

Coursework 2 – Advanced Music Genre Classification

Brief

Due date: Tuesday 25th April, 16:00

Handin: <https://handin.ecs.soton.ac.uk/handin/2223/COMP6252/2>

Required files: report.pdf and code.zip

Credit: 10% of overall module mark

Overview

The goal of this assignment is to build different **advanced** classifiers (which will be specified below) for the music genre dataset [GTZAN](#) using different network architectures and report their performance, together with a brief discussion regarding the results.

Details

Data

The GTZAN dataset can be downloaded from: <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/andradaolteanu/gtzan-dataset-music-genre-classification>

The dataset includes audio samples for 10 different music genres (i.e., jazz, classical, ...). Also, each audio sample has a visual representation constructed using MEL spectrograms.

Specified neural architectures

The following designs need to be used to build your classifiers:

1. An RNN network with LSTMs.
2. The same architecture in the above 1, together with GANs generating audio samples augmenting the training audio samples (we suggest you generate the same number of audio samples as the original number of training audio samples).

Specification

The following points are suggested for your neural architectures:

1. Just use the **audio samples** in this coursework.
2. Use PyTorch to randomly split the original dataset into a training (70%), validation (20%), and test (10%) datasets.
3. Run the training for a certain number of epochs (e.g., until convergence according to your stopping criterion).

Code

We suggest you use a **single** Jupyter notebook to manage your code.

The report

The report must be no longer than 1 page of A4 with the given Latex format, and must be submitted electronically as a PDF. The report must include:

- Your name and ECS user ID.
- A description of the implementation of the methods, including information on how they are trained and tuned, and the specific parameters used.
- The performance of all the methods used.
- A discussion regarding the comparison of the results obtained by the methods used.

What to hand in

You are required to submit the following items to ECS Handin:

- Your 1-page report (as a PDF document in the CVPR format; max 1 A4 page, no appendix).
- Your code enclosed in a zip file.

Marking and feedback

You will receive a grade out of 10 for this coursework. Marks will be awarded for:

- Successful completion of the task.
- Evidence of understanding.
- Well structured and commented code.
- Evidence of professionalism in the implementation and reporting.
- Quality and contents of the report.

Standard ECS late submission penalties apply.

Individual feedback will be given covering the above points

Useful links

- Module COMP6252 website:
<https://secure.ecs.soton.ac.uk/module/2223/COMP6252/43095/>
- Jupyter notebook:
<https://docs.jupyter.org/en/latest/>

Questions

If you have any problems/questions, use the Q&A channel on Teams, or email Xiaohao and Hikmat.