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- To examine the benefit of the frequency bins, Fig.3 show the distribution of the frequency bins that belong to  $y_i = 1$  or  $y_i = 0$ .
- Observe that the values in the frequency bins:
  - $y_i = 1$  tend to gradually increase over time
  - $y_i = 0$  tend to decrease in recent periods
- Therefore, use the features that capture the consumption patterns changing over time (sequence of frequency bins) to predict items will be consumed in the future.

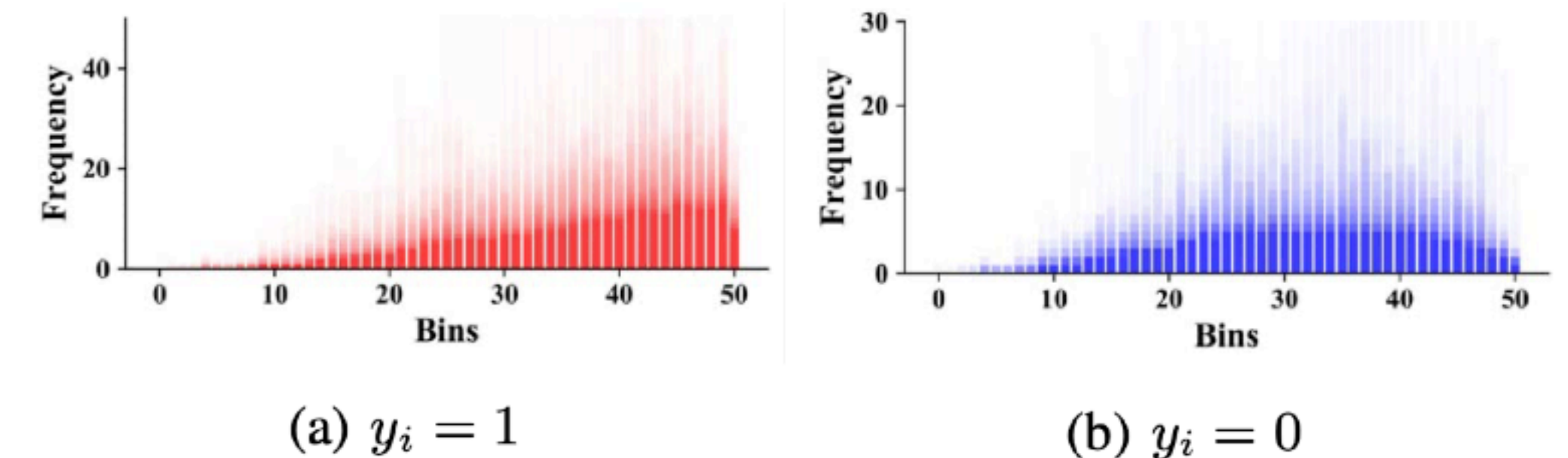


Fig. 3: Distribution of frequency bins corresponding to 10,000 randomly-sampled items that belong to  $y_i = 1$  (a) or  $y_i = 0$  (b) on Yelp dataset.

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- Based on the frequency bins, design a RNN as a sequence encoder, adopt BILSTM, which has been effective to model sequential data.

- Design the predictive model with BILSTM as follows:

- $M(f_i; \theta) = \sigma(\mathbf{w}^\top (\overrightarrow{LSTM}(f_i) || \overleftarrow{LSTM}(f_i)) + c)$

- $f_x = [b_1, b_2, \dots, b_B] \in \mathbb{R}^B$ : sequence of frequency bins of item  $i$

- $\sigma$ : sigmoid function,  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^{2l}$ : trainable weight,  $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}$ : bias

- Each LSTM encodes the feature  $f_i$  into  $l$ -dimensional vector, which obtained from their last hidden state.

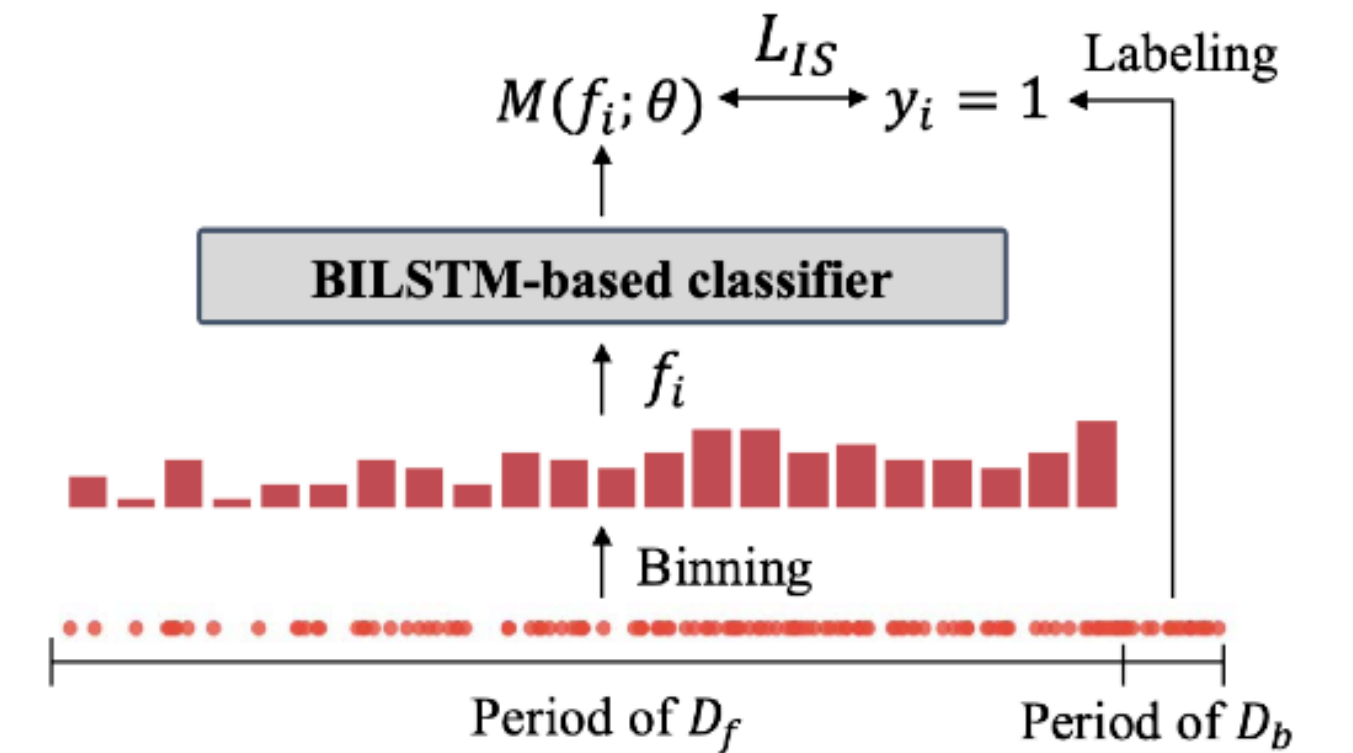


Fig. 2: Training process of a propose classifier on the interest sustainability prediction.