**Project Title: Fake News Detection using NLP**

**Phase-4**

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Development Part 2

In this part you will continue building your project.

Continue building the fake news detection model by applying NLP techniques and training a classification model. ● Text Preprocessing and Feature Extraction

● Model training and evaluation

Dataset Link: https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/clmentbisaillon/fake-and real-news-dataset

Importing required libraries

[2]: **import warnings**

warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')

[3]: **import numpy as np**

**import pandas as pd**

**import matplotlib.pyplot as plt**

**import seaborn as sns**

**import nltk**

**import re**

**import string**

**from sklearn.model\_selection import** train\_test\_split

**from sklearn.metrics import** classification\_report

**import keras**

**from keras.preprocessing import** text,sequence

**from keras.models import** Sequential

**from keras.layers import** Dense,Embedding,LSTM,Dropout

**import os**

**for** dirname, \_, filenames **in** os.walk('dataset/'):

**for** filename **in** filenames:

print(os.path.join(dirname, filename))

dataset/Fake.csv

dataset/archive(1).zip

dataset/True.csv

Loading Data

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[4]: real\_data = pd.read\_csv('dataset/True.csv')

fake\_data = pd.read\_csv('dataset/Fake.csv')

[5]: real\_data.head()

[5]: title \ 0 As U.S. budget fight looms, Republicans flip t…

1 U.S. military to accept transgender recruits o…

2 Senior U.S. Republican senator: 'Let Mr. Muell…

3 FBI Russia probe helped by Australian diplomat…

4 Trump wants Postal Service to charge 'much mor…

text subject \

0 WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The head of a conservat… politicsNews 1 WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Transgender people will… politicsNews 2 WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The special counsel inv… politicsNews 3 WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Trump campaign adviser … politicsNews 4 SEATTLE/WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Donal… politicsNews

date

0 December 31, 2017

1 December 29, 2017

2 December 31, 2017

3 December 30, 2017

4 December 29, 2017

[6]: fake\_data.head()

[6]: title \ 0 Donald Trump Sends Out Embarrassing New Year’…

1 Drunk Bragging Trump Staffer Started Russian …

2 Sheriff David Clarke Becomes An Internet Joke…

3 Trump Is So Obsessed He Even Has Obama’s Name…

4 Pope Francis Just Called Out Donald Trump Dur…

text subject \

0 Donald Trump just couldn t wish all Americans …

1 House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nu…

2 On Friday, it was revealed that former Milwauk…

3 On Christmas day, Donald Trump announced that …

4 Pope Francis used his annual Christmas Day mes…

News News News News News

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date

0 December 31,

2017

1 December 31, 2017

2 December 30, 2017

3 December 29, 2017

4 December 25, 2017

[7]: *#add column*

real\_data['target'] = 1

fake\_data['target'] = 0

[8]: real\_data.tail()

[8]: title \

21412 'Fully committed' NATO backs new U.S. approach…

21413 LexisNexis withdrew two products from Chinese …

21414 Minsk cultural hub becomes haven from authorities

21415 Vatican upbeat on possibility of Pope Francis …

21416 Indonesia to buy $1.14 billion worth of Russia…

text subject \

21412 BRUSSELS (Reuters) - NATO allies on Tuesday we… worldnews 21413 LONDON (Reuters) - LexisNexis, a provider of l… worldnews 21414 MINSK (Reuters) - In the shadow of disused Sov… worldnews 21415 MOSCOW (Reuters) - Vatican Secretary of State … worldnews 21416 JAKARTA (Reuters) - Indonesia will buy 11 Sukh… worldnews

date target

21412 August 22, 2017 1

21413 August 22, 2017 1

21414 August 22, 2017 1

21415 August 22, 2017 1

21416 August 22, 2017 1

[9]: *#Merging the 2 datasets*

data = pd.concat([real\_data, fake\_data], ignore\_index=**True**, sort=**False**) data.head()

[9]: title \

0 As U.S. budget fight looms, Republicans flip t…

1 U.S. military to accept transgender recruits o…

2 Senior U.S. Republican senator: 'Let Mr. Muell… 2 0 December 31, 2017 2 1 December 29, 2017 2 2 December 31, 2017 2 3 December 30, 2017 2

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4 December 29, 2017 2

3 FBI Russia probe helped by Australian diplomat…

4 Trump wants Postal Service to charge 'much mor…

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[10]: data.isnull().sum()

[10]: title 0

text 0

subject 0

date 0

target 0

dtype: int64

**1.Count of Fake and Real Data**

[11]: print(data["target"].value\_counts()) fig, ax =

plt.subplots(1,2, figsize=(19, 5)) g1 =

sns.countplot(data.target,ax=ax[0],palette="pastel

");

g1.set\_title("Count of real and fake data")

g1.set\_ylabel("Count") g1.set\_xlabel("Target") g2 =

plt.pie(data["target"].value\_counts().values,explode=[0,0],labels =data.

↪target.value\_counts().index, autopct='**%1.**

↪**1f%%**',colors=['SkyBlue','PeachPuff'])

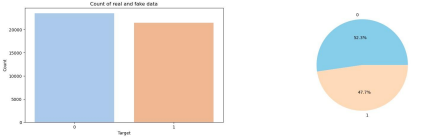
fig.show()

0 23481

1 21417

Name: target, dtype: int64

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**2.Distribution of The Subject According to Real and Fake Data**

[12]: print(data.subject.value\_counts())

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))

ax = sns.countplot(x="subject", hue='target', data=data, palette="pastel") plt.title("Distribution of The Subject According to Real and Fake Data") politicsNews 11272

worldnews 10145

News 9050

politics 6841

left-news 4459

Government News 1570

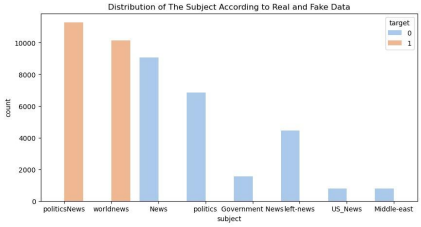
US\_News 783

Middle-east 778

Name: subject, dtype: int64

[12]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Distribution of The Subject According to Real and Fake Data')

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Preprocessing the textual data

[13]: data['text']= data['subject'] + " " + data['title'] + " " + data['text'] **del** data['title']

**del** data['subject']

**del** data['date']

data.head()

[13]: text target 0 politicsNews As U.S. budget fight looms, Repub… 1

1 politicsNews U.S. military to accept transgend… 1

2 politicsNews Senior U.S. Republican senator: '… 1

3 politicsNews FBI Russia probe helped by Austra… 1

4 politicsNews Trump wants Postal Service to cha… 1

[14]: first\_text = data.text[10]

first\_text

[14]: 'politicsNews Jones certified U.S. Senate winner despite Moore challenge (Reuters) - Alabama officials on Thursday certified Democrat Doug Jones the winner of the state’s U.S. Senate race, after a state judge denied a challenge by Republican Roy Moore, whose campaign was derailed by accusations of sexual misconduct with teenage girls. Jones won the vacant seat by about 22,000 votes, or 1.6 percentage points, election officials said. That made him the first Democrat in a quarter of a century to win a Senate seat in

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Alabama. The seat was previously held by Republican Jeff Sessions, who was tapped by U.S. President Donald Trump as attorney general. A state canvassing board composed of

Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill, Governor Kay Ivey and Attorney General

Steve Marshall certified the election results. Seating Jones will narrow the Republican majority in the Senate to 51 of 100 seats. In a statement, Jones called his victory “a new chapter” and pledged to work with both parties. Moore declined to concede defeat even after Trump urged him to do so. He stood by claims of a fraudulent election in a statement released after the certification and said he had no regrets, media outlets reported. An Alabama judge denied Moore’s request to block certification of the results of the Dec. 12 election in a decision shortly before the canvassing board met. Moore’s challenge alleged there had been potential voter fraud that denied him a chance of victory. His filing on Wednesday in the Montgomery Circuit Court sought to halt the meeting scheduled to ratify Jones’ win on Thursday. Moore could ask for a recount, in addition to possible other court challenges, Merrill said in an interview with Fox News Channel. He would have to complete paperwork “within a timed period” and show he has the money for a challenge, Merrill said. “We’ve not been notified yet of their intention to do that,” Merrill said. Regarding the claim of voter fraud, Merrill told CNN that more than 100 cases had been reported. “We’ve adjudicated more than 60 of those. We will continue to do that,” he said. Republican lawmakers in Washington had distanced themselves from Moore and called for him to drop out of the race after several women accused him of sexual assault or misconduct dating back to when they were teenagers and he was in his early 30s. Moore has denied wrongdoing and Reuters has not been able to independently verify the allegations. '

**First, let’s remove HTML content.**

[15]: **from bs4 import** BeautifulSoup

soup = BeautifulSoup(first\_text, "html.parser")

first\_text = soup.get\_text()

first\_text

[15]: 'politicsNews Jones certified U.S. Senate winner despite Moore challenge (Reuters) - Alabama officials on Thursday certified Democrat Doug Jones the winner of the state’s U.S. Senate race, after a state judge denied a challenge by Republican Roy Moore, whose campaign was derailed by accusations of sexual misconduct with teenage girls. Jones won the vacant seat by about 22,000 votes, or 1.6 percentage points, election officials said. That made him the first Democrat in a quarter of a century to win a Senate seat in Alabama. The seat was previously held by Republican Jeff Sessions,

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**Let’s now remove everything except uppercase / lowercase letters using Regular Expressions.**

[16]: first\_text = re.sub('\[[^]]\*\]', ' ', first\_text) first\_text = re.sub('[^a-zA-Z]',' ',first\_text) *# replaces non-alphabets with*␣ ↪*spaces* first\_text = first\_text.lower() *# Converting from uppercase to lowercase* first\_text

[16]: 'politicsnews jones certified u s senate winner despite moore challenge reuters alabama officials on thursday certified democrat doug jones the winner of the state s u s senate race after a state judge denied a challenge by republican roy moore whose campaign was derailed by accusations of sexual misconduct with teenage girls jones won the vacant seat by about votes or percentage points election officials said that made him the first democrat in a quarter of a century to win a senate seat in alabama the seat was previously held by republican jeff sessions who was tapped by u s president donald trump as attorney general a state

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canvassing board composed of alabama secretary of state john merrill governor kay ivey and attorney general steve marshall certified the election results seating jones will narrow the republican majority in the senate to of seats in a statement jones called his victory a new chapter and pledged to work with both parties moore declined to concede defeat even after trump urged him to do so he stood by claims of a fraudulent election in a statement released after the certification and said he had no regrets media outlets reported an alabama judge denied moore s request to block certification of the results of the dec election in a decision shortly before the canvassing board met moore s challenge alleged there had been potential voter fraud that denied him a chance of victory his filing on wednesday in the montgomery circuit court sought to halt the meeting scheduled to ratify jones win on thursday moore could ask for a recount in addition to possible other court challenges merrill said in an interview with fox news channel he would have to complete paperwork within a timed period and show he has the money for a challenge merrill said we ve not been notified yet of their intention to do that merrill said regarding the claim of voter fraud merrill told cnn that more than cases had been reported we ve adjudicated more than of those we will continue to do that he said republican lawmakers in washington had distanced themselves from moore and called for him to drop out of the race after several women accused him of sexual assault or misconduct dating back to when they were teenagers and he was in his early s moore has denied wrongdoing and reuters has not been able to independently verify the allegations '

**Let’s remove stopwords like is,a,the… Which do not offer much insight.**

[19]: nltk.download("stopwords")

**from nltk.corpus import** stopwords

*# we can use tokenizer instead of split*

first\_text = nltk.word\_tokenize(first\_text)

[nltk\_data] Downloading package stopwords to /home/djoe/nltk\_data… [nltk\_data] Package stopwords is already up-to-date!

[20]: first\_text = [ word **for** word **in** first\_text **if not** word **in** set(stopwords. ↪words("english"))]

**Lemmatization to bring back multiple forms of same word to their common root like ‘coming’, ‘comes’ into ‘come’.**

[23]: lemma = nltk.WordNetLemmatizer()

first\_text = [ lemma.lemmatize(word) **for** word **in** first\_text]

first\_text = " ".join(first\_text)

first\_text

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[23]: 'politicsnews jones certified u senate winner despite moore challenge reuters alabama official thursday certified democrat doug jones winner state u senate race state judge denied challenge republican roy moore whose campaign derailed accusation sexual misconduct teenage girl jones vacant seat vote percentage point election official said made first democrat quarter century win senate seat alabama seat previously held republican jeff session tapped u president donald trump attorney general state canvassing board composed alabama secretary state john merrill governor kay ivey attorney general steve marshall certified election result seating jones narrow republican majority senate seat statement jones called victory new chapter pledged work party moore declined concede defeat even trump urged stood claim fraudulent election statement released certification said regret medium outlet reported alabama judge denied moore request block certification result dec election decision shortly canvassing board met moore challenge alleged potential voter fraud denied chance victory filing wednesday montgomery circuit court sought halt meeting scheduled ratify jones win thursday moore could ask recount addition possible court challenge merrill said interview fox news channel would complete paperwork within timed period show money challenge merrill said notified yet intention merrill said regarding claim voter fraud merrill told cnn case reported adjudicated continue said republican lawmaker washington distanced moore called drop race several woman accused sexual assault misconduct dating back teenager early moore denied wrongdoing reuters able independently verify allegation'

Performing it for all the examples in the data.

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[24]: *#Removal of HTML Contents*

**def** remove\_html(text):

soup = BeautifulSoup(text, "html.parser")

**return** soup.get\_text()

*#Removal of Punctuation Marks*

**def** remove\_punctuations(text):

**return** re.sub('\[[^]]\*\]', '', text)

*# Removal of Special Characters*

**def** remove\_characters(text):

**return** re.sub("[^a-zA-Z]"," ",text)

*#Removal of stopwords*

**def** remove\_stopwords\_and\_lemmatization(text):

final\_text = []

text = text.lower()

text = nltk.word\_tokenize(text)

**for** word **in** text:

**if** word **not in** set(stopwords.words('english')):

lemma = nltk.WordNetLemmatizer()

word = lemma.lemmatize(word)

final\_text.append(word)

**return** " ".join(final\_text)

*#Total function*

**def** cleaning(text):

text = remove\_html(text)

text = remove\_punctuations(text)

text = remove\_characters(text)

text = remove\_stopwords\_and\_lemmatization(text)

**return** text

*#Apply function on text column*

data['text']=data['text'].apply(cleaning)

[25]: data.head()

[25]: text target 0 politicsnews u budget fight loom republican fl… 1

1 politicsnews u military accept transgender rec… 1 2 politicsnews senior u republican senator let m… 1 3 politicsnews fbi russia probe helped australia… 1

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4 politicsnews trump want postal service charge … 1

Train Test Split

[26]: X\_train, X\_test, y\_train, y\_test = train\_test\_split(data['text'],␣ ↪data['target'], random\_state=0)

Tokenizing

[31]: max\_features = 10000

maxlen = 300

[32]: tokenizer = text.Tokenizer(num\_words=max\_features)

tokenizer.fit\_on\_texts(X\_train)

tokenized\_train = tokenizer.texts\_to\_sequences(X\_train)

X\_train = sequence.pad\_sequences(tokenized\_train, maxlen=maxlen)

[33]: tokenized\_test = tokenizer.texts\_to\_sequences(X\_test)

X\_test = sequence.pad\_sequences(tokenized\_test, maxlen=maxlen)

[27]: X\_train.size, X\_test.size

[27]: (33673, 11225)

[39]: X\_train[3363]

[39]: 'politicsnews senator grill u education secretary proposal slash budget washington reuters u education secretary betsy devos faced hostile question senate committee tuesday tried win lawmaker president donald trump proposal slash department funding percent devos republican narrowly senate approval post february strident opposition democrat fellow party member testified senate appropriation subcommittee education proposed budget trump submitted congress last month trump plan cut billion education department budget would improve educational opportunity shift federal role education devos told panel understand figure alarming many said however budget refocuses department supporting state school district effort provide high quality education student democrat took turn asking devos bigger budget line item talking student say could hurt large spending cut pointed exchange whether private school receive federal fund would agree discriminate student devos would repeat school taking federal money must abide u law senator jeff merkley fellow democrat said refusing answer question federal law unclear many area possible discrimination right transgendered people lawmaker expected alter trump proposed budget voting subcommittee chair conservative republican roy blunt said believed congress would approve budget proposed significant cut department budget likely untenable blunt said pressing specifically preserve fund technical program work study financial aid special olympics civil right group

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democrat say budget would send public dollar private company disband school care hurt school poor neighborhood shrink rank teacher make harder many afford college devos currently working major transformation student loan budget suggests changing income based repayment plan ending loan forgiveness worker public sector devos said would clear confusion around loan stated aim giving parent choice child education devos republican support charter school publicly funded operate independently frequently corporation well subsidy help pay private school tuition many republican panel applauded budget proposal boost school choice program subcommittee senior democrat patty murray said cut highlight way policy priority president trump pushing would hurt student hurt community represent clear broken promise worker middle class'

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