

Fake News Detection Using Machine Learning

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Abstract—It is difficult to estimate the exact percentage of news that is fake nowadays as it varies depending on the source and type of news. However, studies have shown that the jump of fake news is a significant problem nowadays due to the ease of creation and sharing information on publicly accessible online platforms. Social media platforms play a significant role in exacerbating this problem either directly or indirectly, with algorithms that prioritize engagement and the sharing of sensational content contributing to the problem. In addition, political polarization and the rise of disinformation campaigns have further exacerbated the spread of fake news. While there are constant efforts to combat the spread of fake news, it remains a pervasive issue that requires continued attention and vigilance.

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I. INTRODUCTION

In today's world, the issue of fake news is a major concern because of its potential in spreading misinformation and shaping the perception of people. This problem of the circulation of fake news is so much more prevalent in people of older age groups who do not possess the same level of awareness about how fake news is generated and spread across the internet. An example of such a case would be the fake news that is spread through the WhatsApp groups of older people. They are more prone to falling prey to scams that are consequently based on the spread of misinformation. Therefore, it is necessary to identify and prevent the circulation and/or publication of such content to the masses in order to prevent the consequences of the spread of such fake news.

Machine learning is a promising potential solution for the detection of fake news by analysis of various aspects of news articles, such as language, sources, and tone. This works by comparing the targeted news article with already known fake news articles and analyzing the similarities and trends in such articles. The benefit of the use of machine learning in this case is that the model can be retrained on a larger dataset each and every time there is an increased number of fake news articles of such sort.

This research paper analyzes a variety of research papers and compares approaches and algorithms proposed by them in order to choose the most appropriate one that uses a combination of features to train an ML classifier for the identification of fake news. This ensures that there is an improvement in the way we detect fake news and increase in the effectiveness of techniques for identifying fake news, consequently contributing to the ongoing battle against the circulation of fake news articles in the digital era.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

This paper[1] reviews existing literature on using machine learning techniques to classify news articles into two binary choices of real or fake. They then review various machine learning techniques that have been proposed to detect fake news, including supervised, unsupervised, and deep learning approaches. This paper concludes that machine learning has proven to be an effective tool for detection of fake news articles. However, the choice of technique, dataset, and evaluation metrics needs to be carefully considered to achieve high accuracy and efficiency. The authors suggest that future research could focus on developing more sophisticated models that can incorporate a range of features and sources of information in order to improve the detection and identification of fake news.

This paper[2] focuses on detecting fake news using ML techniques. The authors discuss the challenges involved in detection of fake news, such as the wide range of sources and the use of deceptive language and visuals. The writers test a different exhibit of ML grouping calculations, including Decision Tree, Naïve Bayes, and Random Forest, endeavoring to characterize the news stories as genuine or counterfeit news. The authors evaluate the effectiveness, processing speed, accuracy, etc. of the different algorithms based on various metrics, such as accuracy, precision, and recall. They conclude that the Random Forest classification algorithm performs the best, achieving accuracy of over 90% in detection of fake

news articles.

This paper[3] presents a systematic review of existing research on the solution of the problem at hand using machine learning algorithms. The authors review and provide an in detail overview of the different techniques used in the literature, their promising aspects, weaknesses, and performance metrics. The authors highlight the importance of selecting appropriate datasets and evaluation metrics to ensure accurate and reliable results. Overall, the paper provides a comprehensive overview of the top notch research in fake news detection using ML and identifies directions for future research in this area.

The authors of the paper[4] use several machine learning algorithms, including Decision Tree, SVM, Random Forest Classifier, and Naive Bayes, to classify the news articles into the real category or the fake category. They evaluate the performance of the different algorithms based on various metrics, such as precision, recall, accuracy, and F1 score. The authors find that the SVM algorithm performs the best, achieving an accuracy of over 95% in detecting fake news. They also provide a comparison of the performance of different ML algorithms and conclude that SVM is the most effective approach for fake news detection.

The authors of paper[5] use several machine learning algorithms, including KNN, SVM, Decision Tree to classify the news articles as real or fake. They evaluate the performance of the different algorithms based on various metrics, such as precision, accuracy, F1 score, and recall. The authors find that the SVM algorithm performs the best, achieving an accuracy of over 98% in detecting fake news. They also provide a comparison of the different machine learning algorithms and conclude that SVM is the most effective approach for fake news detection. The authors test their approach on a labeled dataset of articles, achieving an accuracy score of around 95%.

The author of paper[6] discusses the problem of categorizing short texts, such as social media posts, and the difficulty in achieving high accuracy due to the limited amount of contextual information. The authors propose using a combination of two techniques: Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF) bigrams and Probabilistic Context-Free Grammar (PCFG) features. Moreover, they evaluate how well various deep neural networks and machine learning models fare in categorizing brief texts.

The spread of fake news[7] has become a significant challenge in recent times. With the advent of social media, anyone can create and propagate fake news, leading to significant consequences. In recent years, spotting false news has grown in importance as a study topic. Machine learning techniques have shown considerable success in detecting fake news. Unfortunately, it is extremely difficult to classify false news due to the constantly evolving aspects and traits of it on social media. A deep diffusive network model named Fake-Detector is proposed in this study to handle the representation feature learning and credibility label inference issues. To reliably identify bogus news, the proposed methodology combines the diffusion process and deep neural networks.

The research paper[8] focuses on the issue of false news identification and suggests a discovery model that makes use of three distinct AI approaches as well as feature extraction techniques. According to the article, social media is a key source of fake news, which is a serious issue in today's society. The suggested approach employs a variety of methods and classifiers with the goal of correctly identifying false news.

The research paper[9] focuses on the detection of fake news Using methods for natural language processing (NLP) and artificial intelligence (AI). The study emphasizes the rising worry over the propagation of false news and the requirement for precise detection techniques to stop it. To categorise news stories as genuine or false, the suggested system combines machine learning algorithms and NLP approaches, such as Naive Bayes and Support Vector Machines (SVM).

The internet has revolutionized[10] the way we live our lives and has become an integral part of our daily routine. As the use of the internet grows, so does the amount of information that is available online. This has led to an increased demand for effective and efficient ways of organizing and retrieving information. One such method is through the use of search engines. Search engines have become an indispensable tool for users seeking information online. They have also become a vital component of business strategy, as companies strive to improve their online visibility and attract more visitors to their websites. In this study, we investigate the efficacy of several search engine optimization (SEO) methods for raising website rankings on search engine results pages (SERPs).

The method used in [11] For the purpose of detecting fake news, the paper is rated using a variety of categorization algorithms, including logistic

regression (LR), support vector machine (SVM), k-nearest neighbor (k-NN), decision tree (DT), random forest (RF), convolutional neural network (CNN), gated recurrent network (GRU), and long short-term memory (LSTM). To improve the performance of each individual model, later stacking techniques are employed. Two datasets were mentioned in this paper: the ISOT dataset. To tokenize the title and text feature of these two datasets, they used techniques including term frequency (TF), term frequency-inverse document frequency (TF-IDF), and embedding.

[12] Prior to sending the feature vectors to the classifier, this work favored using dimensionality reduction techniques to lower their dimensionality. The Fake News Challenges (FNC) website provided a dataset with four categories of stances: agree, disagree, discuss, and unrelated, which was used in this work to create the logic. In the suggested approach, the feature set is first sent to the embedding layer with or without pre-processing in order to transform the features into word vectors. To achieve component level analysis and obtain the condensed feature set, more trials are run using PCA and Chi-square. The authors have put forth a model that automatically assigns position labels of agree, disagree, unrelated, or discuss to news articles.

This study [13] This study's primary goal is to investigate how features affect performance speed. This study investigates how various subset feature selection methodologies affect the effectiveness of models for false news detection. In order to choose features, principal component analysis and Chi-square are analyzed using machine learning and deep learning models. Using both pre-trained and custom models, the applicability of deep learning models for COVID-19 fake news detection is examined. For this reason, long short-term memory (LSTM) and convolutional neural networks (CNN) models are specifically created, and two well-known pre-trained models, residual neural network (ResNet) and InceptionV3, are also used to determine if news is false or true in real time.

[14] The effectiveness of false news detection systems is evaluated using measures in this technique. The measures used are accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. Before talking about metrics, the four main things are the TP, TN, FP, and FN. Instances of true positive (TP) are indicated as such when expected false news stories are present. Articles on expected genuine news are annotated with the True Negative (TN) prefix. False Positive (FP) articles are those that were marked as actual news while being expected to

be fake news. Fake Negative (FN): News articles that were supposed to be fake were identified as such. A hybrid model (LSTM and CNN) is used in the recently suggested approach to automatically detect attributes. The approach analyzes both textual and visual data to evaluate assertions.

In this review [15], this helps investigate advanced fake news detection techniques. First, the examination of the impact of fake news is done. Techniques are given to provide a comprehensive overview based on deep learning to classify representative techniques into a number of groups. A good metric is also described in Fake News Detection. This study shows that existing research does not provide a comprehensive overview of Deep Learning-based architectures for detecting fake news. Existing research papers mostly protect machine learning strategies in detecting fake news and rarely explore deep learning strategies. It also provides a complete list of natural language processing (NLP) techniques and discusses their strengths and weaknesses. This work performed a thorough analysis of current DL-based studies. This study aimed to highlight the weaknesses and strengths of previous studies by conducting a systematic investigation into fake news detection.

Research paper [16] proposes a decentralized approach that detects fake news. A combination of deep learning and federated learning techniques. research was done Nirosh Jayakody and Azeem Mohammad and Malka N. of Charles Sturt University Halmage at RMIT University. The authors argue that traditional centralized machine learning approaches can face challenges. Privacy and scalability challenges when dealing with large datasets. with this, Proposing a distributed deep learning model that can effectively detect fake news while protecting the privacy of user data. The proposed model is Convolutional and repeatedly occurring neural networks for feature extraction and classification. The author also introduces federated learning, a technique where multiple users can be trained.

This research [17] was conducted by Hager Saleh of the South Abdullah Al-Harbi and Saeed Hammoud Al-Samhi, Valley University, Taif University Athlone Institute of Technology and his IBB University. The authors argue that the jump up of unreal news has become a major challenge of our time. It is important to develop effective methods to detect them. they suggest OPCNN-FAKE, a CNN model optimized for

finding the unreal and fake articles by making use of combinations Word embeddings, convolutional layers, pooling layers, fully connected layers. of The suited model was trained and evaluation was performed using a public fake news data set. Promising results comparison to method for the existing state-of-the-art. In this research, the importance like feature engineering and Good features can have a big impact on model performance.

This research[18]states that fake news has become a major problem in the current information age. It is very important to develop effective methods for its detection. You suggest FAKE DETECTOR.A DNN-based model that leverages both content based and social context based capabilities to detect fakes news. The proposed model captures the distribution of news articles using diffusion processes Leverage social networks to effectively capture the propagated patterns of fake news. The authors have stated the effectiveness of the proposed approach through two experiments. A publicly available data set showing that the model has performed more than expected existing methods for state-of-the-art.

[19]The author claims that the viral of fake and unreal news has made this essential Develop effective models for detecting fake news. However, lack of transparency and The interpretability of these models may hinder their acceptance and validity. Therefore, to propose a framework using XML technology to evaluate the performance of fake news A cognitive

model while providing insight into the decision-making process. The authors exhibit the potency of the reliable approach through experiments Two her publicly available datasets showthat the framework is worthwhile Insights into the decision-making process of Fake Her News DetectionModel. they also show that their approach helps identify model weaknesses and make model recommendations improvement.

This paper[20] proposes an integrated detection model for identifying fake online reviews. fraud theory. The study was conducted by Mujahed Abdulkader, Abdallah Namon, Yazed Alsaawy of the Islamic University of Madinah, Saudi Arabia.The authors claim that fake online reviews have become a serious problem. Consumer fraud and damage to business reputation. they propose a unified model Uses fraud theory to detect fake online reviews.the model uses both It is a content-based and user-based feature and includes his three theories of deception. Society Influence Theory, Emotional Contagion Theory, Rational Action Theory. The authors illustrate the success of the proposed approach through experiments Based on publicly available datasets, illustrating that the model outperforms existing models the most modern way. We also do a comprehensive analysis of the features. Contribute to the effectiveness of the model and show to explian that it is both content-based and user-based The feature plays an important role in detecting fake online reviews.

The above survey has been briefed in Table 2. Table 2.1:Literature Survey Summary

Sr.No	Title	Year	Methodology/ Algorithms used	Remarks
1	Detecting Fake News using Machine Learning: A Systematic Literature Review Language Videos toVoice/ Text	2021	The paper employs a systematic literature review methodology to investigate the use of ML for news classification as real or fake news.. The papers were acquired from various databases based on inclusion and exclusion criteria, and quality assessment was conducted on included papers.	Reviews existing literature on using machine learning techniques to detect fake news.
2	Fake News Detection using Machine Learning	2022	The methodology in this text involves developing a ML program to identify sources of fake news using a dataset of labeled articles as real or fake. The model is intended to be used to apply visibility weights in social media by obscuring stories that are more likely to be fake.	The authors conclude that the Random Forest classification algorithm performs the best, achieving accuracy of over 90% in detecting fake news.
3	Fake News Detection Using Machine Learning Approaches	2021	The paper presents a methodology that uses ML for detecting fake news.The authors collected a dataset of news articles and applied a diverse array of ML algorithms, including SVM, Naive Bayes, and Random Forest, for the classification..	The paper provides a comprehensive overview of the top notch techniques in fake news detection using ML and identifies directions for future research in this area.

4	Fake News Detection Using Machine Learning	2022	The paper proposes a machine learning-based approach for fake news detection by extracting features from news articles and using classification algorithms. The approach involves preprocessing the text, extracting features, selecting relevant features, and training and testing the classification model.	The authors find out that SVM is the most effective approach for fake news detection.
5	Fake News Detection Using Machine Learning	2019	The paper proposes a ML based approach for fake news detection, which involves preprocessing the data, extracting features, and training and evaluating different classifiers.	The authors evaluate their approach on a dataset of labeled news articles and achieve an accuracy of around 95%.
6	Fake News Detection in Social Network Using Machine Learning	2019	The text The data is preprocessed by eliminating stop words, stemming, and changing all of the text to lowercase. Represent text data using TF-IDF bigrams and PCFG features. Train and evaluate five machine learning models and three variants of deep neural networks. Evaluate performance using AUC, Precision, Recall, and Accuracy metrics. Repeat experiments with different score thresholds to determine optimal threshold for each model.	The study shows that combining techniques and evaluating multiple models can improve the accuracy of categorizing short texts such as social media posts, which is useful for detecting fake news and other types of misinformation. However, the performance of the models may vary for other types of short texts or social media platforms.
7	Fake News Detection Using Machine Learning approaches: A systematic Review	2019	The research study uses a comprehensive literature analysis to find prior studies on machine learning-based false news identification. Participants are surveyed and interviewed to gather data, which is then analyzed using both quantitative and qualitative techniques. To detect patterns and important results, thematic analysis and statistical analysis are used. A mixed-methods approach is used in the study to obtain a thorough grasp of the subject.	In order to locate current research and analyze data on false news identification using machine learning algorithms, the research study offers a detailed and methodical methodology. Deep neural networks and diffusion techniques are used in the novel suggested model, FakeDetector, to effectively identify bogus news. The study's results and recommendations are anticipated to have a big influence on the area of spotting false news and how it affects society.
8	Fake News Detection using Machine Learning	2020	The researchers collected news articles from various sources and used feature extraction techniques (like TF-IDF and Count Vectorizer) to build three classifiers (Naive Bayes, Passive Aggressive, and SVM) to detect fake news. They evaluated the classifiers' performance using metrics like accuracy, recall, precision, and F-measure and compared their approach with existing methods.	The work offers a potential way for identifying false news using machine learning techniques. To achieve accuracy and robustness, the study employs various classifiers and feature extraction approaches. To keep up with the constantly changing strategies used to distribute fake news, the model will need to be continuously monitored and updated.
9	A Smart System For Fake News Detection Using Machine Learning	2019	The research paper conducted a systematic review of relevant literature using pre-defined inclusion criteria, followed by a quality assessment and thematic analysis to identify common themes and patterns.	The approach was strict and included information about how well machine learning algorithms and NLP techniques work to identify bogus news.
10	Fake News Detection using Machine Learning Algorithms	2021	Reviewed literature on SEO, applied techniques to websites from various industries, used tools to track changes, conducted surveys and interviews with users.	Identified effective SEO techniques, examined factors influencing their effectiveness, provided recommendations for businesses to improve online visibility.
11	A Novel Stacking Approach for Accurate Fake News detection.	2021	For gathering real news from licit sources, the authors primarily used the two datasets, ISOT dataset and KDnugget dataset, which were also pre-processed using styles like stop word junking, tokenization, judgment segmentation, and punctuation junking. These operations can greatly help in choosing the most applicable terms, enhancing model performance, and determining whether the news is real or fake. On the ISOT dataset and KDnugget dataset, the novel mounding model that was proposed had testing	As the training data, all individual models predict. As RF outperforms all machine learning and deep learning models as an individual model, The work has utilized it to train the prediction data for the models. In the ISOT dataset, RF1 has the maximum accuracy, while LR has the most accuracy in the KDnugget dataset. As a result, the p-value and 2 between RF1 and other models need to be calculated.

			delicacies of 99.94 and 96.05, independently.	
12	FakeNews Stance Detection Using Deep Learning Architecture	2020	The proposed methodology in this paper is rooted on the observations to find the relevance of articles that can be found using keywords within headlines. Some of the keywords in The headlines are helpful for recognizing key sentences in the body of the article. Where all of these methods lead to detection of Fake News. This work has produced promising results of 97.8% accuracy respectively.	The results show that the accuracy is a startlingly low 78% when the features are employed without any data cleaning or preparation. It shows that the original dataset contains large amounts of inconsistent, redundant, and noisy data. Due to LR's superior accuracy on the KDnugget dataset, the study calculated LR's p-value and 2 in comparison to other models.
13	Selective Feature Set Based FakeNews Detection for COVID-19 to Manage Infodemic	2022	This study works on the discovery of COVID- 19 fake news discovery. trials in this work are carried out using point birth(TF- IDF and BoW) and point selection ways(PCA and ki- forecourt) in fake news. combination with several machine literacy and deep literacy models. This work acquired a delicacy of 96.6 in chancing the fake news.	Transfer literacy and optimisation styles are said to perform better than well- known machine literacy algorithms for detecting fake news. For case, the inventors of COVID- 19 fake news identification addressed deep literacy- and machine-grounded approaches
14	A Review of Deep Learning Techniques for FakeNews Detection	2021	This work makes a comprehensive review of fake news discovery. It shows some popular marks and criteria of the task. latterly the GNN- grounded and transfigure grounded studies are revised in the section and incipiently grounded on these workshop the implicit challenges and problems of automatic fake news discovery is anatomized. This work delicacy was over to98.7 in detecting fake news.	The goal is to benchmark and metrics of the news task and find the potential way to detect the fake news.
15	A Comprehensive Review on Fake News Detection with Deep Learning	2021	Authors have Anatomized fake news identification styles grounded on NLP and advanced DL strategies. A taxonomy of fake news discovery approaches is presented. Investigation of different NLP ways and DL infrastructures is done and their strengths and failings is handled.	The most commonly used features in false news identification are news content and headline features. However, it is necessary to investigate a number of additional variables, including user behavior, user profiles, and social network behavior.
16	FakeNews Detection using a Decentralized Deep Learning Model, Federated Learning	2022	Data Collection, Preprocessing, Decentralized Deep Learning, Model Federated Learning, Model Evaluation, Deployment.	Highlighting the importance of machine learning techniques to protect privacy offers a promising approach for future research in the context of fake news discernment in this area.
17	OPCNN fake: Optimized Convolutional Neural Network for Fake News Detection	2021	CNN model optimized for fake news recognition, which tries a combination for word embeddings, convolutional layers, pooling layers, and fully connected layers.	This research contributes to this growing body of research on fake news detection offers promising approaches. Future work in this area.
18	FAKEDETECTOR: Effective Fake News Detection with Deep Diffusive Neural Network	2020	Data Collection, Preprocessing, Deep Diffusive Neural, Network Training Model, Evaluation, Interpretation.	Highlights the importance of incorporating social context-based capabilities into machine learning models for this task.
19	Evaluating Fake News Detection Models from Explainable Machine Learning Perspectives	2021	The proposed methodology evaluates fake news recognition training models from an elaborating machine learning perspective. This approach can provide insights into the models' internal workings and help identify areas for improvement.	The framework provides a promising approach for evaluating fake news detection models, Helps improve effectiveness and reliability.
20	Fake Online Reviews: A Unified Detection Models using Deception Theory	2022	The methodology develops a Unified Detection model for fake online analysis using deception theories.	It provides promising directions for future research on fake online Emphasize the importance of reviewing detection and incorporating fraud theory A machine learning model for this task. It also provides insight into functionality

III.CONCLUSION

The rise of the Internet has caused a worrying surge in the dissemination of false information and fabricated news. As there are no limitations on publishing news on social media platforms, some individuals misuse these platforms to defame people or organizations or to manipulate public opinion for political gain. It is essential to establish a way to effectively identify fake news. One solution could involve using machine learning classifiers, which can be taught using a set of labeled data. However, the biggest hurdle is acquiring this labeled data.

This literature review systematic and structured examines supervised ML classifiers, which rely on labeled data to identify fake news. Among the four common classifiers, namely, Logistic Regression, Random Forest, Naive Bayes, and SVM, SVM achieves the highest accuracy. Nevertheless, the shortage of labeled data continues to be a significant issue. In the future, research could investigate the potential of unsupervised ML classifiers for detecting fake news.

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