.

Advantages: Logistic Regression provides probability scores, allowing users to

understand how confident the model is in its predictions. It is computationally efficient and works well with large datasets.

Disadvantages: Limited performance when handling non-linear relationships and may not work well with high-dimensional text data without feature selection.

- Decision Tree:

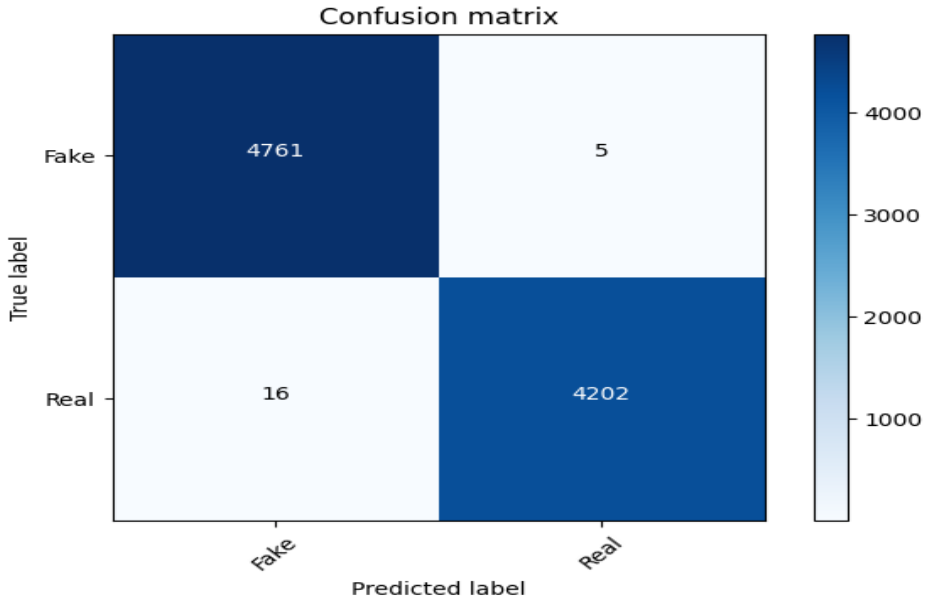
A Decision Tree is a supervised learning algorithm used for classification and regression. In fake news detection, the Decision Tree classifier learns from input features (like word frequencies, sentiment scores, or article length) by constructing a tree-like structure where each node represents a decision based on a feature's value [4]. The model breaks down the problem into smaller, interpretable rules, making it easy to understand how the classification is made.

During training, the algorithm splits the data at each node by selecting the feature and threshold that best separates the data into real or fake classes. The decision tree makes a tree like structure where, internal nodes represent decisions on features, Branches represent possible outcomes of these decisions leaf nodes represent the final classification (real or fake) [1].

When a new article is given as input, the model traverses the tree by making a series of decisions based on the feature values until it reaches a leaf node, which assigns the final class label (real or fake).

Example:
A Decision Tree trained on fake news datasets may learn rules like, "If the article contains the word 'clickbait' and the sentiment score is negative, classify it as fake."
"If the article contains neutral language and does not use words like 'viral' or 'exclusive,' classify it as real." These simple, interpretable rules make Decision Trees valuable for understanding why a specific article is classified as fake.

Confusion Matrix:



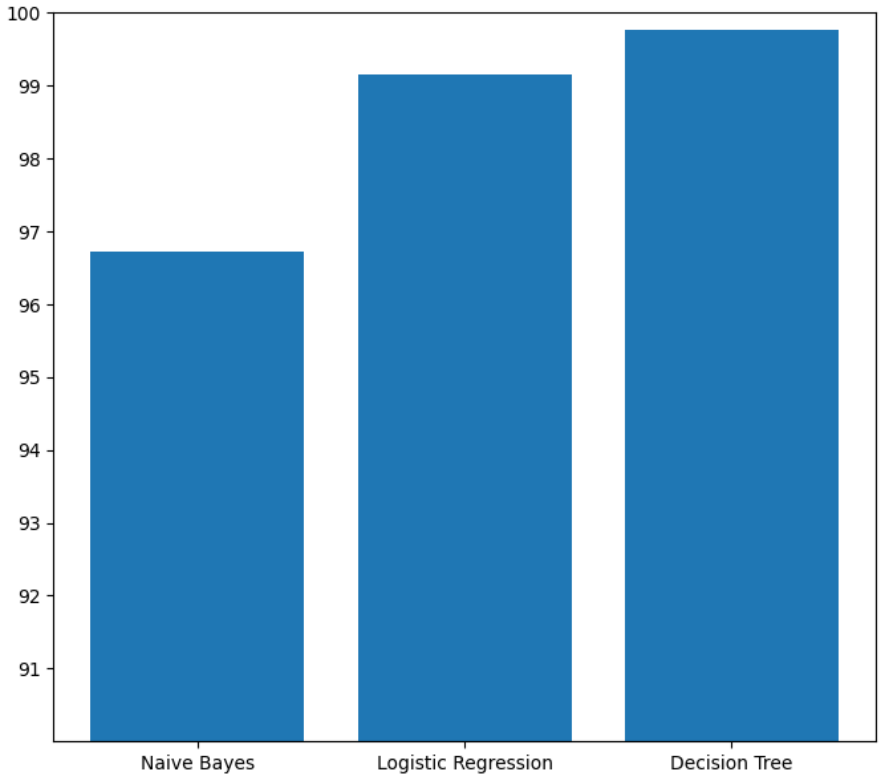
(Fig. (3.3) Confusion Matrix of Decision Tree)

Accuracy of the model: 99.77%

Advantages: Decision Trees provide clear, understandable rules, making them easy to explain to users. Works well with both types of features, such as word counts (numerical) and word presence (categorical). Efficient on small datasets and can provide quick predictions.

Disadvantages: Decision Trees can become overly complex, memorizing patterns specific to the training data. This can reduce their ability to generalize to unseen articles. Pruning techniques or using ensemble models (like Random Forest) can mitigate this issue.

- Comparison Between Algorithms:



(Fig. (3.4) Graph comparing different Algorithms)

- Naïve Bayes:
  - Achieved a score slightly below 98%.
  - While it performs well, its performance is comparatively lower than the other two models.
  - This result could be due to Naive Bayes' assumption of feature independence, which may not hold true for textual data, affecting accuracy.

- Logistic Regression:
  - Scored slightly above 99%.
  - It outperforms Naive Bayes, likely because it can better model linear relationships between features and the class label.

- Logistic Regression's ability to handle high-dimensional data like TF-IDF features makes it a strong choice for fake news detection.

- Decision Tree:
  - Achieved the highest score, above 99%
  - This indicates that the model is very effective in distinguishing between real and fake news articles.
  - Decision Trees excel by learning complex rules and patterns, making them powerful for this task. However, care should be taken to avoid overfitting, especially with high training accuracy.

3.2) Enhancements and Future Work:

Potential enhancements to the system could include:

- Use of Advanced Models:
  - Random Forests or XGBoost can be used to combine multiple Decision Trees, improving robustness and reducing overfitting.
  - Implement Voting Classifiers, combining Naive Bayes, Logistic Regression, and Decision Tree to enhance prediction accuracy.

- Incorporate Deep Learning Techniques:
  - Use models like Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) or Long Short-Term Memory Networks (LSTM) to capture complex text patterns and sequential dependencies.
  - BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers) can be incorporated to handle context better in fake news detection.

- Feature Engineering Improvements:
  - Sentiment Analysis: Extract sentiment-related features to capture tone differences between real and fake news.
  - N-grams and Topic Modeling: Use n-grams (bigrams, trigrams) or Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA) to capture contextual meaning and article themes.
  - Metadata-based Features: Include additional features such as publication date, source credibility, and author reputation to improve classification accuracy.

- Fake News Source Detection:
  - Extend the project to not only classify articles but also **identify sources or platforms** that frequently publish fake news, helping prevent misinformation at the source level.

- Model Evaluation and Bias Mitigation:
  - Perform **cross-validation** and **hyperparameter tuning** to ensure consistent performance.
  - Analyze the model for **bias and fairness** to prevent discrimination against particular sources or topics.

CHAPTER 4

APPLICATIONS OF FAKE NEWS DETECTION USING MACHINE LEARNING

4.1) Application of Machine Learning in Fake News Detection:

Machine Learning plays a crucial role in automating the detection of fake news by analyzing patterns in text data and classifying news articles as real or fake. Algorithms such as Naive Bayes, Logistic Regression, Decision Tree leverage large datasets to learn patterns based on features like word frequencies, sentiment, and article structure. Machine Learning models can quickly process high-dimensional data, such as text represented by TF-IDF or Bag of Words, to make accurate predictions. Additionally, more advanced techniques, including deep learning models like CNNs and LSTMs, capture complex linguistic patterns and improve detection by identifying subtle nuances in writing styles. By continuously learning from new data, these algorithms adapt to changing trends and ensure real-time classification, making them highly effective tools for combating misinformation across social media platforms and news websites.

4.2) State-of-the-Art Applications:

- **Text Classification Models**: Machine learning algorithms like **Naive Bayes**, **Logistic Regression**, and **Decision Trees** are widely used for text-based classification. These models analyze word patterns, phrase occurrences, and linguistic features in news articles to determine whether the content is real or fake. By training on labeled datasets of real and fake news, these models learn to identify deceptive patterns effectively.

- **Natural Language Processing (NLP)**: NLP techniques such as **TF-IDF** (Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency) and **Bag of Words** are used to convert text into numerical features that machine learning models can process. NLP-based methods also help detect inconsistencies in writing style, sensational language, or suspicious word combinations often found in fake news.

- **Deep Learning Models**: Advanced models like **Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)** and **Long Short-Term Memory Networks (LSTMs)** improve performance by capturing deeper semantic meanings and temporal relationships in text data. These models can detect fake news by identifying complex patterns, such as narrative inconsistencies and sequential dependencies in news articles.

- **Social Media Monitoring**: Machine learning, combined with data from social media platforms, helps track the spread of misinformation by analyzing posts, shares, and comments. ML models can flag suspicious content based on patterns of virality, user behavior, and the credibility of sources.

- **Real-Time Detection Systems**: AI-driven platforms can provide **browser extensions or APIs** to scan news articles or social media posts in real time, alerting users to potentially false information. These systems enhance user awareness and help combat misinformation at its source.

4.3) Advantages and Disadvantages:

- Advantages:

  - **Increased Accuracy**:
    ML algorithms, such as Logistic Regression, Naive Bayes, and Decision Trees, offer high accuracy in identifying fake news by detecting subtle linguistic patterns and textual inconsistencies, reducing the chances of misinformation spreading.

  - **Scalability**:
    ML-driven systems can handle vast amounts of data from various sources, such as social media platforms, news websites, and blogs, making them effective for large-scale monitoring and detection of fake news across the internet.

  - **Real-Time Detection**:
    Machine learning models provide real-time insights by scanning and classifying content as soon as it is published or shared, allowing platforms to flag and prevent the spread of misinformation before it reaches large audiences.

  - **Automated Detection**:
    ML models automate the process of analyzing text, reducing the need for manual fact-checking. This saves time and resources while ensuring faster responses to misinformation.

- Disadvantages:

  - **Data Quality Dependence**:
    ML models require large amounts of **high-quality labeled data** to perform well. Incomplete, biased, or inconsistent datasets can result in inaccurate predictions, limiting the effectiveness of the system.

  - **Difficulty Handling Evolving Content**:
    Fake news patterns continuously change, making it challenging for static models to keep up. Without regular updates or **online learning**, the models may become less effective over time.

  - **Bias in Models**:
    ML models can inherit **biases** from the training data, potentially leading to false positives (real news classified as fake) or false negatives (fake news classified as real). This can create trust issues with the system's decisions.

  - **Lack of Context Understanding**:
    Many machine learning models struggle to fully understand the **context** and **nuances** behind news content, which can lead to misclassification.

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION

In this seminar, we explored the application of machine learning techniques for fake news detection, focusing on models such as Naive Bayes, Logistic Regression, and Decision Trees. These algorithms were trained to classify news articles based on patterns in the text, with methods like TF-IDF aiding in feature extraction. The study demonstrates that machine learning can play a vital role in combating misinformation by automating the detection process, improving accuracy, and providing real-time classification.

Our findings suggest that each model offers unique strengths: Naive Bayes excels with smaller datasets, Logistic Regression provides consistent performance, and Decision Trees offer interpretability. However, challenges such as bias, evolving fake news patterns, and explainability issues remain key concerns. This seminar has emphasized the importance of regular model updates and human oversight to maintain the reliability of automated detection systems

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Overall, this study highlights how machine learning not only enhances the efficiency of fake news detection but also lays the foundation for future work in developing more adaptable, transparent, and scalable solutions to tackle misinformation in the digital age.

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