





Phase-3 Submission

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1. Problem Statement

In today's digital age, the rapid spread of misinformation poses serious threats to public opinion, health, and democracy. Fake news—fabricated information that mimics news media content—can mislead audiences and create confusion. This project aims to address this issue by developing a system that detects fake news using natural language processing (NLP) techniques. The objective is to build a classification model that accurately distinguishes between real and fake news articles. This solution is highly relevant to businesses, governments, and individuals seeking to preserve the integrity of information online.

2. Abstract

This project focuses on detecting fake news using advanced natural language processing techniques. The problem arises from the increasing prevalence of false information being shared across digital platforms, which can influence public opinion and decision-making. The objective is to design and implement a machine learning-based model that classifies news as real or fake based on its content. The approach involves text preprocessing, feature extraction using NLP methods, and applying classification algorithms such as Logistic Regression or Random Forest.







Evaluation metrics such as accuracy and F1-score are used to assess performance. The outcome is an effective tool that enhances media reliability and supports informed public discourse.

3. System Requirements

Specify minimum system/software requirements to run the project:

- Hardware:
- Minimum 4 GB RAM (8 GB or higher recommended for large datasets)
- Intel i5 or equivalent processor
- GPU (optional, beneficial for deep learning models)
- o Software:
- Python 3.7 or above
- o IDE: Google Colab or Jupyter Notebook
- Required Libraries: pandas, numpy for data handling, sklearn for preprocessing and model building, nltk, re for text cleaning and NLP, matplotlib, seaborn for data visualization

4. Objectives

This project aims to develop an intelligent system that can automatically detect and classify fake news using natural language processing techniques. The key objectives are:

- o To analyze textual features and patterns common in fake news.
- To preprocess news content and extract meaningful features using NLP techniques.

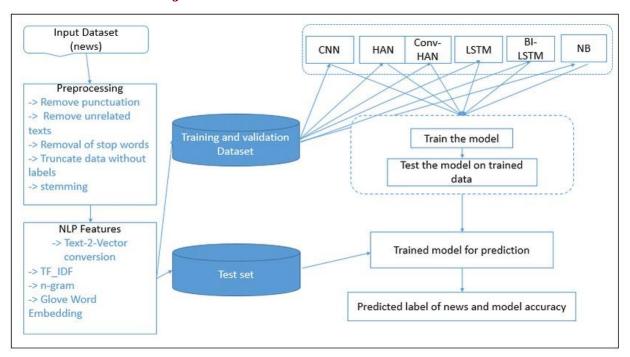






- To train and evaluate machine learning models (like Logistic Regression, Naive Bayes) for classifying news as fake or real.
- To deliver accurate and interpretable predictions that help users verify the authenticity of news articles.
- To contribute to reducing the spread of misinformation and enhancing the reliability of digital news platforms.

5. Flowchart of Project Workflow



6. Dataset Description

• Source: Kaggle – fake news dataset

• Type: Public







• Size: 4000 rows * 24 columns



7. Data Preprocessing

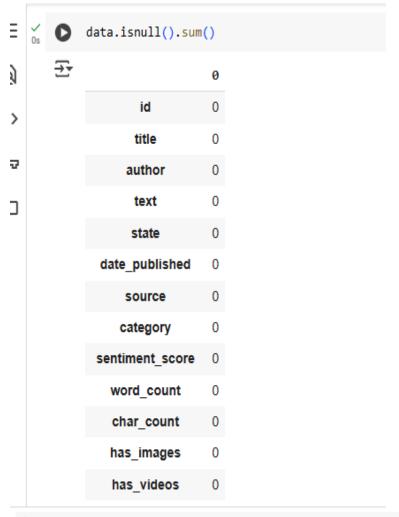
- Removed duplicates and handled missing values in TotalCharges.
- Encoded categorical variables using Label Encoding and One-Hot Encoding.
- Scaled numeric features using StandardScaler











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[8] data.info()

<<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 4000 entries, 0 to 3999
Data columns (total 24 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	id	4000 non-null	int64
1	title	4000 non-null	object
2	author	4000 non-null	object
3	text	4000 non-null	object
4	state	4000 non-null	object
5	date_published	4000 non-null	object
6	source	4000 non-null	object
7	category	4000 non-null	object
8	sentiment_score	4000 non-null	float64
9	word_count	4000 non-null	int64
10	char_count	4000 non-null	int64
11	has_images	4000 non-null	int64
12	has_videos	4000 non-null	int64
13	readability_score	4000 non-null	float64
14	num_shares	4000 non-null	int64
15	num_comments	4000 non-null	int64
16	political_bias	4000 non-null	object
17	fact_check_rating	4000 non-null	object
18	is_satirical	4000 non-null	int64
19	trust_score	4000 non-null	int64

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data.duplicated().sum()

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8. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

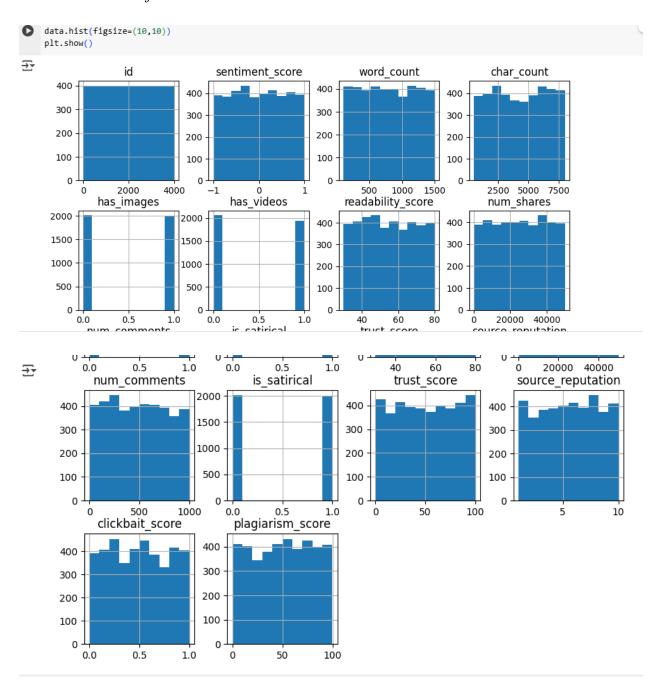
- Used visual tools like histograms, word clouds, boxplots, and heatmaps to understand data distribution and feature relationships.
- Revealed patterns such as frequently used words in fake vs. real news, and trends in article length and word frequency.
- Key insights:







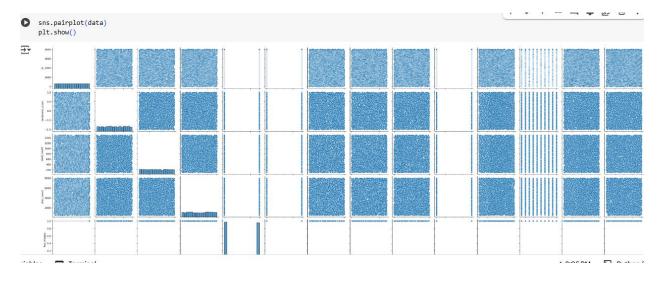
- Fake news articles often contain more sensational keywords.
- ➤ Real news tends to have more structured language and consistent word counts.
- > Stopwords and punctuation usage varies significantly between real and fake articles











9. Feature Engineering

Feature engineering for fake news detection involves creating, selecting, and transforming relevant features such as text-based, sentiment, and source credibility features to improve model accuracy and transparency





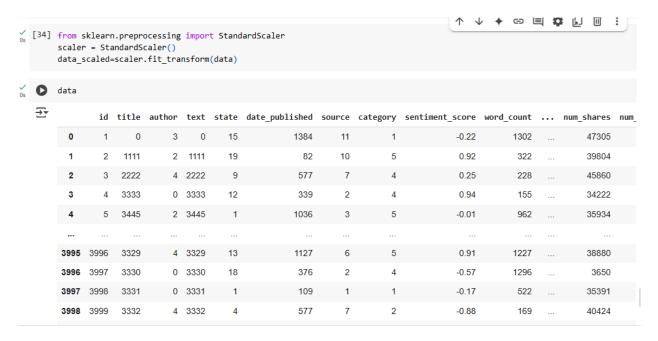


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numeric_data= data.select_dtypes (include=['number'])
          if numeric data.empty:
               print("\n No numeric columns found in the dataset.")
          else:
               mean = numeric_data.mean()
               median = numeric_data.median()
               var = numeric_data.var()
               std = numeric_data.std()
               print("\nMean:\n", mean)
               print("\nMedian:\n", median)
               print("\nVariance: \n", var)
              print("\nStandard Deviation:\n", std)
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from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
   for col in data.select_dtypes (include=['object']):
    le=LabelEncoder()
    data[col]=le.fit_transform(data[col])
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10. Model Building

Model building involves experimenting with multiple models, starting with a baseline model and progressing to advanced models, such as decision trees, random forests, or deep learning, to identify the best performing model. Each model is chosen based on its suitability for the task, and screenshots of the model training outputs are included for performance evaluation.

```
[37] X=data.drop('label',axis=1)
     y=data['label']
     from sklearn.model selection import train test split
     from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
     from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, classification_report, confusion_matrix
[39] x_train,x_test,y_train,y_test=train_test_split(X,y,test_size=0.2,random_state=42)
      from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
     model=LogisticRegression()
     model.fit(x_train,y_train)
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     STOP: TOTAL NO. OF ITERATIONS REACHED LIMIT.
     Increase the number of iterations (max iter) or scale the data as shown in:
         https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/preprocessing.html
     Please also refer to the documentation for alternative solver options:
https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/linear_model.html#logistic-regression
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      ▼ LogisticRegression
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y_pred=model.predict(x_test)
print("y_prediction",y_pred)
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11. Model Evaluation

To assess the performance of our fake news detection model, we used various evaluation metrics including accuracy, F1-score, precision, recall, ROC-AUC, and RMSE. Visualizations such as confusion matrix and ROC curves were generated to better understand model performance. An error analysis was conducted to identify misclassifications, and a comparison table was created to evaluate different machine learning algorithms. All results and outputs are documented with relevant screenshots for clarity.

```
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y_pred=model.predict(x_test)
print("Classification Report:\n",classification_report(y_test,y_pred))
print("Confusion Matrix:\n",confusion_matrix(y_test,y_pred))
Classification Report:
                          recall f1-score
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accuracy 0.50 800 macro avg 0.50 0.50 0.50 800 weighted avg 0.50 0.50 0.50 800

Confusion Matrix: [[219 192] [205 184]]

```
y_random_pred=model.predict(x_test)
print("Classification Report:\n",classification_report(y_test,y_random_pred))
print("Confusion Matrix:\n",confusion_matrix(y_test,y_random_pred))
```

Classification Report:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.52	0.53	0.52	411
1	0.49	0.47	0.48	389
accuracy			0.50	800
macro avg	0.50	0.50	0.50	800
weighted avg	0.50	0.50	0.50	800

Confusion Matrix:

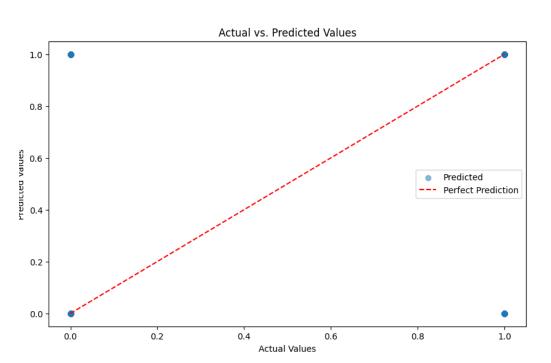
[[219 192] [205 184]]







```
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.scatter(y_test, y_pred, alpha=0.5, label='Predicted')
plt.plot([min(y_test), max(y_test)], [min(y_test), max(y_test)], linestyle='--',
color='red', label='Perfect Prediction')
plt.xlabel('Actual Values')
plt.ylabel('Predicted Values')
plt.title('Actual vs. Predicted Values')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```



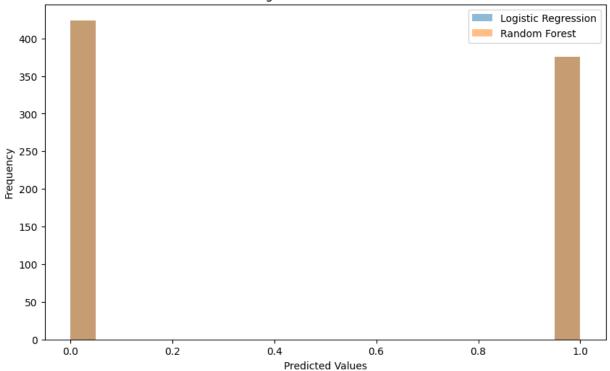
```
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.hist(y_pred, bins=20, alpha=0.5, label='Logistic Regression')
plt.hist(y_random_pred, bins=20, alpha=0.5, label='Random Forest')
plt.xlabel('Predicted Values')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.title('Histogram of Predicted Values')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```











12. Deployment

• Deploy using a free platform:

Deployed using Streamlit Cloud for a simple UI and Gradio + Hugging Face Spaces for demo hosting

• Include:

Method: Streamlit for UI, Gradio for interactive demo

13. Source code

#importing packages and libaries

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
```







```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
```

#importing dataset

```
data=pd.read_csv("/fake_news_dataset.csv")
data.head()
```

#data preprocessing

```
data.drop_duplicates()
data
data.isnull().sum()
data.describe()
data.info()
data.duplicated().sum()
data.hist(figsize=(10,10))
plt.show()
sns.pairplot(data)
plt.show()
```

#EDA processing

```
numeric data= data.select dtypes (include=['number'])
if numeric data.empty:
   print("\n No numeric columns found in the dataset.")
else:
    mean = numeric data.mean()
    median = numeric data.median()
   var = numeric data.var()
    std = numeric data.std()
    print("\nMean:\n", mean)
    print("\nMedian:\n", median)
    print("\nVariance: \n", var)
    print("\nStandard Deviation:\n", std)
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
for col in data.select dtypes (include=['object']):
 le=LabelEncoder()
 data[col] = le.fit transform(data[col])
data
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
scaler = StandardScaler()
data scaled=scaler.fit transform(data)
```







data

#model building

```
X=data.drop('label',axis=1)
y=data['label']
from sklearn.model selection import train test split
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy score, classification report,
confusion matrix
x train, x test, y train, y test=train test split(X, y, test size=0.2, random st
ate=42)
from sklearn.linear model import LogisticRegression
model=LogisticRegression()
model.fit(x train, y train)
y pred=model.predict(x test)
print("y prediction", y pred)
model=RandomForestClassifier(n estimators=100,random state=42)
model.fit(x train, y train)
y random pred=model.predict(x test)
print("y prediction", y random pred)
y pred=model.predict(x test)
print("Classification Report:\n", classification report(y test, y pred))
print("Confusion Matrix:\n",confusion matrix(y test,y pred))
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.scatter(y test, y pred, alpha=0.5, label='Predicted')
plt.plot([min(y test), max(y test)], [min(y test), max(y test)],
linestyle='--',color='red', label='Perfect Prediction')
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plt.title('Actual vs. Predicted Values')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
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plt.hist(y pred, bins=20, alpha=0.5, label='Logistic Regression')
plt.hist(y random pred, bins=20, alpha=0.5, label='Random Forest')
```







```
plt.xlabel('Predicted Values')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.title('Histogram of Predicted Values')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```

14. Future scope

- ➤ Multilingual Support Extend fake news detection to regional and global languages.
- ➤ Real-Time Alerts Enable instant detection and warning on social media platforms.
- ➤ Enhanced Accuracy Use advanced models like BERT for better prediction.
- ➤ App/Extension Integration Develop tools for easy public access and usage.
- ➤ User Feedback Loop Incorporate feedback to continuously improve the system.

15. Team Members and Roles

NAME	ROLES
Krishna priya M	Data collection, Cleaning and Overall Project
	Management
Hinduja T	Data Visualization and Interpretation
Haritha Janani T	Exploratory Data Analysis and Model Evaluation
Kaviya I	Model Building and Deployment