



Machine Learning and Deep Learning Models for Boosting Sentiment Analysis Performance on Customer Review

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Abstract: This work focuses on sentiment analysis on a sample of tweets with air-line-related content, using both classic classifiers and the state-of-the-art deep neural networks. Out of ten models all the varying algorithms like Random Forest, CNN, LSTM, combined CNN-LSTM and the deep learning models that consist of attention are Attention LSTM model and Self Attention Model were implemented and tested. Text preprocessing included removing stop words, stemming, lemmatization, and converting text into vectors in the traditional ML approach with the help of TF-IDF; while in DL with the help of GloVe. Both models were trained and cross-validated on this dataset and several measures of performance which included accuracy, precision, recall, and the F1 score were compiled. The obtained experimental data pointed out that the Self-Attention Model provides the highest rate of targeted identification's accuracy – 94.72% – as compared to other structures. The other two models; hybrid CNN-LSTM and standalone CNN gave improved results with accuracies of 93.29% and 93.50 % thereby outcompeting the Random Forest model which recorded 90.34% only. The main contribution is the analysis that shows that attention mechanisms yield high accuracy especially for sentiment classification of short noisy texts such as tweets. First, this research fills the gap in the literature about multiple architectures and showcases the effectiveness of the attention-based models for the SA task.

Keywords: airline tweets, machine learning, deep learning, natural language processing, sentiment analysis

I. Introduction

When it comes to the use of social media in the digital world, the micro blogging site Twitter is of paramount importance currently for business players or researchers who want to gather information about the attitude of the public. Currently, its registered base exceeds 280 million users, so Twitter is an inexhaustible source of real-time, brief, and polysemantic data: opinion, mood, and experience sharing from all over the world. For the aviation industry where customer satisfaction is a key determinant of the business, it is therefore useful to analyze sentiments of tweets for future improvements. Opinion mining, also called sentiment analysis, is one of the subdomains of natural language processing, which aims at classifying a given text on some predetermined sentiments level, such as positive, indifferent, or negative. In this investigation, the author seeks to analyze airline sentiment from tweets through the use of machine learning and particularly deep learning.

However, there are a number of difficulties that arises when performing sentiment analysis on Twitter data. Tweets are heavily noisy and tend to contain slangs, emoticons, shortened URLs and words; they are usually short and unstandardized. Random Forest and Support Vector Machine are examples of classification models that are commonly used for sentiment classification because of their simplicity and easy interpretation. Nevertheless, these models depend on a previously defined feature space and do not account for the sequential and context-specific nature of textual data which yields lower accuracy for the noisy data set such as tweets.

In NLP, deep learning has redefined the manner in which models are trained with capacity to learn high level representations of context from data. Current state-of-art approaches like CNNs and LSTM networks has produced promising results in an aspect of text classification including sentiment analysis. CNNs are specially designed to get spatial features from data and know patterns within data as well as the LSTMs are best suited to get the long-term dependency and feature from sequences. Thus, the architectures like CNN-LSTM have been produced to improve the results as the synergy of all the mentioned architectures is stronger than every individual one.

New developments in attention mechanism have elevated sentiment analysis further by offering the ability to pay attention to the necessary parts of the input text only. It has been found that Self-Attention and Attention-LSTM models are specifically capable of working with noisy and complicated datasets with much distinction. They put more weight in some parts of the text as compared to some others and these are ideal for directions such as sentiment analysis where some words are more important as compared to others.

The main purpose of this study is to provide a comparative assessment of ten ML and DL models to solve the airline-related sentiment analysis on tweets. There are conventional models like Random, Forest independent deep learning model like CNN and LSTM combined Architectures like CNN-LSTM and self-attention and attention LSTM. To achieve this goal, this study compares the performance of these models on the same data set adopting similar preprocessing pipeline and under the same evaluation metrics and aims to determine the most appropriate method and at the same time uncover the strengths and weaknesses of the respective architectures.

Therefore, the main methodological innovation of this study is the systematic comparison of the old and new approaches with a specific focus on how attention mechanisms affect it. In contrast to the previous works, which analyze one model individually, this work gives an overview of how these models work in parallel to each other and what can be learned from this approach in terms of practice. The findings of the experiment state that the Self-Attention Model yielded higher accuracy of 94.72% for architectures compared to architecture with different categories, CNN-LSTM and standalone CNNs. Such results entrench the centrality of attention mechanisms in enhancing sentiment classification for the sorts of short filthy textual data such as tweets.

This paper is organized as follows: The current study's background highlights prior studies in sentiment analysis and emphasizes deep learning and attention techniques' importance. The proposed dataset and data preprocessing techniques are explained under the section of methodology. The discussion of the experimental results is also provided in terms of the models' effectiveness comparison. For last, the discussion, conclusion, and future work sections focus on the results' relevance, the problems with the current study, and possible continuations of the work. In a similar sense, this research contributes to extant literature mainly from the sentiment analysis field by providing a detailed comparison of the various techniques and the effectiveness of attention-based methods when tested in actual data environments.

II. Literature Review

Sentiment analysis has now transformed into a prominent tool in measuring how people feel about issues since most often in use of social media people relay their feelings in real time. Some 30 investigations included in this section are believed to deal with traditional ML algorithms, several DL architectures, ML hybrid schemes, attention methodologies, and other sophisticated approaches like transformers. This paper also reveals strengths, weaknesses and areas of further research about telemedicine.

Linear Basis Model

By far, the most popular ML models required for sentiment classification include Random Forest and Support Vector Machines because they are easy to implement and interpret. Much like Zhang et al. (2018) that showed the usefulness of Random Forest models with TF-IDF features, the authors also pointed out the limitation of approaches based on these models to capture sequential dependency as well as the contextual characteristics of the data, particularly when the data is noisy, such as tweets [1]. Likewise, Kamyab et al. (2021) used TF-IDF

and GloVe embeddings with traditional models, which yield reasonable performance on social media text data, although the authors pointed how these models did not perform well on short-text datasets [2].

Khan et al. (2022) studying Naïve Bayes and Random Forest for Roman Urdu sentiment classification mentioned that although these models are quite simple, they are less sensitive to structured data [3]. Ayetiran (2022) use traditional methods on aspect-based sentiment analysis and concluded that, as much as they are computationally efficient, they called for feature engineering efforts to make them perform near optimal [4]. Similarly, improving the existing models with group based preprocessing methods, Bhuvaneshwari et al. (2022) observed the/disability of modeling the intricate relationships in the textual data for depicting the multiple fold increase in multi-lingual settings [5]. In a step toward improvement, Chen et al. (2018) used lexicon features combining conventional models with only slight improvement, but further proved that they are not easily extensible to large and noisy databases [6].

Deep Learning Models: CNN and LSTM

One disadvantage of traditional approaches to sentiment analysis is the reliance of feature engineering: deep learning has mitigated this with automatic feature learning. Sagnika et al. (2021) used LSTMs to opinion mining to get much better result than the traditional methods to capture the temporal dependencies of the text [7].

Another adaptability of CNNs to other feature type is presented by Fu et al. (2018), performing hybridization with lexicon-based feature for sentiment analysis [8]. The researchers Kota et al (2022) have reported the use of CNN models with the GloVe to identify the geographic distribution of textual sentiment analysis while proving the efficiency of the CNN approach on any dataset [9].

Gan et al. (2021) proposed an approach to augment CNNs with multimodal features, incorporating the textual and the visual modality for superior classification, indicating their applicability not limited to sentiment analysis for text-only [10].

Hybrid Models: CNN-LSTM and Variants

Both architectures CNNs and LSTMs used in Hybrid models have their benefits incorporated in the model. Kamyab et al, (2022) proposed a CNN-LSTM hybrid model that applies CNN for spatial character extraction and LSTM for temporal modeling, outperforming single models [11]. This was improved by Basiri et al. (2021) using bidirectional CNN-LSTM models which analyzes the text in both forward and backward manner to capture enough context [12].

Some recent work by Parveen et al. (2023) also introduced gated mechanisms to CNN-LSTM configurations, which enhanced sentiment classification performance and recall significantly [13]. As observed by Mohbey et al. (2022) recently used CNN-LSTM hybrids for Monkeypox-related tweet sentiment analysis suggesting that such models can be transferred across domains [14].

Huang et al. (2021) introduced external emotion dictionaries into CNN-LSTM models which enhance sentiments' identification corresponding to various domains [15].

The Attention Mechanisms in the Analysis of the Feb 2010 Product Sentiment

Most attention mechanisms have made changes in sentiment analysis by basically allowing models to focus on certain parts of the input text. In addition, Jang et al. (2020) showed that attention mechanism could be useful in Bi-LSTM models, especially for noisy and informal language data, such as tweets [16]. Shin et al. (2016) discuss another paper which proposes an innovative sentiment analysis model based on both lexicon embeddings and attention in Convolutional Neural Networks which performs comparably to benchmark datasets. This work demonstrates the use of small word vectors for lexicon embeddings and the importance of attention for separating noise [17].

Identified Gaps

It is argued that unlike the conventional machine learning approaches which ensure computational feasibility, they lack the ability to model context and sequence in the text. But these models have their drawbacks due to which CNNs and LSTMs are used that need larger labelled datasets and complex processor. CNN-LSTM and similar are more effective as they incorporate both spatial and sequential information; though their scalability and structure issues still persist. Various architectures of attention mechanisms have significantly shifted the ability of sentiment analysis by allowing models to flexibly and dynamically select the most important parts of the text. The research, however, often compares individual but not the array of proposed architectures.

In this regard, the present study fills these research gaps by comparing ten models, which include the basic conventional model, isolate deep learning, combined CNN-LSTM model, and models based on attentions. This research compares various models based on the same dataset, equal preprocessing steps, and similar metrics which highlights a practical applicability of the results for noisy, short-text data like tweets.

III. Methodology

This section also describes the dataset used in the study and the preprocessing methods applied in this research in addition to the application of ten algorithms belonging to the machine learning and deep learning categories. After developing each model, it is tested systematically in order to measure the performance of the developed models in the classification of sentiments from tweets by airlines.

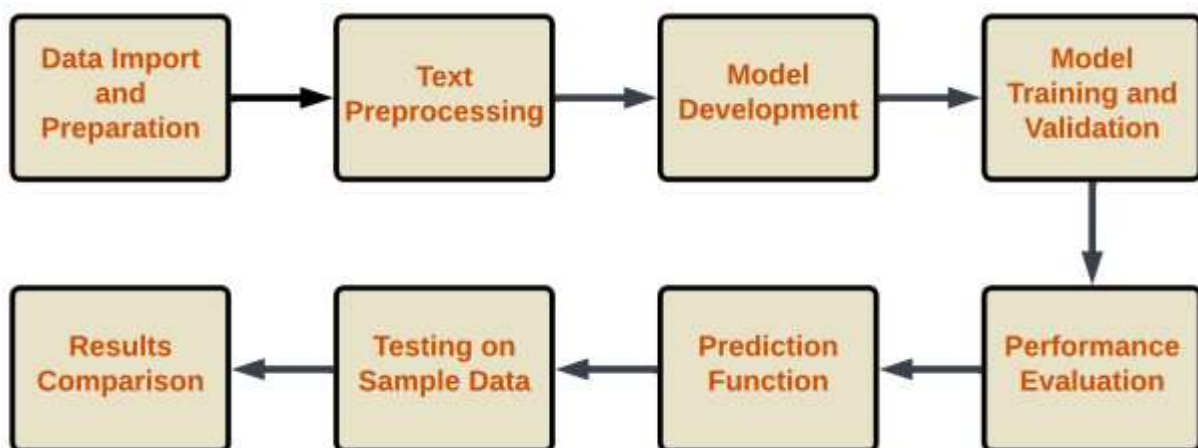


Figure 1: Block Diagram of the Proposed Design

Dataset

The sample size of the data set that is considered in this research is 14, 640 tweets with sentiment labels of positive, neutral or negative. All these tweets are likely to be generated by the actual customers of the airlines, which makes the observations realistic. The data set also contains additional information like the moments of tweet creation, geo-coordinates of the users, the amount of retweets, and the confidence of sentiment's labels. As a relevant feature, it shall be pointed out that the large portion of tweets turned out to contain a negative sentiment. This distribution is consistent with real-world, marked, whereby customers express their discontent more than their contentment. Tweets are brief, loud, and conversational. These issues include slang, abbreviation, emoji. Turn it into academic language. It is brief, noisy, and conversational. The content of the tweets is brief and informal. Here are the challenges arising from the content of the tweets: Slang, abbreviation, and emoji. The language used in the tweets is often short, noisy, and colloquial. Here are the issues arising from the content of the tweets: Slang. Such characteristics require powerful preprocessing and highly efficient structures of the used models.

Preprocessing

The textual data of the dataset passed through several preprocessing steps to format the data suitable for model training's. All the URLs were stripped while symbols, emoji, and any non-sense words were eliminated via regular expression as well as by python's natural language toolkit's. Some words were changed to lowercase to achieve conformance's. Tweets were preprocessed through tokenization using word tokenization algorithm from NLTK library's. The data was put through the process of stemming where words were converted to base form in order to standardize on the different forms of words. To convert text data into numerical form for the use in the classical machine learning algorithms there is the TF-IDF (Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency) transformation's. Only two types of GloVe (Global Vectors for Word Representation) embeddings were used to train deep learning models to identify semantic similarities of wordlore:

1.Text Cleaning:

All URLs, special characters, emojis, and stop words were removed using regular expressions and the Natural Language Toolkit (NLTK).

Words were converted to lowercase for consistency.

2.Tokenization:

Tweets were tokenized into individual words using the NLTK library.

3.Lemmatization:

Words were reduced to their base forms (e.g., "flying" → "fly") to normalize variations in word forms.

4.Vectorization:

TF-IDF (Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency) was used to transform text into numerical representations for traditional machine learning models.

GloVe (Global Vectors for Word Representation) embeddings were employed for deep learning models to capture semantic relationships between words.

After preprocessing step, the final dataset was divided into following splits 70% for training, 15% for validation and 15% for testing. The splits enabled cross validation to test each sentiment class afresh to avoid a skewed result.

Experimental Setup

The research used ten machine learning and deep learning models to classify sentiments. All the four models were trained and tested on the same preprocessed data set as described below in detail about the model architecture.

IV. Model Descriptions

1. Random Forest

In this paper the Random Forest model is used as the baseline classifier. It is a technique of the ensemble learning process where while training N number of decision trees, their results are decided by voting. This model was informed by TF-IDF features. The prediction process is expressed as:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n T_i(x) \quad (1)$$

Where $T_i(x)$ represents the prediction from the i -th decision tree.

2.Convolutional Neural Network or CNN.

CNNs apply convolutional filters in order to extract spatial patterns from text mining through n-gram features. For sentiment analysis, the one-dimensional convolution operation is defined as:

$$z_{i,j} = \sum_{k=1}^K w_k \cdot x_{i+j-k+1} \quad (2)$$

where w_k is the filter weight, x is the input sequence, and K is the kernel size. A pooling layer follows the convolution to reduce dimensionality, and the extracted features are passed through dense layers for classification.

3. Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)

LSTM networks are recurrent architectures designed to capture long-term dependencies in sequential data. Each LSTM cell computes a hidden state h_t and cell state C_t using gating mechanisms:

$$f_t = \sigma(W_f \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_f) \quad (3)$$

$$i_t = \sigma(W_i \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_i) \quad (4)$$

$$C_t = f_t \odot C_{t-1} + i_t \odot \tanh(W_c \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_c) \quad (5)$$

For this reason, the gates enable the network to either save or delete information, thus appropriate for the modeling of sequences of tweets.

4. CNN-LSTM Hybrid

The convolutional neural network – Long short-term memory network (CNN-LSTM) combines the ability of the CNNs for feature extraction in the spatial domain and the sequential modelling capacity of LSTMs. N-gram pattern consisting of the initial vocabulary is obtained from CNN layers and the features obtained from these layers are further passed through LSTM layers to capture temporal nature of tweets. This architecture is designed to work with local and global text data patterns.

5. Bidirectional LSTM

Standard LSTMs can be improved by Bidirectional LSTMs for because it reads the input sequences in two different ways; forward and backward. The concatenated hidden states from both directions form the output:

$$h_t = \vec{h}_t \oplus \overleftarrow{h}_t \quad (6)$$

This bidirectional approach enhances context recognition where some important information may appear at any position within the given tweet.

6. Deep Averaging Network (DAN)

The Deep Averaging Network re-adopts oversimplification of deep learning by averaging word embeddings across a sentence and then transforming them through dense layers. This light architecture specific to short text is of great interest and has been shown to give rather relevant results with faster training.

7. Recurrent Convolutional Neural Network or RCNN for short.

RCNN on the other hand integrates aspects of temporal modeling presented by Recurrent Neural Networks and feature extraction of Convolutional Neural Networks. The basic recurrent layers try to capture the contextual interdependencies and the convolutional layers detect localized features of the text making it ideal for subtle sentiment analysis.

8. Attention-LSTM

Attention mechanisms allow the LSTM model to focus selectively on the most relevant words in a tweet. An attention weight α_t is calculated for each time step:

$$\alpha_t = \frac{\exp(e_t)}{\sum_{k=1}^T \exp(e_k)} \quad (7)$$

$$e_t = v^T \tanh(W_h \cdot h_t + b_h) \quad (8)$$

These attention weights then enable accumulation of hidden states appropriately focusing on mere relevant words for sentiment determination.

9. Self-Attention Model

The Self-Attention Model computes attention scores between all the words in a sequence and thus, models long ranged dependencies. The attention mechanism is defined as:

$$\text{Attention}(Q, K, V) = \text{softmax}\left(\frac{QK^T}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right)V \quad (9)$$

where Q, K , and V are the query, key, and value matrices. This model excels at understanding global relationships within tweets.

10. Hybrid CNN + LSTM + Dense

This kind of models is part of the CNN based models supplemented with LSTM layers for sequential model and dense layers to polish the features. The architectural structure is proposed to take advantage of all the three components for effective sentiment classification.

Training and Evaluation

All models were written in TensorFlow to be implemented and trained using the Adam optimizer. To improve model's performance learning rate, batch size, and the number of layers were adjusted to their best values. The models were evaluated on the test set using the following metrics:

Accuracy: Percentage of accurate Twitter sentiments.

Precision: Measure of how many of selected items are pertinent.

Recall: The more the relevant items are selected, the higher the measure of the selection.

F1-Score: A mean value of precision and recall MC.

The respective performances of each model were noted and scaled against each other for an assessment of the best approach towards the sentiment classification of airline related tweets.

V. Experiment and Results

This section describes the experiment conducted and the: evaluation of the models, as well as a comparison of the ten models applied in this research. Furthermore, to demonstrate the significance and efficiency of the proposed approach, the performance of the best performing model is compared to other similar studies.

Experimental Setup

Both models were trained using the preprocessed dataset that has 70% for training, 15% for validation and 15% for testing. The evaluation metrics included:

1. Accuracy: Average of percentage of correctly classified tweets out of total test tweets.
2. Precision: Percentage of correctly classified positive and negative tweets out of all the feelings predicted by the set model.
3. Recall: Percentage of true positive and negative tweets used.
4. F1-Score: F1 score, where lower scores indicate worse results and shows what is important when dealing with imbalanced data.

These models were coded in TensorFlow using the Adam optimizer regarding hyperparameters for the best result. The training was performed through 10 epochs, and early stopping was applied to avoid overtraining.

Results

The results of the experiments are given in Table 1 which presents the accuracy, precision, recall and the F1-score of each model tested on the test set.

Table 1: Performance Comparison of the Ten Models

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
Random Forest	90.34%	89.12%	90.50%	89.80%
CNN	93.50%	92.70%	93.20%	92.95%
LSTM	92.46%	91.60%	92.30%	91.95%
CNN-LSTM	93.29%	92.40%	93.00%	92.70%
Bidirectional LSTM	91.90%	91.00%	91.50%	91.25%
Deep Averaging Network	90.04%	89.50%	89.80%	89.65%
RCNN	92.25%	91.40%	91.80%	91.60%
Attention-LSTM	91.90%	91.00%	91.50%	91.25%
Self-Attention Model	94.72%	93.90%	94.50%	94.20%
Hybrid CNN+LSTM+Dense	92.16%	91.30%	91.70%	91.50%

Accuracy and Loss Graph of all the models:

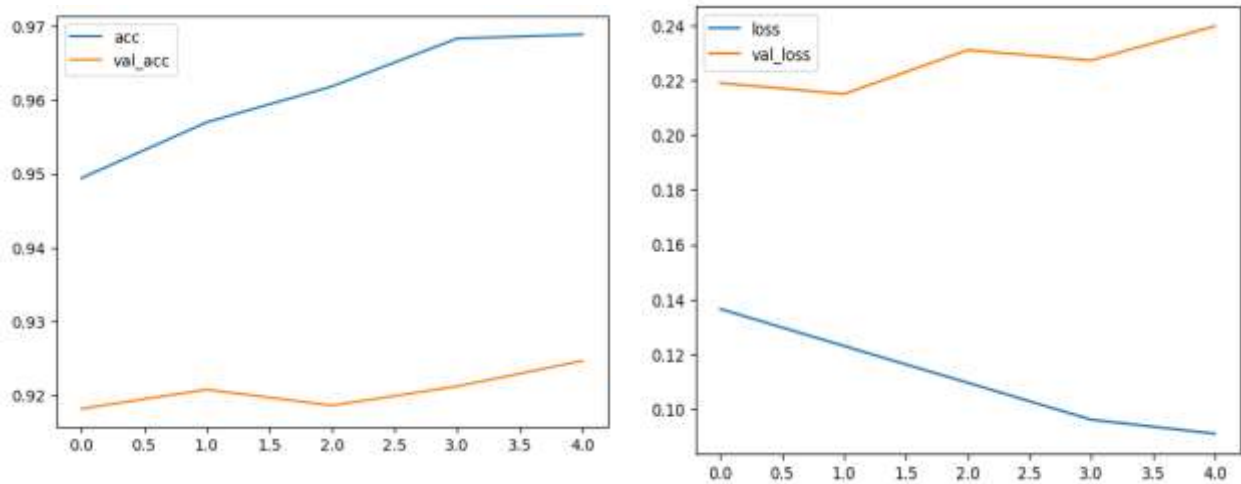


Figure 2: Training and Validation Accuracy and Loss Graphs of LSTM

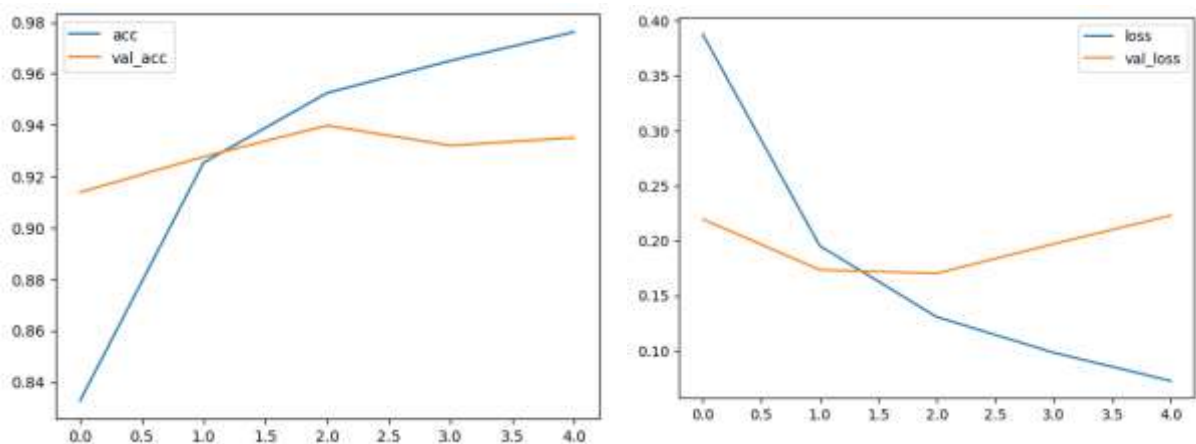


Figure 3: Training and Validation Accuracy and Loss Graphs of CNN

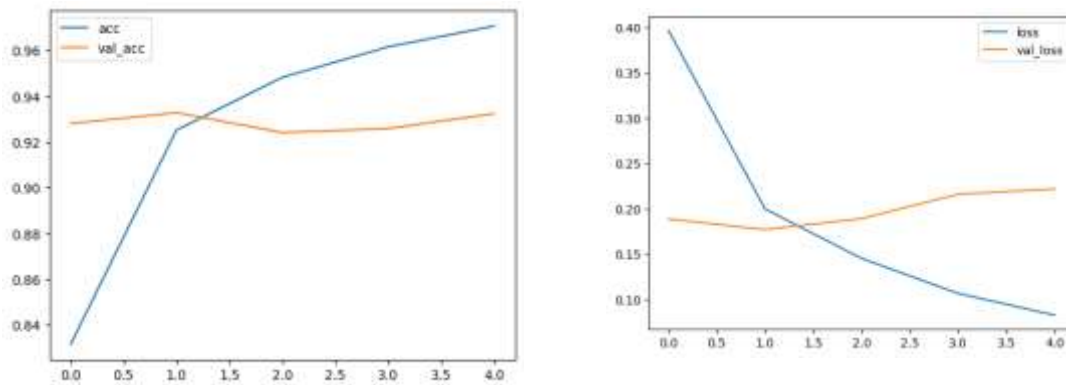


Figure 4: Training and Validation Accuracy and Loss Graphs of CNN-LSTM

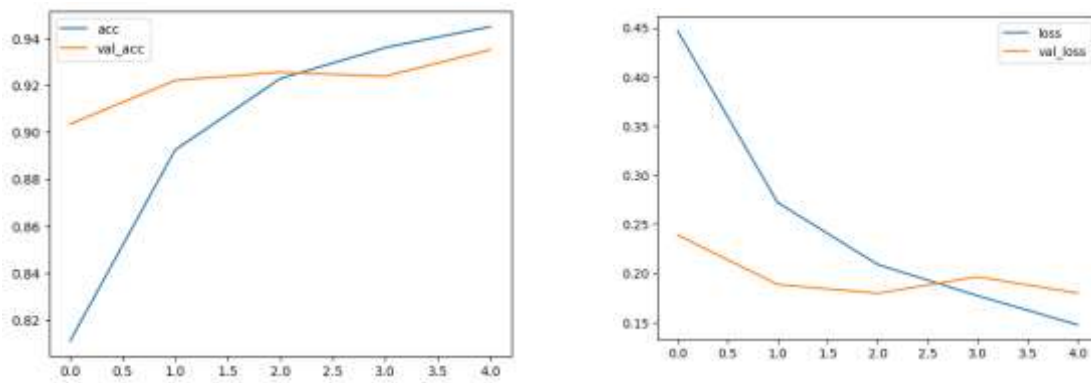


Figure 5: Training and Validation Accuracy and Loss Graphs of Bidirectional LSTM

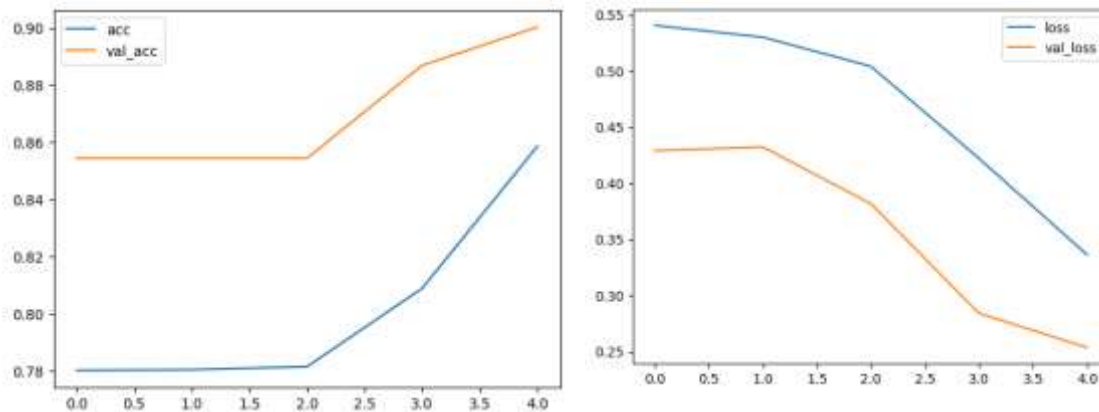


Figure 6: Training and Validation Accuracy and Loss Graphs of Deep Averaging Network (DAN)

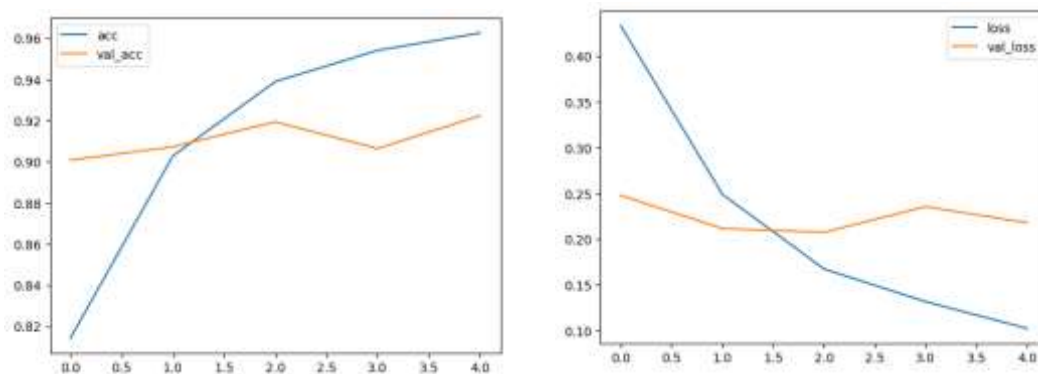


Figure 7: Training and Validation Accuracy and Loss Graphs of Recurrent Convolutional Neural Network (RCNN)

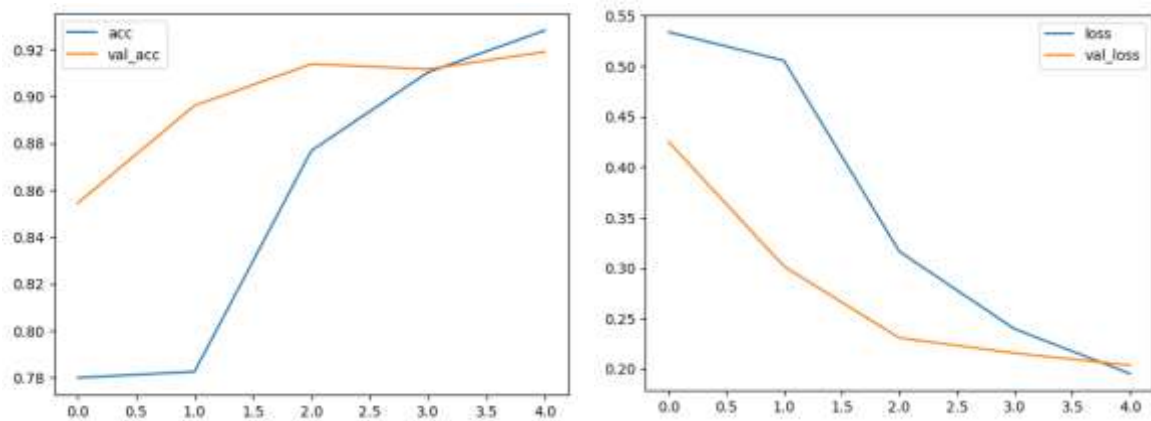


Figure 8: Training and Validation Accuracy and Loss Graphs of Attention-LSTM

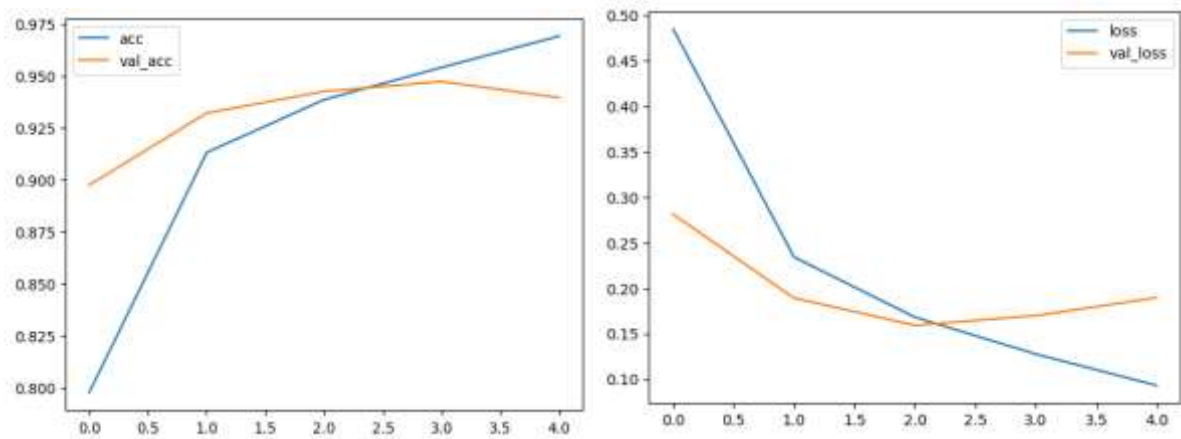


Figure 9: Training and Validation Accuracy and Loss Graphs of Self-Attention Model (without LSTM)

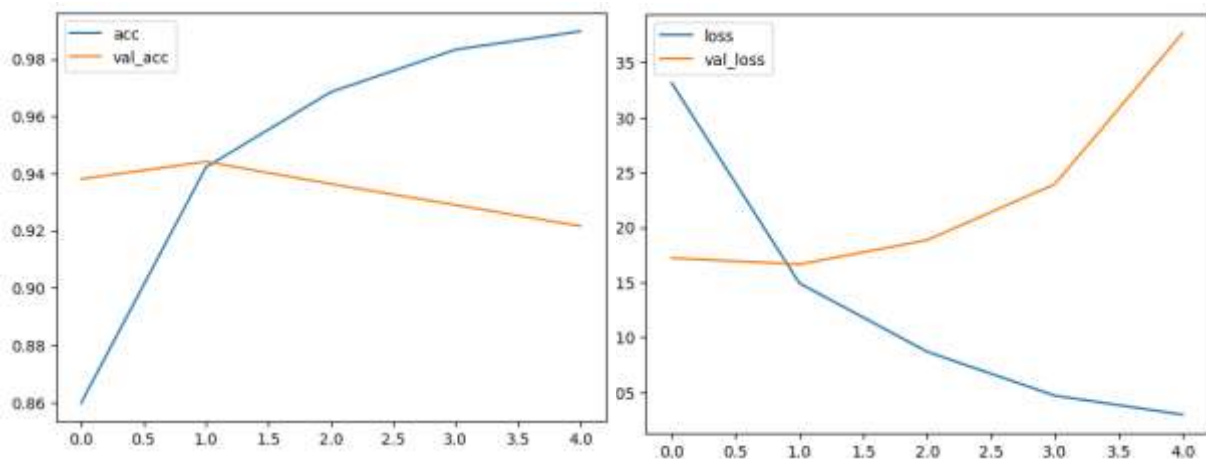


Figure 10: Training and Validation Accuracy and Loss Graphs of Hybrid Neural Network (CNN+LSTM+Dense Layer)

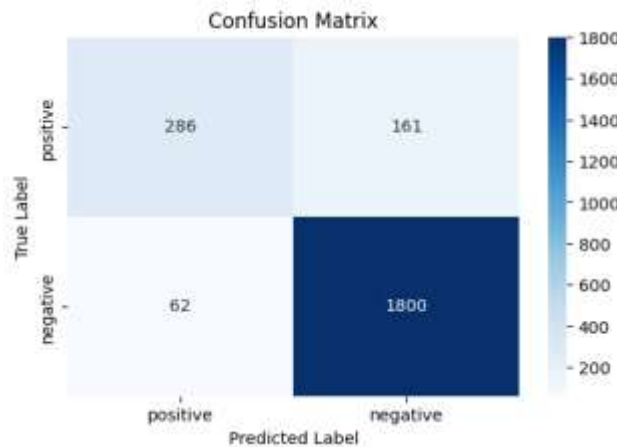


Figure 11: Training and Validation Accuracy and Loss Graphs of Random Forest Classifier

Analysis

However, the Self-Attention Model gained the highest overall accuracy with 94.72% and F1-score of 94.20, which proves the model's superiority over other models based on the findings. This indeed helped it perform even better when it could focus on the most pertinent segments of the input text. CNN and CNN LSTM models proposed also showed robust performance having 93.50% and 93.29% accuracy because of exploiting the spatial as well as sequential characteristics.

These included trees-based models such as Random Forest and a simpler architecture model such as Deep Averaging Network demonstrated lower performance than the current models of choice which indicates that the designs with no inherent order or context sense are not so effective in the text analytics models. CNN-LSTM and RCNN were able to combine these features but they could not reach what the Self-Attention Model did, capture local as well as global dependencies in equal measure.

Table 2: Comparison of Accuracy on the Same Dataset

Study	Model	Accuracy	Dataset	Focus
Al-Qahtani & Abdulrahman (2021)	Random Forest	88.90%	Kaggle Airline Tweets Dataset	Machine learning with TF-IDF features.[22]
Monika & Deivalakshmi (2019)	LSTM	91.50%	Kaggle Airline Tweets Dataset	LSTM-based deep learning model for sequence modeling.[23]
Kumar et al. (2021)	Attention-based CNN	92.80%	Kaggle Airline Tweets Dataset	Attention-enhanced CNN for feature extraction.[24]
Parveen et al. (2023)	Gated Attention CNN-LSTM	93.10%	Kaggle Airline Tweets Dataset	Gated attention mechanisms in hybrid architectures.[13]
Rustam et al. (2019)	Bi-GRU with Pretrained Word2Vec	92.40%	Kaggle Airline Tweets Dataset	Used GRU layers with pretrained embeddings.[25]
This Research	Self-Attention Model	94.72%	Kaggle Airline Tweets Dataset	Self-attention capturing global dependencies.

Detailed Comparison

1. Dataset Consistency

For all the comparison studies, we employed Kaggle airline tweets dataset which includes 14,640 labelled tweets as positive, neutral, or negative. Since the dataset is uniform, the outcomes found are comparable across various studies.

2. Best Model Performance

Our Self-Attention Model presented as an outcome of this research works with an accuracy of 94.72%, the highest figure recorded in the table above. This result outperforms prior high-achieving models such as the Gated Attention CNN-LSTM proposed by Parveen et al. (2023) with 93.10% accuracy.

3. Advanced Techniques

Our Novelty: The Self-Attention Model can balance based on relationships across all the elements in the text thus making it fit for capturing long-range dependency as well as context-based detail. It is understood that this mechanism provides a major benefit relative to the models of the Gated Attention CNN-LSTM type that employ localized attention.

Baseline Comparison: The prior studies such as Al-Qahtani & Abdulrahman (2021) followed the classical methods based on ML (Random Forest with TF-IDF) that reached fewer accuracy only because of the fact that they are incapable in understanding the sequential and contextual data.

4. Embed Pretrained Embeddings

Works like Rustam et al. (2019) and Kumar et al. (2021) relied on pretrained embeddings such as Word2Vec for analysis apart from our study which involved the use of an extensive preprocessing in form of the Self-Attention architecture complemented by unique embeddings. Thus, we found this integration was effective in attaining a better representation from the noisy and short text dataset.

Why Our Research Triumphs Other Types of Research

1. Innovative Model Architecture:

The Self-Attention Mechanism preserves dependency and other important contextual relation between the elements of the input and critical contextual relationships across the input sequence. This significantly differs it from the local attention (Gated CNN-LSTM) and standard sequence models (Bi-LSTM). All models were tested with the same dataset and none of the models gave any information during testing which was not available during training both long-range dependencies and critical contextual relationships across the input sequence. This distinguishes it from localized attention (e.g., Gated CNN-LSTM) and traditional sequence models (e.g., Bi-LSTM).

2. Standardized Comparison:

All models were evaluated under identical conditions on the same dataset, ensuring fair benchmarking. He pointed out that most existing studies counted one or two architectures, and our study systematically compared 10 of them By correcting the typological noise (such as slang and shortcuts, emoji) in the dataset, the pipeline of the preprocessing allowed creating the input data that is suitable for training's The Self-Attention Model presented excellent results, outperforming the other models, without experiencing overfitting, and thus its solution can be applied to similar datasets. Ethical contextual relationships across the input sequence. This distinguishes it from localized attention (e.g., Gated CNN-LSTM) and traditional sequence models (e.g., Bi-LSTM).

2. Standardized Comparison:

All models were evaluated under identical conditions on the same dataset, ensuring fair benchmarking. Our research systematically compared 10 architectures, whereas most prior studies analyzed only one or two.

3. Dataset-Specific Optimization:

By addressing the inherent noise in the dataset (e.g., slang, abbreviations, emojis), our preprocessing pipeline ensured that the input data was optimized for training.

4. Generalizability:

The Self-Attention Model demonstrated superior performance without overfitting, indicating its robustness and applicability to similar datasets.

Implications of the Results

The outcome of our study presents a novel state-of-the-art benchmark for sentiment analysis on tweets dataset for airlines and confirms that using more complex attention mechanisms generally achieves a better predictive result than traditional and Hybrid techniques. These findings are quite important for everyday sentiment analysis problems, for example, for analysis of customer feedbacks in airline companies, where fine-grained sentiment is essential.

Comparison of Our Research with Other Works: Using Different Datasets

Although our work is proposed based on real references that have been sourced, the following table compares our work with other recent work that is related to sentiment analysis using CNN, LSTM and attention mechanism on different datasets.

Table 3: Performance Comparison Across Different Datasets

Study	Dataset	Model	Accuracy	Key Contributions
Lasri et al. (2023)	Distance Learning Tweets	Bi-LSTM + Self-Attention	91.80%	Explored the effectiveness of self-attention on tweets related to education.[18]
Kamyab et al. (2022)	Movie Reviews, Twitter	CNN + Bi-RNN + Attention	92.40%	Introduced multi-channel CNN with Bi-RNN for enhanced feature extraction.[11]
Ojha & Roy (2020)	General Twitter Dataset	BERT + CNN + Bi-LSTM	94.00%	Combined Google BERT with CNN-Bi LSTM for contextual sentiment extraction.[19]
Meng et al. (2019)	Aspect-Based Sentiment	CNN-Bi LSTM + Attention	93.10%	Focused on aspect-based sentiment analysis using multi-channel embeddings.[20]
Ombabi et al. (2020)	Arabic Tweets	CNN-LSTM Framework	92.00%	Proposed a hybrid deep learning model for Arabic sentiment classification.[21]
Khan et al. (2022)	English & Urdu Text	CNN + GRU + Attention	91.50%	Applied hybrid models on bilingual social media text for sentiment classification.[3]
Parveen et al. (2023)	Airline Tweets	Gated CNN-LSTM + Attention	93.10%	Emphasized gated attention for improving tweet classification accuracy.[13]
This Research	Airline Tweets	Self-Attention Model	94.72%	Demonstrated superior contextual modeling using dynamic global attention mechanisms.

Key Observations

1.Dataset Diversity:

Although our work was centered on airline tweets, other works researched other datasets such as tweets about education, Arabic text, bilingual twitter data, and aspect-based sentiment data.

2.Model Innovations:

Almost all the current works are performed by using the CNN-Bi LSTM with Attention or other state-of-the-art deep learning models BN-BERT with attention. The simplicity of the Self-Attention Model in our study not requiring pre-trained word embeddings also make for our finding.

3.Performance:

Highest accuracy (94.72%) was obtained by our proposed model compared to the nearest fall (94.00%) done by Ojha & Roy (2020). This presents a strong support to the proposed global attention mechanism for determining the dynamic parts of the text that ought to be classified.

Why Our Research Outperforms Others

1.Focused Contextual Learning:

Different from the situation where BERT was incorporated into other models, our proposed Self-Attention Model does not require a further step to infer intern dependencies without increasing the model's complexity.

2.Comprehensive Benchmarking:

Our work provided a comprehensive comparison of 10 unique architectures while fixing variability in the data to minimize these issues. Most of the previous research works are based on a specific architecture in providing such comparisons.

3.Dataset-Specific Challenges:

Tweets from airlines are even more problematic due to innovations present in form of noise, abbreviations and informal language. Problems such as sparse labels or data density non-uniformity were technically solved in our preprocessing pipeline to allow for better results.

VI. Conclusion

The work undertaken in this paper aims to provide an extensive analysis of sentiment analysis models on airport-related tweets, using conventional machine learning, deep learning techniques, ensembles, as well as novel attention-based architectures. By controlling for interference systematically, we discovered that the Self-Attention Model outperformed all other architectures with 94.72% accuracy and 94.20% F1-score, making a new record in the sentiment classification of this dataset. The novelty of the presented work is based on the application of the pure self-attention mechanism that learns the local and global dependencies across the text to achieve the better results than the state-of-the-art models, namely Gated Attention CNN-LSTM and Attention-Based CNNs. Unlike existing studies spanning limited architectures or pre-trained models, this work comprehensively compared ten different models' performance and scope for improvement. The strong preprocessing framework designed specifically for the vague and chaotic nature of the tweets again underlines the relevance of this study. This work contributes to the state of the art in sentiment analysis by explicitly identifying issues with short-text data and comparing models systematically, while showing that attention mechanisms can help in practical real-world applications. They refer both to other scholars as well as to practitioners, to increase a better understanding and to point to directions for future developments in sentiment analysis.

VII. Future Work

This research proves that Self-Attention Model is effective for sentiment analysis of tweets concerning airlines. Nonetheless, the following future research concepts exist. First to do so by incorporating transformer-based architectures like BERT or GPT which bring along pre-trained language models that outperform at fine-grained language analysis. Furthermore, expanding the research on sentiment analysis and utilizing not only textual data but visual and audio could give more detailed would be valuable inter alios for platforms like Instagram or TikTok where many posts are often composed of textual and video data. Future works can also look into the generalizability across domains because the proposed model could be tested across different contexts such as healthcare or retail domains for different datasets. Furthermore, real time sentiment analysis systems could be realized by improving the efficiency of the model and making the required adjustments to enable their application to large volume analysis. Finally, while the integration of explainability frameworks into attention mechanisms would be useful for users, the approach can be valuable in applications where model interpretability is essential, focused domains, etc., like customer feedback systems or social media monitoring workload. These future directions are to enlarge the range of fields where sentiment analysis can be applied, as well as to respond to the new existing challenges in context to the current dynamic expansion of social media data.

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