# Fake News Project

The goal of this project is to create a fake news prediction system. Fake news is a major problem that can have serious negative effects on how people understand the world around them. You will work with a dataset containing real and fake news in order to train a simple and a more advanced classifier to solve this problem. This project covers the full Data Science pipeline, from data processing, to modelling, to visualization and interpretation.

We ran the notebook with the following specs:

- CPU: Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2687W v3 @ 3.10GHz
- Cores: 10
- Threads: 20
- Memory: 64GB Ram

# Part 1 Data Processing

#### Task 1

Pandas is used to process The fake news corpus. Since content will be used for our models we drop any rows that don't have any content.

We've implemented data processing functions to do the following:

- Clean the text
- Tokenize the text
- Remove stopwords
- Remove word variations with stemming

We use nltk because it has built-in support for many of these operations.

```
In [ ]: import re
        import nltk
        from nltk.tokenize.regexp import RegexpTokenizer
        from nltk.stem import PorterStemmer
        from collections import Counter
        from cleantext import clean
        def clean text(text):
          clean text = re.sub(r'([A-Z][A-z]+.?)([0-9]\{1,2\}?),([0-9]\{4\})', '<DATE>', text)
          clean text = clean(clean text,
            lower=True,
            no urls=True, replace with url="<URL>",
            no emails=True, replace with email="<EMAIL>",
            no numbers=True, replace with number= r"<NUM>",
            no currency symbols=True, replace with currency symbol="<CUR>",
            no punct=True, replace with punct="",
            no line breaks=True
          return clean text
        def rmv stopwords(tokens):
          stop words = set(nltk.corpus.stopwords.words('english'))
          tokens = [word for word in tokens if word not in stop words]
          return tokens
        def stem tokens(tokens):
          stemmer=PorterStemmer()
          Output=[stemmer.stem(word) for word in tokens]
          return Output
```

```
def build vocabulary(df tokens):
          tokens = []
          for lst in df tokens:
            tokens += lst
          token counter = Counter(tokens)
          return token counter
In [ ]: dfcpy = df.copy()
        dfcpy.content = dfcpy.content.apply(clean text)
        tokenizer = RegexpTokenizer(r'<[\w]+>|[\w]+')
        dfcpy["tokenized"] = dfcpy.content.apply(tokenizer.tokenize)
        vocab = build vocabulary(dfcpy.tokenized)
        vocab size = len(vocab)
        print("After cleaning:")
        print(f"vocabulary size: {vocab size}\n")
        dfcpy.tokenized = dfcpy.tokenized.apply(rmv stopwords)
        vocab = build vocabulary(dfcpy.tokenized)
        # reduction rate of the vocabulary size
        reduction = ((vocab size - len(vocab))/vocab size)*100
        vocab size = len(vocab)
        print("After removing stopwords:")
        print(f"vocabulary size: {vocab size}")
        print(f"reduction rate of the vocabulary size: {reduction:.2f}%\n")
        dfcpy.tokenized = dfcpy.tokenized.apply(stem tokens)
        vocab = build vocabulary(dfcpy.tokenized)
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reduction = ((vocab size - len(vocab))/vocab size)\*100

print(f"reduction rate of the vocabulary size: {reduction:.2f}%\n")

vocab\_size = len(vocab)
print("After stemming:")

print(f"vocabulary size: {vocab size}")

```
After cleaning:
vocabulary size: 16577

After removing stopwords:
vocabulary size: 16445
reduction rate of the vocabulary size: 0.80%

After stemming:
vocabulary size: 11031
reduction rate of the vocabulary size: 32.92%
```

## Task 2

We apply our data processing pipeline from task 1 on the 995k FakeNewsCorpus.

Pandas is slow when used on bigger amounts of data, this is because it dosen't allow for multithreading. Modin and ray are libaries that optimize pandas by allowing pandas to run on all cores, thereby giving a speed up for the data processing. By using modin with ray as an engine you can use pandas as usual, but have it use all threads in the CPU. We used a Intel Xeon cpu with 20 threads and therefore saw huge performance gain by using modin.

Modin and ray can be installed by running the following command: pip install "modin[ray]"

```
In [ ]: import modin.config as modin_cfg
modin_cfg.Engine.put("ray") # make sure to use Ray engine and other than could be installed
import modin.pandas as pd
```

```
In [ ]: # only read the columns we need
        df = pd.read csv("995,000 rows.csv",
                         usecols=['content', 'type', 'title', 'domain'],
                         engine='c',
                         dtype = str)
        dfcpy = df.copy()
        dfcpy = dfcpy.dropna(subset=['content'])
        dfcpy = dfcpy.dropna(subset=['type'])
        dfcpy = dfcpy.dropna(subset=['title'])
       2024-04-02 19:53:36,957 INFO worker.py:1752 -- Started a local Ray instance.
In [ ]: from time import time
        start = time()
        dfcpy.title = dfcpy.title.apply(clean text)
        dfcpy.content = dfcpy.content.apply(clean text)
        print(f"time to clean the data: {time() - start:.2f} sec")
        t = time()
        tokenizer = RegexpTokenizer(r'<[\w]+>|[\w]+')
        dfcpy.title = dfcpy.title.apply(tokenizer.tokenize)
        dfcpy.content = dfcpy.content.apply(tokenizer.tokenize)
        print(f"time to tokenize the data: {(time() - t)/60:.2f} min" )
        t = time()
        dfcpy.title = dfcpy.title.apply(rmv stopwords)
        dfcpy.content = dfcpy.content.apply(rmv stopwords)
        print(f"time to remove stopwords: {(time() - t)/60:.2f} min")
        t = time()
        dfcpy.title = dfcpy.title.apply(stem tokens)
        dfcpy.content = dfcpy.content.apply(stem tokens)
        print(f"time to stem the data: {(time() - t)/60:.2f} sec")
        print(f"total time: {(time() - start)/60:.2f} min")
       time to clean the data: 21.82 sec
       time to tokenize the data: 9.27 min
       time to remove stopwords: 1.67 min
       time to stem the data: 1.65 sec
       total time: 12.96 min
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```

## Data exploration

We've explored the dataset and made some observations which are used to determine importance of certain metadata in the fake news corpus, such observations are:

- The amount of numerics in the dataset
- The 100 most frequent words
- The 20 most frequent domains and how their articles are classified in terms of type
- The distrubtion of types in the dataset
- The amount of rows missing content, title or type (amount of rows that will be dropped from the dataset).

```
In [ ]: start = time()
    vocab_content = build_vocabulary(dfcpy.content)
    print(f"time to build vocabulary for content: {(time() - start)/60:.2f} min")

    start = time()
    vocab_title = build_vocabulary(dfcpy.title)
    print(f"time to build vocabulary for title: {(time() - start)/60:.2f} min")

    time to build vocabulary for content: 18.94 min
    time to build vocabulary for title: 0.08 min

In [ ]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
    import seaborn as sns
    # plot the frequency of the top n words
    def plot_freq(counter, top_n):
        common_words = counter.most_common(top_n)
```

```
all freq = {}
 for word, freq in common words:
   all freq[word] = freq
  plt.figure(figsize = (top n*0.1, 5))
 plt.xticks(rotation = 90, fontsize = 5)
 sns.lineplot(x = list(all freq.keys()), y = list(all freq.values()), color = 'red')
 sns.barplot(x = list(all freq.keys()), y = list(all_freq.values()))
 plt.title(f'Top {top n} most common words')
 plt.xlabel('Words')
 plt.ylabel('Frequency')
 plt.grid(axis = 'y')
 plt.show()
  return
def plot domain with type(df):
 top domains = df.domain.value counts().head(20).index
 df = df[df.domain.isin(top domains)]
 df = df.groupby(['domain', 'type']).size().unstack().fillna(0)
 df.plot(kind='bar', stacked=True, figsize=(10,5), title='Domain distribution with types')
  plt.show()
  return
```

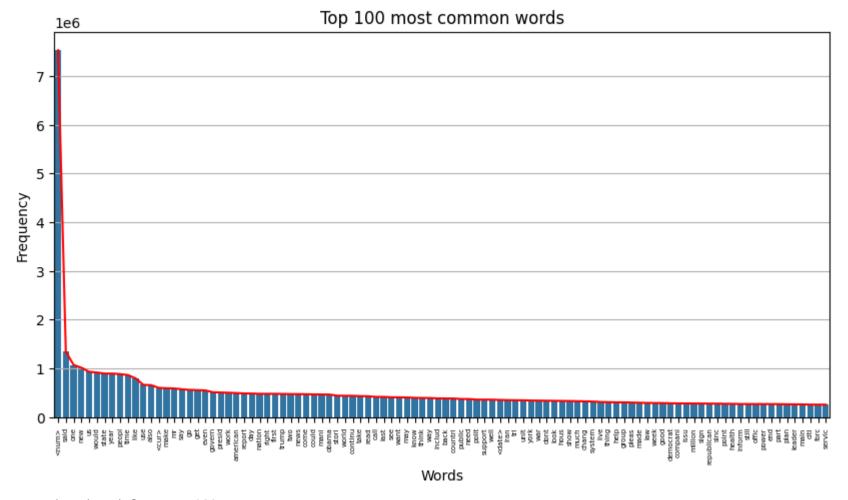
```
In []: # top 100 most frequent words
print("numerics in content: ", vocab_content["<num>"])
plot_freq(vocab_content, 100)
print("numerics in titles: ", vocab_title["<num>"])
plot_freq(vocab_title, 100)

# top 20 domains with their types
plot_domain_with_type(dfcpy)

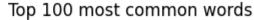
# pie chart for the distribution of the types
dfcpy.type.value_counts().plot.pie(autopct='%1.1f%%', figsize=(10,5), title='Types distribution')
plt.show()

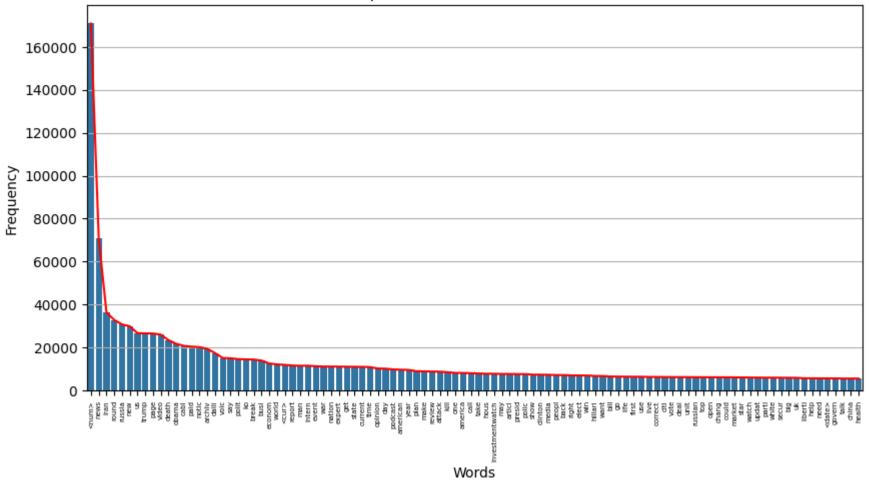
# ammount of dropped rows
print(f"Number of dropped rows: {df.shape[0] - dfcpy.shape[0]}")
```

numerics in content: 7530933



numerics in titles: 170894





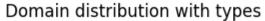
UserWarning: `df.groupby(categorical\_by, sort=False)` implementation has mismatches with pandas: the groupby keys will be sorted anyway, although the 'sort=False' was passed. See the following issue for more details: https://github.com/modin-project/modin/issues/3571.

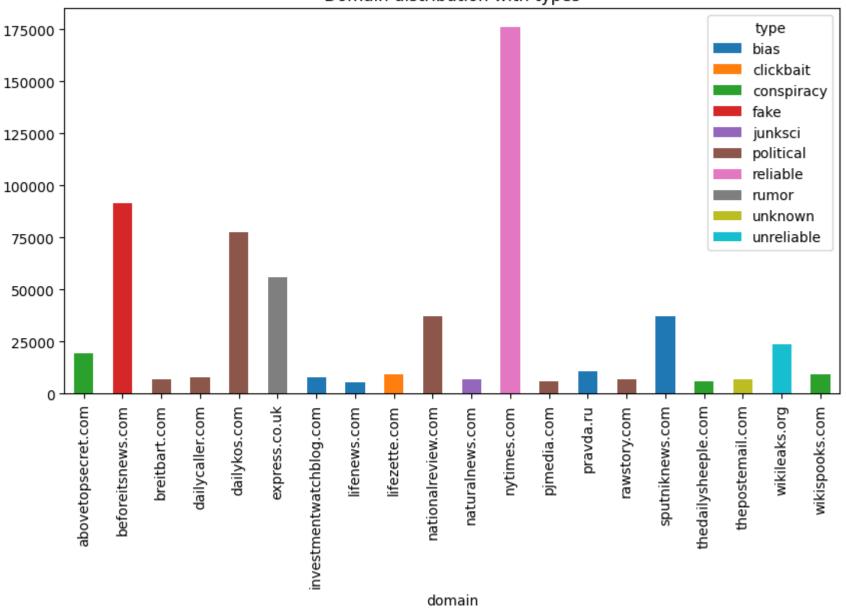
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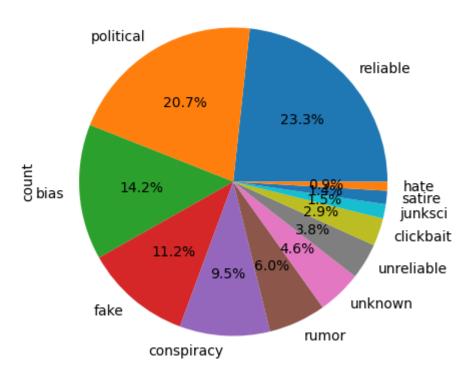
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#### Types distribution



Number of dropped rows: 56368

When exporting the cleaned dataset we have to make sure the tokens are stored correctly in the csv. A csv can correctly store a python list, therefore we store the tokens as a string using space as a seperator for each token.

```
In [ ]: dfcpy.content = dfcpy.content.apply(lambda x: ' '.join(x))
    dfcpy.title = dfcpy.title.apply(lambda x: ' '.join(x))
    dfcpy.to_csv('995k_rows_cleaned.csv', index=False)
    print("done cleaning the data")

# shutdown the ray engine to free up the memory
import ray
ray.shutdown()
```

## Task 4

Using the types we label articles as either fake or reliable. Some article types are omitted since it's ambigious wheter they are fake news or not.

```
In [ ]: import pandas as pd
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        df = pd.read csv('995k rows cleaned.csv', usecols=['content', 'type', 'title'], engine='c', dtype = str)
        dfcpy = df.copy()
        # label is 1 if the article is fake, 0 if the article is reliable
        dfcpy['label'] = dfcpy['type'].map({'fake': 1,
                                             'conspiracy': 1,
                                             'junksci': 1,
                                             'bias': 1,
                                             'clickbait': 0,
                                             'political': 0,
                                             'reliable': 0})
        dfcpy = dfcpy.dropna(subset=['label'])
        dfcpy['label'] = dfcpy['label'].astype(int)
        dfcpy = dfcpy.dropna(subset=['content'])
        dfcpy = dfcpy.dropna(subset=['title'])
```

We split the dataset into a random 80/10/10 split where 80% is used for training. 10% is used for validation and 10% is used for testing.

```
content val, title val, y val = validation df['content'], validation df['title'], validation df['label']
content test, title test, y test = test df['content'], test df['title'], test df['label']
print("Training Set:")
print(train df.content.head())
print(train df.title.head())
Training Set:
779426
          <num> year old iranian man share life iran wor...
         love love harlem said could walk favorit resta...
51493
325203
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artifici intellig complex creator cant trust m... Name: content, dtype: object

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38281

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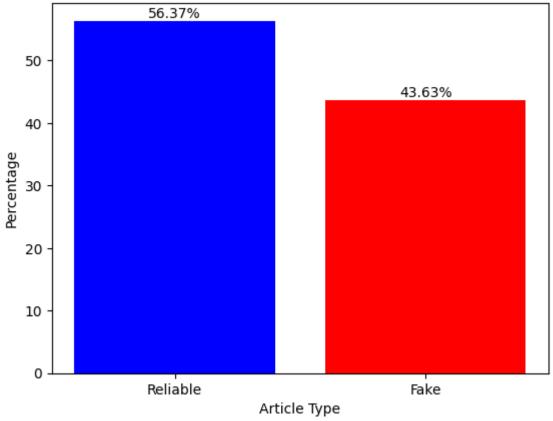
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Name: title, dtype: object

We plot the Distrubution of Fake and reliable articles to get and idea on wheter our data is balanced or not

```
In []: # Examine the percentage distribution of 'reliable' vs. 'fake' articles
        grouped type = dfcpy['label'].value counts()
        grouped type = grouped type / grouped type.sum() * 100
        # make a bar plot with percentages on bars
        plt.bar([0, 1], grouped type, tick label=['Reliable', 'Fake'], color=['blue', 'red'])
        plt.text(0, grouped type[0], f'{grouped type[0]:.2f}%', ha='center', va='bottom')
        plt.text(1, grouped type[1], f'{grouped type[1]:.2f}%', ha='center', va='bottom')
        plt.xlabel('Article Type')
        plt.ylabel('Percentage')
        plt.title('Percentage Distribution of Reliable vs. Fake Articles')
        plt.show()
```

## Percentage Distribution of Reliable vs. Fake Articles



Importing and cleaning extra reliable articles scraped from BBC news.

```
In []: df_extra = pd.read_csv("scraped_articles.csv", usecols=['content'])
    df_extra_cpy = df_extra.copy()
    df_extra_cpy = df_extra_cpy.dropna(subset=['content'])
    df_extra_cpy.content = df_extra_cpy.content.apply(clean_text)
    tokenizer = RegexpTokenizer(r'<[\w]+>|[\w]+')
    df_extra_cpy.content = df_extra_cpy.content.apply(tokenizer.tokenize)
    df_extra_cpy.content = df_extra_cpy.content.apply(rmv_stopwords)
    df_extra_cpy.content = df_extra_cpy.content.apply(stem_tokens)
    df_extra_cpy['label'] = 0
```

```
df extra cpy.content = df extra cpy.content.apply(lambda x: ' '.join(x))
        x train extra = pd.concat([content train, df extra cpy.content], ignore index=True)
        y train extra = pd.concat([y train, df extra cpy.label], ignore index=True)
In [ ]: import seaborn as sns
        from sklearn import metrics
        def make confusion matrix(y val, y pred, model name):
            confusion matrix = metrics.confusion matrix(y val, y pred, labels=[1, 0])
            sns.heatmap(confusion matrix,
                         annot=True,
                        fmt='g',
                        cmap='Blues',
                        xticklabels=['real', 'fake'],
                        yticklabels=['real', 'fake'])
            plt.xlabel('Predicted')
            plt.ylabel('Actual')
            plt.title(f'{model name}')
            plt.show()
```

# Part 2: A simple model

We use logistic regression for our simple model. The model is simple in terms of vector representation (bag of words) and lack of hyperparameter tuning.

```
])
model = LogisticRegression(max iter=10000, random state=42)
# making bag of words for the content and extra data
BoW extra = pipeline.fit transform(x train extra)
BoW content val = pipeline.transform(content val)
# Model with only content, but with extra data
model.fit(BoW extra, y train extra)
y pred = model.predict(BoW content val)
accuracy = metrics.accuracy score(y val, y pred)
f1 = metrics.f1 score(y val, y pred)
print("Only content, but with extra data:")
print("f1 score:", f1)
print("accuracy:", accuracy)
# mkain bag of words for the content
Bow content train = pipeline.fit transform(content train)
BoW content val = pipeline.transform(content val)
content test bow = pipeline.transform(content test)
# Model with only content
model.fit(BoW content train, y train)
y pred = model.predict(BoW content val)
accuracy = metrics.accuracy score(y val, y pred)
f1 = metrics.f1 score(y val, y pred)
print("Only content:")
print("f1 score:", f1)
print("accuracy:", accuracy)
# saving the model
dump(model, 'models/simple model content.joblib')
# making bag of words for the title and content
BoW title train = pipeline.fit transform(title train)
BoW title val = pipeline.transform(title val)
BoW combined train = hstack((BoW content train, BoW title train))
BoW combined val = hstack((BoW content val, BoW title val))
# Model with content and title
```

```
model.fit(BoW combined train, y train)
        y pred = model.predict(BoW combined val)
        accuracy = metrics.accuracy score(y val, y pred)
        f1 = metrics.f1 score(y val, y pred)
        print("\nContent and title:")
        print("f1 score:", f1)
        print("accuracy:", accuracy)
        # saving the model
        dump(model, 'models/simple model combined.joblib')
       Only content, but with extra data:
       f1 score: 0.8240011926058439
       accuracy: 0.8488928708562652
       Only content:
       f1 score: 0.8239501683903079
       accuracy: 0.8487904774094458
       Content and title:
       f1 score: 0.860425111812484
       accuracy: 0.8805708434660182
Out[ ]: ['models/simple model combined.joblib']
```

## Part 3: Advanced model

We have tried 3 models:

- LinearSVM
- Naive bayes
- Logistic regression (using TF-IDF and cross validation)

We tried 2 vector representations:

- TF-IDF (1, 2 and 3 grams)
- Word embedding (word2vec)

We perfrom cross validation (gridsearch) on hyper paramaters to find the best hyperparameters for each model

We started with limiting the amount of features to 3500. the LIAR data set only has 7000 features, since we train our models using 3500 features from content and 3500 features content we get a model trained on 7000 features and won't have to retrain them for the LIAR dataset

#### Model 1: Linear SVC

```
In [ ]: from sklearn.svm import LinearSVC
        from sklearn.model selection import GridSearchCV
        import sklearn.metrics as metrics
        from joblib import dump
        from time import time
        def svm(x train, y train, x val, model name):
            time start = time()
            svc = LinearSVC(max iter=10000, dual=False, random state=42)
            parameters = dict(C=[0.1, 1, 10, 20, 50, 100])
            # Cross-validation
            grid search = GridSearchCV(svc, parameters, cv=3, n jobs=-1, scoring = 'f1', pre dispatch=3)
            grid search.fit(x train, y train)
            print(f"Time to train the model: {(time() - time start)/60:.2f} min")
            best params = grid search.best params
            print("Best Parameters for svm:", best params)
            dump(grid search, f'models/{model name}.joblib')
            return grid search.predict(x val)
```

## Model 2: Naive Bayes

```
In []: from sklearn.naive_bayes import MultinomialNB
    from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV
    import sklearn.metrics as metrics
    from joblib import dump
    from time import time
    def naive_bayes(x_train, y_train, x_val, model_name):
```

```
time_start = time()
nb = MultinomialNB()
parameters = dict(alpha=[0.01,0.1, 1, 10])
# Cross-validation
grid_search = GridSearchCV(nb, parameters, cv=3, n_jobs=-1, scoring = 'f1')
grid_search.fit(x_train, y_train)
print(f"Time to train the model: {(time() - time_start)/60:.2f} min")
best_params = grid_search.best_params_
print("Best parameters for Naive Bayes model:", best_params)

dump(grid_search, f'models/{model_name}.joblib')
return grid_search.predict(x_val)
```

## Model 3: Logistic regression

We noticed our simple model performed quite well, therefore we tried to optimize hyperparameters and use n-grams to see if this would improve the simple model further

```
In [ ]: from sklearn.linear model import LogisticRegression
        from sklearn.model selection import GridSearchCV
        import sklearn.metrics as metrics
        from joblib import dump
        from time import time
        def logistic advanced(x train, y train, x val, model name):
            time start = time()
            logistic = LogisticRegression(max iter = 10000, random state=42)
            parameters = dict(C=[0.1, 1, 10], solver=['sag', 'saga'])
            # Cross-validation
            grid search = GridSearchCV(logistic, parameters, cv=3, n jobs=-1, scoring = 'f1', pre dispatch=3)
            grid search.fit(x train, y train)
            print(f"time to train the model: {(time() - time start)/3600:.2f} hours")
            best params = grid search.best params
            print("Best parameters for logistic regression model:", best params)
            # saving the model
```

```
dump(grid_search, f'models/{model_name}.joblib')
return grid_search.predict(x_val)
```

#### **TF-IDF**

```
In [ ]: from sklearn.feature extraction.text import TfidfVectorizer
        from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
        from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline
        from scipy.sparse import hstack
        from time import time
        def make TFIDF(features, ngrams):
            time start = time()
            global content test, content train, content val, title test, title train, title val
            global y test, y train, y val
            pipeline = Pipeline([
            ('vectorizer', TfidfVectorizer(lowercase = False,
                                           max features=features,
                                           min df = 1,
                                           max df = 0.9
                                           token pattern=r'<[\w]+>|[\w]+',
                                           ngram range = ngrams)),
            ('scaler', StandardScaler(with mean=False)),
            1)
            content train TFIDF = pipeline.fit transform(content train, y train)
            content val TFIDF = pipeline.transform(content val)
            content test TFIDF = pipeline.transform(content test)
            title train TFIDF = pipeline.fit transform(title train, y train)
            title val TFIDF = pipeline.transform(title val)
            title test TFIDF = pipeline.transform(title test)
            X train TFIDF = hstack((content train TFIDF, title train TFIDF))
            X val TFIDF = hstack((content val TFIDF, title val TFIDF))
            X test TFIDF = hstack((content test TFIDF, title test TFIDF))
            return X train TFIDF, X val TFIDF, X test TFIDF
```

## Validating the model

#### 1 gram:

```
In [ ]: X train TFIDF, X val TFIDF, X test TFIDF = make TFIDF(3500, (1, 1))
        SVM:
In [ ]: y pred = svm(X train TFIDF, y train, X val TFIDF, 'svm 1gram')
        accuracy = metrics.accuracy score(y val, y pred)
        f1 = metrics.f1 score(y val, y pred)
        print("Support vector machine:")
        print("f1 score:", f1)
        print("accuracy score:", accuracy)
       Time to train the model: 16.72 min
       Best Parameters for svm: {'C': 20}
       Support vector machine:
       fl score: 0.8662668131476589
       accuracy score: 0.8847049788813516
        Logistic regression
In [ ]: print("Logistic regression:")
        y pred = logistic advanced(X train TFIDF, y train, X val TFIDF, 'logistic lgram')
        accuracy = metrics.accuracy score(y val, y pred)
        f1 = metrics.f1 score(y val, y pred)
        print("f1 score:", f1)
        print("accuracy score:", accuracy)
       Logistic regression:
       time to train the model: 2.37 hours
       Best parameters for logistic regression model: {'C': 0.1, 'solver': 'saga'}
       fl score: 0.867032690571678
       accuracy score: 0.8849993600409574
```

Naive Bayes

```
print("Naive Bayes:")
        y pred = naive bayes(X train TFIDF, y train, X val TFIDF, 'naive bayes 1gram')
        accuracy = metrics.accuracy score(y val, y pred)
        f1 = metrics.f1 score(y val, y pred)
        print("f1 score:", f1)
        print("accuracy score:", accuracy)
       Naive Bayes:
       Time to train the model: 0.08 min
       Best parameters for Naive Bayes model: {'alpha': 0.01}
       fl score: 0.8026344676180022
       accuracy score: 0.8158965826187125
        2 grams:
In [ ]: X train TFIDF, X val TFIDF, X test TFIDF = make TFIDF(3500, (2, 2))
        SVM
In [ ]: y pred = svm(X train TFIDF, y train, X val TFIDF, 'svm 2gram')
        accuracy = metrics.accuracy score(y val, y pred)
        f1 = metrics.f1 score(y val, y pred)
        print("Support vector machine:")
        print("f1 score:", f1)
        print("accuracy score:", accuracy)
       Time to train the model: 9.60 min
       Best Parameters for svm: {'C': 50}
       Support vector machine:
       f1 score: 0.8299009565471881
       accuracy score: 0.8586586458466658
        Logistic regression
In [ ]: print("Logistic regression:")
```

```
y pred = logistic advanced(X train TFIDF, y train, X val TFIDF, 'logistic 2gram')
        accuracy = metrics.accuracy score(y val, y pred)
        f1 = metrics.f1 score(y val, y pred)
        print("f1 score:", f1)
        print("accuracy score:", accuracy)
       Logistic regression:
       time to train the model: 2.17 hours
       Best parameters for logistic regression model: {'C': 10, 'solver': 'sag'}
       f1 score: 0.8448520515616366
       accuracy score: 0.8670549084858569
        Naive Bayes
In [ ]: print("Naive Bayes:")
        y pred = naive bayes(X train TFIDF, y train, X val TFIDF, 'naive bayes 2gram')
        accuracy = metrics.accuracy score(y val, y pred)
        f1 = metrics.f1 score(y val, y pred)
        print("f1 score:", f1)
        print("accuracy score:", accuracy)
       Naive Bayes:
       Time to train the model: 0.04 min
       Best parameters for Naive Bayes model: {'alpha': 0.01}
       fl score: 0.7947007497932065
       accuracy score: 0.8030462050428773
```

### Testing with different ammount of features

It seems that the linearSVC model and logistic regression model both have good performance, but it's much faster to train the linearSVC model. We therefore keep testing on the LinearSVC model with different values of max\_feature in the TFIDF vector.

```
In [ ]: X_train_TFIDF, X_val_TFIDF, X_test_TFIDF = make_TFIDF(8000, (1, 1))
y_pred = svm(X_train_TFIDF, y_train, X_val_TFIDF, 'svm_8000')
accuracy = metrics.accuracy_score(y_val, y_pred)
f1 = metrics.f1_score(y_val, y_pred)
print("Support vector machine:")
print("f1 score:", f1)
```

```
print("accuracy score:", accuracy)
       Time to train the model: 21.61 min
       Best Parameters for svm: {'C': 0.1}
       Support vector machine:
       f1 score: 0.8776079537023297
       accuracy score: 0.8944323563291949
In [ ]: X train TFIDF, X val TFIDF, X test TFIDF = make TFIDF(10000, (1, 1))
        y pred = svm(X train TFIDF, y train, X val TFIDF, 'svm 10000')
        accuracy = metrics.accuracy score(y val, y pred)
        f1 = metrics.f1 score(y val, y pred)
        print("Support vector machine:")
        print("f1 score:", f1)
        print("accuracy score:", accuracy)
       Time to train the model: 34.49 min
       Best Parameters for svm: {'C': 50}
       Support vector machine:
       fl score: 0.8799549849703109
       accuracy score: 0.8962370408293869
In [ ]: X train TFIDF, X val TFIDF, X test TFIDF = make TFIDF(12000, (1, 1))
        y pred = svm(X train TFIDF, y train, X val TFIDF, 'svm 12000')
        accuracy = metrics.accuracy score(y val, y pred)
        f1 = metrics.f1 score(y val, y pred)
        print("Support vector machine:")
        print("f1 score:", f1)
        print("accuracy score:", accuracy)
       Time to train the model: 34.91 min
       Best Parameters for svm: {'C': 10}
       Support vector machine:
       f1 score: 0.8812344508944437
       accuracy score: 0.897350569563548
```

We opted to not test different amount of features on logistic regression since. After training the model for 8 hours we gave up, since we it did not converge.

#### Doc2Vec

Training a Doc2Vec model on the full dataset takes a long time and is actually not needed, it's sucfficient to train the model on a subset where we take 1000 articles from each type and train a sentence embedding model using Doc2Vec.

```
In [ ]: ## Create a new split using x amount of each type of article
        type amount = 1000
        dfcpy subset = dfcpy.groupby('type').head(type amount)
        print("Number of articles of each type in the new dataset:"
                ,dfcpy['type'].value counts())
        dfcpy subset = dfcpy subset.dropna(subset=['content'])
        dfcpy subset = dfcpy subset.dropna(subset=['title'])
        X = dfcpy subset.content
        y = dfcpy subset.label
        print("Training Set:")
        print(train df.content.head())
       Number of articles of each type in the new dataset: type
       reliable
                     218527
       political
                     194445
       bias
                     133179
       fake
                     104850
                      88847
       conspiracy
       clickbait
                      27412
                      14039
       junksci
       Name: count, dtype: int64
       Training Set:
       779426
                 <num> year old iranian man share life iran wor...
                 love love harlem said could walk favorit resta...
       51493
                 plu one articl googl plu thank ali alfoneh ass...
       325203
                 larri silverstein caught admit camera plan bui...
       272377
                 artifici intellig complex creator cant trust m...
       38281
       Name: content, dtype: object
In [ ]: from sklearn.model selection import train test split
        from gensim.models.doc2vec import Doc2Vec, TaggedDocument
        from nltk.tokenize import word tokenize
        from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
```

```
from time import time
def doc2vec(X, y, size, win, epo):
    time start = time()
   doc2vec model = Doc2Vec(vector size=size, window=win, min count=1, epochs = epo, workers = 19)
   tagged data = [TaggedDocument(words = word tokenize(doc), tags=[i]) for i, doc in enumerate(X)]
   doc2vec model.build vocab(tagged data)
   doc2vec model.train(tagged data,
                        total examples = doc2vec model.corpus count,
                        epochs = doc2vec model.epochs)
   doc vectors = [doc2vec model.infer vector(word tokenize(doc)) for doc in X]
    # scale the data
    scaler = StandardScaler()
   doc vectors = scaler.fit transform(doc vectors)
   X train D2V, X rest D2V, y train D2V, y res D2V = train test split(doc vectors,y,
                                                                       test size=0.2,
                                                                       random state=42)
   X val D2V, X test D2V, y val D2V, y test D2V = train test split(X rest D2V,
                                                                    y res D2V,
                                                                    test size=0.5,
                                                                     random state=42)
   print(f"time to train the model: {(time() - time start)/60:.2f} min")
    return X train D2V, X val D2V, X test D2V, y train D2V, y val D2V, y test D2V
```

Making the document vectors

```
In [ ]: X_train_D2V, X_val_D2V, X_test_D2V, y_train_D2V, y_val_D2V, y_test_D2V = doc2vec(X, y, 100, 5, 20)
    time to train the model: 2.54 min
In [ ]: y_pred = svm(X_train_D2V, y_train_D2V, X_val_D2V, 'svm_D2V')
    accuracy = metrics.accuracy_score(y_val_D2V, y_pred)
    f1 = metrics.f1_score(y_val_D2V, y_pred)
    print("Support vector machine:")
    print("f1 score:", f1)
    print("accuracy score:", accuracy)
```

```
Time to train the model: 0.09 min
       Best Parameters for svm: {'C': 0.1}
       Support vector machine:
       f1 score: 0.7747318235995232
       accuracy score: 0.73
In [ ]: y pred = logistic advanced(X train D2V, y train D2V, X val D2V, 'logistic D2V')
        f1 = metrics.f1 score(y val D2V, y pred)
        accuracy = metrics.accuracy score(y val D2V, y pred)
        print("Logistic regression:")
        print("f1 score:", f1)
        print("accuracy score:", accuracy)
       time to train the model: 0.00 hours
       Best parameters for logistic regression model: {'C': 1, 'solver': 'sag'}
       Logistic regression:
       f1 score: 0.7805456702253855
       accuracy score: 0.7357142857142858
In [ ]: X train D2V, X val D2V, X test D2V, y train D2V, y val D2V, y test D2V = doc2vec(X, y, 3500, 5, 20)
       time to train the model: 728.45 sec
        SVM
In [ ]: y pred = svm(X train D2V, y train D2V, X val D2V, 'svm D2V')
        accuracy = metrics.accuracy score(y val D2V, y pred)
        f1 = metrics.f1 score(y val D2V, y pred)
        print("Support vector machine:")
        print("f1 score:", f1)
        print("accuracy score:", accuracy)
```

```
/home/katikistan/miniconda3/envs/fake2/lib/python3.10/site-packages/sklearn/svm/ base.py:1242: ConvergenceWarning: L
       iblinear failed to converge, increase the number of iterations.
         warnings.warn(
       /home/katikistan/miniconda3/envs/fake2/lib/python3.10/site-packages/sklearn/svm/ base.py:1242: ConvergenceWarning: L
       iblinear failed to converge, increase the number of iterations.
         warnings.warn(
       /home/katikistan/miniconda3/envs/fake2/lib/python3.10/site-packages/sklearn/svm/ base.py:1242: ConvergenceWarning: L
       iblinear failed to converge, increase the number of iterations.
         warnings.warn(
       /home/katikistan/miniconda3/envs/fake2/lib/python3.10/site-packages/sklearn/svm/ base.py:1242: ConvergenceWarning: L
       iblinear failed to converge, increase the number of iterations.
         warnings.warn(
       /home/katikistan/miniconda3/envs/fake2/lib/python3.10/site-packages/sklearn/svm/ base.py:1242: ConvergenceWarning: L
       iblinear failed to converge, increase the number of iterations.
         warnings.warn(
       /home/katikistan/miniconda3/envs/fake2/lib/python3.10/site-packages/sklearn/svm/ base.py:1242: ConvergenceWarning: L
       iblinear failed to converge, increase the number of iterations.
         warnings.warn(
       Time to train the model: 313.88 min
       Best Parameters for svm: {'C': 0.1}
       Support vector machine:
       fl score: 0.7769607843137255
       accuracy score: 0.74
        Logistic regression
In [ ]: y pred = logistic advanced(X train D2V, y train D2V, X val D2V, 'logistic D2V')
        f1 = metrics.f1 score(y val D2V, y pred)
        accuracy = metrics.accuracy score(y val D2V, y pred)
        print("Logistic regression:")
        print("f1 score:", f1)
        print("accuracy score:", accuracy)
       time to train the model: 1.63 hours
       Best parameters for logistic regression model: {'C': 0.1, 'solver': 'saga'}
       Logistic regression:
       f1 score: 0.7822966507177034
       accuracy score: 0.74
        The performance from our Doc2Vec models was worse than our TF-IDF models. We expected to see an increase in performance, but we
```

didn't. This could be because this perticular dataset isn't suited for sentence embedding as a vector representation or it could be because we didn't implement sentence embedding correctly. Either way our TF-IDF models did perform quite well and therefore we use a SVM with TF-IDF instead.

We didn't test naive bayes since with Doc2Vec since naive bayes doesn't work with negative values and therefore don't work with Doc2Vec

## Part 4: Evaluation

Logistic regression is with tuned hyperparameters is slightly better (0.001 higer f1 score) than linearsvc however it much longer to train the logistic regression model (svm takes 16 minutes and logistic regression takes 2.5 hours), therefore we have chosen the Support vector machine instead as our model to test and evaluate, since it's better in terms of time to train and almost just as good in terms of f1 score and accuracy.'Logistic regression is with tuned hyperparameters is slightly better than linearsvc however it takes double the amount of time to train the logistic regression model, therefore we have chosen the Support vector machine instead as our model to test and evaluate

#### Testing models with FakeNewsCorpus test set

```
('vectorizer', TfidfVectorizer(lowercase = False,
                                   max features=12000,
                                   min df = 1,
                                   max df = 0.9,
                                   token pattern=r'<[\w]+>|[\w]+',
                                   ngram range = (1, 1)),
   ('scaler', StandardScaler(with mean=False)),
   ])
BoW content train = pipeline bow.fit transform(content train)
BoW content test = pipeline bow.transform(content test)
BoW title train = pipeline bow.fit transform(title train)
BoW title test = pipeline bow.transform(title test)
combined test bow = hstack((BoW content test, BoW title test))
simple pred test = simple model.predict(combined test bow)
accuracy simple = metrics.accuracy score(y test, simple pred test)
f1 simple = metrics.f1 score(y test, simple pred test)
print("\nSimple model:")
print("Test set:")
print("f1 score:", f1 simple)
print("accuracy score:", accuracy simple)
make confusion matrix(y test, simple pred test, "Simple model")
content train tfidf = pipeline tfidf.fit transform(content train)
content test tfidf = pipeline tfidf.transform(content test)
title train tfidf = pipeline tfidf.fit transform(title train)
title test tfidf = pipeline tfidf.transform(title test)
combined test tfidf = hstack((content test tfidf, title test tfidf))
advanced pred test = advanced model.predict(combined test tfidf)
accuracy advanced = metrics.accuracy score(y test, advanced pred test)
f1 advanced = metrics.f1 score(y test, advanced pred test)
print("\nAdvanced model:")
print("Test set:")
```

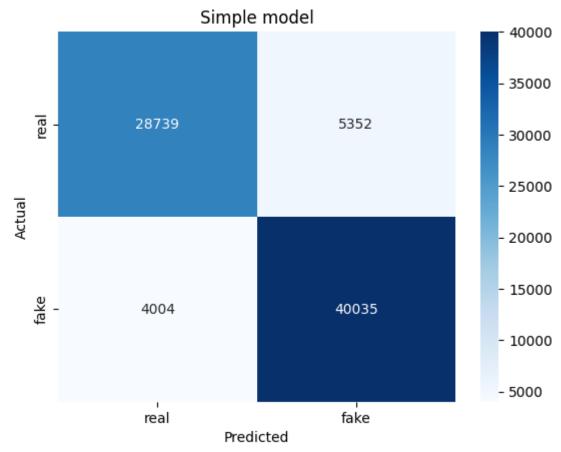
```
print("f1 score:", f1_advanced)
print("accuracy score:", accuracy_advanced)
make_confusion_matrix(y_test, advanced_pred_test, "Advanced model")
```

Simple model:

Test set:

fl score: 0.8600113714576413

accuracy score: 0.8802508639447075

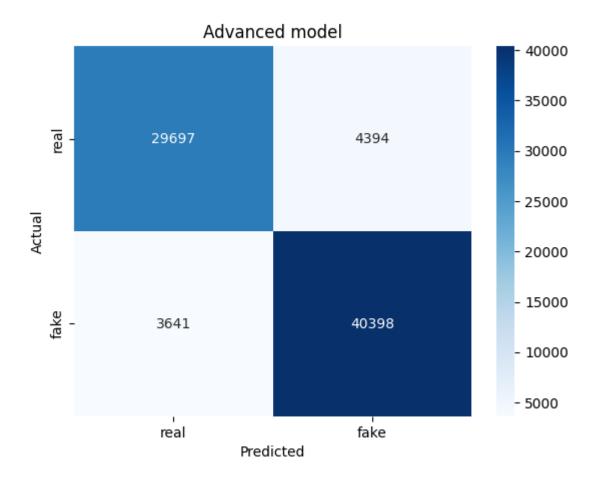


Advanced model:

Test set:

fl score: 0.8808376217947766

accuracy score: 0.8971585818507616



### Testing Models on LIAR dataset

The LIAR dataset only has around 7000 features when combining the whole dataset. Our models are trained on higher amounts of features. Therefore we need to retrain our models on the FakeNewsCorpus with lower amounts of features. Since we combine a content vector and a title vector, they can in total only have 7000 features or 3500 features each. By doing this we have two models trained on 7000 features which can be used to make preditcions on the LIAR dataset.

```
In [ ]: import pandas as pd
    from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import CountVectorizer
    from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import TfidfVectorizer
```

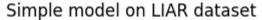
```
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
import sklearn.metrics as metrics
from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline
from sklearn.model selection import train test split
from sklearn.linear model import LogisticRegression
from joblib import load
from scipy.sparse import hstack
liar train = pd.read csv('train.tsv', sep='\t', header=None)
liar val = pd.read csv('valid.tsv', sep='\t', header=None)
liar test = pd.read csv('test.tsv', sep='\t', header=None)
liar = pd.concat([liar train, liar val, liar test], ignore index=True)
liar cpv = liar.copv()
liar cpy[2] = liar cpy[2].apply(clean text)
tokenizer = RegexpTokenizer(r'<[\w]+>|[\w]+')
liar cpy[2] = liar cpy[2].apply(tokenizer.tokenize)
liar cpy[2] = liar cpy[2].apply(rmv stopwords)
liar cpy[2] = liar cpy[2].apply(stem tokens)
liar cpy[2] = liar cpy[2].apply(lambda x: ' '.join(x))
labels used = ['pants-fire', 'false', 'mostly-true', 'true']
liar cpy = liar cpy.dropna(subset=[1])
liar cpy = liar cpy[liar cpy[1].isin(labels used)]
liar cpy[1] = liar cpy[1].map({'pants-fire': 1,
                                         'false': 1,
                                         'mostly-true': 0,
                                         'true': 0})
liar cpy = liar cpy.dropna(subset=[2])
pipeline bow = Pipeline([
   ('vectorizer', CountVectorizer(max features=3500, token pattern=r'<[\w]+>|[\w]+')),
    ('scaler', StandardScaler(with mean=False)),
   1)
BoW content train = pipeline bow.fit transform(content train)
BoW title train = pipeline bow.fit transform(title train)
combined train bow = hstack((BoW content train, BoW title train))
simple model = LogisticRegression(max iter=10000, random state=42)
simple model.fit(combined train bow, y train)
```

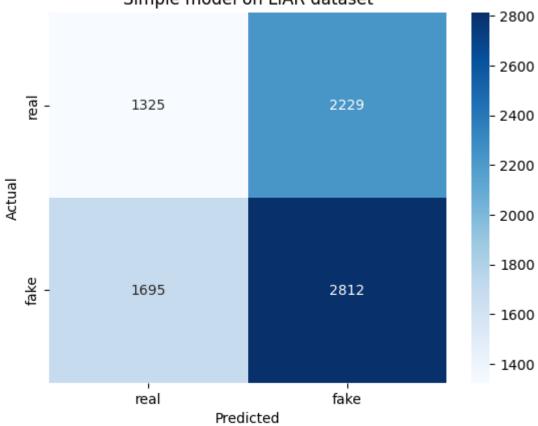
```
advanced model = load('models/svm lgram.joblib')
In [ ]: simple model.fit(combined train bow, y train)
        pipeline bow = Pipeline([
            ('vectorizer', CountVectorizer(max features=7000, token pattern=r'<[\w]+>|[\w]+')),
            ('scaler', StandardScaler(with mean=False)),
            1)
        pipeline tfidf = Pipeline([
            ('vectorizer', TfidfVectorizer(lowercase = False,
                                           max features=7000,
                                           min df = 1,
                                           max df = 0.9
                                           token pattern=r'<[\w]+>|[\w]+',
                                           ngram range = (1, 1)),
            ('scaler', StandardScaler(with mean=False)),
            1)
        x liar = liar cpy[2]
        y liar = liar cpy[1]
        liar bow = pipeline bow.fit transform(x liar, y liar)
        simple pred liar = simple model.predict(liar bow)
        accuracy simple liar = metrics.accuracy score(y liar, simple pred liar)
        f1 simple liar = metrics.f1 score(y liar, simple pred liar)
        print("\nSimple model:")
        print("Liar dataset:")
        print("f1 score:", f1 simple liar)
        print("accuracy score:", accuracy simple liar)
        make confusion matrix(y liar, simple pred liar, "Simple model on LIAR dataset")
        liar tfidf = pipeline tfidf.fit transform(x liar, y liar)
        advanced pred liar = advanced model.predict(liar tfidf)
        accuracy advanced liar = metrics.accuracy score(y liar, advanced pred liar)
        f1 advanced liar = metrics.f1 score(y liar, advanced pred liar)
        print("\nAdvanced model:")
        print("Liar dataset:")
```

```
print("f1 score:", f1_advanced_liar)
print("accuracy score:", accuracy_advanced_liar)
make_confusion_matrix(y_liar, advanced_pred_liar, "Advanced model on LIAR dataset")
```

Simple model:
Liar dataset:

f1 score: 0.40310313355643446 accuracy score: 0.5132117603275028





Advanced model: Liar dataset:

f1 score: 0.4188172835864917

accuracy score: 0.5111028408386056

