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Machine learning can't flag false news, new studies show | Axios

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> Current machine learning models aren't yet up to the task of distinguishing false news reports, two new papers by MIT researchers show.
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> The big picture: After different researchers showed that computers can convincingly generate made-up news stories without much human oversight, some experts hoped that the same machine-learning-based systems could be trained to detect such stories. But MIT doctoral student Tal Schuster's studies show that, while machines are great at detecting machine-generated text, they can't identify whether stories are true or false.
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