

APPROACH

The approach was taken for fake news detection Using Python and Machine Learning based on several reasons:

Dataset Availability:

The approach leveraged available datasets containing real and fake news articles. By using these datasets, it was possible to train and evaluate machine learning models on a representative set of news articles.

Supervised Learning:

Fake news detection is typically approached as a supervised learning problem, where models are trained on labelled data to learn the patterns and characteristics of fake and real news. The approach followed the standard workflow of supervised learning, including data preprocessing, feature extraction, model training, and evaluation.

Feature Extraction:

The approach utilized feature extraction techniques such as TF-IDF vectorization to convert the textual data into numerical representations. This transformation allowed the models to work with the structured numerical data and capture important information from the text.

Model Selection:

The approach considered three different models: **logistic regression, decision tree, and random forest**. These models were chosen due to their popularity, interpretability, and ability to handle binary classification tasks. Logistic regression is a simple and interpretable model, while decision trees and random forests are capable of capturing complex patterns and interactions within the data.

Evaluation and Comparison:

The approach evaluated the performance of each model using appropriate evaluation metrics such as accuracy. By comparing the performance of different models, it was possible to identify the strengths and weaknesses of each approach and determine which model performed best for the given task.

Interpretability vs. Accuracy: The approach took into account the trade-off between model interpretability and accuracy. Logistic regression is a more interpretable model, as it provides coefficient values that indicate the importance of features. On the other hand, decision trees and random forests may offer higher accuracy but are less interpretable due to their complex structures.

Overall, this approach was chosen to effectively tackle the problem of fake news detection by leveraging available datasets, applying standard supervised learning techniques, and considering different models with varying trade-offs between interpretability and accuracy.