COVID Misleading Tweets Detection

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Misleading Information at Twitter



We want to broaden the range of voices in the Internet, but also don't want to have somethings which received widespread public attention by misleading information. especially for the COVID case, a pandemic spread all over the world

Goal: Automatedly detect misleading Tweets

My solution: A timely web application which can run NLP model given the tweets

Data Source

Annotated Data Source:

- CoAID: COVID-19 heAlthcare mIsinformation Dataset
 - how they labeled data: Claim was annotated into fake or true by comparing the reliable sources. They classified the myth and rumor as fake claim'.
 - chosen dataset: 457 fake claim(of one or two sentences) tweets, 6342 real calim tweets which collected September 1, 2020 from through Nov 1, 2020

Real-World Tweets:

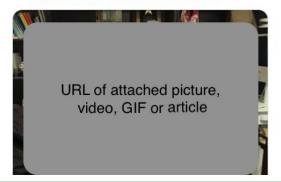
Scraping Tweets from website by calling API

Twitter account

• Dec 17, 2020

I'm feeling great 24 hours after my first dose of the Pfizer COVID-19

vaccine. The only side effect I've experienced is soreness at the injection site. #BioNTech #COVID19Vaccine #IGotTheShot



Experiments

Baseline Model#1: Random Forest

- Structured features only
- F1 score at 0.66

Experiment#2: Random Forest with TF-IDF

- Structured features with unstructured feature in TF-IDF encoding
- F1 score at 0.75

Experiment#3: Random Forest with TF-IDF + NMF

- Structured features with unstructured feature in TF-IDF encoding plus with NMF to narrow feature space
- F1 score at 0.70

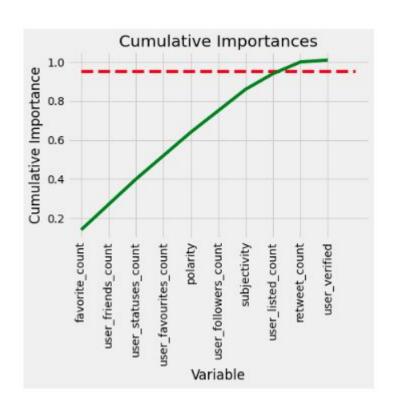
Experiment #4: Pretrained Distill BERT Embedding

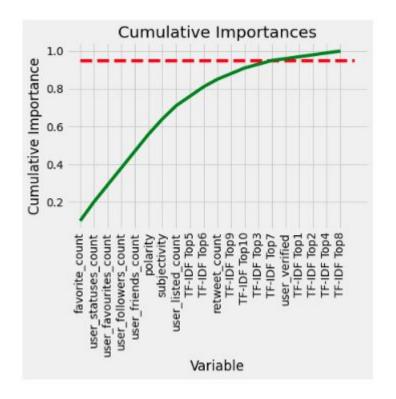
- Unstructured feature only
- F1 score at 0.96



F1 score report in validated dataset Tuning the hyperparameter by gridsearch

Experiments (con't)





Final Representation

http://localhost:8501/

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Retrive the Most Recent Tweets Given the COVID related Keyword

