Fake News Detection Using ML

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Introduction

- Stories that look like real news stories but are propaganda and disinformation.
- Fake news and lack of trust in the media are growing problem in our society.
- Fake news typically appears on website that look professional . the stories often relate to topics and people who are trending on google and facebook . the stories usually have outrageous headlines designed to get people to click .

Existing System

- Most of people has been focusing on classifying online reviews and publicly available social media post .
- Fake news hide important context information .
- Particularly since late 2016 during the American Presidential election, the question of determining 'Fake news' has also been the subject of particular attention within the literature

How to analyze a news?



Features Of Fake News Detection

- Language Features
- Lexical Features
- Psycholinguistic Features
- Semantic Features

Language Features

- Sentence-level Features (Bag-of-words approach, part-of speech approach)
- Include number of words and syllables per sentence as well as tags of word categories (Such as noun, verb, adjective)

Lexical Features

- Meaning of a word or a phrase as it is actually used by people
- Include character and word-level signals, such as unique words and their frequency in the text.
- Also implement some pronouns, verbs, hashtags, all punctuations counts, etc...

Psycholinguistic Features

• Linguistic Inquiry and word count is a dictionary based text whose output has been explored in many classification tasks, include **Fake News Detection**.

Semantic Features

• Capture the semantic aspects of a text are useful to infer patterns of meaning from data.

Consequences

- Fake news sometimes gets more views than real news.
- Sometimes politicians and professionals journalists even quote fake news stories!
- Sometimes people engage in illegal and violent behaviour as a result of believing a fake news story.

Types of fake news

- Visual based
- User based
- Knowledge based
- Style based

Visual - based

• These fake news posts use graphics a lot more in as content, which may include images, videos or combination of both.

User - based

• This type fake news are generated by fake account and is targeted to specific audience which may represent certain age groups gender, culture, political, affiliations.

Knowledge - based

• These types of posts give scientific explanation to the some unresolved issues and make users to believe it is authentic. For example natural remedies of increased sugar level in human body.

Style - based

• This types of posts are written by pseudo-journalists who pretend and copy style of some expert journalists.

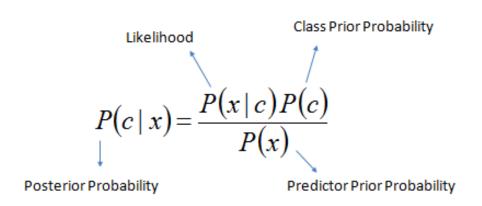
Techniques used by detecting fake news

- Naive bayesian classification
- Random Forest
- Support Vector Machine

Naive Bayes Classification

- <u>Bayes' theorem</u> with an assumption of independence between predictors.
- In simple terms, a Naive Bayes classifier assumes that the presence of a particular feature in a class is unrelated to the presence of any other feature.
- Naive Bayesian model is easy to build and particularly useful for very large data sets.
- For example, a fruit may be considered to be an apple if it is red, round, and about 3 inches in diameter. Even if these features depend on each other or upon the existence of the other features, a naive Bayes classifier would consider all of these properties to independently contribute to the probability that this fruit is an apple.

Bayes theorem provides a way of calculating posterior probability P(c|x) from P(c), P(x) and P(x|c). Look at the equation below:

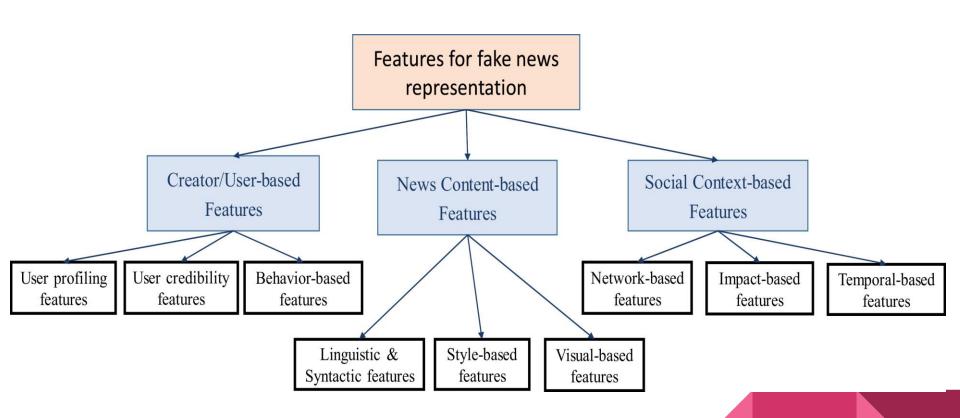


$$P(c \mid X) = P(x_1 \mid c) \times P(x_2 \mid c) \times \cdots \times P(x_n \mid c) \times P(c)$$

- P(c/x) is the posterior probability of class (target) given predictor (attribute).
- P(c) is the prior probability of class.
- P(x/c) is the likelihood which is the probability of *predictor* given *class*.
- P(x) is the prior probability of *predictor*.

Random Forest

- The Random Forest Algorithm is composed of different decision trees, each with the same nodes, but using different data that leads to different leaves.
- It merges the decisions of multiple decision trees in order to find an answer, which represents the average of all these decision trees.
- The random forest algorithm is a supervised learning model; it uses labeled data to "learn" how to classify unlabeled data.
- The Random Forest Algorithm is used to solve both regression and classification problems

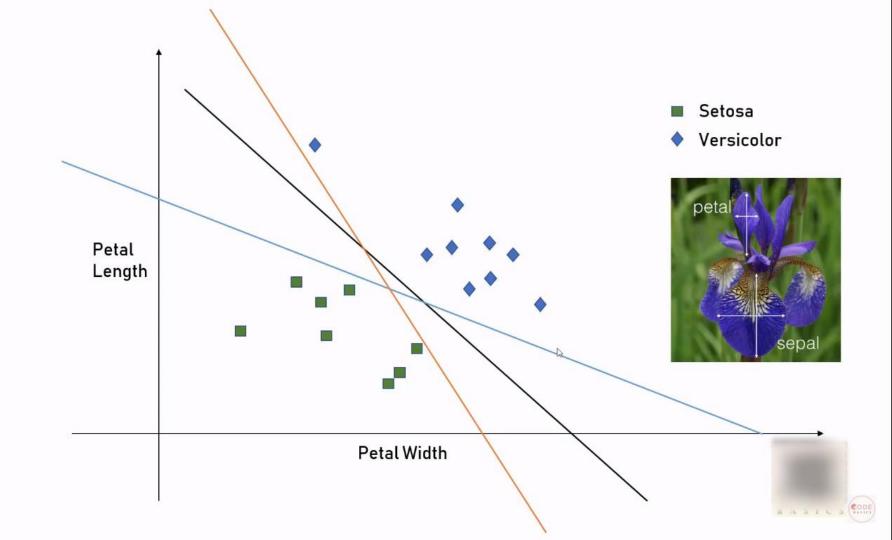


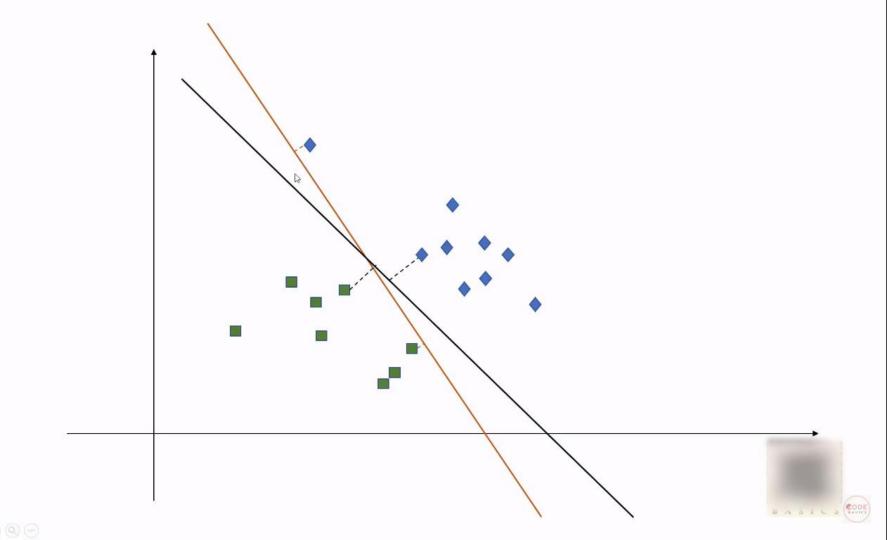
Support Vector Machine

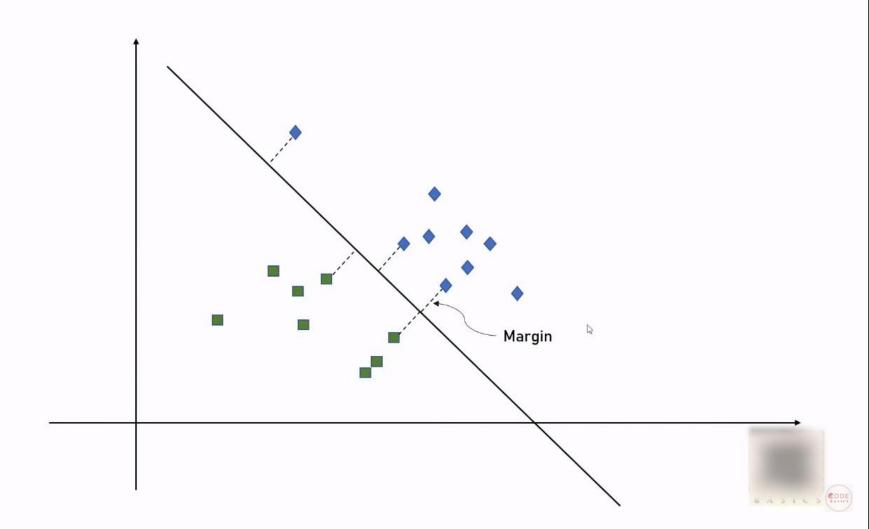
- "Support Vector Machine" (SVM) is a supervised ML algorithm which can be used for both classification or regression challenges
- We perform classification by finding the hyperplane that differentiate the two classes very well
- SVM is robust to outliers
- Maximizing the distances between nearest data point (either class) and hyper-plane will help us to decide the right hyper-plane. This distance is called as **Margin**.

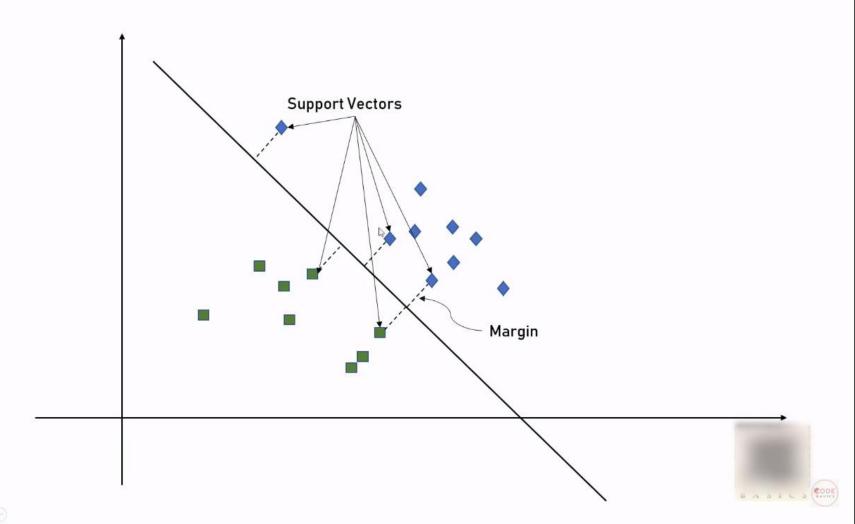
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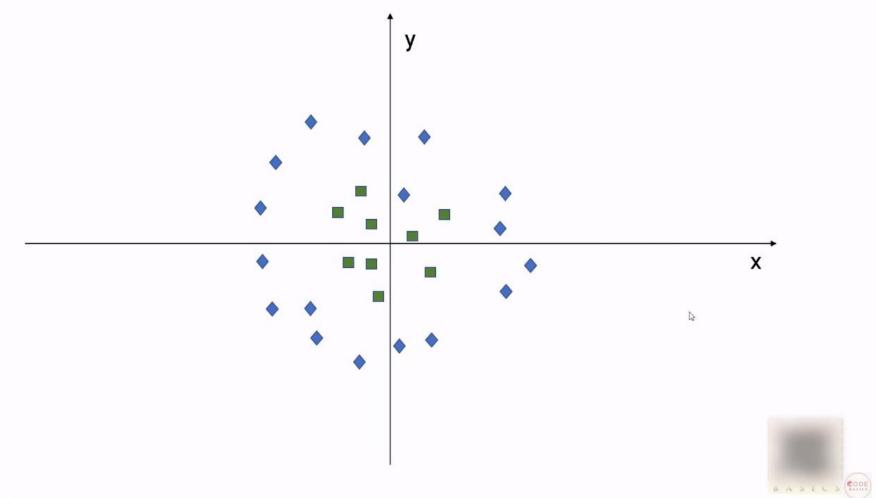




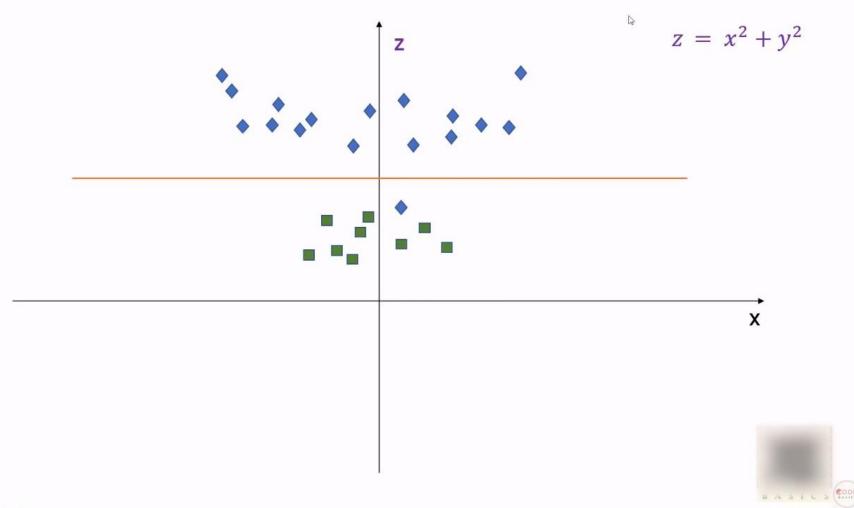




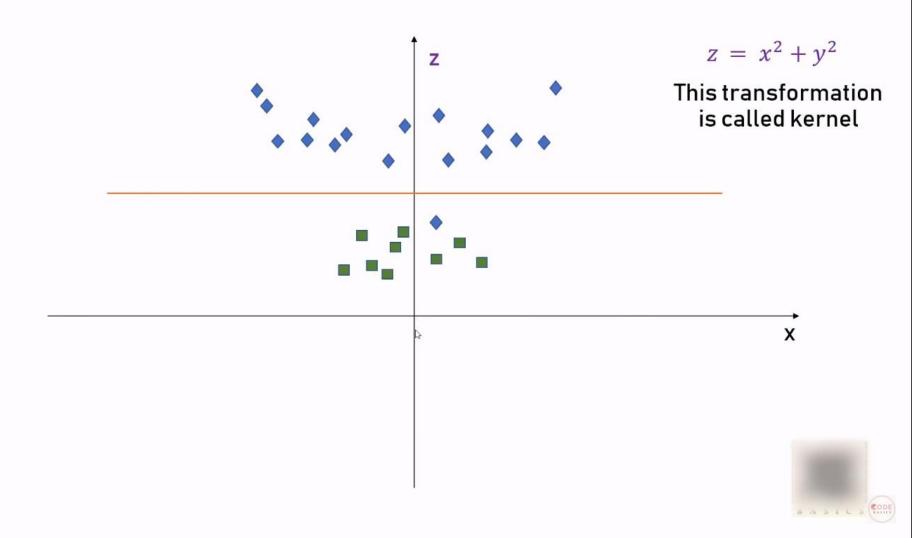


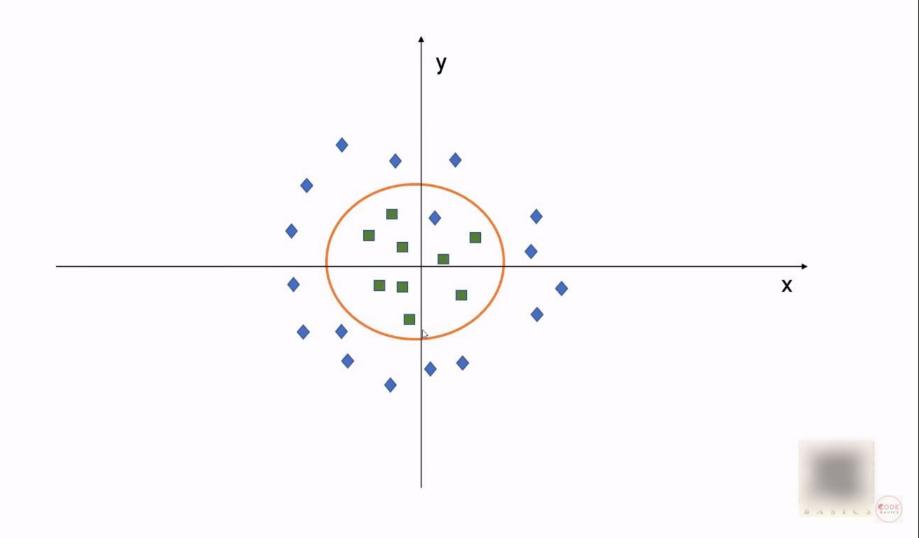






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