1.We have a total of 550152 sentence pairs in the training dataset. Each sentence is treated as a document. I calculated the TF/IDF for every unique word and document(Sentence) pair. So, the vector corresponding to each sentence contains the TF/IDF value (for the sentence/document) for every unique word present in the documents set. Initially, I checked the result after converting every sentence pair in the training data into a 3-dimensional vector which is obtained computing the Cosine, L2, and L1 distance between the two vectors (obtained from TF/IDF value) corresponding to the respective sentence pairs. This gives the accuracy of .4536 in the validation set.

Next, I tried using the 2 vectors for a pair of sentences (**concatenated the two vectors**)to train my model. As the number of unique words is too many (**Around 32000 in this set of documents after eliminating the stop words and converting to lower cases**), this time I used only the useful words with very high document frequency or extremely low document frequency. I checked the performance of the model using different document frequency to filter out the unimportant words. I present my observation here:

Document frequency	Validation Accuracy	Number of unique words (Say n)after filtering out the unimportant words based on document frequency
min_df=.01,max_df=.8	0.43	[each docment is a n dimentional vector] 88
min_df=.005,max_df=.9	0.47	185
min_df=.002,max_df=.95	0.5168	427
min_df=.002,max_df=.97	0.5168	427
min_df=.001,max_df=.98	0.544	769
min_df=.0005,max_df=.98	0.5787	1307
min_df=.0007,max_df=.98	0.557	998
min_df=.0007,max_df=.99	0.557	998
min_df=.0006,max_df=.99	0.5612	1133
min_df=.00055,max_df=.99	0.5664	1221

So, here we see there is a tradeoff between the number of unique words used in training and the validation accuracy. But, with the increase in the number of words used for training the validation accuracy improves. At some point in time, the accuracy does not increase much even if we keep using more numbers of unique words. So, here I **chose min_df=.0005,max_df=.98** in my final model which gives validation accuracy of **0.5787** which involved 1307 unique words. So each sentence is a vector of length 1307. **Also, on the test data it gave .5732 accuracy**

The 3-dimensional vector which is obtained computing the Cosine, L2 and L1 distance between the two vectors (obtained from TF/IDF value) corresponding to the respective

sentence pairs also give better accuracy (.4536) than the accuracy we get after filtering out the words with greater documents frequency than .01 and lesser document frequency than .8, representing each document as an 88-dimensional vector during training. This is because this 3-dimensional vector captures better features than choosing the top 88 important words using document frequency based filtration.

2.As the problem is a multiclass classification problem, in the very beginning I checked if the training data is well class balanced or not and I found 183187 number of sentence pairs labeled as contradiction, 182764 number of sentence pairs as neutral and 183416 number of sentence pairs as entailment. So, the training data is well class balanced, hence there is no need for doing class balancing during training.

Model I. In deep models I tried with a simple architecure where I embeded the sentence as a vector by taking the average of its word embedding (100 dimensional Glove word embedding I used here) and the passed it through a simple feed forward neural network which gave me the validation accuracy =.62 . Total number of learnable parameters were very less and the validation accuracy was also slightly better than the TF/IDF feature engineering model.

Model II. Next I tried with 100 dimensional Glove word embedding, then passing the embedding to a single layer LSTM of output dimension 512, and again adding a Softmax layer for 3 class classification. This gave me the validation accuracy =.69. Total number of learnable parameters were **1,256,963**.

Model III. Next I tried with 100 dimensional Glove word embedding, then passing the embedding to a single layer Bidirectional LSTM of output dimension 512, and again adding a Softmax layer for 3 class classification. This gave me the validation accuracy =.71 after 10 iterations Total number of learnable parameters were **2,513,923**.

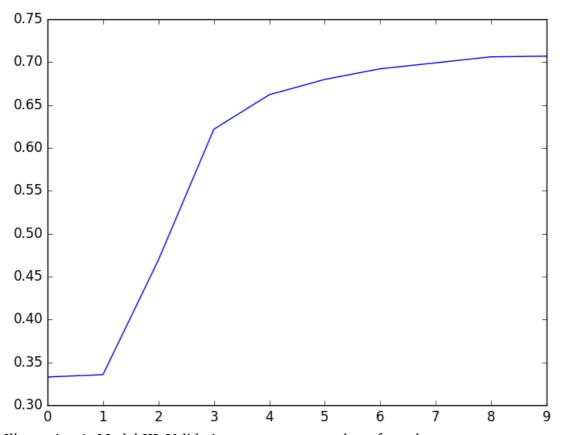


Illustration 1: Model III. Validation accuracy vs number of epochs

Model IV. Next I tried with 100 dimensional Glove word embedding, then passing the embedding to a single layer LSTM of output dimension 512, and again adding a Softmax layer for 3 class classification. But, this time I trained the Word embedding too, after initializing the embedding eight matrix with the pretrained Glove weight matrix. This gave me the validation accuracy =.716 after 4 iterations and then started overfitting. Total number of learnable parameters were **5,802,823**. So, for single layer BiLSTM model training the embedding layer did not give any improvement in the validation accuracy over using the pretrained 100 dimensional word vector, rather number of trainable parameters increased unnecessarily. The reason could be the pretrained glove word vectors is good enough for the vocabulary in this snli dataset.

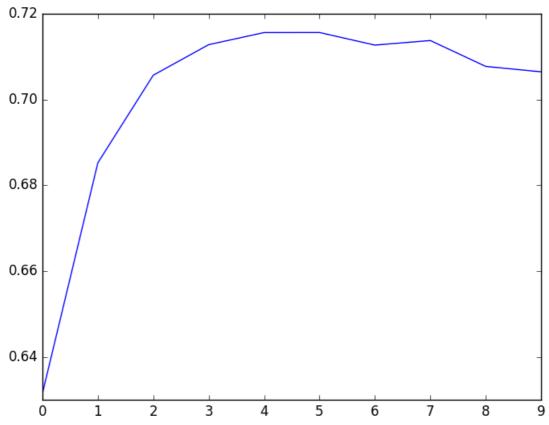


Illustration 2: Model IV. validation accuracy vs number of epochs

Model V. Next I tried with 100 dimensional Glove word embedding, then passing the embedding to a double layer Bidirectional LSTM of output dimension 512, and then a Dropout of .2 followed by a 512 dimensional Dense layer and another dropout followed by another dense layer of same dimension and the Dropout of .2 and, then finally adding the Softmax layer for 3 class classification. I used pretrained 100 dimensional Glove weight vectors. This gave me the validation accuracy = .7205 and then it started overfitting, hence I stopped training after 10 iterations. Total number of learnable parameters were **8,809,475**.

Model VI. Next I tried with 200 dimensional Glove word embedding, then passing the embedding to a double layer Bidirectional LSTM of output dimension 512, and then a Dropout of .2 followed by a 512 dimensional Dense layer and another dropout followed by another dense layer of same dimension and the Dropout of .2 and, then finally adding the Softmax layer for 3 class classification. I used pretrained 200 dimensional Glove weight vectors. This gave me the validation accuracy = .738 after 10 iterations and then it started overfitting, hence I saved the best model received after 10th iteration. Total number of learnable parameters were **10,004,995**.

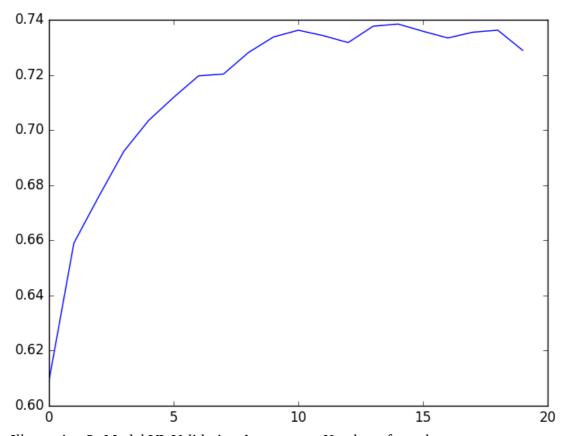


Illustration 3: Model VI. Validation Accuracy vs Number of epochs

Model VII. Also, I trained 300 dimensional Glove word embedding, then passing the embedding to a double layer Bidirectional LSTM of output dimension 512, and then a Dropout of .2 followed by a 512 dimensional Dense layer and another dropout followed by another dense layer of same dimension and the Dropout of .2 and, then finally adding the Softmax layer for 3 class classification. I used pretrained 300 dimensional Glove weight vectors. This gave me the validation accuracy = .74 and then it started overfitting, hence I stopped training after 10 iterations. Total number of learnable parameters were **10,414,595**.

Also, another important observation is with the increase in model capacity/complexity I had to decrease the learning rate from .001 to .0001.[for model V,VI]

Model V and model VII Comparision in respect to training and validation loss: As we see with

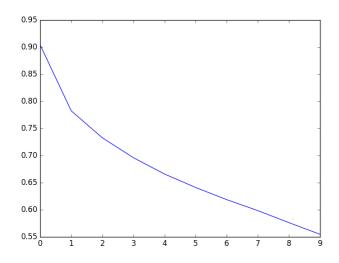


Illustration 1: Model VII. Training loss vs number of epoch with 300 dimensional word embedding model

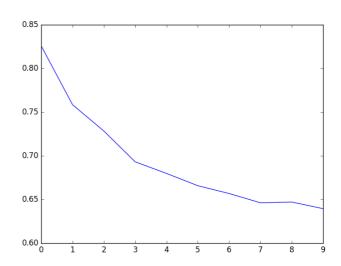


Illustration 2: Model VII. Val loss vs number of epoch with 300 di ensional embedding

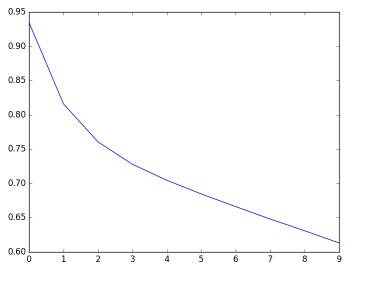


Illustration 3: Model V. Training loss vs number of epochs with 100 dimensional embedding

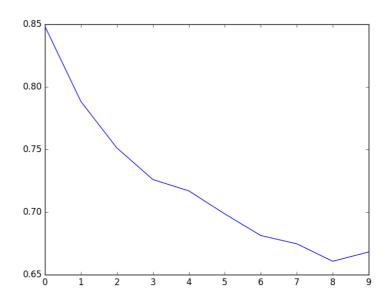


Illustration 4: Model V. val loss vs number of epoch with 100 dimensional embedding

300 dimensional embedding the model performs slightly better than the embedding being used of dimension 100. Except for the word embedding dimension rest of the architectures are similar in model V and VII.

ModelVIII. Next I tried with 300 dimensional Glove word embedding, then passing the embedding to a double layer Bidirectional LSTM of output dimension 512, and then a Dropout of .2 followed by a 512 dimensional Dense layer and another dropout followed by another dense layer of same dimension and the Dropout of .2 and, then finally adding the Softmax layer for 3 class classification. But, this time I trained the Word embedding too, after initializing the embedding eight matrix with the pretrained Glove weight matrix. This gave me the validation accuracy = .76 after 10 iterations, and then it started overfitting, hence I stopped training after 10 iterations. Total number of learnable parameters were **20,281,295** which is very high(almost double in terms of number of learnable parameters) as compared to the previous two models which gave .74 (approx) validation accuracy which is not very less than this model.

As, we can see there is a tradeoff between model complexity and model's performance, hence we preferrred the previous model over this.

So, Model V [100 dimensional pre trained embedding],Model VI [200 dimensional pre trained embedding] ,model VII[300 dimensional pretrained embedding , and model VIII[300 dimensional pretrained embedding with trainable= True] give validation accuracy 0.7205, 0.739 ,0.74 and 0.76 respectively. The number of learnable parameters for these 4 models are respectively 8,809,475 ; 10,004,995 ; 10,414,595 and 20,281,295 . So, as the model complexity/number of learnable parameters increase the validation accuracy increases. More complex models lead to more training time. So, keeping the time of training in mind I decided to use model VI [200 dimensional pre trained embedding] as my final deep model which gave validation accuracy 73.8% and on the test set it gave 73.85% accuracy

Test Accuracy:

Test Accuracy by my final TF/IDF feature engineering model and deep model:

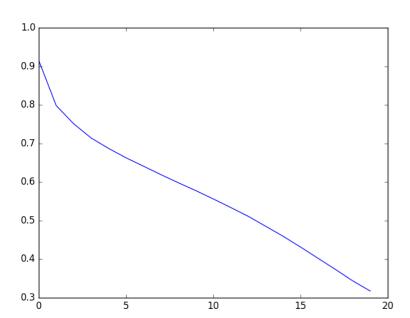


Illustration 4: Training Loss vs number of iteration for final deep model [ModelVI]

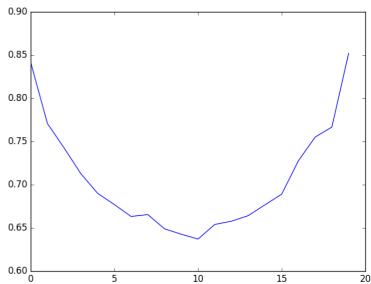


Illustration 5: Validation loss vs number of epoch for the deep model[Model VI]. I saved and used the best model after 10th iteration for testing, I just continued the training till 20 iterations to show how the validation loss increases during overfitting but the training loss on the left picture still decreases.

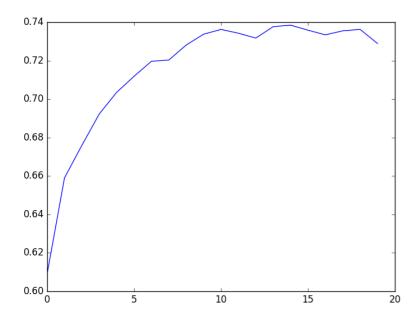


Illustration 6: Validation Accuracy vs number of epochs for model VI. so we can see after 10 iterations overfitting starts.