

DEEP LEARNING FOR TRUTHFULNESS ASSESSMENT: DETECTING FAKE NEWS IN SOCIAL MEDIA THROUGH DEEP LEARNING

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INTRODUCTION

01

SPREAD OF
MISINFORMATION
IN SOCIAL MEDIA

02

IMPACT OF FAKE
NEWS IN
SOCIETY, POLITICS &
PERSONAL LIFE

03

USE OF DEEP
LEARNING TO
DETECT FAKE NEWS

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

01

EXPLORING ROBUST FAKE
NEWS DETECTION MODELS

02

INVESTIGATING THE
IMPACT OF HYBRID DEEP
LEARNING MODELS

03

ANALYSING THE POTENTIAL
OF DL MODELS FOR
AUTOMATED FAKE NEWS
DETECTION

04

DIFFERENTIATING THE
PERFORMANCE OF
VARIOUS DEEP LEARNING
MODELS

RELATED WORKS

Dataset Type	Model Name	Performance
BuzzFeed and PolitiFact, GeoText Dataset, UTGeo2011 Dataset	GCN, MENET	BuzzFeed accuracy- GCN :87.8%, PolitiFact accuracy- GCN: 89.5%
Custom News Dataset(Text based)	DNN	Accuracy: 91%
DataHeart dataset	LSTM, 14-Layer BLSTM	Acc: 91.08%, Rec: 91.10%, F1 : 91.57%
Snopes, PolitiFact, News Trust, SemEval-2017	DeClarE	DeClarE(Full) on Politifact Acc:67.32%, False claim Acc:69.62%, Macro F1 score:68%, AUC:75%

DATASET COLLECTION

Dataset Used

-CIC Truth Seeker Dataset 2023

ISOT Fake News Dataset

Data Sources

TRUTH SEEKER DATASET:

- Collected tweets from PolitiFact Dataset
- Contains 186,000 tweets

ISOT Dataset:

- Contains 45,000 news articles

Data Collected Process

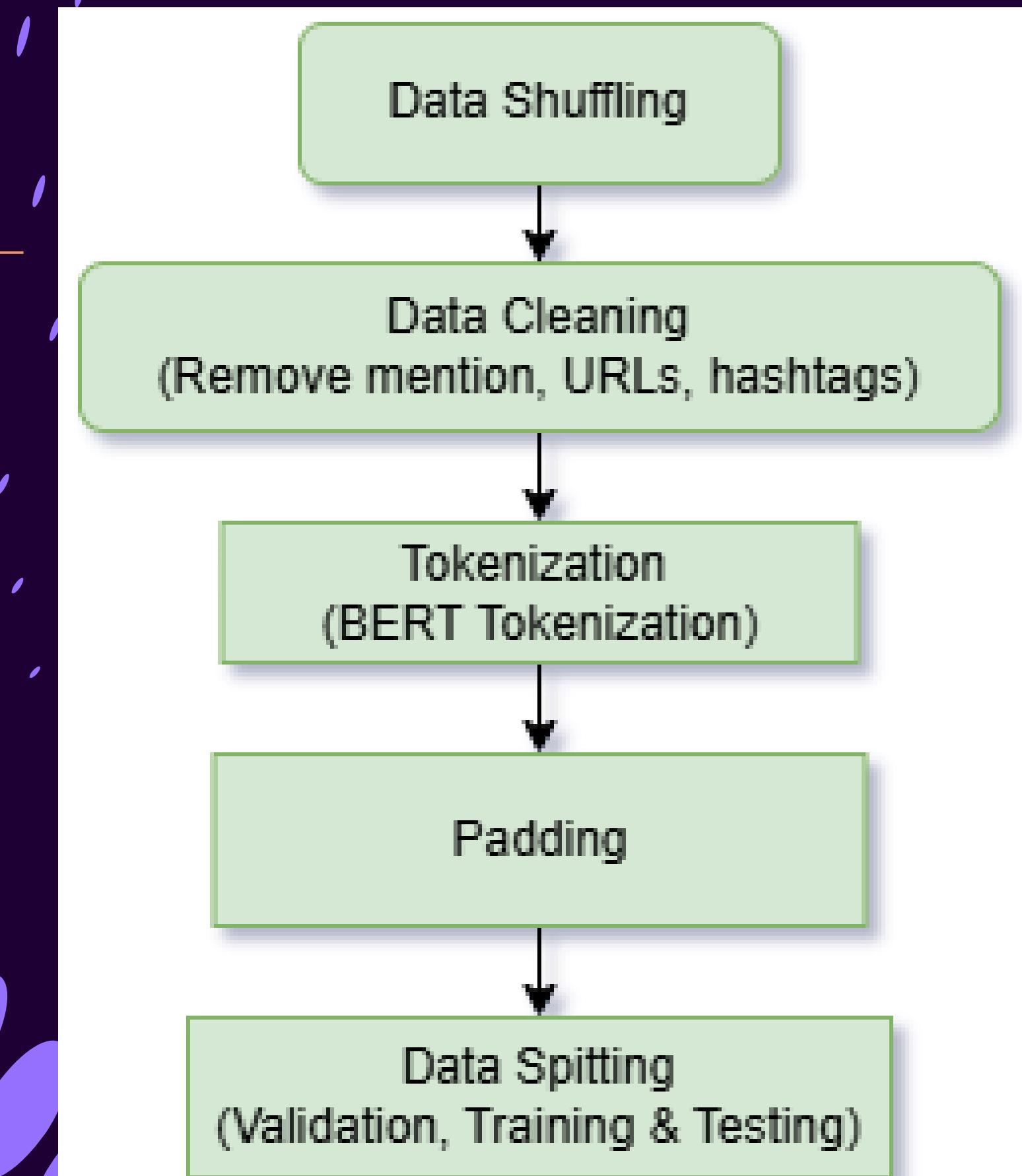
- Extracted tweets and articles from online sources
- Labeled data into 3-label and 5-label classification

Dataset Features

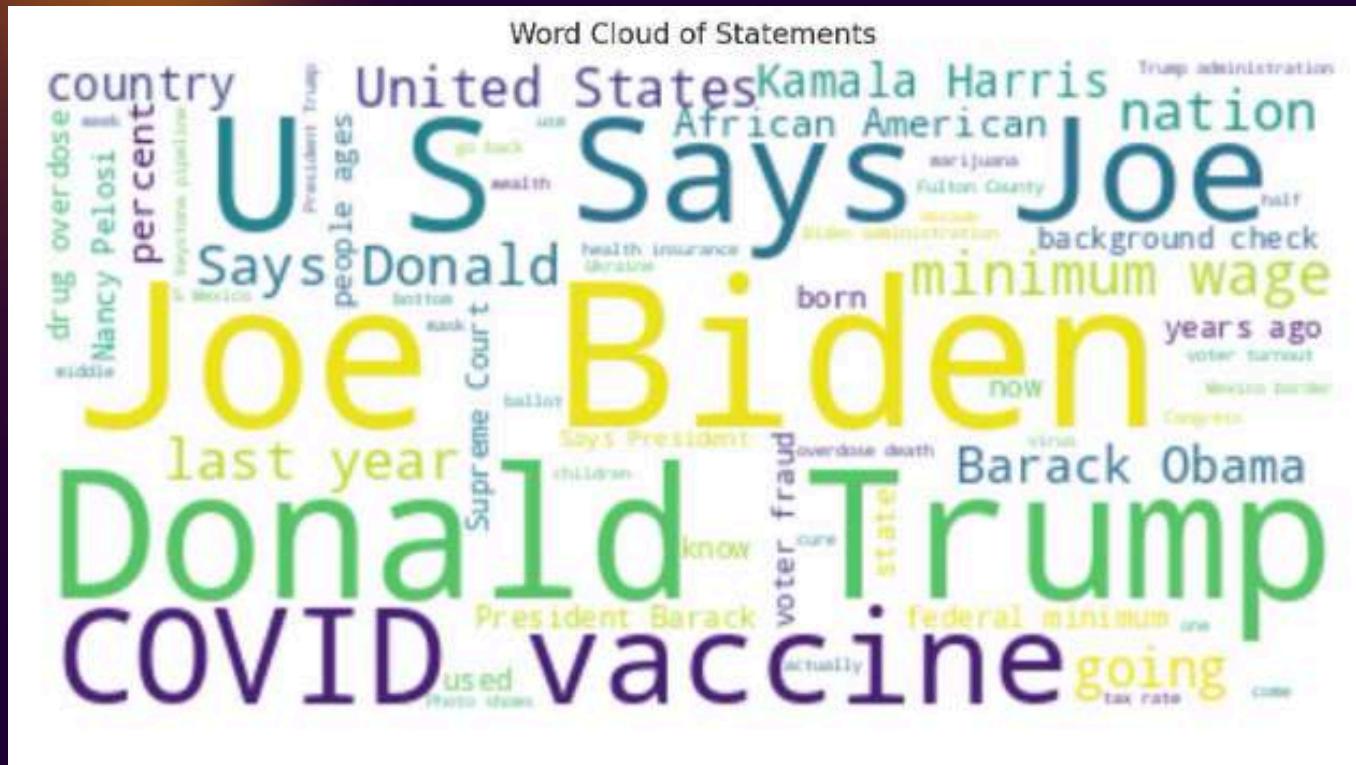
- Textual-based
- Includes author metadata, tweet content, source credibility

DATA PREPROCESSING

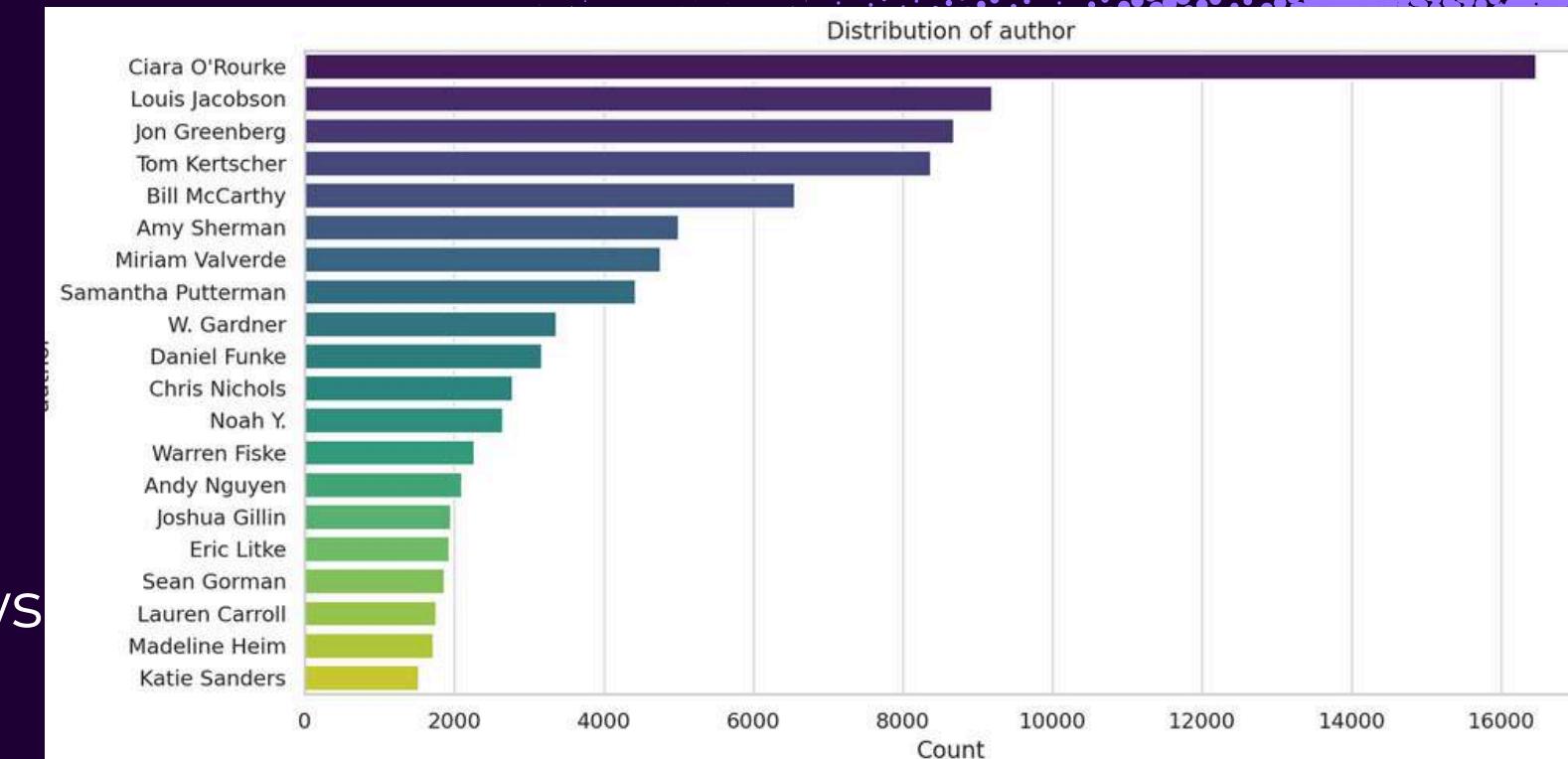
- Data Loading & Initial Cleaning**
- Data Shuffling**
- Text Cleaning & Normalization**
- Tokenization & vectorization**
- Sequence Padding**
- Data Splitting**



DATA ANALYSIS: TRUTH SEEKER DATASET



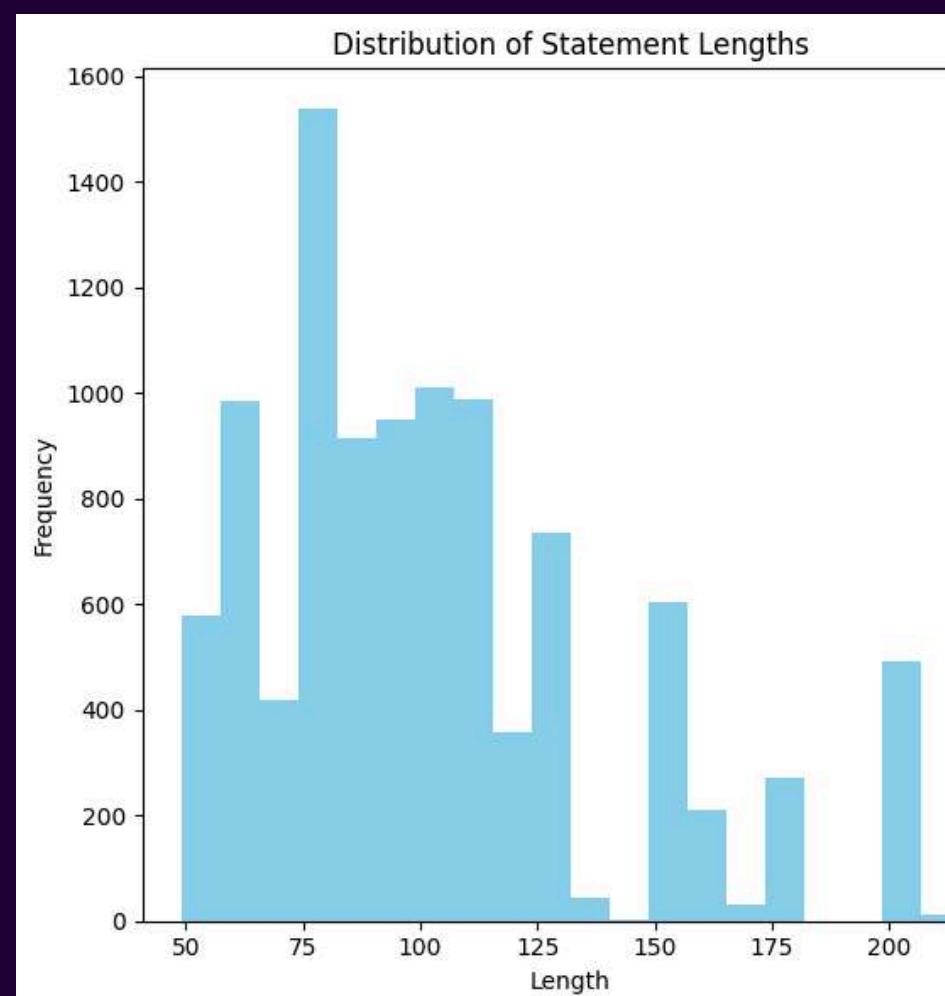
Author : Identifies frequent author spreading fake news



Word Cloud Analysis: Visual representation of frequently used words in fake and real news

Statement Analysis:

Evaluate linguistic patterns and sentiments in news statements



Distribution of Tweet Lengths

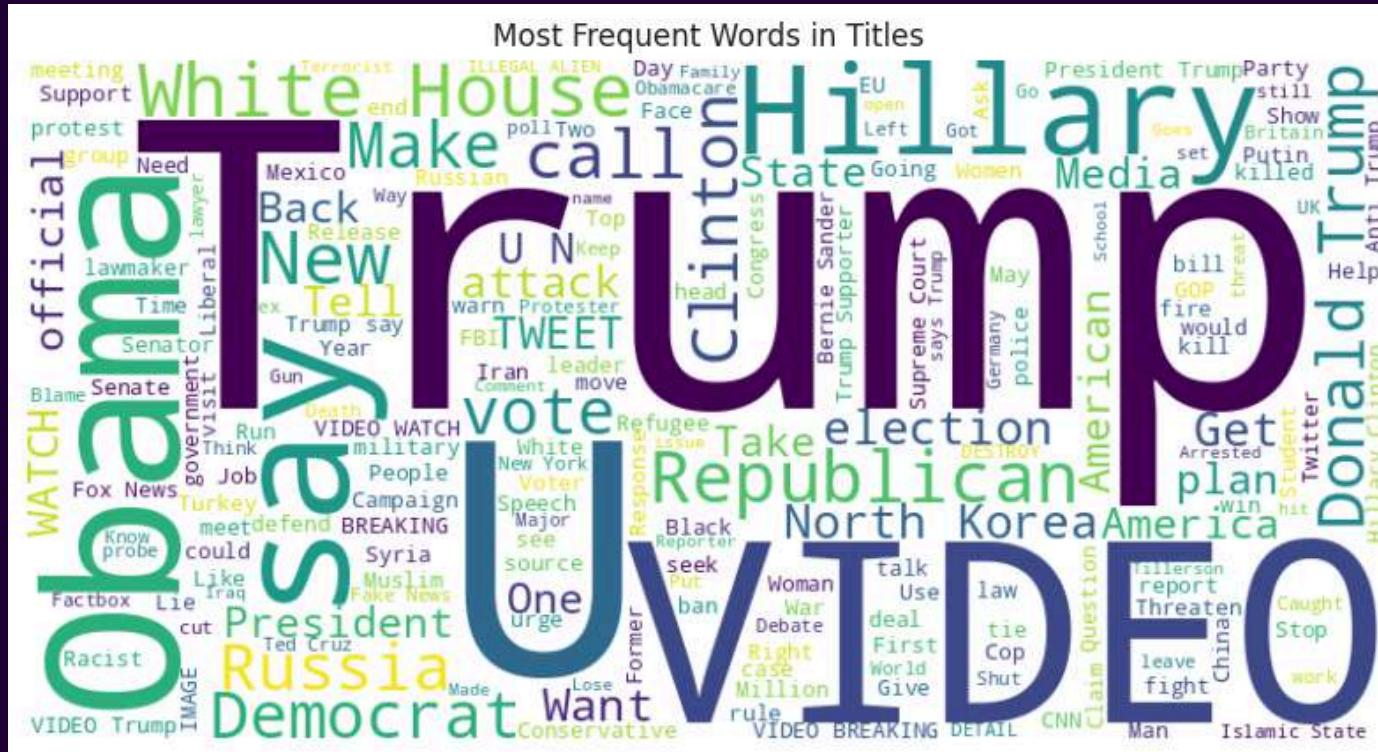
A histogram illustrating the distribution of tweet lengths. The x-axis, labeled "Length", spans from 0 to 1000 with major ticks every 200 units. The y-axis, labeled "Frequency", spans from 0 to 3500 with major ticks every 500 units. The distribution is characterized by a long tail extending towards the higher length values. The highest frequency is observed in the bin representing tweet lengths between approximately 250 and 300 characters, reaching a peak frequency of about 3500.

Length Bin (approx.)	Frequency (approx.)
0-50	50
50-100	450
100-150	1300
150-200	1300
200-250	1750
250-300	3500
300-350	1600
350-400	100
400-450	20
450-500	10
500-550	5
550-600	2
600-650	1
650-700	1
700-750	1
750-800	1
800-850	1
850-900	1
900-950	1
950-1000	1

Tweet Analysis:

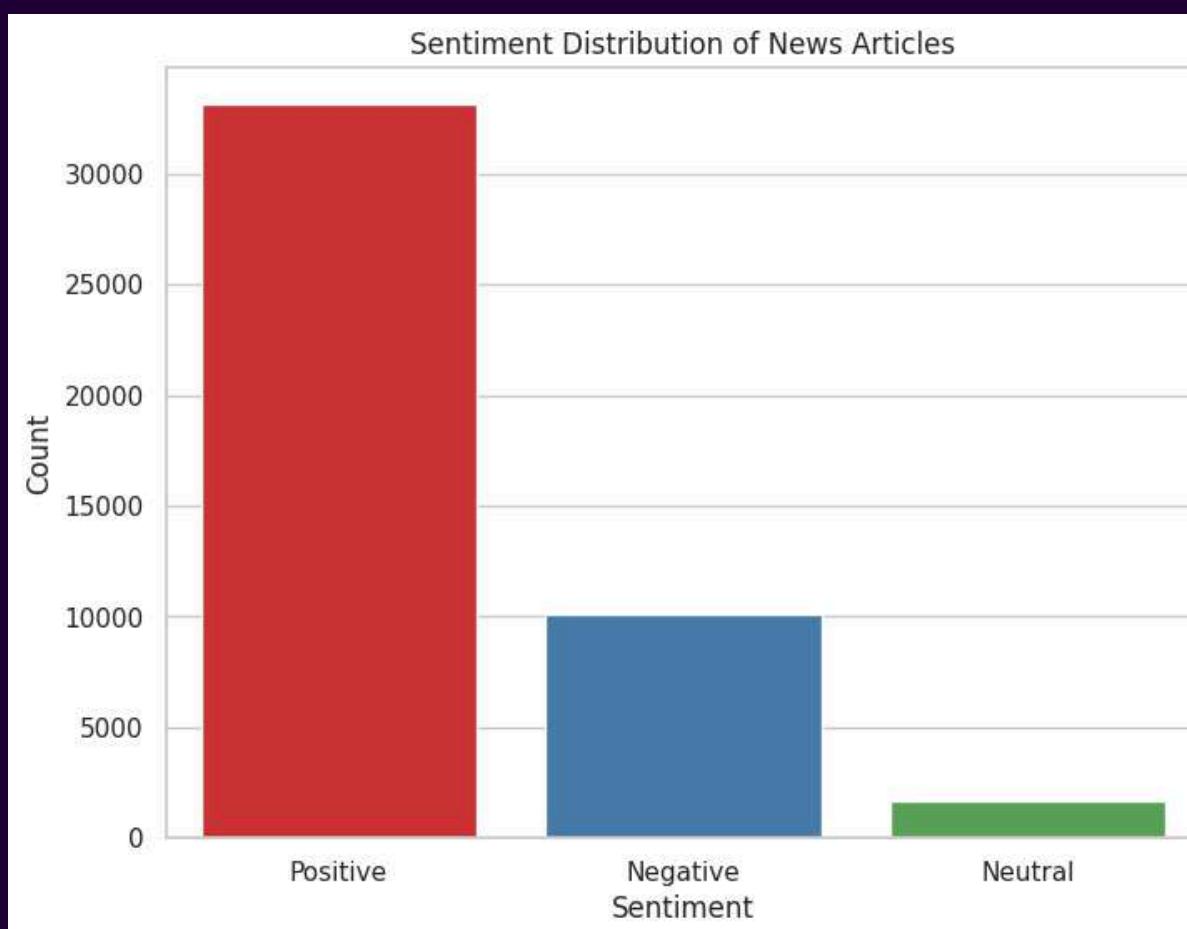
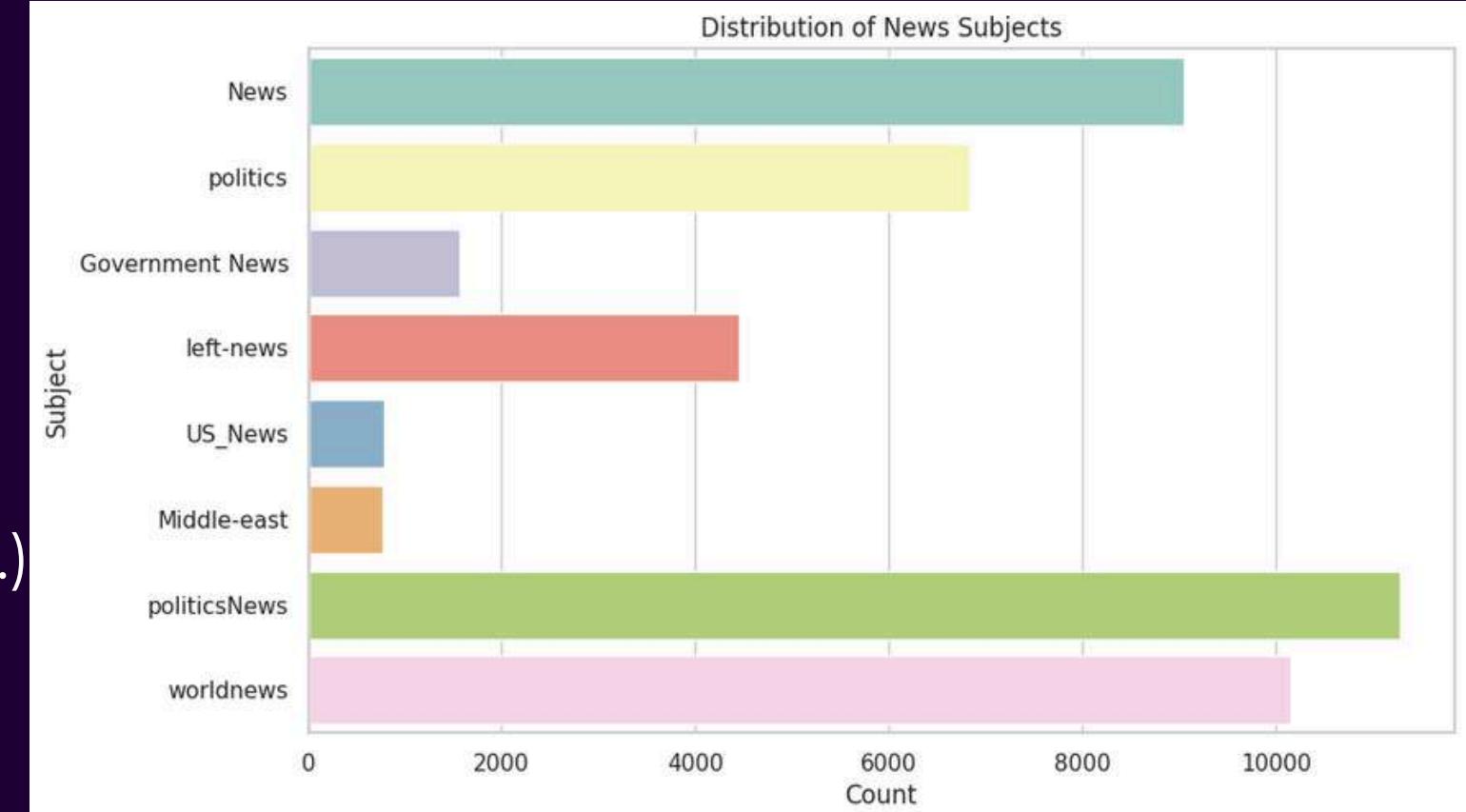
Analysis tweet length, engagement metrics

DATA ANALYSIS: ISOT DATASET

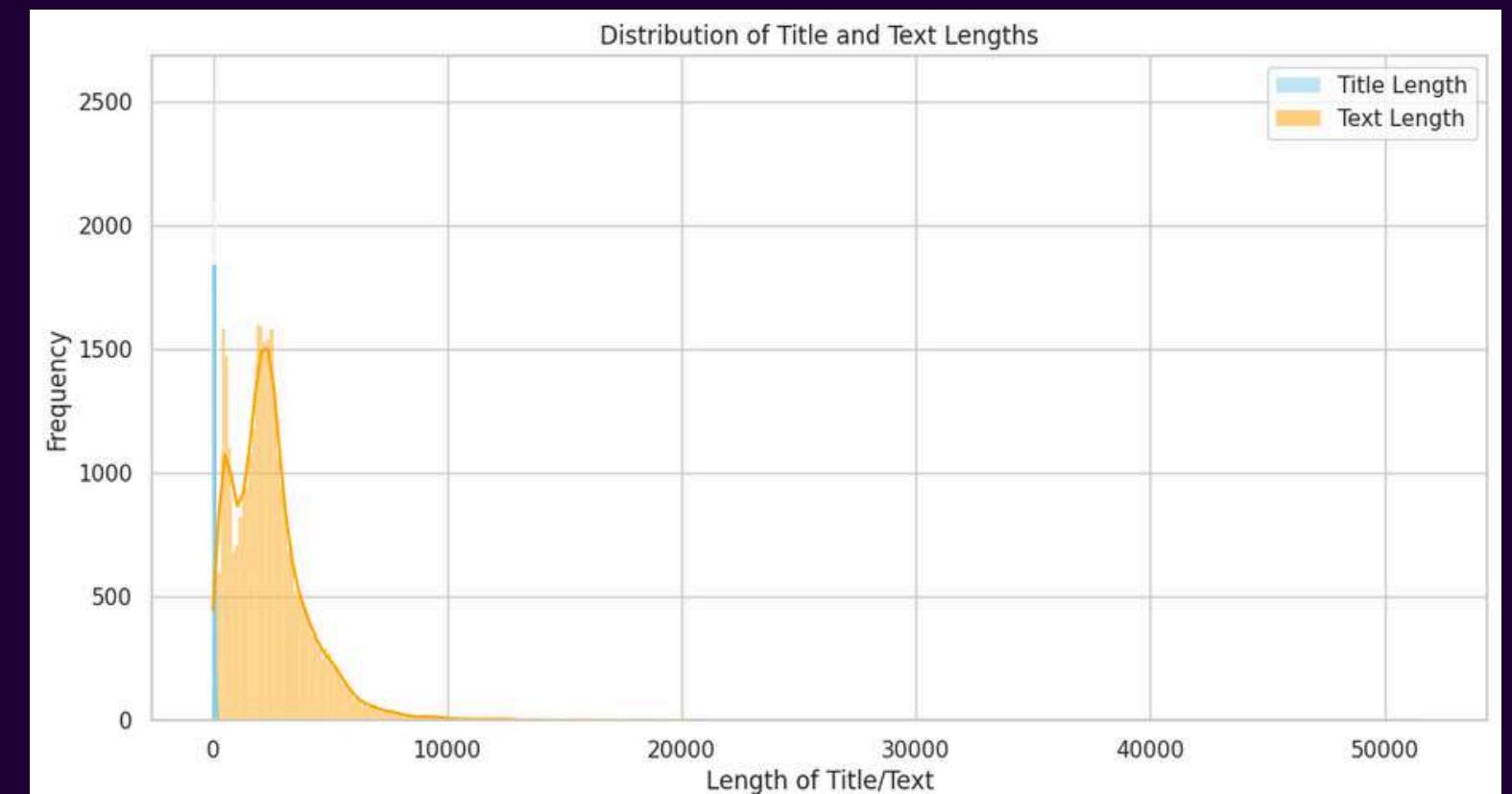


Word Cloud Analysis: Visual representation of frequently used words in fake and real news

-Subject Analysis:
Categories news
topics (politics,
business,
entertainment, etc.)

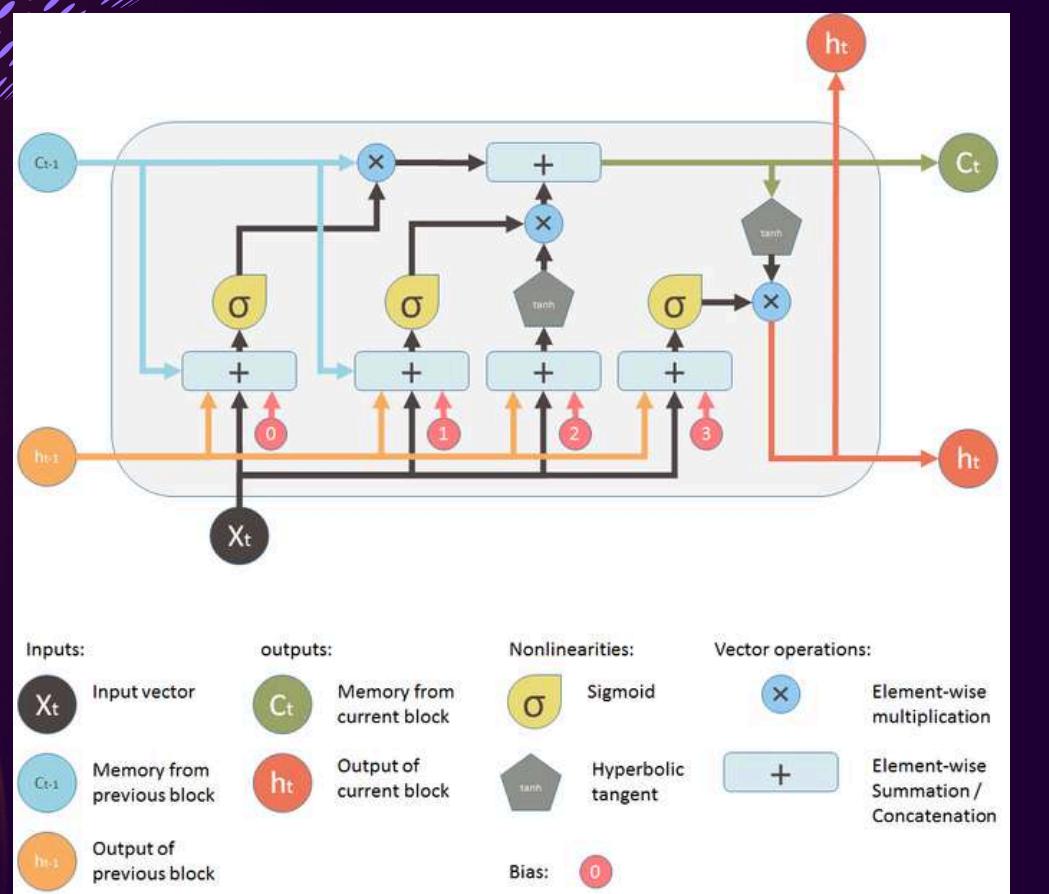


Text Analysis: Analysis
the length, complexity
and sentiment of the
news articles

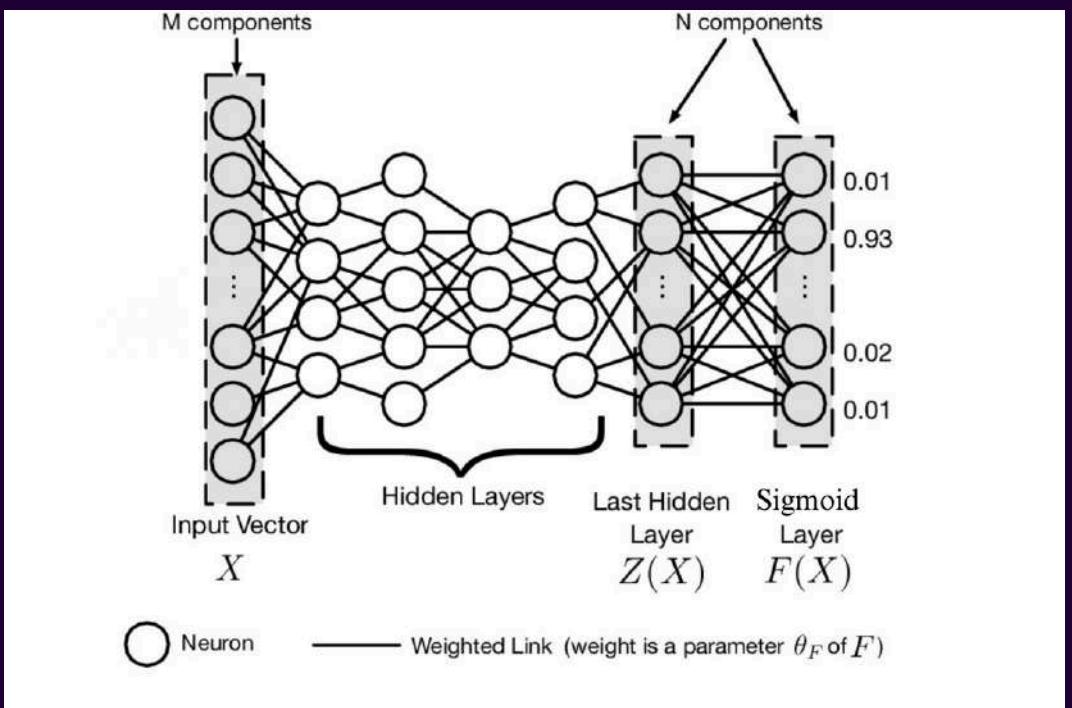


Title Analysis: Examines title structure in fake vs. real news

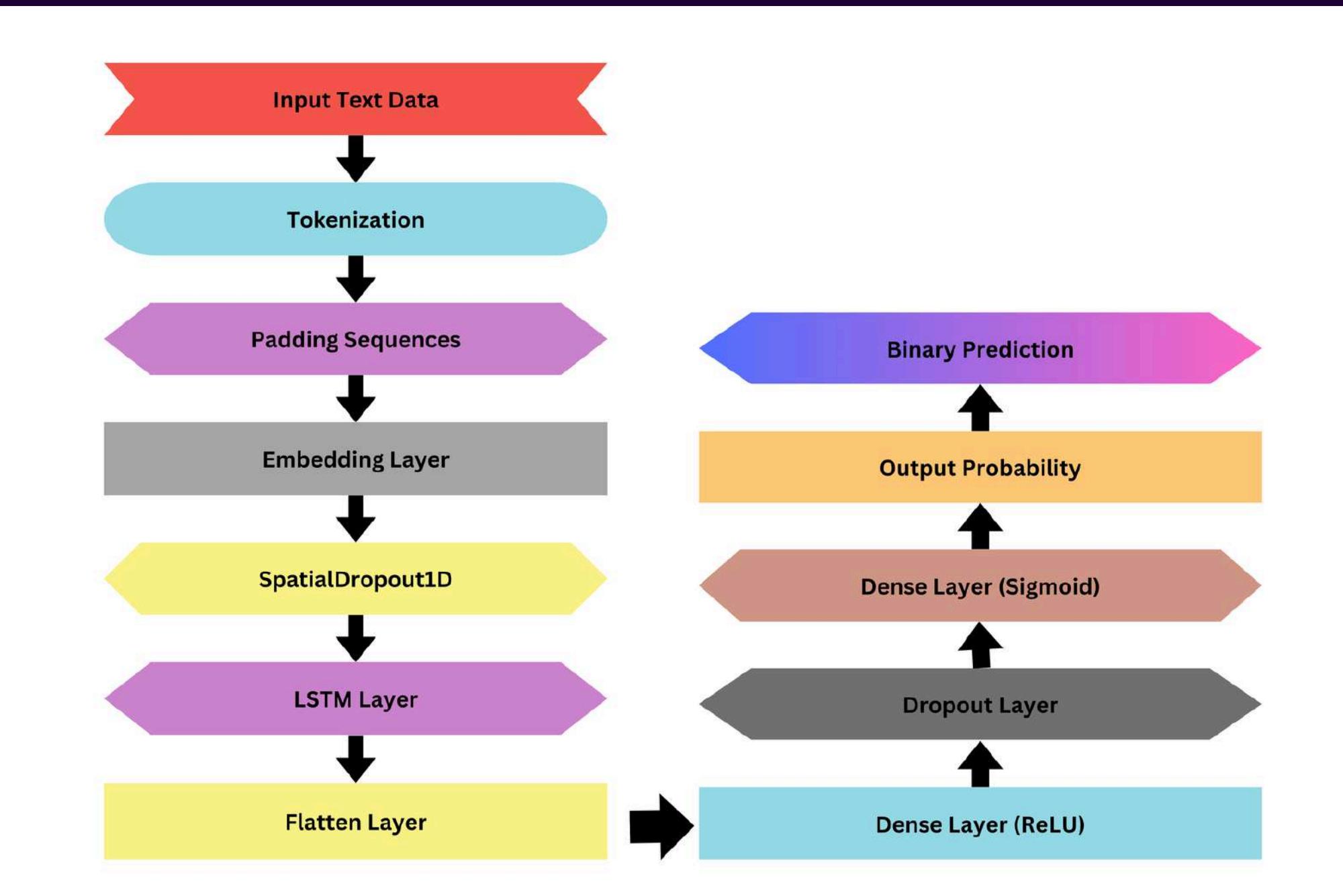
DEEP LEARNING MODELS



LSTM

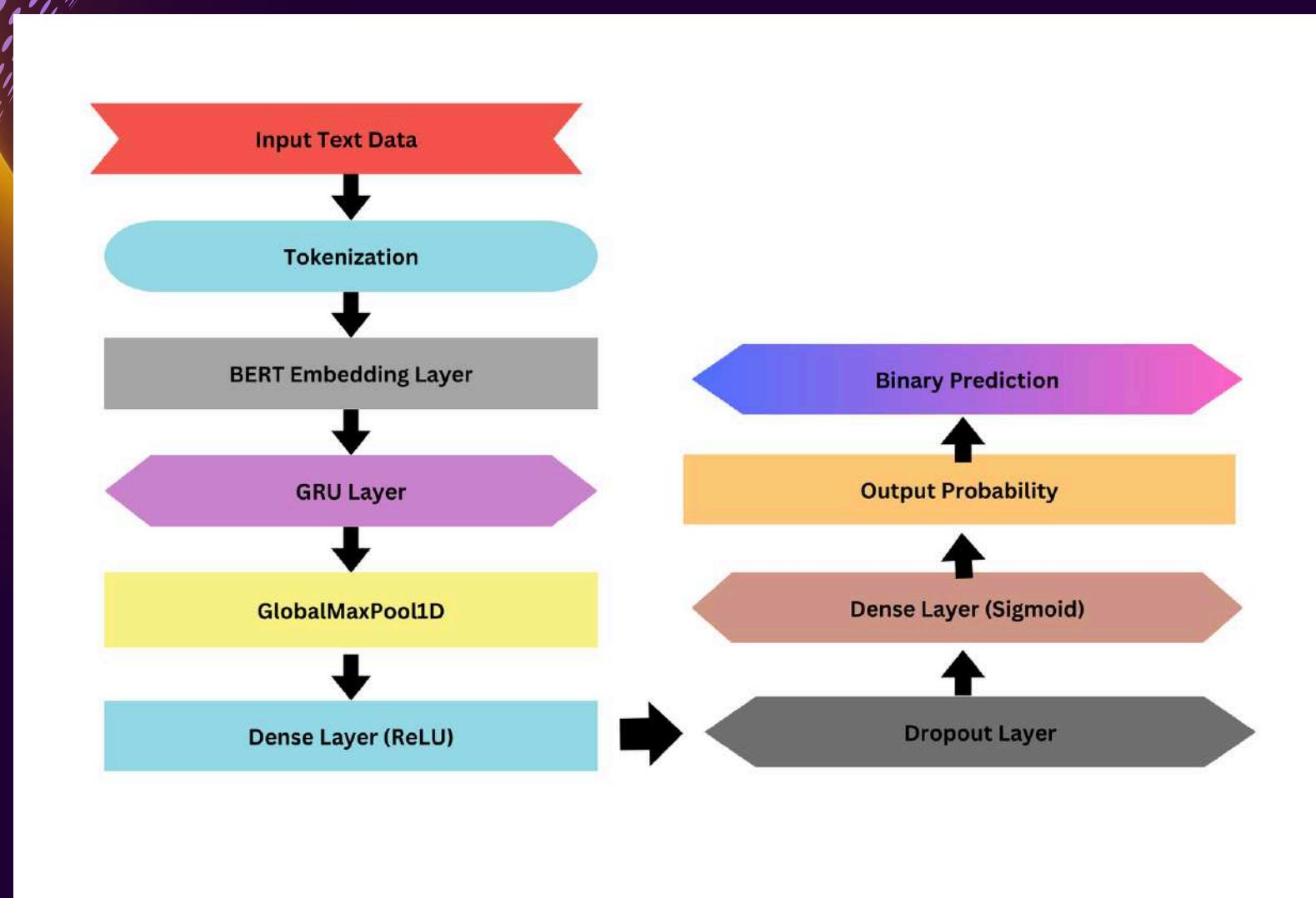


DNN

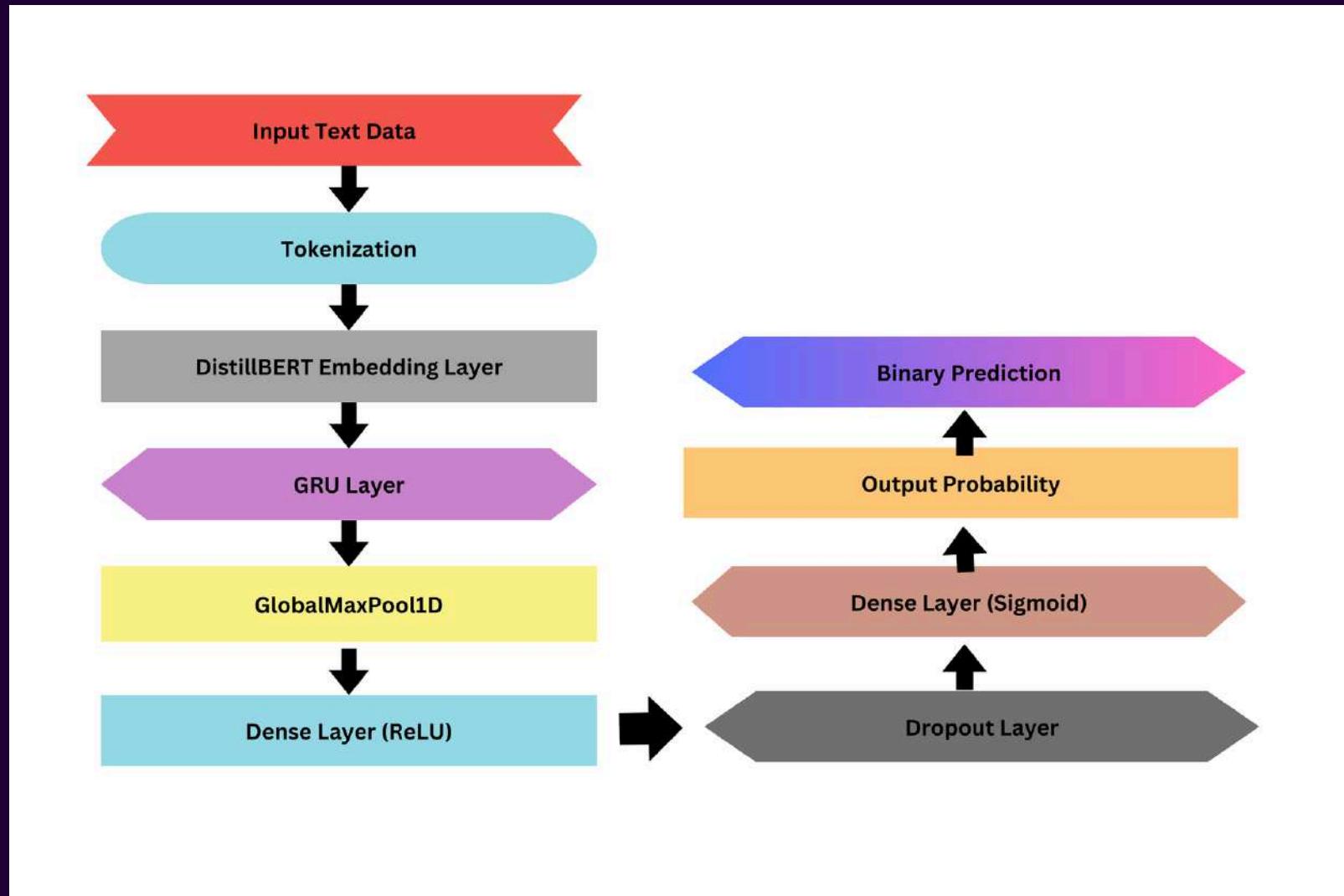


HYBRID LSTM & DNN

ADVANCED DEEP LEARNING MODELS

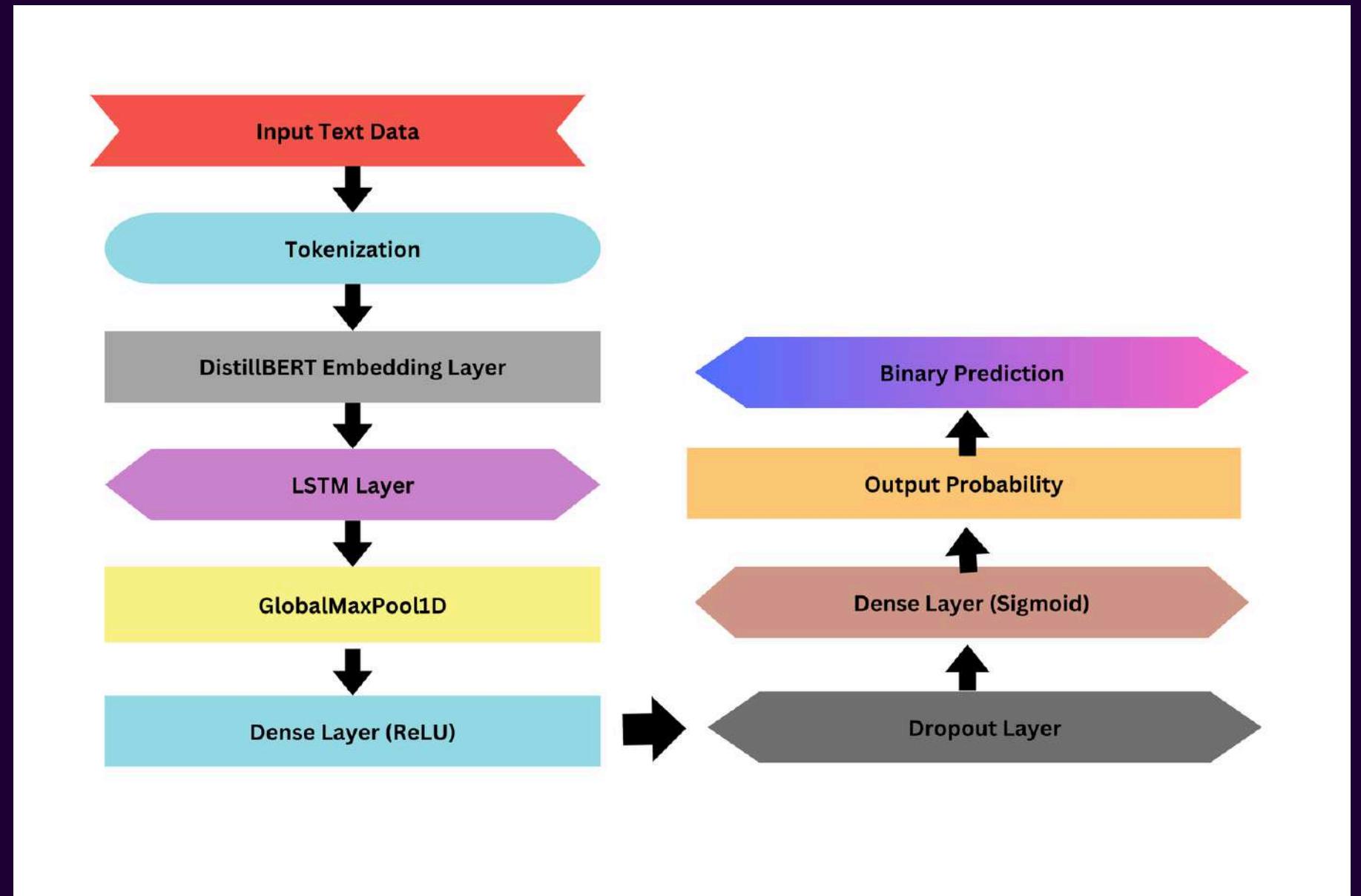


BERT + GRU +DNN



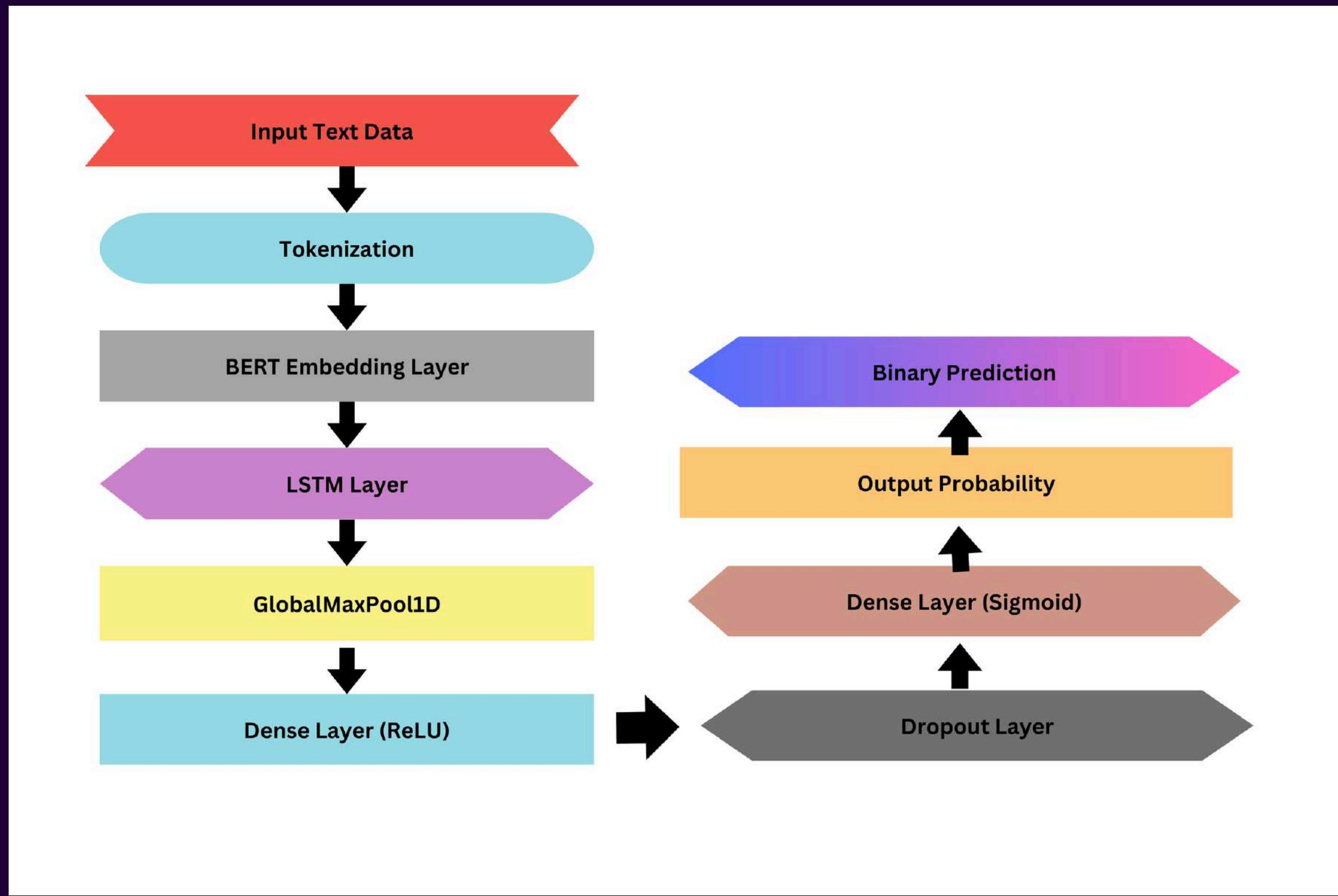
DISTILBERT + GRU +DNN

ADVANCED DEEP LEARNING MODEL



DISTILBERT + LSTM +DNN

PROPOSED TRUTHFORGE MODEL



RESULT EVALUATION

USED MODELS

- DNN
- LSTM
- Hybrid LSTM & DNN
- BERT +GRU+DNN
- DistilBERT +GRU+DNN
- DistilBERT+LSTM+DNN
- TruthForge

METRICS

- Accuracy
- Precision
- Recall
- F1 score

PERFORMANCE LSTM , DNN

	Precision	Recall	F1-score
Weighted Avg	85.32%	87.22%	86.26%
Accuracy	85.75%		

Table 5.1: Performance Metrics of LSTM Model

	Precision	Recall	F1-score
Weighted Avg	85.23%	86.82%	86.02%
Accuracy	85.52%		

Table 5.2: Performance Metrics od DNN Model

PERFORMANCE HYBRID LSTM & DNN

Max_Length	Epoch	Train_Loss	Val_Loss	Accuracy	Test_Accuracy	Test_F1-score	Test_Precision	Test_Recall
20	10	0.2722	0.2546	88.13%	89.66%	90.26%	87.08%	93.68%
25	10	0.2372	0.2214	91.15%	91.62%	92.06%	89.31%	94.99%
50	10	0.1241	0.1036	95.38%	96.71%	96.78%	96.91%	96.65%

Table 5.3: Performance Metrics of Hybrid LSTM+DNN Model for Different Max Lengths

Max_Length	Epoch	Train_Loss	Val_Loss	Accuracy	Test_Accuracy	Test_F1-score	Test_Precision	Test_Recall
20	10	0.6296	0.5211	71.37%	93.32%	92.95%	93.38%	92.52%
25	10	0.7025	0.6206	70.55%	90.93%	90.29%	91.96%	88.68%
50	10	0.8097	0.7093	58.30%	71.36%	73.68%	65.44%	84.30%

Table 5.4: Performance Metrics of Hybrid LSTM+DNN Model for Different Max Lengths

PERFORMANCE BERT+GRU+DNN

Max_Length	Epoch	Train_Loss	Val_Loss	Accuracy	Test_Accuracy	Test_F1-score	Test_Precision	Test_Recall
20	8	0.3369	0.2802	85.43%	88.73%	88.84%	90.11%	87.60%
24	8	0.3031	0.2390	87.71%	90.06%	89.85%	91.57%	86.02%
28	8	0.2587	0.2110	89.47%	92.44%	92.62%	92.49%	92.75%

Table 5.5: Performance Metrics of BERT+GRU+DNN Model for Different Max Lengths

Max_Length	Epoch	Train_Loss	Val_Loss	Accuracy	Test_Accuracy	Test_F1-score	Test_Precision	Test_Recall
20	8	0.3323	0.2499	86.24%	95.96%	96.76%	95.48%	96.04%
24	8	0.3320	0.2382	87.01%	97.99%	97.89%	97.55%	98.24%
28	8	0.3211	0.2579	86.67%	97.07%	96.97%	95.17%	98.75%

Table 5.6: Performance Metrics of BERT+GRU+DNN Model for Different Max Lengths

PERFORMANCE DISTILBERT + GRU + DNN

Max_Length	Epoch	Train_Loss	Val_Loss	Accuracy	Test_Accuracy	Test_F1-score	Test_Precision	Test_Recall
20	8	0.3004	0.2669	86.94%	88.96%	88.81%	92.25%	85.61%
24	8	0.2690	0.2299	89.00%	90.68%	90.48%	94.75%	86.58%
28	8	0.2442	0.2014	90.38%	92.40%	92.81%	89.97%	95.82%

Table 5.7: Performance Metrics of DistilBERT+GRU+DNN Model for Different Max Lengths

Max_Length	Epoch	Train_Loss	Val_Loss	Accuracy	Test_Accuracy	Test_F1-score	Test_Precision	Test_Recall
20	8	0.2971	0.2273	88.27%	96.12%	95.92%	95.99%	95.85%
24	8	0.3464	0.2447	89.31%	97.40%	97.32%	97.35%	97.29%
28	8	0.3578	0.2832	87.54%	97.34%	97.26%	96.72%	97.81%

Table 5.8: Performance Metrics of DistilBERT+GRU+DNN Model for Different Max Lengths

PERFORMANCE DISTILBERT + LSTM + DNN

Max_Length	Epoch	Train_Loss	Val_Loss	Accuracy	Test_Accuracy	Test_F1-score	Test_Precision	Test_Recall
20	8	0.2885	0.2583	87.77%	89.53%	89.87%	89.17%	90.59%
24	8	0.2555	0.2199	90.17%	90.88%	90.82%	93.84%	87.99%
28	8	0.2210	0.1931	91.23%	93.04%	93.34%	91.30%	95.47%

Table 5.9: Performance metrics of DistilBERT+LSTM+DNN Model for Different Max Lengths

Max_Length	Epoch	Train_Loss	Val_Loss	Accuracy	Test_Accuracy	Test_F1-score	Test_Precision	Test_Recall
20	8	0.2891	0.2238	88.16%	96.22%	96.04%	95.76%	96.32%
24	8	0.3448	0.2758	88.30%	97.27%	97.18%	97.33%	97.03%
28	8	0.3555	0.2712	89.91%	97.63%	97.56%	97.41%	97.71%

Table 5.10: Performance Metrics of DistilBERT+LSTM+DNN Model for Different Max Lengths

PERFORMANCE TRUTHFORGE

Max_Length	Epoch	Train_Loss	Val_Loss	Accuracy	Test_Accuracy	Test_F1-score	Test_Precision	Test_Recall
20	8	0.3131	0.2707	86.51%	88.90%	88.89%	91.06%	86.83%
24	8	0.2714	0.2325	88.45%	91.05%	91.23%	91.57%	90.87%
28	8	0.2426	0.2015	90.22%	92.81%	93.01%	92.50%	93.53%

Table 5.11: Performance Metrics of TruthForge Model for Different Max Lengths

Max_Length	Epoch	Train_Loss	Val_Loss	Accuracy	Test_Accuracy	Test_F1-score	Test_Precision	Test_Recall
20	8	0.3204	0.2446	86.45%	96.06%	95.88%	95.45%	96.32%
24	8	0.2326	0.1418	91.28%	98.07%	97.97%	97.82%	98.12%
28	8	0.3124	0.2258	87.06%	98.20%	98.13%	97.46%	98.81%

Table 5.12: Performance Metrics of TruthForge Model for Different Max Lengths

BEST MODEL

Models	Truth Seeker				ISOT			
	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-Score	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
LSTM+DNN	95.38%	96.91%	96.65%	96.78%	71.36%	65.44%	84.30%	73.68%
Bert+GRU+DNN	92.44%	92.49%	92.75%	92.62%	97.07%	95.17%	98.75%	96.97%
Distil BERT+GRU+DNN	92.40%	89.97%	95.82%	92.81%	97.34%	96.72%	97.81%	97.26%
Distil BERT+LSTM+DNN	93.04%	91.30%	95.47%	93.34%	97.63%	97.41%	97.71%	97.56%
Truth-Forge	92.81%	92.50%	93.53%	93.02%	98.20%	97.46%	98.81%	98.13%

Table 5.13: Comparison between Performance of different Models on Truth Seeker and ISOT datasets

CONCLUSION AND KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Social media spreads both real and fake news, requiring fake news detection
- Deep learning models, hybrid and advanced deep learning models' results were compared .
- TruthForge model is the most efficient
- Achieving 98.2% accuracy

FUTURE WORK

01

Integrate multimodal data (text, images, and videos).

02

Deploy real-time fake news detection system.

03

Improve robustness against adversarial manipulation.

THANK YOU

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