Detecting Fake News with Python and Machine Learning

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In [1]: ▶ import numpy as np
             import pandas as pd
             import itertools
             from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
             from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import TfidfVectorizer
             from sklearn.linear_model import PassiveAggressiveClassifier
             from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, confusion_matrix
In [2]: ▶ #Read the data
             df=pd.read_csv('news.csv')
             #Get shape and head
             df.shape
             df.head()
    Out[2]:
                  Unnamed:
                                                                 title
                                                                                                           text label
              0
                      8476
                                              You Can Smell Hillary's Fear
                                                                          Daniel Greenfield, a Shillman Journalism Fello... FAKE
                               Watch The Exact Moment Paul Ryan Committed
                     10294
              1
                                                                        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
                                                                       — Kaydee King (@KaydeeKing) November 9, 2016
                     10142
              3
                                Bernie supporters on Twitter erupt in anger ag...
                       875
                              The Battle of New York: Why This Primary Matters
                                                                          It's primary day in New York and front-runners... REAL
          #DataFlair - Get the labels
In [3]:
             labels=df.label
             labels.head()
    Out[3]: 0
                  FAKE
             1
                  FAKE
                  REAL
             2
             3
                  FAKE
             4
                  REAL
             Name: label, dtype: object
In [4]:
          x_train,x_test,y_train,y_test=train_test_split(df['<mark>text</mark>'], labels, test_size=0.2, random_state=7
In [5]:
          ▶ | #DataFlair - Initialize a TfidfVectorizer
             tfidf_vectorizer=TfidfVectorizer(stop_words='english', max_df=0.7)
             #DataFlair - Fit and transform train set, transform test set
             tfidf train=tfidf vectorizer.fit transform(x train)
             tfidf test=tfidf vectorizer.transform(x test)
In [6]:
          ▶ | #DataFlair - Initialize a PassiveAggressiveClassifier
             pac=PassiveAggressiveClassifier(max_iter=50)
             pac.fit(tfidf_train,y_train)
             #DataFlair - Predict on the test set and calculate accuracy
             y_pred=pac.predict(tfidf_test)
             score=accuracy_score(y_test,y_pred)
             print(f'Accuracy: {round(score*100,2)}%')
             Accuracy: 92.74%
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So with this model, we have 589 true positives, 587 true negatives, 42 false positives, and 49 false negatives.

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