# NLP modelling with IMDB data

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# 1. Preparations

```
[]: import pandas as pd
    import numpy as np
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
    import warnings, gc
    warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")
     # For preprocessings and TF-IDF models
    from gensim.utils import simple_preprocess
    from gensim import corpora
    from gensim.parsing.preprocessing import remove_stopwords
    from gensim.matutils import corpus2csc
    from gensim import models
    from collections import defaultdict
    from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
    from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
     # For model evaluation
    from sklearn.metrics import classification_report
    from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
     # LSTM models
    import tensorflow as tf
    from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.sequence import pad_sequences
    from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.text import Tokenizer
    from tensorflow.keras.models import Model
    from tensorflow.keras.layers import Embedding, LSTM, Dense, Dropout, Input
    from tensorflow.keras.optimizers import *
    from tensorflow.keras.callbacks import EarlyStopping
    from tensorflow.keras import losses
    from tensorflow.keras.backend import clear_session
     # fastText model
```

```
import csv
import fasttext

# BERT model
from transformers import InputExample, InputFeatures
import ktrain
```

```
[]: # Import data that has been preprocessed in "Preprocessing.ipynb"
    train_pos = pd.read_csv('Train_pos.csv')
    train_neg = pd.read_csv('Train_neg.csv')

test_pos = pd.read_csv('Test_pos.csv')
    test_neg = pd.read_csv('Test_neg.csv')

train_df = pd.concat([train_pos, train_neg], ignore_index=True)
    test_df = pd.concat([test_pos, test_neg], ignore_index=True)
```

```
[]:  # Create dataframe to store results of all models summary_df = pd.DataFrame(columns=['Model', 'Accuracy'])
```

# 2. Model training

### **2.1 TF-IDF**

### 2.1.1 Preprocessing

• Remove stopwords

```
[]: # Remove stopwords using gensim
    train_txt = train_df.Comment.values.tolist()
    test_txt = test_df.Comment.values.tolist()
    train_no_stopword = [remove_stopwords(text) for text in train_txt]
    test_no_stopword = [remove_stopwords(text) for text in test_txt]
```

Tokenization

```
[]: # Tokenization
train_tokenized = [simple_preprocess(text) for text in train_no_stopword]
test_tokenized = [simple_preprocess(text) for text in test_no_stopword]
```

• Remove infrequent words

```
[]: # Remove infrequent (frequency<50) words in train dataset
frequency = defaultdict(int)
for text in train_tokenized:</pre>
```

```
for token in text:
    frequency[token] += 1

train_texts = [
    [token for token in text if frequency[token] > 50]
    for text in train_tokenized
]

# Remove infrequent (frequency<50) words in test dataset
frequency2 = defaultdict(int)
for text in test_tokenized:
    for token in text:
        frequency2[token] += 1

test_texts = [
    [token for token in text if frequency2[token] > 50]
    for text in test_tokenized
]
```

#### **Create TF-IDF model**

```
[]: all_texts = train_texts + test_texts

# Create a dictionary using all the comments
dictionary = corpora.Dictionary(all_texts)

# Create bag of words
corpus = [dictionary.doc2bow(text) for text in all_texts]

tfidf = models.TfidfModel(corpus)
```

• Convert TF-IDF results to matrix

Shape of the matrix from TF-IDF results (combining both train and test): (7685, 50000)

- Transpose\* and split sparse matrix into train and test data
- \*: As output by the previous cell, the sparse matrix has a shape of (number of words) by (number of observations). To make it suitable for model training, the data needs to be in a form of (number of observations) by (number of words).

```
[]: X_train = corpus_tfidf_sparse.T[:25000]
X_test = corpus_tfidf_sparse.T[25000:]
```

### 2.1.2 Train classical statistical models

### **Random Forest Classifier**

```
[]: rf = RandomForestClassifier()
    rf.fit(X_train, train_df.Sentiment.values)

rf_prediction = rf.predict(X_test)
    print(classification_report(test_df.Sentiment.values, rf_prediction))
```

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
	_			
0	0.83	0.87	0.85	12500
1	0.86	0.82	0.84	12500
accuracy			0.85	25000
macro avg	0.85	0.85	0.85	25000
weighted avg	0.85	0.85	0.85	25000

### **Logistic Regression**

```
[]: lr = LogisticRegression(random_state=0)
    lr.fit(X_train, train_df.Sentiment.values)

lr_prediction = lr.predict(X_test)
    print(classification_report(test_df.Sentiment.values, lr_prediction))
```

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.88	0.88	0.88	12500
1	0.88	0.88	0.88	12500
accuracy			0.88	25000
macro avg	0.88	0.88	0.88	25000
weighted avg	0.88	0.88	0.88	25000

#### 2.1.3 Save model results

### 2.1.4 Error analysis

#### **Helper functions**

```
[]: def error_analysis(prediction_label, prediction_prob, test_lengths):
         This function returns a dataframe with needed information for error analysis.
             prediction_label (numpy array): predicted labels output by the model
             prediction_prob (numpy array): predicted probabilities output by the⊔
      \rightarrow model
              test_lengths (list): list of test comments' lengths
         # Extract the index number of the comments that have been misclassified
         error_index = np.where((test_df.Sentiment.values==prediction_label) ==__
      →False)[0]
         # Create a subset of the test data that only contains rows that have been
         # misclassified and find the split of these errors regarding their true
         error_df = test_df.iloc[error_index]
         print('Distribution of misclassified texts:\n', error_df.Sentiment.
      →value_counts())
         # Add a column of the predicted value (the predicted probability instead of \Box
      \rightarrow the hard label)
         model_df = test_df.copy()
         model_df['Prediction'] = prediction_prob
         \# Compute the absolute difference between the true label and the predicted \sqcup
      \rightarrowprobabilitiy
         model_df['Absolute_error'] = model_df.apply(lambda row: abs(row.
      →Prediction-row.Sentiment), axis=1)
         # Add column of lengths of texts
         model_df['Text_length'] = test_lengths
```

```
return model_df
```

```
[]: def plot_absolute_error(model_df):
         This function returns two subplots that show the distributions of \Box
      \rightarrowmisclassified and correctly
         classified texts' absolute error values
         parameter:
             model\_df (pandas DataFrame): a dataframe created from test\_df (which\sqcup
      \rightarrow contains all
                  comments in the test dataset) with additional columns containing the
      \hookrightarrow corresponding
                  model's probability prediction as well as a calculated field, which \sqcup
      \hookrightarrow is the absolute
                  difference between the probability predictions and the true labels
         returns:
              Two histogram distribution subplots
         plt.rcParams["figure.figsize"] = (14,6)
         fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 2)
         # Plot densities of wrongly classified texts' absolute errors
         ax[0].hist(model_df.loc[(model_df.Sentiment==0) & (model_df.
      →Absolute_error>=0.5)].Absolute_error.values,
                     bins=50,
                     alpha=0.5,
                     density=True,
                     label='Negative comments')
         ax[0].hist(model_df.loc[(model_df.Sentiment==1) & (model_df.
      →Absolute_error>=0.5)].Absolute_error.values,
                     bins=50,
                     alpha=0.5,
                     density=True,
                     label='Positive comments')
         ax[0].legend()
         ax[0].set_xlabel('Absolute error')
         ax[0].set_ylabel('Density')
         ax[0].set_title("Density distribution of misclassified texts' absolute error,
      →values")
         # Plot densities of correctly classified texts' absolute errors
         ax[1].hist(model_df.loc[(model_df.Sentiment==0) & (model_df.Absolute_error<0.
      →5)].Absolute_error.values,
```

```
bins=50,
              alpha=0.5,
              density=True,
              label='Negative comments')
  ax[1].hist(model_df.loc[(model_df.Sentiment==1) & (model_df.Absolute_error<0.</pre>
→5)].Absolute_error.values,
              bins=50,
              alpha=0.5,
              density=True,
              label='Positive comments')
  ax[1].legend()
  ax[1].set_xlabel('Absolute error')
  ax[1].set_ylabel('Density')
  ax[1].set\_title("Density distribution of correctly classified texts'_{\sqcup}
⇒absolute error values")
  plt.show()
   This function returns a scatter plot that shows the relationship between
   text lengths and their predictions' absolute errors
```

```
[]: def plot_length_and_error(model_df):
         parameter:
             model\_df (pandas DataFrame): a dataframe created from test\_df (which\sqcup
      \rightarrow contains all
                  comments in the test dataset) with additional columns containing the
      \rightarrow corresponding
                  model's probability prediction as well as a calculated field, which \sqcup
      \hookrightarrow is the absolute
                  difference between the probability predictions and the true labels
         plt.rcParams["figure.figsize"] = (8,6)
         plt.scatter(model_df.loc[model_df.Sentiment==0].Text_length,
                      model_df.loc[model_df.Sentiment==0].Absolute_error,
                      alpha=0.35,
                      label='Negative comments')
         plt.scatter(model_df.loc[model_df.Sentiment==1].Text_length,
                      model_df.loc[model_df.Sentiment==1].Absolute_error,
                      alpha=0.35,
                      label='Positive comments')
         plt.ylabel('Absolute error')
         plt.xlabel('Preprocessed text length')
         plt.title("Relationship between text lengths and their predictions' absolute⊔
      →errors")
```

```
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```

Random Forest Classifier

Distribution of misclassified texts:

1 2198 0 1663

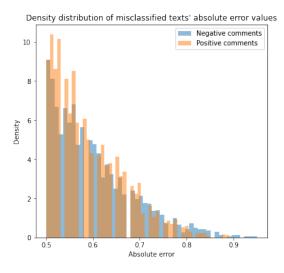
Name: Sentiment, dtype: int64

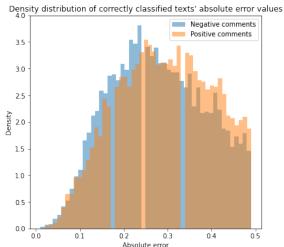
#### **Observations:**

1. While the test data is balanced in terms of the types of labels, the misclassification of the Random Forest model seems to appear more in positive sentiments.

After gaining an overview of the misclassified texts, we can take a further look by comparing the true labels with the predicted probabilities (instead of the predicted hard labels):

### []: plot\_absolute\_error(rf\_df)



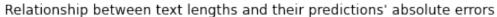


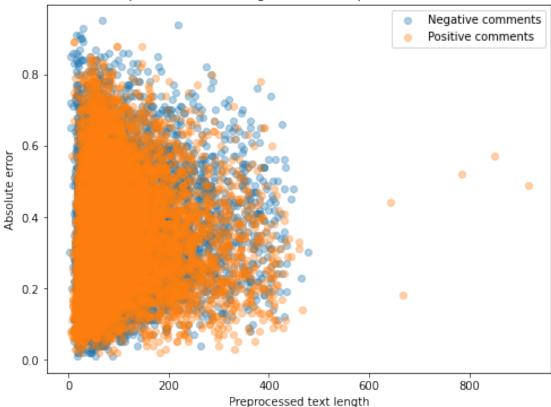
### **Observations: (continued)**

2. Based on the plot on the left, there is little difference between the distributions of error values between wrongly classified negative texts and wrongly classified positive texts. Meanwhile, the plot on the right suggests that for texts that are labeled correctly, negative comments tend to have slightly more accurate predicted probabilities (i.e., absolute errors are lower) compared to positive ones, as the distribution in blue is slightly more condensed on the left side.

Another perspective of error analysis is by looking at the length of the texts (more specifically, of the preprocessed texts) to see if it has any relationship with their error values:

### []: plot\_length\_and\_error(rf\_df)





### **Observations: (continued)**

- 3. Based on the plot above, we can see little correlation between the text lengths and their predictions' absolute errors.
  - Logistic Regression

Distribution of misclassified texts:

0 1494 1 1485

Name: Sentiment, dtype: int64

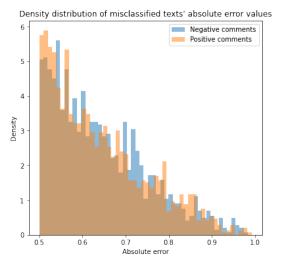
#### **Observations:**

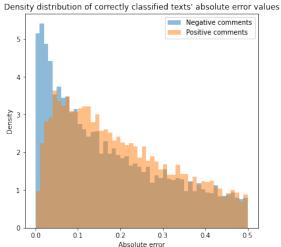
1. The misclassification seems very balanced between the two classes.

After gaining an overview of the misclassified texts, we can take a further look by comparing the

true labels with the predicted probabilities (instead of the predicted hard labels):

### []: plot\_absolute\_error(lr\_df)



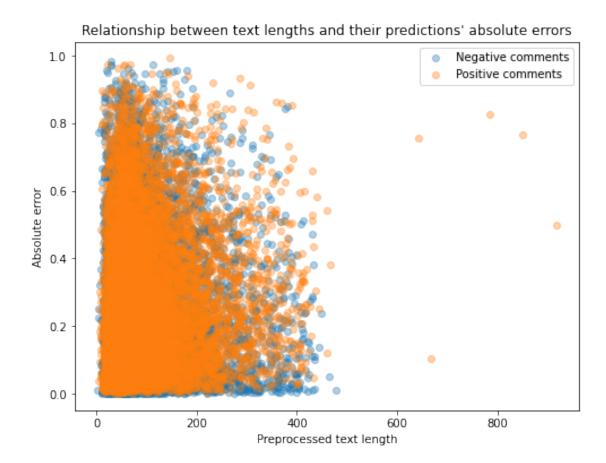


### **Observations: (continued)**

2. Based on the plot on the left, there is little difference between the distributions of error values between wrongly classified negative texts and wrongly classified positive texts. Meanwhile, the plot on the right suggests that for texts that are labeled correctly, negative comments tend to have more accurate predicted probabilities (i.e., absolute errors are lower) compared to positive ones, as the distribution in blue is more condensed on the left side.

Based on these two plots, it appears that Logistic Regression has better performance, as all distributions are more condensed on the left side of the plot (i.e., for all its predictions the absolute errors are relatively low) especially when compared to Random Forest, which is also consistent with the accuracy results.

Another perspective of error analysis is by looking at the length of the texts (more specifically, of the preprocessed texts) to see if it has any relationship with their error values:



### **Observations: (continued)**

3. Based on the plot above, we can see little correlation between the text lengths and their predictions' absolute errors.

### **2.2 LSTM**

### **Helper function**

```
[]: def plot_history(history):

This function returns two subplots that show the compiling history of the

→neural network

parameter:

history (keras.callbacks.History): compiling history of the trained model

returns:
```

```
Two line subplots
plt.rcParams["figure.figsize"] = (14,6)
fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 2)
# Plot changes in loss values
loss_values = history.history['loss']
val_loss_values = history.history['val_loss']
epochs = range(1, len(loss_values)+1)
ax[0].plot(epochs, loss_values, label='Training Loss')
ax[0].plot(epochs, val_loss_values, label='Validation Loss')
ax[0].legend()
ax[0].set_title('Compiling history of model')
ax[0].set_xlabel('Epochs')
ax[0].set_ylabel('Loss')
# Plot changes in loss values
acc_values = history.history['accuracy']
val_acc_values = history.history['val_accuracy']
epochs = range(1, len(acc_values)+1)
ax[1].plot(epochs, acc_values, label='Training Accuracy')
ax[1].plot(epochs, val_acc_values, label='Validation Accuracy')
ax[1].legend()
ax[1].set_title('Compiling history of model')
ax[1].set_xlabel('Epochs')
ax[1].set_ylabel('Accuracy')
plt.show()
```

### 2.2.1 Preprocessing

(Note: the first few steps are the same as the preprocessing steps in the TF-IDF part above.)

• Remove stopwords

```
[]: # Remove stopwords using gensim
    train_txt = train_df.Comment.values.tolist()
    test_txt = test_df.Comment.values.tolist()
    train_no_stopword = [remove_stopwords(text) for text in train_txt]
    test_no_stopword = [remove_stopwords(text) for text in test_txt]
```

Tokenization

```
[]: # Tokenization
train_tokenized = [simple_preprocess(text) for text in train_no_stopword]
test_tokenized = [simple_preprocess(text) for text in test_no_stopword]
```

Remove infrequent words

```
[]:  # Remove infrequent (frequency<50) words in train dataset
     frequency = defaultdict(int)
     for text in train_tokenized:
         for token in text:
             frequency[token] += 1
     train_texts = [
         [token for token in text if frequency[token] > 50]
         for text in train_tokenized
     1
     # Remove infrequent (frequency<50) words in test dataset
     frequency2 = defaultdict(int)
     for text in test_tokenized:
         for token in text:
             frequency2[token] += 1
     test_texts = [
         [token for token in text if frequency2[token] > 50]
         for text in test_tokenized
     ]
     all_texts = train_texts + test_texts
[]: # Create an instance object of the tokenizer
     tokenizer = Tokenizer()
     tokenizer.fit_on_texts(all_texts)
     total_words = len(tokenizer.word_index)
[]: # Iterate through the list of comments; For each text, use the tokenizer
     # to encode it into a sequence of numbers (word indices)
     input_sequences = [tokenizer.texts_to_sequences([line])[0] for line in all_texts]
     # Determine the largest length of all texts
     max_sequence_len = max([len(x) for x in input_sequences])
```

The longest text has 929 words

print('The longest text has %d words' %max\_sequence\_len)

Considering that the longest Comment is very likely to be an outlier (in terms of its length), it is unreasonable to strictly use its length for padding the remaining sequence in order to preserve all the texts. Instead, to reduce computing time, the maximum sequence length will be redefined (i.e., "trimmed") as shown below:

Shape of the preprocessed sequences (combining both train and test): (50000, 250)

```
[]: X_train = input_sequences[:25000]
X_test = input_sequences[25000:]

y_train = train_df.Sentiment.values
y_test = test_df.Sentiment.values
```

### 2.2.2 Initial modelling

```
[]: lstm_size = 100
embedding_size = 80
dropout_rate = 0.4

EPOCHS = 50
BATCH_SIZE = 25
```

```
# Since we need to output a probability (of the text being positive)
# which is between 0 and 1
output = Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')(lstm_layer2)

lstm_1 = Model(inputs=input_layer, outputs=output)
lstm_1.summary()
```

Model: "model"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
input_1 (InputLayer)	[(None, 250)]	0
embedding (Embedding)	(None, 250, 80)	614880
lstm (LSTM)	(None, 250, 100)	72400
dropout (Dropout)	(None, 250, 100)	0
lstm_1 (LSTM)	(None, 100)	80400
dense (Dense)	(None, 1)	101

\_\_\_\_\_

Total params: 767,781 Trainable params: 767,781 Non-trainable params: 0

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```
[]: # Loss (since it's a binary classification problem)
loss = losses.BinaryCrossentropy()

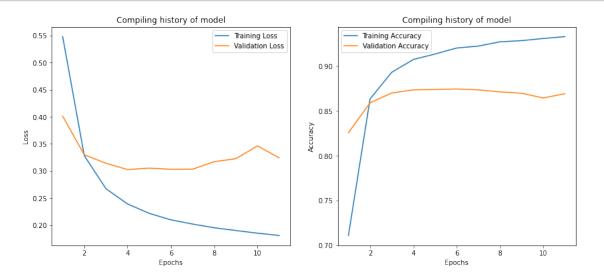
# Optimizer
optimizer = RMSprop(learning_rate=0.00005)

# Compilation
lstm_1.compile(optimizer=optimizer, loss=loss, metrics=['accuracy'])
```

```
Epoch 1/50
   accuracy: 0.7110 - val_loss: 0.4011 - val_accuracy: 0.8256
   accuracy: 0.8633 - val_loss: 0.3298 - val_accuracy: 0.8590
   accuracy: 0.8930 - val_loss: 0.3143 - val_accuracy: 0.8699
   Epoch 4/50
   1000/1000 [============] - 30s 30ms/step - loss: 0.2391 -
   accuracy: 0.9072 - val_loss: 0.3025 - val_accuracy: 0.8734
   Epoch 5/50
   accuracy: 0.9134 - val_loss: 0.3053 - val_accuracy: 0.8738
   Epoch 6/50
   1000/1000 [============ ] - 30s 30ms/step - loss: 0.2098 -
   accuracy: 0.9200 - val_loss: 0.3030 - val_accuracy: 0.8744
   Epoch 7/50
   1000/1000 [============= ] - 30s 30ms/step - loss: 0.2020 -
   accuracy: 0.9222 - val_loss: 0.3032 - val_accuracy: 0.8734
   Epoch 8/50
   accuracy: 0.9270 - val_loss: 0.3171 - val_accuracy: 0.8712
   Epoch 9/50
   1000/1000 [============ ] - 30s 30ms/step - loss: 0.1901 -
   accuracy: 0.9283 - val_loss: 0.3227 - val_accuracy: 0.8696
   Epoch 10/50
   1000/1000 [============ ] - 30s 30ms/step - loss: 0.1852 -
   accuracy: 0.9307 - val_loss: 0.3463 - val_accuracy: 0.8643
   Epoch 11/50
   accuracy: 0.9328 - val_loss: 0.3242 - val_accuracy: 0.8691
   Epoch 00011: early stopping
[]: | lstm_prediction1 = lstm_1.predict(X_test)
   lstm_prediction1 = [1 if p>0.5 else 0 for p in lstm_prediction1]
   print(classification_report(test_df.Sentiment.values, lstm_prediction1))
             nracision recall flactore support
```

	precision	recall	II-score	support
0	0.85	0.90	0.87	12500
1	0.89	0.84	0.87	12500
accuracy			0.87	25000
macro avg	0.87	0.87	0.87	25000
weighted avg	0.87	0.87	0.87	25000

### []: plot\_history(lstm\_history1)



### **Summary:**

After experimenting with various parameter combinations, the one shown here is one of the best. An interesting point worth raising is that while the maximum sequence length has been cut down to 250 here, other sizes have also been experimented, and it appears that using a larger maximum sequence length does not seem to improve the model (which is another reason for limiting the sequence length). This could be because of the limitation of the LSTM's capacity–given that the cell state needs to discard certain information every time it goes in the new "time step" (in this project probably "word" would be more accurate), it cannot gain much from having a longer input sequence.

By adding Dropout layers and Early Stopping, as shown in the two plots above, the model does not show too much overfitting and is relatively robust.

- Model performance: When measured in accuracy score, the model's performance does not seem to show much improvement compared to the much more "basic" models shown above (although further analysis in the following section would suggest something different.)

#### 2.2.3 LSTM with GloVe

```
# Extract the embeddings from GloVe
with open('glove.6B.300d.txt', 'r', encoding='UTF-8') as f:
    word_to_vec_map = {}
    for line in f:
        w_line = line.split()
        curr_word = w_line[0]
        word_to_vec_map[curr_word] = np.array(w_line[1:], dtype=np.float64)
```

```
# Size of the GloVe embeddings
     embedding_dim = len(word_to_vec_map['the'])
[]: words_to_index = tokenizer.word_index
     emb_matrix = np.zeros((total_words+1, embedding_dim))
     # Create an embedding matrix based on the unique words in all comments (which is
     # stored in the words_to_index variable) and the embeddings provided by the GloVe
     # file above
     for word, index in words_to_index.items():
         embedding_vector = word_to_vec_map.get(word)
         if embedding_vector is not None:
             emb_matrix[index] = embedding_vector
     del word_to_vec_map
[]: lstm_size = 100
     dropout_rate = 0.4
     EPOCHS = 100
     BATCH_SIZE = 25
[]: tf.compat.v1.reset_default_graph()
     clear_session()
     input_layer = Input(shape=(max_sequence_len))
     # Create an embedding layer using the embedding matrix defined above
     # Note: since the GloVe embeddings have already been pretrained, the
     # trainable parameter here will be False
     embed_layer = Embedding(input_dim=total_words+1,
                             output_dim=embedding_dim,
                             input_length=max_sequence_len,
                             weights = [emb_matrix],
                             trainable=False)(input_layer)
     lstm_layer1 = LSTM(lstm_size, return_sequences=True)(embed_layer)
     dropout_layer_1 = Dropout(dropout_rate)(lstm_layer1)
     lstm_layer2 = LSTM(lstm_size)(dropout_layer_1)
     dropout_layer2 = Dropout(dropout_rate)(lstm_layer2)
     # Since we need to output a probability (of the text being positive)
     # which is between 0 and 1
     output = Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')(dropout_layer2)
     lstm_2 = Model(inputs=input_layer, outputs=output)
```

# lstm\_2.summary() Model: "model" Layer (type) Output Shape Param # input\_1 (InputLayer) [(None, 250)] embedding (Embedding) (None, 250, 300) 2305800 1stm (LSTM) (None, 250, 100) 160400 dropout (Dropout) (None, 250, 100) lstm\_1 (LSTM) (None, 100) 80400 dropout\_1 (Dropout) (None, 100) dense (Dense) (None, 1) 101 Total params: 2,546,701 Trainable params: 240,901 Non-trainable params: 2,305,800 []: # Loss (since it's a binary classification problem) loss = losses.BinaryCrossentropy() # Optimizer optimizer = RMSprop(learning\_rate=0.00002) # Compilation lstm\_2.compile(optimizer=optimizer, loss=loss, metrics=['accuracy'])

```
accuracy: 0.5116 - val_loss: 0.6903 - val_accuracy: 0.5134
Epoch 3/100
accuracy: 0.5316 - val_loss: 0.6400 - val_accuracy: 0.7138
Epoch 4/100
accuracy: 0.7357 - val_loss: 0.5541 - val_accuracy: 0.7513
Epoch 5/100
1000/1000 [============] - 44s 44ms/step - loss: 0.5355 -
accuracy: 0.7670 - val_loss: 0.5238 - val_accuracy: 0.7739
Epoch 6/100
accuracy: 0.7849 - val_loss: 0.4987 - val_accuracy: 0.7877
accuracy: 0.8029 - val_loss: 0.4651 - val_accuracy: 0.8085
Epoch 8/100
1000/1000 [============] - 43s 43ms/step - loss: 0.4433 -
accuracy: 0.8151 - val_loss: 0.4272 - val_accuracy: 0.8154
Epoch 9/100
accuracy: 0.8258 - val_loss: 0.4266 - val_accuracy: 0.8097
Epoch 10/100
accuracy: 0.8314 - val_loss: 0.3908 - val_accuracy: 0.8337
Epoch 11/100
1000/1000 [============] - 44s 44ms/step - loss: 0.3835 -
accuracy: 0.8363 - val_loss: 0.3843 - val_accuracy: 0.8360
Epoch 12/100
1000/1000 [============] - 43s 43ms/step - loss: 0.3749 -
accuracy: 0.8414 - val_loss: 0.3748 - val_accuracy: 0.8415
Epoch 13/100
1000/1000 [============] - 43s 43ms/step - loss: 0.3684 -
accuracy: 0.8443 - val_loss: 0.3911 - val_accuracy: 0.8387
Epoch 14/100
1000/1000 [============] - 43s 43ms/step - loss: 0.3615 -
accuracy: 0.8468 - val_loss: 0.3696 - val_accuracy: 0.8430
Epoch 15/100
accuracy: 0.8493 - val_loss: 0.3782 - val_accuracy: 0.8440
Epoch 16/100
1000/1000 [============] - 42s 42ms/step - loss: 0.3512 -
accuracy: 0.8525 - val_loss: 0.3736 - val_accuracy: 0.8459
Epoch 17/100
accuracy: 0.8545 - val_loss: 0.3523 - val_accuracy: 0.8512
Epoch 18/100
```

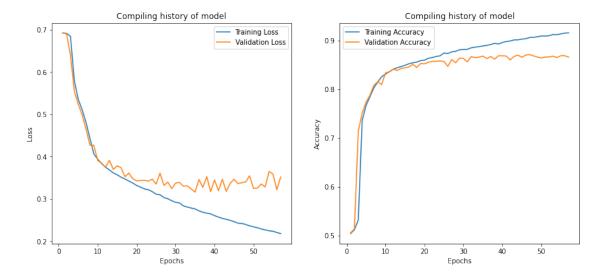
```
accuracy: 0.8559 - val_loss: 0.3610 - val_accuracy: 0.8448
Epoch 19/100
1000/1000 [============] - 45s 45ms/step - loss: 0.3375 -
accuracy: 0.8589 - val_loss: 0.3476 - val_accuracy: 0.8531
Epoch 20/100
accuracy: 0.8597 - val_loss: 0.3425 - val_accuracy: 0.8524
Epoch 21/100
1000/1000 [============ ] - 43s 43ms/step - loss: 0.3277 -
accuracy: 0.8638 - val_loss: 0.3435 - val_accuracy: 0.8555
Epoch 22/100
accuracy: 0.8652 - val_loss: 0.3439 - val_accuracy: 0.8573
Epoch 23/100
accuracy: 0.8675 - val_loss: 0.3419 - val_accuracy: 0.8575
Epoch 24/100
1000/1000 [============= ] - 43s 43ms/step - loss: 0.3171 -
accuracy: 0.8688 - val_loss: 0.3466 - val_accuracy: 0.8582
Epoch 25/100
accuracy: 0.8746 - val_loss: 0.3349 - val_accuracy: 0.8572
Epoch 26/100
accuracy: 0.8737 - val_loss: 0.3609 - val_accuracy: 0.8471
Epoch 27/100
accuracy: 0.8769 - val_loss: 0.3318 - val_accuracy: 0.8612
Epoch 28/100
1000/1000 [============ ] - 43s 43ms/step - loss: 0.3004 -
accuracy: 0.8781 - val_loss: 0.3397 - val_accuracy: 0.8544
Epoch 29/100
1000/1000 [============] - 44s 44ms/step - loss: 0.2956 -
accuracy: 0.8812 - val_loss: 0.3242 - val_accuracy: 0.8642
Epoch 30/100
accuracy: 0.8817 - val_loss: 0.3374 - val_accuracy: 0.8633
Epoch 31/100
accuracy: 0.8822 - val_loss: 0.3391 - val_accuracy: 0.8564
Epoch 32/100
1000/1000 [============] - 43s 43ms/step - loss: 0.2836 -
accuracy: 0.8852 - val_loss: 0.3298 - val_accuracy: 0.8672
Epoch 33/100
accuracy: 0.8866 - val_loss: 0.3308 - val_accuracy: 0.8652
Epoch 34/100
```

```
accuracy: 0.8877 - val_loss: 0.3234 - val_accuracy: 0.8662
Epoch 35/100
1000/1000 [============] - 45s 45ms/step - loss: 0.2763 -
accuracy: 0.8889 - val_loss: 0.3159 - val_accuracy: 0.8682
Epoch 36/100
accuracy: 0.8902 - val_loss: 0.3458 - val_accuracy: 0.8630
Epoch 37/100
1000/1000 [============] - 44s 44ms/step - loss: 0.2684 -
accuracy: 0.8920 - val_loss: 0.3273 - val_accuracy: 0.8675
Epoch 38/100
accuracy: 0.8944 - val_loss: 0.3525 - val_accuracy: 0.8620
Epoch 39/100
accuracy: 0.8931 - val_loss: 0.3171 - val_accuracy: 0.8688
Epoch 40/100
1000/1000 [============] - 45s 45ms/step - loss: 0.2604 -
accuracy: 0.8961 - val_loss: 0.3447 - val_accuracy: 0.8688
Epoch 41/100
accuracy: 0.8981 - val_loss: 0.3191 - val_accuracy: 0.8683
Epoch 42/100
accuracy: 0.8992 - val_loss: 0.3465 - val_accuracy: 0.8604
Epoch 43/100
1000/1000 [============= ] - 46s 46ms/step - loss: 0.2517 -
accuracy: 0.9014 - val_loss: 0.3176 - val_accuracy: 0.8675
Epoch 44/100
1000/1000 [============] - 47s 47ms/step - loss: 0.2492 -
accuracy: 0.9016 - val_loss: 0.3362 - val_accuracy: 0.8700
Epoch 45/100
1000/1000 [============] - 47s 47ms/step - loss: 0.2461 -
accuracy: 0.9031 - val_loss: 0.3464 - val_accuracy: 0.8658
Epoch 46/100
accuracy: 0.9039 - val_loss: 0.3363 - val_accuracy: 0.8704
Epoch 47/100
accuracy: 0.9064 - val_loss: 0.3382 - val_accuracy: 0.8715
Epoch 48/100
accuracy: 0.9066 - val_loss: 0.3400 - val_accuracy: 0.8686
Epoch 49/100
accuracy: 0.9080 - val_loss: 0.3545 - val_accuracy: 0.8664
Epoch 50/100
```

```
1000/1000 [===========] - 47s 47ms/step - loss: 0.2341 -
   accuracy: 0.9095 - val_loss: 0.3248 - val_accuracy: 0.8642
   Epoch 51/100
   1000/1000 [============] - 45s 45ms/step - loss: 0.2315 -
   accuracy: 0.9095 - val_loss: 0.3253 - val_accuracy: 0.8664
   Epoch 52/100
   1000/1000 [============= ] - 45s 45ms/step - loss: 0.2289 -
   accuracy: 0.9101 - val_loss: 0.3352 - val_accuracy: 0.8664
   Epoch 53/100
   accuracy: 0.9125 - val_loss: 0.3281 - val_accuracy: 0.8680
   Epoch 54/100
   1000/1000 [============] - 57s 57ms/step - loss: 0.2245 -
   accuracy: 0.9122 - val_loss: 0.3649 - val_accuracy: 0.8654
   Epoch 55/100
   1000/1000 [============ ] - 65s 65ms/step - loss: 0.2235 -
   accuracy: 0.9139 - val_loss: 0.3588 - val_accuracy: 0.8689
   Epoch 56/100
   1000/1000 [============] - 64s 64ms/step - loss: 0.2205 -
   accuracy: 0.9153 - val_loss: 0.3215 - val_accuracy: 0.8690
   Epoch 57/100
   accuracy: 0.9159 - val_loss: 0.3518 - val_accuracy: 0.8662
   Epoch 00057: early stopping
[]: lstm_prediction2 = lstm_2.predict(X_test)
    lstm_prediction2 = [1 if p>0.5 else 0 for p in lstm_prediction2]
    print(classification_report(y_test, lstm_prediction2))
```

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0 1	0.85 0.88	0.89 0.84	0.87 0.86	12500 12500
accuracy macro avg	0.87	0.87	0.87 0.87	25000 25000
weighted avg	0.87	0.87	0.87	25000

### []: plot\_history(lstm\_history2)



### **Summary:**

After experimenting with various parameter combinations, the one shown here is one of the best. By adding Dropout layers and Early Stopping, as shown in the two plots above, the model does not show much overfitting and is relatively robust.

Another relevant (and not surprising) observation is that when a higher dimension of the GloVe embedding is used, the model would gain a better performance. This is reasonable because by using a larger embedding size, the embedding vectors are able to capture more aspects of the differences/similarities among the words and thus benefit the model training.

- Model performance: When measured in accuracy score, the model's performance does not seem to show much improvement compared to the much more "basic" models shown above (although further analysis in the following section would suggest something different.)

#### 2.2.4 Save model results

#### 2.2.5 Error analysis

• LSTM (Plain)

Distribution of misclassified texts:

1982 1 0 1290

Name: Sentiment, dtype: int64

#### **Observations:**

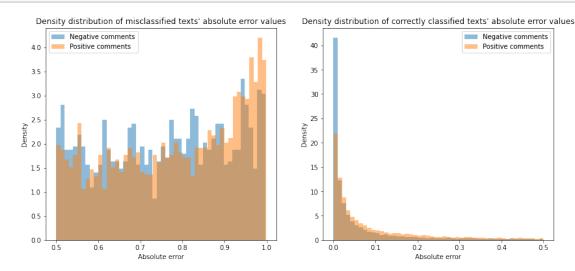
#### 1. The misclassification seems to be more concentrated in positive comments.

After gaining an overview of the misclassified texts, we can take a further look by comparing the true labels with the predicted probabilities (instead of the predicted hard labels):

Negative comments

Positive comments

### []: plot\_absolute\_error(lstm\_df1)

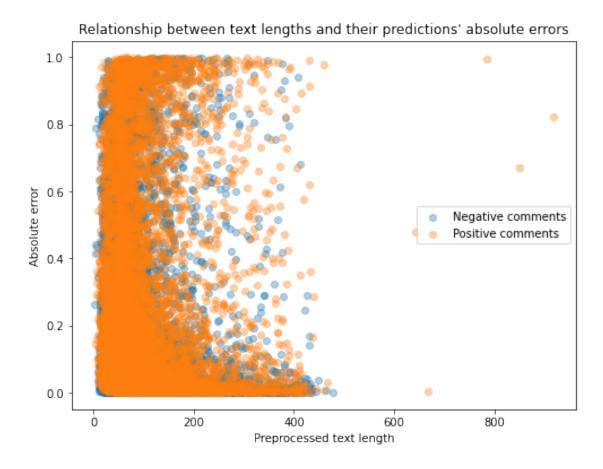


### **Observations: (continued)**

2. Both histogram plots show that the distributions of absolute errors are very similar for negative and positive comments, with the performance on negative comments being slightly better (i.e., having its distribution more concentrated on the left side of the graph.) Meanwhile, it is worth noting that the LSTM model seems to perform very well whenever a text is correctly classified—as shown in the second plot, the texts that are correctly labeled mostly have a very low absolute error (i.e., the model has very high confidence when predicting a text correctly.) This observation has a very strong contrast with especially the two models above (Logistic Regression and Random Forest), which proves that by using a more complex model structure, while the accuracy results have not improved, the underlying predictions have actually become better.

Another perspective of error analysis is by looking at the length of the texts (more specifically, of the preprocessed texts) to see if it has any relationship with their error values:

[]: plot\_length\_and\_error(lstm\_df1)



### **Observations: (continued)**

- 3. Based on the plot above, we can see little correlation between the text lengths and their predictions' absolute errors.
  - LSTM (with GloVe embedding)

Distribution of misclassified texts:

1 1956 0 1390

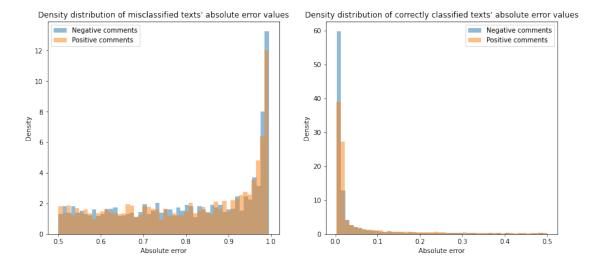
Name: Sentiment, dtype: int64

### **Observations:**

1. The misclassification seems to be more concentrated in negative comments, which is the opposite of the case of the plain LSTM above.

After gaining an overview of the misclassified texts, we can take a further look by comparing the true labels with the predicted probabilities (instead of the predicted hard labels):

### []: plot\_absolute\_error(lstm\_df2)



#### **Observations: (continued)**

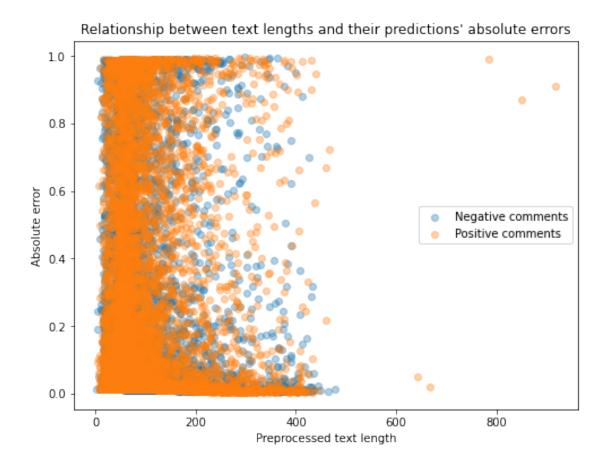
2. The plot on the left shows that the distributions of absolute errors are very similar for negative and positive comments, with the performance on negative comments being slightly worse (i.e., having its distribution more concentrated on the right side of the graph.) Meanwhile, the plot on the right suggests something different: the absolute errors on negative texts are slightly lower than those on positive ones.

Moreover, similar to the plain LSTM above, when using the pre-trained embeddings, the model seems to perform very well whenever a text is correctly classified—as shown in the second plot. At the same time, when comparing both LSTMs' plots on the left, it seems that the one with GloVe embeddings has a much more skewed distribution of errors on misclassified observations, i.e., the GloVe-embedding model makes more "severe" mistakes once it misclassifies a text.

Again, this observation has a very strong contrast with the two TF-IDF models above, which suggests an improvement in predictions when a more complex model structure is used.

Another perspective of error analysis is by looking at the length of the texts (more specifically, of the preprocessed texts) to see if it has any relationship with their error values:

[]: plot\_length\_and\_error(lstm\_df2)



### **Observations: (continued)**

3. Based on the plot above, we can see little correlation between the text lengths and their predictions' absolute errors.

### 2.3 fastText

### 2.3.1 Preprocessing

```
train_copy.iloc[:, 0] = train_copy.iloc[:, 0].apply(lambda x: ' '.
      →join(simple_preprocess(x)))
     test_copy.iloc[:, 0] = test_copy.iloc[:, 0].apply(lambda x: ' '.
      →join(simple_preprocess(x)))
     # Prefixing each row of the category column with '__label__' (required formatum
     → for the model)
     train_copy.iloc[:, 1] = train_copy.iloc[:, 1].apply(lambda x: '__label__' +__
      \rightarrowstr(x))
     test_copy.iloc[:, 1] = test_copy.iloc[:, 1].apply(lambda x: '__label__' + str(x))
[]: train_copy[['Comment', 'Sentiment']].to_csv('train.txt',
                                                 index=False,
                                                 sep = ' ',
                                                 header = None,
                                                 quoting = csv.QUOTE_NONE,
                                                 quotechar = "",
                                                 escapechar = " ")
     test_copy[['Comment', 'Sentiment']].to_csv('test.txt',
                                                 index=False,
                                                 sep = ' ',
                                                 header = None,
                                                 quoting = csv.QUOTE_NONE,
                                                 quotechar = "",
                                                 escapechar = " ")
```

### 2.3.2 Model training

#### 2.3.3 Save model results

```
[]: fasttext_acc = accuracy_score(test_df.Sentiment.values, fasttext_label)
summary_df = summary_df.append({'Model': 'fastText', 'Accuracy': fasttext_acc},
→ignore_index=True)
```

### 2.3.4 Error analysis

Distribution of misclassified texts:

1 1482 0 1406

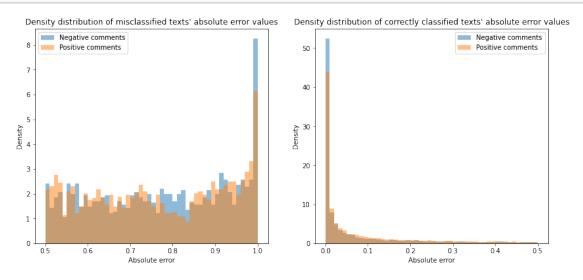
Name: Sentiment, dtype: int64

#### **Observations:**

1. The misclassification seems to be balanced between the two types of sentiments.

After gaining an overview of the misclassified texts, we can take a further look by comparing the true labels with the predicted probabilities (instead of the predicted hard labels):

### []: plot\_absolute\_error(fasttext\_df)



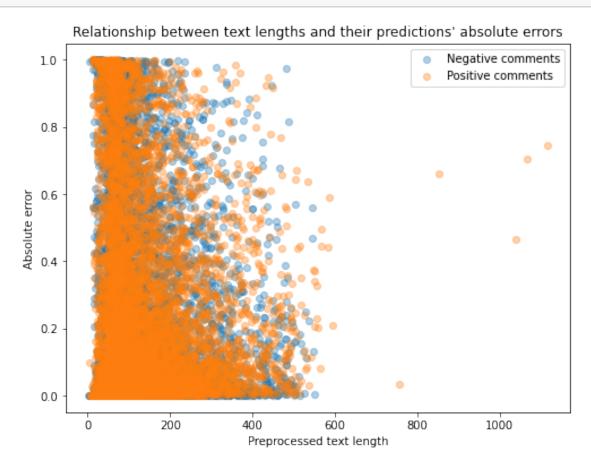
### **Observations: (continued)**

2. The two plots above are similar to the ones of the LSTM model with GloVe embeddings with two main differences: 1) The skewness of the distribution on the first plot (i.e., the distribution of the absolute error on misclassified texts) is smaller; 2) The differences between negative and positive comments' error distribution is also lower. This means that the fastText model is able to perform very well whenever a text is correctly classified—as shown in the second plot, while it

still tends to make more "severe" mistakes once it misclassifies a text (but less severe compared to LSTM with GloVe embeddings.)

Another perspective of error analysis is by looking at the length of the texts (more specifically, of the preprocessed texts) to see if it has any relationship with their error values:

### []: plot\_length\_and\_error(fasttext\_df)



### **Observations: (continued)**

3. Based on the plot above, we can see little correlation between the text lengths and their predictions' absolute errors.

### **2.4 BERT**

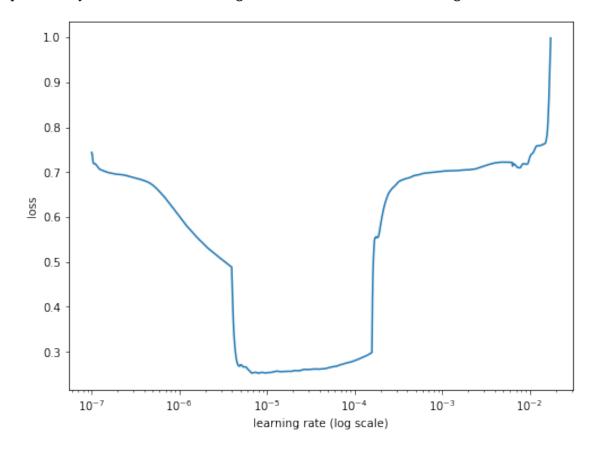
### 2.4.1 Preprocessing

```
[]: \max_{n} = 250
     batch_size = 6
[]: # Transformer Model
     bert = ktrain.text.Transformer('bert-base-uncased', maxlen=max_len, classes = u
      \rightarrow [0,1])
     X_train = train_df['Comment'].tolist()
     y_train = train_df['Sentiment'].tolist()
     X_test = test_df['Comment'].tolist()
     y_test = test_df['Sentiment'].tolist()
     # Pre-processing training & test data
     train = bert.preprocess_train(X_train,y_train)
     test = bert.preprocess_test(X_test,y_test)
     model = bert.get_classifier()
     learner = ktrain.get_learner(model, train_data=train, val_data=test,__
      →batch_size=batch_size)
    preprocessing train...
    language: en
    train sequence lengths:
            mean : 113
            95percentile: 294
            99percentile: 440
    <IPython.core.display.HTML object>
    Is Multi-Label? False
    preprocessing test...
    language: en
    test sequence lengths:
            mean : 226
            95percentile: 576
            99percentile: 889
    <IPython.core.display.HTML object>
    2.4.2 Find the suitable range of learning rates
[]: plt.rcParams["figure.figsize"] = (8,6)
     learner.lr_find(max_epochs=5)
     learner.lr_plot()
```

```
simulating training for different learning rates... this may take a few
moments...
Epoch 1/5
4166/4166 [=======
                          ========] - 1997s 474ms/step - loss: 0.4863 -
accuracy: 0.7499
Epoch 2/5
                                    ===] - 2068s 496ms/step - loss: 0.3016 -
4166/4166 [====
accuracy: 0.8761
Epoch 3/5
4166/4166 [==
                                    ====] - 2071s 497ms/step - loss: 0.7213 -
accuracy: 0.5085
Epoch 4/5
4166/4166 [============== ] - 573s 137ms/step - loss: 1.1356 -
accuracy: 0.5006
```

### done.

Please invoke the Learner.lr\_plot() method to visually inspect the loss plot to help identify the maximal learning rate associated with falling loss.



The plot above suggests that setting the learning rate in the range between 7e-6 and 5e-5 would

be better since it has the lowest loss.

### 2.4.3 Model training

```
[]: learning_rate = 7e-6
  epochs = 5
  learner.fit_onecycle(learning_rate, epochs)

# Results summary
x = learner.validate(class_names=bert.get_classes())
```

```
begin training using onecycle policy with max lr of 7e-06...
accuracy: 0.8462 - val_loss: 0.2238 - val_accuracy: 0.9116
Epoch 2/5
accuracy: 0.9179 - val_loss: 0.2368 - val_accuracy: 0.9074
Epoch 3/5
accuracy: 0.9450 - val_loss: 0.2255 - val_accuracy: 0.9194
Epoch 4/5
accuracy: 0.9746 - val_loss: 0.2592 - val_accuracy: 0.9216
Epoch 5/5
accuracy: 0.9908 - val_loss: 0.2805 - val_accuracy: 0.9230
        precision
               recall f1-score
                           support
      0
           0.93
                 0.91
                       0.92
                            12500
      1
           0.92
                 0.93
                       0.92
                            12500
                       0.92
  accuracy
                            25000
 macro avg
           0.92
                 0.92
                       0.92
                            25000
weighted avg
           0.92
                 0.92
                       0.92
                            25000
```

### 2.4.4 Save model results

```
[]: # Model predictions
bert_pred = learner.predict(test)
bert_prob = [p[1] for p in bert_pred]
bert_label = [1 if p>0.5 else 0 for p in bert_prob]

bert_accuracy = accuracy_score(test_df.Sentiment.values, bert_label)
```

#### 2.4.5 Error analysis

Distribution of misclassified texts:

0 1068 1 857

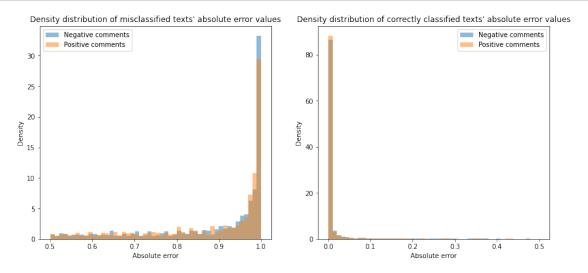
Name: Sentiment, dtype: int64

### **Observations:**

1. The BERT model seems to have fewer misclassifications in positive comments.

After gaining an overview of the misclassified texts, we can take a further look by comparing the true labels with the predicted probabilities (instead of the predicted hard labels):

### []: plot\_absolute\_error(bert\_df)



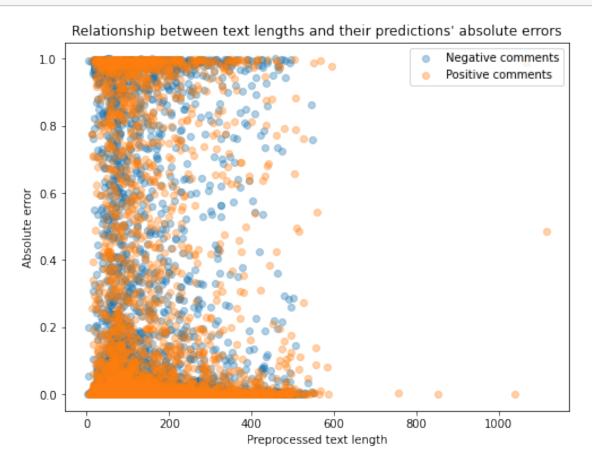
#### **Observations: (continued)**

2. The plot on the left shows that the BERT model performs slightly better in positive comments whenever it misclassifies (i.e., the positive comments tend to have a smaller absolute error.) This plot also shows that overall, when the model misclassifies, it tends to make more "severe" mistakes (with a large density on the right side of the plot.)

The plot on the right shows that for texts that are correctly labeled, the model is able to predict with very high confidence.

Another perspective of error analysis is by looking at the length of the texts (more specifically, of the preprocessed texts) to see if it has any relationship with their error values:

## []: plot\_length\_and\_error(bert\_df)



### **Observations: (continued)**

3. Based on the plot above, again, we can see little correlation between the text lengths and their predictions' absolute errors.

# 3. Summary

# 3.1 Analysis of accuracy scores

```
2 LSTM (Initial) 0.86912
3 LSTM (GloVe embedding) 0.86616
0 Random Forest (TF-IDF) 0.84556
```

### **Analysis:**

- 1. Based on the summary table above, **BERT appears to outperform all other models** with an accuracy score on validation data of 92.3%, which is not surprising given that the model is much more complex and that it has already been pre-trained.
- 2. The performance of the fastText model and TF-IDF Logistic Regression are very close to each other. This could be because **both models have used Bag of Words**. One possible explanation for fastText's slightly higher accuracy could be because of **its "wordNgrams" feature**, which allows the model to consider local word order and add some more context.
- 3. While TF-IDF models are the simpliest ones among all, they have shown very good performance, especially using Logistic Regression, which has a better performance in terms of accuracy when compared to LSTMs.

This can be partly explained by the structure of the models. Since the goal is to classify sentiment, the sentence structure itself does not matter. Instead of focusing on analysing the sentences themselves, often times the specific words and their frequency used in the comments can tell much more about the sentiment. With the TF-IDF matrices as training data, which is created by summarizing all the words' occurrence within and across different texts, even a relatively simple model can learn from the somehow explicit relationship between the texts' sentiments and certain words' occurrence frequency and therefore achieve such high accuracy. For example, the model might learn that when the second word in the dictionary has a high score assigned by TF-IDF, the text is mostly positive.

In comparison, the LSTM models focuses more on the sequence of the texts themselves. Even though the models also use an embedding layer that represents words with vectors and therefore also enables the models to learn the relationship between the words and the texts' sentiments, such a relationship is more implicit when compared to the TF-IDF models as mentioned above. While LSTMs have much more complex structures, much of its capacity is used in finding out the relationship between the sentences' sequence and their underlying sentiment, and as pointed out earlier, the sequence of the structure of the sentence itself often aren't as effective as the word usage and frequency when it comes to classifying sentiments. Therefore, with enough capacity and model complexity, it is reasonable to assume that LSTM can outperform TF-IDF model by considering both the words used and the sentences themselves. However, due to the constraint in resources, this cannot be proved yet.

4. The two LSTM models have very similar performance in terms of accuracy, which is unexpected, for one might assume that using pre-trained word embeddings from GloVe can improve the results. However, given that the accuracy difference is so small between the two models, the underperformance of the GloVe embedded LSTM could be because of the model parameters—it is possible that the GloVe embedded LSTM does not perform as well as it should be because the suitable structure/optimizer/learning rate has not been found yet.

Apart from the accuracy comparison, one can also view the difference between the two LSTMs by looking at their compiling history plots. It appears that **the LSTM without any pre-trained embeddings has shown more overfitting**, and that its validation accuracy has been at first higher than the training accuracy and was later surpassed. In comparison, **the LSTM with the GloVe embeddings shows more steady changes in the accuracy scores of training and validation data—the validation accuracy increased with the increase in training accuracy. This might indicate that the model parameters of the LSTM without any pre-trained embeddings might be more "suitable" (in terms of predicting validation dataset) than the ones of the GloVe LSTM.** 

5. Another point worth noticing is the difference between the two TF-IDF models. With the same preprocessed data derived from TF-IDF, the Logistic Regression model appears to have much better performance than Random Forest. One possible explanation is that due to the large number of "variable numbers" (which is essentially the number of unique words, for they represent the number of columns in the TF-IDF preprocessed matrices), it is more difficult for Random Forest to fit the data with similar capacity. In comparison, Logistic Regression only needs to learn the weights of the model and its computational power needed does not change as much as that required for Random Forest when the number of variable increases. To achieve similar results as Logistic Regression, tens of thousands of deep estimators (decision trees) might be needed, which, again, due to resources constraints, cannot be implemented here.

### 3.2 Further error analysis

### 3.2.1 Summary of misclassification distribution

Based on the error analysis shown above, it can be concluded as follows:

- Two models have (relatively) balanced misclassification: TF-IDF with Logistic Regression and fastText model
- Three models have more misclassification in positive texts: TF-IDF with Random Forest and the two LSTMs
- One model has more misclassifications in negative texts: BERT

In the hope of further revealing the pattern of these models' misclassification, density plots of the models' absolute error were created. However, after integrating the results listed above with the findings based on the density plots, no distinct patterns have been discovered. For example, models with more misclassifications in negative texts might have a higher absolute error values in their misclassified positive.

### 3.2.2 Comparison of absolute error distributions

• Absolute error distributions in **misclassified texts** 

When comparing across all models (for specific visualizations please refer back to their corresponding sections above), we can see that TF-IDF models appear to have lower absolute errors in misclassified texts overall than others. In other words, when these models predict texts incorrectly, on average, TF-IDF models' predicted probabilities are not as far from the true label as the other models' predictions. It also appears that more complex models such as LSTM with GloVe embeddings, fastText, and BERT tend to make more severe mistakes when they misclassify.

### Absolute error distributions in correctly labeled texts

When the models make correct predictions, it appears that more complex models make such predictions with higher confidence. Compared to the two TF-IDF models, the other four models have a much more skewed density distribution of absolute error with most of its values concentrated on the smaller (error) values. In other words, the more complex models output probabilities that are closer to the texts' true labels whenever they correctly label these texts.

### 3.2.3 Small note on relationship between error and text length

For all the models, there does not seem to be a relationship between their prediction errors and the misclassified texts' lengths. Therefore, their misclassifications are caused by other factors. However, given the nature of the problem, it is difficult to discover these factors by simply using measures that can be computed (measures such as text lengths.) One possible solution is by looking into the misclassified texts manually in hope of finding a potential pattern.

Considering that inspecting all the misclassified texts is unrealistic, here we will only take a few samples from the misclassified texts from the best model at hand, BERT.

#### 3.2.4 Inspect misclassified samples of BERT

```
[]: # Select 10 sentences from the misclassified texts in BERT with highest absolute.
     error_samples = bert_df.sort_values('Absolute_error', ascending=False).Comment.
      →values.tolist()
     error_sentiments = bert_df.sort_values('Absolute_error', ascending=False).
      \rightarrowSentiment.values.tolist()
     sentiment_map = {1: 'positive', 0: 'negative'}
     count = 0
     i = 0
     while count<10:
         # Select samples with lengths within a certain range
         if len(error_samples[i])<1000 and len(error_samples[i])>500:
             count += 1
             print(f'\nSample {count}: (its sentiment is⊔
      →{sentiment_map[error_sentiments[i]]})\n')
             print(error_samples[i])
         i += 5
```

Sample 1: (its sentiment is negative)

this movie changed my life! hogan's performance was nothing short of incredible, and i still haven't recovered from his exclusion from the 1990 oscar nominations. and as brightly as the hulkster shines in this movie, you can't discount the brilliant writing and direction that vaults this masterpiece in to the highest strata of achievement in film. if you haven't seen this movie, drop

what your doing right now and get yourself a copy. i guarantee it will blow your mind. and if you don't like it, then i just have one question for you... watcha gonna do when the 24 inch pythons and hulkamania runs wild on you!!!!

#### Sample 2: (its sentiment is negative)

my friend and i rented this one a few nights ago. and, i must say, this is the single best movie i have ever seen. i mean, woah! "dude, we better get some brew before this joint closes" and "dude, linda's not wearin' a bra again." what poetry! woah! and it's such a wonderfuly original movie, too. i mean, you don't usually find a slasher film where every single murder is exactly the same. i mean, exactly! now that's originality. and almost all the transitions between scenes are these great close-ups of the psycho in the er scrubs. how cool! the acting is so wonderful to. the dad was just brilliant. must have studied real dads before filming. and how many movies do you find that just don't make any sense? not many. but this is one of those gems. i mean, how cool is it that one guy waited outside for like six hours to pull a prank, while his friends were both inside? that's really cool. overall i'd say this is the single greatest film of the genre, nay, in the world! \*\*\*\*\*

#### Sample 3: (its sentiment is positive)

we've all see the countless previews and trailers. if you enjoyed knoxville getting flipped by the bull you'll take great carnal pleasure in the opening "act". i must caution the masses however, i considered taking my (under-18) son with me but am relieved i did not. this compilation of obnoxious skits contains a few that albeit as hilarious as they may seem to the adult community, a few are not for the immature. these guys must get paid a great ransom to tolerate some of the devious stunts, sometimes played at their expense. in particular, bam margera and ehren mcghehey are slighted by the group in a few particular stunts. enjoy

#### Sample 4: (its sentiment is negative)

this film with fine production values features secrets and how friends use each other. henry may long is a very well-acted, dimly lit, depressing turn-of-the-century period piece about a friendship between a fatally ill man and a melancholy, indebted junkie. talky drawing room dramas are not my cup of tea, and all the crying wears thin. recommended if you like independent, slyly intellectual, slow-paced merchant ivory-type features. i suspected that the main characters were in love, but their connection was so intimated, it didn't really have the emotional impact of 'brokeback mountain.' it features some good writing with a scene discussing how to disappear in life, but it is truly a dark and depressing film.

#### Sample 5: (its sentiment is positive)

this was one of the worst columbo episodes that i have seen, however, i am only

in the second season. the typical columbo activities are both amusing and irritating. his cigar ashes causing him trouble have been seen before, and the bit where he always identifies in some way with the murderer--in this case cooking ,tho the scene on the tv cooking show distracted from the main theme. also not explained was why the brother at the beginning of the show was cutting part of the wires of the mixer. the reason was never explained ,nor did it serve any purpose. but the part i disliked the most was the death of the bride to be . this was never explained and it is the main reason why i give this episode such a low grade.

#### Sample 6: (its sentiment is positive)

i cannot understand the need to jump backwards and forwards to scene set, and pad out the plot. showing that someone has a skill right before they use it, i believe, is offending our intelligence. it's starting to feel a little contrived, and as though they are making up for being so vague for the first three series. a little disappointing this episode. furthermore, using past quirks, like locke's ability to know when a storm is ending, is frankly insulting... are we supposed to ooh and arr, or laugh at the softer side of locke? this episode was all over the place.

#### Sample 7: (its sentiment is positive)

pulling in 2.6 million viewers, one has to wonder what everyone's opinions on the storyline/plot is. reading the run down over at lifetime, i was led to believe that this would be an edge-of-your-seat thriller about a single mother being stalked and finally confronting the stalker. sadly i was mistaken. while the main plot is interesting enough - single mother run off road one night, then is stalked by same guy, the reasoning behind the stalking left nothing but a really bad taste in my mouth. laura leighton plays the victim, and she does it well. whether it was all those years on melrose place or not, she does well in this movie, playing a mother who would do anything to protect her son from harm, and she's looking pretty good too these days. leighton is really the only good thing about this movie. i think many people will identify with the main character, after discovering why the stalker is stalking, it will be a view-only-once type of movie.

#### Sample 8: (its sentiment is positive)

ok. who ever invented this film hates humanity and wants to see them all slit their throats. this "film" was absolute and utter filth. what the heck was up with the weird old bags eyes? seriously, was she on some sort of horrible drug and then she like just thought she could control people? she was running around with her freaking evil eye and it was like what? do i have a booger hanging out of my nose? what are you staring at? are you like the sea witch or something? all and all though i thought the graphics were top notch old chap. for that alone i would give it a ten. but just cover your ears when you are watching it. the pure and complete evil that comes from that film will make your ears bleed

and your eyelids fall off. who knows? you might even get a knot in your small intestine. you better watch out fools.

### Sample 9: (its sentiment is negative)

this movie is very violent, yet exciting with original dialog and cool characters. it has one of the most moving stories and is very true to life. the movie start off with action star leo fong as a down and out cop who is approaching the end of his career, when he stumbles on to a big case that involves corruption, black mail and murder. this is where the killings start. from start finish fong delivers in this must see action caper. this movie also co-stars richard roundtree. i really enjoyed this film as a child but as i got older i realized that this film is pretty cheesy and not very good. i would not recommend this film and the action is very, very bad.

#### Sample 10: (its sentiment is negative)

why does the poster & artwork say "clubbed is one of the best uk indie films i have seen in a very long time. screen international" when it was a quote of the french distributor reported by screen international (an influential film trade publication). see www.screendaily.com/screendailyarticle.aspx?intstoryid=39811 which reads: "pretty pictures has acquired all french-speaking rights to neil thompson's clubbed ...james velaise, president of pretty pictures, said: "clubbed is one of the best uk indie films i have seen in a very long time."" isn't this rather misleading? the distributor is bound to say it's good. are the other quotes real?

#### **Observations:**

After inspecting various misclassified examples including the ones above, several possible reasons for prediction errors can be discovered:

- 1. Some comments (both negative and positive) use sarcasm, which can be quite misleading for the model. While not common, there are also "abnormal" positive comments that can be easily mistaken for negative even when a human reads it, for it might involve certain context of the mentioned movie, and by merely looking at the text that involves a lot of negative words, it is very easy to misclassify.
- 2. Some comments have multiple parts. A viewer might bring up something that happened before which invoked negative feelings but then turn to the part where they start to really give comments and use positive expressions. Such mixture of positive and negative texts in the same comment can also be very confusing.
- 3. **Some comments are contradictory to their scoring.** For example, some people would write a score as part of their comments, which is inconsistent with the real score they gave. The underlying reason could be that the writer gave an opposite score by mistake, or that they meant to write the text in a way that is so sarcastic that one cannot tell their attitude unless when looking at the score they have assigned.

4. The scores for the corresponding texts are dependent on different people's habits and biases. Even with the same text, a more tolerant viewer might assign a much higher score than one who cannot bear any imperfections in the film.

Given all these possible reasons for misclassification, it is understandable that even with a model as complex as BERT, the prediction accuracy cannot achieve near-100%. In other words, even if we can come up with a model that can perfectly identify sarcasm, due to the errors of the data itself which is unavoidable, a perfect performance is almost impossible.

### 3.3 Conclusion and future works

Generally speaking, sentiment classification requires processing data in a way that enables analysis in both sentence structure and word usage. From the comparison of the results between TF-IDF and other non-BERT models, we can see that the role of word usage analysis seems to be more important for the task when model capacity is relatively limited. When resources are not a main constraint, one can take advantage of the high complexity of neural network models such as BERT to learn deeper representation of the texts instead of relying on rather simplified summary such as the ones in TF-IDF models.

To further improve the performance of the model, it appears to be more reasonable to continue with BERT. While the model has been able to achieve accuracy of over 92%, some improvements can still be made. As shown above, ktrain provides a function that allows one to find a suitable range of learning rates. Here only 5 epochs have been run to find this range due to resource contraints, but more epochs can be done in the future. Moreover, ktrain provides multiple fitting functions that can vary the learning rate schedule during model training. Here the method of 1 cycle has been used, but others are worth exploring as well. Meanwhile, other model parameters such as batch size and the maximum length of texts fed into the model can also be further tuned.