Fake News Detection

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1 Import Libraries

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[1]: import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report
import re
import string
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2 Read News CSV Dataset

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[90]: fake_df = pd.read_csv("Fake.csv",__
       ⇔low_memory=False) [['title', 'text', 'subject', 'date']]
      true_df = pd.read_csv("True.csv", low_memory=False)
[91]: fake_df.head(5)
[91]:
                                                       title \
      0
          Donald Trump Sends Out Embarrassing New Year' ...
          Drunk Bragging Trump Staffer Started Russian ...
      1
      2
          Sheriff David Clarke Becomes An Internet Joke...
          Trump Is So Obsessed He Even Has Obama's Name...
      3
          Pope Francis Just Called Out Donald Trump Dur...
                                                        text subject \
      O Donald Trump just couldn t wish all Americans ...
                                                              News
      1 House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nu...
                                                              News
      2 On Friday, it was revealed that former Milwauk...
                                                              News
      3 On Christmas day, Donald Trump announced that ...
                                                              News
      4 Pope Francis used his annual Christmas Day mes...
                                                              News
                      date
      0 December 31, 2017
      1 December 31, 2017
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3 December 29, 2017
      4 December 25, 2017
[92]: true df.head(5)
[92]:
                                                     title \
      O As U.S. budget fight looms, Republicans flip t...
      1 U.S. military to accept transgender recruits o...
      2 Senior U.S. Republican senator: 'Let Mr. Muell...
      3 FBI Russia probe helped by Australian diplomat...
      4 Trump wants Postal Service to charge 'much mor...
                                                      text
                                                                 subject \
     O WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The head of a conservat... politicsNews
      1 WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Transgender people will... politicsNews
      2 WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The special counsel inv... politicsNews
      3 WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Trump campaign adviser ... politicsNews
      4 SEATTLE/WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Donal... politicsNews
                       date
      0 December 31, 2017
      1 December 29, 2017
      2 December 31, 2017
      3 December 30, 2017
      4 December 29, 2017
     3 Data Pre-Processing
[93]: # inserting class column as a feature/label
      fake_df['class'] = 0
      true_df['class'] = 1
[94]: true_df.shape, fake_df.shape
[94]: ((9999, 5), (9999, 5))
[95]: # Removing last 10 rows for manual testing
      fake_df_manual_testing = fake_df.tail(10)
      for i in range(9989, 9999):
          fake_df.drop([i], axis=0, inplace=True)
[96]: true_df_manual_testing = true_df.tail(10)
      for i in range(9989, 9999):
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true_df.drop([i], axis=0, inplace=True)
[97]: true_df.shape, fake_df.shape
[97]: ((9989, 5), (9989, 5))
[98]: df_manual_testing = pd.concat([fake_df_manual_testing, true_df_manual_testing],__
       ⇒axis=0)
      df_manual_testing.to_csv("manual_testing.csv")
[99]: merged_df = pd.concat([fake_df, true_df], axis=0)
      merged_df.head(10)
[99]:
                                                      title \
          Donald Trump Sends Out Embarrassing New Year' ...
      1
          Drunk Bragging Trump Staffer Started Russian ...
          Sheriff David Clarke Becomes An Internet Joke...
      2
      3
          Trump Is So Obsessed He Even Has Obama's Name...
      4
          Pope Francis Just Called Out Donald Trump Dur...
      5
          Racist Alabama Cops Brutalize Black Boy While...
          Fresh Off The Golf Course, Trump Lashes Out A...
      6
      7
          Trump Said Some INSANELY Racist Stuff Inside ...
          Former CIA Director Slams Trump Over UN Bully...
          WATCH: Brand-New Pro-Trump Ad Features So Muc...
                                                       text subject \
      O Donald Trump just couldn t wish all Americans ...
                                                              News
      1 House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nu...
                                                             News
      2 On Friday, it was revealed that former Milwauk...
                                                             News
      3 On Christmas day, Donald Trump announced that ...
                                                             News
      4 Pope Francis used his annual Christmas Day mes...
                                                             News
      5 The number of cases of cops brutalizing and ki...
                                                             News
      6 Donald Trump spent a good portion of his day a...
                                                             News
      7 In the wake of yet another court decision that...
                                                             News
      8 Many people have raised the alarm regarding th...
                                                             News
      9 Just when you might have thought we d get a br...
                                                              News
                      date
                            class
      0 December 31, 2017
      1 December 31, 2017
                                 0
      2 December 30, 2017
                                 0
      3 December 29, 2017
                                 0
      4 December 25, 2017
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      5 December 25, 2017
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      6 December 23, 2017
                                 0
      7 December 23, 2017
                                 0
      8 December 22, 2017
                                 0
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[100]: merged_df.columns
[100]: Index(['title', 'text', 'subject', 'date', 'class'], dtype='object')
[101]: # remove unnecessary columns
       df = merged_df.drop(columns=['title', 'subject', 'date'], axis=1)
[102]: df.isnull().sum()
[102]: text
       class
                0
       dtype: int64
[103]: df.dropna(inplace=True)
[104]: df.isnull().sum()
[104]: text
                0
                0
       class
       dtype: int64
[105]: # Random Shuffling the dataframe
       df = df.sample(frac=1)
[107]: df.head()
[107]:
                                                          text
                                                                class
            Donald Trump s weak response to the racially m...
                                                                  0
       4870 President Obama used this week s Weekly Addre...
       2095 WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. President Donald T...
                                                                  1
       3140 Well, it s happening. If you voted your consc...
                                                                  0
       5265 WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. President Donald T...
                                                                  1
[109]: df.columns
[109]: Index(['text', 'class'], dtype='object')
      4 Function to Process the NEWS text
[110]: def processText(text):
           # Convert the text to lowercase
           text = text.lower()
           # Remove text between square brackets, like [text]
           text = re.sub('\[.*?\]', '', text)
           # Replace non-word characters (punctuation, symbols) with spaces
           text = re.sub("\\W", " ", text)
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# Remove URLs starting with 'http://' or 'https://' and 'www.'
text = re.sub('https?://S+|www\.\S+', '', text)
# Remove HTML tags
text = re.sub('<.*?>+', '', text)
# Remove all punctuation characters
text = re.sub('[%s]' % re.escape(string.punctuation), '', text)
# Remove newline characters
text = re.sub('\n', '', text)
# Remove words containing digits (e.g., 'word123')
text = re.sub('\w*\d\w*', '', text)
return text
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[111]: df['text'] = df['text'].apply(processText)
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5 Train and Test Data Splitting

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[113]: # Independent/Features and dependent/Labels

X = df['text']
y = df['class']

[115]: # split
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.25)

[120]: # text to vector/numeric forms
from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import TfidfVectorizer

vectorization = TfidfVectorizer()
xv_train = vectorization.fit_transform(X_train)
xv_test = vectorization.transform(X_test)
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6 Logistic Regression

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[128]: array([0, 0, 0, ..., 1, 0, 0], dtype=int64)
[131]: LR_model.score(xv_test, y_test)
[131]: 0.9873873873873874
[133]: print(classification_report(y_test, predictions))
                    precision
                                  recall f1-score
                                                      support
                 0
                          0.99
                                    0.98
                                              0.99
                                                         2483
                 1
                          0.98
                                    0.99
                                              0.99
                                                         2512
                                              0.99
                                                         4995
          accuracy
         macro avg
                          0.99
                                    0.99
                                              0.99
                                                         4995
      weighted avg
                          0.99
                                    0.99
                                              0.99
                                                         4995
          Decision Tree Classification
[134]: # Decision Tree Classification
       from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
       DT_model = DecisionTreeClassifier()
       DT_model.fit(xv_train, y_train)
[134]: DecisionTreeClassifier()
[135]: predictions = DT_model.predict(xv_test)
[136]: predictions
[136]: array([0, 0, 0, ..., 1, 0, 0], dtype=int64)
[137]: DT_model.score(xv_test, y_test)
[137]: 0.9975975975976
[138]: print(classification_report(y_test, predictions))
                                  recall f1-score
                    precision
                                                      support
                 0
                          1.00
                                    1.00
                                               1.00
                                                         2483
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          accuracy
         macro avg
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                                    1.00
                                              1.00
                                                         4995
      weighted avg
                          1.00
                                    1.00
                                               1.00
                                                         4995
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8 Random Forest Classifier

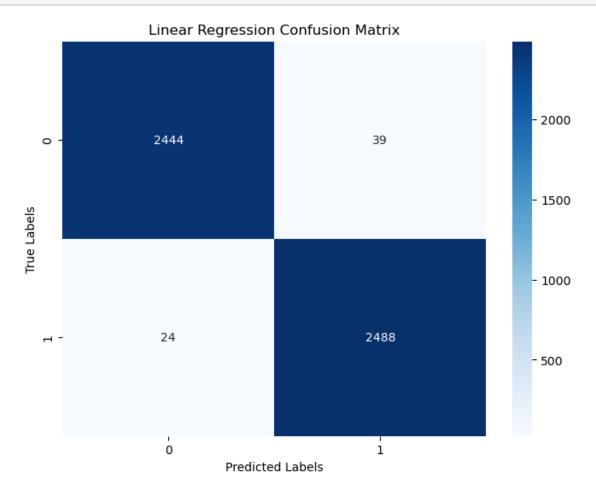
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[139]: # Random Forest Classifier
       from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
       RF_model = RandomForestClassifier()
       RF_model.fit(xv_train, y_train)
[139]: RandomForestClassifier()
[140]: predictions = RF_model.predict(xv_test)
[141]: predictions
[141]: array([0, 0, 0, ..., 1, 0, 0], dtype=int64)
[142]: RF_model.score(xv_test, y_test)
[142]: 0.9895895895895
[163]: print(classification_report(y_test, predictions))
                                  recall f1-score
                    precision
                                                      support
                 0
                          0.99
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                                                         2483
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                                              0.99
                                                         2512
                                              0.99
                                                         4995
          accuracy
                                                         4995
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                                    0.99
                                              0.99
         macro avg
                          0.99
                                    0.99
                                              0.99
                                                         4995
      weighted avg
```

9 Visualize Confusion Matrix

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[177]: # visualization/ confusion matrix
from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix, roc_curve

def visualizeMatrix(y_test, prediction, title):
    cm = confusion_matrix(y_test, prediction)
    plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
    sns.heatmap(cm, annot=True, fmt="d", cmap="Blues")
    plt.xlabel("Predicted Labels")
    plt.ylabel("True Labels")
    plt.title(title)
    plt.show()
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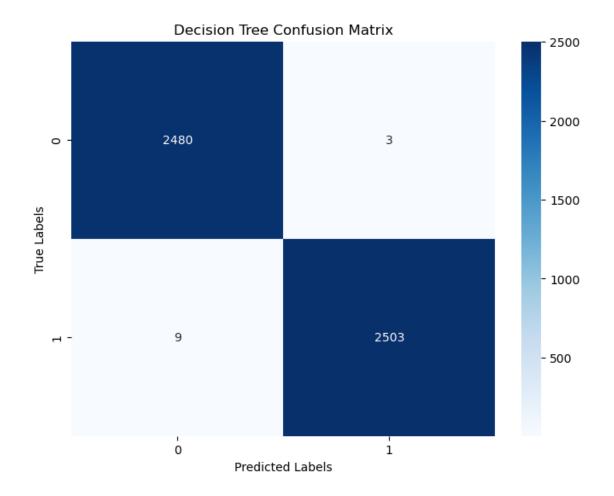
10 Linear Regression Confusion Matrix



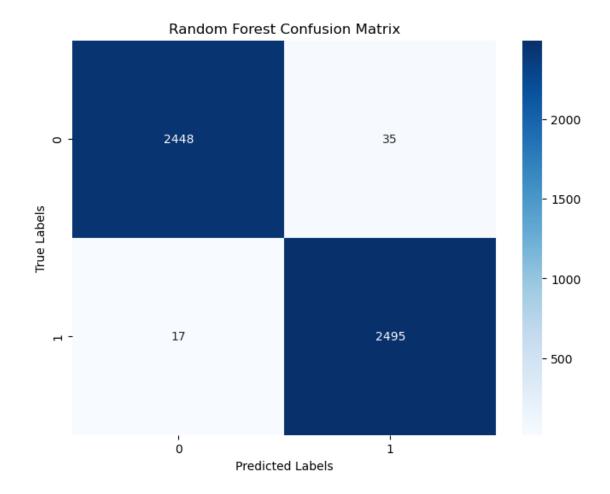
11 Decision Tree Confusion Matrix

[174]: visualizeMatrix(y_test, DT_model.predict(xv_test), "Decision Tree Confusion_

→Matrix")



12 Random Forest Confusion Matrix



13 Testing Models

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[150]: # Testing Model
def output_label(prediction):
    if prediction[0] == 0:
        return "News is Fake"
    else:
        return "News is Real"

def modeltesting(news):
    news = {"text": [news]}
    news_df = pd.DataFrame(news)
    news_df['text'] = news_df['text'].apply(processText)

    x_test = news_df['text']
    xv_test = vectorization.transform(x_test)
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LR_prediction = LR_model.predict(xv_test)
DT_prediction = DT_model.predict(xv_test)
RF_prediction = RF_model.predict(xv_test)

print(output_label(LR_prediction))
print(output_label(DT_prediction))
print(output_label(RF_prediction))
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[161]: for i in range(5):
    news = str(input("Enter Some News: "))
    print("\n")
    modeltesting(news)
    print("\n")
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Enter Some News: Donald Trump Sends Out Embarrassing New Yearâ€s Eve Message; This is Disturbing

News is Fake News is Fake News is Real

Enter Some News: As teams gathered in South Africa for the summer's World Cup, soccer fans from the world over eagerly seized upon an African horn that made jubilant footie fans sound more like an angry beehive. The controversial horn, which caused many TV viewers to hit the "mute" button, emits 127 decibels, louder than sandblasting or a pneumatic riveter. FIFA president Sepp Blatter jumped into the din and said the vuvuzela would not be banned from venues, but some countries took preventive measures

News is Real News is Fake News is Real

Enter Some News: On Jan. 12, 2010, a devastating earthquake struck near the capital of Haiti, Port-au-Prince, with a shocking magnitude of 7.0, killing thousands and leaving an already impoverished nation in shambles. The Haitian government's death toll estimate of 230,000 puts the temblor at the sixth deadliest on record.

News is Real News is Fake News is Real Enter Some News: Elizabeth Warren Puts News Anchor In His Place For Defending $\hat{a} \in Racist \hat{a} \in Trump$ (VIDEO)

News is Fake News is Fake News is Real

Enter Some News: After seven and a half years of conflict, the overthrow and death of dictator Saddam Hussein, and arduous conflict that saw extremists trying to take advantage of the fragile government in Baghdad, President Barack Obama declared on Aug. 31 that U.S. combat operations in the country had drawn to a close. It wasn't until November in the government-less country that parties reached a deal that gave Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki another four-year term while attempting to iron out disputes between the Shiite and Sunni coalitions.

News is Real News is Fake News is Real