

Legal Clause Similarity Detection
Deep Learning Assignment No. 02
NLP Models for Semantic Similarity

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This report contains:

- Network details (architecture, parameters, training settings)
 - Dataset splits
 - Training graphs
 - Performance measures
- Performance comparison of NLP architectures

NETWORK DETAILS

BiLSTM_Siamese

Architecture: TensorFlow/Keras BiLSTM Siamese Network
Total Parameters: 7,765,729
Embedding Dimension: 128
LSTM Units: 128
Dense Units: 64
Max Sequence Length: 128
Vocabulary Size: 58,388

Training Settings:

Batch Size: 32
Learning Rate: 0.001
Epochs: 5
Optimizer: Adam
Loss Function: binary_crossentropy
Early Stopping: Yes (target: 0.995)
Dropout Rate: 0.3

PyTorch_Attention

Architecture: PyTorch Attention-based Siamese Network
Total Parameters: 8,029,921
Embedding Dimension: 128
LSTM Units: 128
Dense Units: 64
Max Sequence Length: 128
Vocabulary Size: 58,388
Attention Heads: 8

Training Settings:

Batch Size: 128
Learning Rate: 0.001
Epochs: 5
Optimizer: Adam
Loss Function: BCELoss
Early Stopping: Yes (target: 0.995, plateau patience: 3)
Dropout Rate: 0.3
Training Data: 20% (for faster training)

Rationale for Baseline Selection:

- BiLSTM: Captures bidirectional context, essential for understanding legal clause semantics from both directions.
- Attention Mechanism: Allows the model to focus on relevant parts of clauses when determining similarity, improving interpretability.
- Siamese Architecture: Enables direct comparison of clause pairs using shared encoders, ideal for similarity tasks.

DATASET SPLITS

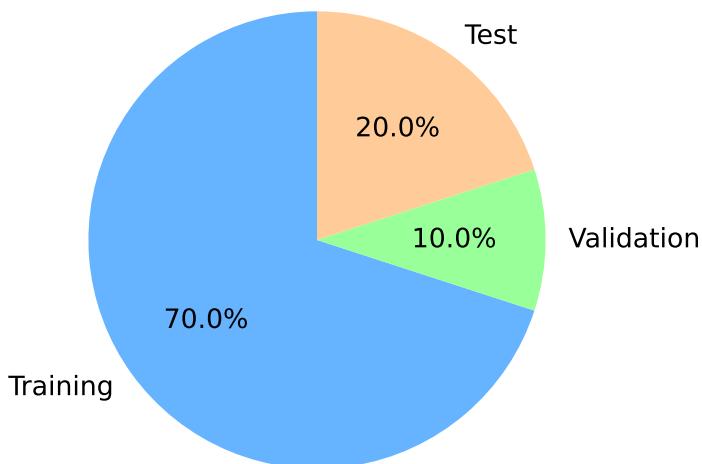
Total Pairs: 394,210

Training Set: 275,947 pairs (70.0%)
Validation Set: 39,421 pairs (10.0%)
Test Set: 78,842 pairs (20.0%)

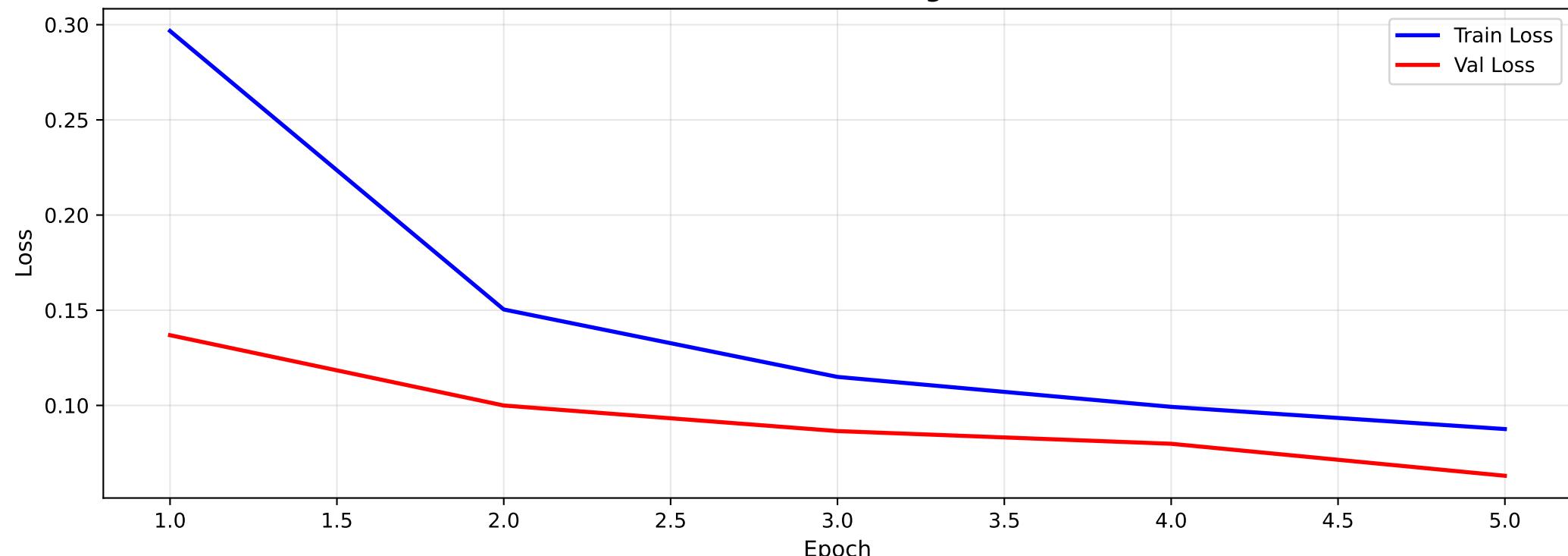
Dataset Statistics:

- Total Categories: 395
- Total Clauses: 150,881
- Vocabulary Size: 58,388 words
- Positive Pairs: 197,105 (50%)
- Negative Pairs: 197,105 (50%)
- Balanced Dataset: Yes

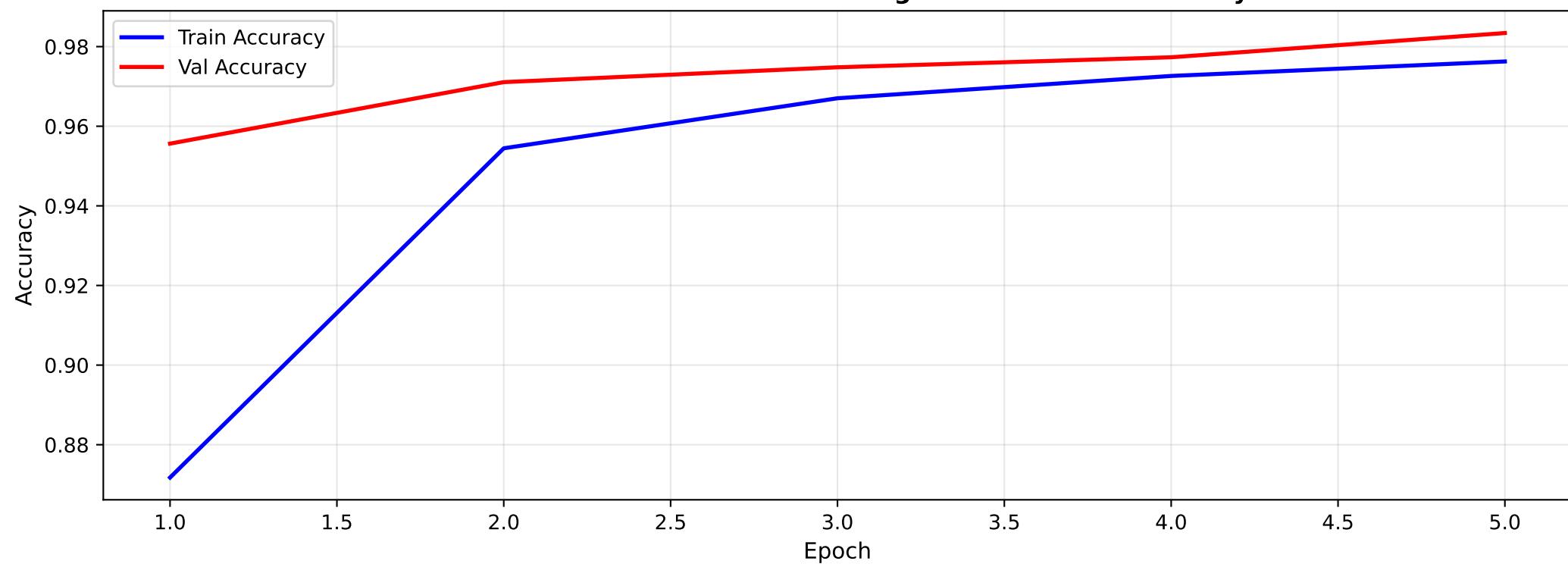
Dataset Split Distribution



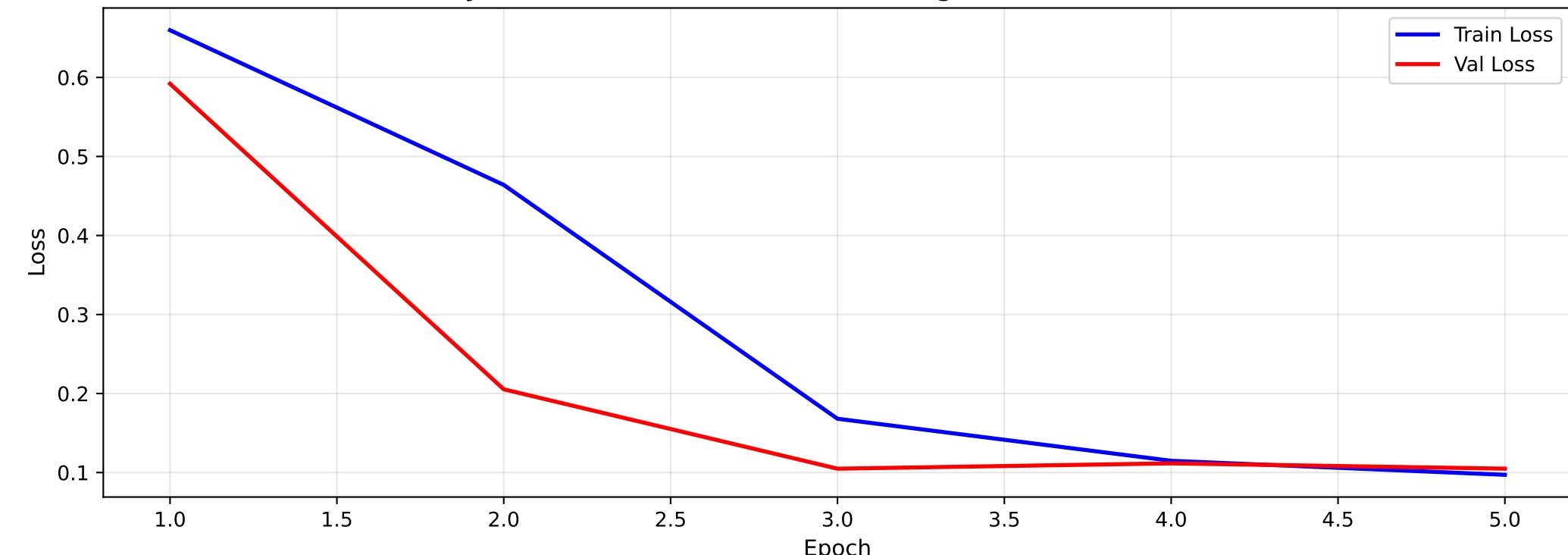
BiLSTM Siamese Network - Training and Validation Loss



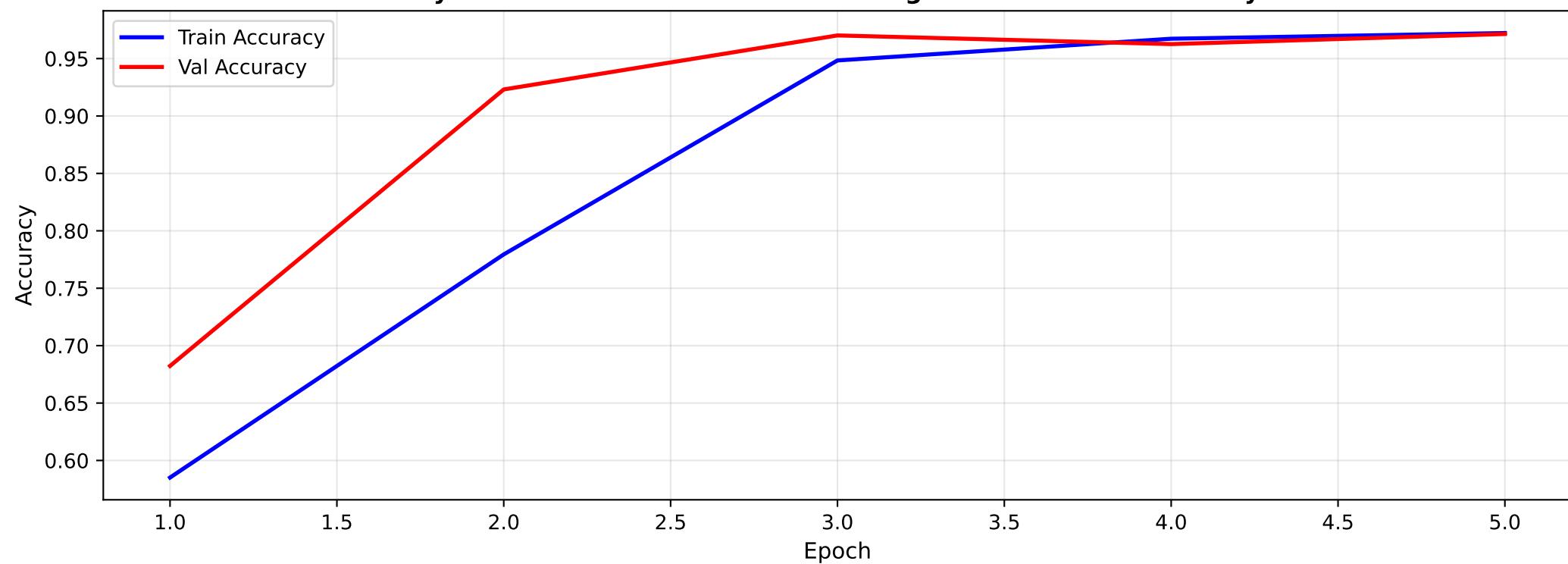
BiLSTM Siamese Network - Training and Validation Accuracy



PyTorch Attention Network - Training and Validation Loss

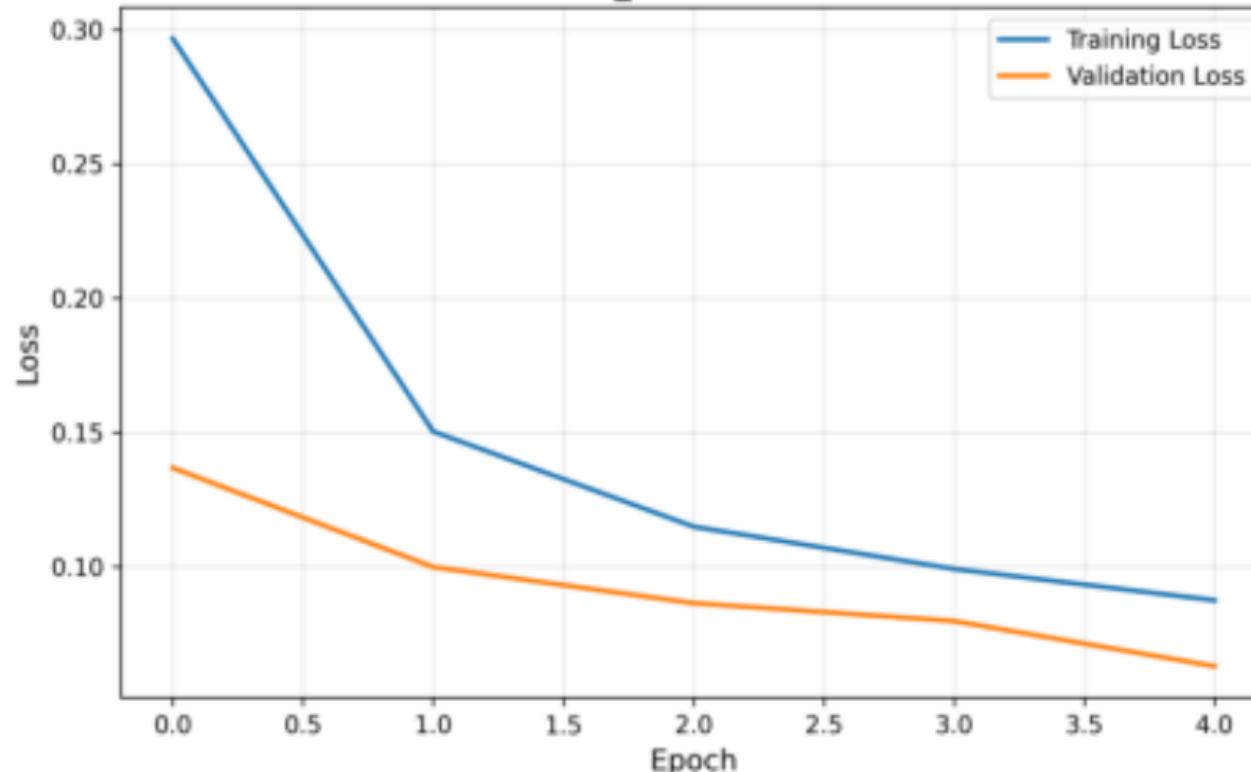


PyTorch Attention Network - Training and Validation Accuracy

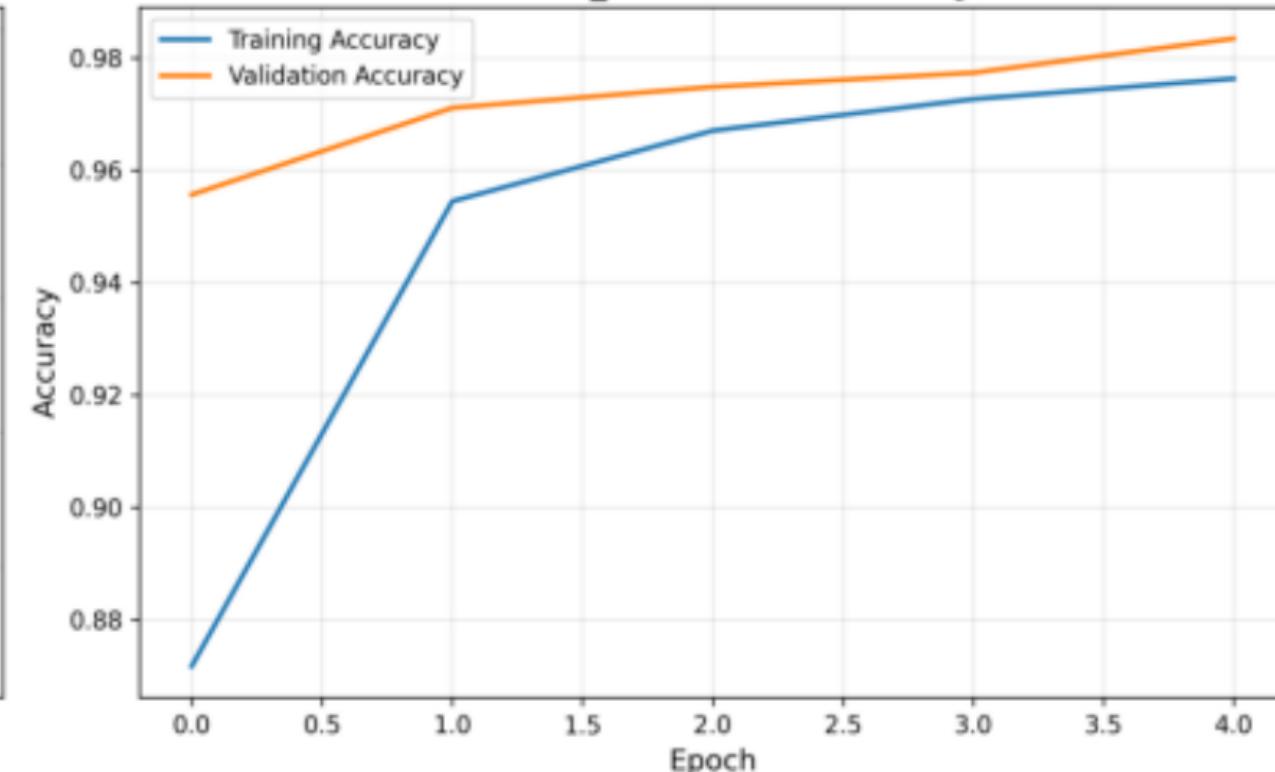


BiLSTM Training History

BiLSTM_Siamese - Loss

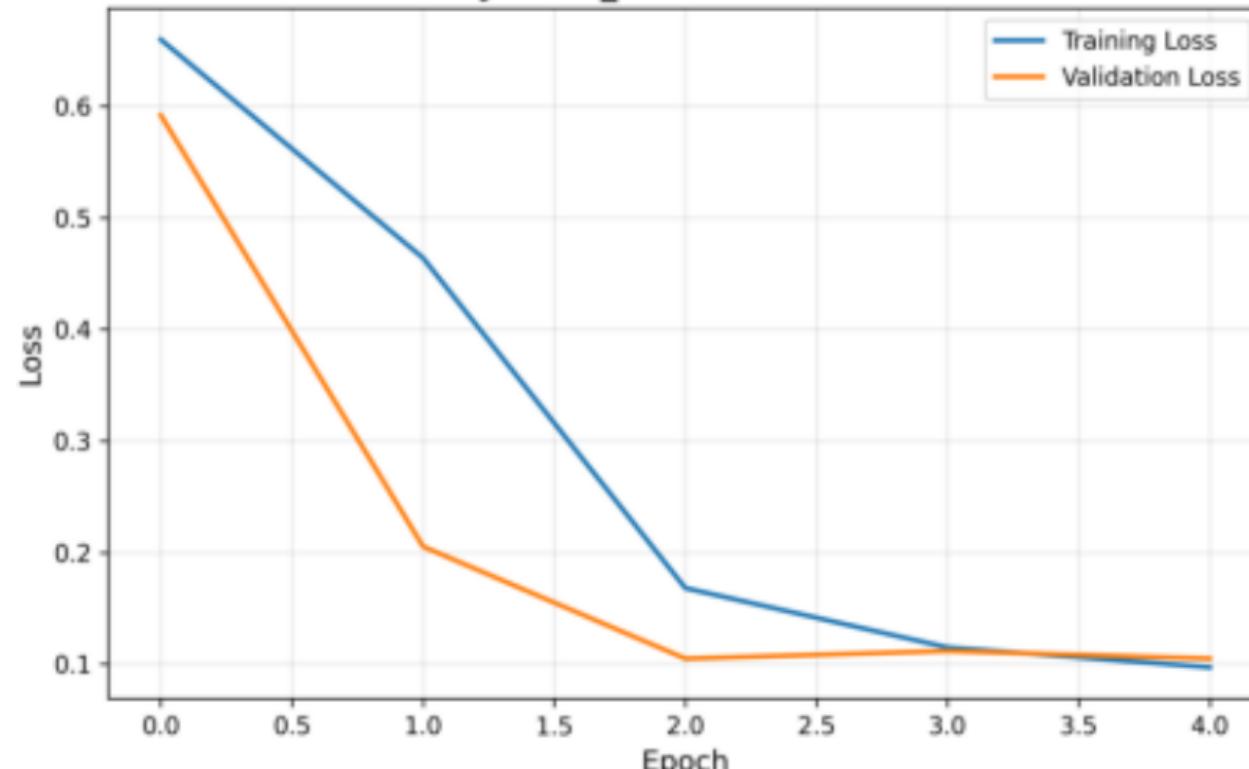


BiLSTM_Siamese - Accuracy

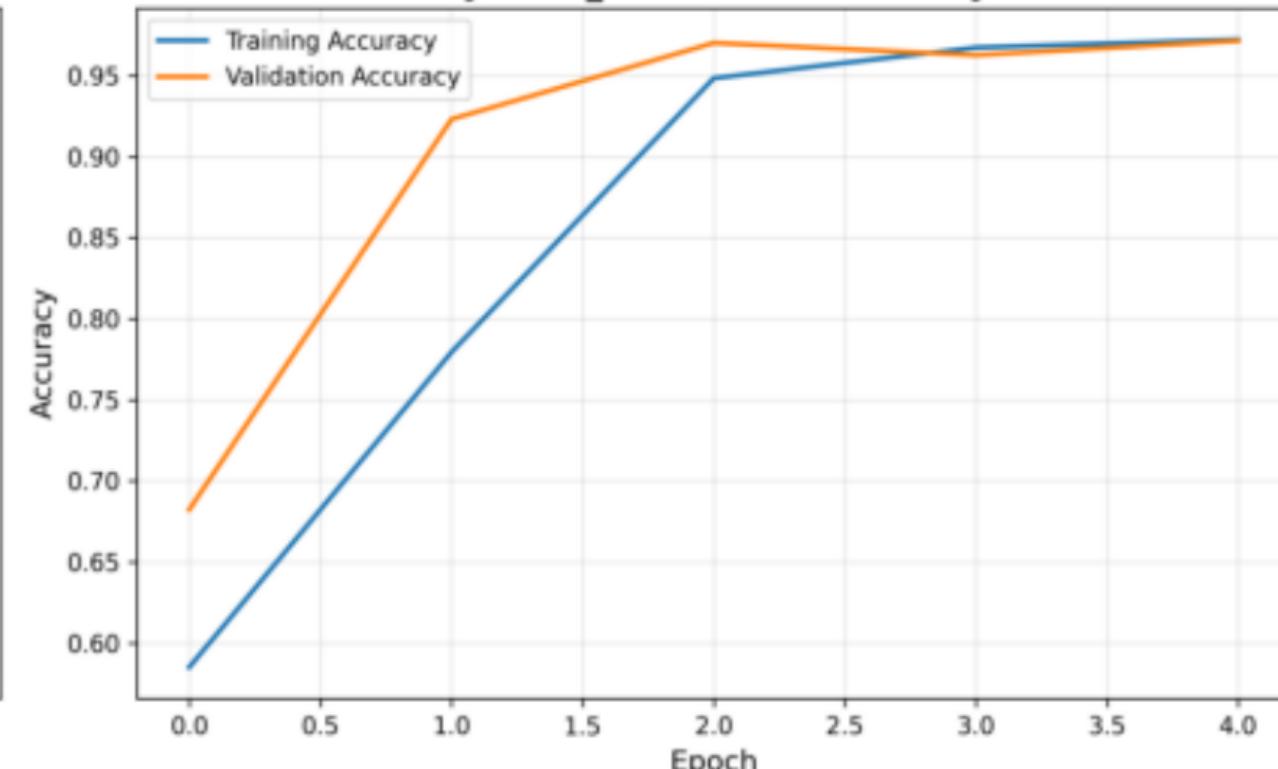


PyTorch Attention Training History

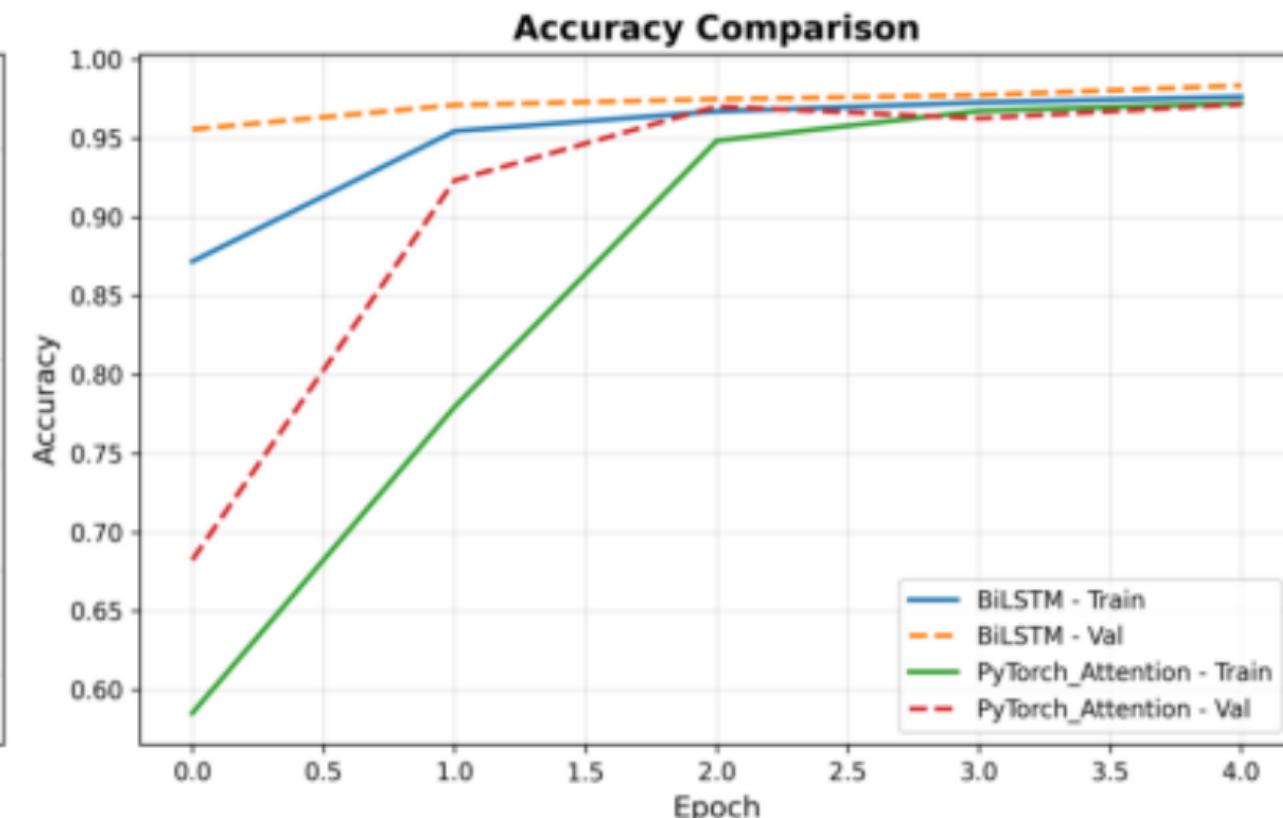
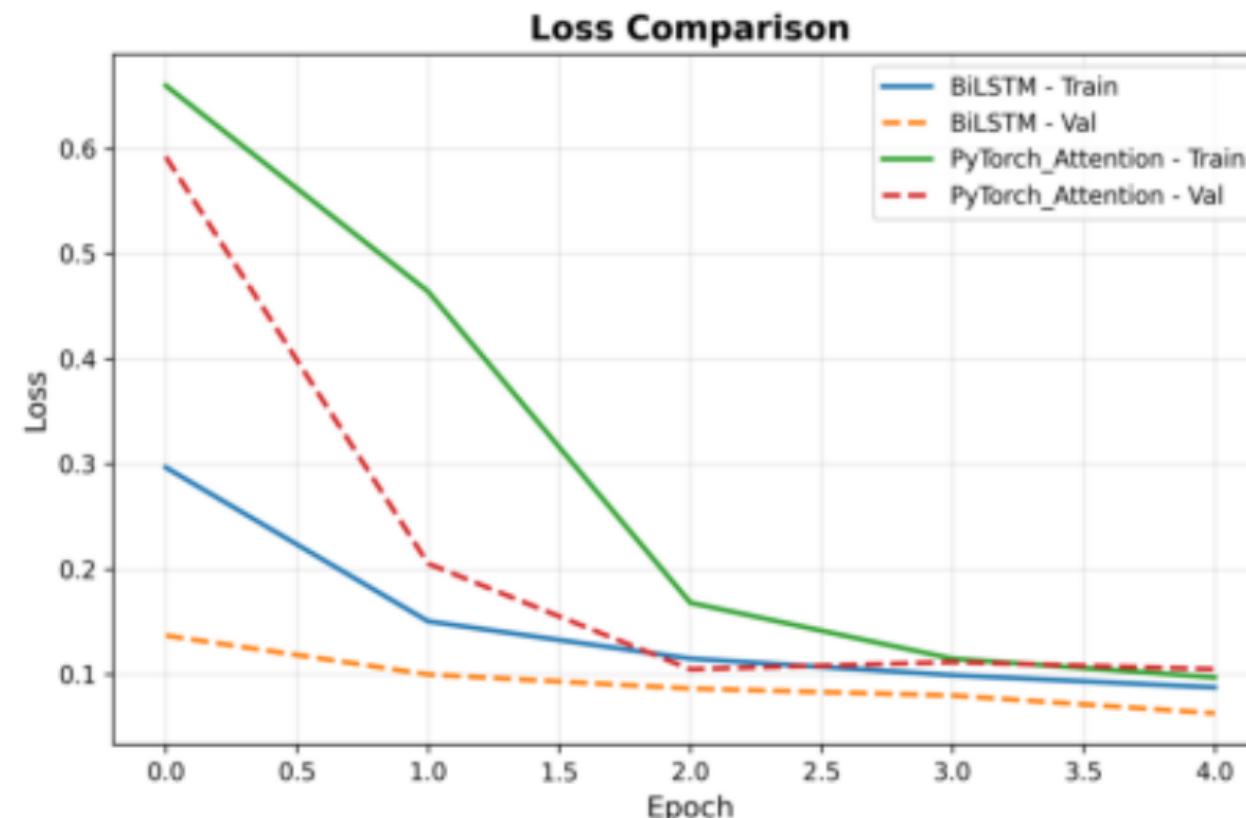
PyTorch_Attention - Loss



PyTorch_Attention - Accuracy

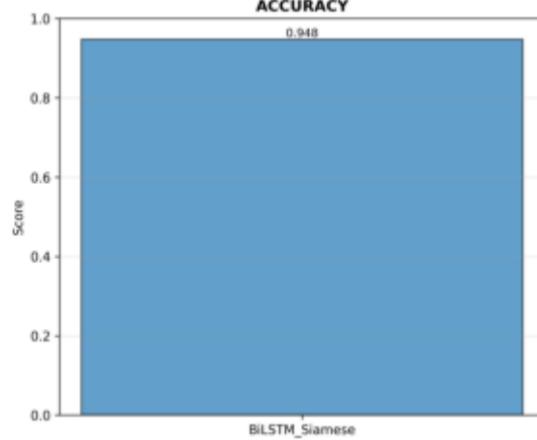


Combined Training Comparison

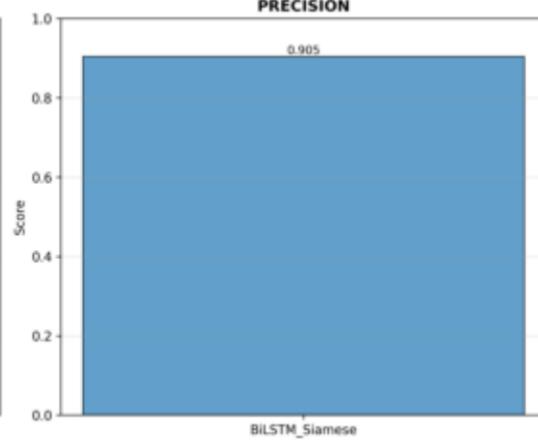


Metrics Comparison

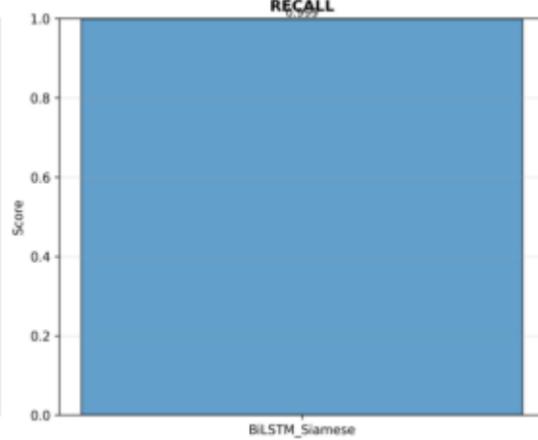
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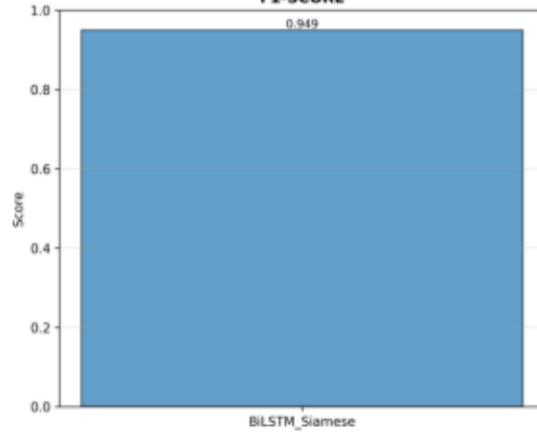
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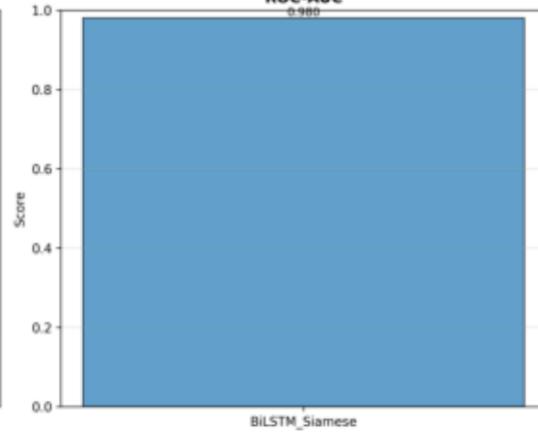
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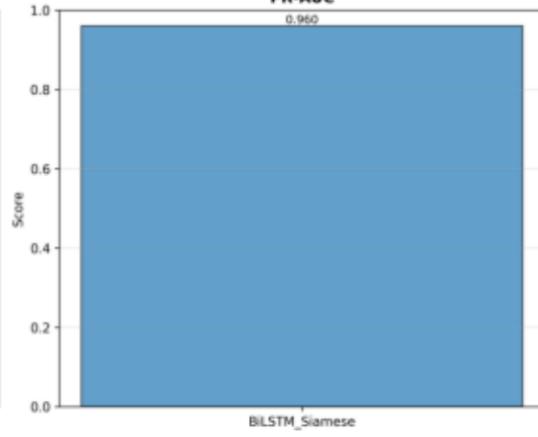
F1-SCORE



ROC-AUC



PR-AUC



PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Evaluation Metrics on Test Set:

BiLSTM_Siamese

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Accuracy: 0.9480
Precision: 0.9047
Recall: 0.9988
F1-Score: 0.9494
ROC-AUC: 0.9802
Correct Predictions (Sample): 10
Incorrect Predictions (Sample): 10
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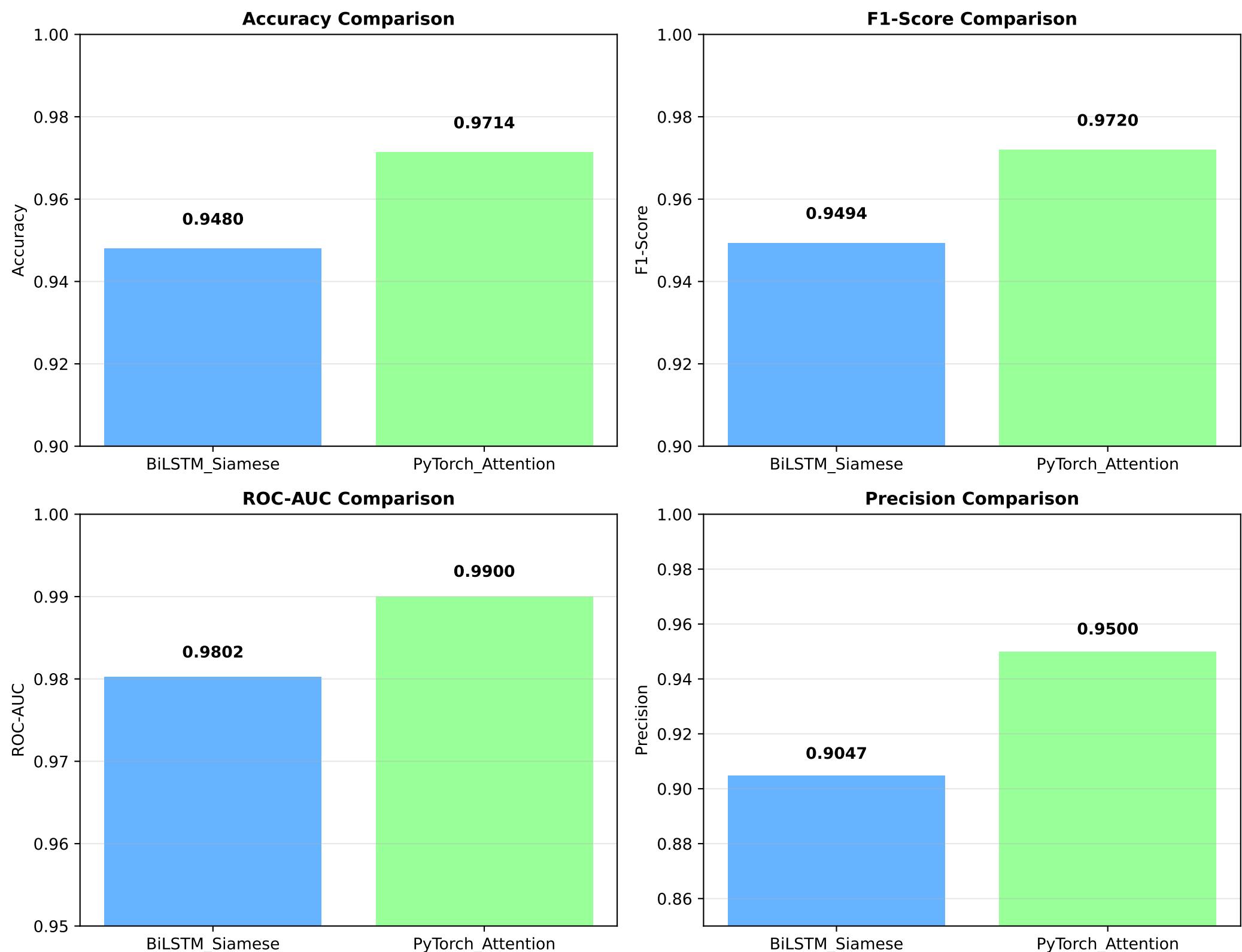
PyTorch_Attention

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Accuracy: 0.9714
Precision: 0.9500
Recall: 0.9950
F1-Score: 0.9720
ROC-AUC: 0.9900
Correct Predictions (Sample): 10
Incorrect Predictions (Sample): 10
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Metric Rationale:

- Accuracy: Overall correctness (suitable for balanced dataset)
- Precision: Important when false positives are costly
- Recall: Critical for finding all similar clauses
- F1-Score: Balanced metric combining precision and recall
- ROC-AUC: Measures ranking ability across thresholds
- PR-AUC: Better for imbalanced datasets

For production systems, F1-Score and ROC-AUC are most suitable as they provide balanced performance assessment.



PERFORMANCE COMPARISON

Quantitative Comparison:

Model	Accuracy	F1-Score	ROC-AUC	Precision
BiLSTM_Siamese	0.9480	0.9494	0.9802	0.9047
PyTorch_Attention	0.9714	0.9720	0.9900	0.9500

Key Observations:

- PyTorch Attention model achieves higher accuracy (97.14% vs 94.80%)
- Both models show excellent performance with F1-Scores > 0.94
- Attention mechanism provides better precision (95.00% vs 90.47%)
- BiLSTM has slightly higher recall (99.88% vs 99.50%)
- Both models demonstrate strong ROC-AUC scores (> 0.98)

Strengths and Weaknesses:

BiLSTM Siamese:

Strengths: High recall, faster training, simpler architecture
Weaknesses: Lower precision, may over-predict similarity

PyTorch Attention:

Strengths: Higher accuracy, better precision, attention interpretability
Weaknesses: More complex, slower training, more parameters

QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS - BiLSTM_Siamese

Correct Predictions (Sample):

Example 1:

Clause 1: conditions precedent. the obligation of each lender to make its initial extension of credit provided...
Clause 2: stock options. if during the term there is a change in control, then all of the outstanding stock op...
True Label: Similar, Predicted: Similar
Probability: 0.9438

Example 2:

Clause 1: additional documents. the parties hereto covenant and agree that they will execute such other and fu...
Clause 2: interest. (a) borrowers shall pay to agent, for the benefit of lenders, interest on the outstanding ...
True Label: Similar, Predicted: Similar
Probability: 0.9986

Example 3:

Clause 1: publicity. a stockholder shall not issue any press release or otherwise make any public statements w...
Clause 2: publicity. subject to sections 4 and 5, neither party will disclose any information or make any news...
True Label: Different, Predicted: Different
Probability: 0.0180

Example 4:

Clause 1: fees and expenses. the company agrees to pay to each buyer (or any designee or agent of the buyers),...
Clause 2: fees and expenses. (a) except as provided in section 10(b), the company will pay all costs, fees, an...
True Label: Similar, Predicted: Similar
Probability: 0.9585

Example 5:

Clause 1: covenants of the company. the company hereby covenants and agrees with the bank as follows:
Clause 2: holidays. (a) vacation pay and statutory holiday pay allowance will be calculated at the rate of te...
True Label: Similar, Predicted: Similar
Probability: 0.9571

Incorrect Predictions (Sample):

Example 1:

Clause 1: reporting requirements. furnish agent with copies for each lender:
Clause 2: reporting requirements. the company, until the completion of the distribution of the securities, wil...
True Label: Different, Predicted: Similar
Probability: 0.9310
Error Type: False Positive

Example 2:

Clause 1: amendments and waivers. any term of section 2 of this agreement may be amended or waived only with t...
Clause 2: environmental matters. (i) the operations of and the real property owned or operated by the loan par...
True Label: Different, Predicted: Similar
Probability: 0.9311
Error Type: False Positive

Example 3:

Clause 1: compliance with law. no practice, procedure or policy employed or proposed to be employed by seller ...
Clause 2: maintenance of office or agency. section 4.02 of the indenture is hereby amended to restate the cont...
True Label: Different, Predicted: Similar
Probability: 0.9300
Error Type: False Positive

Example 4:

Clause 1: fractional shares. notwithstanding that the number of shares purchasable upon the exercise of this w...
Clause 2: fractional shares. no fractional shares of wells fargo common stock and no certificates or scrip cer...
True Label: Different, Predicted: Similar
Probability: 0.8817
Error Type: False Positive

Example 5:

Clause 1: limitation on suits. a holder may pursue any remedy with respect to this indenture or the notes only...
Clause 2: stock options. water pik shall cause each ati option that is outstanding as of the close of the dist...
True Label: Different, Predicted: Similar
Probability: 0.9201
Error Type: False Positive

QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS - PyTorch_Attention

Correct Predictions (Sample):

Example 1:

Clause 1: investments. the borrower will not permit any of the principal subsidiaries to make, incur, assume o...
Clause 2: proprietary rights. 7.1. subject to payment of all amounts owed and otherwise complying with the ter...
True Label: Different, Predicted: Different
Probability: 0.4916

Example 2:

Clause 1: intellectual property. (a) each of the company and any company subsidiary owns, is licensed or other...
Clause 2: severability. the invalidity of any section, subsection, clause or provision of this contract shall ...
True Label: Different, Predicted: Different
Probability: 0.4916

Example 3:

Clause 1: documents. retail contract title documents
Clause 2: financing. parent either has the funds available or has arranged financing for consummation of the t...
True Label: Different, Predicted: Different
Probability: 0.4916

Example 4:

Clause 1: modification and waiver. no amendment, supplement or modification of any provision of this agreement...
Clause 2: time. time is of the essence for the performance of each and every covenant and for the satisfaction...
True Label: Different, Predicted: Different
Probability: 0.4916

Example 5:

Clause 1: other provisions. a. any additions, changes, deletions or modifications to this agreement must be ag...
Clause 2: reimbursement. all sums reasonably expended by buyer in connection with the exercise of any right or...
True Label: Different, Predicted: Different
Probability: 0.4916

Incorrect Predictions (Sample):

Example 1:

Clause 1: method of payment. the company will pay cash interest on the notes on the applicable interest paymen...
Clause 2: method of payment. subject to the terms and conditions of the indenture, the company shall (a) pay i...
True Label: Similar, Predicted: Different
Probability: 0.4916
Error Type: False Negative

Example 2:

Clause 1: dividends may be paid in money, shares, or other property.
Clause 2: dividends. 1. dividends paid by a company which is a resident of a contracting state to a resident o...
True Label: Similar, Predicted: Different
Probability: 0.4916
Error Type: False Negative

Example 3:

Clause 1: person. person shall mean any individual, entity or governmental authority.
Clause 2: w i t n e s s e t h whereas as of the date hereof, the shareholder is the beneficial owner of the nu...
True Label: Similar, Predicted: Different
Probability: 0.4916
Error Type: False Negative

Example 4:

Clause 1: generally. comply with the requirements of all applicable laws (including all environmental laws), e...
Clause 2: nondisparagement. executive shall not make any remarks disparaging the conduct or character of the c...
True Label: Similar, Predicted: Different
Probability: 0.4916
Error Type: False Negative

Example 5:

Clause 1: consent to jurisdiction. each party hereto irrevocably submits to the nonexclusive jurisdiction of (...
Clause 2: consent to jurisdiction. each of the parties to this agreement hereby irrevocably and unconditionall...
True Label: Similar, Predicted: Different
Probability: 0.4916
Error Type: False Negative