

Sentiment Classifier Empowered With LSTM Autoencoder

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Introduction

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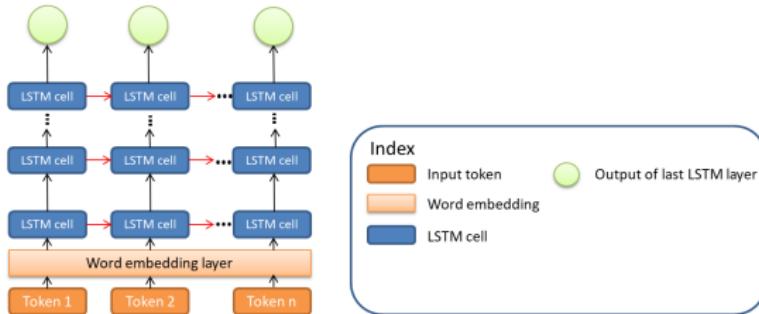
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Main idea

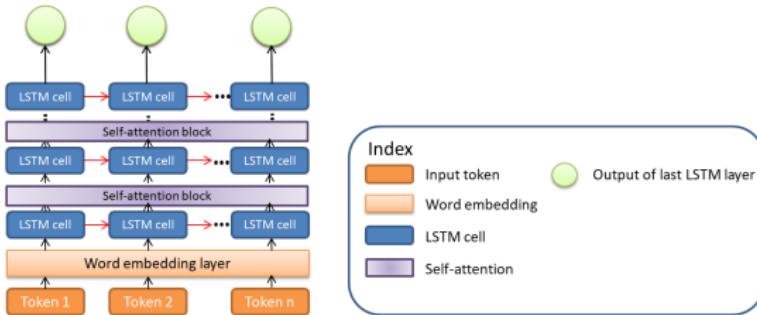
Introducing LSTM autoencoder with LSTM-based classifier network and simultaneously optimizing two objective functions to get better predictions

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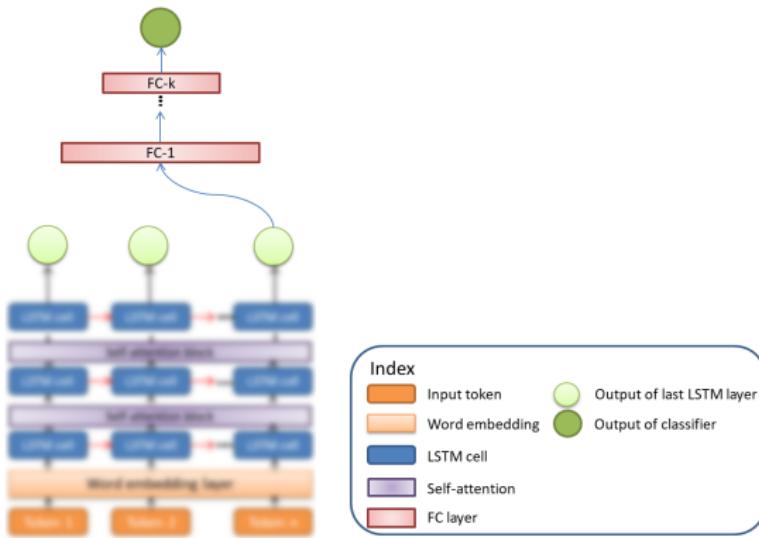
- **Encoder:** Usual rnn framework with word embedding layer followed by multiple lstm layers — which takes in as input the word tokens and outputs a vector at each time step.

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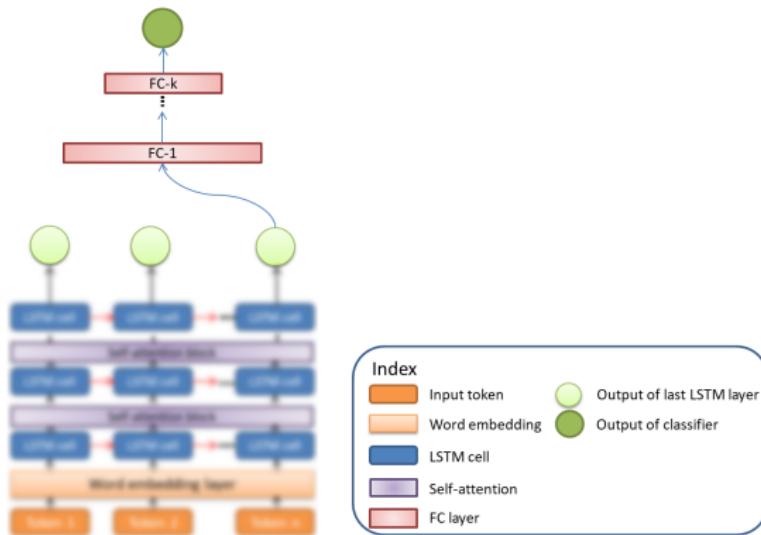
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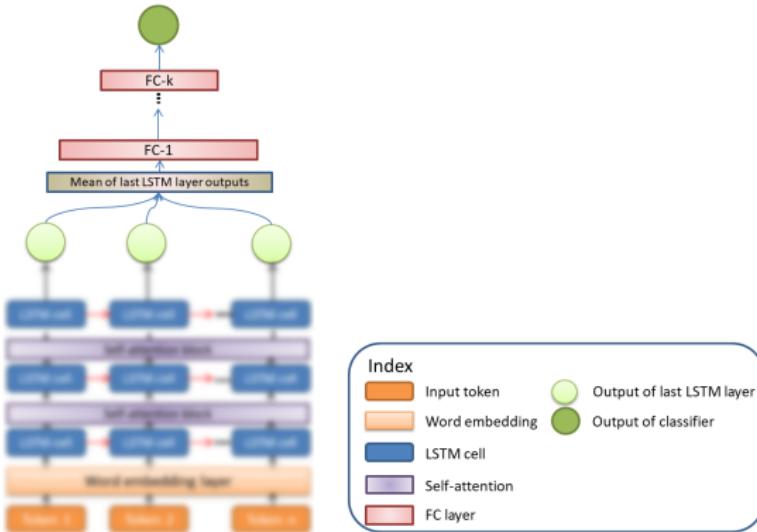
- **Classifier:** Feed-forward neural network with multiple fully connected layers — which takes in as input the output of last LSTM layer and outputs the probability of a particular example being in a particular class.

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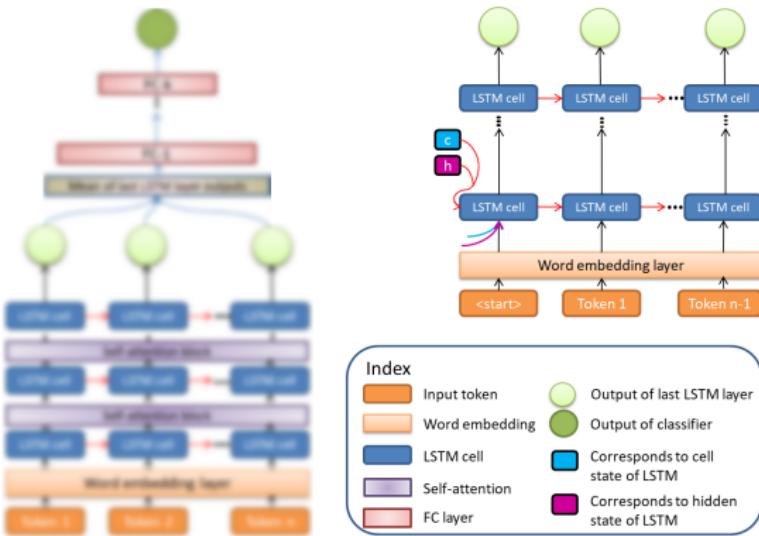
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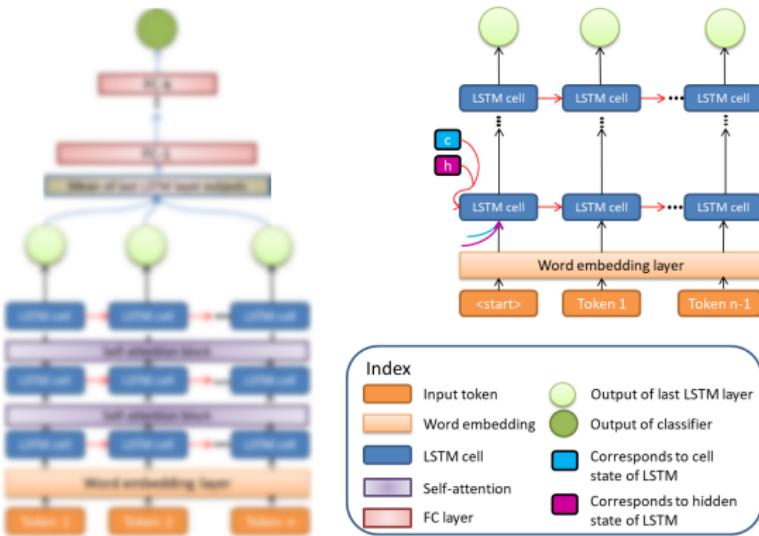
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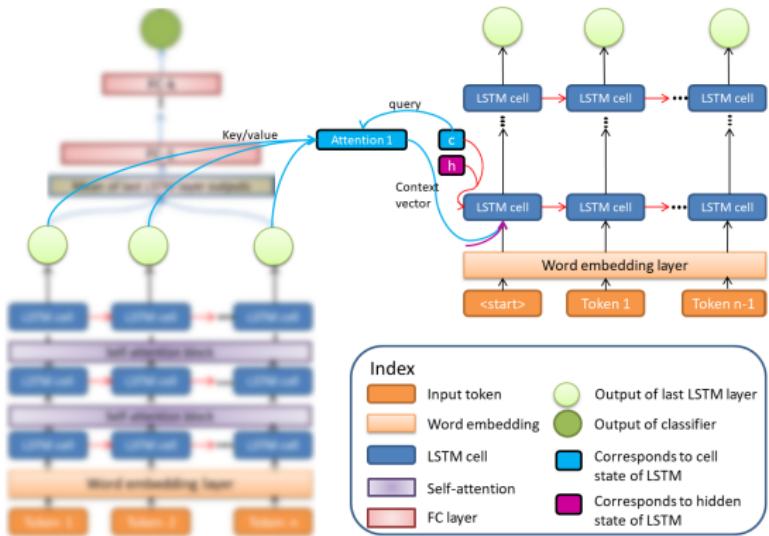
- **Decoder:** RNN framework with word embedding layer followed by multiple LSTM layers, initiated with <start> token in the first time step.

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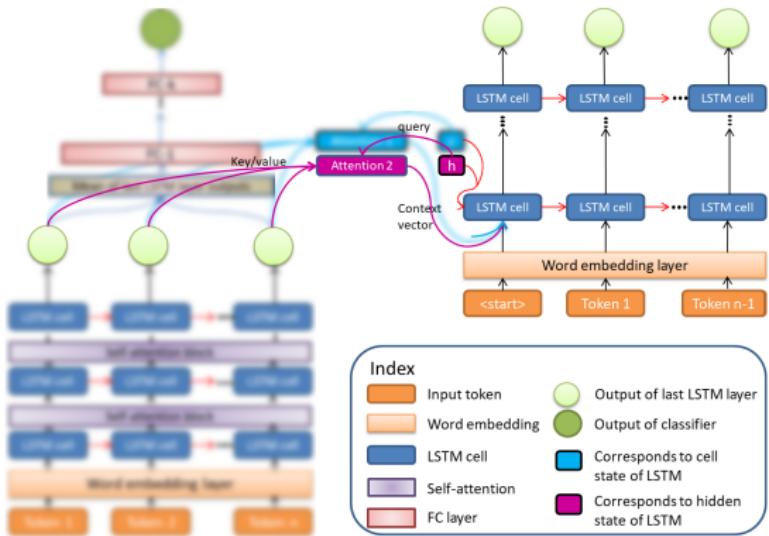
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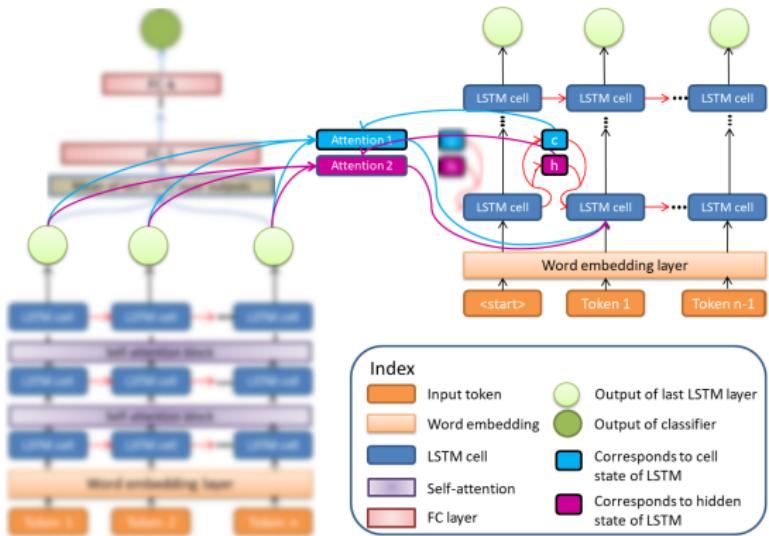
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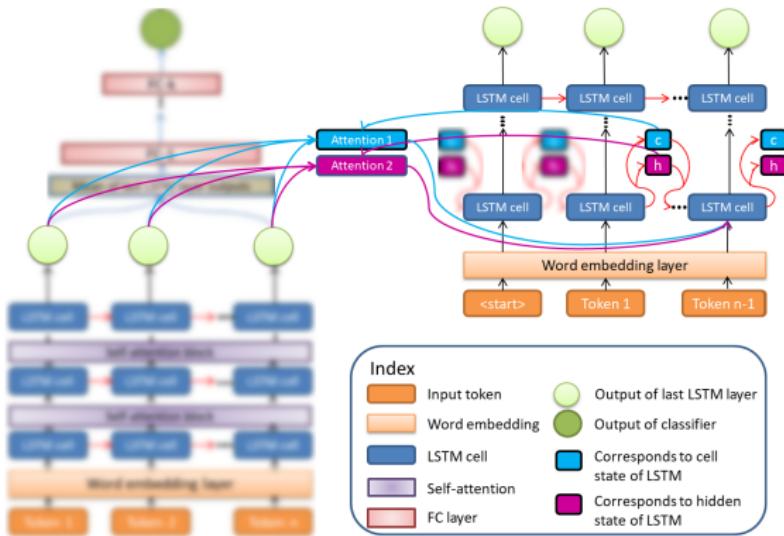
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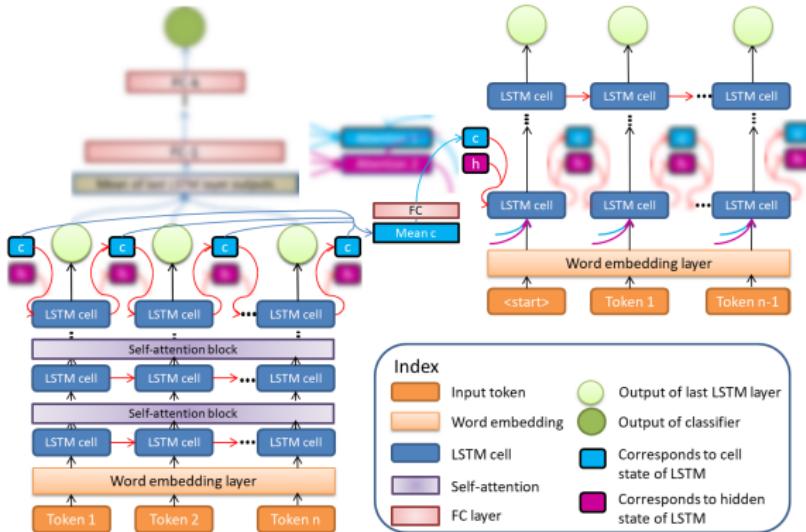
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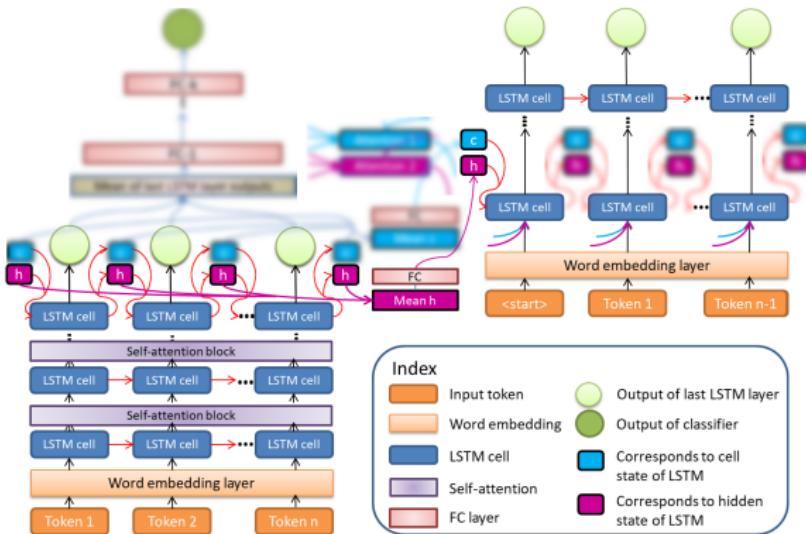
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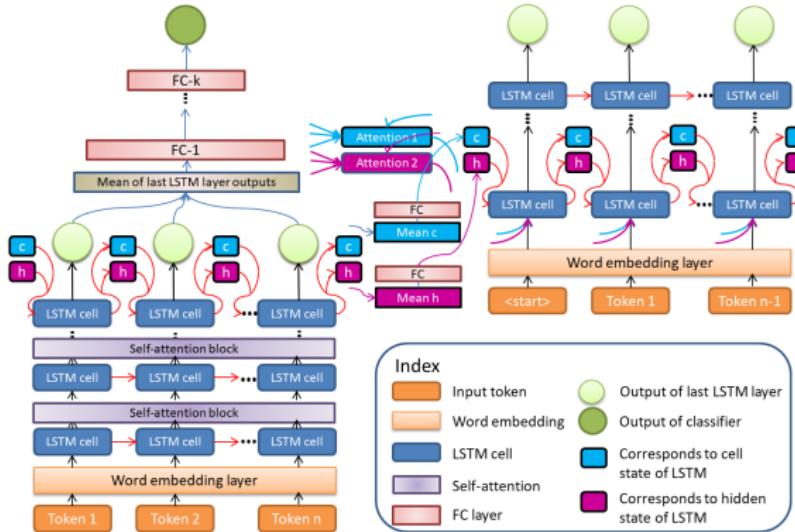
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Overall architecture

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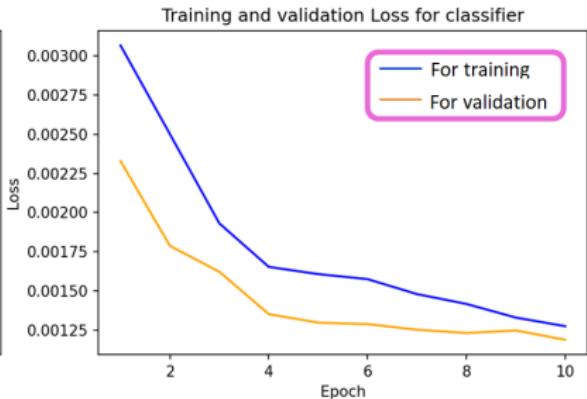
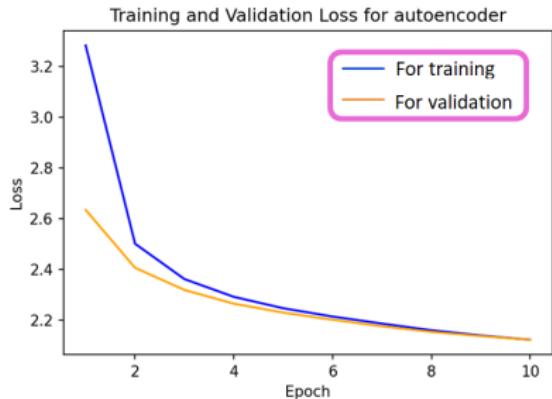
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Result

Training and validation loss



Test results

Accuracy: 90.5215%, Precision: 91.1331%, Recall: 89.7154%

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