

# Recognition of Counterfeit Profiles on Communal Media using Machine Learning Artificial Neural Networks & Support Vector Machine Algorithms

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## Abstract

Internet users rely on social networks to help them with daily tasks including exchanging material, reading news, sending messages, reviewing products, and talking about events. Social media platforms also attract people who send different types of spam at the same time. These internet criminals include trolls, online fraudsters, sexual predators, and advocates for advertising. These people are fabricating profiles in order to disseminate their stuff and conduct con games. The consumers and the service providers are both at great risk from all of these fraudulent identities. Determine if accounts are real or fraudulent by identifying them from the social media service providers. We introduced several categorization algorithms in this paper, including neural networks and support vector machines. These formulas assist in to detect fake profiles.

**Keywords:** *Social Media, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Artificial Neural Networks and Support Vector Machine.*

## I. INTRODUCTION

Every member of society in the current generation is now connected to social media. The way we pursue our social lives has drastically changed as a result of social media. In this paper, we will utilize Artificial Neural Networks to determine if the account data provided are from real or fraudulent individuals. An artificial neural network (ANN) using the SVM

technique will be trained on all of the real and false account data from prior users. If we are given fresh test data, the ANN train model will be applied to the new test data. It will be deciding whether the newly provided data for accountings are real or fraudulent [1][2].

- Social media these days has a hazardous effect on people's mental health.
- A lot of people are becoming vulnerable to false profiling.
- We consider fraudulent accounts to be our community of concern, and we believe that we have a categorization or clustering issue.
- Fake profiling detection can offer a better way to prevent such issues[3].[4].

In a social network, every profile (or account) has a lot of information, such as gender, the number of friends and comments, education, employment, and so on. others of this data is accessible to the public, while others is private[5].

Given that confidential data isn't available Therefore, in order to identify the phony profiles on the social network, we have only utilized publicly available information. But if the social networking businesses themselves utilize our suggested plan, they won't breach any privacy laws because they would use the private information from the profiles for detection.[6]. We have taken into account these details as profile attributes in order to distinguish between authentic and fraudulent profiles. The procedures we've used to identify fraudulent profiles [7][8]. The purpose of the paper is to determine the correctness of the profile and if it is real or fraudulent[9].

## II. RELATED WORKS

Numerous pieces of input data, such as name, sexual orientation, friends, followers, interests, and area codes, are added to social media accounts online. Both public and private data make up half of this input[10]. Since private data is inaccessible, we must utilize public input to identify fake profiles for interpersonal organization[11]. A description of the predicted results for a classification task is called a confusion matrix [15–20]. Depend values are used to summarize the number of right and wrong forecasts, which are then broken down by each elegance. The confusion matrix's key is that[12]. The techniques by which your classification model becomes confused when generating predictions are shown by the confusion matrix[13][14].

## III. METHODOLOGY

The Application Domain of the subsequent Paper was Community detection. Detection in the community is is vital to understand the structure of networking complexities with an ultimately extract information from them. During this Paper, a framework is used through which a fake profile is detected using a machine learning algorithm so that the social lifetime

of people become secured [21-27]. Fig 1 depicts the system to detect an the abstract of an overall process of the software system and the relationships, the constraints, and overall the boundaries between components. It is a crucial tool since it offers a comprehensive overview of the Fig. 2 software system's physical deployment as well as its future development plan. A user makes a friend request to an unknown individual in Figure 1, and that individual's complete data is saved in a database. An ANN classifier preprocesses and verifies the user's status from the database, and an admin uploads the data, after which the ANN classifier generates the result.

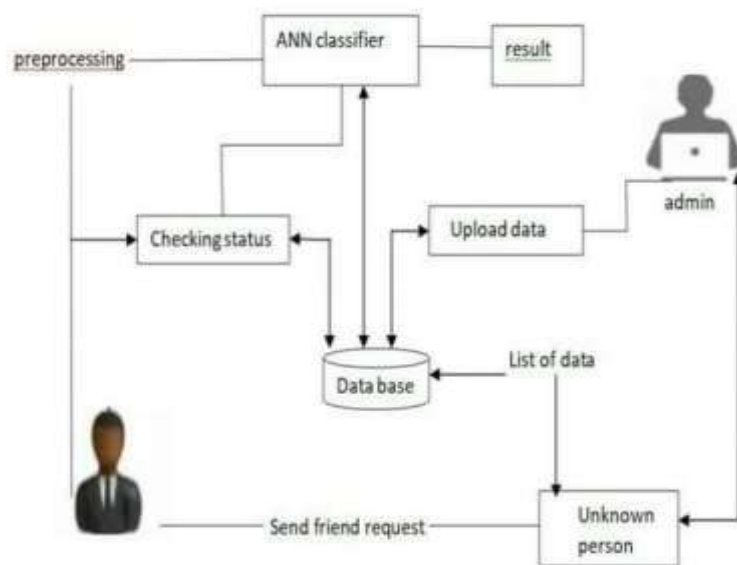


Figure 1: Architectural Diagram

Selecting the profile to be classed is the first step in the classification process. Upon selecting the profile, the pertinent elements are taken out with the intention of classifying. The trained classifier receives the extracted characteristics after that. After the classification algorithm's results are confirmed, the classifier receives feedback.

#### IV. PROCEDURE TO DETECT FAKE PROFILE USING NEURAL NETWORKS.

The following procedures have been taken into consideration for the use of neural network technology in the identification of false profiles on online social networking sites:

Step 1: First, the sys, csv, os, date/time, math, NumPy, pandas, and matlab libraries were imported.

Step 2: After this, gender detection libraries are being loaded to compute the information about the gender. Plotting the matrix has been done by integrating sklearn packages for preprocessing and data validation. The evaluation metric offers details on the various confusion matrix variables. Area under cover and accuracy have been used to assess the classifier.

Step 3: Next, import the Pybrain library so that the datasets may be trained. It is an open-sourced, publicly accessible library for machine learning algorithms. This library is implemented in conjunction with many utility tools.

Step 4: The next step is to define a method called read\_datasets() in order to read the dataset. For this, comma separated value files, or CSV files, are utilized. The default for datasets to read must be set. It is necessary to determine the duration of users after merging the phony and real users.

Step 5: After that, a different function is built to determine a person's gender based on their given name. To compute the model, the person's first name is declassified into components. In addition, other related elements will be merged with status and follower counts, among other things.

Step 6: Plotting of the confusion matrix then starts, integrating the plot according to the phony and authentic profile accounts.

Step 7: The ROC curve definition function has been implemented for additional computing.

Step 8: A function is declared to train the dataset using the neural network. Read\_datasets() has been used for this.

Step 9: The output will like this once the data has been read.

Step 10: The training datasets' characteristics are extracted.

Step 11: The confusion matrix graph is displayed without normalization.

Step 12: To define the fake and authentic profile precision index, recall, f1-score, and support vector, the reports have been classified.

Step 13: The experiment's final results, which define the real positive and false positive values, are as follows.

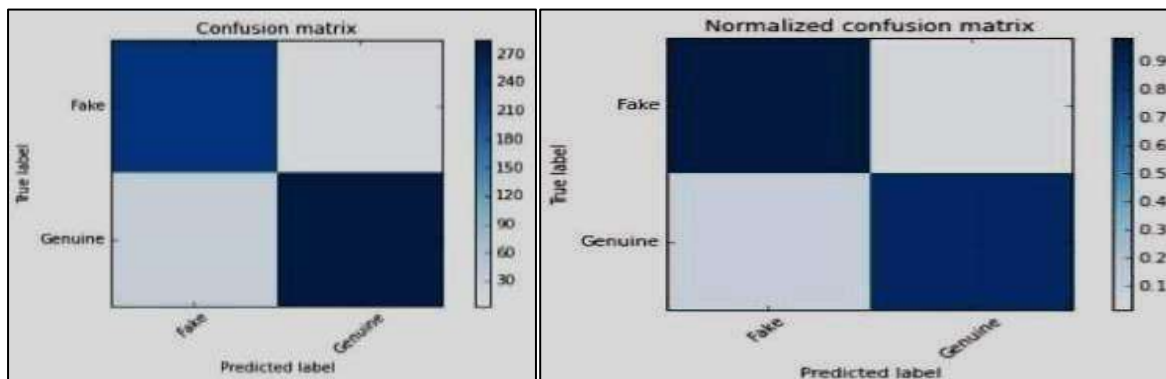


Figure 3: After doing the normalization of the confusion matrix.

Figure 3: Normalized Confusion Matrix

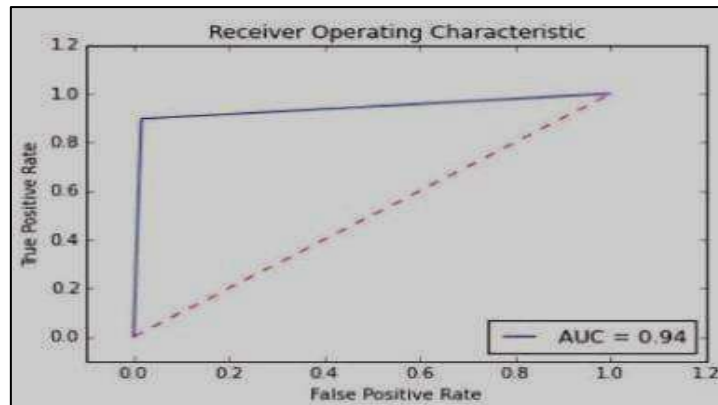


Figure 4: Receiver Operating Characteristic Curve

## V. EXPERIMENTS AND RESULTS

Procedure to detect Fake Profile using Support Vector Machine

Step 1: A number of libraries, including MATLAB, sys, csv, datetime, and others, must be integrated in order to use SVM for the detection of phony profiles on social media sites. To read the CSV datasets and plot the matrix, these libraries are necessary.

stage 2: Reading datasets is part of the second stage. The files fusers.csv and users.csv are used in this instance to train and test the model, respectively. A Real users are been kept in the user.csv file, but fictitious or fraudulent users are kept in fusers.

Step 3: Create a function that uses the name provided in the dataset to retrieve gender information.

Step 4: We have been declared the function extract features for feature extraction.

Step 5: After that, we'll sketch the learning curve graphic, which will reveal details about certain characteristics that are employed to analyze the vectors.

Step 6: The confusion plot matrix linked to the profiles of Real and Fake users comes next. We'll also set the color value for the same plot.

Step 7: A function has been defined in order to plot the receiver operating characteristic, or ROC.

Step 8: The function with the name oftrain and the SVM classifier have been declared in order to train the dataset using a support vector machine.

Step 9: Reading and extracting the features from the dataset is the next step.

Step 10: After the characteristics are extracted, various values are displayed, such as the number of status updates, followers, listed, language code, and so forth for more

Step 11: The Splitting of the data-sets to train till Test.

Step 12: The training data of learning curve will be displayed in red color and the cross-validation in green color. The score data has been mentioned along with the training.

Step 13: Predictive labeling of confusion matrix is being performed before normalization.

Step 14: The ROC curve with True Positive and False Positive features is displayed last.

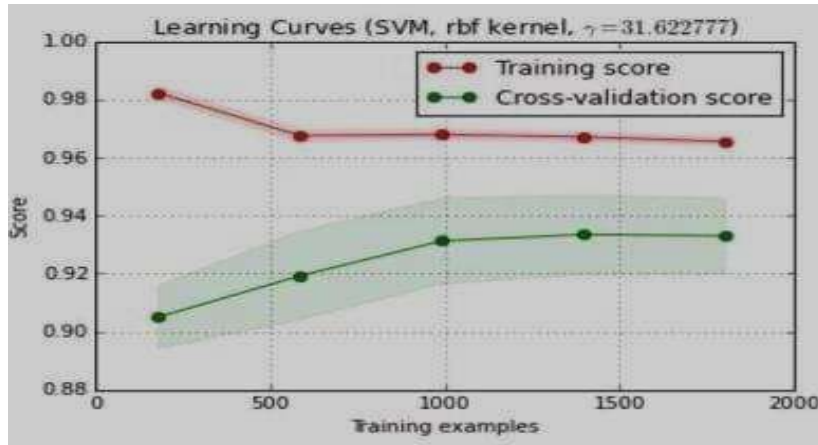


Figure 5: Training Examples

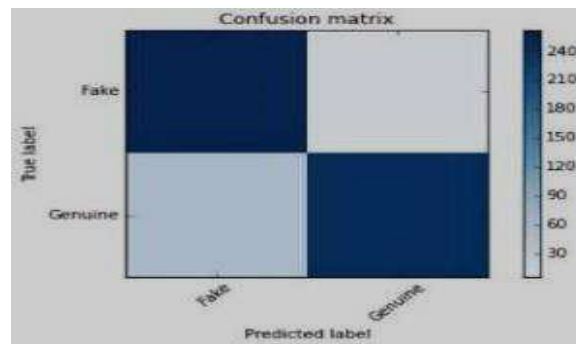


Figure 6: Confusion Matrix

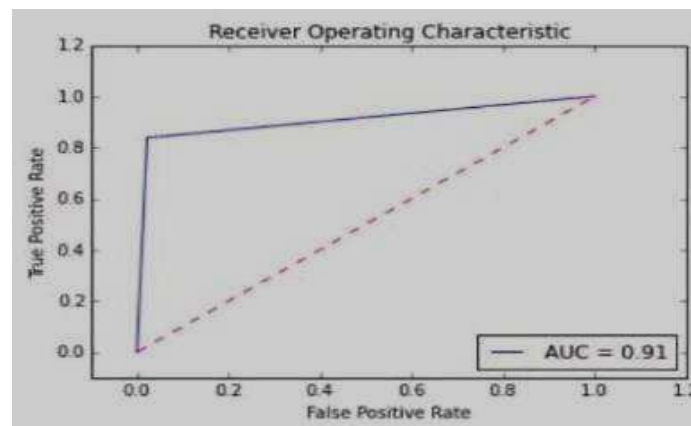


Figure 7: Receiver Operating Characteristic Curve

## VI. CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE SCOPE OF WORK

Social media is taking up in practically every industry, and businesses are using it as their primary platform to present their goods and services to potential clients. Public relations firms profit millions from social media by promoting information associated with various entities, such as political parties, celebrities, institutions, etc. Fake identities are used on social media to promote fake news, and they are linked to fraudulent reviews, comments, and

other content. fraudulent news is spreading quickly with the aid of fake accounts. Social media behemoths like Facebook and Twitter work tirelessly to identify and eliminate phony accounts, but the issue really only becomes worse as social media usage increases. To identify the fraudulent social media profiles, we have used Python and machine learning techniques. Three distinct various methods that are, namely Support Vector Machines (SVM) and Neural Networks (NN), are employed. The results indicate that NN outperforms SVM in terms of AUC. Researchers are always trying to lessen, if not completely eradicate, this significant social network issue, and as AI capabilities continue to advance, they anticipate that this problem will become less of a concern in the future.

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