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# Fake News Detection Using NLP

Fake news detection using Natural Language Processing (NLP) is a crucial application of AI and NLP techniques to combat the spread of misinformation. In this example, I'll provide a simplified Python program that uses NLP and machine learning to classify news articles as either real or fake. Note that real-world applications of fake news detection are more complex and require large datasets and more sophisticated models.

Here's a step-by-step guide and a basic Python program:



## Step 1: Import

import pandas as pd

import re

from nltk.corpus import stopwords

from nltk.tokenize import word tokenize

from wordcloud import WordCloud

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

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

from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.text import Tokenizer from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.sequence import pad\_sequences from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential from tensorflow.keras.layers import Embedding, SimpleRNN, Dense from sklearn.metrics import log\_loss, roc\_auc\_score, confusion\_matrix import seaborn as sns

## **Step 2: Import Dataset**

```
true_data = pd.read_csv('/kaggle/input/fake-and-real-news-dataset/True.csv')
fake data = pd.read_csv('/kaggle/input/fake-and-real-news-dataset/Fake.csv')
```

## **Step 3: Adding Truth Value Labels**

```
# Add labels and merge the data

fake_data['label'] = 'fake'

true_data['label'] = 'true'

merged_data = pd.concat([fake_data, true_data])
```

## Step 4: EDA

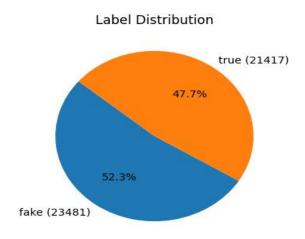
```
true_data.head()
fake_data.head()
merged_data =
merged_data.sample(frac=1).reset_index(drop=True)
merged_data.head()
merged_data.dtypes
```

# Calculate label distribution label distribution = merged data['label'].value counts()

# Extracting labels and counts for pie chart
labels = [f"{label} ({count})" for label, count in
zip(label\_distribution.index, label\_distribution.values)]

# Plotting the pie chart
plt.figure(figsize=(4, 4))
plt.pie(label\_distribution, labels=labels, autopct='%1.1f%%',
startangle=140)
plt.title('Label Distribution')
plt.show()

#### **Output:**



**Step 5 : Preprocessing the Text** 

def preprocess\_text(text):

```
# Convert text to lowercase

text = text.lower()

# Remove punctuations

text = re.sub(r'[^\w\s]', ", text)

# Tokenize the text

words = word_tokenize(text)

# Remove stopwords and words with length <= 2

stop_words = set(stopwords.words('english'))

words = [word for word in words if word not in stop_words and len(word) > 2]

# Remove repeated words

words = list(dict.fromkeys(words))

# Join the words back into text

text = ' '.join(words)

return text
```

merged\_data['clean\_text'] = merged\_data['text'].apply(preprocess\_text)
merged\_data.clean\_text

#### Output:

```
united nations reuters general assembly wednes...
james keefe released blockbuster undercover vi...
gina loudon went cnn today discuss fallacious ...
must watch videohttpsyoutube5zjj2z4bu
washington reuters senate thursday passed legi...
...
senator john mccain got outed hypocrite damnin...
washington reuters senate democratic leader ch...
washington reuters senate democratic leader ch...
think like knowwatch susan rice insists leaked...
donald trump recently came proposal new tax pl...
paris reuters french president emmanuel macron...
Name: clean_text, Length: 44898, dtype: object
```

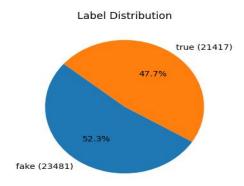
#### **Distribution:**

# Calculate label distribution

```
label_distribution = merged_data['label'].value_counts()

# Extracting labels and counts for pie chart
labels = [f"{label} ({count})" for label, count in
zip(label_distribution.index, label_distribution.values)]

# Plotting the pie chart
plt.figure(figsize=(4, 4))
plt.pie(label_distribution, labels=labels, autopct='%1.1f%%',
startangle=140)
plt.title('Label Distribution')
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```



# **Step 6 : Checking Fake Political News and Fake News Buzzwords**

```
fake_politics_data = ' '.join(merged_data[(merged_data['subject'] == 'politics') & (merged_data['label'] == 'fake')]['clean_text'])

total_fake_news = ' '.join(merged_data[merged_data['label'] == 'fake']['clean_text'])
```

#### fake\_politics\_data[0:500]

#### Output:

James Keefe released blockbuster undercover video yesterday saying going commit acts terror trump supporters attend deploraball washington seen hereone organizers mike chernovich conservative author activist active twitter excerpt admit committing act domestic terrorism buy tickets overt criminal conspiracy definitely picked wrong group try terrorize jeff sessions gon attorney general new department justice thought dealing obama would let say people cares well charge anymore eric holder loretta.

#### total\_fake\_news[0:500]

#### **Output:**

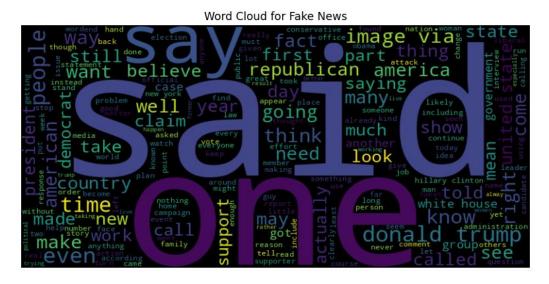
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```
wordcloud = WordCloud(width=800,
height=400).generate(fake_politics_data)
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))
plt.imshow(wordcloud, interpolation='bilinear')
plt.axis('off')
plt.title('Word Cloud for Fake Politics News')
plt.show()
```

#### **Output:**



```
wordcloud = WordCloud(width=800,
height=400).generate(total_fake_news)
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))
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plt.show()
```



## **Step 7 : Splitting the Dataset**

```
X = merged_data['clean_text']
y = merged_data['label']
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
```

## **Step 8: Performing Tokenization**

```
# Tokenize text
tokenizer = Tokenizer()
tokenizer.fit on texts(X train)
X train tokens = tokenizer.texts to sequences(X train)
X test tokens = tokenizer.texts to sequences(X test)
# print(f"Total tokens: {len(tokenizer.word index)}")
# Calculate total tokens
total tokens = sum([len(tokens) for tokens in X train tokens])
print("Total Tokens:", total tokens)
Output:
Total Tokens: 5831432
# Apply post padding
maxlen = 20
X train pad = pad sequences(X train tokens, maxlen=maxlen,
padding='post')
X test pad = pad sequences(X test tokens, maxlen=maxlen,
padding='post')
```

## **Step 9: RNN Model**

# Build the RNN model

```
model = Sequential()
```

model.add(Embedding(input\_dim=len(tokenizer.word\_index) + 1,
output\_dim=4, input\_length=maxlen))

model.add(SimpleRNN(units=128, return sequences=True))

model.add(SimpleRNN(units=64, return sequences=True))

model.add(SimpleRNN(units=32))

model.add(Dense(units=1, activation='sigmoid'))

#### # Compile the model

model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='binary\_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy', 'AUC'])

#### model.summary()

Model: "sequential"

Layer (type) Outp	ut Shape	Para	am #
embedding (Embedding)	(None, 20,	4)	810784
simple_rnn (SimpleRNN)	(None, 20,	128)	17024
simple_rnn_1 (SimpleRNN	) (None, 20	, 64)	12352
simple_rnn_2 (SimpleRNN	) (None, 32	2)	3104
dense (Dense) (Nor	ne, 1)	33	

Total params: 843,297 Trainable params: 843,297 Non-trainable params: 0

#### # Train the model

model.fit(X\_train\_pad, y\_train.map({'fake': 1, 'true': 0}), epochs=20, validation\_data=(X\_test\_pad, y\_test.map({'fake': 1, 'true': 0})))

```
Epoch 1/20
8684 - auc: 0.9525 - val loss: 0.1548 - val accuracy: 0.9415 - val auc: 0.9849
Epoch 2/20
9729 - auc: 0.9951 - val loss: 0.1550 - val accuracy: 0.9457 - val auc: 0.9862
Epoch 3/20
9901 - auc: 0.9986 - val loss: 0.1744 - val accuracy: 0.9508 - val auc: 0.9841
Epoch 4/20
9948 - auc: 0.9994 - val loss: 0.1844 - val accuracy: 0.9497 - val auc: 0.9822
Epoch 5/20
9967 - auc: 0.9997 - val loss: 0.2891 - val accuracy: 0.9416 - val auc: 0.9675
Epoch 6/20
9979 - auc: 0.9997 - val loss: 0.2298 - val accuracy: 0.9516 - val auc: 0.9756
Epoch 7/20
9981 - auc: 0.9998 - val loss: 0.2585 - val accuracy: 0.9506 - val auc: 0.9722
Epoch 8/20
9982 - auc: 0.9998 - val loss: 0.2368 - val accuracy: 0.9537 - val auc: 0.9755
Epoch 9/20
1123/1123 [==
                       ======| - 25s 22ms/step - loss: 0.0061 - accuracy: 0.
9981 - auc: 0.9998 - val loss: 0.2821 - val accuracy: 0.9491 - val auc: 0.9705
Epoch 10/20
9992 - auc: 0.9999 - val loss: 0.2865 - val accuracy: 0.9518 - val auc: 0.9704
Epoch 11/20
Epoch 11/20
1123/1123 [======] - 25s 22ms/step - loss: 0.0044 - accuracy: 0.
9986 - auc: 0.9999 - val loss: 0.3036 - val accuracy: 0.9483 - val auc: 0.9681
Epoch 12/20
9986 - auc: 0.9998 - val loss: 0.4864 - val accuracy: 0.9156 - val auc: 0.9427
Epoch 13/20
                    1123/1123 [=====
9989 - auc: 0.9999 - val loss: 0.2758 - val accuracy: 0.9531 - val auc: 0.9708
Epoch 14/20
9996 - auc: 0.9999 - val loss: 0.3219 - val accuracy: 0.9496 - val auc: 0.9671
Epoch 15/20
v: 0.9999 - auc: 1.0000 - val loss: 0.3571 - val accuracy: 0.9491 - val auc: 0.9634
Epoch 16/20
                      1123/1123 [==
y: 1.0000 - auc: 1.0000 - val_loss: 0.3868 - val_accuracy: 0.9480 - val_auc: 0.9610
Epoch 17/20
v: 1.0000 - auc: 1.0000 - val loss: 0.3979 - val accuracy: 0.9480 - val auc: 0.9595
Epoch 18/20
```

#### **Step 10: Making Predictions**

```
train_preds = model.predict(X_train_pad)
test preds = model.predict(X test pad)
```

## **Output:**

```
1123/1123 [=====] - 7s 6ms/step
281/281 [=====] - 2s 6ms/step
```

## **Step 11: Examining Results**

```
# Calculate log loss, ROC-AUC score, and confusion matrix for training set

train_loss = log_loss(y_train.map({'fake': 1, 'true': 0}), train_preds)

train_auc = roc_auc_score(y_train.map({'fake': 1, 'true': 0}), train_preds)

train_confusion = confusion_matrix(y_train.map({'fake': 1, 'true': 0}), train_preds > 0.5)
```

# Calculate log loss, ROC-AUC score, and confusion matrix for testing set

```
test_loss = log_loss(y_test.map({'fake': 1, 'true': 0}), test_preds)
```

```
test_auc = roc_auc_score(y_test.map({'fake': 1, 'true': 0}), test_preds)
test_confusion = confusion_matrix(y_test.map({'fake': 1, 'true': 0}),
test_preds > 0.5)

# print("Training Log Loss:", train_loss)
# print("Training ROC-AUC Score:", train_auc)
# print("Training Confusion Matrix:")

# print(train_confusion)
# print("Testing Log Loss:", test_loss)
# print("Testing ROC-AUC Score:", test_auc)
# print("Testing Confusion Matrix:")
# print("Testing Confusion Matrix:")
```

## from tabulate import tabulate

# ... Your previous code for metrics ...

```
# Tabulate metrics
table_data = [
    ["Training Log Loss", train_loss],
    ["Training ROC-AUC Score", train_auc],
#    ["Training Confusion Matrix", train_confusion],
    ["Testing Log Loss", test_loss],
    ["Testing ROC-AUC Score", test_auc],
#    ["Testing Confusion Matrix", test_confusion]
```

```
# Print metrics as a table
print(tabulate(table_data, headers=["Metric", "Value"],
tablefmt="pretty"))
```

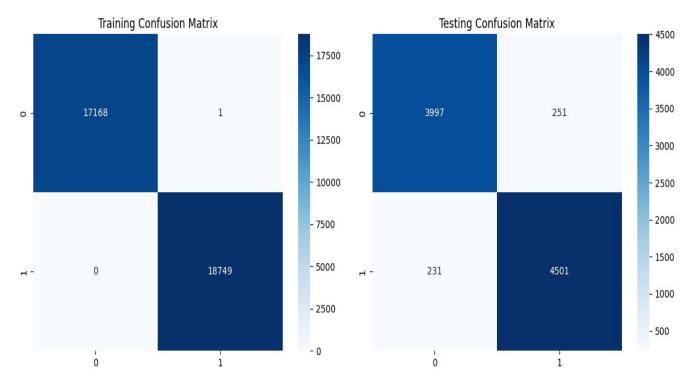
Metric	++   Value
Training Log Loss Training ROC-AUC Score Testing Log Loss Testing ROC-AUC Score	0.0003151029772055638     0.9999877151892584     0.43219265655119493     0.9857079578396398

fig, axes = plt.subplots(nrows=1, ncols=2, figsize=(12, 5))

```
# Plot Training Confusion Matrix
sns.heatmap(train_confusion, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues',
ax=axes[0])
axes[0].set_title('Training Confusion Matrix')
```

# Plot Testing Confusion Matrix
sns.heatmap(test\_confusion, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues',
ax=axes[1])
axes[1].set\_title('Testing Confusion Matrix')

```
# Adjust layout
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



## **Conclusion:**

We have classified our news data using three classification models. We have analysed the performance of the models using accuracy and confusion matrix. But this is only a beginning point for the problem. There are advanced techniques like BERT, GloVe and ELMo which are popularly used in the field of NLP. If you are interested in NLP, you can work forward with these techniques.

