Fake vs True News Classification Project

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Why should you care about whether or not your news is real or fake?

The spread of fake news has become easier in the digital age, as social media platforms and other online channels allow anyone
to create and share content with the world. The problem with fake news is that it can be very convincing, and people may believe it
to be true without questioning its authenticity. This can lead to a range of negative consequences, That is why a sophisticated
method is required to identify fake news

Problem Statement

- · Given A Data Set of Fake and Real news.
- Objective To develop a solution which detects if a given news is Fake or Real.
- Methodology used We try to pose the problem as a text classification problem and build a deep learning model for achieving the
 objective.

Goal

The Goal of This notebook is to use Machine Learning, Deep Learning and NLP to Detect Fake News

→ Step-1:- Importing Libraries

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import nltk
from nltk.corpus import stopwords
from nltk.stem import PorterStemmer, WordNetLemmatizer
from nltk.tokenize import word_tokenize
nltk.download('punkt')
nltk.download('stopwords')
nltk.download('wordnet')
import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dense, Dropout, Embedding, LSTM, SimpleRNN
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.text import Tokenizer
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing import sequence
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
     [nltk_data] Downloading package punkt to /root/nltk_data...
     [nltk_data] Unzipping tokenizers/punkt.zip.
     [nltk_data] Downloading package stopwords to /root/nltk_data...
     [nltk_data] Unzipping corpora/stopwords.zip.
     [nltk_data] Downloading package wordnet to /root/nltk_data...
```

Step-2: Loading and Cleaning Data

```
# 2.1 Import Data
df = pd.read_csv('news.csv',error_bad_lines=False,engine='python')
df
```

	title	text	label
0	Donald Trump Sends Out Embarrassing New Year'	Donald Trump just couldn t wish all Americans	fake
1	Drunk Bragging Trump Staffer Started Russian	House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nu	fake
2	Sheriff David Clarke Becomes An Internet Joke	On Friday, it was revealed that former Milwauk	fake
3	Trump Is So Obsessed He Even Has Obama's Name	On Christmas day, Donald Trump announced that	fake
4	Pope Francis Just Called Out Donald Trump Dur	Pope Francis used his annual Christmas Day mes	fake
44893	'Fully committed' NATO backs new U.S. approach	BRUSSELS (Reuters) - NATO allies on Tuesday we	true
44894	LexisNexis withdrew two products from Chinese	LONDON (Reuters) - LexisNexis, a provider of I	true
44895	Minsk cultural hub becomes haven from authorities	MINSK (Reuters) - In the shadow of disused Sov	true
44896	Vatican upbeat on possibility of Pope Francis	MOSCOW (Reuters) - Vatican Secretary of State	true
44007	Indianalis de Lincoba aa killisa made af Poussia	IAMADTA (Decident) Indonesia will been 44 Oolib	1

2.2 Inspect the dataframe
df.info()

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 44898 entries, 0 to 44897
Data columns (total 3 columns):
# Column Non-Null Count Dtype
--- ---- 0 title 44898 non-null object
1 text 44898 non-null object
2 label 44898 non-null object
dtypes: object(3)
memory usage: 1.0+ MB
```

• After Inspecting we can see there are 44898 rows and 3 columns

```
# The df.isna()/isnull() code gives the counts of missing values
df.isna().sum()

title  0
text  0
label  0
dtype: int64
```

• We can see there is no null values in the dataset

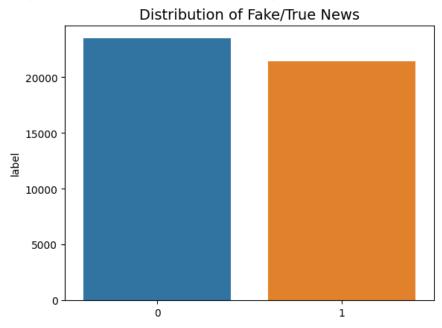
```
df['label'].value_counts(normalize=True)
    fake     0.522985
    true     0.477015
    Name: label, dtype: float64
```

The Percentage of True and Fake News articles:

```
True:-48%Fake:-52%df['label'].replace({'true':1,'fake':0},inplace=True)df.head()
```

	title te					
0	Donald Trump Sends Out Embarrassing New Year' Donald Trump just couldn t wish all Americans	. 0				
1	Drunk Bradding Trump Staffer Started Russian House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nu	. 0				
class_nam	nes = ['fake','true']					
l_count =	df['label'].value_counts()					
sns.barpl	ot(x=l_count.index, y=l_count)					
plt.title	('Distribution of Fake/True News',fontsize =14)					

Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Distribution of Fake/True News')



• Data Visualization of all News Titles

```
from wordcloud import WordCloud
titles = ' '.join(title for title in df['title'])
wordcloud = WordCloud(
    background_color='white',
    max_words=300,
    width=800,
    height=400,
).generate(titles)

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.imshow(wordcloud, interpolation='bilinear')
plt.axis("off")
plt.show()
```



Many of available news articles are about elections and presidents of USA

```
def clean_text(msg):
    token = word_tokenize(msg.lower())
    ftoken = [i for i in token if i.isalpha()]
    stop = stopwords.words('english')
    stoken = [i for i in ftoken if i not in stop]
    lemma = WordNetLemmatizer()
    ltoken = [lemma.lemmatize(i) for i in stoken]
    return ' '.join(ltoken)

#Converting data type of 'title' column into string type
df['title']=df['title'].astype(str)

df['clean_msg'] = df['title'].apply(clean_text)
```

	title	text	label	
0	Donald Trump Sends Out Embarrassing New Year'	Donald Trump just couldn t wish all Americans	0	donald trump sends embarrass
1	Drunk Bragging Trump Staffer Started Russian	House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nu	0	drunk bragging trump staffer s
2	Sheriff David Clarke Becomes An Internet Joke	On Friday, it was revealed that former Milwauk	0	sheriff david clarke becomes i
3	Trump Is So Obsessed He Even Has Obama's Name	On Christmas day, Donald Trump announced that	0	trump obsessed even oba
4	Pope Francis Just Called Out Donald Trump Dur	Pope Francis used his annual Christmas Day mes	0	pope francis called donald



→ Step 3:-Data Preprocessing

```
#spliting data into x and y
x = df['clean_msg']
y = df['label']

y

0      0
1      0
2      0
3      0
4      0
...
44893     1
44894     1
44895     1
44896     1
```

```
44897
     Name: label, Length: 44898, dtype: int64
# Spliting the dataset into 70% and 30% for train and test respectively
from sklearn.model selection import train test split
xtrain,xtest,ytrain,ytest=train_test_split(x,y,test_size=0.30,random_state=1)
from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import CountVectorizer
cvec = CountVectorizer(min_df=0.02)
xtrain = cvec.fit_transform(xtrain).toarray()
xtest = cvec.transform(xtest).toarray()
Х
     0
              donald trump sends embarrassing new year eve m...
              drunk bragging trump staffer started russian c...
     2
              sheriff david clarke becomes internet joke thr...
     3
              trump obsessed even obama name coded website i...
     4
              pope francis called donald trump christmas speech
     44893
                   committed nato back new approach afghanistan
     44894
                 lexisnexis withdrew two product chinese market
                           minsk cultural hub becomes authority
     44895
     44896
              vatican upbeat possibility pope francis visiti...
     44897
                        indonesia buy billion worth russian jet
     Name: clean_msg, Length: 44898, dtype: object
```

df.head()

	title	text	label	clean_msg
0	Donald Trump Sends Out Embarrassing New Year'	Donald Trump just couldn t wish all Americans	0	donald trump sends embarrassing new year eve m
1	Drunk Bragging Trump Staffer Started Russian	House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nu	0	drunk bragging trump staffer started russian c
2	Sheriff David Clarke Becomes An Internet Joke	On Friday, it was revealed that former Milwauk	0	sheriff david clarke becomes internet joke thr
3	Trump Is So Obsessed He Even Has Obama's Name	On Christmas day, Donald Trump announced that	0	trump obsessed even obama name coded website i
4	Pope Francis Just Called Out Donald Trump Dur	Pope Francis used his annual Christmas Day mes	0	pope francis called donald trump christmas speech



```
empty = []
for indx,tl,txt,lbl,cm in df.itertuples():
    if type(cm)==str:
        if cm.isspace():
        empty.append(indx)
print(empty)

    []

xtrain

    array([[0, 0, 0, ..., 0, 1, 0],
        [0, 0, 0, ..., 0, 0, 0],
        [0, 0, 0, ..., 0, 0, 0],
        [0, 0, 0, ..., 0, 0, 0],
        [0, 0, 0, ..., 0, 0, 0],
        [0, 0, 0, ..., 0, 0, 0],
        [0, 1, 0, ..., 0, 0, 0]])
```

xtest

→ Model 1:- ANN

Evaluation

Let's evaluate the performance of the ANN on the test set and generate a classification report.

0.77

0.77

0.77

13470

13470 13470

```
ypred = ann.predict(xtest)
ypred = ypred>0.5
    421/421 [========= ] - 1s 2ms/step
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report
print(classification_report(ytest,ypred))
                             recall f1-score
                 precision
                                               support
               0
                      0.93
                               0.62
                                         9.74
                                                  7053
                      0.69
                               0.95
                                         0.80
               1
                                                  6417
```

0.81

0.82

0.78

0.77

Model 2:- LogisticRegression

accuracy macro avg

weighted avg

```
# Building The 'LogisticRegression'
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
logreg = LogisticRegression()
logreg.fit(xtrain,ytrain)
ypred = logreg.predict(xtest)
```

Evaluation

Let's evaluate the performance of the LogisticRegression on the test set and generate a classification report.

from sklearn.metrics import classification_report
print(classification_report(ytest,ypred))

support	f1-score	recall	precision	
7053	0.74	0.61	0.93	0
6417	0.80	0.95	0.69	1
13470	0.77			accuracy
13470	0.77	0.78	0.81	macro avg
13470	0.77	0.77	0.82	weighted avg

Double-click (or enter) to edit

df.head()

	title	text	label	clean_msg
0	Donald Trump Sends Out Embarrassing New Year'	Donald Trump just couldn t wish all Americans	0	donald trump sends embarrassing new year eve m
1	Drunk Bragging Trump Staffer Started Russian	House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nu	0	drunk bragging trump staffer started russian c
2	Sheriff David Clarke Becomes An Internet Joke	On Friday, it was revealed that former Milwauk	0	sheriff david clarke becomes internet joke thr
3	Trump Is So Obsessed He Even Has Obama's Name	On Christmas day, Donald Trump announced that	0	trump obsessed even obama name coded website i
4	Pope Francis Just Called Out Donald Trump Dur	Pope Francis used his annual Christmas Day mes	0	pope francis called donald trump christmas speech



```
#spliting data into x and y
x = df['clean_msg']
y = df['label']

from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
xtrain,xtest,ytrain,ytest = train_test_split(x,y,test_size=0.30,random_state=1)

sentlen = []
for i in df['clean_msg']:
    sentlen.append(len(word_tokenize(i)))

df['Sentlen'] = sentlen
```

title text label clean_msg Sentlen Donald Trump Sends Out Embarrassing Donald Trump just couldn t wish all donald trump sends embarrassing new 0 9 New Year'... Americans ... year eve m... drunk bragging trump staffer started Drunk Bragging Trump Staffer Started House Intelligence Committee 8 Russian ... Chairman Devin Nu... russian c... Sheriff David Clarke Becomes An On Friday, it was revealed that former sheriff david clarke becomes internet 2 0 10 Internet Joke... Milwauk... joke thr... Trump Is So Obsessed He Even Has On Christmas day, Donald Trump trump obsessed even obama name 3 8 Obama's Name... announced that ... coded website i... pope francis called donald trump Pope Francis Just Called Out Donald Pope Francis used his annual 0 7 Trump Dur... Christmas Day mes... christmas speech



df.head()

max(sentlen)

26

min(sentlen)

1

```
np.quantile(sentlen,0.90)
     12.0
max_len = np.quantile(sentlen,0.90)
tok = Tokenizer(char_level=False,split=' ')
tok.fit_on_texts(xtrain)
tok.index_word
       944: 'elected',
      945: 'scalia',
      946: 'fighting',
       947: 'raid',
       948: 'update',
       949: 'boost',
       950: 'access'
      951: 'highlight',
      952: 'soon',
       953: 'ask',
      954: 'ca',
      955: 'la',
      956: 'hypocrite',
957: 'perfectly',
      958: 'bannon',
       959: 'disaster',
       960: 'bring',
       961: 'usa',
      962: 'anthem',
963: 'camp',
      964: 'supremacist',
       965: 'joke',
       966: 'iranian',
       967: 'vet',
      968: 'dirty',
969: 'dispute',
      970: 'finance',
      971: 'riot',
      972: 'rnc',
      973: 'troll',
974: 'minute',
      975: 'kurd',
      976: 'anyone'
       977: 'telling',
      978: 'rep',
       979: 'nazi',
       980: 'amendment',
       981: 'voted',
       982: 'african',
       983: 'sanctuary',
       984: 'tough',
       985: 'allow'
       986: 'feel',
      987: 'concerned',
       988: 'sea',
       989: 'fall',
       990: 'avoid',
       991: 'graft',
      992: 'low',
993: 'side'
       994: 'prove',
       995: 'address',
       996: 'god',
       997: 'parenthood',
      998: 'guilty',
999: 'testify'
       1000: 'committed',
       ...}
vocab_len = len(tok.index_word)
vocab_len
```

```
seqtrain = tok.texts_to_sequences(xtrain)
seqmattrain = sequence.pad_sequences(seqtrain, maxlen=int(max_len))
seqmattrain
    array([[
               0,
                          0, ..., 320, 4905, 227],
                          0, ..., 6005, 17, 291],
           Γ
               0,
                          0, ..., 1297, 6006, 533],
               0,
                    0,
                          0, ..., 54, 738, 959],
           [
                   87, 1007, ..., 373, 12, 2069],
               0,
                          0, ..., 354, 503, 14]], dtype=int32)
seqtest = tok.texts_to_sequences(xtest)
seqmattest = sequence.pad_sequences(seqtest,maxlen=int(max_len))
seqmattest
                          0, ..., 691, 482,
    array([[
                                               13],
                                        5,
               0,
                          0, ..., 47,
                                               10],
                          0, ..., 1379, 7440,
              0, 8050,
                        65, ..., 1898,
                                         20, 2063],
              37, 978, 6557, ..., 348, 6720, 159],
                          0, ..., 672, 3, 323]], dtype=int32)
              0,
                    0,
```

Model 3:- SimpleRNN

```
# Building The 'SimpleRNN'
rnn = Sequential()
rnn.add(Embedding(vocab_len+1,300,input_length=int(max_len),mask_zero=True))
rnn.add(SimpleRNN(units=30,activation='tanh'))
rnn.add(Dense(units=30,activation='relu'))
rnn.add(Dropout(rate=0.30))
rnn.add(Dense(units=1,activation='sigmoid'))
rnn.compile(optimizer='adam',loss='binary_crossentropy')
rnn.fit(seqmattrain,ytrain,batch_size=50,epochs=25)
  Epoch 1/25
  629/629 [========= ] - 60s 91ms/step - loss: 0.1842
  Epoch 2/25
  629/629 [============ - - 64s 102ms/step - loss: 0.0495
  Epoch 3/25
  Fnoch 4/25
  Epoch 5/25
  629/629 [=========] - 44s 71ms/step - loss: 0.0078
  Epoch 6/25
  Epoch 7/25
  629/629 [=========] - 46s 73ms/step - loss: 0.0050
  Epoch 8/25
  Epoch 9/25
  Epoch 10/25
  Epoch 11/25
  629/629 [=========] - 43s 69ms/step - loss: 0.0027
  Epoch 12/25
  Epoch 13/25
  Epoch 14/25
  629/629 [============= ] - 46s 73ms/step - loss: 0.0030
  Epoch 15/25
  629/629 [========] - 46s 73ms/step - loss: 0.0032
  Epoch 16/25
```

```
629/629 [========] - 45s 72ms/step - loss: 0.0022
Epoch 17/25
Epoch 18/25
629/629 [========= ] - 45s 72ms/step - loss: 0.0023
Epoch 19/25
Epoch 20/25
629/629 [========== ] - 46s 73ms/step - loss: 1.6736e-04
Epoch 21/25
629/629 [=========] - 45s 72ms/step - loss: 3.7528e-04
Epoch 22/25
Epoch 23/25
Epoch 24/25
Epoch 25/25
629/629 [==========] - 45s 72ms/step - loss: 7.2972e-04
<keras.callbacks.History at 0x7f23360103a0>
```

Evaluation

Let's evaluate the performance of the SimpleRNN on the test set and generate a classification report.

```
ypred = rnn.predict(seqmattest)
ypred = ypred>0.5
    421/421 [======== ] - 2s 3ms/step
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report
print(classification_report(ytest,ypred))
                  precision
                             recall f1-score
                                               support
                                         0.95
                      0.95
                                                  7053
               0
                                0.95
                      0.94
                               0.95
                                         0.95
                                                  6417
                                         0.95
                                                 13470
        accuracy
       macro avg
                      0.95
                               0.95
                                         0.95
                                                 13470
     weighted avg
                      0.95
                                0.95
                                         0.95
                                                 13470
```

Model 4:- LSTM

```
# Building The 'LSTM'
rnn = Sequential()
rnn.add(Embedding(vocab_len+1,300,input_length=int(max_len),mask_zero=True))
rnn.add(LSTM(units=30,activation='tanh'))
rnn.add(Dense(units=30,activation='relu'))
rnn.add(Dropout(rate=0.30))
rnn.add(Dense(units=1,activation='sigmoid'))
rnn.compile(optimizer='adam',loss='binary_crossentropy')
rnn.fit(seqmattrain,ytrain,batch_size=50,epochs=25)
   Epoch 1/25
   629/629 [============ ] - 66s 97ms/step - loss: 0.1878
   Epoch 2/25
   629/629 [========] - 60s 96ms/step - loss: 0.0630
   Epoch 3/25
   Epoch 4/25
   Epoch 5/25
   629/629 [=========== ] - 64s 101ms/step - loss: 0.0103
```

```
Epoch 6/25
629/629 [======== ] - 60s 95ms/step - loss: 0.0106
Epoch 7/25
Epoch 8/25
Epoch 9/25
Epoch 10/25
Epoch 11/25
Epoch 12/25
629/629 [===========] - 60s 96ms/step - loss: 0.0016
Epoch 13/25
Epoch 14/25
629/629 [========= ] - 60s 96ms/step - loss: 0.0035
Epoch 15/25
Epoch 16/25
629/629 [========] - 63s 99ms/step - loss: 0.0011
Epoch 17/25
629/629 [============= ] - 63s 100ms/step - loss: 2.8537e-04
Epoch 18/25
629/629 [===========] - 62s 99ms/step - loss: 3.8974e-05
Epoch 19/25
629/629 [=======] - 61s 98ms/step - loss: 2.2086e-05
Epoch 20/25
629/629 [===========] - 61s 98ms/step - loss: 1.7384e-05
Epoch 21/25
629/629 [=======] - 61s 97ms/step - loss: 7.2754e-06
Epoch 22/25
629/629 [========] - 61s 96ms/step - loss: 5.5152e-06
Epoch 23/25
629/629 [=======] - 60s 95ms/step - loss: 5.2954e-06
Epoch 24/25
629/629 [========] - 60s 96ms/step - loss: 3.4516e-06
Epoch 25/25
629/629 [============] - 60s 96ms/step - loss: 3.2252e-06
<keras.callbacks.History at 0x7f23342cc520>
```

Evaluation

Let's evaluate the performance of the LSTM on the test set and generate a classification report.

```
ypred = rnn.predict(seqmattest)
ypred = ypred>0.5
    421/421 [========= ] - 3s 5ms/step
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report
print(classification_report(ytest,ypred))
                  precision
                             recall f1-score
                                               support
               9
                      0.95
                                0.96
                                         0.95
                                                  7053
                      0.95
                                0.95
                                         0.95
                                                  6417
                                         0.95
                                                 13470
        accuracy
       macro avg
                      0.95
                               0.95
                                         0.95
                                                 13470
```

0.95

0.95

df.head()

weighted avg

0.95

13470

		title	text	label	clean_msg	Sentlen	
	0	Donald Trump Sends Out Embarrassing New Year'	Donald Trump just couldn t wish all Americans	0	donald trump sends embarrassing new year eve m	9	
	1	Drunk Bragging Trump Staffer Started Russian	House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nu	0	drunk bragging trump staffer started russian c	8	
	2	Sheriff David Clarke Becomes An Internet Joke	On Friday, it was revealed that former Milwauk	0	sheriff david clarke becomes internet joke thr	10	
	3	Trump Is So Obsessed He Even Has Obama's Name	On Christmas day, Donald Trump announced that	0	trump obsessed even obama name coded website i	8	
	4	Pope Francis Just Called Out Donald Trump Dur	Pope Francis used his annual Christmas Day mes	0	pope francis called donald trump christmas speech	7	
y = d from	<pre>y = df['label'] from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split</pre>						
xtrain,xtest,ytrain,ytest=train_test_split(x,y,test_size=0.30,random_state=1)							
cvec xtrai	<pre>from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import CountVectorizer cvec = CountVectorizer(min_df=0.02) xtrain = cvec.fit_transform(xtrain).toarray() xtest = cvec.transform(xtest).toarray()</pre>						

→ Model 5:- Naive Bayes

```
# Building The 'Navie Bayes'
from sklearn.naive_bayes import GaussianNB,MultinomialNB,BernoulliNB

def mymodel(model):
  model.fit(xtrain,ytrain)
  ypred = model.predict(xtest)

print(classification_report(ytest,ypred))
```

→ Evaluation

```
gnb = GaussianNB()
mymodel(gnb)
                   precision
                                recall f1-score
                                            0.73
                                                       7053
                        0.91
                                  0.60
                        0.68
                                  0.94
                                            0.79
                                                       6417
         accuracy
                                            0.76
                                                     13470
                        0.80
                                  0.77
                                            0.76
                                                     13470
        macro avg
     weighted avg
                        0.80
                                  0.76
                                            0.76
                                                     13470
mnb = MultinomialNB()
mymodel(mnb)
                   precision
                                recall f1-score
                                                    support
                        0.64
                                  0.88
                                            0.74
                                                       7053
                1
                        0.78
                                  0.46
                                            0.58
                                                       6417
```

accuracy			0.68	13470
macro avg	0.71	0.67	0.66	13470
weighted avg	0.71	0.68	0.67	13470

bnb = BernoulliNB()
mymodel(bnb)

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.91	0.60	0.73	7053
1	0.68	0.94	0.79	6417
accuracy			0.76	13470
macro avg	0.80	0.77	0.76	13470
weighted avg	0.80	0.76	0.76	13470

→ Conclusion

- Accuracy achieved using ANN Model: 77%
- Accuracy achieved using LogisticRegression Model: 77%
- Accuracy achieved using SimpleRNN Model: 95%
- Accuracy achieved using LSTM Model: 95%
- Accuracy achieved using GaussianNB Model: 76%
- Accuracy achieved using MultinomialNB Model: 68%
- Accuracy achieved using BernoullibNB Model: 76%