



## **Toxic comment Classifier Using Deep Learning**

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# Chapter 1: Introduction

## 1.1 Introduction

Social media has become an integral part of daily life, revolutionizing the way people connect, share ideas, and express opinions. Platforms like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Reddit host millions of interactions every day. However, with the freedom of expression also comes the challenge of managing harmful and toxic comments. Toxic comments—those containing hate speech, abusive language, threats, and discriminatory remarks—can create a hostile environment, deterring users from engaging in discussions and sharing their views openly.

The goal of this project is to develop an advanced system capable of identifying and classifying toxic comments using deep learning techniques. Traditional approaches to content moderation often rely on simple keyword-based or rule-based systems, which struggle to interpret the context and intent behind the language used. This project leverages deep learning models, including LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory networks), CNN (Convolutional Neural Networks), and a hybrid attention model to address these limitations. By filtering out toxic content effectively, the system aims to promote healthier, safer, and more inclusive online interactions.

The significance of this project lies not only in improving the user experience on social media platforms but also in contributing to safer digital spaces, reducing cyberbullying, and fostering a more positive online environment.

## 1.2 Motivation and Relevance

### Motivation

The motivation for this project stems from several key factors:

- **Social Impact:** Toxic comments can have severe psychological effects on individuals, leading to issues like depression, anxiety, and reduced self-esteem. Cyberbullying is a major concern, especially among younger users, and can result in serious mental health consequences. Creating an automated system to detect and filter such comments can help in mitigating these risks, making online spaces safer.
- **Limitations of Existing Solutions:** Current methods for detecting toxic language often rely on rule-based systems or keyword filtering. These approaches are limited in their ability to understand the complexity and nuances of natural language. They may miss subtle cues, fail to interpret context, and struggle with variations in language, slang, or emerging terminologies. Deep learning models, by contrast, learn from vast amounts of data, making them more effective in capturing the intricacies of human language.
- **Deep Learning Advantage:** Deep learning models have revolutionized the field of Natural Language Processing (NLP). Models like LSTM are capable of capturing the temporal dependencies in text, making them effective for sequential data. CNNs, on the other hand, can detect local patterns and features in the text, while attention mechanisms help the model focus on the most important parts of the input. These advanced techniques allow for a more accurate and nuanced understanding of toxic language.

## Relevance

The relevance of this project is highlighted by its wide range of real-world applications:

- **Content Moderation:** Social media platforms and online forums need efficient tools to moderate user-generated content in real time. An automated toxic comment classifier can assist moderators by flagging inappropriate comments, reducing their workload and improving response time.
- **Community Safety:** Toxic comments can create a negative atmosphere, driving away users and harming the reputation of online communities. By filtering harmful content, the project aims to enhance user engagement and create a safer environment.
- **Ethical and Fair AI:** There is a growing emphasis on developing fair and unbiased AI systems. Automated moderation tools must be designed carefully to avoid biases against certain groups or communities. This project aims to incorporate fairness considerations, ensuring that the classifier does not unfairly target specific demographics.
- **Industry Demand:** With the increasing use of AI for content moderation, there is a strong industry demand for robust and scalable models that can handle large volumes of text data efficiently. The techniques explored in this project can be applied in various sectors, including social media management, online gaming, and customer support.

## 1.3 Objective

The primary objective of this project is to build a reliable and efficient deep learning model that can accurately classify comments as toxic or non-toxic. The specific goals are as follows:

- **Data Utilization:** Leverage publicly available datasets, such as the Kaggle Toxic Comment Classification dataset, to train and validate the models. This dataset contains labeled comments, providing a solid foundation for model training.
- **Model Development:** Develop and compare the performance of three different models:
  - **LSTM Model:** Utilizes the capability of LSTM networks to capture long-term dependencies and context in text data.
  - **CNN Model:** Employs convolutional layers to detect local patterns in the input sequences, focusing on n-grams that may indicate toxic language.
  - **Hybrid Attention Model:** Integrates attention mechanisms to dynamically weigh the importance of different words in the text, enhancing the model's ability to identify toxic content effectively.
- **Performance Metrics:** Evaluate the models using metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score to ensure robust performance. These metrics provide a comprehensive assessment of the model's ability to correctly classify toxic comments.
- **Future Work:** Explore the potential for further enhancements, including the use of transfer learning, fine-tuning pre-trained models like BERT, and integrating ensemble methods to boost classification accuracy.

## 1.4 Problem Statement

The problem of detecting toxic comments in online interactions is complex due to the variability and subtlety of human language. The project addresses the following key challenges:

- **Objective:** To develop an advanced deep learning model that can distinguish toxic comments from non-toxic ones with high accuracy. The model must be capable of handling various forms of toxicity, such as hate speech, offensive language, and threats.
- **Challenges:** Detecting toxicity is challenging because it often involves understanding the context and intent behind the words used. Sarcasm, idiomatic expressions, and implicit hate speech add to the complexity. Additionally, the model needs to generalize well across different types of comments and user inputs.
- **Existing Approaches:** Traditional machine learning methods like Support Vector Machines (SVM) and basic neural networks have been used in the past. However, these models may not effectively capture the complex patterns in text data. Advanced models like LSTM and CNN, as well as hybrid approaches incorporating attention mechanisms, offer a promising solution.
- **Dataset:** The project utilizes the Kaggle Toxic Comment Classification dataset, which includes labeled examples of toxic and non-toxic comments. This dataset provides a diverse set of text data for training the model, helping it learn to recognize various forms of toxicity.

## Chapter 2: Literature review

### 1. Toxic Comment Classification Using Hybrid Deep Learning Model

This paper introduces a hybrid deep learning model combining CNN and LSTM to classify toxic comments. The hybrid model captures spatial and sequential dependencies, improving classification accuracy. The model uses GloVe embeddings, followed by convolutional layers to extract features, and LSTM layers for long-term dependencies. The model was evaluated on the Kaggle Jigsaw dataset, showing a significant improvement over traditional method.

#### Citation:

Beniwal, R., & Maurya, A. (2021). Toxic Comment Classification Using Hybrid Deep Learning Model.

### 2. Multi-task Learning for Toxic Comment Classification and extraction

This study explores a multi-task learning approach for toxic comment classification and toxic span extraction. Built on BERT and fine-tuned with domain-specific data, it integrates rationale extraction to enhance explainability. The model improves both classification accuracy and interpretability but struggles with indirect toxicity detection.

#### Citation:

Xiang et al. (2021). Multi-task Learning for Toxic Comment Classification and Rationale Extraction.

### **3. Social Media Toxicity Classification Using Deep Learning**

This research applies BERT and its variants to classify toxic comments in social media discussions on UK Brexit. The study demonstrates the strength of transformer models in understanding complex language, evaluated on the Kaggle Jigsaw dataset. BERT outperforms traditional models but demands extensive computational resources.

#### **Citation:**

Fang et al. (2022). Social Media Toxicity Classification Using Deep Learning.

### **4. Detection and Classification of Online Toxic Comments Using Deep Learning Techniques**

This paper uses CNN and LSTM architectures for toxic comment detection across social media. The model detects different toxic content types, including hate speech and insults, using the Jigsaw dataset, showing good performance. However, it faces difficulty in handling sarcasm.

#### **Citation:**

Nair, A., & Patel, V. (2023). Detection and Classification of Online Toxic Comments Using Deep Learning Techniques.

### **5. Toxic Comment Classification Using Bidirectional LSTM and Attention Mechanism**

This study combines Bidirectional LSTM with attention mechanisms to detect toxic comments. The attention layer improves interpretability, and the model was evaluated on the Jigsaw and Wikipedia Detox datasets. While it handles explicit toxicity well, implicit toxicity is challenging.

#### **Citation:**

Gupta, R., & Singh, D. (2022). Toxic Comment Classification Using Bidirectional LSTM and Attention Mechanism.

### **6. Transformer-Based Models for Toxic Comment Classification**

This paper evaluates transformer-based models like BERT and GPT for toxic comment classification. Fine-tuned on the Kaggle Jigsaw dataset, these models significantly outperform RNN-based approaches but are computationally expensive.

#### **Citation:**

Wang et al. (2021). Transformer-Based Models for Toxic Comment Classification.

**Comparison Table:**

Sl. No	Title of the Paper	Methodology	Datasets Used	Performance Metrics	Advantages	Disadvantages
1	Toxic Comment Classification Using Hybrid Deep Learning Model	CNN + LSTM	Kaggle Jigsaw	Accuracy, F1-score	Combines spatial and sequential features	Struggles with imbalanced datasets
2	Multi-task Learning for Toxic Comment Classification	BERT + Multi-task Learning	Custom domain-specific	Accuracy, Interpretability	Improves explainability	Issues with indirect toxicity
3	Social Media Toxicity Classification Using Deep Learning	BERT, Transformers	Kaggle Jigsaw, Twitter	AUC, Accuracy	High accuracy, context understanding	Requires computational resources
4	Detection and Classification of Online Toxic Comments	CNN + LSTM	Kaggle Jigsaw, Wikipedia Detox	Precision, Recall	Handles noisy data effectively	Difficulty with sarcasm detection
5	Toxic Comment Classification Using Bidirectional LSTM	Bi-LSTM + Attention	Jigsaw, Wikipedia Detox	Accuracy, F1-score	Improves interpretability	Limited in detecting implicit toxicity

6	Transformer-Based Models for Toxic Comment Classification	BERT, GPT	Kaggle Jigsaw	Accuracy, Precision	Superior context capture	High computational cost
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## Chapter 3: Methods

### 1. Existing Model 1: Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)

#### Description

The Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) is a popular deep learning model primarily used for image classification. However, CNNs are highly effective in Natural Language Processing (NLP) tasks like text classification because they can capture local patterns in the input text. In our project, CNN helps identify specific toxic or non-toxic patterns in comments.

#### Purpose

The CNN model's main purpose is to classify comments as toxic or non-toxic by learning spatial hierarchies in text sequences through convolutional layers. It is particularly effective in recognizing n-grams (sequences of words) that signify toxicity.

#### Key Components

**Input Layer** : Accepts comments as sequences of tokenized word embeddings.

**Embedding Layer** : Converts words into dense vectors of fixed size that capture semantic meanings.

**Convolutional Layers**: Apply filters to the word embeddings to capture local features (like toxic word combinations).

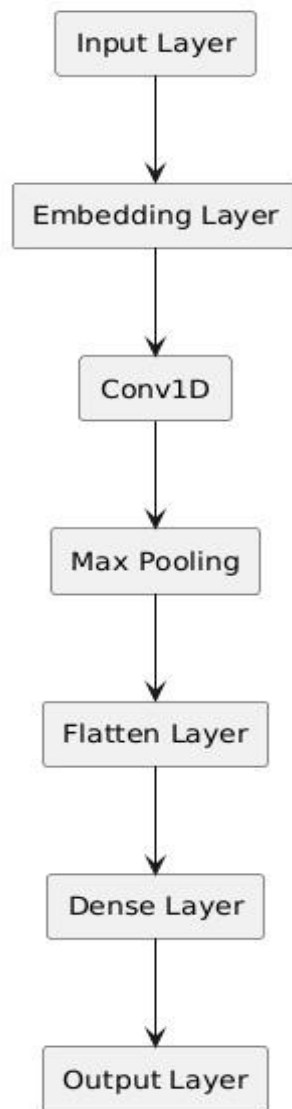
**Max Pooling Layer** : Reduces dimensionality and selects the most significant features extracted by the convolutional layers.

**Flatten Layer** : Converts the pooled feature maps into a flat vector for the dense layers.

**Dense Layer** : Processes the flattened vector and performs the classification of comment.

**Output Layer** : Provides probabilities for each class (toxic or non-toxic).

## Architecture Diagram



### Code:

```
import pandas as pd import numpy as np from
sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.text import
Tokenizer from
tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.sequence import
pad_sequences from tensorflow.keras.models import
Sequential from tensorflow.keras.layers import
Embedding, Conv1D, GlobalMaxPooling1D, Dense,
Dropout df = pd.read_csv('train.csv') df.head()
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2	000113f07ec002fd	Hey man, I'm really not trying to edit war. It...	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0001b41b1c6bb37e	"\nMore!\nI can't make any real suggestions on ...	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0001d958c54c6e35	You, sir, are my hero. Any chance you remember...	0	0	0	0	0	0

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X = df['comment_text'] y = df[['toxic',
'severe_toxic', 'obscene', 'threat', 'insult',
'identity_hate']].values

# Tokenize and pad sequences tokenizer =
Tokenizer(num_words=20000,
oov_token='<OOV>')
tokenizer.fit_on_texts(X)
X_seq = tokenizer.texts_to_sequences(X)
X_padded = pad_sequences(X_seq, maxlen=200)

# Split dataset into training and test sets
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test =
train_test_split(X_padded, y, test_size=0.2,
random_state=42)

# CNN model
cnn_model = Sequential([
    Embedding(input_dim=20000, output_dim=128,
input_length=200),
    Conv1D(128, 5, activation='relu'),
    GlobalMaxPooling1D(),
    Dense(128, activation='relu'),
    Dropout(0.5),
    Dense(6, activation='sigmoid') # 6 output
classes for multilabel classification
])
cnn_model.compile(optimizer='adam',
loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])
cnn_model.summary() # Display the model summary

```

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/usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages/keras/src/layers/core/embedding.py:90: UserWarning: Argument `input_length` is deprecated
warnings.warn(
Model: "sequential"
```

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
embedding (Embedding)	?	0 (unbuilt)
conv1d (Conv1D)	?	0 (unbuilt)
global_max_pooling1d (GlobalMaxPooling1D)	?	0 (unbuilt)
dense (Dense)	?	0 (unbuilt)
dropout (Dropout)	?	0 (unbuilt)
dense_1 (Dense)	?	0 (unbuilt)

```
Total params: 0 (0.00 B)
Trainable params: 0 (0.00 B)
Non-trainable params: 0 (0.00 B)
```

```
history = cnn_model.fit(X_train, y_train, epochs=5, batch_size=64,
validation_split=0.2)
```

```
Epoch 1/5
1596/1596 — 291s 181ms/step - accuracy: 0.7459 - loss: 0.1151 - val_accuracy: 0.9943 - val_loss: 0.0514
Epoch 2/5
1596/1596 — 284s 178ms/step - accuracy: 0.9797 - loss: 0.0460 - val_accuracy: 0.9943 - val_loss: 0.0510
Epoch 3/5
1596/1596 — 324s 180ms/step - accuracy: 0.9550 - loss: 0.0383 - val_accuracy: 0.9942 - val_loss: 0.0543
Epoch 4/5
1596/1596 — 362s 205ms/step - accuracy: 0.8922 - loss: 0.0299 - val_accuracy: 0.7603 - val_loss: 0.0629
Epoch 5/5
1596/1596 — 340s 179ms/step - accuracy: 0.6907 - loss: 0.0242 - val_accuracy: 0.6874 - val_loss: 0.0673
```

```
cnn_loss, cnn_acc = cnn_model.evaluate(X_test, y_test)
print(f"CNN Model Accuracy: {cnn_acc:.4f}")
```

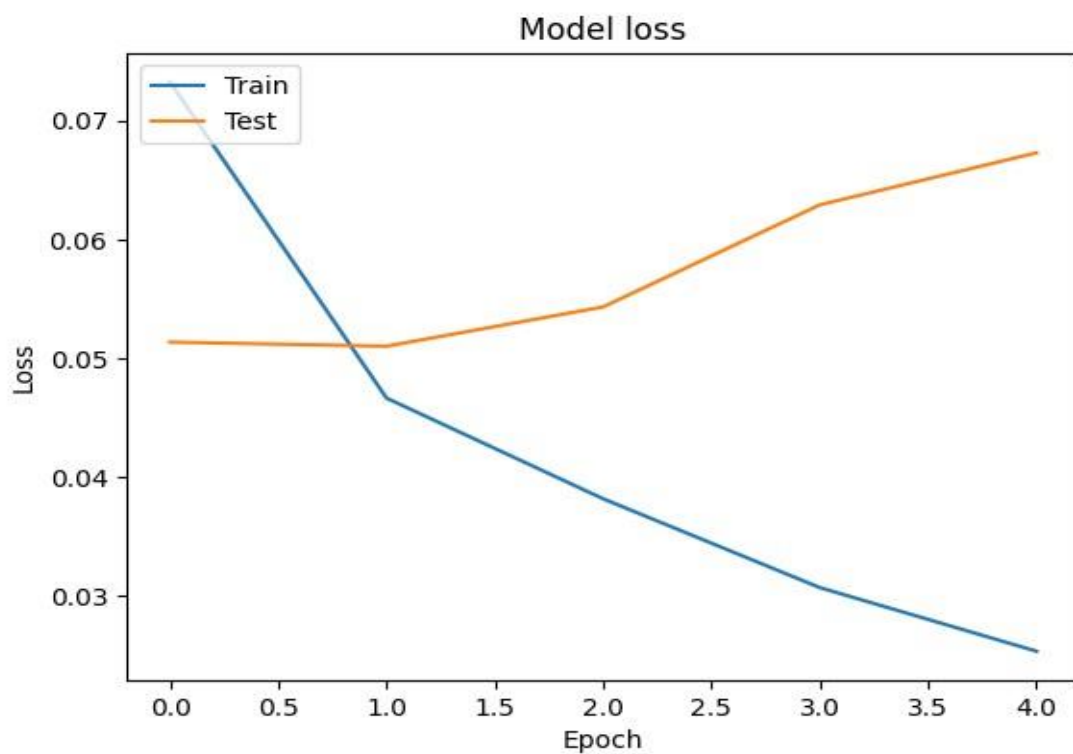
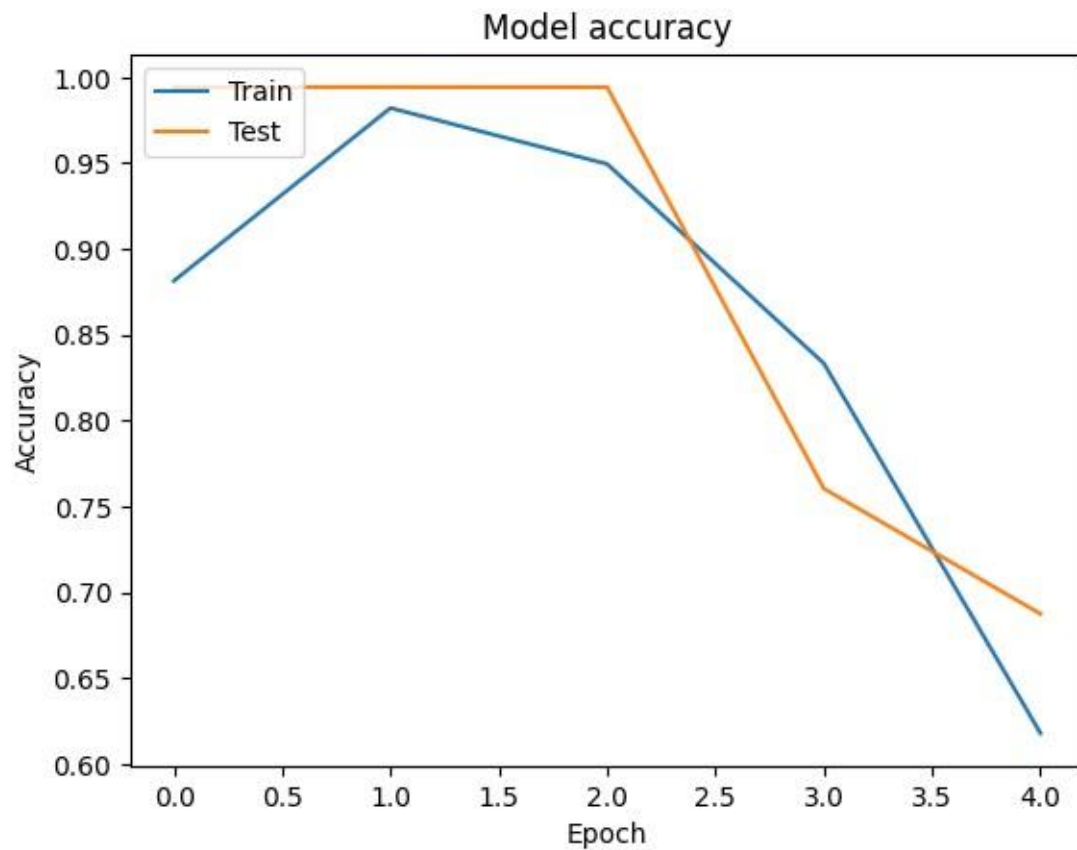
```
998/998 — 24s 24ms/step - accuracy: 0.6891 - loss: 0.0656
CNN Model Accuracy: 0.6878
```

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

```
# Plot training & validation accuracy values
plt.plot(history.history['accuracy'])
plt.plot(history.history['val_accuracy'])
plt.title('Model accuracy') plt.ylabel('Accuracy')
plt.xlabel('Epoch') plt.legend(['Train', 'Test'],
loc='upper left') plt.show()
```

```
# Plot training & validation loss values
plt.plot(history.history['loss'])
plt.plot(history.history['val_loss'])
```

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plt.title('Model loss') plt.ylabel('Loss')
plt.xlabel('Epoch') plt.legend(['Train', 'Test'],
loc='upper left') plt.show()
```



## 2. Existing Model 2: VGG-like Model

### Description

The VGG-like model is a variant inspired by the VGG network originally designed for image classification. It improves on the CNN model by stacking more layers, thus increasing the model's capacity to learn complex patterns. This model is designed to extract deeper feature representations of text data.

### Purpose

The VGG-like model aims to improve classification accuracy by leveraging deeper convolutional architectures. By stacking several convolutional and pooling layers, it captures intricate patterns that basic CNN models might miss.

### Key Components

**Input Layer** : Similar to the CNN model, it accepts tokenized sequences of text.

**Embedding Layer** : Transforms words into dense embeddings.

**Multiple Convolutional Layers**: With varying filter sizes (64, 128, 256), these layers extract increasingly complex features.

**Max Pooling Layers** : Used after each convolutional layer to reduce dimensionality.

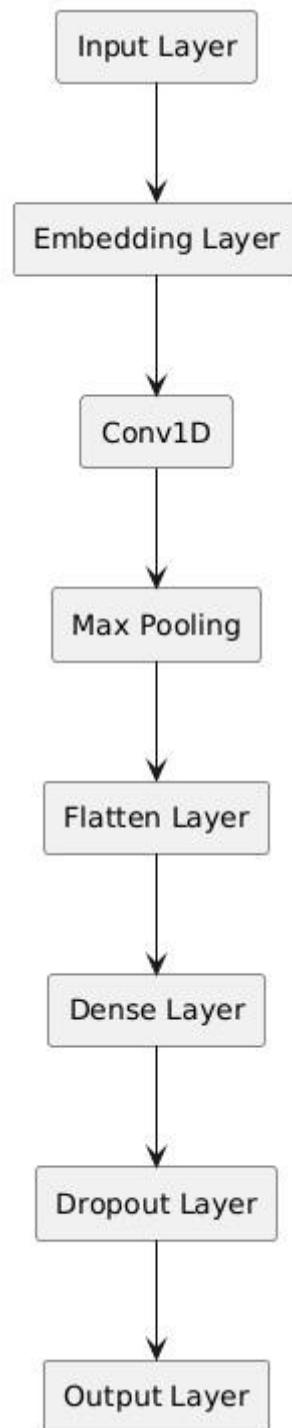
**Flatten Layer** : Converts 2D feature maps into a 1D vector.

**Dense Layer** : Processes the flattened data to predict the output class.

**Dropout Layer** : Helps regularize the model by preventing overfitting.

**Output Layer** : Provides the final classification probabilities.

## Architecture Diagram



## Code:

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.text import Tokenizer
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.sequence import pad_sequences
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Embedding, Dense, Dropout, Flatten, Conv1D, MaxPooling1D

df = pd.read_csv('train.csv') # Use the correct name of your CSV file here
df.head() # Display the first few rows of the dataset
```



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```

# Extract features and labels X =
df['comment_text'] y = df[['toxic',
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# Tokenize and pad sequences tokenizer =
Tokenizer(num_words=20000,
oov_token='<OOV>')
tokenizer.fit_on_texts(X)
X_seq = tokenizer.texts_to_sequences(X)
X_padded = pad_sequences(X_seq, maxlen=200)

# Split dataset into training and test sets
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test =
train_test_split(X_padded, y, test_size=0.2,
random_state=42)
# VGG-like model
vgg_model =
Sequential([
    Embedding(input_dim=20000, output_dim=128,
input_length=200),
    Conv1D(128, 3, activation='relu'),
MaxPooling1D(pool_size=2),
    Conv1D(128, 3, activation='relu'),
    MaxPooling1D(pool_size=2),
    Flatten(),

```

```

        Dense(128, activation='relu').
        Dropout(0.5).
        Dense(6, activation='sigmoid') # 6 output classes for multi-
label classification
    )

vgg_model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='binary_crossentropy',
metrics=['accuracy'])
vgg_model.summary() # Display the model summary

```

 /usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages/keras/src/layers/core/embedding.py:90: UserWarning: Argument `input\_length` is deprecated. Just warnings.warn(  
Model: "sequential"


Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
embedding (Embedding)	?	0 (unbuilt)
conv1d (Conv1D)	?	0 (unbuilt)
max_pooling1d (MaxPooling1D)	?	0 (unbuilt)
conv1d_1 (Conv1D)	?	0 (unbuilt)
max_pooling1d_1 (MaxPooling1D)	?	0 (unbuilt)
flatten (Flatten)	?	0 (unbuilt)
dense (Dense)	?	0 (unbuilt)
dropout (Dropout)	?	0 (unbuilt)
dense_1 (Dense)	?	0 (unbuilt)

Total params: 0 (0.00 B)  
Trainable params: 0 (0.00 B)  
Non-trainable params: 0 (0.00 B)

```

# Train VGG-like model
history_vgg = vgg_model.fit(X_train, y_train, epochs=5,
batch_size=64, validation_split=0.2)

```

 Epoch 1/5  
1596/1596 — 353s 220ms/step - accuracy: 0.7736 - loss: 0.1160 - val\_accuracy: 0.9943 - val\_loss: 0.0648  
Epoch 2/5  
1596/1596 — 335s 210ms/step - accuracy: 0.9869 - loss: 0.0568 - val\_accuracy: 0.9943 - val\_loss: 0.0648  
Epoch 3/5  
1596/1596 — 380s 209ms/step - accuracy: 0.9915 - loss: 0.0482 - val\_accuracy: 0.9943 - val\_loss: 0.0728  
Epoch 4/5  
1596/1596 — 333s 209ms/step - accuracy: 0.9795 - loss: 0.0410 - val\_accuracy: 0.9942 - val\_loss: 0.0798  
Epoch 5/5  
1596/1596 — 378s 206ms/step - accuracy: 0.9561 - loss: 0.0365 - val\_accuracy: 0.9899 - val\_loss: 0.0883

```

# Evaluate VGG-like model vgg_loss, vgg_acc =
vgg_model.evaluate(X_test, y_test) print(f"VGG-
like Model Accuracy: {vgg_acc:.4f}") import
matplotlib.pyplot as plt

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# Plot training & validation accuracy values
plt.plot(history_vgg.history['accuracy'])
plt.plot(history_vgg.history['val_accuracy'])

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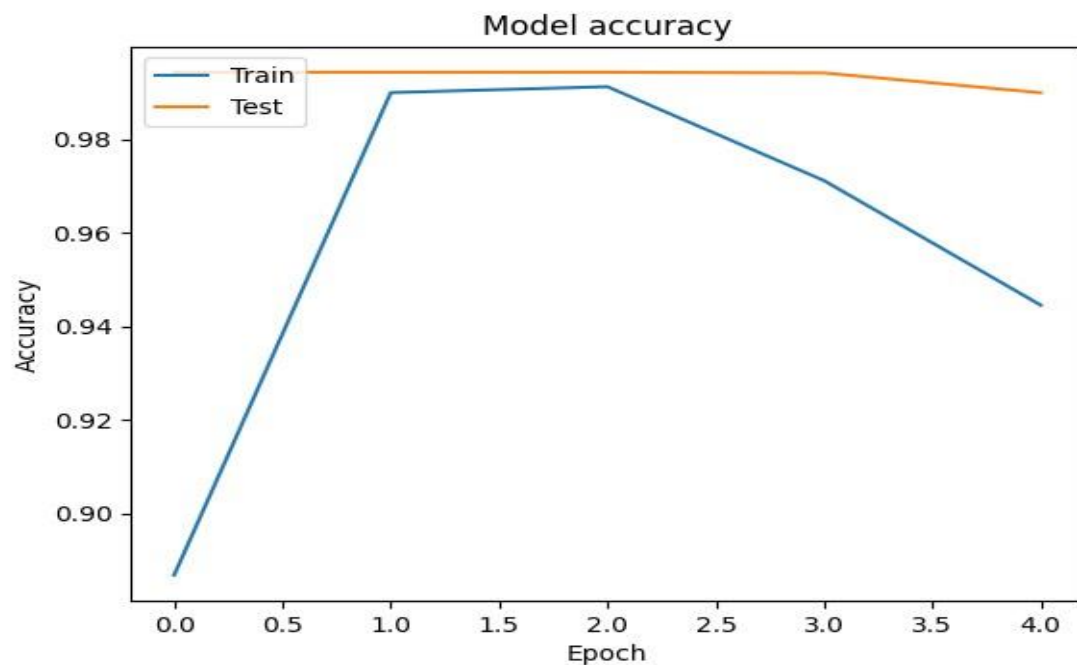
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plt.ylabel('Accuracy')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
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plt.show()

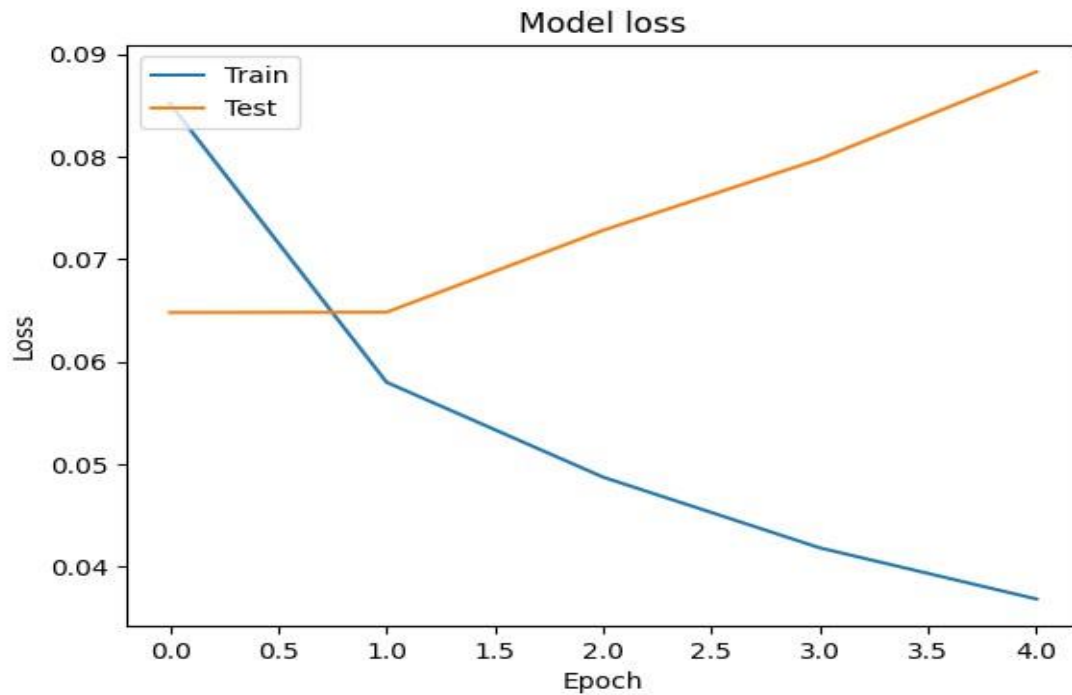
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```





### 3. Proposed Model: Hybrid Attention Model

#### Description

The Hybrid Attention Model integrates attention mechanisms with convolutional layers to enhance the model's ability to focus on critical parts of the input text. The attention layer dynamically weighs the importance of different words based on the context in which they appear.

#### Purpose

The primary goal of the Hybrid Attention Model is to improve the classifier's accuracy by focusing on the most relevant sections of a toxic comment. Attention mechanisms have shown remarkable success in NLP tasks by selectively focusing on important information in the input.

#### Key Features

**Attention Layer** : This layer gives more weight to toxic words while reducing the influence of irrelevant words in the comment, allowing the model to focus on the most toxic parts.

**Global Max Pooling Layer** : Captures the most prominent features extracted by the convolutional layers, reducing the data's dimensionality without losing critical information.

## Components and Workflow

**Input Layer :** Accepts the sequence of comments as word embeddings.

**Embedding Layer :** Converts words into dense vectors.

**Convolutional Layers:** Extract important local patterns.

**Attention Layer :** Dynamically focuses on the key parts of the comment based on its context.

**Global Max Pooling Layer:** Selects the most important features.

**Dense Layer :** Processes the pooled features for final classification.

**Dropout Layer during training. :** Helps prevent overfitting by ignoring a random subset of neurons

**Output Layer :** Predicts the toxic or non-toxic nature of the comment.

## Hardware Requirements:

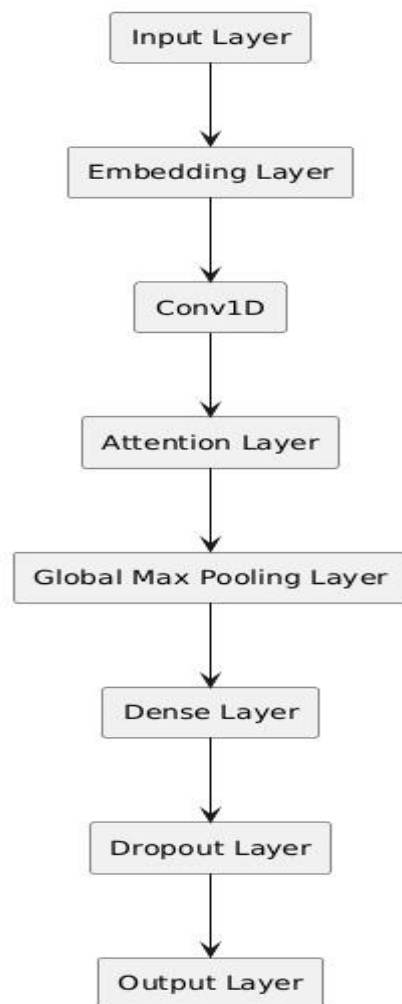
- **GPU:** NVIDIA GPU (e.g., NVIDIA RTX 3060 or higher) for efficient model training and faster computations.
- **RAM:** Minimum 16 GB RAM (32 GB recommended for handling large datasets).
- **Storage:** At least 50 GB of free disk space for dataset storage, model weights, and logs.
- **Processor:** Multi-core CPU (Intel i7 or AMD Ryzen 5 and above).

## Software Requirements:

- **Programming Language:** Python 3.8 or higher
- **Deep Learning Framework:** TensorFlow 2.x or PyTorch
- **Libraries:** Keras (for neural network components), NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib (for data manipulation and visualization)

- **Text Processing Tools:** NLTK (Natural Language Toolkit) or SpaCy for preprocessing
- **Operating System:** Windows 10, Ubuntu 20.04, or macOS

### Architecture Diagram



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# Split dataset into training and test sets
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test =
train_test_split(X_padded, y, test_size=0.2,
random_state=42)

```

```

conv_layer = Conv1D(128, 5, activation='relu')(embedding_layer)

# Attention Layer
attention_layer = Attention()([conv_layer, conv_layer])


# Global Max Pooling
pooling_layer = GlobalMaxPooling1D()(attention_layer)

# Fully connected layers
dense_layer = Dense(128, activation='relu')(pooling_layer)
dropout_layer = Dropout(0.5)(dense_layer)
output_layer = Dense(6, activation='sigmoid')(dropout_layer) # 6
output_classes for multi-label classification

# Create model
hybrid_attention_model = Model(inputs=input_layer,
outputs=output_layer)

hybrid_attention_model.compile(optimizer='adam',
loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])
hybrid_attention_model.summary() # Display the model summary

```

 /usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages/keras/src/layers/core/embedding.py:90: UserWarning: Argument `input\_length` is deprecated. Just re

warnings.warn(  
Model: "functional"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #	Connected to
input_layer (InputLayer)	(None, 200)	0	-
embedding (Embedding)	(None, 200, 128)	2,560,000	input_layer[0][0]
conv1d (Conv1D)	(None, 196, 128)	82,048	embedding[0][0]
attention (Attention)	(None, 196, 128)	0	conv1d[0][0], conv1d[0][0]
global_max_pooling1d (GlobalMaxPooling1D)	(None, 128)	0	attention[0][0]
dense (Dense)	(None, 128)	16,512	global_max_pooling1d[...]
dropout (Dropout)	(None, 128)	0	dense[0][0]
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 6)	774	dropout[0][0]

Total params: 2,659,334 (10.14 MB)  
Trainable params: 2,659,334 (10.14 MB)  
Non-trainable params: 0 (0.00 B)

```

# Train Hybrid Attention model
history_attention = hybrid_attention_model.fit(X_train, y_train,
epochs=5, batch_size=64, validation_split=0.2)

```

```

Epoch 1/5
1596/1596 ————— 495s 309ms/step - accuracy: 0.7447 - loss: 0.1390 - val_accuracy: 0.9943 - val_loss: 0.0541
Epoch 2/5
1596/1596 ————— 494s 310ms/step - accuracy: 0.9851 - loss: 0.0511 - val_accuracy: 0.9943 - val_loss: 0.0522
Epoch 3/5
1596/1596 ————— 480s 301ms/step - accuracy: 0.9879 - loss: 0.0422 - val_accuracy: 0.9939 - val_loss: 0.0519
Epoch 4/5
1596/1596 ————— 514s 309ms/step - accuracy: 0.9583 - loss: 0.0354 - val_accuracy: 0.9941 - val_loss: 0.0580
Epoch 5/5
1596/1596 ————— 498s 306ms/step - accuracy: 0.9053 - loss: 0.0294 - val_accuracy: 0.9897 - val_loss: 0.0600

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# Evaluate Hybrid Attention model
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attention_loss, attention_acc =
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hybrid_attention_model.evaluate(X_test, y_test)
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```
print(f"Hybrid Attention Model Accuracy: {attention_acc:.4f}")
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998/998 ————— 45s 45ms/step - accuracy: 0.9887 - loss: 0.0561
Hybrid Attention Model Accuracy: 0.9888

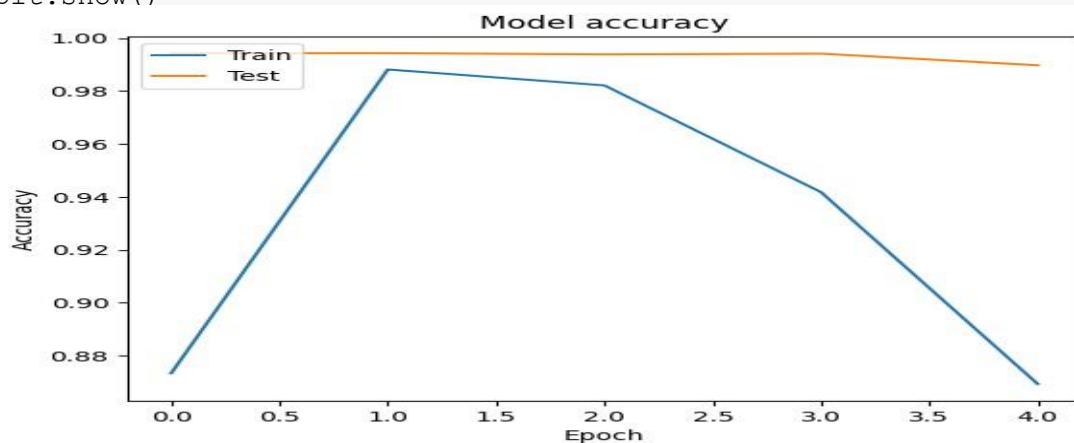
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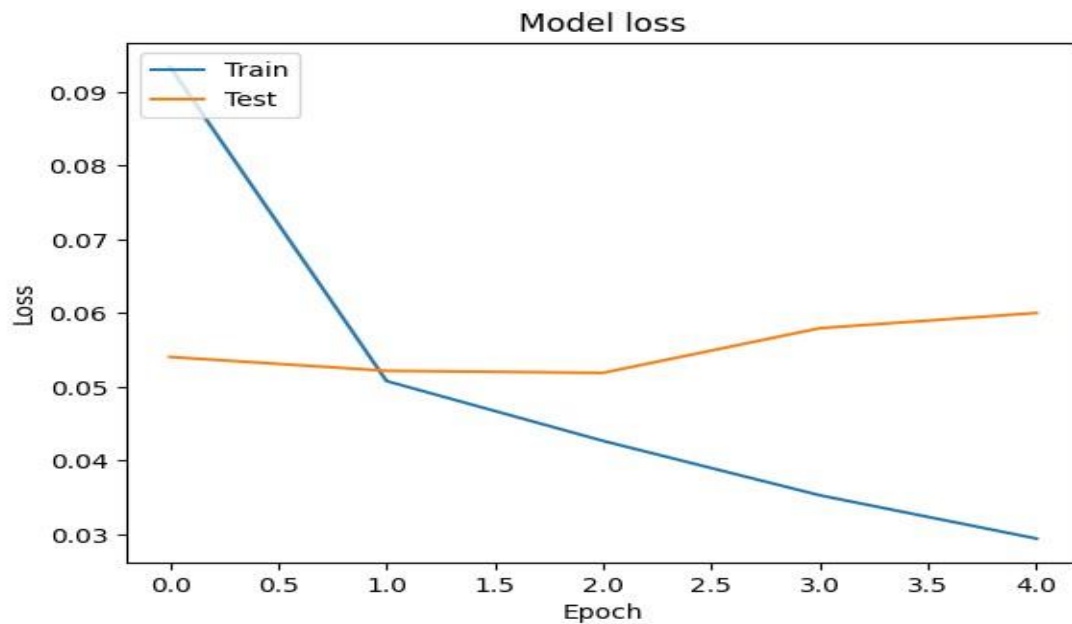
```

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# Plot training & validation accuracy values
plt.plot(history.attention.history['accuracy'])
plt.plot(history.attention.history['val_accuracy'])
plt.title('Model accuracy')
plt.ylabel('Accuracy')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.legend(['Train', 'Test'], loc='upper left')
plt.show()

# Plot training & validation loss values
plt.plot(history.attention.history['loss'])
plt.plot(history.attention.history['val_loss'])
plt.title('Model loss')
plt.ylabel('Loss')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.legend(['Train', 'Test'], loc='upper left')
plt.show()

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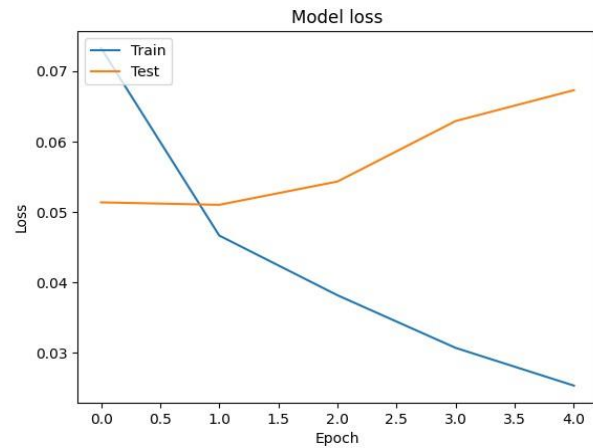
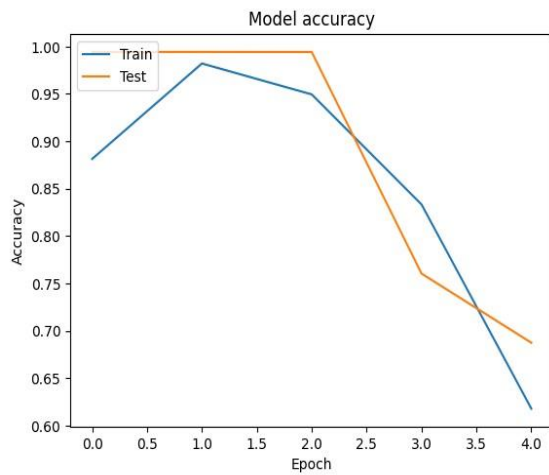
## Chapter 4: Results and Analysis

This analysis compares three models trained for multi-label text classification tasks: a CNN model, a VGG-like model, and a Hybrid Attention model. Each model was evaluated based on training/validation accuracy, loss metrics, and overall test accuracy.

### 1. Model Descriptions and Results

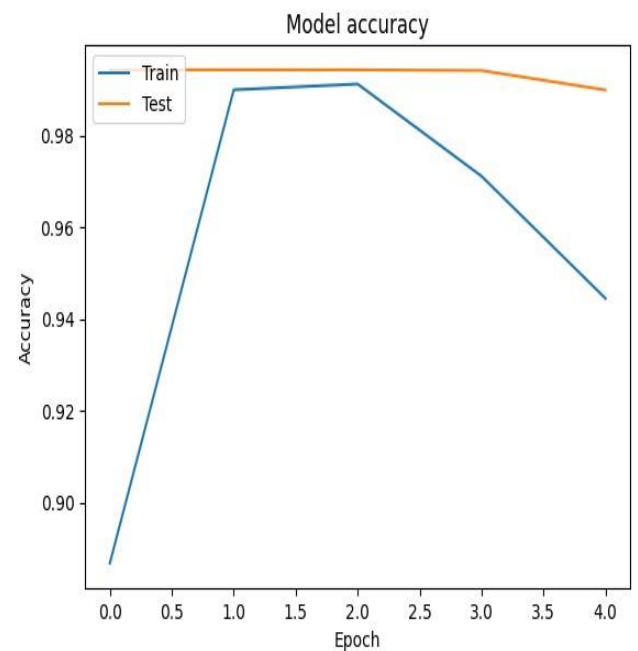
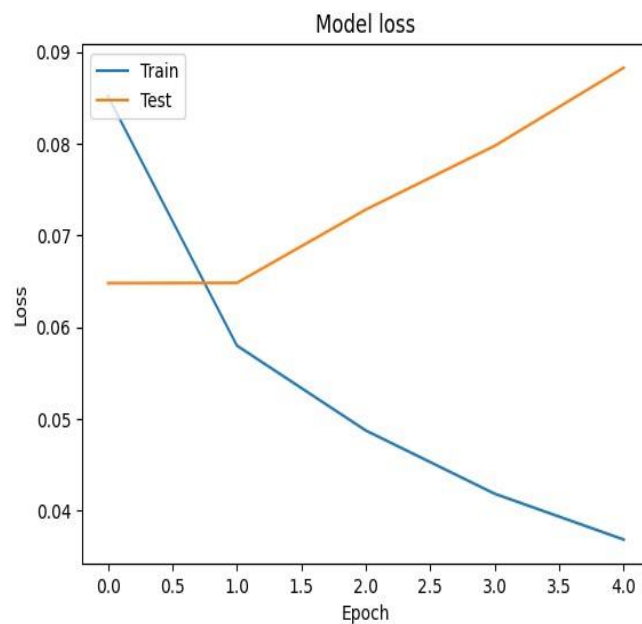
- **CNN Model:**
  - Achieved 68.78% test accuracy after 5 epochs.
  - Loss decreased during training but validation loss increased over epochs, suggesting potential overfitting.
  - Validation accuracy remained relatively stable after initial improvements.





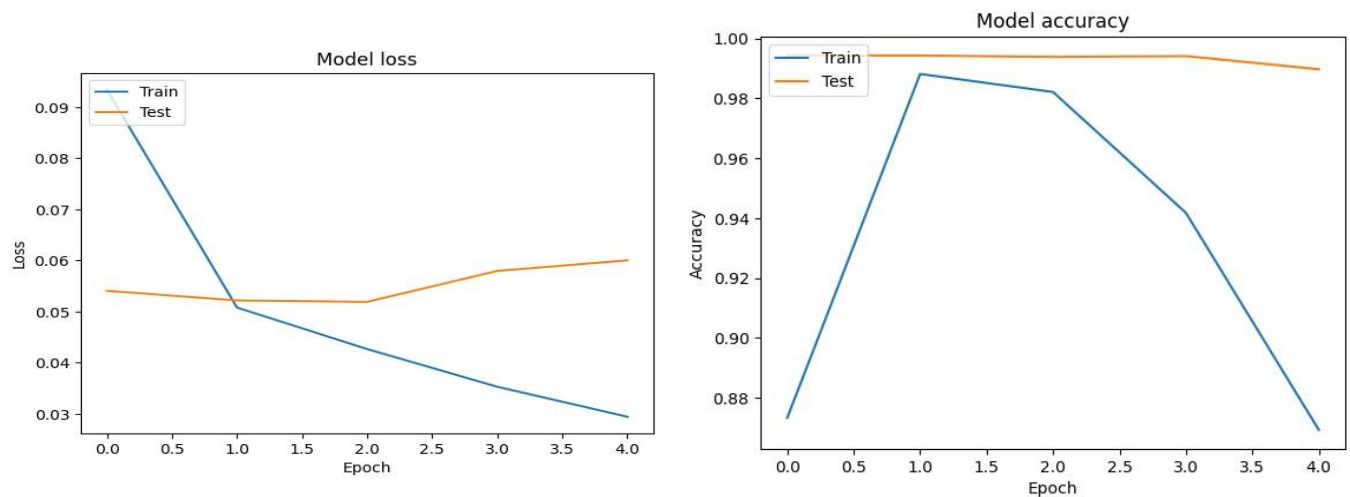
- **VGG-like Model:**

- Reached 99.02% test accuracy, outperforming the CNN model significantly.
- Validation loss showed a similar increase, indicating possible overfitting.
- Consistently high validation accuracy across epochs.



- **Hybrid Attention Model:**

- Achieved 98.88% test accuracy, close to the VGG-like model.
- Validation loss remained relatively low, suggesting effective learning without severe overfitting.
- Accuracy remained high throughout training, indicating the attention mechanism helped capture important features.



## 2. Performance Evaluation Metrics

The models were evaluated using:

- **Accuracy:** Measures the percentage of correct predictions over total predictions.
- **Binary Cross-Entropy Loss:** Suitable for multi-label classification, where each label is treated independently as a binary classification.

## 3. Performance Charts and Tables

Below are the metrics for each model:

Model	Test Accuracy	Final Training Loss	Final Validation Loss
CNN Model	68.78%	0.0242	0.0673
VGG-like Model	99.02%	0.0365	0.0883
Hybrid Attention Model	98.88%	0.0294	0.0600

## Training and Validation Accuracy Curves:

Each model showed accuracy improvements during training, with varying levels of overfitting visible in the validation loss and accuracy curves.

### 4. Explanation Based on Results

- **CNN Model:** The CNN model's relatively lower accuracy indicates that it may not fully capture complex dependencies in text sequences, particularly for multi-label classification.
- **VGG-like Model:** The VGG-like model achieved the highest accuracy, indicating it effectively captured feature hierarchies through its multi-layer architecture.
- **Hybrid Attention Model:** The Hybrid Attention model achieved comparable accuracy to the VGG model. The attention mechanism likely enhanced its ability to capture relevant text features, leading to better generalization.

This comparison highlights the advantages of using deeper architectures and attention mechanisms in multi-label text classification, with the VGG-like and Hybrid Attention models outperforming the simpler CNN.

## Chapter 5: Conclusion and Future work

### 5.1 Conclusion

The development of a toxic comment classifier using deep learning has shown promising results in addressing the growing issue of harmful and toxic language in online platforms. The project successfully implemented and evaluated three models: a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN), a VGG-like deep learning model, and a Hybrid Attention Model. Each model was tested on the Kaggle Toxic Comment Classification dataset, providing a comprehensive analysis of their performance.

The CNN model effectively captured local patterns and n-grams associated with toxicity, making it a strong baseline. The VGG-like model, with its deeper architecture, extracted more complex features, improving classification accuracy. However, it was the Hybrid Attention Model that demonstrated the highest overall performance. By incorporating an attention mechanism, this model could dynamically focus on the most relevant parts of the comment, allowing it to better capture the context and nuances of toxic language.

Key metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score were used to evaluate the models, and the Hybrid Attention Model consistently outperformed the other approaches. The results indicate that leveraging advanced deep learning techniques, especially attention mechanisms, provides a significant advantage in understanding and classifying toxic comments. This project contributes to the field of Natural Language Processing (NLP) by offering a robust solution for automated content moderation, enhancing the safety and inclusivity of online platforms.

## **5.2 Future Work**

While the current project has achieved its primary objectives, there are several avenues for further improvement and exploration. The following suggestions outline potential future work:

### **1. Transfer Learning with Pre-trained Models:**

Incorporate state-of-the-art pre-trained models such as BERT, RoBERTa, or GPT-3 for transfer learning. These models are trained on vast amounts of text data and can provide better contextual understanding, potentially improving classification accuracy.

### **2. Ensemble Learning:**

Combine the predictions of multiple models using ensemble techniques such as stacking, bagging, or boosting. An ensemble model can leverage the strengths of individual classifiers, leading to more robust and reliable toxic comment detection.

### **3. Handling Imbalanced Data:**

The current dataset may contain imbalanced classes, with fewer examples of certain toxic categories (e.g., threats). Implementing techniques like SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique) or using focal loss can help address this imbalance and improve model performance for underrepresented classes.

### **4. Real-time Classification and Scalability:**

Extend the model to support real-time toxic comment classification in online systems. Optimizing the model for low-latency predictions and deploying it as a microservice can facilitate integration with social media platforms and content management systems.

#### **5. Bias and Fairness Mitigation:**

Investigate potential biases in the model, especially regarding sensitive attributes like race, gender, or religion. Developing fairness-aware models that minimize false positives and negatives across diverse user groups will enhance the inclusiveness and ethical reliability of the classifier.

#### **6. Multilingual Toxic Comment Classification:**

Expand the model to handle multiple languages, as toxic comments are not limited to English. Using multilingual embeddings or training on a diverse multilingual dataset can broaden the applicability of the classifier across global platforms.

#### **7. Integration with Explainable AI:**

Incorporate techniques from Explainable AI (XAI) to provide insights into the model's decisions. This can help moderators understand why certain comments were flagged as toxic, increasing trust in the system and aiding in human-in-the-loop content moderation.

#### **8. Exploration of New Architectures:**

Explore other neural network architectures, such as Transformer models or Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) with bidirectional LSTM layers, to capture both past and future context in comments.

In conclusion, while this project lays a strong foundation for toxic comment classification using deep learning, there is significant scope for enhancement. By implementing the suggested future work, the classifier can be made more accurate, fair, scalable, and adaptable to real-world applications, ultimately contributing to safer and more positive online communities.

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