

Reason for changing the project topic

After encountering a number of issues related to the availability and quality of the datasets required for our original project topic of claim detection, we have decided to change our project to focus on fine-grained fake news detection. One of the main reasons for this change is the lack of publicly available datasets that are suitable for claim detection, with most of the available data concentrated on a few specific topics, such as US presidential elections and COVID-19. Additionally, the available datasets were too large to work with given our resources and the limited time frame for the project.

Moreover, due to unforeseen circumstances, one of our group members had to drop the course, making it even more difficult to continue working on the original project topic. However, since fake news detection is a closely related topic to claim detection and shares many similarities, we believe that it is a logical and feasible shift for our project.

All in all, the decision to change our project title from claim detection to fine-grained fake news detection was made after careful consideration of the challenges and limitations we encountered in the original topic, as well as our resources and time constraints. We hope that this new focus will allow us to conduct a meaningful and impactful project while meeting the requirements and expectations of the course.