

Tacotron 2

Neural network for speech synthesis directly from text.

References: [Tacotron2](#) [Location-sensitive attention](#)

Load Data

- Input: Text
- Output: Audio Recording -> Time-Domain waveforms -> Mel-frequency spectrogram

Preprocessing

Input

1. Create word index
2. Convert string to list of numbers based on index
3. Pad all to be same width

Output

- Short-time Fourier transform (STFT)
 - Frame size: 50 ms
 - Frame hop: 12.5 ms
 - Window function: Hann
- Mel Scale Transforms
 - 80 channel mel filterbank spanning 125 to 7.6 Hz
 - Clip filterbank output to min of 0.01
 - Log dynamic range compression

Model Components

Encoder

- Embedding layer
 - Input size: Size of text
 - Output size: 512
- 3 Conv1D-BatchNorm-Relu-Dropout
 - Kernel: 5
 - Stride: 1
 - Output: 512
 - Padding: same
 - p = 0.5 (training only)

- Bi-directional LSTM-Zoneout
 - $p = 0.1$
 - Units: 256 in each direction

Location-sensitive attention

possibly use a different/newer attention?

Decoder

- Prenet - 2 Linear-Dropout
 - Outputs: 256
 - Activation: relu
 - $p = 0.5$
- Attention network
- Uni-directional LSTM-Zoneout
 - Units: 1024
 - $p = 0.1$
- Outputs:
 - Linear transform - predicts target spectrogram frame
 - Postnet - 5 Conv-BatchNorm-Tanh(except last)-Dropout
 - Kernel: 5
 - Stride: 1
 - Output: 512
 - Padding: same
 - $p = 0.5$ (training only)
 - Linear transform/projection down to scalar
 - Activation: Sigmoid

Model Architecture

Training

- Feed correct output instead of predicted output to decoder
- Batch size: 64
- Loss Function: Mean Squared Error (MSE)
- Optimizer
 - Adam
 - $\beta_1 = 0.9$
 - $\beta_2 = 0.999$
 - $\epsilon = 10^{-6}$
 - $\text{lr} = 0.001$
 - Decay: exponential to 0.00001 starting at 50,000 iterations
 - Iterations (steps) per epoch $\frac{\text{input size}}{\text{batch size}}$
 - Iterations to epochs: $\text{Epoch} = \text{iterations} \times \frac{\text{batchsize}}{\text{inputsize}}$