

# FAKE NEWS DETECTION PROJECT

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- Coding Ninjas
- Medium.com
- Analytics Vidhya
- StackOverflow

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#### INTRODUCTION

#### **BUSINESS PROBLEM FRAMING**

News media has become a channel to pass on the information of what's happening in the world to the people living. Often people perceive whatever conveyed in the news to be true. There were circumstances where even the news channels acknowledged that their news is not true as they wrote. But some news has a significant impact not only on the people or government but also on the economy. One news can shift the curves up and down depending on the emotions of people and political situation.

It is important to identify the fake news from the real true news. The problem has been taken over and resolved with the help of Natural Language Processing tools which help us identify fake or true news based on historical data. The news is now in safe hands!

#### CONCEPTUAL BACKGROUND OF THE DOMAIN PROBLEM

The authenticity of Information has become a longstanding issue affecting businesses and society, both for printed and digital media. On social networks, the reach and effects of information spread occur at such a fast pace and so amplified that distorted, inaccurate, or false information acquires a tremendous potential to cause real-world impacts, within minutes, for millions of users. Recently, several public concerns about this problem and some approaches to mitigate the problem were expressed.

The sensationalism of not-so-accurate eye-catching and intriguing headlines aimed at retaining the attention of audiences to sell information has persisted all throughout the history of all kinds of information broadcast. On social networking websites, the reach and effects of information spread are however significantly amplified and occur at such a fast pace, that distorted, inaccurate, or false information acquires a tremendous potential to cause real impacts, within minutes, for millions of users.

#### **REVIEW OF LITERATURE**

Fake news is not a new concept. Before the era of digital technology, it was spread through mainly yellow journalism with a focus on sensational news such as crime, gossip, disasters and satirical news. With the widespread dissemination of information via digital media platforms, it is of utmost importance for individuals and societies to be able to judge the credibility of it. Fake news is not a recent concept, but it is a commonly occurring phenomenon in current times. The consequence of fake news can range from being merely annoying to influencing and misleading societies or even nations. A variety of approaches exist to identify fake news

#### MOTIVATION FOR THE PROBLEM UNDERTAKEN

The widespread problem of fake news is very difficult to tackle in today's digital world where there are thousands of information sharing platforms through which fake news or misinformation may propagate. It has become a greater issue because of the advancements in AI which brings along artificial bots that may be used to create and spread fake news. The situation is dire because many people believe anything they read on the internet and the ones who are amateur or are new to the digital technology may be easily fooled. A similar problem is fraud that may happen due to spam or malicious emails and messages. So, it is compelling enough to acknowledge this problem take on this challenge to control the rates of crime, political unrest, grief, and thwart the attempts of spreading fake news. Text, or natural language, is one form that is difficult to process simply because of various linguistic features and styles like sarcasm, metaphors, etc. Moreover, there are thousands of spoken languages and every language has its grammar, script and syntax. Natural language processing is a branch of artificial intelligence and it encompasses techniques that can utilize text, create models and produce predictions. This work aims to create a system or model that can use the data of past news reports and predict the chances of a news report being fake or not.

#### ANALYTICAL PROBLEM FRAMING

#### MATHEMATICAL/ANALYTICAL MODELING OF THE PROBLEM

- The dataset provided here has a shape of (20800, 6). Which means it has 20800 rows and 6 columns?
- The target or the dependent variable named "Label" has two distinct values 0 and 1. Where 0 represents the news that is not fake or authentic while 1 represents the category of fake news. As the target column "Label" is giving binary outputs and all the independent variables has text so it is clear that it is a supervised machine learning problem where we can use, we can use the techniques of NLP and classification-based algorithms of Machine learning.
- Here we will use NLP techniques like word tokenization, lemmatization and tfidf
  vectorizer then those processed data will be used to create the best model using
  various classification based supervised machine learning algorithms like Logistic
  Regression, Multinomial NB, Random Forest Classifier etc
- The dataset contains null value.
- Train test is the best way to get the solution of these kinds of problems as that is the easiest and the efficient way to solve this problem.

#### DATA SOURCES AND THEIR FORMATS

- The data is provided to us from our client database. The sample data is in .csv format
- The sample data for reference is shown below.



## **Dataset description**

There are 6 columns in the dataset provided:

The description of each of the column is given below:

- "id": Unique id of each news article
- "headline": It is the title of the news.
- "news": It contains the full text of the news article
- "Unnamed:0": It is a serial number
- "written\_by": It represents the author of the news article
- "label": It tells whether the news is fake (1) or not fake (0).

## Identification of possible problem-solving approaches (methods)

We have used the following process for problem-solving:

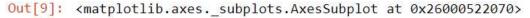
- 1. Data Preprocessing
- 2. Building a word dictionary
- 3. Feature extraction
- 4. Training classifiers
- 5. Testing
- 6. Performance evaluation using multiple metrics

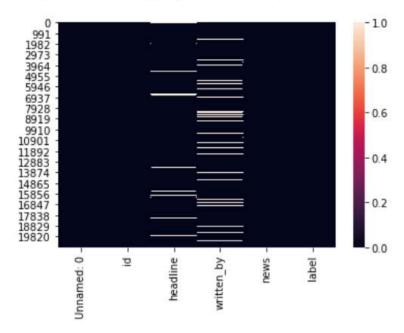
#### DATA PREPROCESSING DONE

Data usually comes from a variety of source & is often inconsistent, inaccurate. Data preprocessing helps to enhance the quality of data and make it ready for the various ML model. We have applied various methods for data preprocessing methods in this project.

- First, we check shape by using (df. shape)
- Then checked datatype of various features & found that all features are of int type except headline, written by, news which are of object datatype
- Checking for null values in each column







It clearly shows that null values are present in the dataset, which needs to be removed.

# Treating null values

```
In [10]: # Let's drop Unnamed: 0 & id from dataset as it does not seem important
df.drop(['Unnamed: 0','id'],axis=1,inplace=True)
In [11]: # reset_index(): it will set the indices in order, starting from 0, and make it easier for us to work with the dataframe
            df.reset_index(inplace=True)
In [12]: # imputing 'Written_by' feature with unknown because sometimes there are anonymus authors,...
              filling up empty values in 'headline' with 'No Headline
           # Dropping empty values in rows because we are detecting fake news here and for this news is needed..
           df['written_by'].fillna('Unknown ',inplace=True)
df['headline'].fillna('no headlines ',inplace=True)
df.dropna(subset=['news'],inplace=True)
            df.head()
Out[12]:
                                                             headline
                        Ethics Questions Dogged Agriculture Nominee as... Eric Lipton and Steve Eder WASHINGTON — In Sonny Perdue's telling, Geo...
             1
                  1
                          U.S. Must Dig Deep to Stop Argentina's Lionel ...
                                                                                David Waldstein
                                                                                                HOUSTON - Venezuela had a plan. It was a ta ...
            2
                  2
                                                                                                                                                  0
                        Cotton to House: 'Do Not Walk the Plank and Vo...
                                                                                      Pam Key Sunday on ABC's "This Week," while discussing ...
                                                                                                                                                  0
             3
                   3 Paul LePage, Besieged Maine Governor, Sends Co...
                                                                                  Jess Bidgood AUGUSTA, Me. — The beleaguered Republican g...
                                            A Digital 9/11 If Trump Wins Finian Cunningham Finian Cunningham has written extensively on...
```

# Checking distribution of fake and real news

```
In [14]: #Ratio
          print ('Fake = ', round(len(df[df['label']==1]) / len(df.label),2)*100,'%')
print ('Not Fake = ', round(len(df[df['label']==0]) / len(df.label),2)*100,'%')
          Fake = 50.0 %
          Not Fake = 50.0 %
In [15]: lb=df['label'].value_counts().index.tolist()
          val=df['label'].value_counts().values.tolist()
          exp=(0.025,0)
clr=('cyan','skyblue')
          plt.figure(figsize=(10,6),dpi=140)
          sns.set_context('talk',font_scale=0.4)
          sns.set(style='whitegrid')
          plt.pie(x=val,explode=exp,labels=lb,colors=clr,autopct='\%2.0f\%',pctdistance=0.5, shadow=True,radius=0.9)
          plt.legend(["0 = NOT FAKE", '1 = FAKE'])
          plt.show()
                                                                                0 = NOT FAKE
                                                       0
                                                                                1 = FAKE
                                                     50%
                                                     50%
```

We see that both news is equally distributed .ie dataset is balanced which is good as it will help our model to classify more accurately, so we should expect a good accuracy score.

Cleaning the raw data-It involves the deletion of words or special characters that do not add meaning to the text. Important cleaning steps are as follows:

- 1. Lowering case
- 2. Handling of special characters
- 3. Removal of stopwords
- 4. Handling of hyperlinks
- 5. Removing leading and trailing white space
- 6. Replacing URLs with web address
- 7. Converted words to the most suitable base form by using lemmatization

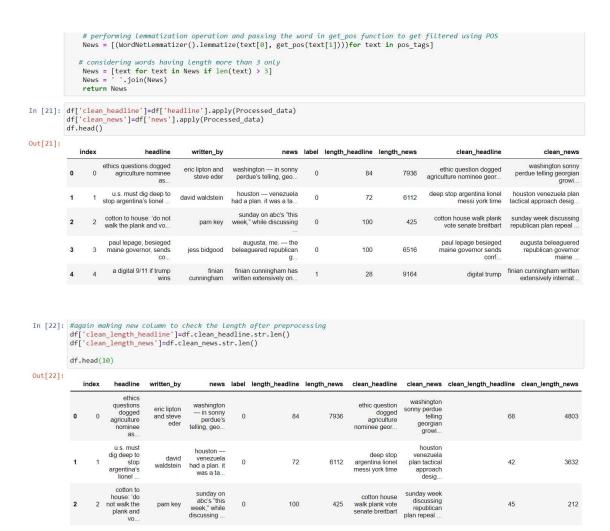
```
In [20]: # function to filter using POS tagging. This will be called inside the below function
        def get_pos(pos_tag):
            if pos_tag.startswith('J'):
    return wordnet.ADJ
            elif pos_tag.startswith('N'):
                return wordnet.NOUN
            elif pos_tag.startswith('R'):
               return wordnet.ADV
                return wordnet.NOUN
        # Function for data cleaning.
        def Processed_data(News):
            # Replace email addresses with 'email'
            News=re.sub(r'^.+@[^\.].*\.[a-z]{2,}$',' ', News)
            # Replace 10 digit phone numbers (formats include paranthesis, spaces, no spaces, dashes) with 'phonenumber'
            News=re.sub(r'^{(?[\d]{3}\)?[\s-]?[\d]{3}[\s-]?[\d]{4}$','', News)
            # getting only words(i.e removing all the special characters)  
News = re.sub(r'[^w]', ' ', News)
         # getting only words(i.e removing all the" _ ")
        News = re.sub(r'[\_]', '
                                   ' ', News)
        # getting rid of unwanted characters(i.e remove all the single characters left)
        News=re.sub(r'\s+[a-zA-Z]\s+', '', News)
        # Removing extra whitespaces
        News=re.sub(r'\s+',
                                 ', News)
        #converting all the letters of the review into lowercase
        News = News.lower()
        # splitting every words from the sentences
        News = News.split()
        # iterating through each words and checking if they are stopwords or not,
        News=[word for word in News if not word in set(STOPWORDS)]
        # remove empty tokens
        News = [text for text in News if len(text) > 0]
        # getting pos tag text
        pos_tags = pos_tag(News)
         # considering words having length more than 3only
        News = [text for text in News if len(text) > 3]
```

For Data pre-processing we did some data cleaning, where we used WordNet lemmatizer to clean the words and removed special characters using Regexp Tokenizer and filter the words by removing stop words and then used lemmatizers and joined and return the filtered words.

Used TFIDF vectorizer to convert those text into vectors, and split the data and into test and train and trained various Machine learning algorithms.

#### Adding additional attribute:

To compare the length of headline & news before preprocessing and after preprocessing an addition column was added:



```
In [23]: # Total Length removal from headline
    print ('Origian Length', df.length_headline.sum())
    print ('Clean Length', df.clean_length_headline.sum())
    print('Total Reduction = ',df['length_headline'].sum()-df['clean_length_headline'].sum())

Origian Length 1507844
    Clean Length 1040606
    Total Reduction = 467238

In [24]: # Total Length removed from news column
    print ('Origian Length', df.length_news.sum())
    print ('Clean Length', df.clean_length_news.sum())
    print('Total Reduction = ',df['length_news'].sum()-df['clean_length_news'].sum())

Origian Length 94518924
    Clean Length 56207800
    Total Reduction = 38311124
```

After executing all these steps it was found that all the words & special characters were removed from the dataset which was of no use and consuming memory

#### DATA INPUTS- LOGIC- OUTPUT RELATIONSHIPS

For this data's input and output logic, we will analyse words frequency for each label, so that we can get the most frequent words that were used in different features.

# HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS AND TOOLS USED HARDWARE:



#### SOFTWARE:

Jupyter Notebook (Anaconda 3) – Python 3.7.6

Microsoft Excel 2010

#### LIBRARIES:

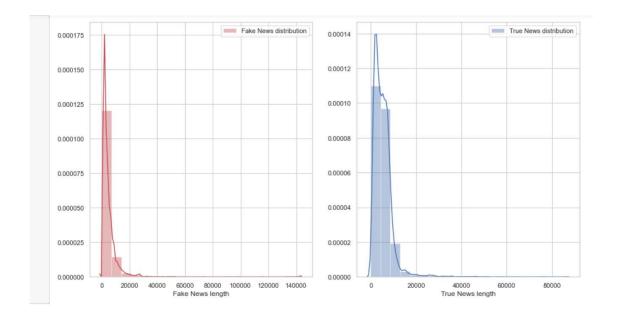
- Pandas: To read the Data file in form of data.
- Matplotlib: This library is typically used to plot the figures for better visualisation of data.
- Seaborn: A advanced version of Matplotlib
- Scikit Learn: This is the most important library for Machine Learning since it
  contains various Machine Learning Algorithms which are used in this project.
   Scikit Learn also contains Preprocessing library which is used in data
  preprocessing. Apart from this, it contains a very useful joblib library for
  serialization purpose using which the final model has been saved in this project.
- NLTK: Natural language took kit is one of the most used libraries for building NLP projects.

```
In [1]: # Let's import the required Libraries
        import pandas as pd
        import numpy as np
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        import seaborn as sns
        import string
        import re
        from gensim import corpora
        from gensim.utils import simple preprocess
        from gensim.parsing.preprocessing import STOPWORDS
        from sklearn.feature extraction.text import TfidfVectorizer
        from nltk.corpus import wordnet
        from nltk.stem import WordNetLemmatizer, SnowballStemmer
        from nltk import pos tag
        from collections import Counter
        import warnings
        warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
```

# Then we have plotted a graph to show the distribution of word count before cleaning and after cleaning

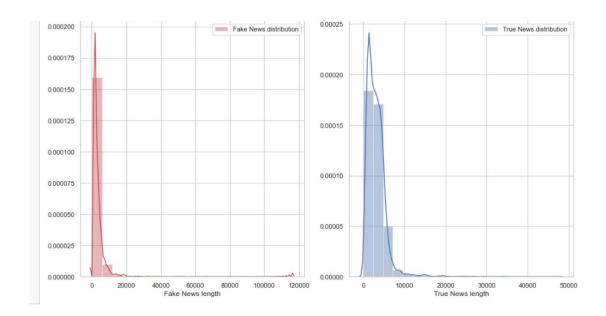
# Before cleaning:

```
In [25]: # news distribution BEFORE cleaning
f,ax = plt.subplots(1,2,figsize = (15,8))
sns.distplot(df[df['label']==1]['length_news'],bins=20,ax=ax[0],label='Fake News distribution',color='r')
ax[0].set_xlabel('Fake News length')
ax[0].legend()
sns.distplot(df[df['label']==0]['length_news'],bins=20,ax=ax[1],label='True News distribution')
ax[1].set_xlabel('True News length')
ax[1].legend()
plt.show()
```



# After cleaning

```
In [26]: # news distribution AFTER cleaning
f,ax = plt.subplots(1,2,figsize = (15,8))
sns.distplot(df[df['label']==1]['clean_length_news'],bins=20,ax=ax[0],label='Fake News distribution',color='r')
ax[0].set_xlabel('Fake News length')
ax[0].legend()
sns.distplot(df[df['label']==0]['clean_length_news'],bins=20,ax=ax[1],label='True News distribution')
ax[1].set_xlabel('True News length')
ax[1].legend()
plt.show()
```



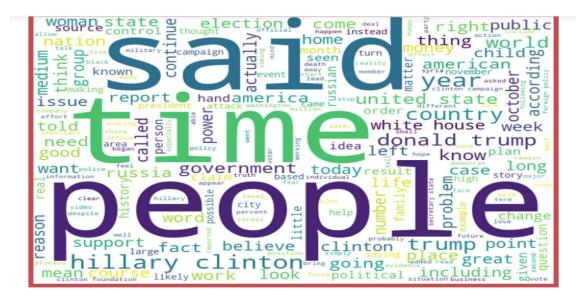
To get a better view of words contained in news. A word dictionary (word cloud ) was made showing the words highly occurred in fake and real news for both headline and news column.

```
In [27]: #Getting sense of loud words in Fake News - Articles
from wordcloud import WordCloud

fake = df['clean_news'][df['label']==1]

fake_cloud = WordCloud(width=700, height=500, background_color='white', max_words=200).generate(' '.join(fake))

plt.figure(figsize=(10,8), facecolor='r')
plt.imshow(fake_cloud)
plt.axis('off')
plt.tight_layout(pad=0)
plt.show()
```



```
In [28]: #Getting sense of Loud words in Not Fake News - Articles
not_fake = df['clean_news'][df['label']==0]
not_fake_cloud = WordCloud(width=700,height=500,background_color='white',max_words=200).generate(' '.join(not_fake))
plt.figure(figsize=(10,8),facecolor='r')
plt.imshow(not_fake_cloud)
plt.axis('off')
plt.tight_layout(pad=0)
plt.show()
```

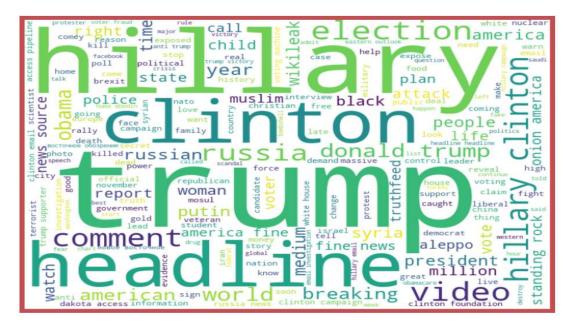


```
In [29]: #Getting sense of Loud words in Fake News - HeadLine

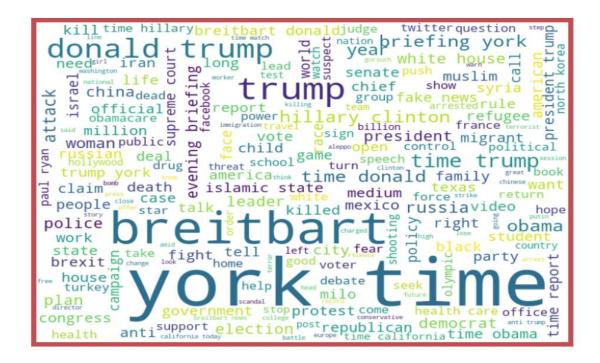
fake = df['clean_headline'][df['label']==1]

fake_cloud = WordCloud(width=700,height=500,background_color='white',max_words=200).generate(' '.join(fake))

plt.figure(figsize=(10,8),facecolor='r')
plt.imshow(fake_cloud)
plt.axis('off')
plt.tight_layout(pad=0)
plt.show()
```



```
In [30]: #Getting sense of loud words in Not Fake News - Headline
not_fake = df['clean_headline'][df['label']==0]
not_fake_cloud = WordCloud(width=700,height=500,background_color='white',max_words=200).generate(' '.join(not_fake))
plt.figure(figsize=(10,8),facecolor='r')
plt.imshow(not_fake_cloud)
plt.axis('off')
plt.tight_layout(pad=0)
plt.show()
```



From the above we can see that the most frequent words on both labels and we can observe the words which are leading to fake news are trump, Clinton, prison, November, etc. and words which are leading to real news are said, agriculture, police, questions etc., so we can see that above dataset extensively deals with news around US presidential elections between Trump and Clinton.

## **MODEL/S DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION**

# IDENTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE PROBLEM-SOLVING APPROACHES (METHODS)

Understanding the problem is the first crucial steps in solving any problem. From the given dataset it can be concluded that it is a binary classification problem. Therefore I run my preprocessed data on 6 classification algorithm.

#### **Training Classifier:**

We converted all the text into vectors, using TF-IDF. Then we have split features and label.

#### 1. Convert text into vectors using TF-IDF

```
In [34]: # split feature and label

# creating the TF-IDF vectorizer fn in order to convert the tokens from the train documents into vectors so that machine can do go def Tf_idf(text):

tfid = TfidfVectorizer(min_df=2)
return tfid.fit_transform(text)

In [35]: # Inserting vectorized values in a variable x, which will be used in training the model
x=Tf_idf(df['written_by'] + df['clean_headline'] + df['clean_news'])

# checking the shape of the data which is inserted in x which will be used for model training.
print("Shape of x: ",x.shape)

Shape of x: (20761, 79062)
```

# TESTING OF IDENTIFIED APPROACHES (ALGORITHMS)

The algorithms we used for the training and testing are as follows:-

```
In [38]: # Importing useful libraries for model training
         from sklearn.linear model import LogisticRegression
         from sklearn.naive_bayes import MultinomialNB
         from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
         # Ensemble Techniques...
         from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
         from xgboost import XGBClassifier
         from sklearn.ensemble import AdaBoostClassifier
         # Model selection libraries...
         from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_score, cross_val_predict, train_test_split
         from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV
         # Importing some metrics we can use to evaluate our model performance....
         from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, classification_report, confusion_matrix,log_loss
         from sklearn.metrics import roc_auc_score, roc_curve, auc
         from sklearn.metrics import precision score, recall score, f1 score
         # Creating instances for different Classifiers
         RF=RandomForestClassifier()
         LR=LogisticRegression()
         MNB=MultinomialNB()
         DT=DecisionTreeClassifier()
         AD=AdaBoostClassifier()
         XG=XGBClassifier(eval_metric='mlogloss')
```

```
In [39]: # List of Models
   models=[]
   models.append(('LogisticRegression',LR))
   models.append(('MultinomialNB()',MNB))
   models.append(('DecisionTreeClassifier',DT))
   models.append(('RandomForestClassifier',RF))
   models.append(('AdaBoostClassifier',AD))
   models.append(('XGBClassifier',XG))
```

#### RUN AND EVALUATE SELECTED MODELS

In my approach, I have first prepared a method that gives all necessary classification metrics of an algorithm like classification metrics, auc\_roc score, confusion matrix, log loss.

```
In [42]: # Finding best Random State and then calculate Maximum Accuracy Score
         def max_acc_score(clf,x,y):
             max_acc_score=0
final_r_state=0
             for r state in range(42,100):
                 x_train,x_test,y_train,y_test=train_test_split(x,y,test_size=.30,random_state=r_state,stratify=y)
                 clf.fit(x train,y train)
                 y_pred=clf.predict(x_test)
                 acc_score=accuracy_score(y_test,y_pred)
                 if acc_score > max_acc_score:
                     max_acc_score=acc_score
                     final r state=r state
             print('Max Accuracy Score corresponding to Random State ', final_r_state, 'is:', max_acc_score)
             print('\n')
             return final_r_state
In [43]: Model=[]
         Score=[]
         Acc_score=[]
         cvs=[]
         rocscore=[]
         logloss=[]
         #For Loop to Calculate Accuracy Score, Cross Val Score, Classification Report, Confusion Matrix, logloss
         for name, model in models:
            print('**',name,'**')
print('\n')
            Model.append(name)
            print(model)
            print('\n')
         #calling a function which will calculate the max accuracy score for each model and return best random state.
             r_state=max_acc_score(model,x,y)
            x_train,x_test,y_train,y_test=train_test_split(x,y,test_size=0.30,random_state=r_state,stratify=y)
            model.fit(x_train,y_train)
         #Accuracy Score
            y_pred=model.predict(x test)
            acc_score=accuracy_score(y_test,y_pred)
print('Accuracy Score : ',acc_score)
            Acc_score.append(acc_score*100)
         #Finding Cross val score
             cv_score=cross_val_score(model,x,y,cv=10,scoring='roc_auc').mean()
             print('Cross Val Score :
                                     ', cv_score)
            cvs.append(cv_score*100)
  #Roc auc score
      false positive rate, true positive rate, thresholds=roc curve(y test,y pred)
      roc_auc=auc(false_positive_rate, true_positive_rate)
      print('roc auc score : ', roc_auc)
      rocscore.append(roc auc*100)
      print('\n')
  #logloss
      loss = log_loss(y_test,y_pred)
      print('Log loss : ', loss)
      logloss.append(loss)
  #Classification Report
      print('Classification Report:\n',classification_report(y_test,y_pred))
      print('\n')
      print('Confusion Matrix:\n',confusion_matrix(y_test,y_pred))
      print('\n')
```

```
plt.figure(figsize=(10,40))
   plt.subplot(911)
   plt.title(name)
   plt.plot(false_positive_rate, true_positive_rate, label='AUC = %0.2f'% roc_auc)
   plt.plot([0,1],[0,1], 'r--')
   plt.legend(loc='lower right')
   plt.ylabel('True_positive_rate')
plt.xlabel('False_positive_rate')
   print('\n\n')
** LogisticRegression **
LogisticRegression()
Max Accuracy Score corresponding to Random State 43 is: 0.9484668486113341
Accuracy Score : 0.9484668486113341
Cross Val Score: 0.9879144337843562
roc auc score: 0.9484661407893603
Log loss: 1.7799120179748669
Classification Report:
              precision
                          recall f1-score
                                            support
                           0.95
          0
                  0.95
                                     0.95
                                              3116
                                              3113
          1
                  0.95
                           0.95
                                     0.95
                                     0.95
                                              6229
   accuracy
                  0.95
                           0.95
                                     0.95
                                               6229
  macro avg
                                     0.95
                                               6229
weighted avg
                  0.95
                           0.95
MultinomialNB()
Max Accuracy Score corresponding to Random State 69 is: 0.8808797559800932
Accuracy Score: 0.8808797559800932
Cross Val Score: 0.9745004193623463
roc auc score: 0.8808305536391965
Log loss: 4.1142742757565465
Classification Report:
                  precision
                                recall f1-score
                                                      support
                                 0.98
             0
                      0.82
                                             0.89
                                                        3116
                      0.98
                                  0.78
                                             0.87
                                                        3113
     accuracy
                                             0.88
                                                        6229
                      0.90
                                  0.88
                                             0.88
                                                        6229
    macro avg
weighted avg
                      0.90
                                  0.88
                                             0.88
                                                        6229
 Confusion Matrix:
  [[3063
          53]
  [ 689 2424]]
```

DecisionTreeClassifier()

Max Accuracy Score corresponding to Random State 62 is: 0.9311285920693531

Accuracy Score : 0.9300048161823727 Cross Val Score : 0.9298688878063883 roc auc score : 0.9300052638589179

Log loss: 2.4175763716829564

Classification Report:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.93	0.93	0.93	3116
1	0.93	0.93	0.93	3113
accuracy			0.93	6229
macro avg	0.93	0.93	0.93	6229
weighted avg	0.93	0.93	0.93	6229

Confusion Matrix: [[2895 221] [ 215 2898]]

\*\* RandomForestClassifier \*\*

RandomForestClassifier()

Max Accuracy Score corresponding to Random State 92 is: 0.9422058115267298

Accuracy Score : 0.9389950232782148 Cross Val Score : 0.9865778466307606 roc auc score : 0.9389838752310798

Log loss: 2.1070523972648623

Classification Report:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.92	0.96	0.94	3116
1	0.96	0.92	0.94	3113
accuracy			0.94	6229
macro avg	0.94	0.94	0.94	6229
weighted avg	0.94	0.94	0.94	6229

Confusion Matrix: [[2998 118]

[ 262 2851]]

#### AdaBoostClassifier()

Max Accuracy Score corresponding to Random State 44 is: 0.9444533633006903

Accuracy Score : 0.9444533633006903 Cross Val Score : 0.9843140506806017 roc auc score : 0.944455824615561

Log loss: 1.9185371257912036

Classification Report:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.95	0.94	0.94	3116
1	0.94	0.95	0.94	3113
accuracy			0.94	6229
macro avg	0.94	0.94	0.94	6229
weighted avg	0.94	0.94	0.94	6229

Confusion Matrix: [[2927 189] [ 157 2956]]

\*\* XGBClassifier \*\*

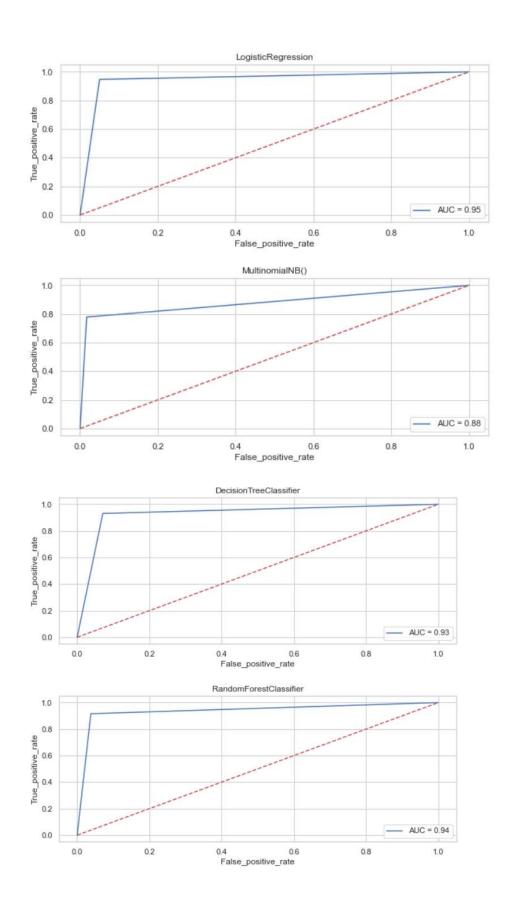
Max Accuracy Score corresponding to Random State 45 is: 0.973671536362177

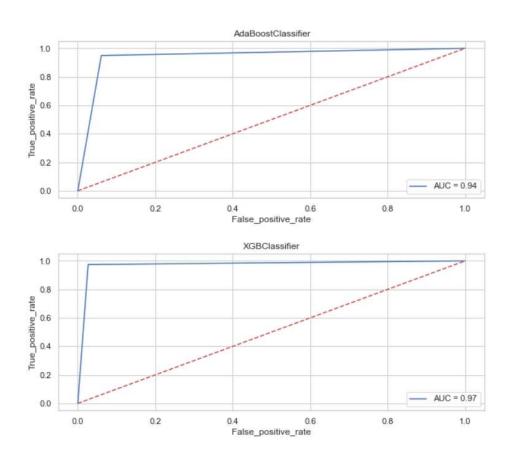
Accuracy Score : 0.973671536362177 Cross Val Score : 0.995308733966635 roc auc score : 0.9736716848925806

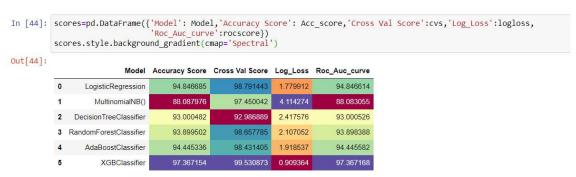
Log loss: 0.9093635728611436

Classification Report:

classificació	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.97	0.97	0.97	3116
1	0.97	0.97	0.97	3113
accuracy			0.97	6229
macro avg	0.97	0.97	0.97	6229
weighted avg	0.97	0.97	0.97	6229







We choose the XGBoost Classifier model as the final one, as it gives the highest accuracy score & also log\_loss value is minimum which indicates the better prediction

#### **FINAL MODEL**

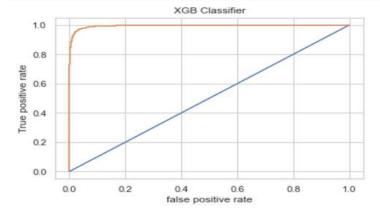
```
In [46]: # Using XGBClassifier for final model...
           x_train,x_test,y_train,y_test=train_test_split(x,y,random_state=83,test_size=.30)
          XG=XGBClassifier(eval_metric='mlogloss')
           XG.fit(x_train,y_train)
           XG.score(x_train,y_train)
          XGpred=XG.predict(x_test)
          print('Accuracy Score:','\n',accuracy_score(y_test,XGpred))
print('Log_Loss:','\n',log_loss(y_test,XGpred))
          print('Confusion Matrix:','\n',confusion_matrix(y_test,XGpred))
print('Classification Report:','\n',classification_report(y_test,XGpred))
           Accuracy Score:
            0.9680526569272756
           Log_Loss:
            1.1034360024257013
           Confusion Matrix:
            [[3011 108]
            [ 91 3019]]
           Classification Report:
                            precision
                                           recall f1-score
                                                                support
                       0
                                 0.97
                                                        0.97
                                                                   3119
                                            0.97
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                                                                   3110
                       1
                                                        0.97
               accuracy
                                                                   6229
                                0.97
                                            0.97
                                                        0.97
              macro avg
                                                                   6229
          weighted avg
                                0.97
                                            0.97
                                                        0.97
                                                                   6229
```

```
In [47]: # Make predictions with probabilities
    y_probs = XG.predict_proba(x_test)

# Keep the probabilites of the positive class only
    y_probs = y_probs[:, 1]

# Calculate fpr, tpr and thresholds
    fpr, tpr, thresholds = roc_curve(y_test, y_probs)

# Check the false positive rate
    fpr
    plt.plot([0,1],[0,1])
    plt.plot(fpr,tpr,label='XGB Classifier')
    plt.ylabel('false positive rate')
    plt.ylabel('True positive rate')
    plt.title('XGB Classifier')
    plt.show()
    print('roc_auc_score = ',roc_auc_score(y_test, y_probs))
```



```
In [48]: # Printing predicted values
          pred_value=pd.DataFrame(data=y_test,)
          pred value['Predicted values']=XGpred
          pred value
Out [48]:
                 label Predicted values
           15583
                    1
                                   1
           11115
                    0
                                   0
           7115
                    1
                                   1
            9514
                                   0
            7059
            8378
                    0
                                   0
            181
                    1
                                   1
            2110
                                   1
           14803
                    1
                                   1
           15751
          6229 rows × 2 columns
In [49]: # Saving the best model.
          import joblib
          joblib.dump(XG, 'Fake_news_Predict.pkl')
Out[49]: ['Fake news Predict.pkl']
 In [50]: # Saving the Predicted values in csv file
           pred_value.to_csv('Fake_news_Prediction.csv')
```

# KEY METRICS FOR SUCCESS IN SOLVING PROBLEM UNDER CONSIDERATION

 When it comes to the evaluation of a data science model's performance, sometimes accuracy may not be the best indicator.

- Some problems that we are solving in real life might have a very imbalanced class and using accuracy might not give us enough confidence to understand the algorithm's performance.
- In the fake news problem that we are trying to solve, the data is balanced. so
  accuracy score nearly tells the right predictions. So the problem of overfitting in
  this problem is nearly not to occur. So here, we are using an accuracy score to
  find a better model.

# **CONCLUSION**

#### KEY FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE STUDY

From the whole evaluation, we can see that the maximum number of words in fake news were regarding Trump, and Clinton and we can interpret that it was due to election campaign which was held during the US presidential election and we know these adverse effects of the voters which were influenced by the fake news and most of the real news had said, trump and president, and fake news which was cleared by trump's campaign, but can hardly see any clarity or real news from the side of Clinton, and due to which the impact we already saw on election results and regarding the election advertisement and news Facebook's CEO Mark Zuckerberg also got extensively question by congress.

# LEARNING OUTCOMES OF THE STUDY IN RESPECT OF DATA SCIENCE

It is possible to classify news content into the required categories of authentic and fake news however there will be always a bias to this kind of classification which depends on the behavioural pattern of the listener. However, using this kind of project awareness can be created to know what is fake and authentic.

#### LIMITATIONS OF THIS WORK AND SCOPE FOR FUTURE WORK

Machine Learning Algorithms like XGBoost, Adaboost and Randomforest Classifier took an enormous amount of time to build the model. Using Hyper-parameter tuning for XGB would have resulted in some more accuracy.