Unmasking Deception: A Comprehensive Survey on Fake News Detection Strategies and Technologies

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-----ABSTRACT-----

Fake news threatens public debate and decision-making in a digital age. This comprehensive paper, "Unmasking Deception," methodically covers false news detecting tactics and technology. We summarize a wide range of study results, methods, and technological advances to give a thorough overview of disinformation detection and mitigation. Our research covers linguistic, content-based, machine learning, and deep learning false news identification. We examine emerging misleading strategies and propose novel remedies using natural language processing, network analysis, and other innovative methods. In addition, we evaluate current detection systems in real-world circumstances and address the ethical implications of their use. The findings of the research help scholars, policymakers, and technology developers understand false news and advance the area. The primary objective is to enhance the safeguarding of the information environment against misinformation by a critical evaluation of existing methodologies.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Online information exchange has a downside: bogus news spreads. False information spreads quickly on social media. Misinformation and bad impressions, especially among specialized groups, may have major implications [1]. Technology makes it more vital to address this problem. Mass media shapes society, yet certain people and websites promote propaganda and false news under the guise of legitimacy. The objective is to alter facts to acquire public confidence. Deceptive websites are everywhere and influence people's views. Researchers are testing AI systems to detect and counteract bogus news.

Social media usage by the public allows bogus news to propagate [1]. Fake news comments may be varied, thus undermining its trustworthiness. Real news travels slower than fake news [2], which may mislead people or influence governments or populations [3]. Fake news detection technologies include machine learning, linguistic analysis, and knowledge-based algorithms [4]. With the rise of mobile devices and Wi-Fi, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, Facebook, and WhatsApp are popular for news and entertainment [5]. Social media and new technology enable false news distribution [6]. Every technology has pros and cons, which arise from its good influence on society and social media [1]. Fake news identification has several advantages, according to recent research.

The research of false news identification involves intensive machine learning assessments over several datasets [7]. Novel approaches are needed to understand bogus news and its worldwide spread. Recent research has advanced model development using novel methods, highlighting the relevance of deep learning in false news identification [8]. The "Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)" model outperforms other machine learning methods. Additionally, "Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)" has performed well in linguistic feature analysis [9]. For false news identification, CNN variations are suggested. Deep learning methods perform better at classification, but they need enormous training datasets, are difficult to comprehend, and require sophisticated hyperparameter optimization for each dataset and task [10]. Recently developed bio-inspired techniques solve these restrictions and optimize deep learning limits. The

continuous obstacles in research are driving the need for enhanced intelligence methodologies [11]. To help social media users find legitimate news, false news detection model study must be explored. This research focuses on false news detection methods and their essential aspects:

- To provide a comprehensive that examines the existing fake news detection methods, including latest research findings and emphasizing the diverse algorithms used in this endeavor.
- To provide a thorough analysis of the historical development of fake news detection models, including relevant research papers, contributions to the field, research methodology used, and overall findings in the domain of fake news detection.
- To evaluate performance measures, examine the applications and datasets used, analyze the simulation platforms utilized, and highlight the research gaps and obstacles present in current models for detecting false news.

The remaining sections of the paper are given here. Section 2 discusses the literature survey, research designs, and general findings on fake news detection with the chronological review. Section 3 focuses mainly the findings of specifies the algorithmic classification, feature extraction techniques, and dataset used in the existing fake news detection models. Section 4 conclusions of the survey.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

In recent years, many methodologies have been established to address the challenge of detecting and mitigating the dissemination of false information. The classification of these techniques primarily includes machine learning approaches, hybrid approaches, topicagnostic approaches, knowledge-based approaches, and language approaches.

Supanya [12], sought to identify bogus news using machine learning techniques. Their research employed three widely used techniques: Nave Bayes, neural networks, and support vector machines (SVM). Prior to using machine learning to categorize the data, the normalization process is a vital step in data cleansing. The results demonstrated that Nave Bayes has a 96.08% accuracy for identifying false messages.

Noman Islam [13] introduced a novel and comprehensive solution to address the issue of fake news detection. The proposed approach involves a three-step pipeline, each step contributing to the verification of news authenticity. The paper employed decision trees, random forest, logistic regression, and support vector machine (SVM) algorithms as part of this classification process. The results of their experiments are striking, with the SVM algorithm achieving an impressive accuracy of 93.15%, precision of 92.65%, recall of 95.71%, and an F1-score of 94.15%.

Importantly, this accuracy surpasses the second-best classifier, logistic regression, by a substantial margin of 6.82%. There are several limitations of the proposed approach that can be worked on in the future. The applied approach did not consider the correlation among news items. The correlation among news articles could assist in determining the credibility of a news article. Moreover, the author credibility check is based on Twitters' information. This could be extended to include other attributes that are generally not available on social media.

Recently, a stylometric (i.e., writing-style) approach has been proposed for the identification of fake and genuine news articles [14] (Potthast et al., 2017). The investigation used the Buzzfeed dataset of mainstream and hyper partisan news articles of which the veracity was manually annotated. Stylometric features were, among others, character and stop word n-grams, readability indices, as well as features such as external links and the average number of words per paragraph. The articles originated from 9 well-known political publishers, 3 each from the mainstream, the hyper partisan left wing, and the hyper partisan right-wing. In sum, the corpus contains 299 fake news, 97% of which originated from hyper partisan publishers.

Kelly Stahl's research, [15], addresses the pressing need to distinguish between authentic and fabricated information within social media platforms. Stahl's work exemplifies the broader academic and societal interest in developing robust tools and methodologies for fake news identification, which is paramount for safeguarding the integrity of digital discourse and information dissemination. This paper includes a discussion on Linguistic Cue and Network Analysis approaches, and proposes a three-part method using Naïve Bayes Classifier, Support Vector Machines, and Semantic Analysis as an accurate way to detect fake news on social media. The proposed method described in this paper is an idea for a more accurate fake news detection algorithm. but, due to limited knowledge and time, this will be a project for the future.

In [16], authors have noticed that the impact of fake news in our daily life is very spacious. They discussed 3 approaches for detecting false news: Naive Bayes, Neural Network, Support Vector Machine. The accuracy result by using Naive Bayes is 96.08% for detecting fake news whereas by using the other two methods as Neural Network & Support Vector Machine the accuracy result is 99.90% for detecting fake news. The Authors through this paper try to give messages that how big the impact of fake news can affect human being's life. They discuss the example of Thailand (2017) who faces a big disaster by spreading fake news of climate. The Authors say before using the Machine Learning method they use the normalization method for cleaning the data.

Pérez-Rosas [17] et al., addresses this urgent need with a comprehensive approach aimed at the automatic

identification of fake news within online content. The paper highlights exploratory analyses that probe linguistic distinctions between fake and legitimate news content. This paper holds considerable promise for addressing the contemporary issue of fake news, offering valuable contributions to both the academic and practical domains. They conduct several exploratory analyses to identify linguistic properties that are predominantly present in fake content, and we build fake news detectors relying on linguistic features that achieve accuracies of up to 78%.

Hossain et al. [18] delves into this multifaceted domain, combining the exploration of the consequences of fake news with an analysis of machine learning techniques designed to identify and mitigate its influence. the study highlights the use of one-class classification models, an approach that distinguishes fake news from legitimate sources. It also emphasizes the significance of leveraging manually collected datasets from social media platforms, which are breeding grounds for both genuine news and disinformation. Moreover, the creation of labeled benchmark datasets for deception detection and the incorporation of machine learning methods are central to the research landscape.

Helmstetter and Paulheim, [19] took a novel approach to address the challenge of fake news detection. Their approach leveraged weakly supervised learning, wherein a large-scale training dataset was automatically collected, even though it may contain noise and inaccuracies. Rather than explicitly labeling tweets as fake or non-fake, the authors label them based on the trustworthiness of their sources, classifying sources as trustworthy or untrustworthy. They utilized manually collected datasets from Twitter API and DMOZ, and employed algorithms like Naïve Bayes, Decision Trees, SVM, Neural Networks, Random Forest, and XG Boost. The results indicated that 15% of the tweets were fake, 45% were real, and the rest were undecided. They showed that a classifier trained on that dataset (which, strictly speaking, classifies tweets as coming from a trustworthy or a nontrustworthy source) also achieves high-quality results on the task of classifying a tweet as fake or non-fake, i.e., an F1 score of up to 0:9.

Rubin, and Chen [20] provided a comprehensive exploration of the technologies and approaches aimed at detecting and categorizing news along a continuum of veracity. his paper recognized that the nature of online news publication has evolved, rendering traditional factchecking and vetting methods insufficient against the surge of content generators and a myriad of formats and genres. Linguistic and network-based approaches have shown high accuracy results in classification tasks within limited domains. This discussion drafts a basic typology of methods available for further refinement and evaluation and provides a basis for the design of a comprehensive fake news detection tool. In [21], The authors used LS-TM Recurrent Neural Network using (Long Short-Term Memory) to forecast fake news because there is a large amount of fake news in all types of media such as social media or news media, and the author is training LS-TM' Genuine' and 'Fake' news data were used to train a neural network. They found FAKE NEWS messages on Twitter on the internet. They employed classification approaches such as SVM), Nave Bayes Classifier in our model. Their model's output has a 96.05 % accuracy when employing attribute removal approaches like Term Frequency-Inverted file Frequency (TF-ID-F) and a Support Vector Machine (SV-M) as a classifier.

In [22], authors represented an essential contribution to the ongoing efforts to combat fake news. By shifting the focus from news contents to the intricate social context of news dissemination, the authors provide an innovative perspective on fake news detection. This approach is aligned with the evolving landscape of information sharing on social media, offering fresh insights into the role of publishers, news articles, and users in the spread of deceptive content. In this paper, they study the novel problem of exploiting social context for fake news detection. They proposed a tri-relationship embedding framework TriFN, which models publisher-news relations and user-news interactions simultaneously for fake news classification.

In [23] proposed a system that leverages machine learning techniques to detect fake news. This approach stood as a testament to the evolving strategies employed in the battle against fake news, where computational methods are being harnessed to combat the proliferation of deceptive information. The proposed system employed several critical elements, including term frequency-inverse document frequency (TF-IDF) and n-grams as feature extraction techniques and Support Vector Machine (SVM) as the classifier. the best features to Thay detected fake news are in order: text, author, source, date, and sentiment and followed process resulted in a recognition rate of 100%.

Authors of [24] propose a fake news detection model that uses n-gram analysis and machine learning techniques by comparing two different feature extraction techniques and six different classification techniques. The experiments carried out show that the best performances are obtained by using the so-called features extraction method (TF-IDF). They used the Linear Support Vector Machine (LSVM) classifier that gives an accuracy of 92%. This model uses LSVM that is limited to treating only the case of two linearly separated classes.

In [25], authors presented a simple approach to fake news detection using a naive Bayesian classifier. This approach is tested on a set of data extracted from Facebook news posts. They claimed to be able to achieve an accuracy of 74%. The rate of this model was good but not the best, as many other works have achieved a better rate using other classifiers.

In [26], Jain et al. demonstrated a model with the support of ML and NLP techniques to assemble articles using a Support Vector Machine (SVM) and resolve whether the news is real or fake. They have used a support vector machine algorithm for binary classification to systemize the articles and based on that model works to categorize the articles either real or fake. They have used three main modules for refining their articles or contents in their proposed models as an aggregator, authenticator, and suggestion or recommendation system. In this paper, they have also used the Naïve Bayes algorithm to test whether the articles whether true or false and for obtained with an accuracy of 93.50% achieved by the combination of these three algorithms i.e., Naive Bayes, SVM, and NLP.

In [27], authors observed the influence of people on social media and find that 62 percent of American adults depend on social media for news in 2016 which is 13 percent higher than that of 2012. The major source of information includes television. We have seen that this information is either free or of very low cost which leads to the beginning of fake news on this platform. The beginning of fake news started in 1439 which was the same time which printing press started.

The use of Natural Language Processing (NLP) and machine learning algorithms is essential to the detection of fake news. Stahl's research probably covers a range of NLP techniques, sentiment analysis, and machine learning techniques including deep learning and neural networks. The accuracy of detection systems can be improved by allowing researchers to examine the textual content of social media posts, identify linguistic trends, and distinguish between reliable information and false information. In the paper [28,29,30,31,32], for the implementation purpose, the four existing approaches are considered. The results of mentioned four models are compared with the proposed model, it is found the accuracy among top 200 results. The demonstration is done using python programming on R studio and some machine learning algorithms.

These issues are probably addressed in [39], which also offers creative fixes and moral guidelines. To build responsible and objective fake news detection practices, it is crucial to strike a balance between the requirement for precise identification and respect for freedom of expression. Used to identify Twitter spam senders [39]. The decision tree, clustering, and naive Bayes algorithms are a few of the models utilized. Average accuracy in identifying spammers and fraudsters is 70% and 71.2%, respectively. The models employed to distinguish between spam and non-spam have only attained a low level of intermediate precision.[40] used many methods to identify bogus news. The accuracy as a language model is only 76%. A predictive model can be used to get better accuracy.

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It was found in [42] that the detection of bogus news is a predictive analysis application. The three steps of processing, feature extraction, and classification are used to identify fake messages. This study's hybrid classification technique was created to expose bogus news. KNN and random forests are combined in the classification process. The accuracy and recall of the suggested model's application are examined. Using a mixed false message detection model, the results were improved by up to 8%.

Some researchers investigated the usage of fake news on Twitter during the 2012 Dutch elections. In the Twitter dataset, they investigate how 8 supervised machine learning classifiers operate. With a F score of 88%, we assume that the decision tree method performs best for the data set. There were 613,033 tweets rated, of which 328,897 were judged to be true and 284,136 to be erroneous. Features and attributes of the incorrect material were identified and categorized into six different categories by analyzing the qualitative content of fraudulent tweets posted during the election [45]. A counterfeit detection model using N-gram analysis through the filters of different feature extraction approaches was published in [42]. We also looked at six distinct machine learning approaches and the ways for extracting different features. The suggested model has the maximum level of practical accuracy. includes a workbook for linear SVM and a unigram. 92% accuracy is the best.

Bhatt et al. [46] presented a novel approach combining neural, external, and statistical features. With the help of feature engineering heuristics, handcrafted external features and statistical features from the n-gram bag-ofwords model, and the deep recurrent model, the neural embedding was computed.

There are several so-called 'network effect' variables that are exploited to derive truth probabilities so the outlook for exploiting structured data repositories for factchecking remains promising. From the short list of existing published work in this area, results using sample facts from four different subject areas range from 61% to 95%. Success was measured based on whether the machine was able to assign higher true values to true statements than to false ones. A problem with this method, however, rests in the fact that statements must reside in a pre-existing knowledge base [49].

Tambuscio et al. [50] also study the spread of misinformation in social media; however, they also study the efficacy of countermeasures such as debunking sites. They find that by exceeding a certain threshold in spreading the refutation is sufficient to remove the misinformation from the network, and that this threshold does not depend on the spreading rate but on credulity and forgetfulness.

Rubin et al. [51] contributed the first actual attempt at fake news detection by separating satire news as a representative of humorous fakes from real news in a dataset of 180 news articles each, achieving F-Measure values between 0.82 and 0.87 for various variants of a tfidf -weighted lexical vector space model. We employ this dataset in conjunction with our own in our experiments to study the connection of fake news, real news, and satire for the first time.

On the "Getting Real about Fake News" dataset, more testing was done to confirm the effectiveness of our suggested model and evaluate it against other approaches. Here, it was found that when trained and evaluated on various datasets, static models like Naive Bayes, Decision Trees, SVM, and Multi-layer Perceptron showed a decrease in performance, highlighting their inadequacy in addressing the evolving terrain of fake news. Conversely, even as patterns of fake news changed over time, incremental models like Adaptive Random Forest, Passive-Aggressive Classifier, Oza Bagging Classifier, and our suggested model continued to achieve high accuracy rates (91.71%, 99.23%, 90.23%, and 99.76%, respectively). as indicated by Table 1.

Table 1. Comparison of existing methods with the prop

| Dataset | | Accuracy | F1 Score | Precision | Recall | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------|-----------|--------|-------|--|--|--|
| Fake and real news dataset | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Naive Bayes | 97.34 | 93.47 | 92.0 | 94.25 | | | |
| D1 | | Decision Tree | 97.64 | 93.50 | 93.36 | 93.64 | | | |
| | D1 for Training Testing | SVM [57] | 97.54 | 95.14 | 95.23 | 94.02 | | | |
| | | Multi-layer Perceptron [52, 61] | 96.32 | 94.11 | 95.63 | 94.18 | | | |
| | | Hoeffding Tree [52] | 98.99 | 97.92 | 96.56 | 95.33 | | | |
| | | Adaptive Random Forest | 90.0 | 90.12 | 90.14 | 89.92 | | | |
| | | Passive-Aggressive Classifier [58] | 97.44 | 97.24 | 97.38 | 97.10 | | | |
| | | Ozabagging Classifier [55] | 94.32 | 89.17 | 90.62 | 91.62 | | | |
| | | Proposed Model | 97.92 | 96.37 | 95.68 | 96.33 | | | |
| | D1 for Training and D2 for Testing | Naive Bayes | 45.55 | 45.55 | 41.75 | 61.16 | | | |
| | | Naive Bayes | 45.55 | 41.75 | 61.16 | 55.09 | | | |
| | | Decision Tree | 36.98 | 28.61 | 68.05 | 51.06 | | | |
| | | SVM [55] | 48.12 | 44.75 | 59.89 | 52.70 | | | |
| D1-D2 | | Multi-layer Perceptron [52, 68] | 42.54 | 44.53 | 51.23 | 48.12 | | | |
| | | Hoeffding Tree [52] | 93.58 | 91.68 | 92.44 | 91.92 | | | |
| | | Adaptive Random Forest | 95.91 | 90.92 | 90.94 | 90.92 | | | |
| | | Passive-Aggressive Classifier [68] | 74.70 | 54.56 | 54.26 | 50.18 | | | |
| | | Ozabagging Classifier [55] | 89.18 | 92.39 | 86.0 | 91.81 | | | |
| | | Proposed Model | 97.90 | 93.37 | 94.68 | 92.33 | | | |
| Getting Real about Fake news dataset | | | | | | | | | |
| | D1 for Training | Naive Bayes | 98.78 | 98.66 | 98.33 | 99.03 | | | |
| | | Decision Tree | 98.83 | 98.90 | 99.87 | 99.80 | | | |
| | | SVM [55] | 97.12 | 95.26 | 93.13 | 97.83 | | | |
| | | Multi-layer Perceptron [52, 68] | 81.8 | 75 | 76.9 | 73.1 | | | |
| D1 | | Hoeffding Tree [52] | 62.5 | 60 | 62.3 | 58.2 | | | |
| | | Adaptive Random Forest | 95.78 | 92.85 | 96.37 | 94.58 | | | |
| | | Passive-Aggressive Classifier [68] | 99.1 | 98.87 | 98.82 | 97.32 | | | |
| | | Ozabagging Classifier [55] | 91.31 | 94.99 | 91.61 | 98.61 | | | |
| | | Proposed Model | 99.22 | 95.59 | 95.89 | 95.91 | | | |
| D1-D2 | | Naive Bayes | 66.53 | 39.95 | 50.00 | 33.26 | | | |
| | | Decision Tree | 34.33 | 25.55 | 17.16 | 50.00 | | | |
| | | SVM [55] | 74.88 | 42.82 | 50.00 | 37.44 | | | |
| | D1 for Training | Multi-layer Perceptron [52, 68] | 56.1 | 47 | 45.6 | 48.2 | | | |
| | and D2 for | Hoeffding Tree [52] | 46.1 | 43 | 41.9 | 44.8 | | | |
| | Testing | Adaptive Random Forest | 91.71 | 95.1 | 93.95 | 96.27 | | | |
| | | Passive-Aggressive Classifier [68] | 99.23 | 49.80 | 50.00 | 49.61 | | | |
| | | Ozabagging Classifier [55] | 90.23 | 92.43 | 90.32 | 96.18 | | | |
| | | Proposed Model | 99.76 | 98.45 | 95.78 | 94.90 | | | |

The present fact-checking tools have some drawbacks, as noted above, including a lengthy detection procedure, findings that are sometimes delayed, and a need for a significant quantity of manual labor. Users of the Internet must therefore develop their own ability to recognize bogus material online. Additionally, we provide some practical sociological theories for identifying bogus news in this part. Like how fake news is described in Section 2 of this article, creator-based approach, new content-based approach, and social context-based approach can all be used to describe effective social counselling.

Limited offline system. The datasets employed might not accurately depict the traits that define online false news, and the learning models developed for one offline system could not be applicable in other situations. Different realtime analytic approaches are utilized in the real-time detection system to ascertain whether the current social information is fraudulent or not. Utilizing forecasting the usefulness of offline approaches can be improved by using real-time analytics methods, which can also bring practical relevance for predicting bogus news online. Real-time fake news detection has only been the subject of a few research.

III. FINDINGS

This analysis used a range of libraries including warnings, Word Cloud, scikit-learn, Collections, NumPy, Matplotlib, Seaborn, NLTK, and Pandas. The Python library Pandas was used for the purposes of data analysis and processing. The use of the NumPy library [56] facilitates the manipulation of matrices, arrays, linear algebra, and other numerical data types. Statistical graphs and visualizations were generated using Seaborn, an auxiliary library used in the study endeavor. The software enhances the aesthetic appeal of the visual representations it generates by offering a diverse range of color palettes that have been particularly designed for statistical displays. The research used many types of Python visualizations, including static, animated, and interactive plots, which were created using the Matplotlib library. Matplotlib offers a diverse array of tools for generating visual depictions of data. Nevertheless, Seaborn was expressly used for the purpose of visualizing statistical graphs. The provision of a diverse selection of visually appealing statistical color palettes enhances the aesthetic quality of the generated statistical graphs [57]. The frequency or significance of each word in a word cloud, a technique used to visually represent text data, is represented by its magnitude. The Warning class is a subclass of the Exception class, which is a pre-existing class in the Python programming language. It serves the purpose of defining warning messages [58]. The warning module is a subclass of Python's Exception class that is used for the purpose of defining warning messages. The string module offers a variety of methods that facilitate the manipulation of frequently encountered Python strings. The present research additionally used the Natural Language Toolbox (NLTK), which is a comprehensive toolkit designed for the purpose of managing various tasks such as tokenization, parsing, stemming, tagging, semantic reasoning, and classification. In addition, the Python module Collections has been used [59]. This document delineates specialized container datatypes as a viable substitute for the pre-existing Python containers, including list, set, and tuple.

Table 2. Work done by the Researcher.

| Author's Name | Objectives | Dataset Techniques Outcome | | Findings | |
|--------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Khanam et.al. [60] | To analyze the research of fake news detection | LIAR Dataset | DT SVM XgBoost KNN RF NB | Acc=70% Acc=73% Acc=75% Acc=71% Acc=73% Acc=66% | The experiment was split into two parts: Characterizations and disclosure, in which the researcher XGBoost was the most effective in detecting fake news. |
| Hiramath et.al [61] | Detection of fake news by applying multiple learning models | News dataset | LB SVM NB RF DNN CapsNet | $Acc=75\% \\ Acc=79\% \\ Acc=89\% \\ Acc=77\% \\ Acc=91\% \\ Acc=64.4\%$ | Deep neural network effectively detects faker news in terms of accuracy and computational time consumption. |
| Brasoveuna et.al [62] | Three -Layer architecture of CNN with transfer learning technique | LIAR dataset | CapsNet | Acc= 64.4% | Accordings to the autjhors, the semantic -based method produced good results for both organized and unstructured data |
| Aggarwal [63] | To propose a deep learning model that | Kaggle fake news dataset | CNN, RNN | Prec=97.21% | The authors claimed that gated recurrent units, recurrent neural networks, or feed -forward networks |

| Author's Name | Objectives | Dataset | Techniques | Outcome | Findings |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|--|
| | detects whether the news is real or fake | | | | produced better results than existing models |
| Khan et al. [64] | To asses the performance of multiple techniques for detecting the fake news | LIAR | C-LSTM,Bi- LSTM,ConvH AN | Acc=59% | Advanced models had shown high promise for the detection of fake news. |
| Sheu et.al [65] | To develop hierarchical propagation network for fake news and true news | PolitiFact GossipCap | Micro Level propagation network | Acc = 84.3% Prec= 83.5% Rec = 85.1% F1 = 84.3% Acc = 86.1% Prec = 85.4% Rec = 86.2% F1=86.2% | The authors used hierarchical propagation networks for false news detection and to answer issues about the association between hierarchical propagation networks and fake news |
| Ahmed et.al. [66] | To use machine learning ensemble approach for automatically identifying fake news article | ISOT Fake News dataset | Ensemble learning models | Prec =0.99 Rec=1.00 F1 score= 0.99 | Machine learning models and ensemble technique effectively classified the fake news stories and obtained higher overall scores on all performance indicators. |
| Long et.al. [67] | To propose novel method using LSTM model for fake news detection | LIAR dataset | Long short- term memory (LSTM) | Acc= 41.5% | Speaker profiles detect fake news by acting as attention factors while learning news text and as additional inputs to offer more information. |
| Kong et. al. [68] | To use natural language processing (NLP) techniques for text analytics | Dataset collected from Kaggle, UCI machine learning | Keras neural network | Acc=90.3% Rec=97.5% Computation time =7.5% | Keras neural network models get higher accuracy and recall by tweaking the parameters |
| Xu et.al. [69] | To focus on the information for identifying fake news | Snopes PolitiFact | Graph-based semantic structures mining framework, | F1score=0.89 F1score =0.71 | The authors explored the complex semantic structure using the GET technique |
| Kaliyar [70] | To classify the news article or other documentation into certain or not | Kaggle dataset | CNN & LSTM NB DT RF KNN | | They introduced GET, a unified graph-based fake news detection methodology ,to investigate the complicated semantic structure |
| Shu et. al. [71] | To present Fake-news tracker for fake news under-standing and detection To design and | PolitiFact BuzzFeed Standard | Social article fusion model Hybrid | Acc=67.0% Prec= 62.5% Rec= 89.1% F1 =71.7% Acc= 74.2% Prec =77.7% Rec=71.4% F1 =60.8% Accuracy of | Incorporating the fake news category in the job resulted in a full audit of detecting fake news. |

| Author's Name | Objectives | Dataset | Techniques | Outcome | Findings |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Nithya et. al. | introduce an | datasets | Squirrel - | proposed | for better outcomes |
| [72] | innovative | | Dragonfly | model HS- | |
| | Meta- heuristic | | Search | DSO-MS-EL | |
| | searched | | Optimization | = 22% higher | |
| | ensembled | | (HS-DSO), | than BMO- | |
| | learning (MS- | | Long-Short- | MS-EL, 24% | |
| | EL) Based | | Term Memory | higher than | |
| | false news | | (LSTM), | SP-BMO- | |
| | recognition | | Support Vector | MS-EL, 30 % | |
| | method | | Machine | higher than | |
| | | | (SVM), and | SSA-MS-EL, | |
| | | | Deep Neural | and 29% | |
| | | | Network | higher than | |
| | | | (DNN) | DA-MS-EL | |
| Poonam Narang | Developed to | Socially | CNN with | Acc= 96.85 | Novel models need to be improved |
| et.al. [73] | detect and | connected | hybrid Black | Prec= 97.38 | further. |
| | classify fake | dataset | Widow | Rec=97.81 | |
| | news from | | Optimization | F- | |
| | social media | | (BWO) | Measure=2.9 | |
| | automatically | | algorithm and | 3 | |
| | | | Moth fly | Loss-78.40 | |
| | | | Optimization | | |
| | | | algorithm | | |
| | | | (MOA) (HM- | | |
| | | | BWO) and | | |
| | | | LSTM | | |

IV. CHALLENGES AND RESEARCH DIRECTION

Even though a lot of research has been done about identifying false news, there is always need for more development and analysis. We identify obstacles in identifying false news and propose various novel research directions for further investigation. While DL-based techniques yield greater accuracy than other approaches, there is room for improvement in terms of acceptability.

- The model's efficiency is significantly impacted by the choice of features and classifiers. Prior research did not provide careful consideration to feature and classifier selection. The goal of research should be to identify the classifier that best fits a given set of features. Sequence models, or RNNs, are necessary for the long textual properties; nevertheless, few studies have taken this into consideration. We think that research focusing on feature and classifier selection may be able to enhance performance.
- Studies using deep learning are not likely to use the feature engineering idea. The most often utilized features in fake news identification are headline and news content features, however there are a few others that should be investigated, including user behaviors [74], user profiles, and social network behaviors. The detection rate can be raised by including political or religious bias in lexical, syntactic, statistical, and profile data. A better solution might come from combining statistical features with deeply buried text features.

- There isn't much research in this field that uses propagation [75]. One piece of data that hasn't been fully used for fake news identification is network-based patterns of news propagation [85]. Therefore, we recommend taking news transmission into account when identifying bogus news. Although they must be used carefully, meta-data and extra information can strengthen and lower the noise of a single textual claim.
- Research on the detection of false news has primarily employed text data, although fake news is produced through complex techniques that involve manipulating text or graphics [75]. Image features have been used in very few research [76], [77]. As a result, we advise using visual data, such as pictures and movies. To create a stronger and more reliable system, an analysis utilizing picture and video elements will be a research area.
- There aren't many studies in this field that combine features [78]. When determining if publications on the Internet are bogus, combining data from several sources may be quite helpful [79], [102]. We propose to use later pretrained word embeddings with multi-model-based techniques. The detection of bogus news may be greatly impacted by numerous additional hidden features. Therefore, we urge researchers to look at hidden aspects.
- Real-time learning from recently published online articles in fake news detection models may improve detection performance. The adoption of a transfer-learning strategy to train a neural network using online data streams is another exciting area of future research.
- Since the main issue with classifying fake news is a lack of data, more data for a larger quantity of fake news

should be made public. We believe that as training data increases, model performance will also increase. Public access is granted to datasets centered around news content.

- However, there aren't many datasets based on various textual characteristics. As a result, there is a dearth of studies using extra textual features.
- Better results are obtained when an ensemble technique is used, as opposed to a basic classifier [80]. An LSTM may identify the original article by building an ensemble model with DL and ML techniques, and improved results can be obtained by feeding auxiliary features via a second model after the first model has been constructed [81]. An LSTM is outperformed by a more straightforward GRU model [102]. To push for the top outcome, we advise combining GRU and CNNs.
- Using ensemble models, LSTM, and CNN, many researchers have attained great accuracy [82], [77]. In this domain, SeqGAN and Deep Belief Network (DBN) were not investigated. We invite scientists to play around with these models.
- For NLP tasks, transformers have taken the place of RNN models like LSTM. Though Generative Pre-Trained Transformer (GPT) has not been applied in this domain, BERT has been used to identify bogus news. We propose to use GPT by optimizing tasks for the detection of bogus news.
- Current algorithms make important choices without giving exact details about the logic behind judgements, forecasts, suggestions, or actions [79]. The goal of the field of explainable artificial intelligence (XAI) research is to improve human comprehension of AI system outputs [75], [103]. XAI can be a useful strategy to begin moving forward in this direction.

V. CONCLUSION

The research report provides a comprehensive analysis of the intricate realm of deceptive warfare, offering valuable insights into the ongoing endeavors to safeguard information in the era of digitalization. The research suggests that to effectively identify fake news, it is crucial to use flexible and inventive approaches, since fake news is always evolving. This research demonstrates that the fields of natural language processing, machine learning, and network analysis have made significant progress in the realm of fake news detection. The persistent expansion of deceptive techniques necessitates ongoing research and advancement. The research places significant emphasis on the need of interdisciplinary collaboration, urging academics to draw inspiration from many fields to combat the spread of misinformation. The application of fake news detection technology necessitates a strong emphasis on ethics, highlighting the significance of responsible innovation. Achieving a harmonious equilibrium between privacy, bias, and openness is crucial for the advancement of algorithmic decision-making in the future. This research aims to integrate knowledge from several disciplines to enhance the resilience of the information ecosystem. The findings presented in this research contribute to a deeper understanding of the intricate landscape around misinformation. Additionally, they promote the development of robust, ethical, and effective methodologies for detecting falsehoods and safeguarding the veracity of information within our interconnected global society.

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