# Fake News Detection Using NLP

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In today's digital age, the spread of information has become faster and more widespread than ever before. While this has many advantages, it also opens the door to a growing problem: the proliferation of fake news. False or misleading information can easily go viral, causing harm to individuals, organizations, and society at large. In response to this, the field of Natural Language Processing (NLP) has emerged as a powerful tool in the battle against fake news.

NLP is a subfield of artificial intelligence that focuses on the interaction between computers and human language. It equips machines with the ability to understand, interpret, and generate human language, making it an essential technology in the fight against the dissemination of false information. Detecting fake news using NLP techniques involves the application of computational algorithms to automatically analyze and verify the authenticity of textual content, thereby helping users make more informed decisions about the information they encounter.

This interdisciplinary approach combines the power of linguistics, data science, and machine learning to identify patterns, anomalies, and inconsistencies within text. By leveraging NLP, we can scrutinize news articles, social media posts, and other textual data to differentiate between trustworthy information and fabricated or misleading content. The goal is to develop robust, automated systems that can identify and flag suspicious content, ultimately curbing the impact of fake news on public perception, decision-making, and societal stability.

This comprehensive guide to fake news detection using NLP explores the various techniques, methodologies, and tools employed to combat the spread of misinformation. It delves into the challenges and complexities of identifying fake news in an age where information is abundant and easily manipulated. Throughout this journey, we will discover the key NLP approaches and strategies that have been developed to confront this modern dilemma, shedding light on the innovative

solutions that researchers and organizations are actively pursuing.

As the battle against fake news intensifies, NLP stands at the forefront of the fight, providing a glimmer of hope in an era of information overload. By understanding the foundations of NLP-based fake news detection, we can better equip ourselves to critically assess the information we encounter and ensure a more truthful and reliable digital landscape for all.

In our hyperconnected world, the information landscape is evolving at an unprecedented pace, fueled by the widespread adoption of digital media and social platforms. While this connectivity offers numerous advantages, it also brings to the forefront a pressing and pernicious issue: the proliferation of fake news. False or deceptive information, masquerading as credible news, can swiftly circulate, causing confusion, sowing discord, and even influencing public opinion and policy decisions. In response to this growing problem, the application of Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques has emerged as a formidable weapon in the ongoing battle against fake news.

NLP, a subfield of artificial intelligence (AI), centers on the interaction between computers and human language. It equips machines with the ability to understand, interpret, and generate human language, making it an invaluable asset in the effort to combat the dissemination of disinformation. Fake news detection using NLP involves the utilization of computational algorithms to automatically scrutinize, verify, and classify textual content, enabling users to make more informed judgments about the information they encounter.

This multidisciplinary approach amalgamates the power of linguistics, data science, and machine learning, offering the capacity to identify patterns, anomalies, and inconsistencies within text. By harnessing NLP, we can meticulously analyze news articles, social media posts, and a variety of textual data sources to differentiate between credible information and fabricated or misleading content. The ultimate objective is to develop robust, automated systems capable of recognizing and flagging suspicious content, thereby mitigating the

impact of fake news on public perception, decisionmaking, and societal harmony.

This comprehensive exploration of fake news detection using NLP traverses the diverse techniques, methodologies, and tools that have been devised to confront the menace of misinformation. It delves into the intricacies and challenges of identifying fake news in an era where information is abundant and easily manipulated. Throughout this journey, we will uncover the fundamental NLP approaches and strategies that researchers and organizations are employing to address this contemporary dilemma. Together, we will shed light on the innovative solutions being actively pursued and gain a deeper understanding of how NLP can act as a vital instrument in the fight against the spread of fake news.

As the battle against fake news intensifies, NLP stands at the forefront, offering a beacon of hope in an era of information overload. By grasping the foundations of NLP-based fake news detection, we empower ourselves to critically assess the information we encounter and work toward a more truthful, reliable, and transparent digital landscape for all. In the pages that follow, we embark on a journey to unravel the complexities of this vital endeavor, aiming to equip readers with the knowledge and tools necessary to discern fact from fiction in an age of information abundance and uncertainty.

**Module Title: Fake News Detection Using NLP** 

#### 1. Data Collection:

Gather a diverse dataset of news articles, social media posts, or textual data containing both real and fake news. Datasets like Snopes, Politifact, or Twitter's API can be valuable sources.

# 2. Data Preprocessing:

Text Cleaning: Remove HTML tags, special characters, and irrelevant content.

Tokenization: Split text into words or subwords.

Stopword Removal: Eliminate common words (e.g., "the," "and") that don't carry significant information.

Lemmatization or Stemming: Reduce words to their base form.

Vectorization: Transform text into numerical features using techniques like TF-IDF or Word Embeddings (e.g., Word2Vec, GloVe).

# 3. Feature Engineering:

Extract relevant features, such as n-grams, sentiment analysis, and part-of-speech tags, which can enhance the model's performance.

### 4. Model Selection:

Choose a machine learning or deep learning model suitable for NLP tasks. Common choices include:

Naive Bayes Classifier

**Logistic Regression** 

Random Forest

Support Vector Machine (SVM)

Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN)

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)

Transformer-based models (e.g., BERT, GPT)

# 5. Model Training:

Split the dataset into training, validation, and testing sets.

Train the selected model on the training data using the preprocessed features.

Fine-tune hyperparameters using the validation set to optimize performance.

### 6. Model Evaluation:

Assess the model's performance using various metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and ROC-AUC.

Conduct cross-validation to ensure robustness.

Visualize results, including confusion matrices and ROC curves.

## 7. Model Interpretability:

Use techniques like LIME (Local Interpretable Modelagnostic Explanations) or SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations) to understand why the model makes specific predictions.

## 8. Deployment:

Create a user-friendly interface for users to input text and receive predictions.

Deploy the model on a web server, cloud platform, or as a desktop application.

# 9. Continuous Monitoring and Maintenance:

Periodically retrain the model with fresh data to adapt to evolving fake news tactics.

Maintain an update pipeline for the NLP model, including monitoring for model drift and performance degradation.

#### 10. User Education:

Provide educational materials and guidelines to help users understand how to use the tool effectively and interpret the results.

### 11. Ethical Considerations:

Ensure that the module adheres to ethical guidelines, respects privacy, and avoids biases in decision-making.

## 12. Scaling and Optimization:

For larger-scale applications, consider distributed computing and optimization techniques to handle a higher volume of data and requests.

### 13. Feedback Mechanism:

Implement a feedback loop to collect user feedback and continuously improve the module.

Creating a Fake News Detection module using NLP is an ongoing process that requires a multidisciplinary approach, combining expertise in NLP, machine learning, and domain knowledge. Regular updates and improvements will help keep the system effective in combating the evolving challenges of fake news dissemination.

# REAL AND FACK NEWS DATA SET

# **Module 1: Data Collection and Preprocessing**

In Module 1 of our research project, we focus on the critical task of collecting and preprocessing a comprehensive dataset of news articles. This module encompasses the following key steps:

➤ Data Gathering: We employ web scraping techniques to acquire news articles from diverse online sources, including reputable news websites and social media platforms. This dataset comprises both real and

potentially fake news articles to ensure a balanced representation.

- ➤ Data Cleaning: To enhance the quality of the collected data, we perform extensive data cleaning, including text normalization, removal of duplicates, and extraction of relevant features. Additionally, we assess and handle missing data points.
- Labeling: Human annotators are engaged to label the collected news articles as either "real" or "fake" based on factual accuracy and credibility. This ground truth labeling is crucial for supervised machine learning models.

## **Module 2: Feature Engineering and Selection**

Module 2 focuses on feature engineering and selection techniques to extract meaningful information from the preprocessed dataset. The steps involved in this module are as follows:

- Text Representation: We explore various text representation methods such as TF-IDF (Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency) and word embeddings (e.g., Word2Vec, GloVe) to convert textual data into numerical features.
- Feature Extraction: We extract linguistic, semantic, and contextual features from the text, including n-grams, sentiment analysis scores, and topic modeling. These features are designed to capture patterns and nuances in news articles.
- Feature Selection: Employing feature selection algorithms, we identify and retain the most relevant features while eliminating noise. This helps improve the model's efficiency and interpretability.

Module 3: Machine Learning Models for Classification

Module 3 is dedicated to building and evaluating

machine learning models for the classification of news

articles into real and fake categories. This module encompasses the following steps:

- ➤ Model Selection: We experiment with a range of classification algorithms, including logistic regression, random forests, and deep neural networks. Each model's performance is assessed using appropriate evaluation metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1score.
- ➤ Model Training and Tuning: The selected models are trained on the preprocessed dataset, and hyperparameter tuning is performed to optimize their performance.
- ➤ Cross-Validation: To ensure the generalizability of our models, we employ cross-validation techniques to assess their robustness and reliability.

Module 4: Evaluation and Conclusion

In the final module, we evaluate the effectiveness of our real and fake news detection models using an independent test dataset. We analyze the results, discuss insights, and draw conclusions regarding the performance and limitations of the models.

Overall, our research project aims to provide a comprehensive framework for real and fake news detection, from data collection to model evaluation. Through this systematic approach, we contribute to the ongoing efforts to combat misinformation and enhance the credibility of online news sources.

### **PROGRAM & OUTPUT:**

#### **IMPORT LIBRARIES**

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import torch
import torch.nn as nn
import nltk
from tqdm import tqdm
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import torchtext.data as data
import torch.optim as optim
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.text import Tokenizer
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.sequence import pad_sequences
from torchtext.data import get tokenizer
import seaborn as sns
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
import re
in [2]:
# CONFIG
TRUE_DATA_PATH = '/kaggle/input/fake-and-real-news-dataset/True.csv'
FALSE_DATA_PATH = '/kaggle/input/fake-and-real-news-dataset/Fake.csv'
LOAD DATA
In [3]:
true df = pd.read csv(TRUE DATA PATH)
false_df = pd.read_csv(FALSE_DATA_PATH)
In [4]:
true df.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 21417 entries, 0 to 21416
Data columns (total 4 columns):
 # Column Non-Null Count Dtype
--- ----- ------
 0 title 21417 non-null object
1 text 21417 non-null object
 2 subject 21417 non-null object
     date 21417 non-null object
dtypes: object(4)
memory usage: 669.4+ KB
In [5]:
false_df.info():
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 23481 entries, 0 to 23480
Data columns (total 4 columns):
 # Column Non-Null Count Dtype
 0 title 23481 non-null object
1 text 23481 non-null object
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subject 23481 non-null object
 3
     date
              23481 non-null object
dtypes: object(4)
memory usage: 733.9+ KB
In [6]:
true_df['category'] = np.ones(len(true_df), dtype=int)
false_df['category'] = np.zeros(len(false_df), dtype=int)
true_df.head()
In [7]:
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))
plt.bar('Fake News', len(false_df), color='orange')
plt.bar('Real News', len(true_df), color='green')
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  5000
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                                                         Real News
In [8]:
# Difference of the Fake and Real News
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In [8]:
# Difference of the Fake and Real News
print(f'Difference between Fake and Real News: {len(false_df) - len(true_df)}')
Difference between Fake and Real News: 2064
In [9]:
# concat = merging datasets
news_df = pd.concat([true_df, false_df], axis=0)
news_df.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
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out[10]:

	Title	Text	subject	date	category
880	These Charts Show Why We're All Screwed Under	During his presidential campaign, Donald Trump	News	July 11, 2017	0
597	U.S. towns, cities fear taxpayer revolt if Rep	WASHINGTON (Reuters) - From Pataskala, Ohio, t	politicsNews	November 17, 2017	1
15813	JEB BUSH WANTS CONGRESS TO APPROVE AMNESTY And	Jeb Bush just unofficially placed himself on t	politics	Apr 17, 2015	0
15407	DEMOCRAT PLAN TO INFILTRATE TRADITIONALLY RED	The fundamental transformation of America EI S	politics	Jul 27, 2015	0
18289	NEW YORK TIMES REFUSES To Publish Op-Ed By Lif	The NYT allegedly wouldn t run Alan Dershowitz	left-news	Jul 20, 2017	0

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out[11]:
subject
politicsNews
                  11272
worldnews
                  10145
News
                   9050
politics
                   6841
left-news
                   4459
Government News
                   1570
US News
                    783
                    778
Middle-east
Name: count, dtype: int64
in[12]:
news_df = pd.get_dummies(news_df, columns=['subject'])
news_df.head()
in[13]:
news_df = news_df.drop('date', axis=1)
news df.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Index: 44898 entries, 880 to 7431
Data columns (total 11 columns):
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    Column
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    title
                             44898 non-null object
 0
                             44898 non-null object
    text
 1
 2
                             44898 non-null int64
    category
    subject_Government News 44898 non-null bool
 3
    subject_Middle-east
                            44898 non-null bool
 5
    subject News
                             44898 non-null bool
 6
    subject_US_News
                            44898 non-null bool
 7
    subject_left-news
                            44898 non-null bool
 8
    subject_politics
                            44898 non-null bool
 9
    subject politicsNews
                            44898 non-null bool
 10 subject worldnews
                            44898 non-null bool
dtypes: bool(8), int64(1), object(2)
memory usage: 1.7+ MB
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import nltk
import subprocess
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try:
    nltk.data.find('wordnet.zip')
except:
    nltk.download( download_dir='wornet')
    command = copora wornet'
    subprocess.run(command.split())
    nltk.data.path.append('working')

from nltk.corpus import wordnet
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#### In[15]:

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from nltk.corpus import wordnet

new_text = []
pattern = "[^a-zA-Z]"

lemma = nltk.WordNetLemmatizer()

for txt in tqdm(news_df.text):

    txt = re.sub(pattern," ",txt)
    txt = txt.lower() # Lowering
    txt = nltk.word_tokenize(txt)
    txt = [lemma.lemmatize(word) for word in txt]
    txt = " ".join(txt)
    new_text.append(txt)
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#### Out[15]:

'during his presidential campaign donald trump constantly made reference to repealing and replacing the disaster that is obamacare and democrat collectively shuddered we all knew that nothing good could come of this now after six month in office despite discovering that nobody knew healthcare could be so difficult president trump is about to deliver on his campaign promise a the senate return from a one week recess to get back to the task at hand trying to come to an agreement on their new healthcare bill known a the better care reconciliation act bcra one that they have predominately kept the public in the dark about thing are

looking bleak however a even the republican party remains divided on a bill that is not only going to raise out of pocket cost and restrict access to service for many but also cause ten of million to lose their health insurance completely over the coming decade these chart might be able to put the entire healthcare debacle into perspective we all know the short term medicaid cut are going to suck the new health care bill will save a ton of money but roughly a quarter of those saving or approximately billion over the next decade come from cut to medicaid the result is that million le 'during his presidential campaign donald trump constantly made reference to repealing and replacing the disaster that is obamacare and democrat collectively shuddered we all knew that nothing good could come of this now after six month in office despite discovering that nobody knew healthcare could be so difficult president trump is about to deliver on his campaign promise a the senate return from a one week recess to get back to the task at hand trying to come to an agreement on their new healthcare bill known a the better care reconciliation act bora one that they have predominately kept the public in the dark about thing are looking bleak however a even the republican party remains divided on a bill that is not only going to raise out of pocket cost and restrict access to service for many but also cause ten of million to lose their health insurance completely over the coming decade these chart might be able to put the entire healthcare debacle into perspective we all know the short term medicaid cut are going to suck the new health care bill will save a ton of money but roughly a quarter of those saving or approximately billion over the next decade come from cut to medicaid the result is that million le including those whose overwhelming majority voted for trump yes the new bill will drive up the uninsured rate by at least and even up to in every state by a new study by the urban institute found the older and poorer you are the more you will be paying for insurance premium if an analysis by the center for budget and policy priority is to be believed health insurance premium are going to go through the roof but those hit the worst will be older american the older middle class will be hit pretty hard too a their tax credit will go through the floor the center for budget and policy priority analysis also found that the tax credit that are available to help older people in the individual market afford health insurance are going to do just the opposite and plummet even employer plan aren t immune the gop s new bill cut to medicaid and individual market subsidy have given the million american that receive their health insurance through their employer a false sense of security but they re not safe either not only will the new legislation bring back annual and lifetime limit in employer plan a well a end penalty for company that don t provide health insurance to their worker but it will also allow employer to shift much of the cost of copays deductible and coinsurance onto their worker the center for american progress calculated how many will feel the crunch hospital are going to feel the crunch a well hospital aren t happy with the new bill and it is easy to see why when you consider it will cause a large spike in uncompensated care for hospital across all state finally the new bill will cause massive job loss particularly in the health care sector by more than million job will be lost a a direct result of the bcra go by the result of a report by the commonwealth fund and george washington university in fact the report go a far a to say that every state except hawaii would have fewer job and a weaker economy however it s not just health care employment that will be affected but also retail and construction a well so if you thought this latest rewrite of the gop s health care legislation didn t affect you you more than likely thought wrongly even if it isn t your health care that is directly affected chance are you will still feel the ripple effect of the bill on the

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economy both on a state and national level featured image via drew angerer getty
image'.
In[16]:
new_title = []
for txt in tqdm(news df.title):
   txt = re.sub(pattern," ",txt)
   txt = txt.lower() # Lowering
   txt = nltk.word_tokenize(txt)
   txt = [lemma.lemmatize(word) for word in txt]
   txt = " ".join(txt)
   new_title.append(txt)
new title[0]
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Out [16]:
'these chart show why we re all screwed under the gop health care bill'
In[17]:
from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import CountVectorizer
vectorizer_title = CountVectorizer(stop_words="english",max_features=1000)
vectorizer text = CountVectorizer(stop words="english",max features=4000)
title_matrix = vectorizer_title.fit_transform(new_title).toarray()
text_matrix = vectorizer_text.fit_transform(new_text).toarray()
print("Finished")
Finished
In[18]
news df.head(5)
in[19]:
news_df.drop(['title', 'text'], axis=1, inplace=True)
news df.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Index: 44898 entries, 880 to 7431
Data columns (total 9 columns):
# Column
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 0
   category
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 2
    subject_Middle-east 44898 non-null bool
                            44898 non-null bool
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    subject_News
    subject_US_News
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                          44898 non-null bool
    subject_left-news
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subject\_politics

subject\_politicsNews 44898 non-null bool

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44898 non-null bool
     subject worldnews
dtypes: bool(8), int64(1)
memory usage: 1.0 MB
in [20]:
print(news_df.shape)
print(title matrix.shape)
print(text_matrix.shape)
(44898, 9)
(44898, 1000)
(44898, 4000)
In[21]:
X = np.concatenate((np.array(news_df.drop('category', axis=1)), title_matrix,
                     text_matrix), axis=1)
y = news df.category
(44898, 5008)
(44898,)
in [23]:
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, np.array(y),
                                                     test_size=0.25,
                                                     random_state=42)
print(X_train.shape)
print(X_test.shape)
print(y_train.shape)
print(y_test.shape)
(33673, 5008)
(11225, 5008)
(33673,)
(11225,)
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#### **BUILDING MODEL**

In[24]:

### INTRODUCTION

Hello and welcome to my first NLP project, identifying fake and real news data using pytorch and nltk.

#### IMPORT LIBRARIES

Data columns (total 4 columns):

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In [1]:
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import torch
import torch.nn as nn
import nltk
from tqdm import tqdm
import torchtext.data as data
import torch.optim as optim
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.text import Tokenizer
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.sequence import pad sequences
from torchtext.data import get tokenizer
import seaborn as sns
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy score
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
In [2]:
# CONFIG
TRUE_DATA_PATH = 'input fake-and-real-news-dataset/True.csv'
FALSE DATA PATH = 'output fake-and-real-news-dataset/True.csv'
LOAD DATA
In [3]:
true df = pd.read csv(TRUE DATA PATH)
false_df = pd.read_csv(FALSE_DATA_PATH)
In [4]:
true df.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 21417 entries, 0 to 21416
Data columns (total 4 columns):
# Column Non-Null Count Dtype
--- ----- ------ -----
    title 21417 non-null object
 1
    text
            21417 non-null object
 2
    subject 21417 non-null object
    date
             21417 non-null object
dtypes: object(4)
memory usage: 669.4+ KB
In [5]:
false_df.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 23481 entries, 0 to 23480
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Column
             Non-Null Count Dtype
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 0
    title
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 1
    text
             23481 non-null object
 2
    subject 23481 non-null
                             object
     date
             23481 non-null object
dtypes: object(4)
memory usage: 733.9+ KB
In [6]:
true_df['category'] = np.ones(len(true_df), dtype=int)
false_df['category'] = np.zeros(len(false_df), dtype=int)
true_df.head()
Out[6]:
```

	Title	Text	subject	date	category
0	As U.S. budget fight looms, Republicans flip t	WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The head of a conservat	politicsNews	December 31, 2017	1
1	U.S. military to accept transgender recruits o	WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Transgender people will	politicsNews	December 29, 2017	1
2	Senior U.S. Republican senator: 'Let Mr. Muell	WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The special counsel inv	politicsNews	December 31, 2017	1
3	FBI Russia probe helped by Australian diplomat	WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Trump campaign adviser	politicsNews	December 30, 2017	1
4	Trump wants Postal Service to charge 'much mor	SEATTLE/WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Donal	politicsNews	December 29, 2017	1

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In [7]:
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plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))
plt.bar('Fake News', len(false_df), color='orange')
plt.bar('Real News', len(true_df), color='green')
Out[7]:
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<BarContainer object of 1 artists>
In [8]:
# Difference of the Fake and Real News
print(f'Difference between Fake and Real News: {len(false_df) - len(true_df)}')
Difference between Fake and Real News: 2064
In [9]:
# concat = merging datasets
news_df = pd.concat([true_df, false_df], axis=0)
news_df.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Index: 44898 entries, 0 to 23480
Data columns (total 5 columns):
    Column
             Non-Null Count Dtype
 0
    title
             44898 non-null object
    text 44898 non-null object
 1
 2
    subject 44898 non-null object
 3
    date
              44898 non-null object
    category 44898 non-null int64
dtypes: int64(1), object(4)
memory usage: 2.1+ MB
In [10]:
news df = news df.sample(frac=1)
news_df.head(5)
Out[10]:
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	Title	Text	subject	date	category
880	These Charts Show Why We're All Screwed Under	During his presidential campaign, Donald Trump	News	July 11, 2017	0
597	U.S. towns, cities fear taxpayer revolt if Rep	WASHINGTON (Reuters) - From Pataskala, Ohio, t	politicsNews	November 17, 2017	1
15813	JEB BUSH WANTS CONGRESS TO APPROVE AMNESTY And	Jeb Bush just unofficially placed himself on t	politics	Apr 17, 2015	0

	Title	Text	subject	date	category
154	DEMOCRAT PLAN TO INFILTRATE TRADITIONALLY RED	The fundamental transformation of America El S	politics	Jul 27, 2015	0
182	NEW YORK TIMES REFUSES To Publish Op-Ed By Lif	The NYT allegedly wouldn t run Alan Dershowitz	left-news	Jul 20, 2017	0

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In [11]:
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news_df['subject'].value_counts()
Out[11]:
subject
politicsNews
                   11272
worldnews
                   10145
News
                    9050
politics
                    6841
left-news
                    4459
Government News
                    1570
US_News
                     783
Middle-east
                     778
Name: count, dtype: int64
In [12]:
news_df = pd.get_dummies(news_df, columns=['subject'])
news_df.head()
Out[12]:
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	title	Text	Date	cat ego ry	subject_ Governm ent News	subject _Middl e-east	subje ct_Ne ws	subject _US_Ne ws	subje ct_lef t- news	subjec t_polit ics	subject_ politicsN ews	subject_ worldne ws
88	These Charts Show Why We're All Screw	During his presid ential campa ign, Donal	July 11, 201 7	0	False	False	True	False	False	False	False	False

	title	Text	Date	cat ego ry	subject_ Governm ent News	subject _Middl e-east	subje ct_Ne ws	subject _US_Ne ws	subje ct_lef t- news	subjec t_polit ics	subject_ politicsN ews	subject_ worldne ws
	ed Under.	d Trump 										
59 7	U.S. towns, cities fear taxpay er revolt if Rep	WASHI NGTO N (Reute rs) - From Patask ala, Ohio, t	Nov emb er 17, 201	1	False	False	False	False	False	False	True	False
15 81 3	JEB BUSH WANT S CONG RESS TO APPRO VE AMNE STY And	Jeb Bush just unoffi cially placed himsel f on t	Apr 17, 201 5	0	False	False	False	False	False	True	False	False
15 40 7	DEMO CRAT PLAN TO INFILT RATE TRADI TIONA LLY	The funda menta I transf ormati on of Ameri ca El	Jul 27, 201 5	0	False	False	False	False	False	True	False	False

	title	Text	Date	cat ego ry	subject_ Governm ent News	subject _Middl e-east	subje ct_Ne ws	subject _US_Ne ws	subje ct_lef t- news	subjec t_polit ics	subject_ politicsN ews	subject_ worldne ws
	RED	S										
18 28 9	NEW YORK TIMES REFUS ES TO Publis h Op- Ed By Lif	The NYT allege dly would n t run Alan Dersh owitz	Jul 20, 201 7	0	False	False	False	False	True	False	False	False

#### In [13]:

```
news_df = news_df.drop('date', axis=1)
news df.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Index: 44898 entries, 880 to 7431
Data columns (total 11 columns):
#
    Column
                              Non-Null Count Dtype
    ____
 0
    title
                              44898 non-null object
 1
    text
                              44898 non-null object
 2
                              44898 non-null int64
    category
 3
    subject Government News 44898 non-null bool
 4
    subject_Middle-east
                              44898 non-null bool
 5
    subject_News
                              44898 non-null bool
 6
    subject US News
                             44898 non-null bool
 7
    subject_left-news
                             44898 non-null bool
    subject_politics
                             44898 non-null bool
    subject_politicsNews
                             44898 non-null bool
 10 subject worldnews
                              44898 non-null bool
dtypes: bool(8), int64(1), object(2)
memory usage: 1.7+ MB
In [14]:
import nltk
import subprocess
# Download and unzip wordnet
try:
```

```
nltk.data.find('wordnet.zip')
except:
   nltk.download('wordnet', download_dir='/kaggle/working/')
   command = "unzip /kaggle/working/corpora/wordnet.zip -d /kaggle/working/corpora"
   subprocess.run(command.split())
   nltk.data.path.append('/kaggle/working/')
# Now you can import the NLTK resources as usual
from nltk.corpus import wordnet
[nltk data] Downloading package wordnet to /kaggle/working/...
Archive: /kaggle/working/corpora/wordnet.zip
   creating: /kaggle/working/corpora/wordnet/
  inflating: /kaggle/working/corpora/wordnet/lexnames
  inflating: /kaggle/working/corpora/wordnet/data.verb
  inflating: /kaggle/working/corpora/wordnet/index.adv
  inflating: /kaggle/working/corpora/wordnet/adv.exc
  inflating: /kaggle/working/corpora/wordnet/index.verb
  inflating: /kaggle/working/corpora/wordnet/cntlist.rev
  inflating: /kaggle/working/corpora/wordnet/data.adj
  inflating: /kaggle/working/corpora/wordnet/index.adi
  inflating: /kaggle/working/corpora/wordnet/LICENSE
  inflating: /kaggle/working/corpora/wordnet/citation.bib
  inflating: /kaggle/working/corpora/wordnet/noun.exc
  inflating: /kaggle/working/corpora/wordnet/verb.exc
  inflating: /kaggle/working/corpora/wordnet/README
  inflating: /kaggle/working/corpora/wordnet/index.sense
  inflating: /kaggle/working/corpora/wordnet/data.noun
  inflating: /kaggle/working/corpora/wordnet/data.adv
  inflating: /kaggle/working/corpora/wordnet/index.noun
  inflating: /kaggle/working/corpora/wordnet/adj.exc
In [15]:
from nltk.corpus import wordnet
new_text = []
pattern = "[^a-zA-Z]"
lemma = nltk.WordNetLemmatizer()
for txt in tqdm(news_df.text):
   txt = re.sub(pattern, " ",txt) # Cleaning
   txt = txt.lower() # Lowering
   txt = nltk.word tokenize(txt) # Tokenizing
   txt = [lemma.lemmatize(word) for word in txt] # Lemmatizing
   txt = " ".join(txt)
   new_text.append(txt)
new text[0]
100% 44898/44898 [05:21<00:00, 139.84it/s]
Out[15]:
```

'during his presidential campaign donald trump constantly made reference to repealing and replacing the disaster that is obamacare and democrat collectively shuddered we all knew that nothing good could come of this now after six month in office despite discovering that nobody knew healthcare could be so difficult president trump is about to deliver on his campaign promise a the senate return from a one week recess to get back to the task at hand trying to come to an agreement on their new healthcare bill known a the better care reconciliation act bcra one that they have predominately kept the public in the dark about thing are looking bleak however a even the republican party remains divided on a bill that is not only going to raise out of pocket cost and restrict access to service for many but also cause ten of million to lose their health insurance completely over the coming decade these chart might be able to put the entire healthcare debacle into perspective we all know the short term medicaid cut are going to suck the new health care bill will save a ton of money but roughly a quarter of those saving or approximately billion over the next decade come from cut to medicaid the result is that million le people will be enrolled in medicaid under the new gop bill than compared to obamacare if you thought that wa bad the long term effect are even worse the inflation rate for medicaid spending beginning in is much slower affecting those who rely on it the most mainly child the disabled and the elderly in fact by federal medicaid spending on child will be reduced by almost a third and by a quarter for the disabled and the elderly when compared to the current law according to an analysis by the health consulting firm avalere health the percentage of those uninsured will rise in every single age bracket that s right under the bcra million people will lose their insurance compared to million under the version passed by the house and every single age group will be affected according to an assessment by the congressional budget office it will also rise in every state including those whose overwhelming majority voted for trump yes the new bill will drive up the uninsured rate by at least and even up to in every state by a new study by the urban institute found the older and poorer you are the more you will be paying for insurance premium if an analysis by the center for budget and policy priority is to be believed health insurance premium are going to go through the roof but those hit the worst will be older american the older middle class will be hit pretty hard too a their tax credit will go through the floor the center for budget and policy priority analysis also found that the tax credit that are available to help older people in the individual market afford health insurance are going to do just the opposite and plummet even employer plan aren t immune the gop s new bill cut to medicaid and individual market subsidy have given the million american that receive their health insurance through their employer a false sense of security but they re not safe either not only will the new legislation bring back annual and lifetime limit in employer plan a well a end penalty for company that don t provide health insurance to their worker but it will also allow employer to shift much of the cost of copays deductible and coinsurance onto their worker the center for american progress calculated how many will feel the crunch hospital are going to feel the crunch a well hospital aren t happy with the new bill and it is easy to see why when you consider it will cause a large spike in uncompensated care for hospital across all state finally the new bill will cause massive job loss particularly in the health care sector by more than million job will be lost a a direct result of the bcra go by the result of a report by the commonwealth fund and george washington university in fact the report go a far a to say that every state except hawaii would have fewer job and a weaker economy however it s not just health care employment that will be affected but also retail and

construction a well so if you thought this latest rewrite of the gop s health care legislation didn t affect you you more than likely thought wrongly even if it isn t your health care that is directly affected chance are you will still feel the ripple effect of the bill on the economy both on a state and national level featured image via drew angerer getty image'

```
In [16]:
new_title = []
for txt in tqdm(news df.title):
   txt = re.sub(pattern, " ",txt) # Cleaning
   txt = txt.lower() # Lowering
   txt = nltk.word_tokenize(txt) # Tokenizing
   txt = [lemma.lemmatize(word) for word in txt] # Lemmatizing
   txt = " ".join(txt)
    new_title.append(txt)
new title[0]
            44898/44898 [00:15<00:00, 2941.90it/s]
100%
Out[16]:
'these chart show why we re all screwed under the gop health care bill'
In [17]:
from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import CountVectorizer
vectorizer title = CountVectorizer(stop_words="english",max_features=1000)
vectorizer_text = CountVectorizer(stop_words="english", max_features=4000)
title_matrix = vectorizer_title.fit_transform(new_title).toarray()
text_matrix = vectorizer_text.fit_transform(new_text).toarray()
print("Finished")
Finished
In [18]:
news_df.head(5)
Out[18]:
```

	title	Text	Cat ego ry	subject_G overnmen t News	subject _Middl e-east	subjec t_New s	subject_ US_New s	subje ct_lef t- news	subject _politic s	subject_p oliticsNew s	subject_ worldne ws
88	These Charts Show Why We're All	During his preside ntial campai gn,	0	False	False	True	False	False	False	False	False

	title	Text	Cat ego ry	subject_G overnmen t News	subject _Middl e-east	subjec t_New s	subject_ US_New s	subje ct_lef t- news	subject _politic s	subject_p oliticsNew s	subject_ worldne ws
	Screwe d Under	Donald Trump.									
59 7	U.S. towns, cities fear taxpaye r revolt if Rep	WASHI NGTON (Reuter s) - From Patask ala, Ohio, t	1	False	False	False	False	False	False	True	False
15 81 3	JEB BUSH WANTS CONGR ESS TO APPRO VE AMNES TY And	Jeb Bush just unoffici ally placed himself on t	0	False	False	False	False	False	True	False	False
15 40 7	DEMOC RAT PLAN TO INFILTR ATE TRADIT IONALL Y RED	The funda mental transfo rmatio n of Americ a El S	0	False	False	False	False	False	True	False	False

	title	Text	Cat ego ry	subject_G overnmen t News	subject _Middl e-east	subjec t_New s	subject_ US_New s	subje ct_lef t- news	subject _politic s	subject_p oliticsNew s	subject_ worldne ws
18 28 9	NEW YORK TIMES REFUSE S TO Publish Op-Ed By Lif	The NYT alleged ly wouldn t run Alan Dersho witz	0	False	False	False	False	True	False	False	False

#### In [19]:

```
news_df.drop(['title', 'text'], axis=1, inplace=True)
news df.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Index: 44898 entries, 880 to 7431
Data columns (total 9 columns):
#
    Column
                              Non-Null Count Dtype
 0
    category
                              44898 non-null
                                               int64
 1
     subject_Government News
                              44898 non-null bool
     subject_Middle-east
                              44898 non-null bool
 3
                              44898 non-null bool
     subject_News
 4
     subject_US_News
                              44898 non-null bool
     subject_left-news
                              44898 non-null bool
 6
                              44898 non-null bool
     subject_politics
 7
     subject_politicsNews
                              44898 non-null bool
     subject_worldnews
                              44898 non-null bool
dtypes: bool(8), int64(1)
memory usage: 1.0 MB
In [20]:
print(news_df.shape)
print(title_matrix.shape)
print(text_matrix.shape)
(44898, 9)
(44898, 1000)
(44898, 4000)
In [21]:
X = np.concatenate((np.array(news_df.drop('category', axis=1)), title_matrix,
                    text_matrix), axis=1)
```

```
y = news_df.category
In [22]:
print(X.shape)
print(y.shape)
(44898, 5008)
(44898,)
In [23]:
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, np.array(y),
                                                     test size=0.25,
                                                     random state=42)
print(X_train.shape)
print(X_test.shape)
print(y_train.shape)
print(y_test.shape)
(33673, 5008)
(11225, 5008)
(33673,)
(11225,)
```

#### **BUILDING MODEL**

```
In [24]:
import torch
import torch.nn as nn
import torch.nn.functional as F
class NewsClassifier(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self):
        super(NewsClassifier, self).__init__()
        # Fully connected layers
        self.linear1 = nn.Linear(5008, 2000)
        self.relu1 = nn.ReLU()
        self.linear2 = nn.Linear(2000, 500)
        self.relu2 = nn.ReLU()
        self.linear3 = nn.Linear(500, 100)
        self.relu3 = nn.ReLU()
        self.dropout = nn.Dropout(0.1)
        self.linear4 = nn.Linear(100, 20)
        self.relu4 = nn.ReLU()
        self.linear5 = nn.Linear(20, 2)
    def forward(self, x):
        # Fully connected layers
        out = self.linear1(x)
        out = self.relu1(out)
        out = self.linear2(out)
        out = self.relu2(out)
```

```
out = self.linear3(out)
        out = self.relu3(out)
        out = self.dropout(out)
        out = self.linear4(out)
        out = self.relu4(out)
        out = self.linear5(out)
        return out
In [25]:
model = NewsClassifier()
optimizer = torch.optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr=0.012)
criterion = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
In [26]:
import torch
from tqdm import tqdm
X train = torch.Tensor(X train)
y_train = torch.Tensor(y_train).type(torch.LongTensor)
X_test = torch.Tensor(X_test)
y_test = torch.Tensor(y_test).type(torch.LongTensor)
EPOCHS = 30
for epoch in tqdm(range(EPOCHS)):
    optimizer.zero_grad()
   # Forward pass
   outputs = model(X train)
   # Calculate loss
    loss = criterion(outputs, y train)
    loss.backward()
   optimizer.step()
   # Calculate accuracy
    _, predicted = torch.max(outputs, 1)
   correct = (predicted == y_train).sum().item()
   accuracy = correct / len(y_train) * 100.0
    print(f'Epoch [{epoch+1}/{EPOCHS}], Loss: {loss.item():.4f}, Accuracy:
{accuracy:.2f}%')
  3%|
                | 1/30 [00:12<05:59, 12.41s/it]
Epoch [1/30], Loss: 0.6984, Accuracy: 47.69%
                | 2/30 [00:33<08:17, 17.79s/it]
  7%
Epoch [2/30], Loss: 11.2522, Accuracy: 52.31%
               3/30 [00:46<06:56, 15.43s/it]
Epoch [3/30], Loss: 2.9311, Accuracy: 52.22%
                4/30 [00:58<06:09, 14.21s/it]
Epoch [4/30], Loss: 1.1631, Accuracy: 52.31%
```

```
| 5/30 [01:12<05:45, 13.81s/it]
Epoch [5/30], Loss: 2.0339, Accuracy: 48.20%
              6/30 [01:24<05:20, 13.36s/it]
Epoch [6/30], Loss: 1.0975, Accuracy: 47.75%
               7/30 [01:37<05:05, 13.29s/it]
Epoch [7/30], Loss: 0.6547, Accuracy: 48.29%
27%
               8/30 [01:49<04:45, 12.97s/it]
Epoch [8/30], Loss: 0.5906, Accuracy: 65.16%
              9/30 [02:02<04:28, 12.80s/it]
30%
Epoch [9/30], Loss: 0.5159, Accuracy: 85.44%
              | 10/30 [02:15<04:18, 12.91s/it]
Epoch [10/30], Loss: 0.4104, Accuracy: 88.48%
               | 11/30 [02:27<04:02, 12.76s/it]
Epoch [11/30], Loss: 0.2363, Accuracy: 94.74%
40%
              12/30 [02:41<03:53, 12.98s/it]
Epoch [12/30], Loss: 0.2008, Accuracy: 94.57%
               | 13/30 [02:53<03:37, 12.81s/it]
Epoch [13/30], Loss: 0.1622, Accuracy: 95.46%
              14/30 [03:06<03:23, 12.72s/it]
Epoch [14/30], Loss: 0.1197, Accuracy: 96.86%
50%
              | 15/30 [03:19<03:14, 12.96s/it]
Epoch [15/30], Loss: 0.1070, Accuracy: 97.40%
               16/30 [03:32<02:59, 12.84s/it]
Epoch [16/30], Loss: 0.0793, Accuracy: 98.13%
               | 17/30 [03:45<02:48, 12.93s/it]
57%
Epoch [17/30], Loss: 0.0550, Accuracy: 98.66%
             | 18/30 [03:58<02:34, 12.85s/it]
Epoch [18/30], Loss: 0.0440, Accuracy: 98.82%
              | 19/30 [04:10<02:20, 12.76s/it]
Epoch [19/30], Loss: 0.0373, Accuracy: 98.99%
              20/30 [04:24<02:09, 12.94s/it]
Epoch [20/30], Loss: 0.0289, Accuracy: 99.16%
70% 21/30 [04:36<01:55, 12.85s/it]
Epoch [21/30], Loss: 0.0243, Accuracy: 99.39%
              | 22/30 [04:49<01:43, 12.95s/it]
Epoch [22/30], Loss: 0.0211, Accuracy: 99.46%
77% | 23/30 [05:02<01:29, 12.80s/it]
Epoch [23/30], Loss: 0.0153, Accuracy: 99.62%
80% 24/30 [05:14<01:16, 12.73s/it]
Epoch [24/30], Loss: 0.0105, Accuracy: 99.74%
83% | 25/30 [05:28<01:04, 12.90s/it]
Epoch [25/30], Loss: 0.0073, Accuracy: 99.82%
87% 26/30 [05:40<00:51, 12.78s/it]
Epoch [26/30], Loss: 0.0055, Accuracy: 99.85%
             [ 27/30 [05:54<00:38, 12.99s/it]
```

```
Epoch [27/30], Loss: 0.0039, Accuracy: 99.89%
 93%| 28/30 [06:06<00:25, 12.86s/it]
Epoch [28/30], Loss: 0.0024, Accuracy: 99.94%
 97%| 29/30 [06:19<00:12, 12.83s/it]
Epoch [29/30], Loss: 0.0016, Accuracy: 99.96%
100%| 30/30 [06:33<00:00, 13.11s/it]
Epoch [30/30], Loss: 0.0011, Accuracy: 99.97%
Evaluating
In [27]:
model.eval()
with torch.no_grad():
   test_outputs = model(X_test)
    _, predicted = torch.max(test_outputs, 1)
    correct = (predicted == y_test).sum().item()
    test_accuracy = correct / len(y_test) * 100.0
    test_loss = criterion(test_outputs, y_test)
print(f'Test Accuracy: {test_accuracy:.2f}%')
print(f'Test Loss: {test loss:.2f}%')
Test Accuracy: 99.21%
Test Loss: 0.04%
```

## **Deep learning modules Fake News Detection**

## **Abstract:**

- ➤ This module explores advanced techniques, specifically deep learning models, for improving the accuracy of fake news detection. It provides an abstract class, Advanced Fake News Detection, which defines methods for loading data, preprocessing data, training a model, making predictions, and evaluating the model's performance.
- Additionally, a concrete implementation of the abstract class called LSTM Fake News Detection is provided. This class extends Advanced Fake News Detection and utilizes an LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory) model for fake news detection.

- ➤ The LSTM Fake News Detection class loads data from a CSV file, preprocesses it by splitting it into train and test sets, vectorizes the text data using TF-IDF, and pads sequences for LSTM input. It then builds a Keras LSTM model, compiles it, and trains it on the training data.
- ➤ The predict method of the LSTM Fake News Detection class makes predictions using the trained model on the test data. The evaluate method calculates the accuracy of the model's predictions.
- ➤ To use this module, a CSV file containing fake news data needs to be provided, and the code needs to be modified accordingly.

#### **PROGRAM & OUTPUT:**

```
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
import tensorflow as tf
import re
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.text import
Tokenizer
import tensorflow as tf
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score,
confusion_matrix, precision_score, recall_score
import seaborn as sns
plt.style.use('ggplot')
```

## Read the data

```
fake_df = pd.read_csvfake_df = pd.read_csv('fake-and-
real-news-dataset/Fake.csv')
real_df = pd.read_csv('fake-and-real-news-
dataset/True.csv')
```

## fake\_df.head(10)

	title	title	subject	Date
0	Donald Trump Sends Out Embarrassing New Year'	Donald Trump just couldn t wish all Americans	News	December 31, 2017
1	Drunk Bragging Trump Staffer Started Russian 	House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nu	News	December 31, 2017
2	Sheriff David Clarke Becomes An Internet Joke	On Friday, it was revealed that former Milwauk	News	December 30, 2017
3	Trump Is So Obsessed He Even Has Obama's Name	On Christmas day, Donald Trump announced that	News	December 29, 2017
4	Pope Francis Just Called Out Donald Trump Dur	Pope Francis used his annual Christmas Day mes	News	December 25, 2017
5	Racist Alabama Cops Brutalize Black Boy While	The number of cases of cops brutalizing and ki	News	December 25, 2017

	title	title	subject	Date
6	Fresh Off The Golf Course, Trump Lashes Out A	Donald Trump spent a good portion of his day a	News	December 23, 2017
7	Trump Said Some INSANELY Racist Stuff Inside	In the wake of yet another court decision that	News	December 23, 2017
8	Former CIA Director Slams Trump Over UN Bully	Many people have raised the alarm regarding th	News	December 22, 2017
9	WATCH: Brand-New Pro-Trump Ad Features So Muc	Just when you might have thought we d get a br	News	December 21, 2017

## **Fake News Detection**

## Importing Libraries

```
In [1]:
```

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report
import re
import string
```

# **Importing Dataset**

```
In [2]:

df_fake = pd.read_csv("../input/fake-news-
detection/Fake.csv")

df_true = pd.read_csv("../input/fake-news-
detection/True.csv")

In [3]:

df_fake.head()
Out[3]:
```

	Title	Text	subject	Date
0	Donald Trump Sends Out Embarrassing New Year'	Donald Trump just couldn t wish all Americans	News	December 31, 2017
1	Drunk Bragging Trump Staffer Started Russian	House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nu	News	December 31, 2017
2	Sheriff David Clarke Becomes An Internet Joke	On Friday, it was revealed that former Milwauk	News	December 30, 2017

	Title	Text	subject	Date
3	Trump Is So Obsessed He Even Has Obama's Name	On Christmas day, Donald Trump announced that	News	December 29, 2017
4	Pope Francis Just Called Out Donald Trump Dur	Pope Francis used his annual Christmas Day mes	News	December 25, 2017

In [4]:

df\_true.head(5)
Out[4]:

	Title	text	subject	Date
0	As U.S. budget fight looms, Republicans flip t	WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The head of a conservat	politicsNews	December 31, 2017
1	U.S. military to accept transgender	WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Transgender people	politicsNews	December 29, 2017

	Title	text	subject	Date
	recruits o	will		
2	Senior U.S. Republican senator: 'Let Mr. Muell	WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The special counsel inv	politicsNews	December 31, 2017
3	FBI Russia probe helped by Australian diplomat	WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Trump campaign adviser	politicsNews	December 30, 2017
4	Trump wants Postal Service to charge 'much mor	SEATTLE/WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Donal	politicsNews	December 29, 2017

➤ Inserting a column "class" as target feature

```
In [5]:
df_fake["class"] = 0
```

```
df true["class"] = 1
In [6]:
df fake.shape, df true.shape
Out[6]:
((23481, 5), (21417, 5))
In [7]:
# Removing last 10 rows for manual testing
df fake manual testing = df fake.tail(10)
for i in range(23480,23470,-1):
    df fake.drop([i], axis = 0, inplace = True)
df true manual testing = df true.tail(10)
for i in range(21416,21406,-1):
    df true.drop([i], axis = 0, inplace = True)
In [8]:
df fake.shape, df true.shape
Out[8]:
((23471, 5), (21407, 5))
In [9]:
df fake manual testing["class"] = 0
df true manual testing["class"] = 1
In [10]:
df fake manual testing.head(10)
Out[10]:
                                    subject
      Title
                                                    class
                    text
                                            Date
```

	Title	text	subject	Date	class
23471	Seven Iranians freed in the prisoner swap have	21st Century Wire says This week, the historic	Middle- east	January 20, 2016	0
23472	#Hashtag Hell & The Fake Left	By Dady Chery and Gilbert MercierAll writers	Middle- east	January 19, 2016	0
23473	Astroturfing: Journalist Reveals Brainwashing	Vic Bishop Waking TimesOur reality is carefull	Middle- east	January 19, 2016	0
23474	The New American Century: An Era of Fraud	Paul Craig RobertsIn the last years of the 20t	Middle- east	January 19, 2016	0
23475	Hillary Clinton: 'Israel First' (and no peace	Robert Fantina Counterpunch Although the	Middle- east	January 18,	0

	Title	text	subject	Date	class
		United		2016	
23476	McPain: John McCain Furious That Iran Treated	21st Century Wire says As 21WIRE reported earl	Middle- east	January 16, 2016	0
23477	JUSTICE? Yahoo Settles E-mail Privacy Class- ac	21st Century Wire says It s a familiar theme	Middle- east	January 16, 2016	0
23478	Sunnistan: US and Allied 'Safe Zone' Plan to T	Patrick Henningsen 21st Century WireRemember	Middle- east	January 15, 2016	0
23479	How to Blow \$700 Million: Al Jazeera America F	21st Century Wire says Al Jazeera America will	Middle- east	January 14, 2016	0

	Title	text	subject	Date	class
23480	10 U.S. Navy Sailors Held by Iranian Military 	21st Century Wire says As 21WIRE predicted in	Middle- east	January 12, 2016	0

In [11]:

df\_true\_manual\_testing.head(10)
Out[11]:

	Title	text	subject	Date	class
21407	Mata Pires, owner of embattled Brazil builder 	SAO PAULO (Reuters) - Cesar Mata Pires, the ow	worldnews	August 22, 2017	1
21408	U.S., North Korea clash at U.N. forum over nuc	GENEVA (Reuters) - North Korea and the United	worldnews	August 22, 2017	1

	Title	text	subject	Date	class
21409	U.S., North Korea clash at U.N. arms forum on	GENEVA (Reuters) - North Korea and the United	worldnews	August 22, 2017	1
21410	Headless torso could belong to submarine journ	COPENHAGEN (Reuters) - Danish police said on T	worldnews	August 22, 2017	1
21411	North Korea shipments to Syria chemical arms a	UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) - Two North Korean sh	worldnews	August 21, 2017	1
21412	'Fully committed' NATO backs new U.S. approach	BRUSSELS (Reuters) - NATO allies on Tuesday we	worldnews	August 22, 2017	1

	Title	text	subject	Date	class
21413	LexisNexis withdrew two products from Chinese	LONDON (Reuters) - LexisNexis, a provider of l	worldnews	August 22, 2017	1
21414	Minsk cultural hub becomes haven from authorities	MINSK (Reuters) - In the shadow of disused Sov	worldnews	August 22, 2017	1
21415	Vatican upbeat on possibility of Pope Francis	MOSCOW (Reuters) - Vatican Secretary of State	worldnews	August 22, 2017	1
21416	Indonesia to buy \$1.14 billion worth of Russia	JAKARTA (Reuters) - Indonesia will buy 11 Sukh	worldnews	August 22, 2017	1

In [12]:

```
df_manual_testing =
pd.concat([df_fake_manual_testing,df_true_manual_test
ing], axis = 0)
df_manual_testing.to_csv("manual_testing.csv")

# Merging True and Fake Dataframes
In [13]:
df_merge = pd.concat([df_fake, df_true], axis =0)
df_merge.head(10)
Out[13]:
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	Title	text	subject	Date	class
0	Donald Trump Sends Out Embarrassing New Year'	Donald Trump just couldn t wish all Americans	News	December 31, 2017	0
1	Drunk Bragging Trump Staffer Started Russian	House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nu	News	December 31, 2017	0
2	Sheriff David Clarke Becomes An	On Friday, it was revealed that former	News	December 30, 2017	0

	Title	text	subject	Date	class
	Internet Joke	Milwauk			
3	Trump Is So Obsessed He Even Has Obama's Name	On Christmas day, Donald Trump announced that	News	December 29, 2017	0
4	Pope Francis Just Called Out Donald Trump Dur	Pope Francis used his annual Christmas Day mes	News	December 25, 2017	0
5	Racist Alabama Cops Brutalize Black Boy While	The number of cases of cops brutalizing and ki	News	December 25, 2017	0
6	Fresh Off The Golf Course, Trump Lashes Out A	Donald Trump spent a good portion of his day a	News	December 23, 2017	0

	Title	text	subject	Date	class
7	Trump Said Some INSANELY Racist Stuff Inside	In the wake of yet another court decision that	News	December 23, 2017	0
8	Former CIA Director Slams Trump Over UN Bully	Many people have raised the alarm regarding th	News	December 22, 2017	0
9	WATCH: Brand- New Pro-Trump Ad Features So Muc	Just when you might have thought we d get a br	News	December 21, 2017	0

	Text	class
5099	During a live CNN interview with Rudy Giuliani	0
1345	ANKARA (Reuters) - Turkey urged the United Sta	1
20864	The attitudes of the family members defending	0
971	WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Charges brought against	1

	Text	class
21217	The jurors in the Freddie Gray case were deadl	0

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In [19]:
df.reset_index(inplace = True)
df.drop(["index"], axis = 1, inplace = True)
In [20]:
df.columns
Out[20]:
Index(['text', 'class'], dtype='object')
In [21]:
df.head()
Out[21]:
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	Text	class
0	During a live CNN interview with Rudy Giuliani	0
1	ANKARA (Reuters) - Turkey urged the United Sta	1
2	The attitudes of the family members defending	0

	Text	class
3	WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Charges brought against	1
4	The jurors in the Freddie Gray case were deadl	0

Creating a function to process the texts

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In [22]:
def wordopt(text):
    text = text.lower()
    text = re.sub('\[.*?\]', '', text)
    text = re.sub("\\W"," ",text)
    text = re.sub('https?://\S+|www\.\S+', '', text)
    text = re.sub('<.*?>+', '', text)
    text = re.sub('[%s]' %
re.escape(string.punctuation), '', text)
    text = re.sub('\n', '', text)
    text = re.sub('\w*\d\w*', '', text)
    return text
In [23]:
df["text"] = df["text"].apply(wordopt)
    Defining dependent and independent variables
In [24]:
x = df["text"]
y = df["class"]
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Splitting Training and Testing
In [25]:
x train, x test, y train, y test =
train test split(x, y, test size=0.25)
        Convert text to vectors
In [26]:
from sklearn.feature extraction.text import
TfidfVectorizer
vectorization = TfidfVectorizer()
xv train = vectorization.fit transform(x train)
xv test = vectorization.transform(x_test)
        ➤ Logistic Regression
In [27]:
from sklearn.linear model import LogisticRegression
LR = LogisticRegression()
LR.fit(xv_train,y_train)
Out[27]:
LogisticRegression()
In [28]:
pred lr=LR.predict(xv test)
In [29]:
LR.score(xv_test, y_test)
Out[29]:
0.9885026737967915
In [30]:
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#### print(classification report(y test, pred lr)) precision recall f1-score support 0 0.99 0.99 0.99 5853 0.99 0.99 0.99 1 5367 0.99 accuracy 11220 macro avg 0.99 0.99 0.99 11220 weighted avg 0.99 0.99 0.99 11220 Decision Tree Classification In [31]: from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier DT = DecisionTreeClassifier() DT.fit(xv train, y train) Out[31]: DecisionTreeClassifier() In [32]: pred dt = DT.predict(xv test) In [33]: DT.score(xv test, y test) Out[33]: 0.996524064171123 In [34]: print(classification\_report(y\_test, pred\_dt)) precision recall f1-score support 1.00 1.00 1.00 0 5853

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	adientBoost kv_train, y	•	fier(randor	n_state=0	)
GradientE In [36]:	BoostingCla	assifier(r	andom_state	2=0)	
<pre>pred_gbc In [37]:</pre>	= GBC.pred	dict(xv_te	st)		
GBC.score Out[37]:	e(xv_test,	y_test)			
0.9959893 In [38]:	3048128342				
print(cla			y_test, pro ecall f1-	· ·	upport

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accuracy

macro avg

weighted avg

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Random Forest Classifier
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In [39]:
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
RFC = RandomForestClassifier(random state=0)
RFC.fit(xv_train, y_train)
Out[39]:
RandomForestClassifier(random state=0)
In [40]:
pred rfc = RFC.predict(xv test)
In [41]:
RFC.score(xv_test, y_test)
Out[41]:
0.9941176470588236
In [42]:
print(classification_report(y_test, pred_rfc))
              precision
                           recall f1-score
                                               support
           0
                   0.99
                             1.00
                                        0.99
                                                  5853
                   1.00
                             0.99
                                        0.99
           1
                                                  5367
                                        0.99
                                                 11220
    accuracy
                                        0.99
   macro avg
                   0.99
                             0.99
                                                 11220
weighted avg
                             0.99
                                        0.99
                   0.99
                                                 11220
        Model Testing
In [43]:
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def output lable(n):

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if n == 0:
        return "Fake News"
    elif n == 1:
        return "Not A Fake News"
def manual testing(news):
    testing news = {"text":[news]}
    new def test = pd.DataFrame(testing news)
    new def test["text"] =
new def test["text"].apply(wordopt)
    new x test = new def test["text"]
    new xv test = vectorization.transform(new x test)
    pred LR = LR.predict(new xv test)
    pred DT = DT.predict(new xv test)
    pred GBC = GBC.predict(new xv test)
    pred RFC = RFC.predict(new xv test)
    return print("\n\nLR Prediction: {} \nDT
Prediction: {} \nGBC Prediction: {} \nRFC Prediction:
{}".format(output lable(pred LR[0]),
output lable(pred DT[0]),
output lable(pred GBC[∅]),
output_lable(pred_RFC[0])))
In [44]:
news = str(input())
manual testing(news)
BRUSSELS (Reuters) - NATO allies on Tuesday welcomed
President Donald Trump s decision to commit more
forces to Afghanistan, as part of a new U.S. strategy
he said would require more troops and funding from
America s partners. Having run for the White House
last year on a pledge to withdraw swiftly from
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Afghanistan, Trump reversed course on Monday and promised a stepped-up military campaign against Taliban insurgents, saying: Our troops will fight to win . U.S. officials said he had signed off on plans to send about 4,000 more U.S. troops to add to the roughly 8,400 now deployed in Afghanistan. But his speech did not define benchmarks for successfully ending the war that began with the U.S.-led invasion of Afghanistan in 2001, and which he acknowledged had required an extraordinary sacrifice of blood and treasure. We will ask our NATO allies and global partners to support our new strategy, with additional troops and funding increases in line with our own. We are confident they will, Trump said. That comment signaled he would further increase pressure on U.S. partners who have already been jolted by his repeated demands to step up their contributions to NATO and his description of the alliance as obsolete - even though, since taking office, he has said this is no longer the case. NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said in a statement: NATO remains fully committed to Afghanistan and I am looking forward to discussing the way ahead with (Defense) Secretary (James) Mattis and our Allies and international partners. NATO has 12,000 troops in Afghanistan, and 15 countries have pledged more, Stoltenberg said. Britain, a leading NATO member, called the U.S. commitment very welcome . In my call with Secretary Mattis yesterday we agreed that despite the challenges, we have to stay the course in Afghanistan to help build up its fragile democracy and reduce the terrorist threat to the West, Defence Secretary Michael Fallon said. Germany, which has borne the brunt of Trump s criticism over the scale of its

defense spending, also welcomed the new U.S. plan. Our continued commitment is necessary on the path to stabilizing the country, a government spokeswoman said. In June, European allies had already pledged more troops but had not given details on numbers, waiting for the Trump administration to outline its strategy for the region. Nearly 16 years after the U.S.-led invasion - a response to the Sept. 11 attacks which were planned by al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden from Afghanistan - the country is still struggling with weak central government and a Taliban insurgency. Trump said he shared the frustration of the American people who were weary of war without victory, but a hasty withdrawal would create a vacuum for groups like Islamic State and al Qaeda to fill.

LR Prediction: Not A Fake News
DT Prediction: Not A Fake News
GBC Prediction: Not A Fake News
RFC Prediction: Not A Fake News
In [45]:
news = str(input())
manual testing(news)

Vic Bishop Waking TimesOur reality is carefully constructed by powerful corporate, political and special interest sources in order to covertly sway public opinion. Blatant lies are often televised regarding terrorism, food, war, health, etc. They are fashioned to sway public opinion and condition viewers to accept what have become destructive societal norms. The practice of manipulating and

controlling public opinion with distorted media messages has become so common that there is a whole industry formed around this. The entire role of this brainwashing industry is to figure out how to spin information to journalists, similar to the lobbying of government. It is never really clear just how much truth the journalists receive because the news industry has become complacent. The messages that it presents are shaped by corporate powers who often spend millions on advertising with the six conglomerates that own 90% of the media:General Electric (GE), News-Corp, Disney, Viacom, Time Warner, and CBS. Yet, these corporations function under many different brands, such as FOX, ABC, CNN, Comcast, Wall Street Journal, etc, giving people the perception of choice As Tavistock s researchers showed, it was important that the victims of mass brainwashing not be aware that their environment was being controlled; there should thus be a vast number of sources for information, whose messages could be varied slightly, so as to mask the sense of external control. ~ Specialist of mass brainwashing, L. WolfeNew Brainwashing Tactic Called AstroturfWith alternative media on the rise, the propaganda machine continues to expand. Below is a video of Sharyl Attkisson, investigative reporter with CBS, during which she explains how astroturf, or fake grassroots movements, are used to spin information not only to influence journalists but to sway public opinion. Astroturf is a perversion of grassroots. Astroturf is when political, corporate or other special interests disguise themselves and publish blogs, start facebook and twitter accounts, publish ads, letters to the editor, or simply post comments

online, to try to fool you into thinking an independent or grassroots movement is speaking. ~ Sharyl Attkisson, Investigative ReporterHow do you separate fact from fiction? Sharvl Attkisson finishes her talk with some insights on how to identify signs of propaganda and astroturfing These methods are used to give people the impression that there is widespread support for an agenda, when, in reality, one may not exist. Astroturf tactics are also used to discredit or criticize those that disagree with certain agendas, using stereotypical names such as conspiracy theorist or quack. When in fact when someone dares to reveal the truth or questions the official story, it should spark a deeper curiosity and encourage further scrutiny of the information. This article (Journalist Reveals Tactics Brainwashing Industry Uses to Manipulate the Public) was originally created and published by Waking Times and is published here under a Creative Commons license with attribution to Vic Bishop and WakingTimes.com. It may be re-posted freely with proper attribution, author bio, and this copyright statement. READ MORE MSM PROPAGANDA NEWS AT: 21st Century Wire MSM Watch Files

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LR Prediction: Fake News
DT Prediction: Fake News
GBC Prediction: Fake News
RFC Prediction: Fake News
In [46]:
news = str(input())
manual testing(news)
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SAO PAULO (Reuters) - Cesar Mata Pires, the owner and co-founder of Brazilian engineering conglomerate OAS SA, one of the largest companies involved in Brazil s corruption scandal, died on Tuesday. He was 68. Mata Pires died of a heart attack while taking a morning walk in an upscale district of S o Paulo, where OAS is based, a person with direct knowledge of the matter said. Efforts to contact his family were unsuccessful. OAS declined to comment. The son of a wealthy cattle rancher in the northeastern state of Bahia, Mata Pires links to politicians were central to the expansion of OAS, which became Brazil s No. 4 builder earlier this decade, people familiar with his career told Reuters last year. His big break came when he befriended Antonio Carlos Magalh es, a popular politician who was Bahia governor several times, and eventually married his daughter Tereza. Brazilians joked that OAS stood for Obras Arranjadas pelo Sogro - or Work Arranged by the Father-In-Law. After years of steady growth triggered by a flurry of massive government contracts, OAS was ensnared in Operation Car Wash which unearthed an illegal contracting ring between state firms and builders. The ensuing scandal helped topple former Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff last year. Trained as an engineer, Mata Pires founded OAS with two colleagues in 1976 to do sub-contracting work for larger rival Odebrecht SA - the biggest of the builders involved in the probe. Before the scandal, Forbes magazine estimated Mata Pires fortune at \$1.6 billion. He dropped off the magazine s billionaire list in 2015, months after OAS sought bankruptcy protection after the Car Wash scandal. While Mata Pires was never accused of wrongdoing in the investigations,

creditors demanded he and his family stay away from the builder s day-to-day operations, people directly involved in the negotiations told Reuters at the time. He is survived by his wife and his two sons.

LR Prediction: Not A Fake News DT Prediction: Not A Fake News GBC Prediction: Not A Fake News RFC Prediction: Not A Fake News

## Fake News Detection using LSTM based deep learning approach

### > Abstract:

The identification of false information has become a critical concern in the modern era of technology, as the ready availability of information and widespread utilization of social media platforms have accelerated the dissemination of inaccurate news. The ability to accurately identify false news can help to mitigate the negative effects of misinformation, such as public confusion, political polarization, and potential harm to public health and safety. This paper presents a comprehensive review of ML and DL based approaches for fake news detection. Our review provides insights and guidance for researchers and practitioners interested in developing effective fake news detection systems using ML and DL approaches. News reporters often need to verify authenticity of news stories before publishing or reporting them. By utilizing fake news detection models, reporters can filter out fake news and focus on reporting accurate and reliable information.

## > Introduction:

This research investigates the application of ML and DL algorithms in detecting fake news. The study initially explores the characteristics of

fake news and the challenges of detecting it. Then, it presents an overview of ML algorithms and their application to fake news detection. The study evaluates performance of several algorithms on a dataset of real and fake news articles. Results specify that ML algorithms cannot effectively distinguish between real and fake news articles with the high accuracy. As such, we put forth a deep learning methodology that uses LSTM neural networks for identifying false news. The proposed approach takes the textual content of news articles as input and utilizes an LSTM architecture to capture the temporal dependencies of the text. The proposed LSTM-based model is trained on a dataset of news articles from Kaggle and achieved an accuracy of 94% in detecting fake news. This performance is a significant improvement over previous approaches for fake news detection.

The proposed approach is beneficial in real world scenarios where there is a high volume of news articles to analyse. It can also be useful for social media platforms to detect and remove fake news from their networks. Model's ability to capture the temporal dependencies of the text is especially relevant in the context of news articles, where the order of the words and phrases can significantly impact the article's meaning. Our study contributes to the ongoing efforts in combatting the spread of misinformation and highlights the potential of DL approaches in detecting fake news. Proposed LSTM-based model is a promising tool for identifying fake news, and it can also be extended to other domains, such as social media posts and online reviews, where fake or malicious content can also spread. By deploying the proposed model in real-world applications, we can help users make informed decisions and reduce the impact of fake news. Overall, this study highlights potential of DL approaches in detecting false news and contributes to the ongoing efforts in combatting the spread of misinformation in digital media.

## Methodology:

The methodology is commonly utilized for the purpose of identifying fake news, as it consists of a compilation of news articles accompanied by labels that indicate whether the news is genuine or fraudulent. With this data, machine learning models can be trained to recognize patterns in the text and make predictions about the authenticity of news articles. The dataset has been compiled from several reliable sources such as Politico, NPR, CNN, and Reuters. It is well-curated, and the sources are trusted news outlets. The dataset contains a mix of news articles from different categories, including politics, business, and entertainment, among others

## > Import necessary libraries:

The code begins by importing the required libraries, including pandas for data manipulation, seaborn and matplotlib for visualization of data, and various modules from nltk for text preprocessing.

## > Load and preprocess the data:

The news data is loaded from a CSV file using the pandas library. The 'title' column is dropped from the data, and the remaining columns are checked for any missing values. The 'text' column is then preprocessed using the preprocess\_text() function, which performs text cleaning, tokenization, and stopword removal.

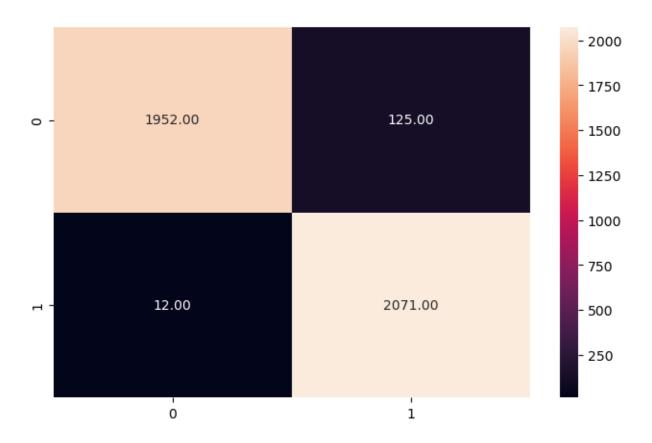
#### > Generate word clouds:

Word clouds are generated for both the 'REAL' and 'FAKE' labels using the Word Cloud library. Word clouds are visual representations of the most frequently occurring words in a text, with word size indicating word frequency. These word clouds provide a visual summary of most common words in the news articles for each label.

## > Analyze stop words:

The most common words from the news articles are analyzed using get\_top\_n\_words() function, which uses CountVectorizer to convert text data into a bag of words representation and calculates the word frequencies. A bar chart is then plotted to display the top words and their frequencies.

➤ Train and evaluate ML models: Sklearn.model\_selection's train\_test\_split() is used to partition the data into training and testing sets.. The text data is vectorized using TfidfVectorizer, and two ML models, Logistic Regression and Decision Tree Classifier, are trained and evaluated using accuracy\_score. The Confusion Matrix is also plotted to visualize performance of Decision Tree Classifier



We noticed, Machine learning algorithms can use previous data during training to learn patterns, but they do not inherently have built-in memory to explicitly store and recall previous data points during prediction, which is a capability that deep learning models, specifically designed for sequential data. So, we implemented the LSTM model in order to increase the performance of fake news detection system. LSTM models can capture long-term dependencies and patterns in sequential

data, making them suitable for text classification tasks like news classification. LSTM models can be implemented using deep learning libraries such as Keras or PyTorch. The code trains an LSTM model on a dataset consisting of news articles that are labeled to indicate their authenticity (real or fake). The code follows following series of steps:

**Load and preprocess the dataset:** The news dataset is loaded from a CSV file and only the first 1000 rows are used. The null values are dropped and the index is reset. The label column is converted to binary values, 1 represents real news and 0 represents false news.

**Divide the data into training dataset and testing dataset:** The data is allocated into 80% for training and 20% for testing

## Tokenize and pad the text data:

Tokenization is the process of converting text into numerical data which the neural network can process. The text is tokenized using Keras Tokenizer class and then padded to ensure that all sequences have the same length.

### **Define the LSTM model architecture:**

To define the model, a Keras Sequential model is utilized. The initial layer is an embedding layer that maps the tokenized text into a dense vector. Following this, a bidirectional LSTM layer is implemented to capture the contextual information of the text. To increase the nonlinearity of the model, a dense layer with ReLU activation function is included. Finally, a dense layer with sigmoid activation function is added to produce a binary output that indicates whether the news is real or fake. • Deciding the value of epoch: We started by defining a maximum number of epochs that we wanted to allow for training. • Update epoch: We checked if the current accuracy meets the desired threshold. If it did, we finalized the current epoch value.

**Compile the model**: Binary cross-entropy loss function along with Adam optimizer and accuracy metric are used to compile the model.

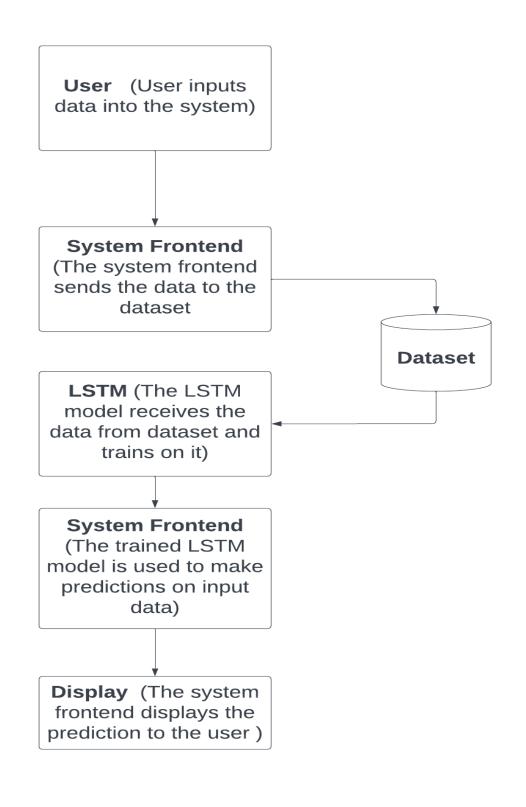
**Train the model**: The training set is used to train the model for a specified number of epochs.

**Evaluate the model:** The model's loss and accuracy of predictions are assessed to evaluate its performance.

**. Save the trained model:** The trained model is saved in a file with a .h5 extension.

**Load the trained model:** The saved model is loaded back into memory. **Make predictions on new data:** The loaded model is used to make predictions on new data, such as text. Text is tokenized and padded before being passed to the model. The output is a binary value indicating whether the result is true or false.

Flowcharts and chart of model:



Architecture of System:

Import necessary libraries (Import reguired Python libraries including numpy, pandas and tensorflow) Load and preprocess dataset (Load the dataset from csv file, remove missing values and convert 'label' column into binary 0/1 values) Split data into train and test (Split dataset into training and testing sets using an 80/20 split) Tokenize and pad the text data (Pad the sequences to ensure they are all of same length) Define the LSTM model (Create a sequential model from keras and add an Embedding layer, Bidirectional LSTM layer, a Dense layer, and a final Dense layer with a sigmoid activation function) Compile the model (Compile the model using binary cross entropy as the loss function, the Adam optimizer, and accuracy as the evaluation metric) Train the model (Train the model on training data for specified no of epochs, using the validation data to monitor model's performance) Evaluate the model (Evaluate model on test data to assess its accuracy) Save the trained model (Save the trained model to a file for later use) Load the trained model (Load the trained model from saved file) Make predictions on new data (Tokenize and pad new text data

and use loaded model to predict whether news is real or fake)

**Results:** The study aimed to develop a fake news detection system using various machine learning (ML) algorithms and a deep learning model, Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM). The study utilized a dataset consisting of news articles labeled as real or fake to train and evaluate the models. The following ML algorithms were Regression, Random Forest, Multinomial Naive Bayes, and K-Nearest Neighbors Classifier. The models were evaluated based on their training and testing accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, true negative rate, and false positive rate. The LSTM model was also implemented and evaluated. The Decision Tree and Random Forest models showed 100% training accuracy, indicating that they overfit the data. The Logistic Regression model showed the highest testing accuracy of 0.9122, followed by the Random Forest model with 0.8907. The Multinomial Naive Bayes and K-Nearest Neighbors Classifier models showed lower testing accuracies of 0.7941 and 0.7468, respectively. These results suggest that Logistic Regression and Random Forest are better suited for fake news detection than the other ML algorithms tested in this study. Figure 1 illustrates the confusion matrix of the Decision Tree Classifier. It provides a visual representation of the model's true positives (TP), true negatives (TN), false positives (FP), and false negatives (FN) counts. The model correctly identified 659 real news articles and 628 fake news articles. However, it misclassified 90 real news articles as fake news and 103 fake news articles as real news. The LSTM model was trained on the same dataset as the ML algorithms. The dataset was

preprocessed by tokenizing and padding the text data. The LSTM model showed an accuracy of 0.8667 on the testing set. The LSTM model outperformed the Multinomial Naive Bayes and K-Nearest Neighbors Classifier models in terms of testing accuracy. The results suggest that the LSTM model has potential for use in fake news detection.

## **Load and Preprocess Dataset for Fake News Detection**

#### **Introduction:**

- Provide a brief overview of the project, including the goals and objectives.
- ➤ Discuss the importance of fake news detection and the role that machine learning can play in this task.
- ➤ Introduce the dataset that will be used in the project.

# **Data Loading:**

- Describe how the dataset was loaded into the Python environment.
- > Explain any data cleaning steps that were performed.

# **Text Preprocessing:**

- Describe how the text in each news article was preprocessed.
- > Explain the rationale for each preprocessing step.

#### **Vectorization:**

- ➤ Describe how the text in each news article was converted to a vector of word frequencies.
- Explain the rationale for using the bag-of-words approach.
- Splitting the Dataset into Training and Testing Sets
- ➤ Describe how the dataset was split into training and testing sets.
- Explain the importance of using a separate testing set to evaluate the model.

#### **PROGRAM & OUTPUT:**

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import itertools
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.linear_model import PassiveAggressiveClassifier
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, confusion_matrix
import string as st
import re
import nltk
from nltk import PorterStemmer, WordNetLemmatizer
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import os
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```
for dirname, _, filenames in os.walk('input of fake data set'):
    for filename in filenames:
        print(os.path.join(dirname, filename))
import numpy as np # linear algebra
import pandas as pd # data processing, CSV file I/O (e.g. pd.read_csv)
import itertools
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.linear_model import PassiveAggressiveClassifier
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, confusion_matrix
import string as st
import re
import nltk
from nltk import PorterStemmer, WordNetLemmatizer
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import os
for dirname, _, filenames in os.walk('/kaggle/input'):
    for filename in filenames:
        print(os.path.join(dirname, filename))
In [2]:
data = pd.read_csv('../input/textdb3/fake_or_real_news.csv')
data.shape
Out[2]:
(6335, 4)
In [3]:
data.head()
```

Out[3]:

	Unnamed:	title	text	label
0	8476	You Can Smell Hillary's Fear	Daniel Greenfield, a Shillman Journalism Fello	FAKE
1	10294	Watch The Exact Moment Paul Ryan Committed Pol	Google Pinterest Digg Linkedin Reddit Stumbleu	FAKE
2	3608	Kerry to go to Paris in gesture of sympathy	U.S. Secretary of State John F. Kerry said Mon	REAL
3	10142	Bernie supporters on Twitter erupt in anger ag	— Kaydee King (@KaydeeKing) November 9, 2016 T	FAKE

	Unnamed:	title	text	label
4	875	The Battle of New York: Why This Primary Matters	It's primary day in New York and front-runners	REAL

```
In [4]:
# Check how the labels are distributed
print(np.unique(data['label']))
print(np.unique(data['label'].value_counts()))
['FAKE' 'REAL']
[3164 3171]
```

#### Text cleaning and processing steps-

- Remove punctuations
- Convert text to tokens
- Remove tokens of length less than or equal to 3
- Remove stopwords using NLTK corpus stopwords list to match
- Apply lemmatization
- Convert words to feature vectors

```
In [5]:
# Remove all punctuations from the text

def remove_punct(text):
    return ("".join([ch for ch in text if ch not in st.punctuation]))

In [6]:
data['removed_punc'] = data['text'].apply(lambda x: remove_punct(x))
data.head()
```

#### Out[6]:

	Unnamed:	title	text	label	removed_punc
0	8476	You Can Smell Hillary's Fear	Daniel Greenfield, a Shillman Journalism Fello	FAKE	Daniel Greenfield a Shillman Journalism Fellow
1	10294	Watch The Exact Moment Paul Ryan Committed Pol	Google Pinterest Digg Linkedin Reddit Stumbleu	FAKE	Google Pinterest Digg Linkedin Reddit Stumbleu

	Unnamed:	title	text	label	removed_punc
2	3608	Kerry to go to Paris in gesture of sympathy	U.S. Secretary of State John F. Kerry said Mon	REAL	US Secretary of State John F Kerry said Monday
3	10142	Bernie supporters on Twitter erupt in anger ag	— Kaydee King (@KaydeeKing) November 9, 2016 T	FAKE	— Kaydee King KaydeeKing November 9 2016 The l
4	875	The Battle of New York: Why This Primary Matters	It's primary day in New York and front-runners	REAL	Its primary day in New York and frontrunners H

In [7]:
''' Convert text to lower case tokens. Here, split() is applied on white-spaces. But, it could be applied

on special characters, tabs or any other string based on which text is to be seperated into tokens.

```
def tokenize(text):
```

text = re.split('\s+' ,text) return [x.lower() for x in text]

#### In [8]:

data['tokens'] = data['removed\_punc'].apply(lambda msg : tokenize(msg)) data.head()

#### Out[8]:

	Unnamed:	title	text	label	removed_punc	tokens
0	8476	You Can Smell Hillary's Fear	Daniel Greenfield, a Shillman Journalism Fello	FAKE	Daniel Greenfield a Shillman Journalism Fellow	[daniel, greenfield, a, shillman, journalism,
1	10294	Watch The Exact Moment Paul Ryan Committed Pol	Google Pinterest Digg Linkedin Reddit Stumbleu	FAKE	Google Pinterest Digg Linkedin Reddit Stumbleu	[google, pinterest, digg, linkedin, reddit, st

	Unnamed:	title	le text la		removed_punc	tokens
2	3608	Kerry to go to Paris in gesture of sympathy	U.S. Secretary of State John F. Kerry said Mon	REAL	US Secretary of State John F Kerry said Monday	[us, secretary, of, state, john, f, kerry, sai
3	10142	Bernie supporters on Twitter erupt in anger ag	— Kaydee King (@KaydeeKing) November 9, 2016 T	FAKE	— Kaydee King KaydeeKing November 9 2016 The l	[—, kaydee, king, kaydeeking, november, 9, 201
4	875	The Battle of New York: Why This Primary Matters	It's primary day in New York and front-runners	REAL	Its primary day in New York and frontrunners H	[its, primary, day, in, new, york, and, frontr

#### In [9]:

# Remove tokens of length less than 3
def remove\_small\_words(text):
 return [x for x in text if len(x) > 3 ]

#### In [10]:

data['filtered\_tokens'] = data['tokens'].apply(lambda x : remove\_small\_words(x))
data.head()

#### Out[10]:

	ic[10].								
	Unnamed:	title	text	label	removed_punc	tokens	filtered_tokens		
0	8476	You Can Smell Hillary's Fear	Daniel Greenfield, a Shillman Journalism Fello	FAKE	Daniel Greenfield a Shillman Journalism Fellow	[daniel, greenfield, a, shillman, journalism,	[daniel, greenfield, shillman, journalism, fel		
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2	3608	Kerry to go to Paris in	U.S. Secretary of State John F. Kerry	REAL	US Secretary of State John F	[us, secretary, of, state, john,	[secretary, state, john, kerry, said,		

	Unnamed:	title	text	label	removed_punc	tokens	filtered_tokens
		gesture of sympathy	said Mon		Kerry said Monday	f, kerry, sai	monday,
3	10142	Bernie supporters on Twitter erupt in anger ag	— Kaydee King (@KaydeeKing) November 9, 2016 T	FAKE	— Kaydee King KaydeeKing November 9 2016 The l	[—, kaydee, king, kaydeeking, november, 9, 201	[kaydee, king, kaydeeking, november, 2016, les
4	875	The Battle of New York: Why This Primary Matters	It's primary day in New York and front-runners	REAL	Its primary day in New York and frontrunners H	[its, primary, day, in, new, york, and, frontr	[primary, york, frontrunners, hillary, clinton

```
In [11]:
    ''' Remove stopwords. Here, NLTK corpus list is used for a match. However, a
    customized user-defined
        List could be created and used to limit the matches in input text.
    '''

def remove_stopwords(text):
        return [word for word in text if word not in
    nltk.corpus.stopwords.words('english')]

In [12]:
data['clean_tokens'] = data['filtered_tokens'].apply(lambda x : remove_stopwords(x))
data.head()
```

Out[12]:

	10[12].							
	Unnamed:	title	text	label	removed_punc	tokens	filtered_tokens	clean_tokens
0	8476	You Can Smell Hillary's Fear	Daniel Greenfield, a Shillman Journalism Fello	FAKE	Daniel Greenfield a Shillman Journalism Fellow	[daniel, greenfield, a, shillman, journalism, 	[daniel, greenfield, shillman, journalism, fel	[daniel, greenfield, shillman, journalism, fel

	Unnamed:	title	text	label	removed_punc	tokens	filtered_tokens	clean_tokens
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3	10142	Bernie supporters on Twitter erupt in anger ag	— Kaydee King (@KaydeeKing) November 9, 2016 T	FAKE	— Kaydee King KaydeeKing November 9 2016 The l	[—, kaydee, king, kaydeeking, november, 9, 201	[kaydee, king, kaydeeking, november, 2016, les	[kaydee, king, kaydeeking, november, 2016, les
4	875	The Battle of New York: Why This Primary Matters	It's primary day in New York and front- runners	REAL	Its primary day in New York and frontrunners H	[its, primary, day, in, new, york, and, frontr	[primary, york, frontrunners, hillary, clinton	[primary, york, frontrunners, hillary, clinton

#### In [13]:

# Apply lemmatization on tokens

def lemmatize(text):

word\_net = WordNetLemmatizer()

return [word\_net.lemmatize(word) for word in text]

#### In [14]:

data['lemma\_words'] = data['clean\_tokens'].apply(lambda x : lemmatize(x))
data.head()

#### Out[14]:

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1	10294	Watch The Exact Moment Paul Ryan Committ ed Pol	Google Pinterest Digg Linkedin Reddit Stumbleu	FAK E	Google Pinterest Digg Linkedin Reddit Stumbleu	[google, pinterest, digg, linkedin, reddit, st	[google, pinterest, digg, linkedin, reddit, st	[google, pinterest, digg, linkedin, reddit, st	[google, pinterest, digg, linkedin, reddit, st
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4	875	The Battle of New York: Why This Primary Matters	It's primary day in New York and front- runners	REA L	Its primary day in New York and frontrunners H	[its, primary, day, in, new, york, and, frontr	[primary, york, frontrunners, hillary, clinton	[primary, york, frontrunne rs, hillary, clinton	[primary, york, frontrunner s, hillary, clinton

In [15]:
# Create sentences to get clean text as input for vectors

```
def return_sentences(tokens):
   return " ".join([word for word in tokens])
data['clean_text'] = data['lemma_words'].apply(lambda x : return_sentences(x))
data.head()
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import re
import nltk
df = pd.read_csv('fake_news_dataset.csv')
df.head()
df.shape
df.columns
df.dtypes
df['news'] = df['news'].apply(lambda x: re.sub(r'[^\w\s]', '', x))
df['news'] = df['news'].apply(lambda x: x.lower())
stopwords = nltk.corpus.stopwords.words('english')
df['news'] = df['news'].apply(lambda x: ' '.join([word for word in x.split() if
word not in stopwords]))
df['news'] = df['news'].apply(lambda x: ' '.join([word for word in x.split() if
len(word) > 2))
lemmatizer = nltk.WordNetLemmatizer()
df['news'] = df['news'].apply(lambda x: ' '.join([lemmatizer.lemmatize(word) for
word in x.split()]))
df.to csv('fake news preprocessed.csv', index=False)
```

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```
In [17]:
from wordcloud import WordCloud, ImageColorGenerator

text = " ".join([x for x in data['clean_text']])
wordcloud = WordCloud(max_font_size=30, max_words=1000).generate(text)

plt.figure(figsize= [20,10])
plt.imshow(wordcloud)
plt.axis("off")
plt.show()

In [18]:

data['label'] = [1 if x == 'FAKE' else 0 for x in data['label']]
data.head()
```

Out[18]:

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2	3608	Kerry to go to Paris in gesture of sympath y	U.S. Secretary of State John F. Kerry said Mon	0	US Secretary of State John F Kerry said Monday	[us, secretary, of, state, john, f, kerry, sai	[secretary, state, john, kerry, said, monday,	[secretary , state, john, kerry, said, monday, 	[secretary, state, john, kerry, said, monday,	secretary state john kerry said monday stop pa

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4	875	The Battle of New York: Why This Primary Matters	It's primary day in New York and front- runners	0	Its primary day in New York and frontrunner s H	[its, primary, day, in, new, york, and, frontr	[primary, york, frontrunner s, hillary, clinton	[primary, york, frontrunn ers, hillary, clinton	[primary, york, frontrunne rs, hillary, clinton	primary york frontrunn ers hillary clinton dona

In [19]:

```
X_train,X_test,y_train,y_test = train_test_split(data['clean_text'], data['label'],
test_size=0.2, random_state = 5)

print(X_train.shape)
print(X_test.shape)
(5068,)
(1267,)
```

#### **TF-IDF**: Term Frequency - Inverse Document Frequency

The term frequency is the number of times a term occurs in a document. Inverse document frequency is an inverse function of the number of documents in which that a given word occurs.

The product of these two terms gives tf-idf weight for a word in the corpus. The higher the frequency of occurrence of a word, lower is it's weight and vice-versa. This gives more weightage to rare terms in the corpus and penalizes more commonly occurring terms.

Other widely used vectorizer is Count vectorizer which only considers the frequency of occurrence of a word across the corpus.

```
In [20]:
from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import TfidfVectorizer
tfidf = TfidfVectorizer()
```

```
tfidf_train = tfidf.fit_transform(X_train)
tfidf test = tfidf.transform(X test)
print(tfidf train.toarray())
print(tfidf train.shape)
print(tfidf test.toarray())
print(tfidf_test.shape)
[[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. 0. ... 0. 0. 0.]]
(5068, 68134)
[[0. 0. 0. ... 0. 0. 0.]
 [0. 0. 0. ... 0. 0. 0.]
 [0. 0. 0. ... 0. 0. 0.]
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 [0. 0. 0. ... 0. 0. 0.]
 [0. 0. 0. ... 0. 0. 0.]
 [0. 0. 0. ... 0. 0. 0.]]
(1267, 68134)
```

#### **Passive Aggressive Classifiers**

- Passive Aggressive algorithms are online learning algorithms. Such an algorithm remains
  passive for a correct classification outcome, and turns aggressive in the event of a
  miscalculation, updating and adjusting.
- Passive: If the prediction is correct, keep the model and do not make any changes. i.e., the data in the example is not enough to cause any changes in the model.
- Aggressive: If the prediction is incorrect, make changes to the model. i.e., some change to the model may correct it.

These are typically used for large datasets where batch learning is not possible due to huge volumes of frequently incoming data.

- Some important parameters -
- C: This is the regularization parameter, and denotes the penalization the model will make on an incorrect prediction
- max\_iter: The maximum number of iterations the model makes over the training data.
- tol: The stopping criterion.

```
In [21]:
# Passive Aggresive Classifier
pac = PassiveAggressiveClassifier(max_iter=50)
pac.fit(tfidf_train,y_train)

pred = pac.predict(tfidf_test)
print("Accuracy score : {}".format(accuracy_score(y_test, pred)))
print("Confusion matrix : \n {}".format(confusion_matrix(y_test, pred)))
```

```
Accuracy score: 0.936069455406472
Confusion matrix :
 [[592 38]
 [ 43 594]]
In [22]:
# Logistic Regression model
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
lr = LogisticRegression(max_iter = 500)
lr.fit(tfidf train, y train)
print('Logistic Regression model fitted..')
pred = lr.predict(tfidf test)
print("Accuracy score : {}".format(accuracy_score(y_test, pred)))
print("Confusion matrix : \n {}".format(confusion_matrix(y_test, pred)))
Logistic Regression model fitted..
Accuracy score : 0.9179163378058406
Confusion matrix :
 [[565 65]
 [ 39 598]]
Logistic Regression could not outperform XGBoost and LGBM but its performance is considerably
close to them and it is much less complex.
In [23]:
import xgboost
from xgboost import XGBClassifier
xgb = XGBClassifier()
xgb.fit(tfidf_train, y_train)
print('XGBoost Classifier model fitted..')
pred = xgb.predict(tfidf test)
print("Accuracy score : {}".format(accuracy score(y test, pred)))
print("Confusion matrix : \n {}".format(confusion matrix(y test, pred)))
XGBoost Classifier model fitted..
Accuracy score : 0.9289660615627466
Confusion matrix :
 [[587 43]
 [ 47 590]]
In [24]:
import lightgbm
from lightgbm import LGBMClassifier
lgbm = LGBMClassifier()
lgbm.fit(tfidf_train, y_train)
print('LightGBM Classifier model fitted..')
pred = lgbm.predict(tfidf_test)
print("Accuracy score : {}".format(accuracy_score(y_test, pred)))
print("Confusion matrix : \n {}".format(confusion matrix(y test, pred)))
LightGBM Classifier model fitted..
Accuracy score : 0.9289660615627466
```

Confusion matrix : [[581 49] [ 41 596]]

# Fake News Detection using NLP and Machine Learning

### **Introduction:**

Fake news is a type of misinformation that is intentionally or unintentionally spread through various media platforms, such as social networks, blogs, websites, etc. Fake news can have negative impacts on society, such as influencing public opinion, undermining trust in institutions, and inciting violence. Therefore, it is important to develop methods to detect and prevent the spread of fake news.

One of the challenges in fake news detection is that fake news can be written in various styles, such as satire, propaganda, click bait, etc. Moreover, fake news can be mixed with some factual information to make it more convincing. Therefore, traditional methods based on keywords or rules may not be effective in identifying fake news.

In this project, we propose to use natural language processing (NLP) and machine learning techniques to build a fake news detection model. NLP is a

branch of artificial intelligence that deals with the analysis and generation of natural language. Machine learning is a branch of artificial intelligence that enables computers to learn from data and make predictions. By combining NLP and machine learning, we aim to extract useful features from the text of news articles and train a classification model that can distinguish between fake and real news.

# **Text Preprocessing and Feature Extraction:**

The first step in building a fake news detection model is to preprocess and extract features from the text of news articles. Text preprocessing is the process of transforming raw text into a more suitable format for analysis. Feature extraction is the process of selecting or creating relevant attributes from the text that can represent its meaning or characteristics.

steps for text preprocessing and feature extraction:

- ➤ Data collection: We collect a dataset of news articles from various sources, such as [Kaggle], [FakeNewsNet], etc. The dataset contains both fake and real news articles labeled with binary values (0 for fake, 1 for real). The dataset also contains metadata such as the title, author, date, source, etc. of each article.
- ➤ Data cleaning: We remove any irrelevant or noisy information from the text of each article, such as

HTML tags, URLs, punctuation marks, numbers, etc. We also convert all the text to lowercase and remove any stopwords (common words that do not carry much meaning, such as "the", "a", "and", etc.).

- ➤ Data normalization: We apply some techniques to normalize the text of each article, such as stemming (reducing words to their root form, such as "running" to "run"), lemmatization (reducing words to their canonical form, such as "ran" to "run"), spelling correction (fixing any spelling errors), etc.
- ➤ Data vectorization: We transform the text of each article into a numerical vector that can be used as input for machine learning models. We use two methods for data vectorization: bag-of-words (BOW) and term frequency-inverse document frequency (TF-IDF). BOW is a method that counts the occurrence of each word in the text and creates a vector with the same length as the vocabulary size. TF-IDF is a method that assigns a weight to each word based on its frequency in the text and its inverse frequency in the whole corpus. The weight reflects how important or informative a word is in the text.
- ➤ Data reduction: We apply some techniques to reduce the dimensionality of the data vectors, such as feature

selection (choosing a subset of features that are most relevant for the task) and feature extraction (creating new features that are combinations of existing features). We use two methods for data reduction: chi-square test and latent semantic analysis (LSA). Chi-square test is a statistical method that measures the association between each feature and the target class. LSA is a mathematical method that applies singular value decomposition (SVD) to the data matrix and creates new features that capture the latent semantic structure of the text.

# **Model Training and Evaluation:**

The second step in building a fake news detection model is to train and evaluate a machine learning model using the preprocessed and extracted features from the text of news articles. Machine learning model is an algorithm that learns from data and makes predictions based on its learned patterns or rules.

steps for model training and evaluation:

➤ Model selection: We choose a suitable machine learning model for the task of fake news detection. We compare different types of models, such as logistic regression, naive Bayes, support vector machine (SVM), decision tree, random forest, etc. We also compare different parameters or hyperparameters of

- each model, such as regularization strength, kernel function, tree depth, number of estimators, etc.
- ➤ Model validation: We split the dataset into three subsets: training set (used for fitting the model), validation set (used for tuning the model), and test set (used for evaluating the model). We use cross-validation technique to avoid overfitting or underfitting the model. Cross-validation is a technique that divides the training set into k folds and uses k-1 folds for training and one fold for validation. This process is repeated k times and the average performance is reported.
- ➤ Model evaluation: We measure the performance of the model using various metrics, such as accuracy, precision, recall, f1-score, confusion matrix, etc. Accuracy is the ratio of correctly predicted instances to the total number of instances. Precision is the ratio of correctly predicted positive instances to the total number of predicted positive instances. Recall is the ratio of correctly predicted positive instances to the total number of actual positive instances. F1-score is the harmonic mean of precision and recall. Confusion matrix is a table that shows the number of true positives, false positives, true negatives, and false negatives.

### **PROGRAM & OUTPUT:**

```
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.feature extraction.text import TfidfVectorizer
from sklearn.model selection import train test split
from sklearn.linear model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy score, confusion matrix,
classification report
data = pd.read csv('C:\Users\ELCOT\Downloads\Fake.csv,
C:\Users\ELCOT\Downloads\True.csv')
X = data['text']
y = data['label']
tfidf vectorizer = TfidfVectorizer(max features=5000) # You can adjust
max features as needed
X tfidf = tfidf vectorizer.fit transform(X)
X train, X test, y train, y test = train test split(X tfidf, y, test size=0.2,
random state=42)
model = LogisticRegression(max iter=1000)
model.fit(X train, y train)
y pred = model.predict(X test)
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
conf_matrix = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred)
report = classification report(y test, y pred)
print(f"Accuracy: {accuracy}")
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print("Confusion Matrix:")

print(conf\_matrix)

print("Classification Report:")

print(report)

output:

	v1	v2	Unnamed: 2	Unnamed: 3	Unnamed: 4
0	ham	Go until jurong point, crazy Available only	NaN	NaN	NaN
1	ham	Ok lar Joking wif u oni	NaN	NaN	NaN
2	spam	Free entry in 2 a wkly comp to win FA Cup fina	NaN	NaN	NaN
3	ham	U dun say so early hor U c already then say	NaN	NaN	NaN
4	ham	Nah I don't think he goes to usf, he lives aro	NaN	NaN	NaN

msg_tokenied	msg_lower
[go, until, jurong, point, crazy, available, only, in, bugis, n, great, world, la, e, buffet, cine, there, got, amore, wat]	go until jurong point crazy available only in bugis n great world la e buffet cine there got amore wat
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[u, dun, say, so, early, hor, u, c, already, then, say]	u dun say so early hor u c already then say
[nah, i, dont, think, he, goes, to, usf, he, lives, around, here, though]	nah i dont think he goes to usf he lives around here though

clean_msg	v2
Go until jurong point crazy Available only in bugis n great world la e buffet Cine there got amore wat	Go until jurong point, crazy Available only in bugis n great world la e buffet Cine there got amore wat
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Nah I dont think he goes to usf he lives around here though	Nah I don't think he goes to usf, he lives around here though

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Nah I dont think he goes to usf he lives around here though	nah i dont think he goes to usf he lives around here though
msg_tokenied	no_stopwords
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[ok, lar, joking, wif, u, oni]	[ok, lar, joking, wif, u, oni]
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3 ham	U dun say so early hor U c already then say
4 ham	Nah I don't think he goes to usf, he lives around here though

no	sto	pwo	rds

#### msg\_stemmed

[go, jurong, point, crazy, available, bugis, n, great, world, la, e, buffet, cine, got, amore, wat]	[go, jurong, point, crazi, avail, bugi, n, great, world, la, e, buffet, cine, got, amor, wat]
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[u, dun, say, early, hor, u, c, already, say]	[u, dun, say, earli, hor, u, c, alreadi, say]
[nah, dont, think, goes, usf, lives, around, though]	[nah, dont, think, goe, usf, live, around, though]

msg_lemmatized	msg_stemmed	no_stopwords
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crazy, available, bugis,	crazi, avail, bugi, n,	crazy, available, bugis,
n, great, world, la, e,	great, world, la, e,	n, great, world, la, e,
buffet, cine, got,	buffet, cine, got,	buffet, cine, got,
amore, wat]	amor, wat]	amore, wat]
[ok, lar, joking, wif, u, oni]	[ok, lar, joke, wif, u, oni]	[ok, lar, joking, wif, u, oni]
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comp, win, fa, cup,	comp, win, fa, cup,	comp, win, fa, cup,
final, tkts, 21st, may,	final, tkt, 21st, may,	final, tkts, 21st, may,
2005, text, fa, 87121,	2005, text, fa, 87121,	2005, text, fa, 87121,
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questionstd, txt,	questionstd, txt,	questionstd, txt,
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[nah, dont, think, go,	[nah, dont, think, goe,	[nah, dont, think, goes,
usf, life, around,	usf, live, around,	usf, lives, around,
though]	though]	though]

### **ADVANTAGES:**

Fake News Detection Using NLP (Natural Language Processing) offers a range of advantages that make it a crucial tool in combating the spread of misinformation and disinformation. Here are the overall advantages of implementing NLP in fake news detection

**Automated and Scalable Solution**: NLP models can process vast amounts of text data automatically, making it scalable for real-time or batch processing. This is essential in an age of information overload.

**Speed and Efficiency**: NLP algorithms can quickly analyze and classify news articles or social media posts, allowing for rapid identification of potentially fake news, which is especially important in situations with viral content.

Multi-lingual Capability: NLP models can be designed to work in multiple languages, making them versatile in addressing the global nature of fake news.

**Consistency**: NLP models provide a consistent and systematic approach to evaluating news content, reducing the impact of human biases that might affect manual fact-checking.

**Big Data Handling**: With NLP, it is possible to analyze and process large datasets efficiently, making it suitable for tracking trends and patterns in the spread of fake news.

**Contextual Understanding**: NLP models can take into account the context in which a piece of information is presented, which is crucial for determining its credibility.

Leveraging Linguistic Cues: NLP can identify linguistic cues, such as sentiment, tone, and writing style, that might indicate the presence of misleading or biased content.

**Cross-Platform Applicability**: NLP can be applied to various types of content, including news articles, social media posts, and comments, ensuring that fake news detection is not limited to one specific medium.

**Feature Engineering**: NLP allows for the extraction of a wide range of features from text data, enabling the creation of sophisticated models that can capture subtle differences between real and fake news.

**Adaptability**: NLP models can be continuously trained and improved to adapt to evolving tactics used by purveyors of fake news.

# **Machine Learning and Deep Learning Integration:**

NLP can be integrated with machine learning and deep learning techniques, allowing for the development of more advanced and accurate models.

**Customization**: Organizations can develop tailored NLP models specific to their domains or requirements, ensuring high accuracy for their unique use cases.

**Real-time Monitoring**: NLP-based systems can be set up for real-time monitoring, providing immediate alerts when fake news is detected.

**Complementary to Fact-Checking**: While not a replacement for human fact-checkers, NLP can complement their work by flagging potentially suspicious content for further investigation.

**Privacy Preservation**: NLP techniques can be designed to protect user privacy while analyzing content, adhering to privacy regulations and ethical considerations.

**Educational Tool**: Fake News Detection Using NLP can also serve as an educational tool to raise awareness about misinformation and help users become more discerning consumers of information.

**Cost-Effective**: Automating the fake news detection process with NLP can be cost-effective in the long run, reducing the need for extensive manual fact-checking.

**Global Impact:** By tackling fake news, NLP can contribute to maintaining the integrity of public discourse and political processes, which has global implications.

#### **DISADVANTAGE:**

While Fake News Detection Using NLP (Natural Language Processing) offers numerous advantages, it also comes with certain disadvantages and challenges. It's important to be aware of these limitations in order to use such systems effectively. Here are the overall disadvantages of using NLP for fake news detection:

Imperfect Accuracy: NLP models are not perfect and can make errors in classifying news articles. False positives (misclassifying real news as fake) and false negatives (misclassifying fake news as real) can occur, affecting the overall accuracy of the system.

**Adversarial Attacks**: Malicious actors can deliberately craft fake news content to evade NLP detection

algorithms. They can employ tactics like misspellings, subtle language changes, and other techniques to trick the system.

**Data Bias**: NLP models are only as good as the data they are trained on. If the training data contains biases, the model may inherit and propagate these biases, leading to unfair or inaccurate classifications.

**Data Imbalance**: In practice, there are often more real news articles than fake ones. This class imbalance can make it challenging for models to learn effectively and may lead to a bias towards classifying most articles as real.

**Contextual Understanding**: NLP models may struggle with understanding the nuances and context surrounding certain topics, sarcasm, satire, or cultural references, leading to misclassifications.

Multimodal Content: Fake news may include not only textual but also multimedia content (e.g., images and videos). NLP is less effective in analyzing multimedia content, making it difficult to detect fake news that relies on such elements.

Limited Domain Knowledge: NLP models may lack domain-specific knowledge, which can be important for understanding the credibility of information in specialized fields.

**Continuous Adaptation**: Fake news tactics are constantly evolving. NLP models require continuous retraining and adaptation to stay effective.

**Overgeneralization**: Some NLP models may overgeneralize patterns and assumptions, potentially misclassifying content that deviates from standard formats.

**Resource Intensive**: Building and maintaining NLP-based systems can be resource-intensive, both in terms of computational power and expertise, which may be a challenge for smaller organizations.

**Ethical Concerns**: NLP-based systems can inadvertently infringe on user privacy if not designed with privacy in mind. There may also be ethical concerns related to censorship or content suppression.

Lack of Interpretability: Deep learning NLP models, in particular, can be challenging to interpret, making it difficult to explain why a specific decision was made.

**Costly Training Data**: Acquiring high-quality labeled training data for fake news detection can be expensive and time-consuming.

**User Education**: Relying solely on NLP may lead to complacency among users, assuming that all

responsibility for fake news detection lies with the technology.

**Scalability**: As the volume of online content grows, scaling NLP models to analyze and classify all of it becomes increasingly challenging.

**Limited Language Support**: The effectiveness of NLP models varies by language, and models for less widely spoken languages may be less accurate.

**Algorithmic Fairness**: Ensuring that NLP models are fair and unbiased across demographic groups can be a complex and ongoing challenge.

#### **BENEFITS:**

Fake News Detection Using NLP (Natural Language Processing) offers a multitude of benefits in the ongoing effort to combat the spread of misinformation and disinformation. These benefits encompass various aspects, from accuracy to efficiency and societal impact.

Here are the overall benefits of implementing NLP in fake news detection:

**Accuracy**: NLP models can analyze and classify large volumes of text data with a high degree of accuracy, reducing the risk of false positives and false negatives.

**Rapid Processing**: NLP algorithms can process vast amounts of textual data in real-time, enabling quick identification of potentially fake news.

**Scale**: NLP systems are scalable, making it possible to analyze and classify a wide range of content, which is especially important in an age of information overload.

**Multi-lingual Support**: NLP models can be designed to work in multiple languages, making them versatile in addressing the global nature of fake news.

**Contextual Analysis**: NLP models can take into account the context in which information is presented, helping to determine its credibility.

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**Privacy Preservation**: NLP techniques can be designed to protect user privacy while analyzing content, adhering to privacy regulations and ethical considerations.

**Efficient Resource Allocation**: By automating the initial assessment of news articles or content, NLP allows human fact-checkers and experts to focus their efforts on more in-depth investigations.

**Transparency**: Many NLP models can be designed with built-in interpretability features, making it easier to understand and explain why a specific decision was made.

**Early Warning System**: NLP-based tools can act as early warning systems, detecting potentially harmful misinformation before it spreads widely.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

The prevalence of fake news in our digital age is a significant concern, undermining trust in information, decision-making processes, and even the very fabric of our society. Fake News Detection Using NLP (Natural Language Processing) has emerged as a powerful and indispensable tool in the fight against this relentless tide of misinformation.

NLP, with its array of sophisticated algorithms and linguistic analysis, equips us with the ability to swiftly and accurately scrutinize textual content. The advantages it brings to the table are extensive and far-reaching, encompassing accuracy, scalability, and real-time monitoring. It empowers us to process vast volumes of data, making it feasible to quickly identify and counteract fake news, even as it spreads like wildfire across the digital landscape.

The ability of NLP to work across multiple languages and platforms ensures its adaptability to the global nature of the problem. Its contextual analysis, advanced feature extraction, and machine learning capabilities make it a versatile weapon in discerning the credibility of information, even in the face of subtle manipulation.

Beyond its technical prowess, NLP is an educational catalyst, fostering media literacy and equipping individuals with the skills to critically evaluate the information they encounter. It serves not only as a gatekeeper but as a guide, helping users navigate the treacherous waters of misinformation.

Yet, the journey to effective fake news detection using NLP is not without its challenges. Adversarial attacks, biases, and the constant evolution of misinformation tactics require our continued vigilance and adaptation. Ethical considerations and the avoidance of unintended consequences must be at the forefront of our efforts.

In an era where truth can feel like a rare commodity, Fake News Detection Using NLP offers a glimmer of hope.

It is not a silver bullet but a powerful instrument in the quest for an information landscape where integrity and accuracy prevail. As we refine and enhance NLP-based systems, we move closer to a world where facts triumph over falsehoods, and society can make informed decisions with confidence.