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# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
"""Detect fake news.ipynb
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Automatically generated by Colab.

Original file is located at

https://colab.research.google.com/github/singularity014/BERT\_FakeNews\_Detection Challenge/blob/master/Detect fake news.ipynb

#### ## I - Problem Statement

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

#### #### Different Models

While there multiple types of models which could be used for building the solution for Text Classification. Some Examples are -

## \* \*\*1D- Conv Net\*\* -

Yes, CNNs could also be used for text. \*\*Advantage\*\*: They are faster to ttrain. In fact given proper label, a CNN model could achieve decent accuracy \*\*Disdvantage\*\*: They fail to capture long term dependencies in Text, and doesnt not capture sequential information in text.

- \* \*\*RNN based models (LSTM, GRU) \*\* \*\*Advantage\*\*: They focus on considering words T each time step, encoding them by some non-linear calculation and then taking a decision. In simple words, they can capture sequential nature of a Text.
- \*\*Disadvantage\*\* Slower to train, focus is more on sequential nature, and less on attention mechanism.
- \* \*\*Transformer based Models(BERT, GPT2)\*\*-

Transformer based models are a breaktrhough in NLP, and tend to model. Which leverages multiple Transformer units, and a multi-headed attention mechanism. The advantage is that they focus only on attention mechanism. Thus we obtain a model, which is can used in context heavy applications.

### ## II - StandAlone BERT Model -

- For our solution we will be using BERT model to develop Fake News or Real News Classification Solution.
- We achieved an accuracy of 95+ % on test set, and a remarkable AUC by a standalone BERT Model. More improvements could be done with better tuning, and training for longer time. In cloud settings like Google Cloud(with larger GPUs) or AWS infra. But improvement is a continuous process:)
- We build an MVP with BERT Stand-alone model

- We can Also use, BERT (as an embedder) + LSTM model to build this solution.
- ![BERT Classfier] (https://lh3.googleusercontent.com/proxy/L8T4cIs-Djtc99-Oi3wuMDxRB9WG-

OCIhOrAlz3SB3w6zxYTLtVuxbUwuLlsCK0JUrMTa\_QtN28N0HQvJsCvO1oIXZnFJFENSMPuEk xvtjY1N jX)

Above figure shows the Kind of model we will be building in developing our solution.

# ## III - Coding Environment

- I chose Google Colab for two reasons primarily Firstly, To Document the process step by step. Seoncdly, other than this I wanted to leverage the free GPU available in Google Colab.
- The avaiable GPU helped me train faster, compared to my own PC.(well, you might notice that even the the resource, got exhausted after 2 epochs, but we created a checkpoint to save the model)
- In production as well, GPU powered AWS frameweorks such as AWS Sagemkaer and Google GPU cloud infra are useful in training models and deploying quicker.
- For coding environment we can develop models using Keras or Tensorflow. Depending upon the level of control we want on model creation, we can work with that TF versions and utilities such as core, and functional APIs.
- For more control and inner workings of model, TF core comes is usually very useful, and for quicker prototyping we can go for Keras or TF2.0 which is keras style.
- I chose to go with Tensorflow 2.0 for BERT TF.2.0 model for classification.

import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns

from google.colab import drive

drive.mount("/content/drive")

"""# IV - Data Preprocessing and Exploration

### Loading Data

Our data are json files stored on web, therefore we download it and convert it into pandas dataframe  $\dots$ 

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import urllib
import json
def load convert_data(url):
    Downloads the json file from net and convert into pandas dataframe
format.
    with urllib.request.urlopen(url) as url:
        df = json.loads(url.read().decode())
        df = pd.DataFrame.from_dict(df)
    return df
"""Given:
There are 4 files:
- training - set of real news.
- testing - set of real news.
- training - set of fake news.
- testing - set of fake news
# Real news data
real train = load convert data("https://storage.googleapis.com/public-
resources/dataset/real_train.json")
real test = load convert data("https://storage.googleapis.com/public-
resources/dataset/real test.json")
# Fake news data
fake train = load convert data("https://storage.googleapis.com/public-
resources/dataset/fake train.json")
fake test = load convert data("https://storage.googleapis.com/public-
resources/dataset/fake test.json")
# quick look on real news training data
real train.head()
"""**Observation** : -
- We can see that there are 800 rows and 3 columns for real news in
training set, we will only use the 'text' column for modeling (for
simplicity sake).
- In case if the model doesnt perform well, we can use multiple features
like url as well.
- However, we acheived good performance by using text data alone.
# Quick look on Fake news training data
fake train.head()
"""**Observations** :-
- Training set of Fake news contain also 800 rows.
- So we can see that the number of real news and fake news are same in
our dataset.
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- It won't be an imbalanced classification problem.
### General Data Preprocessing
Next we label our data where real news are labeled as 0 (negative) and
fake news are labeled as 1 (positive). The reason we label fake news as
positive is that the main purpose of the modeling is to detect fake news.
real_train['label'] = 0
real test['label'] = 0
fake train['label'] = 1
fake test['label'] = 1
train = pd.concat([real train, fake train], ignore index=True)
test = pd.concat([real test, fake test], ignore index=True)
"""We then remove non alphanumeric characters as well as converting to
all lower case from the text."""
import re
def clean txt(text):
   text = re.sub("'", "", text)
    text = re.sub("(\N) + ", " ", text)
    text = text.lower()
    return text
train['text'] = train['text'].apply(clean txt)
test['text'] = test['text'].apply(clean txt)
"""### Plotting Data
#### Word Count histogram
We use train set to perform exploratory analysis. First we want to look
at the word count for each news and see if there is difference between
real and fake news.
train['word count'] = [len(s.split()) for s in train['text']]
sns.distplot(train['word count'][train['label'] == 0], kde=False,
rug=False)
"""We can see from the above graph that most real news are within 1000
words, and the distribution of word count is skewed to the right."""
sns.distplot(train['word_count'][train['label'] == 1], kde=False,
rug=False)
"""As for the fake news, we see some outliers from above figure, making
it hard to intepret, so we plot it again below with outlier (news that
has more than 20,000 words) removed."""
sns.distplot(train['word count'][(train['label'] == 1) &
(train['word count'] < 20000)], kde=False, rug=False)
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"""We can see the word count distribution of fake news are more skewed, most of the news have words below 500. #### Word Cloud Next we like to see what are the most common words in real/fake news to discover some patterns. Word cloud is a popular way to visualize it. from wordcloud import WordCloud def plot wordcloud(target, width = 800, height = 400): Plot wordcloud of real/fake news target: real/fake width: the width of plotted figure height: the height of plotted figure if target == 'real': t = 0elif target == 'fake': t = 1text = '' for t in train['text'][train['label'] == t]: text = text + twordcloud = WordCloud(max font size=40, min font size=20, width=800, height = 400, random state=0).generate(text) plt.figure(figsize=(20,10)) plt.imshow(wordcloud, interpolation="bilinear") plt.axis("off") plt.show() plot wordcloud('real', width = 800, height = 400) """We can see most of the real news are about COVID19 virus, and the common words are countries name and some neutural words.""" plot wordcloud('fake', width = 800, height = 400) strong words such as biological weapon, as well as some names such as Donald Trump and Bill Gates.

"""As for fake news, the topic is also the same. However, it contain some

#### TopK Word Proportion

Next we would like to see the topk word proportion of the real/fake news. In other words, we like to see how many of the words used in the news are from the top 10 common words, top 100, and so on. The reason to do so is that we suppose fake news are machine generated and it use many high frequency words comparing to real news.

# how many words in top 10, top 100, and top 1000 from sklearn.feature extraction.text import CountVectorizer from collections import Counter

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def concat text(target):
    Concat the news into one large document and split it into a list.
    if target == 'real':
        t = 0
    elif target == 'fake':
        t_{.} = 1
    text = ''
    for t in train['text'][train['label'] == t]:
        text = text + t
    text = text.split(' ')
    return text
def most frequent words (text):
      Calculate and order the vocab by its frequency.
     ngram vectorizer = CountVectorizer(analyzer='word', ngram range=(1,
1), min df=1)
     X = ngram vectorizer.fit transform(text)
     vocab = np.array(list(ngram vectorizer.get feature names()))
     counts = np.array(X.sum(axis=0).A1)
     inds = counts.argsort()[::-1]
     ordered_vocab = vocab[inds]
     return ordered vocab
def plot topK distribution(k1 = 10, k2 = 100, k3 = 1000):
    Plot the comparison bar chart between real and fake news.
    k1: most common k1 words
    k2: most common k2 words
    k3: most common k3 words
    real text = concat text('real')
    fake text = concat text('fake')
    real vocab = most frequent words(real text)
    fake vocab = most frequent words(fake text)
    x = ['top' + str(k1), 'top' + str(k2), 'top' + str(k3)]
    label = ['real','real','fake','fake','fake']
    y = [np.mean([s in real vocab[1:k1] for s in real text]),
         np.mean([s in real vocab[1:k2] for s in real text]),
         np.mean([s in real_vocab[1:k3] for s in real_text]),
         np.mean([s in fake_vocab[1:k1] for s in fake_text]),
         np.mean([s in fake vocab[1:k2] for s in fake text]),
         np.mean([s in fake vocab[1:k3] for s in fake text])]
    df = pd.DataFrame(zip(x*2, label, y), columns=["Topk", "Label",
"Proportion"])
    sns.barplot(x="Topk", hue="Label", y="Proportion", data=df)
    plt.show()
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plot topK distribution(k1 = 10, k2 = 100, k3 = 1000)
"""However, we see that fake news are slightly more often to have top
frequent words, but the difference is not significant.
# V - Modeling
For this project, we use BERT as our modeling algorithm.
### Splitting Data to Train/Validation
First we like to split our training set into training and validation set
with a ratio of 8:2, this way we can use the validation to tune our
model, and finally predict on the hold out test set.
from sklearn.model selection import train test split
train, val = train test split(train, test size=0.2, random state=35)
"""### Long Document Preprocessing
Since BERT algorithm can only accept sentence length up to 512 words, we
need to preprocess our data (long news) in order to feed in to the
algorithm. To do so, we follow the idea from [this
paper](https://arxiv.org/abs/1910.10781) and segment each of the text
into multiple subtext of no longer than 150 words. The subtexts will have
some overlapping, specifically, the last 30 words for first subtext will
be the first 30 words of the second subtext.
def get_split(text):
    Split each news text to subtexts no longer than 150 words.
    l total = []
    l parcial = []
    if len(text.split())//120 >0:
       n = len(text.split())//120
    else:
       n = 1
    for w in range(n):
        if w == 0:
            l parcial = text.split()[:150]
            l total.append(" ".join(l parcial))
        else:
            l_parcial = text.split()[w*120:w*120 + 150]
            l total.append(" ".join(l parcial))
    return l_total
train['text_split'] = train['text'].apply(get_split)
val['text split'] = val['text'].apply(get split)
test['text split'] = test['text'].apply(get split)
train['text split'][1]
"""As we can see from above example, a piece of long document is splitted
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into list of multiple subtexts. Next, we augument our original data into

a larger dataset where each row contains a piece of subtext and its

corresponding label and index."""

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def data augumentation(df, df name):
    Create a new dataframe from the original one because now one text may
contain multiple subtexts of length 200.
    Text correspond to subtexts from original text, while index
correspond to its index of original set.
    text l = []
    label_1 = []
    index_l = []
    for idx,row in df.iterrows():
      for l in row['text split']:
        text l.append(l)
        label l.append(row['label'])
        index l.append(idx)
    new df = pd.DataFrame({'text':text l, 'label':label l,
'index':index 1})
    print("The " + df name +" set now has " + str(len(new df)) + '
subtexts extracted from ' + str(len(df)) + ' texts.')
    return new df
train df = data augumentation(train, df name = 'training')
val_df = data_augumentation(val, df name = 'validation')
test df = data_augumentation(test, df_name = 'testing')
"""### Building BERT Model"""
!pip install bert-for-tf2
import math
import os
from tqdm import tqdm
import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow import keras
import bert
from bert import BertModelLayer
from bert.loader import StockBertConfig, map stock config to params,
load stock weights
from bert.tokenization.bert tokenization import FullTokenizer
"""First we like to load the pretrained weight of BERT and finetune it.
The source of pretrained weights is called uncased L-12 H-768 A-12. Since
Because tf.train.load checkpoint limitation requiring list permissions on
the google storage bucket, we perform a tweak below to copy the pre-
trained BERT weights locally."""
# Commented out IPython magic to ensure Python compatibility.
# %%time
# bert_ckpt_dir="gs://bert_models/2018_10_18/uncased_L-12_H-768_A-12/"
# bert ckpt file = bert ckpt dir + "bert model.ckpt"
# bert config file = bert ckpt dir + "bert config.json"
# bert model dir="2018 10 18"
# bert model name="uncased L-12 H-768 A-12"
# !mkdir -p .model .model/$bert model name
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# for fname in ["bert config.json", "vocab.txt", "bert model.ckpt.meta",
"bert model.ckpt.index", "bert model.ckpt.data-00000-of-00001"]:
   cmd = f"gsutil cp
gs://bert models/{bert model dir}/{bert model name}/{fname}
.model/{bert model name}"
   !$cmd
# !ls -la .model .model/$bert model name
# bert ckpt dir = os.path.join(".model/",bert_model_name)
# bert_ckpt_file = os.path.join(bert_ckpt_dir, "bert_model.ckpt")
# bert config file = os.path.join(bert ckpt dir, "bert config.json")
"""Next we preprocess our original text into input features BERT can
read. The process is basically tokenizing and coverting our original text
into token ids that can be read by the algorithm. The words are tokenized
base on the vocabulary dictionary it pretrained on(about 30,000 words),
and unknown words are breaken down into smaller words contained in the
dictionary. Maximum sequence length are also specified so we can pad all
sequence into the same length.
Note: The final sequence length would be larger than specified since BERT
tokenizer will break unknown words into multiple small known words.
class FakeNewsData:
    Preprocessing text into BERT features.
    max seq len: Maximum sequence length specified
    tokenizer: BERT tokenizer
    DATA COLUMN = "text"
    LABEL COLUMN = "label"
    def init (self, tokenizer, train, validation, test, max seq len =
150):
        self.tokenizer = tokenizer
        self.max seq len = max seq len
        ((self.train x, self.train y),
         (self.val x, self.val y),
         (self.test x, self.test y)) = map(self. prepare, [train,
validation, test])
        ((self.train x, self.train x token types),
         (self.val x, self.val x token types),
         (self.test_x, self.test_x_token_types)) = map(self._pad,
                                                        [self.train x,
self.val x, self.test x])
    def _prepare(self, df):
        Add start and end token for each sequence, and convert the text
to tokenids.
        x, y = [], []
        with tqdm(total=df.shape[0], unit scale=True) as pbar:
            for ndx, row in df.iterrows():
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text, label = row[FakeNewsData.DATA COLUMN],
row[FakeNewsData.LABEL COLUMN]
                tokens = self.tokenizer.tokenize(text)
                tokens = ["[CLS]"] + tokens + ["[SEP]"]
                token ids = self.tokenizer.convert tokens to ids(tokens)
                self.max seq len = max(self.max seq len, len(token ids))
                x.append(token ids)
                y.append(int(label))
                pbar.update()
        return np.array(x), np.array(y)
    def _pad(self, ids):
        Pad each sequence to the specified max sequence length with [0]
        x, t = [], []
        token type ids = [0] * self.max seq len
        for input ids in ids:
            input ids = input ids[:min(len(input ids), self.max seq len -
2)1
            input ids = input ids + [0] * (self.max seq len -
len(input ids))
            x.append(np.array(input ids))
            t.append(token type ids)
        return np.array(x), np.array(t)
# Commented out IPython magic to ensure Python compatibility.
# %%time
# tokenizer = FullTokenizer(vocab file=os.path.join(bert ckpt dir,
"vocab.txt"))
# data = FakeNewsData(tokenizer,
                      train = train_df,
#
                      validation = val df,
#
                      test = test df
#
                      max seq len= 150)
def create_model(max_seq_len,lr = 1e-5):
 Creates a BERT classification model.
 The model architecutre is raw input -> BERT input -> drop out layer to
prevent overfitting -> dense layer that outputs predicted probability.
 max seq len: the maximum sequence length
  lr: learning rate of optimizer
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  # create the bert layer
  with tf.io.gfile.GFile(bert_config_file, "r") as reader:
     bc = StockBertConfig.from_json_string(reader.read())
     bert params = map stock config to params(bc)
      bert = BertModelLayer.from params(bert params, name="bert")
  input ids = keras.layers.Input(shape=(max seq len,), dtype='int32',
name="input ids")
  output = bert(input ids)
 print("bert shape", output.shape)
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# Dropout layer
  cls out = keras.layers.Dropout(0.8)(cls out)
  # Dense layer with probibility output
  logits = keras.layers.Dense(units=2, activation="softmax")(cls out)
  model = keras.Model(inputs=input ids, outputs=logits)
  model.build(input shape=(None, max seq len))
  # load the pre-trained model weights
  load stock weights (bert, bert ckpt file)
  model.compile(optimizer=keras.optimizers.Adam(learning rate = lr),
loss=keras.losses.SparseCategoricalCrossentropy(from logits=True),
metrics=[keras.metrics.SparseCategoricalAccuracy(name="acc")])
  model.summary()
  return model
model = create model(max seq len = data.max seq len, lr = 1e-5)
"""### Model Training"""
import datetime
OUTPUT DIR = '/bert news'
print('***** Model output directory: {} *****'.format(OUTPUT DIR))
log dir = ".log/bert news/" + datetime.datetime.now().strftime("%Y%m%d-
%H%M%s")
tensorboard callback = keras.callbacks.TensorBoard(log dir=log dir)
def model fitting(max epoch = 5, patience = 1):
    Function to fit the model to training set. Validation set are used to
find the optimal training epochs.
    Model will stop training when validation accuracy don't improve for a
number of epochs. Then the model will restore weights to its best
validation performance.
    max epoch: Maximum number of epochs to train
    patience: Number of non-improving epochs before model stops
    model.fit(x=data.train x, y=data.train y,
              validation data = (data.val x,data.val y),
              batch size=16,
              shuffle=True,
              epochs=max epoch,
              callbacks=[keras.callbacks.EarlyStopping(patience=patience,
restore best weights=True),
                        tensorboard callback])
    return model
model = model fitting(max epoch = 5, patience = 1)
# Save the optimal weights for future usage
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cls out = keras.layers.Lambda(lambda seq: seq[:, 0, :])(output)

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model.save weights('bert news.h5', overwrite=True)
# Download the model checkpoint
# OPTIONAL STEP - if we want to use them for prediction somewhere
from google.colab import files
files.download('bert news.h5')
"""### Model Evaluation
After model is done training, we evaluate on training set, validation
set, and test set. The metric used is accuracy.
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# Commented out IPython magic to ensure Python compatibility.
# # model = create model(max seq len = data.max seq len, lr = 1e-5)
# model.load weights("bert news.h5")
 _, train_acc = model.evaluate(data.train x, data.train y)
  _, val_acc = model.evaluate(data.val_x, data.val_y)
  _, test_acc = model.evaluate(data.test x, data.test y)
# print("train acc: ", train_acc)
# print("validation acc: ", val_acc)
# print("test acc: ", test_acc)
"""**Evaluation Observations**:
We can see that we have about ~ aapprox 96.0 % accuracy for training set
and about 95.40 % accuracy for our validation set.
This seems to be good, however, there are two more things we should do.
1. The prediction is on the **augumented** test set, but we care more
about the prediction on **original** text. Therefore, for each original
text, we should average the probabily of each subtexts and obtain final
prediction for that piece of news.
2. Other metrics such as AUC to get a more thorough evaluation of our
model.
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from sklearn.metrics import roc curve, auc, accuracy score,
precision score, recall score, f1 score
# model = create model(max seq len = data.max seq len, lr = 1e-5)
model.load weights("bert news.h5")
# predict on test set
predictions = model.predict(data.test x)
predictions = predictions[:,1]
test df['pred'] = predictions
# average the prediction to become final prediction of original test set
test['avg pred'] = test df.groupby(['index'])['pred'].mean()
# plot ROC curve
fpr, tpr, = roc curve(test['label'], test['avg pred'])
roc auc = auc(fpr, tpr)
fig = plt.figure()
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plt.plot(fpr, tpr, color='darkorange', lw=lw, label='ROC curve (auc =
%0.2f)' % roc_auc)
plt.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], color='navy', lw=lw, linestyle='--')
plt.xlim([0.0, 1.0])
plt.ylim([0.0, 1.05])
plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate')
plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate')
plt.title('Receiver operating characteristic for original test set')
plt.legend(loc="lower right")
plt.show()
acc = accuracy score(test['label'], test['avg pred'] > 0.5)
precision = precision score(test['label'], test['avg pred'] > 0.5)
recall = recall score(test['label'], test['avg pred'] > 0.5)
f1 = f1 score(test['label'], test['avg pred'] > 0.5)
print('Orignal test accuracy is ', acc)
print('Orignal test auc is ', roc auc)
print('Orignal test precision is ', precision)
print('Orignal test recall is ', recall)
print('Orignal test f1 score is ', f1)
"""# VI - Predicting on a New Text- "NEWS"
The goal of building model is to predict new coming instances. Below is a
function to load the model checkpoint and predict result of input
document. Please run everything before Model Training section in the
notebook.
HOW TO PREDICT ?-
I - via SAVED MODEL (If you dont want to train model again)
- If you wish to predict from the already saved model,
- Please keep the model ('bert.h5') in mounted google drive
- Replace the path of the mounted model in SAVED MODEL variable value in
the below code snippet.
II - New Trained Model (If you ran all code blocks)
 - If you have again run all the code blocks.
 - Please simply replace the SAVED MODEL value with 'bert.h5'
 - Because after training the model will be saved with that name in
current path.
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# As per the steps above :)
SAVED MODEL PATH = "bert news.h5"
# create model and load previous weights
model = create model(max seq len = data.max seq len)
model.load weights(SAVED MODEL PATH)
def predict new(doc, model):
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lw = 2

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Predict new document using the trained model.
    doc: input document in format of a string
    # clean the text
    doc = clean txt(doc)
    # split the string text into list of subtexts
    doc = get split(doc)
    # tokenize the subtexts as well as padding
    tokenizer = FullTokenizer(vocab file=os.path.join(bert ckpt dir,
"vocab.txt"))
    pred tokens = map(tokenizer.tokenize, doc)
   pred tokens = map(lambda tok: ["[CLS]"] + tok + ["[SEP]"],
pred tokens)
   pred token ids = list(map(tokenizer.convert tokens to ids,
pred tokens))
    pred token ids = map(lambda tids: tids +[0]*(data.max seq len-
len(tids)),pred token ids)
   pred token ids = np.array(list(pred token ids))
    # create model and load previous weights
    # model = create model(max seq len = data.max seq len)
    # model.load weights()
    # predict the subtexts and average the prediction
    predictions = model.predict(pred token ids)
   predictions = predictions[:,1]
    avg pred = predictions.mean()
    if avg pred > 0.5:
     doc label = 'fake'
    else:
     doc label = 'Real'
    return doc label, avg pred
# Run an example text from original test set
fake_test = load_convert_data("https://storage.googleapis.com/public-
resources/dataset/fake test.json")
doc = fake test['text'][7]
print('----')
print(doc)
doc label, avg pred = predict new(doc, model)
print()
print('-----PREDICTION RESULTS -----')
print('The predicted probability of news being FAKE is ', avg pred)
print('CLASSIFICATION : The predicted label of news is ',
doc label.upper())
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