

La desinformación desde el análisis computacional del discurso

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Jornadas “La lingüística frente a la amenaza de la desinformación”

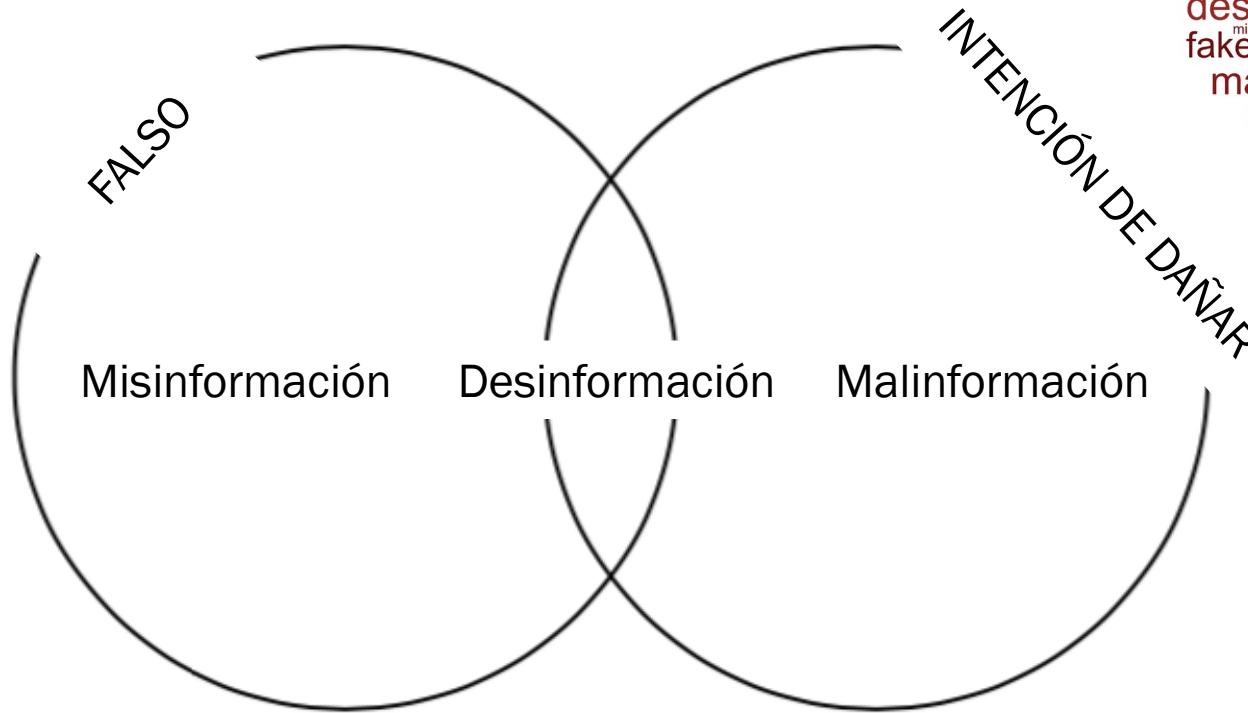
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Trastornos de la información



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fake
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El puzzle de la desinformación

Inteligencia artificial y análisis del lenguaje

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Educación

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Parar la propagación

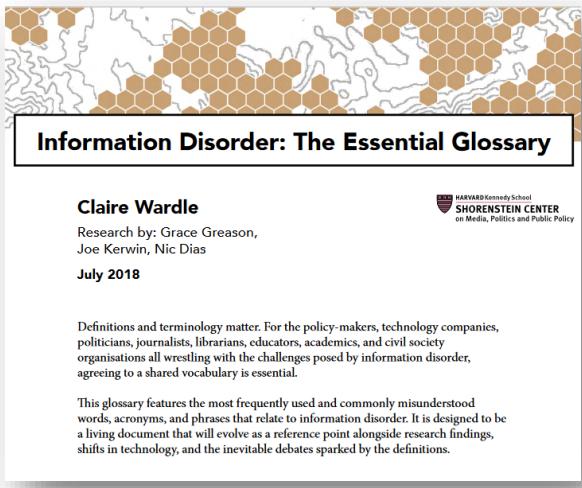


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Verificación automática

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Investigación dentro de las ciencias sociales

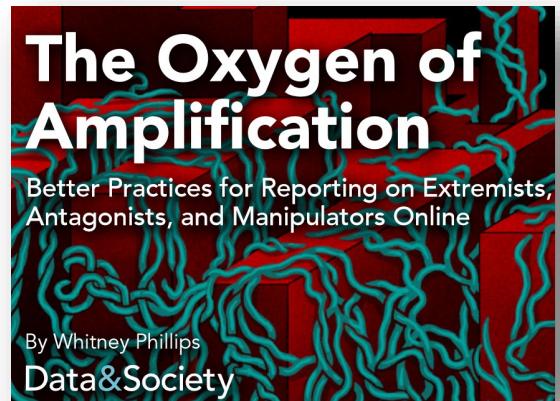
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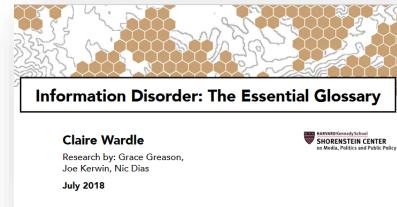
Propagación

A screenshot of a research article from a academic journal. The article is titled 'The spread of true and false news online' and is categorized under 'RESEARCH' and 'SOCIAL SCIENCE'. It is authored by Soroush Vosoughi, Deb Roy, and Sinan Aral. The abstract discusses the differential diffusion of verified true and false news stories on Twitter from 2006 to 2017. The text highlights that false news was more novel than true news and that false stories inspired fear, disgust, and surprise in replies, while true stories inspired anticipation, sadness, joy, and trust. The study found that false news spread more than true news at the same rate, driven by robots.

Verificación y amplificación



Investigación: Definiciones



MALDITO BULO

- Bulo
 - Datos, hechos, imágenes
 - Contrastados que son falsos o manipulados
 - Sacados fuera de contexto
 - Satíricos, presentados como reales
- No hay pruebas
 - No se sabe si son ciertos

CHEQUEADO

- Inchequeable
- Verdadero
- Verdadero, pero...
- Discutible
- Apresurado
- Exagerado
- Engañoso
- Insostenible
- Falso

Investigación: Propagación

RESEARCH

SOCIAL SCIENCE

The spread of true and false news online

Soroush Vosoughi,¹ Deb Roy,¹ Sinan Aral^{2*}

LAS NOTICIAS FALSAS SON MÁS VIRALES

- Las noticias falsas y la desinformación
- También las noticias satíricas
 - Se propagan más rápidamente
 - Llegan a más gente

Investigación: Verificación y amplificación

VERIFICACIÓN

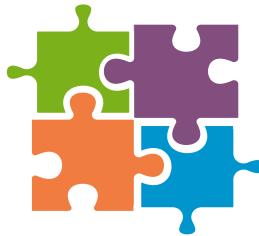
- Herramienta importante
 - Precisa de expertas
 - Política, economía, salud, cambio climático...
- Cuidado con el método
 - Para los desmentidos
 - Métodos basados en psicología cognitiva
 - El bocadillo de la verdad



AMPLIFICACIÓN

- Cuidado con amplificar las noticias
- A veces la verificación o la discusión en los medios simplemente difunde la noticia falsa más
- Manipulación: globos sonda
- Psicología cognitiva
 - Nos acordamos de la noticia
 - ¡No si de era falsa o no!





Un problema social

NO ES INDIVIDUAL

- No lo podemos resolver como individuos
- Necesitamos de las instituciones
 - Educación
 - Regulación de los medios y las plataformas digitales

NO ES IGUAL PARA TODAS

- La desinformación afecta desproporcionadamente a ciertos colectivos
 - Mujeres
 - Inmigrantes
 - Grupos minoritarios
 - Periodistas
 - Activistas

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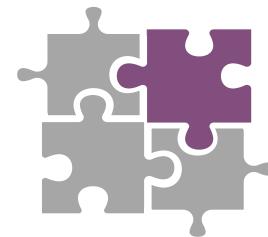
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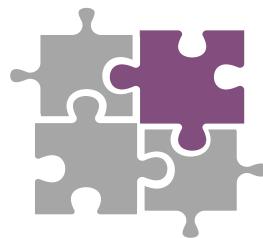
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4. INTELIGENCIA ARTIFICIAL Y ANÁLISIS DEL LENGUAJE

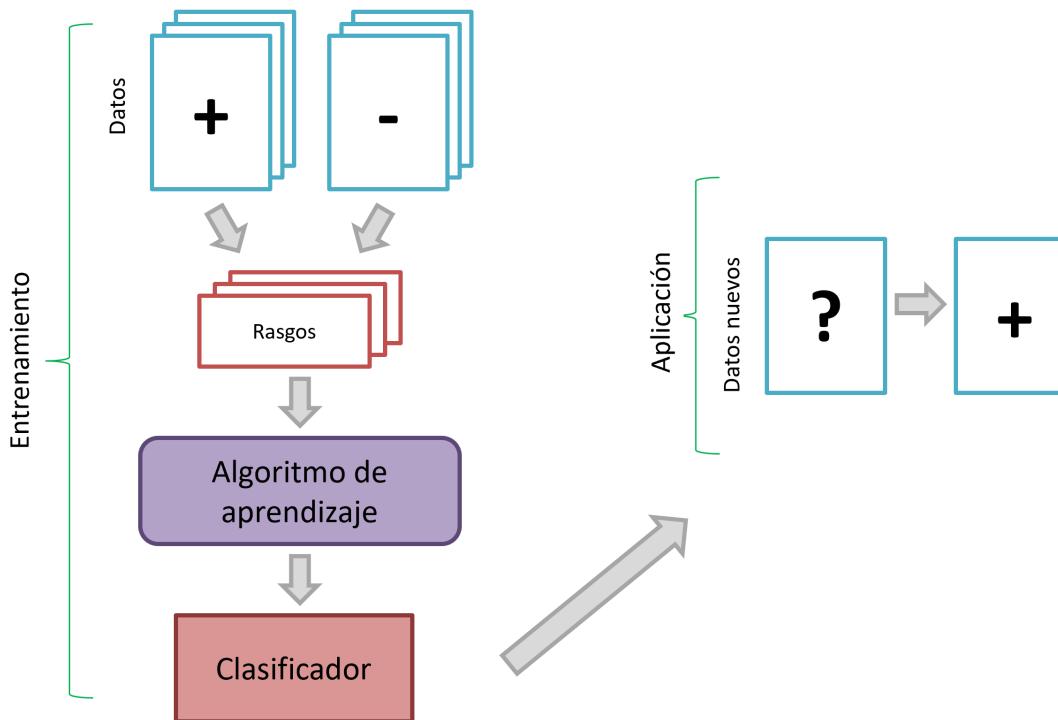


- Hipótesis
 - El lenguaje de las noticias falsas es diferente
 - Hay rasgos que las identifican
 - Independientemente de la distribución, el sesgo, etc.
- Propuesta
 - Podemos desarrollar un sistema que detecte las noticias falsas usando rasgos lingüísticos
- Técnicas
 - Inteligencia artificial, aprendizaje automático
 - Procesamiento del lenguaje natural

INTELIGENCIA ARTIFICIAL Y APRENDIZAJE AUTOMÁTICO

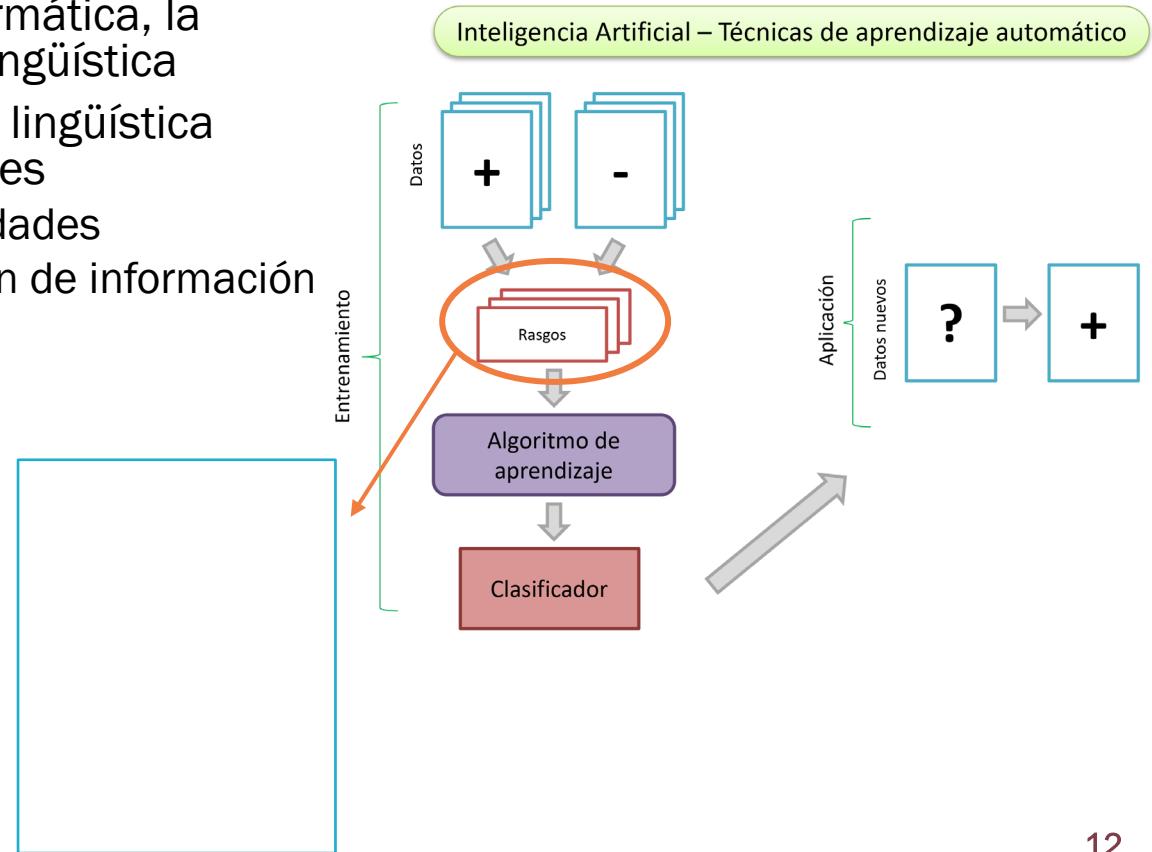


Inteligencia Artificial – Técnicas de aprendizaje automático



PROCESAMIENTO DEL LENGUAJE NATURAL

- Campo que solapa la informática, la inteligencia artificial y la lingüística
- Extracción de información lingüística para diferentes aplicaciones
 - Reconocimiento de entidades
 - Búsqueda y recuperación de información
 - Resumen automático
 - Traducción automática
 - Análisis de la opinión
 - ...



Nuestro proyecto

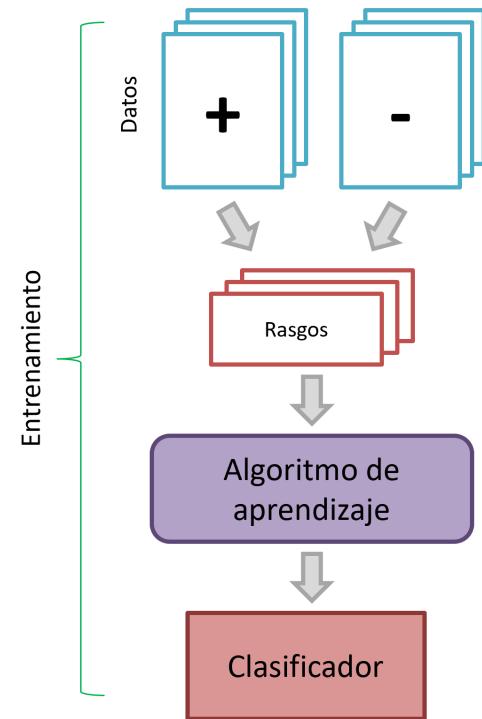
- Hipótesis
 - El lenguaje de las noticias falsas es diferente del lenguaje de las noticias contrastadas
- Métodos
 - Aprendizaje automático, PLN
 - Lingüística de corpus
 - Análisis multidimensional (Biber 1995)
 - Análisis de la variación lingüística en el texto



Fatemeh Torabi Asr

El aprendizaje automático necesita datos

- Los métodos actuales de aprendizaje automático utilizan grandes cantidades de datos
 - Aprendizaje supervisado
 - Input: corpus con etiquetas (spam/no_spam)
 - Output: un clasificador que diferencia esos dos tipos de textos en el corpus



Los datos

- La desinformación y las noticias falsas son un problema
- Son un problema de big data
- Los estamos solucionando con ‘small data’

Big Data and quality data for fake news and misinformation detection

Fatemeh Torabi Asr and Maite Taboada 

Abstract

Fake news has become an important topic of research in a variety of disciplines including linguistics and computer science. In this paper, we explain how the problem is approached from the perspective of natural language processing, with the goal of building a system to automatically detect misinformation in news. The main challenge in this line of research is collecting quality data, i.e., instances of fake and real news articles on a balanced distribution of topics. We review available datasets and introduce the MisInfoText repository as a contribution of our lab to the community. We make available the full text of the news articles, together with veracity labels previously assigned based on manual assessment of the articles' truth content. We also perform a topic modelling experiment to elaborate on the gaps and sources of imbalance in currently available datasets to guide future efforts. We appeal to the community to collect more data and to make it available for research purposes.

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¿De dónde vienen los datos?

- Necesitamos dos tipos de datos
 - Ejemplos positivos (spam, noticias falsas)
 - Ejemplos negativos (no_spam, noticias contrastadas)
- Problemas
- Ruido
 - bulosynoticias.net igual reproduce noticias de medios fiables
- Sesgo
 - A mí me parece que bulosynoticias.net publica noticias falsas
- Necesitamos
 - Artículos contrastados, uno a uno, por expertas

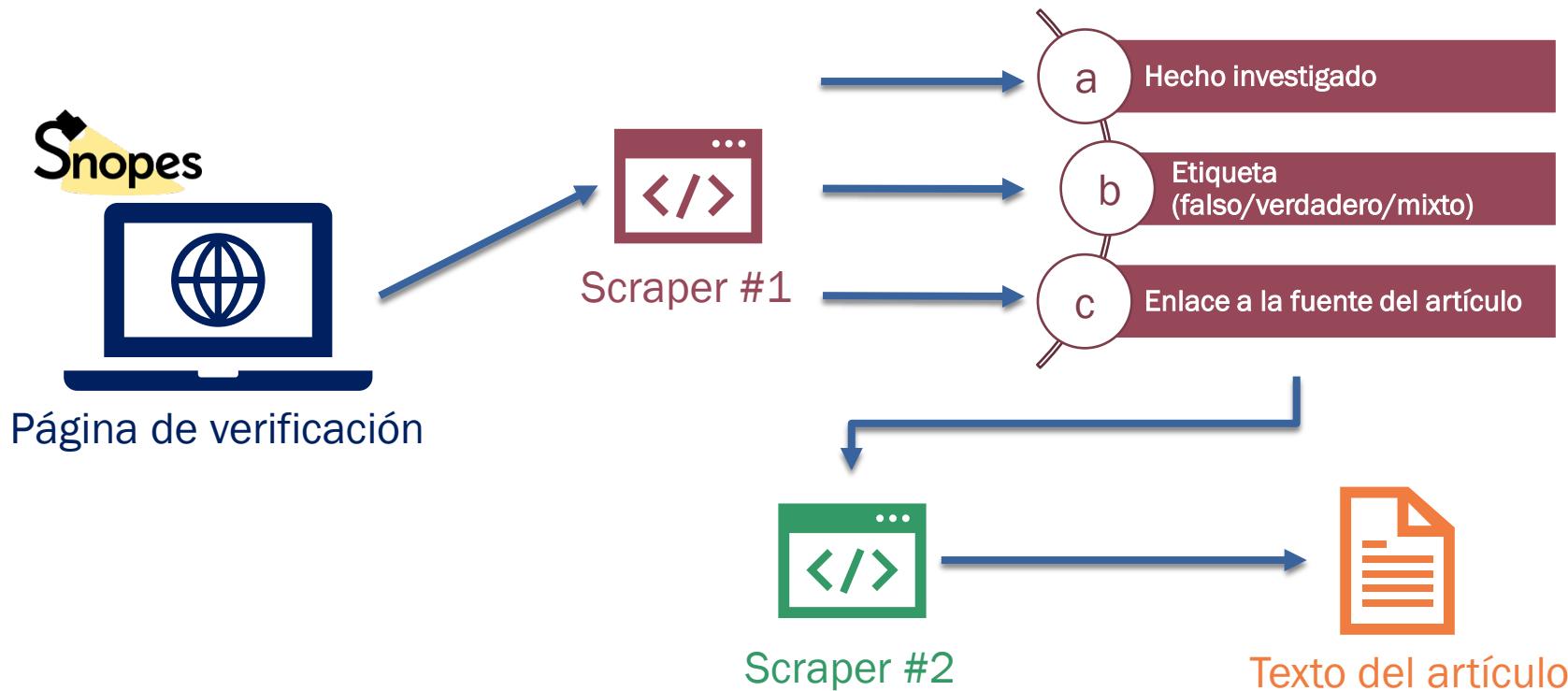
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Artículos de verificadores de datos

- Fuentes
 - Buzzfeed – lista de las top noticias falsas del año
 - Artículos en Snopes, Politifact y Emergent
 - Cada uno, etiquetado individualmente
 - Falso/auténtico



Proceso de recopilación de datos



Did a Woman Open Fire at McDonald's for Forgetting Bacon on Her Burgers?

Adds new meaning to the definition of hangry.

By Madison Dapcevich

Published 6 June 2021



Image via [Christoph Schmidt/picture alliance via Getty Images](#)

Claim

A Michigan woman was sentenced to up to seven years in prison for opening fire at a McDonald's restaurant after workers forgot to put bacon on her burgers.

Rating



True

[About this rating](#)

hecho investigado

etiqueta

¿enlace a la fuente?

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Origin

A Michigan woman was sentenced to three to seven years in prison after opening fire in 2014 at a McDonald's restaurant where workers twice forgot to put bacon on her burgers during one visit.

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The case went viral again in May 2021 when TikTok user Tanner Lane [shared](#) the story to the social media platform:

Following Torres' arrest, [Time reported](#) that the woman was arrested at her home about 30 minutes after the 3 a.m. shooting on Feb. 10, 2014. Her defense attorney argued that Torres discharged the weapon by accident, and that that the incident was not correlated with the burger mishap.

The jury in her trial reportedly deliberated for one hour before finding her guilty of carrying a concealed weapon, discharging a firearm into a building, and felony use of a firearm. The news website Michigan Live reported that Torres was also ordered to stay away from all McDonald's restaurants, but that it was at the discretion of the Michigan Department of Corrections to decide if the ban should continue after her prison release.

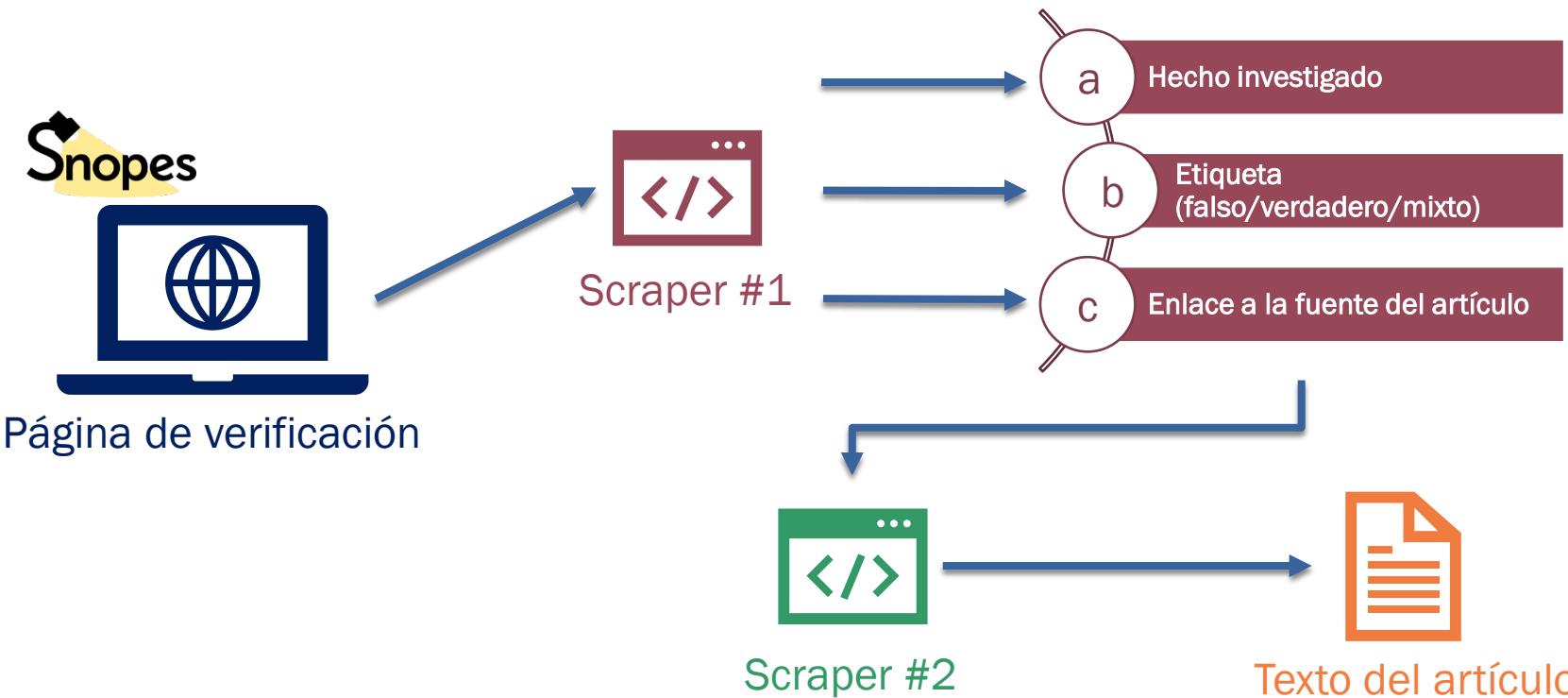
Snopes submitted a request to Kent County Circuit Court, the jurisdiction that convicted Torres, for more information surrounding the details of her arrest and subsequent sentencing. We did not hear back in time for publication but will update the article if we do.

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<https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/woman-opens-fire-at-mcdonalds/>

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Woman gets 3-7-years for shooting over bacon-less burger

April 21, 2015



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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — A Michigan woman has been sentenced to three to seven years in prison for opening fire at a McDonald's restaurant after workers twice failed to put bacon on her burgers.

Authorities say 30-year-old Shaneka Torres became angry in February 2014 when the first burger she ordered at the restaurant's drive-up station was missing bacon. She was offered a free meal, but bacon also wasn't added to a second burger order.

Police say she fired a shot through the restaurant. No one was injured.

A Kent County Circuit Court jury convicted her March 25. Judge Paul Sullivan on Tuesday sentenced her to one to five years for shooting at a building, plus two years for possessing a firearm during a felony.

Torres says she's sorry "but it's over and done with."

<https://apnews.com/article/64f5dd3baa2942548a7eb210806c5d56>

Fase 1 (Snopes/Politifact)

Fase 2 (páginas externas)

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Verificación manual

- Para cada enlace que pensamos contiene el artículo:
- Fase 1
 - El artículo del verificador y el enlace que estamos contemplando
- Fase 2
 - La página externa
 - ¿Existe todavía?
 - ¿Se refiere al evento investigado?
 - ¿Hemos extraído el texto correctamente?

Crowdsourcing

- Después de esta fase, teníamos 2,000 artículos
 - Validación manual
 - Comprobar el enlace
 - Comprobar que el enlace se refiere a la noticia en Snopes
- Mediante crowdsourcing

Corpus

Source	False	True	Small balanced sample	Large mixed sample
Snopes Silver	1,585	259	2 * 259	
Buzzfeed USE	64	1,090	2 * 64	2 * 1,300
Total	1,649	1,349	646	2,600

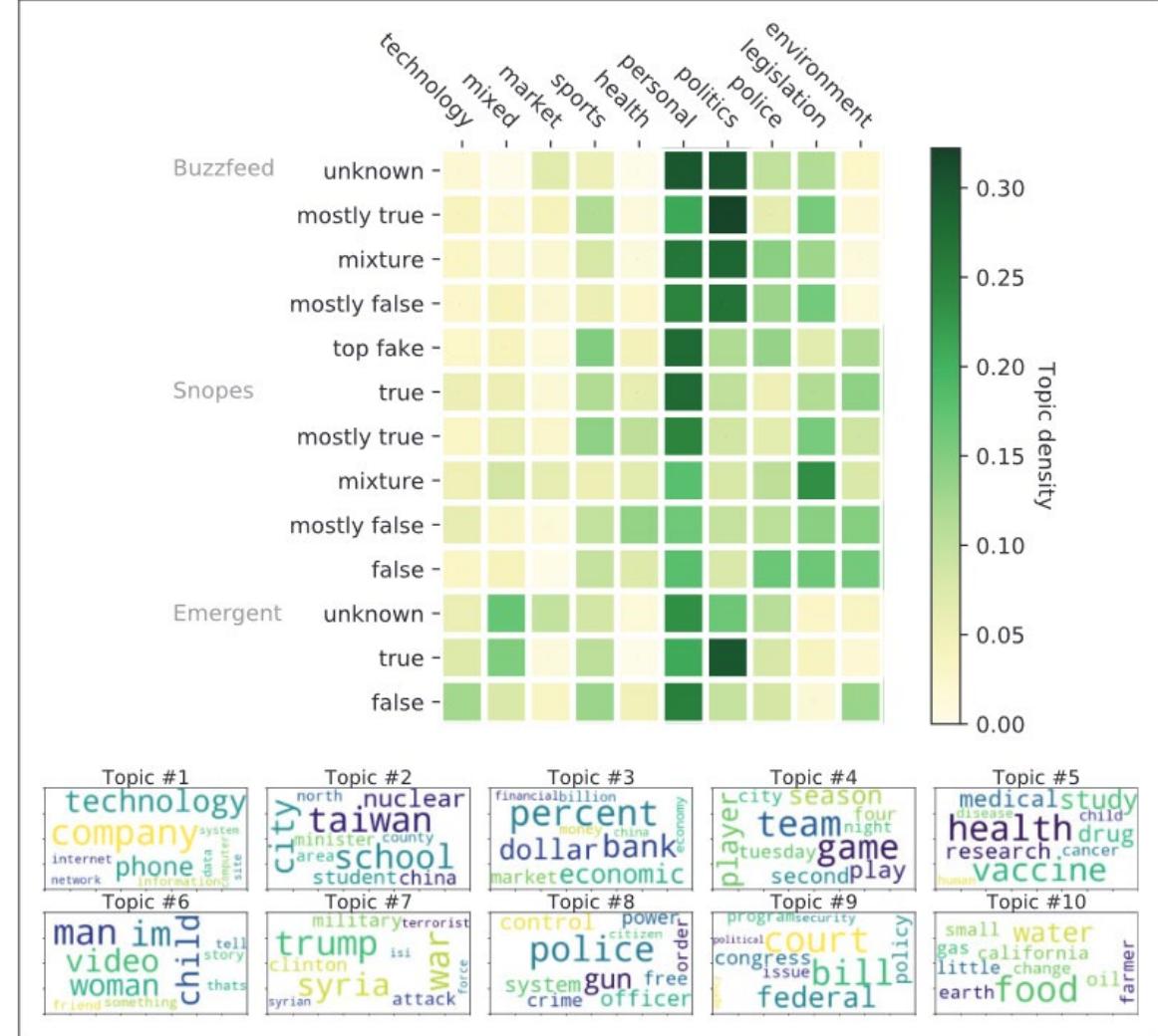
Snopes Silver, validado con crowdsourcing

Buzzfeed, noticias falsas de las elecciones en EE.UU

Cuando los juntamos, tenemos una mezcla de temas y personalidades

Usado como corpus de entrenamiento

Mezcla de temas y personalidades

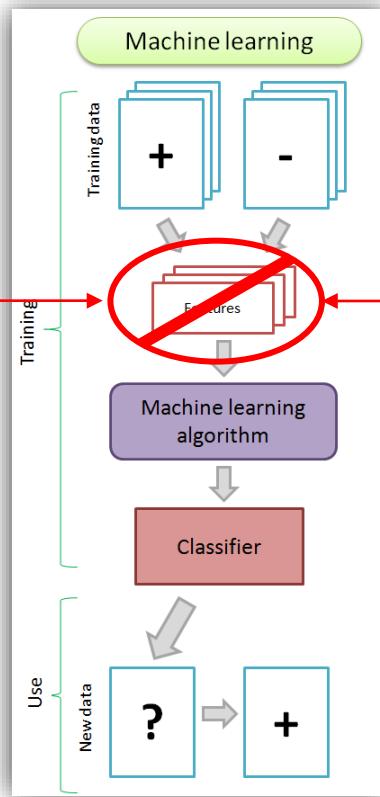


¡Tenemos datos!



1. Aprendizaje supervisado

SVMs con rasgos



2. Aprendizaje profundo

LSTM
CNN
BERT

Falso o no

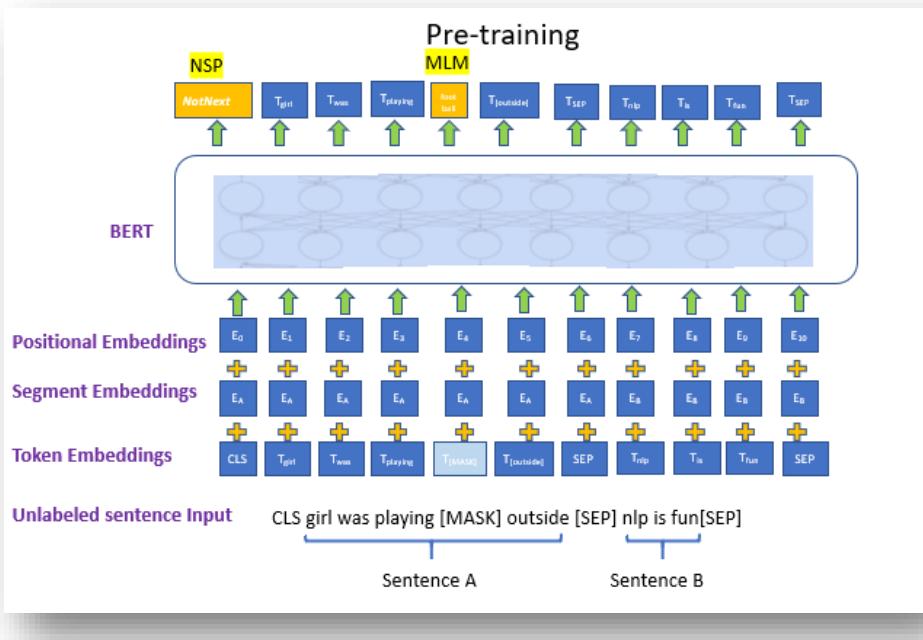
Métodos de clasificación – 1

- 1. SVMs – Máquinas de soporte vectorial
- Rasgos:
 - N-grams (TF-IDF)
 - Semánticos
 - LIWC, subjectividad
 - Sintácticos
 - POS – partes del discurso
 - Sustantivos, verbos, adjetivos, etc.
 - Nivel de lectura
 - Primaria/educación media/superior



Métodos de clasificación – 2

- 2. Aprendizaje profundo
- ULMFiT
 - Howard & Ruder 2018
 - Modelo de lenguaje pre-entrenado
 - Basado en vectores de palabras
- BERT
 - Modelo puntero de Google
 - También pre-entrenado



Corpus de entrenamiento y corpus de test

ENTRENAMIENTO

- Rashkin et al. (2017)
 - Propaganda/bulo/satírico/fiable
- Snopes Silver
 - Propio, mediante crowdsourcing
 - Corpus grande, temas mixtos
 - Corpus pequeño, menos mezcla

TEST

- Snopes Gold
 - Propio
 - Verificación del corpus de crowdsourcing
- Buzzfeed Top
 - Top 33 – noticias falsas
- Pérez Celebrity
 - Pérez-Rosas et al. (2017)
 - Noticias falsas sobre celebridades

Resultados

Table 4. Performance of different text classification models in various data scenarios measured by F1-score on training data as well as three test datasets

Data scenario	Model	Train	BuzzTop	SnopesGold	PerezCeleb
Rashkin mapped (8,000 train items)	SVM N-gram	98	94	54	56
	SVM N-gram+Sem	97	94	52	56
	SVM N-gram+Sem+Syn	96	91	53	59
	SVM All features	94	88	55	56
Big mixed (2,600 train items)	SVM N-gram	86	97	54	51
	SVM N-gram+Sem	86	97	54	51
	SVM N-gram+Sem+Syn	86	97	54	51
	SVM All features	83	85	50	52
	ULMFiT	83	95	51	50
Small balanced (646 train items)	SVM N-gram	96	88	67	64
	SVM N-gram+Sem	95	88	70	64
	SVM N-gram+Sem+Syn	86	88	70	65
	SVM All features	94	97	59	58
	ULMFiT	75	73	61	58

- Sesgo

- Artículos sobre el mismo tema
- La distribución por tema es importante
- Detectar todo como bulo
- Los SMVs hacen un trabajo adecuado
- Los métodos de aprendizaje profundo necesitan muchos más datos

Rasgos – ¿cuáles son significativos?

- Semánticos
 - Palabras negativas
 - Adverbios
 - Utilidad del análisis de la opinión
(Alonso, Vilares, Gómez-Rodríguez y Vilares 2021)
- LIWC
 - Contenido sexual
 - Pronombres
 - Adverbios
- Syntácticos
 - Verbos
 - Partículas
 - Adverbios
 - Pronombres (*they=fake; I=true*)
- Rasgos del texto
 - Bulos = más cortos
 - Menos apóstrofes
 - *do not* frente a *don't*

Método: Ratio y valor p en un análisis de correlación

Rasgos lingüísticos de los bulos

1 PREGUNTAS RETÓRICAS

- ¿Quién va a pagar por esto?
- Muchos españoles se preguntan, ¿qué pasa con la immigración?

2 PALABRAS NEGATIVAS

- una situación escalofriante
- severamente perturbador
- una burla de la gente decente

3 EXAGERACIONES

- Muchos adverbios y adjetivos
- alucinante testimonio de un ciudadano que asiste estupefacto al diálogo entre un trabajador de La Caixa y un immigrante

4 LENGUAJE DE OTREDAD/ IDENTIDAD

- Nosotros frente a 'ellos'
- esa gente
- estos

5 MEZCLA DE ESTILO

- Mezcla de lenguaje formal e informal

6 LENGUAJE NO ESTÁNDAR

- Errores gramaticales, faltas de ortografía
- El caso de los adolescentes de Macedonia



OUR BATTLE AGAINST FAKE NEWS

The aim of the fake news project is to help news readers to identify bias and misinformation in news articles in a quick and reliable fashion. We have collected news articles with veracity labels from fact-checking websites and used them to train text classification systems to detect fake from real news. You can paste a piece of text and examine its similarity to our collection of true vs. false news articles, or to news from four different types/genre. Enjoy testing!

FAKE NEWS DETECTION

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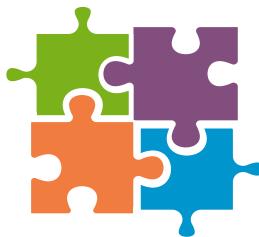
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 Genre Classification

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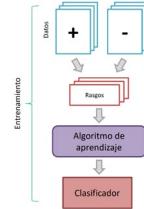
Clinton won the 2016 US election.

Submit Refresh

<http://fakenews.research.sfu.ca/>



En resumen



VARIAS PIEZAS DEL PUZZLE

- Educación
- Propagación
- Verificación
- Tecnología
- Un problema social
- La tecnología y la IA como soluciones a problemas sociales

LA APORTACIÓN DEL PLN

- Necesitamos datos de calidad, anotados por expertas
 - Nueva Ley de Servicios Digitales
 - Exige a las plataformas compartir datos
- El aprendizaje profundo no siempre funciona
- En situaciones de 'small data', métodos clásicos
 - Con rasgos lingüísticos

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