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Hoax News Detection on Social Media: A Survey

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Abstract—Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is a tool to spread and share news effectively. Social media is an Information and Communication Technology product which is a trend of future communication styles, and communication is all about an activity to share the news. The news shared on social media are not always incredible resources, or on the other hand, we can say that most of them are a hoax. According to this condition, research would like to explore what kind of method approach to detect hoax news. This research uses a survey approach to papers published during 2016-2018. By doing this work, we can know the kind of algorithms used for a similar research topic. The most popular approach according to this work is the Classification using Support Vector Machine (SVM), and the most used social media platform is Twitter.

Keywords—hoax news; social media; classification; Support Vector Machine; twitter

I. INTRODUCTION

Nowadays, Information and communication technology (ICT) is overgrowing. ICT become a tool to spread and share news effectively. Social media is an ICT product which is a trend of future communication styles and communication is all about activities to share the story. Social media's popularity is unstoppable. It means no one can stop us to use this way or style to share a fact or fake news. It does influence the whole of human lives, and we can say that human civilization could not be separated from digital life especially from it, social media. Due to the user population, news sharing through social media is the best way because with the massive community of user news could be shared more active and always be in point. On the other side, social media's proliferation is such as two-sided blades. We can get more advantage of it and also more disadvantage by consuming news from social media. Everyone uses social media for work, study, communicate with friends or families, to promote a business and many more good things can be shared from social media. Papadopoulos said in his research [1] that research can combine different computer science with social science in the future to tackle various aspects of trust and openness of information in social media [1]. But the other condition is many people use social media to share hoax news such as research conducted by Gottfried [2]. Fake news is the synonym of hoax news, thus on this research, we use hoax news term.

Silverman [3] analyzes that most false stories about election shared on Facebook. People can access to an unprecedented number of information —only on Facebook more than 3M posts are generated per minute [4] without the intermediation of journalists or experts, thus actively participating in the diffusion as well as the production of content. Social media has rapidly become the primary information source for many of their users: over half (51%) of US users now get news via social media [5].

The web provides a highly interconnected world-wide platform for each one to spread information for millions of people in the matter of a few minutes, at no cost [6]. Recent surveys have alarmingly shown that people increasingly get their news from social media than from traditional news sources [7, 8], making it of paramount importance to curtail false information on such platforms. With primary motives of influencing opinions and earning money [9, 10, 11, 12], the vast impact of hoax information makes it one of the common dangers to society, according to the World Economic Forum [13].

The hoax news can be spread easily by social media, and it is very influential to real-world thus we have to conduct a deep assess to reduce its impact. There are many hoaxes news shared through social media. This is unfortunate because the existence of this kind of news can make chaos in live society. Hoax news is used to entertain, promote agendas or, stoked on mass by large numbers of bots or sock puppets, attempt to sway public opinion [14]. Hoax news spreads faster than real news, according to a recent BuzzFeed analysis. The hoax is a type of misinformation that aims to deceive the reader [15] deliberately. The example hoax news on social media (Tweeter): BREAKING! Massive Volcano Eruption Only 32 Miles Away From MAJOR Nuclear Plant! Consciously Enlightened [16]. Hoax news, as we know, sometimes used as a political weapon [17]. Alternative facts (alt-















facts) are information with no basis in reality while post-truths are defined as beyond the truths or irrelevant information [18]. This research identifies what the approach has done to detect hoax news and what the type of the most popular social media used. There are two surveys conducted by Kumar and Viviani to detect hoax news [35, 49]. By this research Kumar determine the algorithm to detect hoax news and Viviani has detect spam and fake news on online media and microblogging especially on health information. The difference of this research with these both research above is this research proposed to know what the method and approach used and also to mitigate what kind of algorithms, and at last we can know the most popular algorithm used for detecting hoax news.

II. METHODOLOGY

This research conducted a thorough survey on the research about the hoax news on social media and created a systematic review protocol research with PRISMA (Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-analysis) [19]. This process is classified into five stages, which are: Defining Eligibility Criteria, Defining Information Resource, Literature Selection, Data Collection, and Data Item Selection.

A. Stage 1: Defining Article Eligibility Criteria

Determined by Inclusion Criteria (IC), which are:

- 1) IC1: the article must be original research that has been studied and written in English.
- 2) IC2: the article has been published between 2016 and 2018.
- 3) IC3: the article has a purpose to analyse the method and approach from another researcher to reduce hoax news on social media and its contributions.

B. Stage 2: Defining Information Resource

- The literature can be searched on an online database with a significant repository for an academic study such as ACM Digital Library, Elsevier (SCOPUS), Emerald Insight, IEEE Xplore, ScienceDirect, Wiley Online Library, Springer Link and Google Scholar.
- On the articles that eligible to IC, are also searched to find the other research that related to this research.

C. Stage 3: Literature Selection

- 1) Keyword determination. Firstly is "hoax news and social media" and secondly is "hoax news detection and social media".
- To explore and select a title, abstract and article keyword obtained from a search result on eligibility criteria that defined before.
- 3) Read the article that not eliminated from the previous stage, full or partially, to determine that the items are eligible for the next review.
- 4) Short-listed articles are re-assessed to find related studies. The articles that reference-listed and

associated with this research will be re-assessed by doing stage 3 to stage 4.

D. Stage 4: Data Collection

Data are collected manually by creating a data extraction form. This research assesses 73.886 articles based on keywords "hoax news and social media" and 70.550 articles based on keywords "hoax news detection and social media" from all resource and criteria and it all articles, 70 articles are eligible to be a reference candidate according to the title and abstract to answer the research question. After the further study, there are only 38 selected articles that are eligible for this research. Table I shows the data that have been collected.

TABLE I. DATA COLLECTION

Source	•	nd (based on l keyword)	Candidate	Selected		
	Hoax news and social media	Hoax news detection and social media				
ACM Digital	67.904	67.917	19	13		
Library						
IEEE-Xplore	2	1	2	2		
Elsevier	361	63	10	6		
(SCOPUS)						
ScienceDirect	90	27	10	3		
Emerald	89	31	3	0		
Insight						
Wiley Online	44	9	2	2		
Library						
Springer Link	356	52	3	2		
Google	5040	2450	21	10		
Scholar						
Total	73.886	70.550	70	38		

E. Stage 5: Data Item Selection

Data are obtained from short-listed articles that consist of method or approach used for detecting hoax news and article, about the hoax news, distribution on social media.

III. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

This research has proposed to investigate an approach that used by another researcher to detect hoax news on social media. According to this purpose, research identifies items that can recognize hoax news and provides demographic characteristic and trend literature "Selected Study" such as publication resource, year of publication, variable classification items, items mapping of hoax news and social learning from literature. Table II shows publication resources.

TABLE II. PUBLICATION RESOURCES

No	Title	Year	Type
1	Overview[1]	2016	Journal
2	Disinformation[15]	2016	Journal
3	Misleading[16]	2018	Journal
4	Biomedical[18]	2017	Journal
5	Coupling[20]	2017	Conference
6	CSI[21]	2017	Journal
7	Fake News[22]	2017	Journal













Text-based

Hoax News

Detection

Automated

Verifying

Automatic

Classificati

on System

Fake

Sentiment Analysis

Classification

Classification

Text Classification

Common

Twitter

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Twitter



8	Falling for[23]	2017	Journal			Detection			
9	Hoaxy{24]	2016	Journal	Wu et.al.	2018	Characteriz	Graph	Mining,	Twitter
10	Let's Hate[25]	2018	Conference			ation Social Media	Social Mining.	Media	
11	Satire[26]	2018	Journal			Message	Classification	n	
12	The fake[27]	2017	Conference	Ruchans	2017	Hybrid	Deep Learni	ng	Twitter,
13	Tracing[28]	2018	Conference	ky et.al.		Deep	•		Weibo
14	Worth Its[29]	2018	Journal			Model			
15	Audience's[30]	2017	Journal	Sen et.al	2018	Characteriz ing Fake	Classification	n	Instagram
16	Fake News Detection[31]	2017	Journal			and			
17	Fake News Mitigation[32]	2017	Journal			Organic			
18	Fake news or truth[33]	2016	Conference			Likes			
19	Fake news[34]	2018	Journal	Sethi RJ	2017	System	Graph-theor	etic	Common
20	False Information[35]	2018	Journal	G: 44	2016	Prototype	Framework		T :
21	Influence[36]	2018	Journal	Sinnott RO et.al.	2016	Identify event by	Data Mining	3	Twitter
22	Polarization[37]	2018	Journal	RO Ct.ai.		sentiment			
23	Social Media[38]	2017	Journal			analysis			
24	Some like[39]	2017	Conference	Volkova	2018	Linguistics	Machine Le	arning	Twitter
25	Right-click[40]	2017	Conference	et.al.		Analysis of Deceptive			
26	A Computational[41]	2018	Conference			News			
27	On the Statistical[42]	2017	Journal	Zhou	2017	Topic	Machine Le	arning	Twitter
28	Algorithmic[43]	2018	Journal	et.al.		Modelling		C	
29	Anatomy[44]	2018	Journal	Santoso	2017	Decrease	Data Mining	g	Common
30	Fake News:[45]	2017	Journal	et.al.		Hoax in Social			
31	Leveraging[46]	2018	Conference			Media			
32	Mining[47]	2017	Journal	Pourgho	2017	Information	Right-click		Facebook
33	The rumor[48]	2018	Journal	mi et.al		Quality	Authenticate	e	
34	Credibility[49]	2017	Journal			Metric			
35	Detecting[50]	2017	Journal	Bessi A	2016	Forecasting	Extreme	value	Facebook
36	Verifying[51]	2017	Journal			and tracking of	theory		
37	Detection[52]	2018	Journal			viral			
38	Early[53][54][55]	2017	Journal			content and event			
	e III shows focuses, contrib	,		Jang et.al.	2017	Fake News Pattern	Evolution Analysis	Tree	Twitter

Table III shows focuses, contributions, approaches and type of social media that are studied by previous researchers to detect hoax news on social media and the internet. Classification is the most used in research to identifying and encountering hoax news. This technique, classification, will very evolve on the next research if it is studied to find a variation effectively. With this approach, researchers want to detect hoax news professionally.

TABLE III. CONTRIBUTION, APPROACH, AND SOCIAL MEDIA

TIBEE	m. co		ATFORM	ON IE WEDIN	et.al.		Content Detection				
Author	Year	Contributi on	Approach	Social Media Platform	Farajtaba 2017		Model Policy	Point	process	Twitter	
Kumar et.al.	2016	Impact, Characterist	Classification algorithm (logistic	Wikipedia	r et.al		Iteration Method	network activity model			
		ics, and Hoax Detection	regression, support vector machine, random forest)		Tacchini et.al.	2017	Automatic hoax detection system	Classificati	on	Facebook	
Papadop oulos et.al.	2016	Trusted Information Characterist ics	Information Retrieval and Discovery	Twitter	Vicario et.al.	2018	Framework for Early Warning System	Classification Fa		Facebook	
Shao et.al.	2016	Platform Architectur e	User Activity and URL Popularity	Twitter	Bovet et.al.	2018	Framework Inferring opinion	Machine Le	earning	Twitter	
Shu et.al.	2016	Characteriz ation and	Data Mining	Twitter, Facebook	Kumar et.al	2018	Algorithm to detect	Survey		Common	

Purnomo

Boididou

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Ahmed

2017

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		false information				
Gelfert A	2018	Media literacy	-	-		
Allcot et.al.	2017	Media Literacy	-	-		
Verstraet e et.al.	2017	Set model of intervention	-	Common		
Tandoc et.al.	2017	Conceptual Framework	Authentication and Verification	Common		
Tschiats check. et.al.	2018	DETECTI VE Algorithm	Detection via computational method	Facebook		
Rubin et.al.	2016	Detect Potential misleading News	SVM	Common		
Kim et.al.	2018	CURB Algorithm	Multi-dimensional counting process	Twitter, Weibo		
Viviani et.al.	2017	Detect and assess	Survey	-		
Flintham et.al.	2018	Veracity based on reliability	Verification	Facebook		
Shao et.al.	2018	Misinforma tion detection	Verification	Twitter		
Liu et.al.	2018	Attention- based approach	Web-mining	Weibo, Twitter		
Turenne et.al.	2018	Rumour detection	Classification	Twitter		

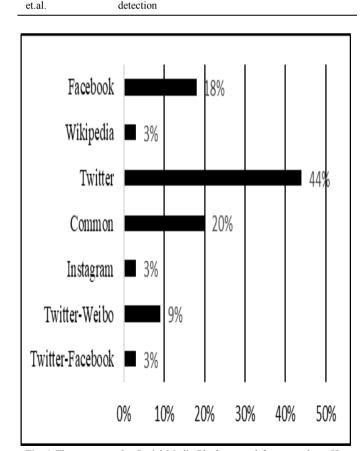


Fig. 1 The most popular Social Media Platform used for research on Hoax Detection in 2016-2018

According to table III above, research analyze that Twitter is the most popular social media platform in hoax news deployment. The percentage detailed as shown on fig. 1, these are the most popular social media platforms during 2016-2018 (on-going).

Twitter is easy to use. This platform provides space to spread information easy and instantly. According to the figure above, a microblogging application, Twitter, also is the most popular social media to research about hoax news. Researchers use information spread data from Twitter, analyze and then determine the information are a hoax or not. The result of this survey can be a reference to the next research to have a new approach focused on data analysis method and made more analysis on many other social media out of Twitter.

TABLE IV. THE COMBINED ALGORITHMS FOR RESEARCH ON HOAX DETECTION IN 2016-2018

	Algorithms															
Author	A	В	C	D	E	F	G	Н	I	J	K	L	M	N	0	P
Kumar			V	V												
et.al																
Sen et.al																
Boididou																
1 et.al																
Boididou	\checkmark															
2 et.al			,	,		,	,								,	
Ahmed															V	
et.al				,												
Tachine				1												
et.al Vicario			V	V	اء	V	V	اء								
et.al			V	V	٧	٧	٧	V								
Rubin			V													
et.al			•													
Turenne																
et.al										,						
Shu et.al																
Sinnot			V						V							
et.al			,						•							
Santoso																
et.al																
Volkova																
et.al																
Bovet																
et.al																
Total	5	1	9	6	2	3	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1

According to the table IV above, the annotations are A: Random Forest; B: Attribute-Oriented Induction High Level Emerging Pattern (AOI-HEP); C: Support Vector Machine; D: Logistic Regression; E: Neural Network; F: Decision Trees; G: K-Nearest Neighbor; H: Linear Regression; I: J48; J: MaxEntropy; K: Long-Short Term Memory; L: Convolutional Neural Network; M: Collective Influence; N: AdaBoost; O: Stochastic Gradient Descent; P: Naïve Bayes. The conclusion from table IV is shown as on fig. 2.

Fig. 2 shows the most popular algorithm. This research mitigates the most used algorithm to detect hoax news on social media from 2016 until 2018 (on-going).















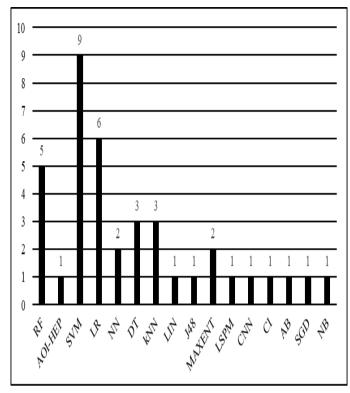


Fig 2. The most popular algorithm to detect hoax news in 2016-2018

According to the fig. 2 above, the most popular approach used for research on detect hoax news is Classification with the algorithms used are Random Forest (RF), Attribute-Oriented Induction High Level Emerging Pattern (AOI-HEP), Support Vector Machine (SVM), Logistic Regression (LR), Neural Network (NN), Decision Trees (DT), K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN), Linear Regression (LIN), J48, MaxEntropy (MAXENT), Long-Short Term Memory (LSTM), Convolutional Neural Network (CNN), Collective Influence (CI), AdaBoost (AB), Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD), Naïve Bayes (NB), as shown in table IV. The most popular algorithm used to research about hoax news detection on social media in this work is Support Vector Machine (SVM).

IV. IMPLICATION AND CONCLUSION

The result of this research could be a reference for future research about hoax news, and it can identify approach method trend to hoax news encountering and also the contributions. Some approaches have developed to detect hoax news on the different domain or social media types. The most popular approach according to this work is Classification using the SVM algorithm, and the most used social media platform is Twitter. With its effectivities and versatilities SVM has become very powerful to be used for classification on high dimension data.

The limitation of this work is that the survey conducted to the paper among 2016 until 2018 (on-going), thus on the next research, a researcher can add the duration to improve the accuracy and quality and also elaborate some algorithm to be combined to get more powerful and useful research.

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