FAKE NEWS DETECTION USING NLP

Introduction

In today's world, the credibility of news is crucial. With the rapid spread of information on social media, distinguishing fake news from real news is a pressing concern. Natural Language Processing tools offer a solution by using historical data to classify news articles accurately.

Problem Statement

False or misleading information can spread quickly and have real-world consequences. Sensational headlines are a long-standing issue, and on social media, the impact is amplified. We aim to classify news articles as fake or real, addressing this problem.

Objective

Our primary objective is to develop a powerful model that accurately categorizes news articles as fake or real. We will start by exploring the data and then build a robust classification model for this purpose.

Importing Libraries:

Let's begin by importing the essential libraries for our analysis and introducing our dataset.

```
#Basic libraries
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
#Visualization libraries
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from matplotlib import rcParams
import seaborn as sns
from textblob import TextBlob
from plotly import tools
import plotly.graph_objs as go
from plotly.offline import iplot
%matplotlib inline
plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = [10, 5]
import cufflinks as cf
cf.go offline()
cf.set_config_file(offline=False, world readable=True)
#NLTK libraries
import nltk
import re
import string
```

```
from nltk.corpus import stopwords
from wordcloud import WordCloud,STOPWORDS
from nltk.stem.porter import PorterStemmer
from sklearn.feature extraction.text import TfidfVectorizer
from sklearn.feature extraction.text import CountVectorizer
# Machine Learning libraries
import sklearn
from sklearn.model selection import GridSearchCV
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
from sklearn.naive bayes import MultinomialNB
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
from sklearn.model selection import train test split
#Metrics libraries
from sklearn import metrics
from sklearn.metrics import classification report
from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_score
from sklearn.metrics import roc auc score
from sklearn.metrics import roc curve
from sklearn.metrics import confusion matrix
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy score
#Miscellanous libraries
from collections import Counter
#Ignore warnings
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
#Deep learning libraries
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Embedding
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.sequence import
pad sequences
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.text import one hot
from tensorflow.keras.layers import LSTM
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Bidirectional
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dense
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dropout
```

Importing the Dataset:

Let's introduce our dataset and explore its contents.

i) Data Source

title	text	subject	date	
Donald Trump Sends Out Embarrassing New Year's Eve Message; This is I	Donald Trump just couldn t wish all Americans a Happy New Year and	News	December 31	, 2017
Drunk Bragging Trump Staffer Started Russian Collusion Investigation	House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nunes is going to have	News	December 31	, 2017
Sheriff David Clarke Becomes An Internet Joke For Threatening To Poke Peop	On Friday, it was revealed that former Milwaukee Sheriff David Clarke	News	December 30), 2017
Trump Is So Obsessed He Even Has Obama's Name Coded Into His Webs	On Christmas day, Donald Trump announced that he would be back t	News	December 29	, 2017
Pope Francis Just Called Out Donald Trump During His Christmas Speech	Pope Francis used his annual Christmas Day message to rebuke Donal	News	December 25	5, 2017
Racist Alabama Cops Brutalize Black Boy While He Is In Handcuffs (GRAPHIC	The number of cases of cops brutalizing and killing people of color se	News	December 25	5, 2017
Fresh Off The Golf Course, Trump Lashes Out At FBI Deputy Director And Jan	Donald Trump spent a good portion of his day at his golf club, marking	News	December 23	3, 2017
Trump Said Some INSANELY Racist Stuff Inside The Oval Office, And Witness	In the wake of yet another court decision that derailed Donald Trump	News	December 23	3, 2017
Former CIA Director Slams Trump Over UN Bullying, Openly Suggests He':	Many people have raised the alarm regarding the fact that Donald Tru	News	December 22	2, 2017
WATCH: Brand-New Pro-Trump Ad Features So Much A** Kissing It Will Mak	Just when you might have thought we d get a break from watching pe	News	December 21	, 2017
Papa John's Founder Retires, Figures Out Racism Is Bad For Business	A centerpiece of Donald Trump s campaign, and now his presidency, h	News	December 21	, 2017
WATCH: Paul Ryan Just Told Us He Doesn't Care About Struggling Familie	Republicans are working overtime trying to sell their scam of a tax bil	News	December 21	, 2017
Bad News For Trump â€" Mitch McConnell Says No To Repealing Obamacan	Republicans have had seven years to come up with a viable replacem	News	December 21	, 2017
WATCH: Lindsey Graham Trashes Media For Portraying Trump As â€~Kooky,â	The media has been talking all day about Trump and the Republican P	News	December 20), 2017
Heiress To Disney Empire Knows GOP Scammed Us â€" SHREDS Them For Ta	Abigail Disney is an heiress with brass ovaries who will profit from the	News	December 20), 2017

Dataset Link: https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/clmentbisaillon/fake-and-real-news-dataset

```
#reading the fake and true datasets
fake_news = pd.read_csv('Fake.csv')
true_news = pd.read_csv('True.csv')

# print shape of fake dataset with rows and columns and
information
print ("The shape of the data is (row, column):"+
str(fake_news.shape))
print (fake_news.info())
print("\n ------\n")
```

Preprocessing and Cleaning:

Before we delve into exploratory data analysis (EDA) and model building, we need to perform crucial preprocessing steps. Let's begin by creating the target column.

Creating the target column

Let's create the target column for both fake and true news. Here we are gonna denote the target value as '0' incase of fake news and '1' incase of true news

```
#Target variable for fake news
fake_news['output']=0
#Target variable for true news
true_news['output']=1
```

Concatenating Title and Text of News

```
#Concatenating and dropping for fake news
fake_news['news']=fake_news['title']+fake_news['text']
fake_news=fake_news.drop(['title', 'text'], axis=1)
```

```
#Concatenating and dropping for true news
true_news['news']=true_news['title']+true_news['text']
true_news=true_news.drop(['title', 'text'], axis=1)

#Rearranging the columns
fake_news = fake_news[['subject', 'date', 'news','output']]
true_news = true_news[['subject', 'date', 'news','output']]
```

Converting the Date Columns to Datetime Format

We can utilize 'pd.to datetime' to convert our date columns into the desired date format.

```
fake_news['date'].value_counts()
```

OUTPUT:

```
May 10, 2017
                46
May 26, 2016
                 44
May 6, 2016
               44
May 5, 2016
               44
May 11, 2016
                43
December 9, 2017
December 4, 2017
November 19, 2017
November 20, 2017
Jul 19, 2015
Name: date, Length: 1681, dtype: int64
```

Appending Two Datasets

To provide the model with a single dataset, we should append both the true and fake news data and preprocess it further for EDA.

```
frames = [fake_news, true_news]
news_dataset = pd.concat(frames)
news_dataset
```

Remove Stop words

Stop words are commonly used words (e.g., "the," "a," "an," "in") that search engines have been programmed to ignore. They are omitted during the indexing of entries for searching and when delivering search results in response to a query.

```
stop = stopwords.words('english')
clean_news['news'] = clean_news['news'].apply(lambda x: ' '.join([word for
word in x.split() if word not in (stop)]))
clean_news.head()
```

	subject	date	news	output	
0	News	2017-12	-31	donald trump sends embarrassing new year's eve	0
1	News	2017-12	-31	drunk bragging trump staffer started russian c	0
2	News	2017-12	-30	sheriff david clarke becomes internet joke thr	0
3	News	2017-12	-29	trump obsessed even obama's name coded website	0
4	News	2017-12	-25	pope francis called donald trump christmas spe	0

Stemming & Vectorization:

Stemming is a method of deriving root word from the inflected word. Here we extract the reviews and convert the words in reviews to its root word.

```
#Extracting 'reviews' for processing
news_features=clean_news.copy()
news_features=news_features[['news']].reset_index(drop=True)
news_features.head()
```

OUTPUT

```
news
0
       donald trump sends embarrassing new year's eve...
       drunk bragging trump staffer started russian c...
2
       sheriff david clarke becomes internet joke thr...
3
       trump obsessed even obama's name coded website...
       pope francis called donald trump christmas spe...
stop words = set(stopwords.words("english"))
#Performing stemming on the review dataframe
ps = PorterStemmer()
#splitting and adding the stemmed words except stopwords
corpus = []
for i in range(0, len(news_features)):
  news = re.sub('[^a-zA-Z]', ' ', news_features['news'][i])
  news= news.lower()
  news = news.split()
  news = [ps.stem(word) for word in news if not word in stop_words]
  news = ' '.join(news)
  corpus.append(news)
```

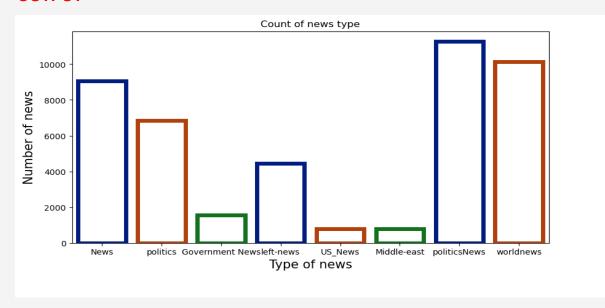
corpus[1]

Feauture Extraction:

Data Visualization for News:

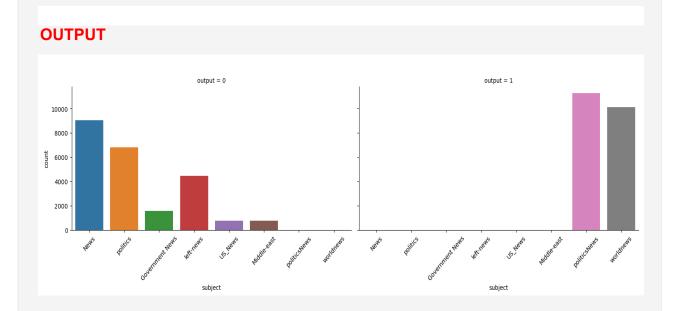
Count of News Subjects

OUTPUT



Count of News Subject based on true or fake

Let's examine the distribution of fake and true news to confirm whether our data is balanced.



Count of fake news and true news

ax=sns.countplot(x="output", data=clean_news)

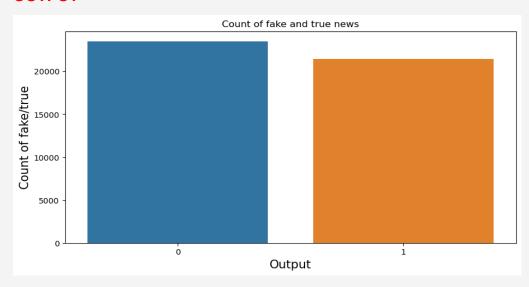
#Setting labels and font size

ax.set(xlabel='Output', ylabel='Count of fake/true',title='Count of fake and true news')

ax.xaxis.get_label().set_fontsize(15)

ax.yaxis.get_label().set_fontsize(15)

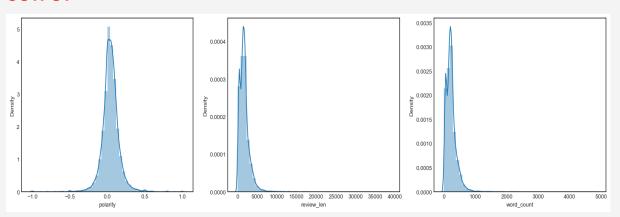
OUTPUT



Deriving new Feautures from the News

#Plotting the distribution of the extracted feature plt.figure(figsize = (20, 5))

```
plt.style.use('seaborn-white')
plt.subplot(131)
sns.distplot(clean_news['polarity'])
fig = plt.gcf()
plt.subplot(132)
sns.distplot(clean_news['review_len'])
fig = plt.gcf()
plt.subplot(133)
sns.distplot(clean_news['word_count'])
fig = plt.gcf()
```



N-gram Analysis

Top 20 words in News

Let's look at the top 20 words from the news which could give us a brief idea on what news are popular in our dataset

```
#Function to get top n words
def get_top_n_words(corpus, n=None):
    vec = CountVectorizer().fit(corpus)
    bag_of_words = vec.transform(corpus)
    sum_words = bag_of_words.sum(axis=0)
    words_freq = [(word, sum_words[0, idx]) for word, idx in
vec.vocabulary_.items()]
    words_freq =sorted(words_freq, key = lambda x: x[1], reverse=True)
    return words_freq[:n]

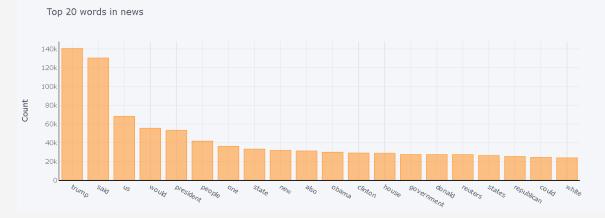
#Calling function and return only top 20 words
common_words = get_top_n_words(clean_news['news'], 20)

#Printing the word and frequency
for word, freq in common_words:
    print(word, freq)
```

```
#Creating the dataframe of word and frequency
df1 = pd.DataFrame(common_words, columns = ['news', 'count'])

#Group by words and plot the sum
df1.groupby('news').sum()['count'].sort_values(ascending=False).iplot(
    kind='bar', yTitle='Count', linecolor='black', title='Top 20 words in news')
```

trump 140400 said 130258 us 68081 would 55422 president 53189 people 41718 one 36146 state 33190 new 31799 also 31209 obama 29881 clinton 29003 house 28716 government 27392 donald 27376 reuters 27348 states 26331 republican 25287 could 24356 white 23823



Top two words in News

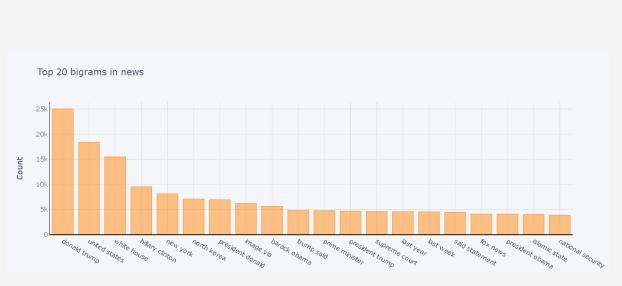
```
#Function to get top bigram words
def get_top_n_bigram(corpus, n=None):
    vec = CountVectorizer(ngram_range=(2, 2)).fit(corpus)
    bag_of_words = vec.transform(corpus)
    sum_words = bag_of_words.sum(axis=0)
```

```
words freq = [(word, sum_words[0, idx]) for word, idx in
vec.vocabulary_.items()]
    words_freq =sorted(words_freq, key = lambda x: x[1],
reverse=True)
    return words freq[:n]
#Calling function and return only top 20 words
common_words = get_top_n_bigram(clean_news['news'], 20)
#Printing the word and frequency
for word, freq in common words:
    print(word, freq)
#Creating the dataframe of word and frequency
df3 = pd.DataFrame(common_words, columns = ['news', 'count'])
#Group by words and plot the sum
df3.groupby('news').sum()['count'].sort values(ascending=False)
.iplot(
    kind='bar', yTitle='Count', linecolor='black', title='Top
20 bigrams in news')
```

donald trump 25059 united states 18394 white house 15485 hillary clinton 9502 new york 8110 north korea 7053 president donald 6928 image via 6188 barack obama 5603 trump said 4816 prime minister 4753 president trump 4646 supreme court 4595 last year 4560 last week 4512 said statement 4425 fox news 4074 president obama 4065 islamic state 4014 national security 3858

donald trumpunited stateswhite househillary clintonnew yorknorth koreapresident donaldimage viabarack obamatrump saidprime ministerpresident trumpsupreme courtlast yearlast weeksaid statementfox newspresident obamaislamic statenational security05k10k15k20k25kExport to plot.ly »

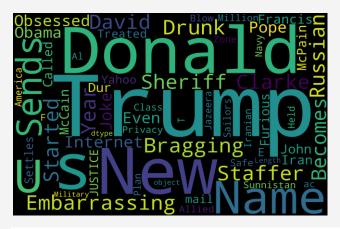
Top 20 bigrams in newsCount



Word Cloud of Fake and True News

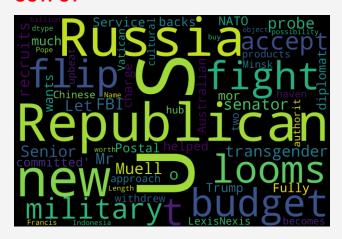
```
text = fake_news["news"]
wordcloud = WordCloud(
    width = 3000,
    height = 2000,
    background_color = 'black',
    stopwords = STOPWORDS).generate(str(text))
fig = plt.figure(
    figsize = (40, 30),
    facecolor = 'k',
    edgecolor = 'k')
plt.imshow(wordcloud, interpolation = 'bilinear')
plt.axis('off')
plt.tight_layout(pad=0)
plt.show()
```

OUTPUT



text = true_news["news"]

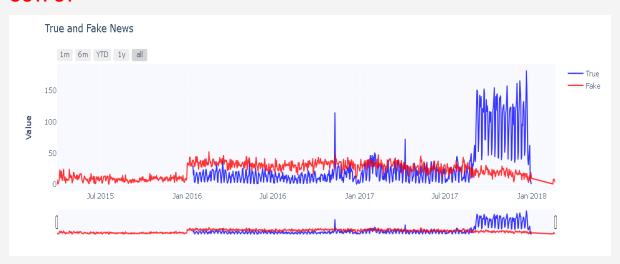
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plt.show()
```



Time series analaysis Fake and True News

```
#Creating the count of output based on date
fake=fake_news.groupby(['date'])['output'].count()
fake=pd.DataFrame(fake)
true=true_news.groupby(['date'])['output'].count()
true=pd.DataFrame(true)
#Plotting the time series graph
fig = go.Figure()
fig.add trace(go.Scatter(
     x=true.index,
     y=true['output'],
     name='True',
  line=dict(color='blue'),
  opacity=0.8))
fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(
     x=fake.index,
     y=fake['output'],
     name='Fake',
  line=dict(color='red'),
```

```
opacity=0.8))
fig.update xaxes(
  rangeslider_visible=True,
    rangeselector=dict(
    buttons=list([
       dict(count=1, label="1m", step="month", stepmode="backward"),
       dict(count=6, label="6m", step="month", stepmode="backward"),
       dict(count=1, label="YTD", step="year", stepmode="todate"),
       dict(count=1, label="1y", step="year", stepmode="backward"),
       dict(step="all")
    ])
    )
)
fig.update_layout(title_text='True and Fake News',plot_bgcolor='rgb(248, 248,
255)',yaxis_title='Value')
fig.show()
```



Model Training

Train test split (75:25)

Using train test split function we are splitting the dataset into 75:25 ratio for train and test set respectively

```
# Divide the dataset into Train and Test
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.25, random_state=0)
```

Model Building Fake News Classifier:

```
def plot_confusion_matrix(cm, classes,
                 normalize=False.
                 title='Confusion matrix',
                 cmap=plt.cm.Blues):
  This function prints and plots the confusion matrix.
  Normalization can be applied by setting `normalize=True`.
  plt.imshow(cm, interpolation='nearest', cmap=cmap)
  plt.title(title)
  plt.colorbar()
  tick_marks = np.arange(len(classes))
  plt.xticks(tick_marks, classes, rotation=45)
  plt.yticks(tick_marks, classes)
  if normalize:
     cm = cm.astype('float') / cm.sum(axis=1)[:, np.newaxis]
     print("Normalized confusion matrix")
  else:
     print('Confusion matrix, without normalization')
  thresh = cm.max() / 2.
  for i in range (cm.shape[0]):
     for j in range (cm.shape[1]):
       plt.text(j, i, cm[i, j],
           horizontalalignment="center",
           color="white" if cm[i, j] > thresh else "black")
  plt.tight_layout()
  plt.ylabel('True label')
  plt.xlabel('Predicted label')
```

Model Selection:

```
#creating the objects
logreg_cv = LogisticRegression(random_state=0)
dt_cv=DecisionTreeClassifier()
knn_cv=KNeighborsClassifier()
nb_cv=MultinomialNB(alpha=0.1)
cv_dict = {0: 'Logistic Regression', 1: 'Decision Tree',2:'KNN',3:'Naive Bayes'}
cv_models=[logreg_cv,dt_cv,knn_cv,nb_cv]

#Printing the accuracy
for i,model in enumerate(cv_models):
```

```
print("{} Test Accuracy: {}".format(cv_dict[i],cross_val_score(model, X, y, cv=10, scoring ='accuracy').mean()))
```

Logistic Regression Test Accuracy: 0.9660040199274997

Decision Tree Test Accuracy: 0.9353049482414729

KNN Test Accuracy: 0.6119253084088696

Naive Bayes Test Accuracy: 0.9373328405462511

Logistic Regression with hyperparameter Tuning

```
param_grid = {'C': np.logspace(-4, 4, 50), 'penalty': ['I1', 'I2']}
clf = GridSearchCV(LogisticRegression(random_state=0), param_grid,cv=5,
verbose=0,n_jobs=-1)
best_model = clf.fit(X_train,y_train)
print(best_model.best_estimator_)
print("The mean accuracy of the model is:",best_model.score(X_test,y_test))
```

OUTPUT

```
LogisticRegression(C=24.420530945486497, random_state=0)
```

The mean accuracy of the model is: 0.9803065407235787

```
logreg = LogisticRegression(C=24.420530945486497, random_state=0)
logreg.fit(X_train, y_train)
y_pred = logreg.predict(X_test)
print('Accuracy of logistic regression classifier on test set:
{:.2f}'.format(logreg.score(X_test, y_test)))
```

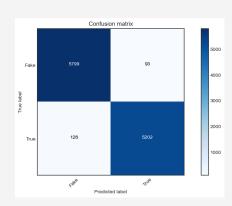
OUTPUT

Accuracy of logistic regression classifier on test set: 0.98

Confusion Matrix

```
cm = metrics.confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred)
plot_confusion_matrix(cm, classes=['Fake','True'])
```

OUTPUT



Classification Report

print("Classification Report:\n",classification_report(y_test, y_pred))

OUTPUT

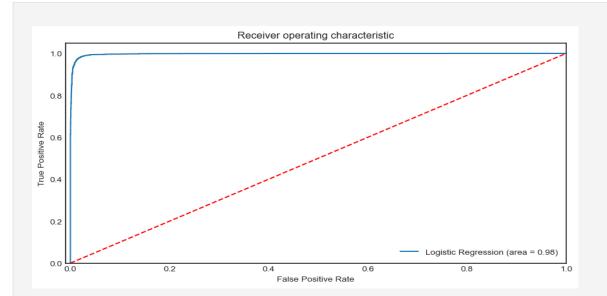
Classification Report:

Classificación	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.98	0.98	0.98	5892
1	0.98	0.98	0.98	5330
accuracy			0.98	11222
macro avg	0.98	0.98	0.98	11222
weighted avg	0.98	0.98	0.98	11222

ROC-AUC curve

```
logit_roc_auc = roc_auc_score(y_test, logreg.predict(X_test))
fpr, tpr, thresholds = roc_curve(y_test, logreg.predict_proba(X_test)[:,1])
plt.figure()
plt.plot(fpr, tpr, label='Logistic Regression (area = %0.2f)' % logit_roc_auc)
plt.plot([0, 1], [0, 1],'r--')
plt.xlim([-0.01, 1.0])
plt.ylim([0.0, 1.05])
plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate')
plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate')
plt.title('Receiver operating characteristic')
plt.legend(loc="lower right")
plt.show()
```

OUTPUT



Deep Learning -LSTM

```
#Creating the Istm model
embedding_vector_features=40
model=Sequential()
model.add(Embedding(voc_size,embedding_vector_features,input_length=se
nt_length))
model.add(Dropout(0.3))
model.add(LSTM(100)) #Adding 100 lstm neurons in the layer
model.add(Dropout(0.3))
model.add(Dense(1,activation='sigmoid'))
#Compiling the model
model.compile(loss='binary_crossentropy',optimizer='adam',metrics=['accurac
y'])
print(model.summary())
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.text import Tokenizer
# Load Data
true_df = pd.read_csv('True.csv')
fake_df = pd.read_csv('Fake.csv')
# Data Preprocessing
# Combine and label the data
true df['label'] = 1
fake_df['label'] = 0
data = pd.concat([true_df, fake_df])
# Train-Test Split
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(data['text'], data['label'],
test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
```

```
# Tokenization and Padding
tokenizer = Tokenizer(num_words=5000)
tokenizer.fit_on_texts(X_train)
X train seg = tokenizer.texts to seguences(X train)
X test seg = tokenizer.texts to sequences(X test)
X train padded = pad sequences(X train seq, maxlen=200, padding='post',
truncating='post')
X_test_padded = pad_sequences(X_test_seq, maxlen=200, padding='post',
truncating='post')
# LSTM Model
model lstm = Sequential()
model_lstm.add(Embedding(input_dim=5000, output_dim=128,
input_length=200))
model lstm.add(LSTM(128))
model_lstm.add(Dense(1, activation='sigmoid'))
model_lstm.compile(loss='binary_crossentropy', optimizer='adam',
metrics=['accuracy'])
model_lstm.fit(X_train_padded, y_train, epochs=5,
validation_data=(X_test_padded, y_test))
# Evaluate LSTM Model
y_pred_lstm = model_lstm.predict(X_test_padded)
y pred lstm = [1 if val > 0.5 else 0 for val in y pred <math>lstm]
OUTPUT
Epoch 1/5
accuracy: 0.8394 - val_loss: 0.2382 - val_accuracy: 0.9302
Epoch 2/5
accuracy: 0.8883 - val_loss: 0.1022 - val_accuracy: 0.9734
Epoch 3/5
1123/1123 [=============== ] - 179s 160ms/step - loss: 0.0904 -
accuracy: 0.9726 - val_loss: 0.0611 - val_accuracy: 0.9635
Epoch 4/5
accuracy: 0.9900 - val_loss: 0.0131 - val_accuracy: 0.9964
Epoch 5/5
accuracy: 0.9983 - val_loss: 0.0123 - val_accuracy: 0.9970
281/281 [========= ] - 18s 61ms/step
print("LSTM Classification Report:")
print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred_lstm))
```

weighted avg

LSTM Classification Report: recall f1-score support precision 0 1.00 1.00 1.00 4650 1 1.00 1.00 1.00 4330 1.00 8980 accuracy macro avg 1.00 1.00 1.00 8980

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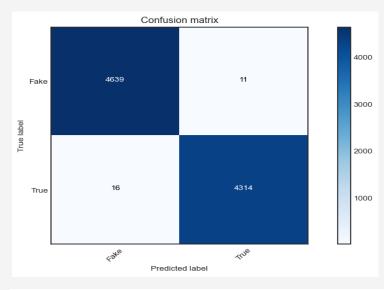
Evaluation of Model

#Creating confusion matrix
#confusion_matrix(y_test,y_pred)
cm = metrics.confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred_lstm)
plot_confusion_matrix(cm,classes=['Fake','True'])

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1.00

8980



#Checking for accuracy
accuracy_score(y_test,y_pred_lstm)

OUTPUT

0.9969933184855234

Conclusion:

Natural Language Processing (NLP) is a potent tool for combatting fake news by effectively identifying and categorizing it. The success of NLP models in this task may be influenced by factors such as feature correlation, particularly with categorical features like 'subject.' It underscores the importance of thorough feature consideration in fake news detection.