# Performance Comparison of LSTM and BiLSTM Models for Health Tweet Classification

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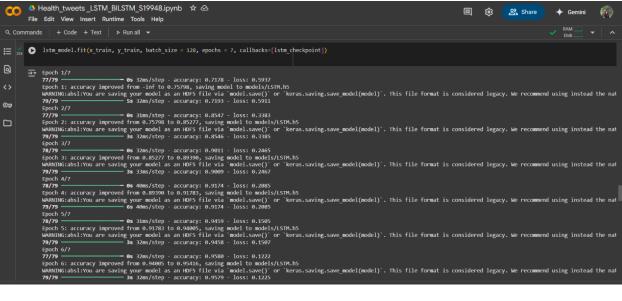
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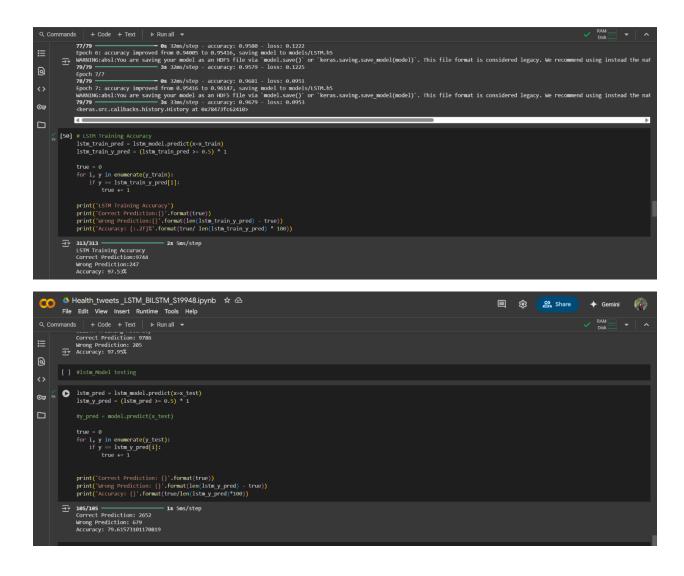
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# screenshots of the outputs.

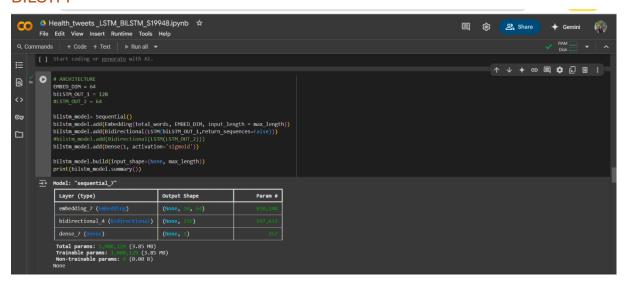
## **LSTM**

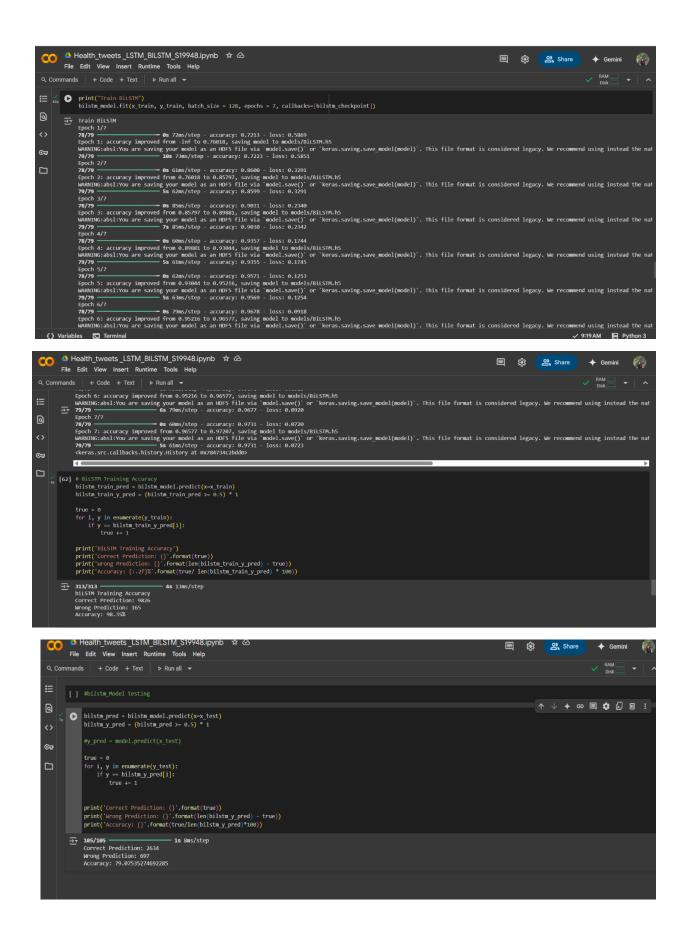






# **BILSTM**





### 2.

This project focuses on building and comparing two types of recurrent neural network (RNN) models Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) and Bidirectional LSTM (BiLSTM) to classify tweets as personal health mentions or non-personal mentions.

### a.

The following table summarizes the performance metrics of both the LSTM and BiLSTM models used for the classification of personal health mention tweets:

Model	Training	Training Accuracy (%)			Testing Accuracy (%)			
LSTM	97.53 %	97.53 %			79.61 %			
	correct	incorrect			correct	incorrect		
	9744	247			2652	679		
BILSTM	98.35 %	98.35 %			79.07 %			
	correct	incorrect			correct	incorrect		
	9826	165			2634	697		

# b.

In this experiment, I create two sequential models LSTM and BILSTM, both models were built using the same architecture parameters

Embedding size: 64

• LSTM/BiLSTM output size: 128

However, the total number of trainable parameters differed between the two models:

LSTM model: 909,185 parameters (3.47 MB)

• BiLSTM model: 1,008,129 parameters (3.85 MB)

The BiLSTM model has a higher number of parameters because it processes the input sequence in both forward and backward directions, effectively doubling the number of bidirectional weights compared to the LSTM layer in the model. Both models used same data and,

Optimizer: Adam

Loss function: Binary Cross entropy

Metric: Accuracy

• Training settings: batch size = 128, epochs = 7, callbacks = [lstm\_checkpoint]

Based on this, BiLSTM model got **98.35** % training accuracy it is slightly higher than LSTM model training accuracy **97.53** %. Because BiLSTM learned the training data better via the its bidirectional context processing.

While Testing accuracy Both models perform almost equally on the test set, as the performance gap is less than 1%. Although LSTM (79.61 %) slightly outperforms BiLSTM (79.07 %) on test accuracy, his suggests that BiLSTM may have started overfitting the training data and failed to generalize as well on unseen data. the difference is not practically significant. So, neither model can be confidently said to outperform the other in terms of generalization ability for this task.

In general, BiLSTM had more parameters, which increases its model complexity and capacity to learn detailed patterns from the data because they capture both past and future contexts of a sequence. However, in this task BILSTM model did not performed better then LSTM on the testing data. For this have some possible reasons,

- BILSTM may have memorized patterns in the training data cause reducing generalization capability.
- The dataset may not have required the additional context provided by the bidirectional layer, meaning the LSTM model was sufficient to capture necessary patterns.
- Both LSTM and BiLSTM models were trained with the same batch size (128) and epochs (7) for fair comparison. However, BiLSTM generally needs more training or fine-tuning to fully utilize its bidirectional features. Using identical settings may have limited its performance advantage over LSTM.

In my perspective, In conclusion, in this task LSTM model achieved slightly higher test accuracy (by approximately 0.6%) compare to BILSTM. This outcome can be created to dataset's nature, model complexity, and the identical training settings applied to both models without specific tuning for BiLSTM.

Therefore, based on the observed performance, the LSTM model is the preferred choice for this task.