# Conversational AI: Speech recognition report



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#### INTRODUCTION

This report provides a comprehensive guide on how to load, preprocess, and train a machine learning model using the Speech Commands dataset, as well as how to fine-tune the model on your own dataset. The Speech Commands dataset consists of audio recordings of spoken words that are used to train models for speech recognition tasks.

#### **Step 1: Download and Extract the Dataset**

To begin, download the Speech Commands dataset and extract it into a directory.

```
[2] import os
   import tarfile
   import numpy as np
   import tensorflow as tf # Import TensorFlow

tar_file_path = 'dataset.tar.gz' # Replace with the path to your tar.gz file
   extracted_dir = 'speech_commands_dataset' # Directory to extract to

# Check if the directory already exists to avoid re-extracting
   if not os.path.exists(extracted_dir):
        os.makedirs(extracted_dir) # Create the directory if it doesn't exist
        with tarfile.open(tar_file_path, 'r:gz') as tar:
            tar.extractall(extracted_dir)
            print(f"Extracted to {extracted_dir}")

# List the contents of the extracted folder
   commands = np.array(tf.io.gfile.listdir(extracted_dir))
   commands = commands[(commands != 'README.md') & (commands != 'DS_Store') & (commands != 'background_noise')]

print('Commands:', commands)
```

And list the contents of the extracted folder.

## **Step 2: Load the Dataset Using TensorFlow**

Use TensorFlow's audio\_dataset\_from\_directory method to create training and validation datasets from the extracted audio files.

```
# Load dataset
train_ds, val_ds = tf.keras.utils.audio_dataset_from_directory(
    directory=data_dir,
    batch_size=64,
    validation_split=0.2,
    seed=0,
    output_sequence_length=16000,
    subset='both')

label_names = np.array(train_ds.class_names)
print("Label_names:", label_names)
```

#### **Step 3: Preprocess the Audio Data**

To prepare the data for training, we need to preprocess it by squeezing the audio tensors and splitting the validation set for testing.

```
[7] def squeeze(audio, labels):
    audio = tf.squeeze(audio, axis=-1)
    return audio, labels

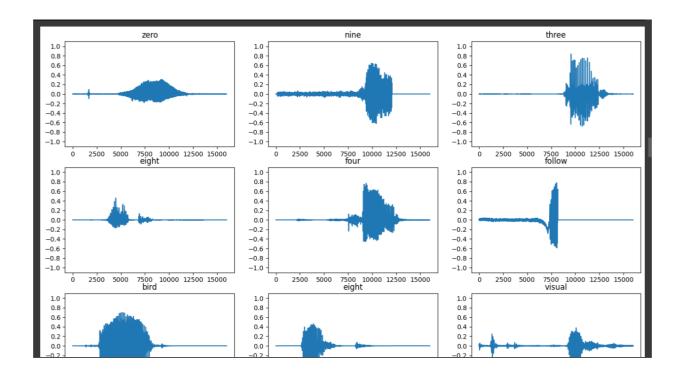
train_ds = train_ds.map(squeeze, tf.data.AUTOTUNE)
    val_ds = val_ds.map(squeeze, tf.data.AUTOTUNE)

test_ds = val_ds.shard(num_shards=2, index=0)
    val_ds = val_ds.shard(num_shards=2, index=1)
```

# **Step 5: Visualize Audio Waveforms**

Visualize some example audio waveforms to understand the data.

```
plt.figure(figsize=(16, 10))
rows = 3
cols = 3
n = rows * cols
for i in range(n):
    plt.subplot(rows, cols, i+1)
    audio_signal = example_audio[i]
    plt.plot(audio_signal)
    plt.title(label_names[example_labels[i]])
    plt.yticks(np.arange(-1.2, 1.2, 0.2))
    plt.ylim([-1.1, 1.1])
plt.show()
```



## **Step 6: Convert Waveforms to Spectrograms**

Convert the audio waveforms to spectrograms using Short-Time Fourier Transform (STFT), which are more suitable for input to neural networks.

# **Step 7: Create TensorFlow Datasets for Spectrograms**

Transform the datasets to use spectrograms instead of raw waveform

## **Step 8: Optimize Data Pipeline**

Cache, shuffle, and prefetch data to optimize the input pipeline for training.

```
[13] train_spectrogram_ds = train_spectrogram_ds.cache().shuffle(18000).prefetch(tf.data.AUTOTUNE)

val_spectrogram_ds = val_spectrogram_ds.cache().prefetch(tf.data.AUTOTUNE)

test_spectrogram_ds = test_spectrogram_ds.cache().prefetch(tf.data.AUTOTUNE)
```

# **Step 9: Build and Compile the Model**

Build a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model using Keras.

## **Step 10: Train the Model**

Train the model using the spectrogram datasets.

# **Step 11: Evaluate the Model**

Evaluate the trained model's performance on the test dataset.

# **Step 12: Plot Training History**

Visualize the loss and accuracy over epochs to monitor the model's performance.

# **Step 13: Generate Predictions and Plot Confusion Matrix**

Generate predictions on the test dataset and visualize the confusion matrix to understand the model's performance across different classes.