Fake News Classification.

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Dataset: https://www.kaggle.com/clmentbisaillon/fake-and-real-news-dataset (https://www.kaggle.com/clmentbisaillon/fake-and-real-news-dataset)

Workflow:

Part I: Using titles.

- · Using TFIDF Vectorizer.
 - Using Naive Bayes Classification.
 - Using Logistic Regression Classification.
- · Using Count Vectorizer.
 - Using Naive Bayes Classification.
 - Using Logistic Regression Classification.

Part II: Using texts.

- · Using TFIDF Vectorizer.
 - Using Naive Bayes Classification.
 - Using Logistic Regression Classification.
- Using Count Vectorizer.
 - Using Naive Bayes Classification.
 - Using Logistic Regression Classification.

Importing the necessary libraries.

```
In [1]: import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import os
import nltk
```

Working directory.

```
In [2]: os.chdir(r'C:\Users\Habeeb\Documents\Sagun\Python\csv files\Fake News')
In [3]:
         fake_raw = pd.read_csv('Fake.csv')
          true raw = pd.read csv('True.csv')
In [4]:
          fake_raw.dropna(axis =1, inplace=True)
In [5]: true raw.dropna(axis = 1, inplace=True)
         fake raw.head()
In [6]:
Out[6]:
                                                title
                                                                                           subject
                                                                                      text
                                                                                                           date
                                                                                                      December
                Donald Trump Sends Out Embarrassing
                                                          Donald Trump just couldn t wish all
                                                                                             News
                                                                                                        31, 2017
                                         New Year' ...
                                                                             Americans ...
                                                              House Intelligence Committee
                  Drunk Bragging Trump Staffer Started
                                                                                                      December
           1
                                                                                             News
                                                                      Chairman Devin Nu...
                                                                                                        31, 2017
                                          Russian ...
               Sheriff David Clarke Becomes An Internet
                                                        On Friday, it was revealed that former
                                                                                                      December
                                                                                             News
                                                                                Milwauk...
                                                                                                        30, 2017
                   Trump Is So Obsessed He Even Has
                                                            On Christmas day, Donald Trump
                                                                                                      December
           3
                                                                                             News
                                                                         announced that ...
                                    Obama's Name...
                                                                                                        29, 2017
                   Pope Francis Just Called Out Donald
                                                               Pope Francis used his annual
                                                                                                      December
                                                                                             News
                                                                                                        25, 2017
                                         Trump Dur...
                                                                      Christmas Day mes...
In [7]:
         true raw.head()
Out[7]:
                                            title
                                                                                   text
                                                                                             subject
                                                                                                           date
                        As U.S. budget fight looms,
                                                  WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The head of a
                                                                                                      December
                                                                                         politicsNews
           0
                               Republicans flip t...
                                                                            conservat...
                                                                                                        31, 2017
                 U.S. military to accept transgender
                                                   WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Transgender
                                                                                                      December
           1
                                                                                         politicsNews
                                      recruits o...
                                                                            people will...
                                                                                                        29, 2017
                Senior U.S. Republican senator: 'Let
                                                    WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The special
                                                                                                      December
           2
                                                                                         politicsNews
                                      Mr. Muell...
                                                                           counsel inv...
                                                                                                        31, 2017
                                                         WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Trump
                       FBI Russia probe helped by
                                                                                                      December
           3
                                                                                         politicsNews
                             Australian diplomat...
                                                                     campaign adviser ...
                                                                                                        30, 2017
                     Trump wants Postal Service to
                                                     SEATTLE/WASHINGTON (Reuters) -
                                                                                                      December
                                                                                         politicsNews
                              charge 'much mor ...
                                                                       President Donal...
                                                                                                        29, 2017
In [8]: | fake raw.shape
Out[8]:
          (23481, 4)
In [9]:
         true_raw.shape
Out[9]: (21417, 4)
```

Adding labels of True and False for fake news.

- 0: Fake
- 1: True

```
In [10]: fake_raw['label'] = np.zeros(fake_raw.shape[0])
In [11]: true_raw['label'] = np.ones(true_raw.shape[0])
In [12]: true_raw['label'] = true_raw.label.astype(int)
In [13]: fake_raw['label'] = fake_raw.label.astype(int)
```

Concatenating two dataframes.

```
In [14]: merged_df = pd.concat([true_raw, fake_raw], ignore_index=True)
In [15]: df = merged_df.copy()
```

Shuffling the dataframe rows.

In [17]: df = shuffle(df)
 df.head(20)

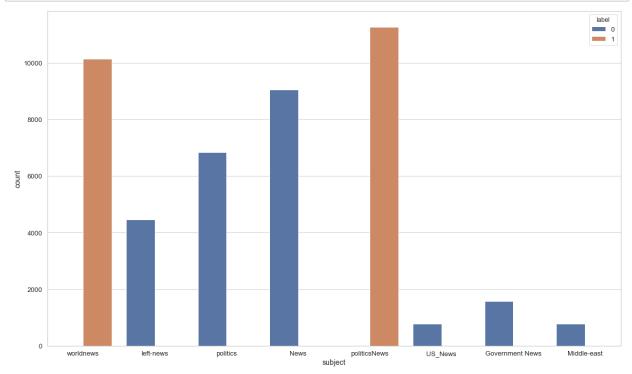
Out[17]:

| | title | text | subject | date | label |
|----|--|---|----------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| 0 | China, Pakistan to look at including Afghanist | BEIJING (Reuters) - China and Pakistan will lo | December 26, 2017 | 1 | |
| 1 | 10 REASONS A VOTE RECOUNT Is A Really Bad Idea | Watch Jill Stein explain why she s working to | left-news | Nov 27, 2016 | 0 |
| 2 | DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ Planned To Continue P | Democratic Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz seemi | politics | Jul 29, 2017 | 0 |
| 3 | FINALLY: Sheriff Joe Ruled In Contempt Over R | A Maricopa Country judge has finally stood up | News | May 14, 2016 | 0 |
| 4 | Obama says he does not think FBI's Comey is tr | WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Barack Obama | politicsNews | November 5, 2016 | 1 |
| 5 | TRUMP WAS RIGHT! Why The Heck Is This Liberal | If you watch CNBC at all you know John Harwood | politics | Oct 28, 2015 | 0 |
| 6 | LATE NIGHT HOST Goes Low In Anti-Trump Rant Wi | COLBERT LANGUAGE WARNING! This late night ho | politics | May 2, 2017 | 0 |
| 7 | South Korea's Moon asks Russia to continue sup | VLADIVOSTOK, Russia (Reuters) - South Korean P | worldnews | September 7, 2017 | 1 |
| 8 | YOU'LL NEVER BELIEVE WHICH REPUBLICAN JUST CAL | What kind of leader speaks like this? It s obv | politics | Aug 27, 2015 | 0 |
| 9 | Alabama Senate election winner due to be certi | WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The outcome of Alabama' | politicsNews | November 18, 2017 | 1 |
| 10 | Trump slow to implement Russia, Iran, North Ko | WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Two months after signin | politicsNews | September 29, 2017 | 1 |
| 11 | MUST READ: I'm Still Trying To Figure Out How | Once you ve read this list, you re going to wa | left-news | Nov 17, 2017 | 0 |
| 12 | U.S. voters deliver mixed results on gun contr | NEW YORK (Reuters) - Voters rendered a split d | politicsNews | November 8, 2016 | 1 |
| 13 | How Trump's abrupt immigration ban sowed confu | NEW YORK (Reuters) - After immigration agents | politicsNews | January 29, 2017 | 1 |
| 14 | Zimbabwe's Mugabe speech was meant to sanitize | HARARE (Reuters) - Zimbabwe President Robert M | worldnews | November 20, 2017 | 1 |
| 15 | About 30 killed when train derails, catches fi | KINSHASA (Reuters) - About 30 people were kill | worldnews | November 13, 2017 | 1 |
| 16 | HOW A SIMPLE GLASS OF WATER Could Expose The T | Every American needs to consider this new evid | politics | Sep 6, 2016 | 0 |
| 17 | THE SIMPSONS Destroy The Idiocy Of The Politic | The setting for this episode is Yale Universit | left-news | Apr 18, 2017 | 0 |
| 18 | UNREAL! PRO-CUBA TRAVEL AT PBS AND NBC: "Cuba | BELOW ARE TWO EXAMPLES OF THE PRO-CUBA SENTIME | left-news | May 5, 2016 | 0 |
| 19 | Merkel settles migrant row with allies to purs | BERLIN (Reuters) - German Chancellor Angela Me | worldnews | October 8, 2017 | 1 |

```
In [18]: df.shape
Out[18]: (44898, 5)
```

Data Visualization.

```
In [19]: plt.figure(figsize=(20,12))
    sns.set(style = 'whitegrid', font_scale = 1.2)
    sns.countplot(df['subject'], hue = df['label'])
    plt.show()
```



Cleaning the text.

```
In [20]: import re
    from nltk.corpus import stopwords
    from nltk.stem.porter import PorterStemmer

In [21]: nltk.download('stopwords')

        [nltk_data] Downloading package stopwords to
        [nltk_data] C:\Users\Habeeb\AppData\Roaming\nltk_data...
        [nltk_data] Package stopwords is already up-to-date!

Out[21]: True
```

```
In [22]:
    def clean_data(text):
        processed = re.sub('[^a-zA-Z0-9]', ' ' , text, flags = re.IGNORECASE)
        # We can use '\W' (non - alphanumeric character or non - word character) inst
        processed = processed.replace(' ', ' ')
        processed = processed.replace(' ', ' ')
        processed = processed.replace(' ', ' ')
        processed = processed.replace(' u s', 'united states')
        #Convert into LowerCase.
        processed = processed.lower()

#Stemming.
    '''ps = PorterStemmer()
        processed = processed.split()
        processed = [ps.stem(word) for word in processed if not word in set(stopwords '''
        return processed

In [23]: df['title_processed'] = df['title'].apply(lambda x: clean_data(x))
```

```
In [23]: df['title_processed'] = df['title'].apply(lambda x: clean_data(x))
df['text_processed'] = df['text'].apply(lambda x: clean_data(x))
```

Making a column named 'month'.

```
In [24]: df['month'] = df['date'].apply(lambda mydate: re.findall('[a-zA-Z]{3,}', mydate)|
```

Taking only the first three letters of the month names.

```
In [25]: df['month'] =df['month'].apply(lambda mymonth: mymonth[:3])
In [26]: df.head(2)
```

Out[26]:

| | title | text | subject | date | label | title_processed | text_processed | month |
|---|--|---|-----------|----------------------|-------|---|---|-------|
| 0 | China, Pakistan to look at including Afghanist | BEIJING (Reuters) - China and Pakistan will lo | worldnews | December 26, 2017 | 1 | china pakistan to look at including afghanista | beijing reuters china and pakistan will look | Dec |
| 1 | 10 REASONS A VOTE RECOUNT Is A Really Bad Idea | Watch Jill Stein explain why she s working to | left-news | Nov 27, 2016 | 0 | 10 reasons a vote recount is a really bad idea | watch jill stein explain why she s working to | Nov |

Part I: Using the Titles of the news for the

classification.

Get independent feature.

```
In [27]: X = df['title_processed'].iloc[:].values
```

Get dependent feature.

```
In [28]: y = df['label'].iloc[:].values
```

1. Using TFIDF vectorizer to get independent features.

```
In [31]: X_vectorized = tfidf.fit_transform(X).toarray()
```

Train - Test split.

```
In [32]: from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
In [33]: X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X_vectorized, y, test_size =
```

1.a. Classification: Multinomial Bayes.

```
In [34]: from sklearn.naive_bayes import MultinomialNB
    classifier=MultinomialNB(alpha = 1.0)

In [35]: classifier.fit(X_train, y_train)

Out[35]: MultinomialNB()

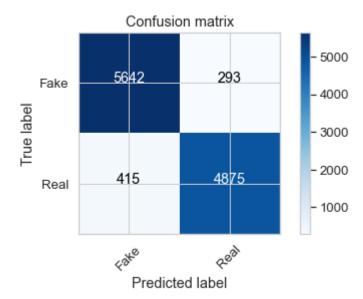
In [36]: predictions = classifier.predict(X_test)
```

Function: Confusion Matrix.

```
In [37]: | from sklearn import metrics
         import itertools
In [38]: | def plot_confusion_matrix(cm, classes,
                                    normalize=False,
                                    title='Confusion matrix',
                                    cmap=plt.cm.Blues):
             See full source and example:
             http://scikit-learn.org/stable/auto_examples/model_selection/plot_confusion_m
             This function prints and plots the confusion matrix.
             Normalization can be applied by setting `normalize=True`.
             plt.imshow(cm, interpolation='nearest', cmap=cmap)
             plt.title(title)
             plt.colorbar()
             tick marks = np.arange(len(classes))
             plt.xticks(tick marks, classes, rotation=45)
             plt.yticks(tick_marks, classes)
             if normalize:
                 cm = cm.astype('float') / cm.sum(axis=1)[:, np.newaxis]
                 print("Normalized confusion matrix")
             else:
                 print('Confusion matrix, without normalization')
             thresh = cm.max() / 2.
             for i, j in itertools.product(range(cm.shape[0]), range(cm.shape[1])):
                 plt.text(j, i, cm[i, j],
                           horizontalalignment="center",
                           color="white" if cm[i, j] > thresh else "black")
             plt.tight layout()
             plt.ylabel('True label')
             plt.xlabel('Predicted label')
```

```
In [39]: cm = metrics.confusion_matrix(y_test, predictions)
```

```
In [40]: plot_confusion_matrix(cm, classes=['Fake', 'Real'])
```



Accuracy Score:

```
In [41]:

def accuracy_check(print_values = True):
    if print_values == True:
        print('Accuracy (in %) = ',round(float(metrics.accuracy_score(y_test, preprint('ROC - AUC Score (in %) = ',round(float(metrics.roc_auc_score(y_test)))
        print('F1 - Score (in %) = ',round(float(metrics.f1_score(y_test)))

'''acc_dict = dict()
    acc_dict['Accuracy Score'] = metrics.accuracy_score(y_test, predictions)
    acc_dict['ROC - AUC Score'] = metrics.roc_auc_score(y_test, predictions))
    acc_dict['F1 - Score'] = metrics.f1_score(y_test, predictions))

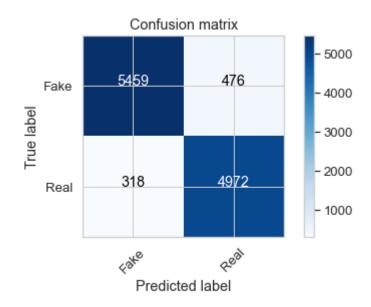
return (round(float(metrics.accuracy_score(y_test, predictions))) *100, 2),
        round(float(metrics.roc_auc_score(y_test, predictions))) *100, 2),
        round(float(metrics.f1_score(y_test, predictions))) *100, 2)
    )
```

1.b. Classification: Logistic Regression.

Confusion Matrix.

```
In [47]: cm = metrics.confusion_matrix(y_test, predictions)
    plot_confusion_matrix(cm, classes=['Fake', 'Real'])
```

Confusion matrix, without normalization



```
In [48]: accuracy_check()

Accuracy (in %) = 92.93 %
    ROC - AUC Score (in %) = 92.98 %
    F1 - Score (in %) = 92.61 %

Out[48]: (92.93, 92.98, 92.61)

In [49]: title_log_reg_tfidf = dict()
    title_log_reg_tfidf['accuracy'], title_log_reg_tfidf['roc_auc'], title_log_reg_tfidf['accuracy'], title_log_reg_tfidf['roc_auc'], title_log_reg_tfid
```

2. Using Count Vectorizer to get independent features.

Train - Test split.

```
In [53]: X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X_vectorized, y, test_size =
```

2.a. Classification: Multinomial Bayes.

```
In [104]: from sklearn.naive_bayes import MultinomialNB
    classifier=MultinomialNB(alpha = 1.0)

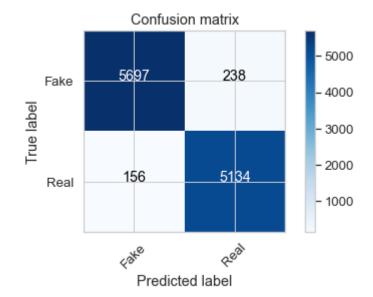
In [105]: classifier.fit(X_train, y_train)

Out[105]: MultinomialNB()

In [106]: predictions = classifier.predict(X_test)
```

Confusion Matrix.

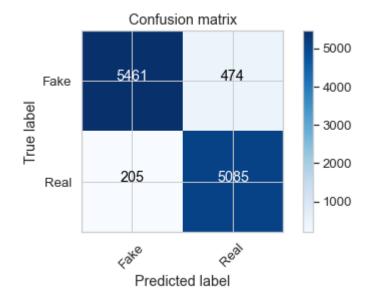
```
In [107]: cm = metrics.confusion_matrix(y_test, predictions)
    plot_confusion_matrix(cm, classes=['Fake', 'Real'])
```



2.b. Classification: Logistic Regression.

Confusion Matrix.

```
In [62]: cm = metrics.confusion_matrix(y_test, predictions)
    plot_confusion_matrix(cm, classes=['Fake', 'Real'])
```



Part II: Using the Text of the news for the classification.

Get independent feature.

```
In [65]: X = df['text_processed'].iloc[:].values
```

Get dependent feature.

```
In [66]: y = df['label'].iloc[:].values
```

1. Using TFIDF vectorizer to get independent features.

```
In [68]: X_vectorized = tfidf.fit_transform(X).toarray()
```

Train - Test split.

```
In [69]: from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X_vectorized, y, test_size =
```

1.a. Classification: Multinomial Bayes.

```
In [70]: from sklearn.naive_bayes import MultinomialNB
    classifier=MultinomialNB(alpha = 1.0)

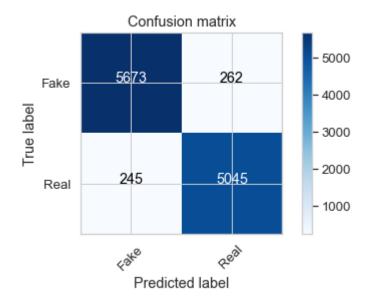
In [71]: classifier.fit(X_train, y_train)

Out[71]: MultinomialNB()

In [72]: predictions = classifier.predict(X_test)
```

Confusion Matrix.

```
In [73]: cm = metrics.confusion_matrix(y_test, predictions)
    plot_confusion_matrix(cm, classes=['Fake', 'Real'])
```



Accuracy Score:

```
In [74]: accuracy_check(True)

Accuracy (in %) = 95.48 %
ROC - AUC Score (in %) = 95.48 %
F1 - Score (in %) = 95.22 %

Out[74]: (95.48, 95.48, 95.22)

In [75]: text_naive_bayes_tfidf = dict()
text_naive_bayes_tfidf['accuracy'], text_naive_bayes_tfidf['roc_auc'], text_naive_bayes_tfidf['roc_
```

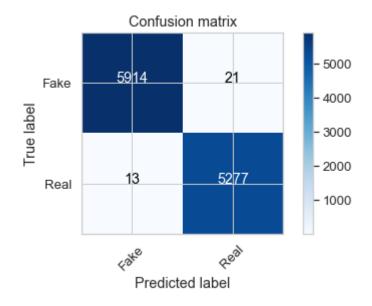
1.b. Classification: Logistic Regression.

```
In [128]: classifier.fit(X_train, y_train)
    predictions = classifier.predict(X_test)
```

Confusion Matrix.

```
In [129]: cm = metrics.confusion_matrix(y_test, predictions)
    plot_confusion_matrix(cm, classes=['Fake', 'Real'])
```

Confusion matrix, without normalization



2. Using Count Vectorizer to get independent features.

```
In [82]: X_vectorized = cv.fit_transform(X).toarray()
```

Train - Test split.

```
In [83]: X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X_vectorized, y, test_size =
```

2.a. Classification: Multinomial Bayes.

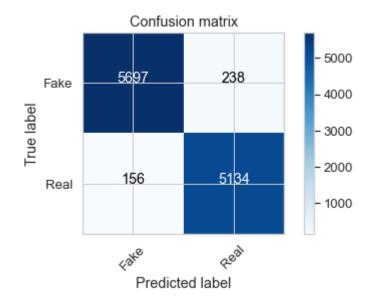
```
In [84]: from sklearn.naive_bayes import MultinomialNB
  classifier=MultinomialNB(alpha = 1.0)
```

```
In [85]: classifier.fit(X_train, y_train)
    predictions = classifier.predict(X_test)
```

Confusion Matrix.

```
In [86]: cm = metrics.confusion_matrix(y_test, predictions)
    plot_confusion_matrix(cm, classes=['Fake', 'Real'])
```

Confusion matrix, without normalization

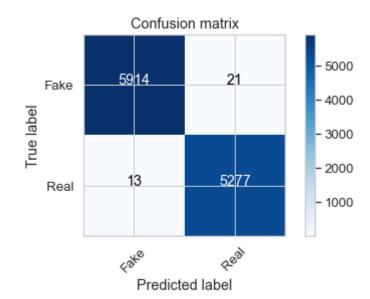


2.b. Classification: Logistic Regression.

Confusion Matrix.

```
In [91]: cm = metrics.confusion_matrix(y_test, predictions)
    plot_confusion_matrix(cm, classes=['Fake', 'Real'])
```

Confusion matrix, without normalization



Summarizing the results.

I. Using TITLES.

```
In [113]: summary_title_accuracy = pd.DataFrame({
    'TFIDF': [title_naive_bayes_tfidf['accuracy'], title_log_reg_tfidf['accuracy'], index=['Naive Bayes', 'Logistic Regression'])

In [114]: summary_title_roc_auc = pd.DataFrame({
    'TFIDF': [title_naive_bayes_tfidf['roc_auc'], title_log_reg_tfidf['roc_auc']]
    'Count_Vectorizer': [title_naive_bayes_cv['roc_auc'], title_log_reg_cv['roc_a'], index=['Naive Bayes', 'Logistic Regression'])

In [115]: summary_title_f1_score = pd.DataFrame({
    'TFIDF': [title_naive_bayes_tfidf['f1_score'], title_log_reg_tfidf['f1_score'], index=['Naive Bayes', 'Logistic Regression'])
```

```
In [125]: print('Accuracy using TITLES: \n')
        print(summary_title_accuracy)
        print('\n----\n')
        print('ROC - AUC Score using TITLES: \n')
        print(summary_title_roc_auc)
        print('\n----\n')
        print('F1 Score using TITLES: \n')
        print(summary title f1 score)
        print('\n----\n')
        Accuracy using TITLES:
                          TFIDF Count_Vectorizer
        Naive Baves
                          93.69
                                         96.49
        Logistic Regression 92.93
                                         93.95
        ROC - AUC Score using TITLES:
                          TFIDF Count_Vectorizer
        Naive Bayes
                          93.61
                                         96.52
                                         94.07
        Logistic Regression 92.98
        F1 Score using TITLES:
                          TFIDF Count_Vectorizer
```

II. Using TEXTS.

```
In [132]:
    summary_text_accuracy = pd.DataFrame({
        'TFIDF': [text_naive_bayes_tfidf['accuracy'], text_log_reg_tfidf['accuracy']]
        'Count_Vectorizer': [text_naive_bayes_cv['accuracy'], text_log_reg_cv['accuracy'], index=['Naive Bayes', 'Logistic Regression'])

summary_text_roc_auc = pd.DataFrame({
        'TFIDF': [text_naive_bayes_tfidf['roc_auc'], text_log_reg_tfidf['roc_auc']],
        'Count_Vectorizer': [text_naive_bayes_cv['roc_auc'], text_log_reg_cv['roc_auc'],
        index=['Naive Bayes', 'Logistic Regression'])

summary_text_f1_score = pd.DataFrame({
        'TFIDF': [text_naive_bayes_tfidf['f1_score'], text_log_reg_tfidf['f1_score']]
        'Count_Vectorizer': [text_naive_bayes_cv['f1_score'], text_log_reg_cv['f1_score'],
        index=['Naive Bayes', 'Logistic Regression'])
```

```
In [135]: print('Accuracy using text: \n')
       print(summary_text_accuracy)
       print('\n----\n')
       print('ROC - AUC Score using text: \n')
       print(summary_text_roc_auc)
       print('\n----\n')
       print('F1 Score using text: \n')
       print(summary_text_f1_score)
       print('\n----\n')
       Accuracy using text:
                      TFIDF Count_Vectorizer
       Naive Bayes 95.48 96.49
Logistic Regression 99.70 99.70
        _____
       ROC - AUC Score using text:
       Naive Bayes 95.48
                       TFIDF Count_Vectorizer
                                   96.52
                                    99.70
       F1 Score using text:
                       TFIDF Count_Vectorizer
       Naive Bayes
                      95.22 96.30
       Logistic Regression 99.68
                                   99.68
        _____
```

Logistic Regression using text gives the best results.

The End.