Classification of Political News with NLP

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- If utilized correctly could be used to save some time when there is more subjective bias than there is fact.



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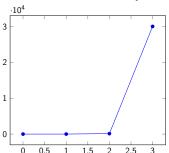
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- Contains about a year of news articles from both institutions.





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The Data was sourced from CNN and Fox News Sites directly. There was no data source appropriate for our means so we gathered it ourselves. The sites presented their own individual challenges.



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- Node is a JavaScript runtime that allows for JavaScript to be ran on a server.



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- Cleaning up the folder structure.



Models and Algorithms

Tensor Flow is utilized initially to create TF and IDF for the algorithm. Then the model takes in the raw text files and puts them together vectorize the text into integer vectors. This is utilized with a Sequential Feed-Forward Network to make the base model.



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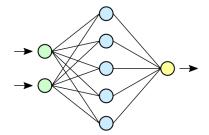


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- TF-IDF
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- Deep Learning
 - Binary
 - Multiclass

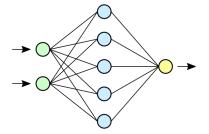


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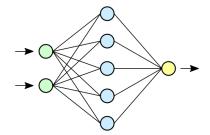


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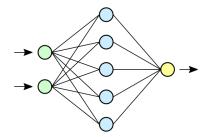


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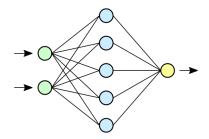


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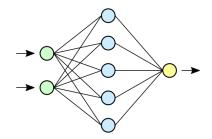


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Results

We ran the model for at most 25 epoch. The loss values started very high around 40 percent but as the model ran it went below zero for the loss function and thus the accuracy was around the same and achieving around 99.96 percent accuracy.



Questions and Answers

Please ask some questions about anything related to the project.

