

Midterm-report

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1 I. Introduction

1.1 1. Domain-specific area

In this work, we present a text classifier for detecting fake news. Fake news, also known as misinformation, refers to false or misleading information presented as if it were real news. It has become a major issue in recent years, with the proliferation of social media platforms and the ease with which false information can be disseminated. The negative impact of fake news cannot be understated, as it can lead to harm to individuals and society as a whole.

To address this problem, we have developed a machine learning-based text classifier that can accurately identify fake news articles. The classifier is trained on a large dataset of real and fake news articles, and uses various features of the dataset as an input for its model.

We evaluate the performance of the classifier using f-accuracy, and show that it is able to achieve high accuracy in detecting fake news. We also discuss the potential applications of the classifier, including its use by news organizations to fact-check articles, and by social media platforms to combat the spread of fake news.

1.2 2. Objectives

This project aims to find a suitable way to perform text classification in news articles in order to classify if the article is or is not fake news. In order to adapt ourselves to the social media era and avoid the spread of misinformation we need to improve the ways we validate what is truth and what is not. Historically, we've seen that fake news can contribute to problems such as: 1. [Damaging the reputation of people or businesses through spreading misinformation.](#) 2. [Advertise false propaganda in order to misguide elections and/or election results.](#) 3. Generate confirmation bias manipulating one's perception of reality. 4. [Estimulating conflicts in a situation where polarity is arising in society.](#)

We've also seen the widespread of fake news during COVID which, according to [studies](#), have been one of the causes of vaccine hesitancy, which has led to unnecessary deaths all over the world.

This work consists in an automated way to fact-check news in order to tackle the problems above and many more.

1.3 3. Dataset

1.3.1 3.1. Description

In this work we will explore a dataset consisting of two CSV files containing classified fake and real news and we will use it to train our Machine Learning Model in order to be able to evaluate and

classify other news. The language is english and the dataset consists of the following features: 1. title: The title of the news article. 2. text: The article itself. 3. subject: Examples of a subject could be: politics, middle-east and news. 4. date: The date that the article was published. ### 3.2. Dataset size The first CSV file called 'True.csv' holding the articles categorized as not fake news consists of 21417 articles. The second one called 'Fake.csv' consists of 23481 articles. ### 3.3. Data types All the data types are strings, except for the last column in the dataset which is a Date. ### 3.4. Source Source: 'Fake and real news - Classifying the news' taken from kaggle.

1.4 4. Evaluation methodology

For the evaluation of the model the technique being used here is accuracy, since it is a simple and quick way to give a perspective of the performance in one single number and also very easy to use with the classification algorithm we are using (logistic regression). We are using numpy to calculate that based on the results of the prediction.

2 II. Implementation

2.1 5. Preprocessing

2.1.1 5.1. Text representation

As for the text representation and lexical analysis we are using a Word2Vec model with the gensim library. The reason we decided to use this is due to the fact that it keeps information about the ordering of the words in the vector, which is going to be useful to later analyze the bigrams (words that keep appearing together) which can be informative in order to understand properties of fake news articles. ### 5.2 Pre-processing the data As for the preprocessing and text normalization step, we are using the following techniques: 1. Tokenizing Using nltk to separate each sentence into tokens. 2. Removing stopwords We are also using nltk's stopwords list for the english vocabulary in order to remove words that have no meaning (such as 'is' and 'are').

2.1.2 5.3 File type format

As per the file type format, the raw data is in two CSV files, which will then be added labels and merged in order to extract the features for the classifier.

2.2 Loading and inspect the dataset

```
[201]: # Using pandas to load the dataset
```

```
import pandas as pd
import json

fake_df = pd.read_csv('Fake.csv')
true_df = pd.read_csv('True.csv')
```

```
[202]: # Adding a label to the true and fake dataframes so we can use the classifier_
↪next
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fake_df['label'] = 'False'
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true_df['label'] = 'True'

# Merging the two dataframes into one (we are going to need this in order to
↳train the model)
data = pd.concat([fake_df, true_df])
data

# Shuffling the information
data = data.sample(frac = 1)

# Since there are too much rows (44898) in this dataframe and it is too costly
↳to do operations such as iterate through it, I am going to use a subset of it
num_data = 10000
data_copy = data.head(num_data) # This is what we are going to be using from
↳now on
data_copy

```

[202]:

	title \		text	subject \
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12861	NEW YORK TIMES Publishes Trump Tax Return From...		In a lame effort to score political points fo...	politics
11216	Puerto Rico holding call with creditors, to tw...		NEW YORK (Reuters) - Puerto Rico is talking to...	politicsNews
15398	[RAW VIDEO] WHAT JEB BUSH JUST TOLD A HISPANIC...		Bush spoke to a hispanic audience in central F...	politics
10270	BREAKING NEWS: Vladimir Putin Retaliates After...		Here s a question for the anti-Trump media: If...	politics
...
18560	WHY IT'S GOOD NEWS For Conservatives That Bitt...		As a Wellesley graduate, I was shocked and dis...	left-news
15317	New U.S. government rules restrict travel and ...		WASHINGTON/HAVANA (Reuters) - The U.S. governm...	worldnews
15095	Indonesia warns of tough response after Papuan...		JAKARTA (Reuters) - Indonesia s military said ...	worldnews
12800	Tillerson to meet Lebanon's Hariri in Paris on...		WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. Secretary of State...	worldnews
16969	Turkish police detain leading activist at airp...		ISTANBUL (Reuters) - Turkish police have detai...	worldnews
		date label		
9108		Dec 27, 2017 False		
12861		Oct 2, 2016 False		
11216		January 15, 2016 True		

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15398      Jul 29, 2015  False
10270      Jul 30, 2017  False
...
18560      May 30, 2017  False
15317      November 8, 2017  True
15095      November 10, 2017  True
12800      December 8, 2017  True
16969      October 19, 2017  True

```

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[10000 rows x 5 columns]
```

2.2.1 Exploratory data analysis

```
[203]: # Printing the unique subjects in the dataset
print("Subjects: ", data_copy.subject.unique())
```

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Subjects: ['politics' 'politicsNews' 'worldnews' 'left-news' 'US_News' 'News'
'Government News' 'Middle-east']
```

```
[204]: # Printing the different columns
print("Columns:", data_copy.columns)
```

```
Columns: Index(['title', 'text', 'subject', 'date', 'label'], dtype='object')
```

2.3 Preprocessing the dataset

```
[205]: # Defining the preprocess method
import nltk
from gensim.models import Word2Vec
from nltk.corpus import stopwords

# Preprocess the sentences
def preprocess(sentences):
    # Tokenize the sentences: transforming the whole string into a list of
    ↪ tokens. We need this for the Word2Vec model and for the classifier model
    sentences = [nltk.word_tokenize(sentence) for sentence in sentences]
    # Lowercase the words
    sentences = [[word.lower() for word in sentence] for sentence in sentences]
    # Removing stopwords
    stop_words = stopwords.words('english')
    sentences = [word for word in sentences if not word in stop_words]

    return sentences
```

```
[206]: # Here we are creating a new column in the dataframe called 'clean_text' and
    ↪ adding the results of the preprocess method
```

```

sentences = data_copy['text']
sentences = preprocess(sentences)

data_copy['clean_text'] = sentences;
data_copy.head(10)

```

```

/var/folders/65/v6ssklls6x5dnvkx1dq1vnjh0000gp/T/ipykernel_8404/3211253336.py:6:
SettingWithCopyWarning:
A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
Try using .loc[row_indexer,col_indexer] = value instead

```

See the caveats in the documentation: https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user_guide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy

```

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[206]:

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7875	Trump to Ryan: Do not waste time fighting Repu...		
4265	Senator Warren aide said to be in running for ...		
17269	'Vanishing village' looks to Japan's LDP for s...		
17745	HILARIOUS! Paul Joseph Watson DESTROYS Media F...		
7439	Trump election puts Iran nuclear deal on shaky...		
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12861	In a lame effort to score political points fo...		politics
11216	NEW YORK (Reuters) - Puerto Rico is talking to...		politicsNews
15398	Bush spoke to a hispanic audience in central F...		politics
10270	Here s a question for the anti-Trump media: If...		politics
7875	WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Republican presidential...		politicsNews
4265	WASHINGTON/BOSTON (Reuters) - Bharat R. Ramamu...		politicsNews
17269	NANMOKU, Japan (Reuters) - Chikara Imai, 73, i...		worldnews
17745	Paul Joseph Watson nails it again. In the vide...		left-news
7439	WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Donald Trump's election...		politicsNews
	date label \		
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15398	Jul 29, 2015	False	
10270	Jul 30, 2017	False	
7875	October 10, 2016	True	
4265	April 12, 2017	True	

17269	October 17, 2017	True
17745	Oct 27, 2017	False
7439	November 9, 2016	True

	clean_text
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12861	[in, a, lame, effort, to, score, political, po...
11216	[new, york, (, reuters,), -, puerto, rico, is...
15398	[bush, spoke, to, a, hispanic, audience, in, c...
10270	[here, s, a, question, for, the, anti-trump, m...
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17745	[paul, joseph, watson, nails, it, again, ., in...
7439	[washington, (, reuters,), -, donald, trump, ...

2.4 Lexical Analysis

For the lexical analysis we used Word2vec model and gensim's Phrases library to create a vocabulary of bigrams. We started by preprocessing the articles in the fake dataframe, we then used this as an input to create the bigrams and the word2vec model.

2.4.1 Word2vec model

As for the word2vec model, by inspecting it we can see it has some interesting features: - Model length: 80658 - Model dimensions: 100 - Model number of words 80658 We tested it by calling similarity and some words of the vocabulary and the results have a high accuracy. Check example below.

2.4.2 Plotting a graph with the vocabulary of the Word3Vec model¶

After training the model we used matplotlib to plot the vocabulary of the model in a three-dimensional grid. For that we needed to use a Principal Component Analysis optimization (PCA) algorithm to speed up our model for generating a new data structure with the positional value of each word in the x, y, z position in order to fit them into the grid. We had to do it this way because the dimensions of the dataset we are working here are too high.

2.4.3 Text representation: Word2Vec

```
[215]: # Using gensim's phrases to find bigrams
from gensim.models import Word2Vec
from gensim.models.phrases import Phrases, ENGLISH_CONNECTOR_WORDS

fake_sentences = preprocess(fake_df.text.values)

# Creating the model based on the sentences we have in the dataframe
bigrams = Phrases(fake_sentences)
word2vec_model = Word2Vec(bigrams[fake_sentences], min_count=3)
```

```
[216]: # Now let us analyze some bigrams in the fake news articles: the bigrams will
        ↪ be shown as a pair firstWord_secondWord
test_articles = data_copy.clean_text.values

data_copy['bigrams'] = bigrams[test_articles];
data_copy.head(10)
```

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/var/folders/65/v6ssklls6x5dnvkx1dq1vnjh0000gp/T/ipykernel_8404/261825028.py:4:
SettingWithCopyWarning:
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[216]:
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17745	HILARIOUS! Paul Joseph Watson DESTROYS Media F...	Paul Joseph Watson nails it again. In the vide...	left-news		
7439	Trump election puts Iran nuclear deal on shaky...	WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Donald Trump's election...	politicsNews		

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4265     April 12, 2017     True
17269   October 17, 2017   True
17745       Oct 27, 2017   False
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```

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```

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```

[209]: *# Inspecting the fake lexicalmodel: I am going to get the word 'nation' in the*
↪list above and check for similarities

```

# Length of the model:
print("Model length: ", len(word2vec_model.wv.key_to_index))

# how many dimensions?
print("Model dimensions:", len(word2vec_model.wv['nation']))

# How many words in the model?
words = list(word2vec_model.wv.key_to_index)
print("Model number of words", len(words))

# Finding similar terms
word2vec_model.wv.most_similar('nation', topn=20)

```

```

Model length: 80658
Model dimensions: 100

```


Model number of words 80658

```
[209]: [('country', 0.8448327779769897),
        ('america', 0.7544978857040405),
        ('our_nation', 0.7383241653442383),
        ('world', 0.7174632549285889),
        ('eu', 0.6690049171447754),
        ('our_country', 0.6643893718719482),
        ('democracy', 0.6319657564163208),
        ('europe', 0.6222034096717834),
        ('britain', 0.6145777106285095),
        ('society', 0.609611451625824),
        ('globe', 0.5923258066177368),
        ('generation', 0.5894155502319336),
        ('culture', 0.5885983109474182),
        ('middle_east', 0.5760666131973267),
        ('region', 0.567994236946106),
        ('continent', 0.5650137066841125),
        ('united_states', 0.5637699961662292),
        ('future', 0.5635557174682617),
        ('civil_war', 0.5629743933677673),
        ('west', 0.5547658205032349)]
```

2.5 Plotting a graph with the vocabulary of the Word3Vec model

```
[210]: import string
        from gensim.models import phrases, word2vec
        from sklearn.decomposition import PCA

        # We need to now find the vector representing each word, we can do this like so
        X = word2vec_model.wv[words]

        # Since our dataset dimensions are too high (45606), we are going to be using
        # ↪ Principal Component Analysis (PCA) to speed up the model training for
        # our Data Visualization
        pca = PCA(n_components=3, random_state=11, whiten=True)
        clf = pca.fit_transform(X)

        # Creating a new dataframe with the model fit in order to visualize it
        # ↪ afterwards
        tmp = pd.DataFrame(clf, index=words, columns=['x', 'y', 'z'])

        tmp.head(10)
```

```
[210]:           x           y           z
the  -5.321537  3.349342  2.914190
,    -1.578094  2.185891  3.523846
```

```
.      -5.440238 -0.977095  5.763877
to     -8.593275  0.498796  2.257483
of     -4.312143  2.879751  0.362549
and    -4.970900  0.787323 -0.129419
a      -3.453165  0.399685  3.711100
in     -3.603378  3.888028  1.568579
that   -8.159046  0.476614  5.594429
s      -2.498318 -2.010441  4.965305
```

```
[221]: # Picking up a small sample to put in the grid
from collections import Counter

sample = tmp.sample(100)
```

```
[222]: import matplotlib
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D

# Plotting the sample above in a three-dimensional grid as scatter points using
↳matplotlib

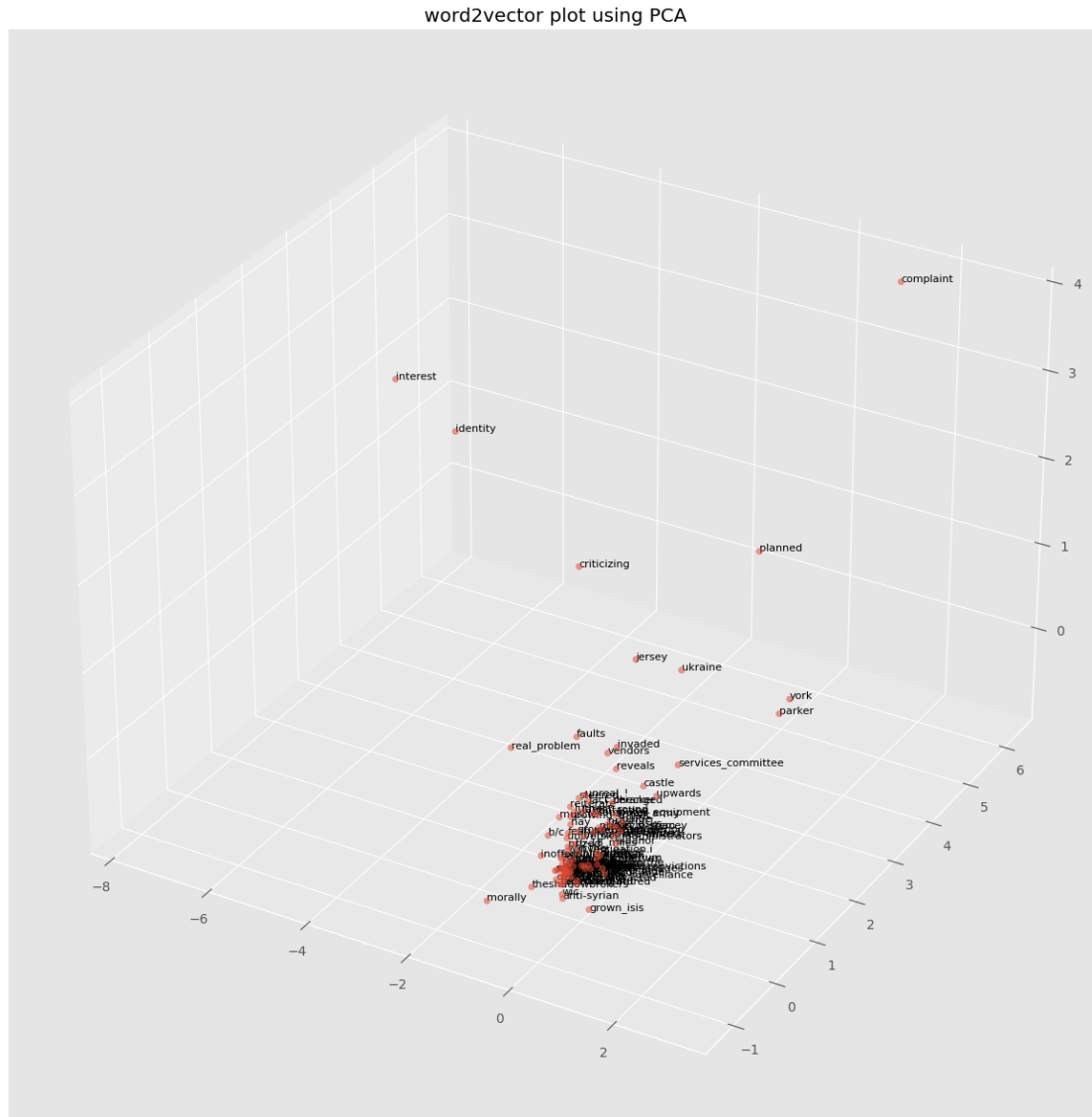
matplotlib.style.use('ggplot')
%matplotlib inline

fig = plt.figure(figsize=(15, 15))
ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')

ax.scatter(sample['x'], sample['y'], sample['z'], alpha = 0.5)

for word, row in sample.iterrows():
    x, y, z = row
    pos = (x, y, z)
    ax.text(x, y, z, s=word, size=8, zorder=1, color='k')

plt.title('word2vector plot using PCA')
plt.show()
```



2.6 6. Classification approach

2.6.1 6.1 Features and Labels

For the classifier we are using two features: the ‘title’ which in the dataframe is the representation of the article and the ‘label’ which is the feature that tells which articles are true or fake.

2.6.2 6.2 Classifier

For the classifier we are using supervised learning with a Naive Bayes algorithm due to its scalability and quickness. We started by setting the features above, then using CountVector - a feature extractor from the sklearn library - to fit the texts into the vector. Then we split the data into training and test set and created the Multinomial Naive Bayes model with the train data to train

it. After training it we then tested on the test data and were able to get an accuracy of 94% with the prediction.

2.7 Creating the model for the classifier

```
[213]: # Fake news classifier
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import CountVectorizer
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn.naive_bayes import MultinomialNB

# Setting the features we are going to use to train our model
texts = data_copy['text'].values
labels = data_copy['label'].values

# Tokenize the texts
vectorizer = CountVectorizer()
X = vectorizer.fit_transform(texts)

# Split the data into a training set and a test set
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, labels, test_size=0.33,
    random_state=42)

# Train the model
model = MultinomialNB()
model.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Test the model
y_pred = model.predict(X_test)

# Adding the prediction to the dataframe so we can inspect better the results
results = data_copy.head(3300) # This is what we are going to be using from now
    on

results['prediction'] = y_pred;

# Let us drop the columns that we are not interested in at this point.
results.drop(columns=['clean_text', 'date'])

# Saving as CSV
results.to_csv('results.csv')

results.head(100)
```

/var/folders/65/v6ssklls6x5dnvkx1dq1vnjh0000gp/T/ipykernel_8404/906315854.py:29:
SettingWithCopyWarning:

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10270	BREAKING NEWS: Vladimir Putin Retaliates After...
...	...
7896	Trump says Pence to represent him at Wisconsin...
2242	Ben Carson Got SMOKED By Samuel L. Jackson Fo...
17558	Kenya's Odinga says October poll would be illegal
19409	Argentina's Macri almost certain to run for re...
9850	Obama, Saudi king discuss U.S.-Saudi ties, con...

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10270	Here s a question for the anti-Trump media: If...	politics
...
7896	WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. Republican preside...	politicsNews
2242	For at least one day, Donald Trump did not say...	News
17558	LONDON (Reuters) - Kenya s opposition leader R...	worldnews
19409	BUENOS AIRES (Reuters) - Argentine President M...	worldnews
9850	RIYADH (Reuters) - President Barack Obama and ...	politicsNews

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7896	October 8, 2016	True
2242	March 7, 2017	False
17558	October 13, 2017	True
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clean_text \

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...
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2242	[for, at_least, one, day, ,, donald_trump, did...		False
17558	[london, (, reuters,), -, kenya, s, oppositio...		True
19409	[buenos_aires, (, reuters,), -, argentine_pre...		True
9850	[riyadh, (, reuters,), -, president_barack, o...		False

[100 rows x 8 columns]

3 III. Conclusions

3.1 7. Evaluation

```

[214]: # Evaluating the accuracy of the model comparing the test and prediction data
import numpy as np

def calculate_accuracy(y_test, y_pred):
    accuracy = np.mean(y_pred == y_test)
    print(f'Accuracy: {accuracy:.2f}')

calculate_accuracy(y_test, y_pred)

```

Accuracy: 0.95

3.2 8. Summary and conclusions (finish)

3.2.1 8.1. Exploratory Data Analysis

During the exploratory data analysis phase we checked two informations about the dataset: 1. The categories (subjects) of the articles inside this dataset. The list of subjects is: 'left-news' 'politics'

‘world news’ ‘politics news’ ‘news’ ‘middle-east’, ‘US News’ ‘government news’.

2. The different columns inside the dataset and their type. All of the columns have the object type and their names is: ‘title’, ‘text’, ‘subject’, ‘date’. The fact that they are all objects made it hard for us to do any statistical analysis on top of that.

Some good ideas for extending this project could be: 1. Checking which subjects of the above contain more fake news. 2. Checking what were that months of each year (column date) contain more fake news.

3.2.2 8.2. Lexical Analysis: Word2vec

As per the results of the lexical analysis using our Word2vec model we can see that we had a high accuracy in the results for the search of similar terms for all the words that were tested.

3.2.3 8.3. Classification Model

In terms of the classification model, even though we had a high accuracy (94%), by looking at the spreadsheet we can see that the accuracy from which the model was able to classify the true news was higher than for the fake news.

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