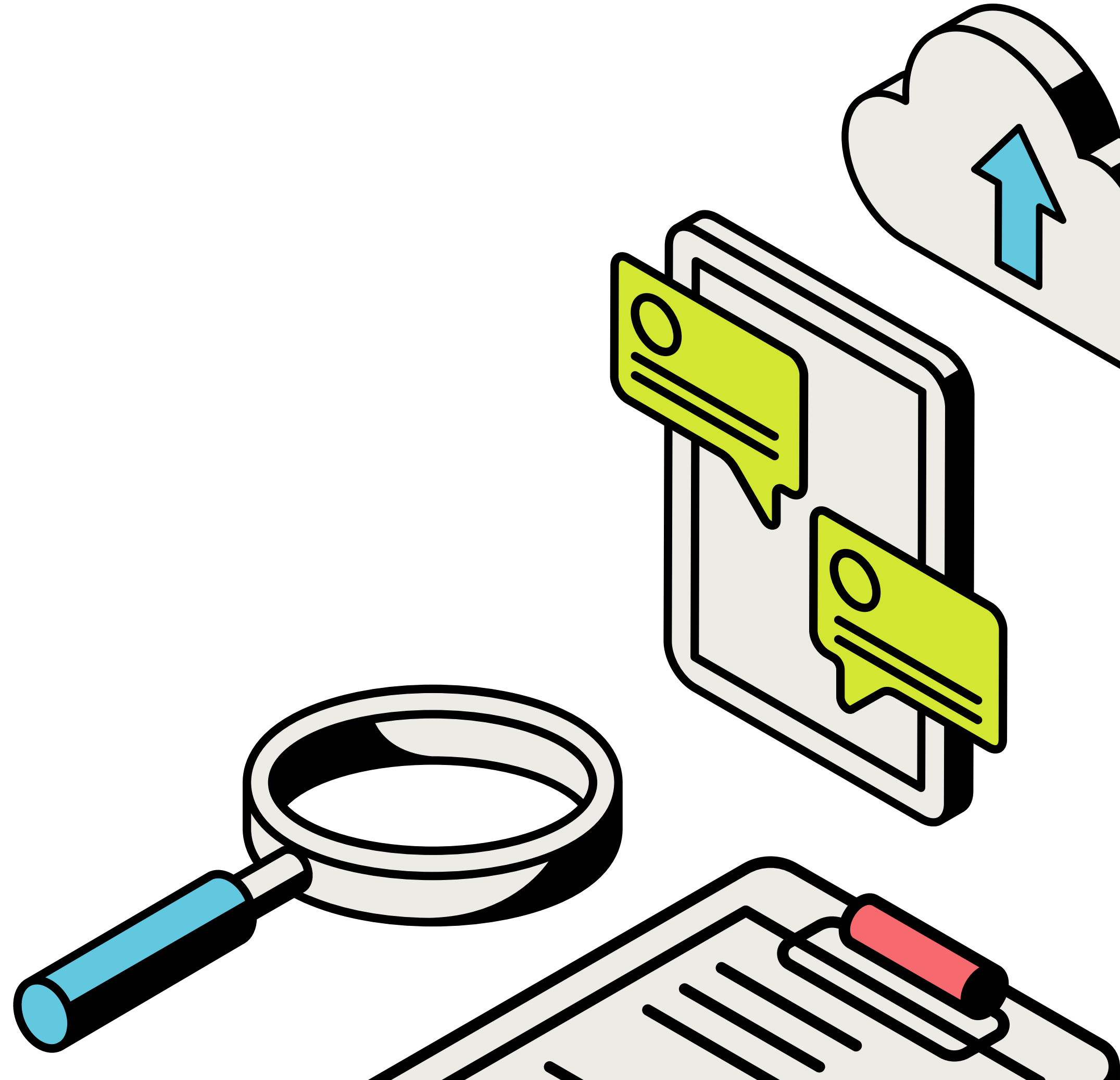


# Fake News Detection

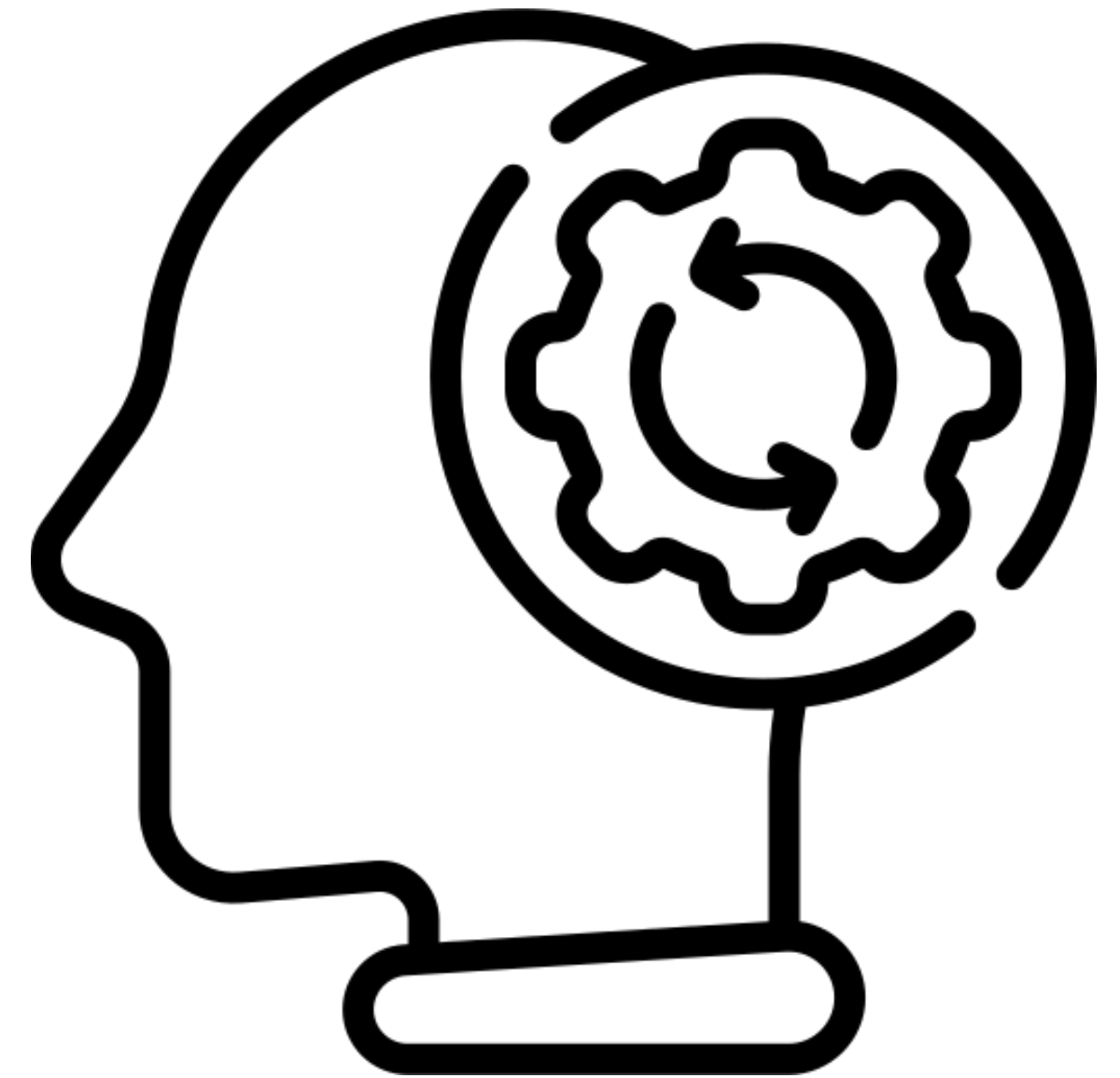
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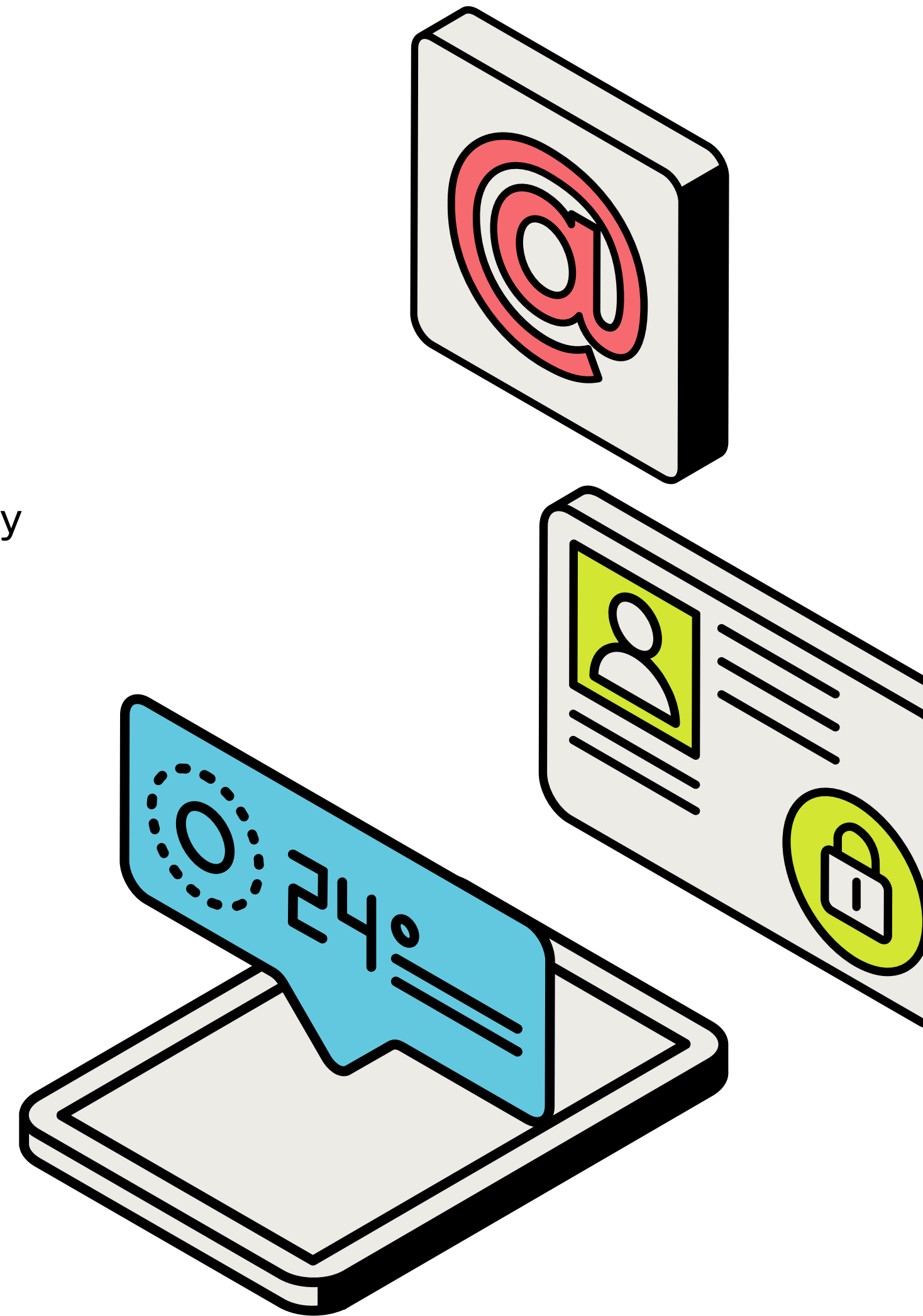
# Introduction

There are vast amounts of information shared on a wide variety of digital platforms

- Easily accessed, created and shared
- Misinformation and disinformation is poses a threat to democracy
  - Reinforces polarizing viewpoints
  - Generates mistrust in persons and institutions
  - Destabilizes society

**Proposed solution:** Develop a tool to detect fake news to ensure we are well informed

- Use twitter data with labelled fake and real news

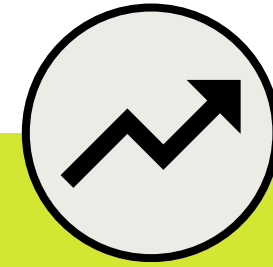


# Impact of Data-Driven Approach



## **Speed**

Faster the automation and detection,  
less harm fake news causes



## **Consistency**

Decisions made based on patterns  
not on personal opinions



## **Cost-Effective**

Compared to traditional fact-checking,  
expensive and time consuming



## **Well-informed citizens**

# Data Overview

- Canadian Institute for Cybersecurity Truth Seeker Dataset 2023
  - 134,198 records and 60 fields
- Features and target variable (fake = 0, real = 1)

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1 @S0SickRick @Stairmaster\_ @6d6f636869 Not as many people are literally starving and out in the streets as they were in the 19th century. Isn't capitalism grand? Meanwhile, we're facing an eviction moratorium threatening to make millions of Americans homeless. Fuck off with this corporatist propaganda.

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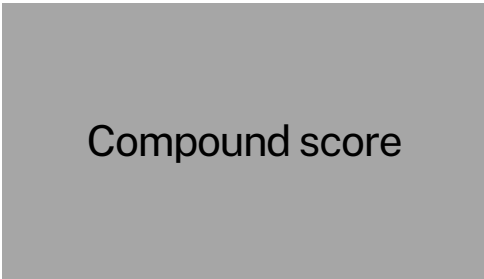
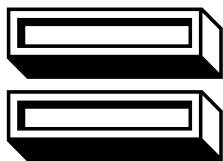
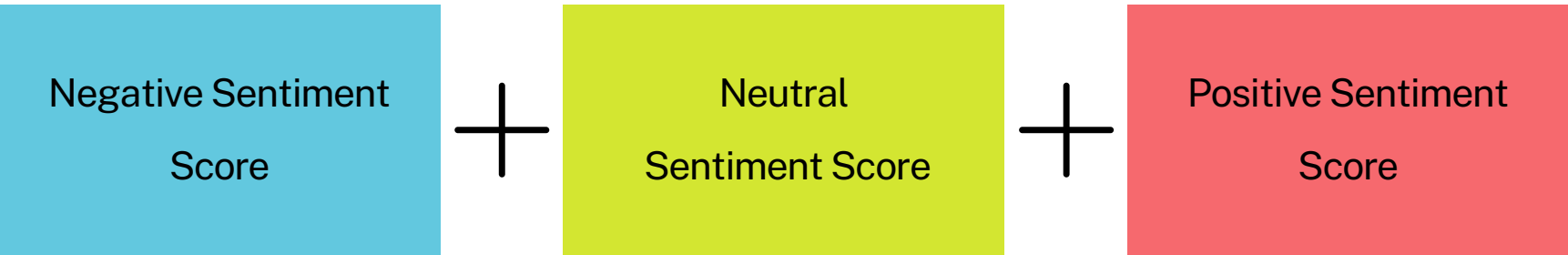


# Data Preprocessing - Sentiment Score

VADER: Valence Aware Dictionary and sEntiment Reasoner

vaderSentiment package:

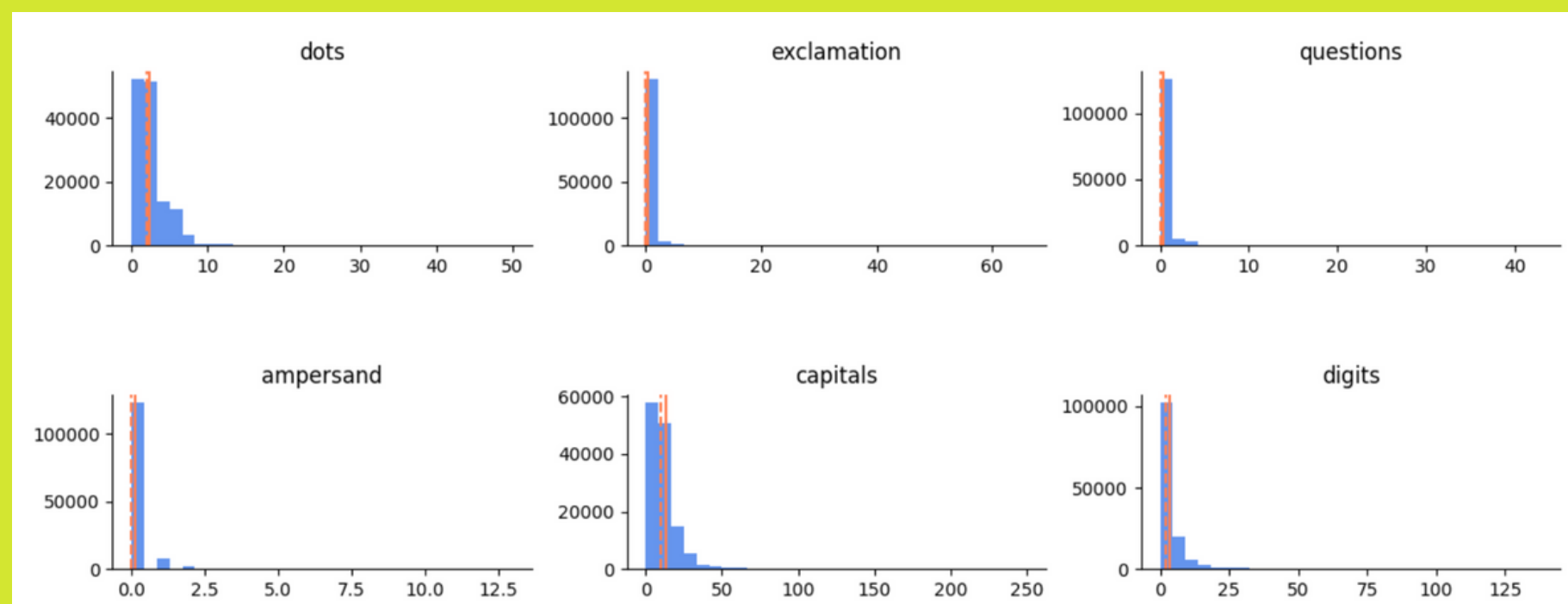
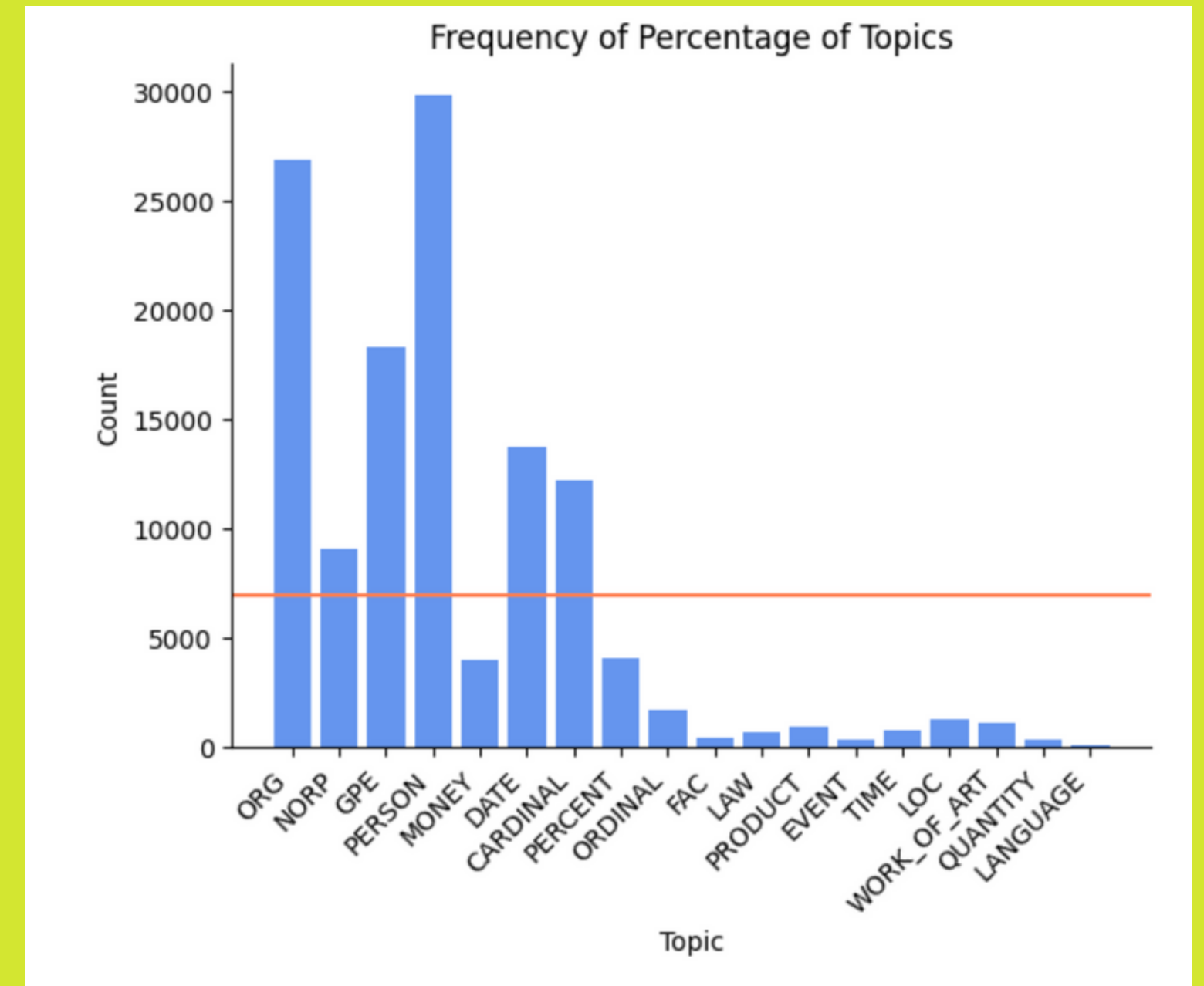
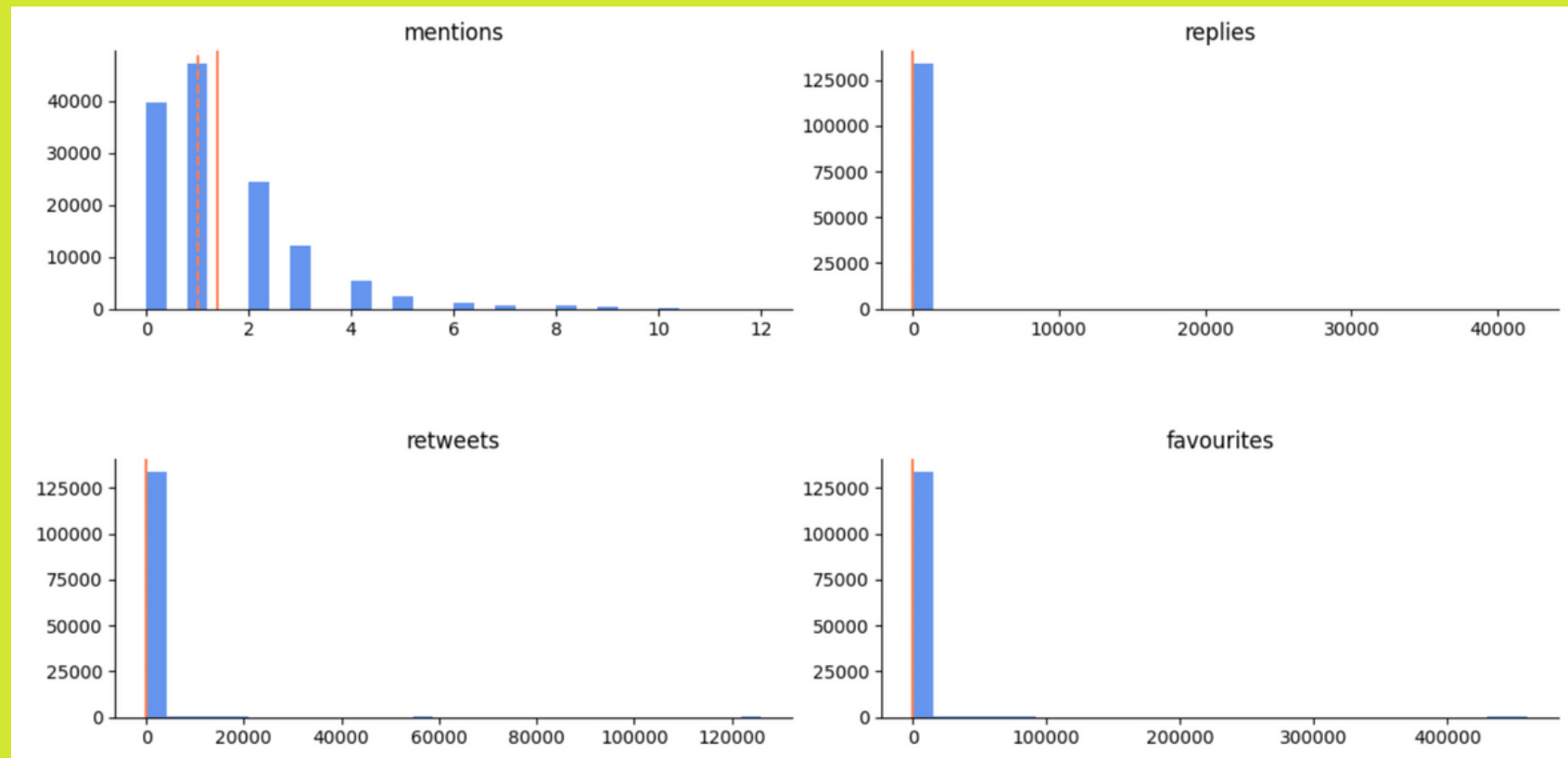
- a rule-based sentiment analysis tool
- attuned to sentiments expressed in social media
- detect polarity of sentiment



Sum of valence scores of each word (between -1 and 1)

	tweet	neg	neu	pos	compound
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3	@POTUS Biden BlundersBroken campaign promises, Inflation, Delta mismanagement, Dems without leadership, Abandoned Americans & Arming the Taliban, S. Border crisis, Breaking job growth, Abuse of power (61 Exec Orders, \$1.9T+ in Reconciliation, Eviction Moratorium, Vaccine Mandates)	0.231	0.612	0.157	-0.6828

# Exploratory Data Analysis (Histograms)





# Baseline Models

Accuracy Scores

Precision

Recall

F1

ROC Curve and AUC

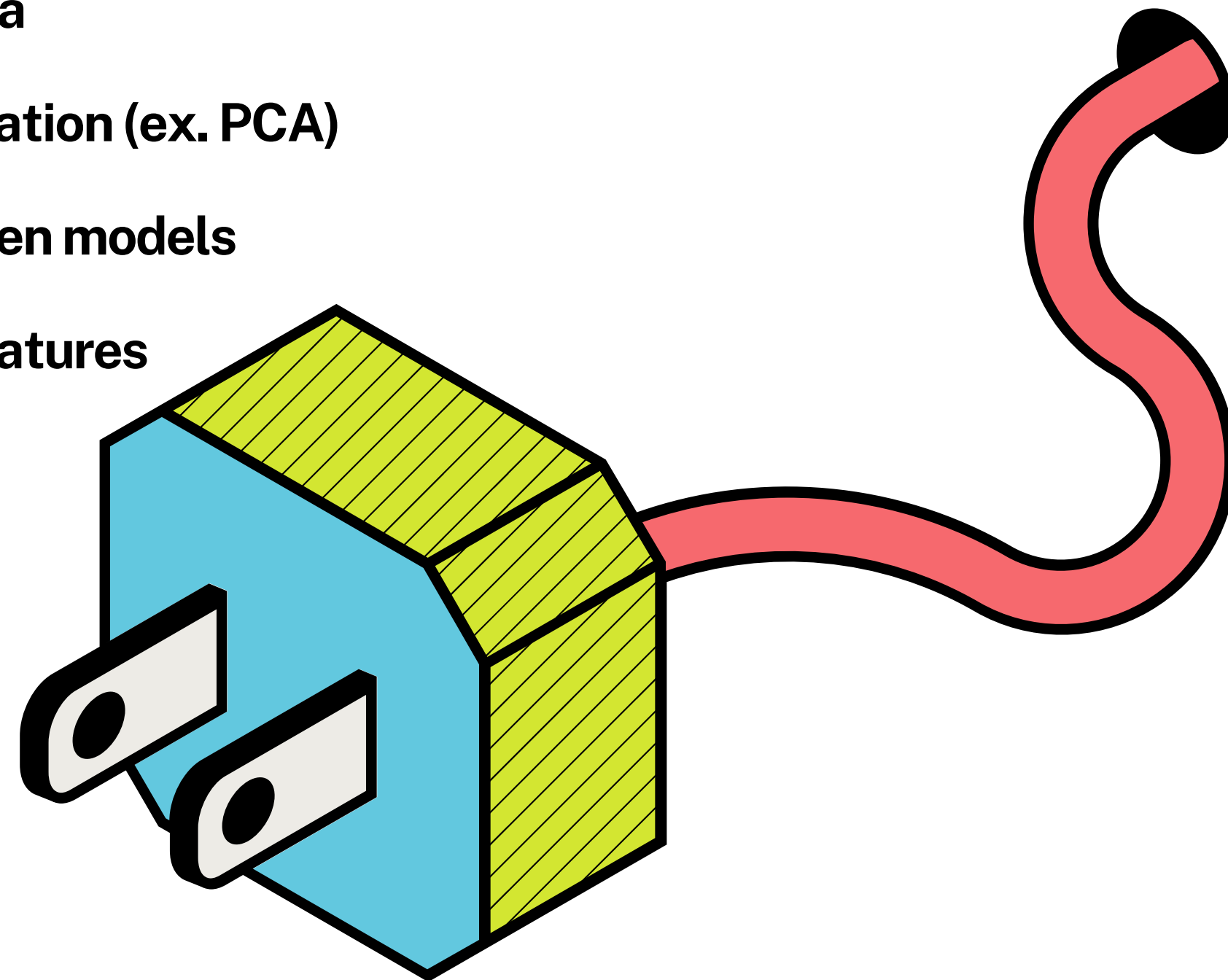
## CLASSIFICATION MODELS

Logistic Regression	Train score: 0.55 Test score: 0.55
Decision Tree Classifier	Train score: 0.61 Test score: 0.60
KNN Classifier	Train score: 0.75 Test score: 0.64
Naive Bayes Classification	Train score: 0.59 Test score: 0.59



# Next Steps

- Consider removing outliers for normally distributed data
- Build pipelines for ease during hyperparameter optimization (ex. PCA)
- Grid search for cross validation, compare results between models
- Consider CountVectorizer document-term matrix as features
- Final Steps: Input new twitter post and classify as real or fake



# Thank you.

