

Lab Exercise 1 - Train an RNN Model for Text Classification

Goal

Train your own deep-learning model (RNN) on a text dataset and test its accuracy.

What you will do

1. **Load a dataset**
Example: IMDB movie reviews (Positive/Negative).
2. **Split the dataset**
 - o 80% Training
 - o 20% Testing
3. **Preprocess the text**
 - o Convert text to sequences of numbers
 - o Pad all sequences to the same length
4. **Build the RNN model**
 - o Embedding layer
 - o LSTM or GRU layer
 - o Final output layer
5. **Train the model**
 - o Use the training set
 - o Plot loss and accuracy
6. **Test the model**
 - o Use the test set
 - o Calculate accuracy

Lab Exercise 2 - Run LLAMA Locally Using Ollama & Compare With RNN

Goal

Run a pre-trained LLaMA model on your own laptop using **Ollama**, and compare its performance with the RNN you trained in Lab 1.

What you will do

Step 1 - Install Ollama

Download from: <https://ollama.com/download>

Run:

```
ollama run llama3
```

Step 2 - Test the LLaMA model on your dataset

For each test example:

Send the text to LLaMA with a prompt like:

Classify the sentiment of this review as Positive or Negative:

<review>

Answer with only one word.

Record:

- LLaMA's prediction
- Whether it matches the true label

Step 3 - Calculate accuracy

Just like the RNN model, compute:

Accuracy = correct_predictions / total_test_samples

Step 4 - Compare RNN vs LLaMA

Create a small table:

| Model | Accuracy | Strengths | Weaknesses |
|--------------------|----------|--|----------------|
| RNN (your model) | ? | simple, low cost | lower accuracy |
| LLaMA (pretrained) | ? | high accuracy, understands text better | needs GPU/CPU |

Lab Exercise 3 - Build a Simple RAG System (Retrieval + LLaMA)

Goal

Build a Question-Answer system that uses your documents + LLaMA.

What you will do

Step 1 - Prepare your documents

Collect 3–5 text files (notes, PDFs converted to text).

Break them into **small chunks** (e.g., 200–300 words).

Step 2 - Create embeddings

Use SentenceTransformers:

```
from sentence_transformers import SentenceTransformer

model = SentenceTransformer("all-MiniLM-L6-v2")
embeddings = model.encode(chunks, convert_to_numpy=True)
```

Step 3 - Build a simple similarity search

For a user question:

- Convert question into embedding
- Compare with chunk embeddings
- Retrieve top 3 relevant chunks

Step 4 - Build the RAG prompt

Send this to LLaMA:

Use only the following context to answer the question:

<context from top chunks>

Question: <user question>

Answer:

Step 5 - Test RAG vs No-RAG

Create 10 questions based on your documents.

Compare:

| Method | Correct? | Notes |
|-------------|----------|-----------------|
| LLaMA alone | ? | May hallucinate |
| LLaMA + RAG | ? | More accurate |