RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CS402

Run-time conversion of speech from one language to another using deep learning

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Objectives of the Study

Objective 1: To implement the project using machine learning libraries

Objective 2: To switch from machine learning libraries to deep learning libraries and neural nets

Speech Recognition:

Deepspeech and Tensorflow (or) HMM model

Speech Translation:

Tensorflow, NLTK and Keras

Speech Synthesis:

Tensorflow ,Matplotlib and Tensorboard

Rationale of the Study

Language is a genuine problem when difficult to understand. Through our research, we aim to considerable solve the following problems:

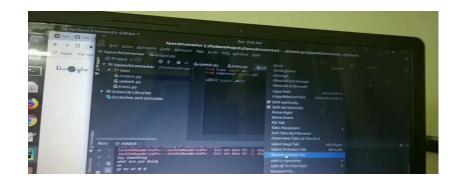
- Lingual Barrier To make language easy to understand and also to widen our knowledge in the fields of machine learning and deep learning.
- **Conferences** To make speeches in international conferences accessible to all the dignitaries.
- **Education** To instantaneously translate a teacher's lecture to different languages in a classroom.
- Tourism To enable a tourist to communicate effectively with people in a new country.
- Blind People To translate on-screen text to a blind person's native language.

Rationale of the Study (Continued)

Why not use previous models

- Pre-1970
- 1. Speech recognition was implemented for less vocabulary of words(16-200 words).
- User had to give a pause after every word for the system to recognize.
- 1970-2000
- Introduction of HMM model.
- 2. 30 seconds of speech required 100 minutes to be translated into another language.
- 2000s
- Introduction of LSTM which outperforms HMM models.
- There was a increase in the performance and decrease in word error

Results of the work done: Machine learning



Successfully implemented with ML libraries and noted the Shortcomings -

- Output is not that accurate
- Bad quality microphone is prone to noise
- Not real time

Results of the work done: Deep learning (Continued)



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Adam | epoch: 003 | loss: 0.20745 - acc: 0.9607 -- iter: 09792,
Training Step: 468
                     total loss: 0.20083 | time: 0.928s
 Adam | epoch: 003 |
                     loss: 0.20083 - acc: 0.9631 -- iter: 09856
Training Step: 469
                      total loss: 0.19530 | time: 0.934s
                     loss: 0.19530 - acc: 0.9668 -- iter: 09920,
  Adam | epoch: 003 |
Training Step: 470 |
                     total loss: 0.19072 | time: 0.939s
 Adam | epoch: 003 |
                     loss: 0.19072 - acc: 0.9670 -- iter: 09984,
Training Step: 471
                     total loss: 0.19505 | time: 0.945s
                     loss: 0.19505 - acc: 0.9640 -- iter: 10000,
  Adam | epoch: 003 |
predicted digit for 9 Alex 120.wav : result = 9
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Results of the work done: Deep learning

Speech Recognition

- In this approach we build an LSTM recurrent neural network using the TFLearn high level Tensorflow-based library to train on a labeled dataset of spoken digits. Then we test it on spoken digits
- We label the Dataset with the help of the extracted features (Frequency and width) from the .wav file and perform classification for phoneme
- This module is almost complete as there are few errors while training the model due to lack of high end GPU (RTX 1080 8 gb)

Results of the work done: Deep learning

Speech Synthesis

- We use a TTS engine
- In this approach we convert raw text containing symbols like numbers and abbreviations into the equivalent of written-out words
- we assigns phonetic transcriptions to each word.
- Converting the symbolic linguistic representation into sound.
- Yet to implement

Results of the work done: Deep learning

Speech Translation:

We use Neural Machine Translation:

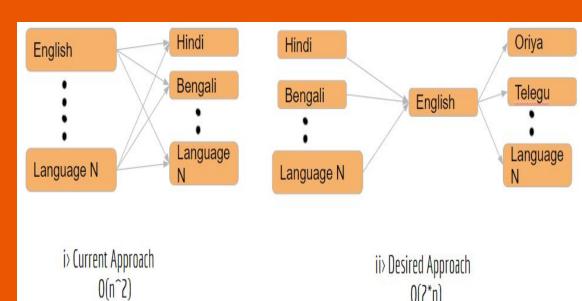
- RNN Encoder Decoder: It consists of two recurrent neural networks (RNN) that act as an encoder and a decoder pair.
- The encoder maps a variable-length source sequence to a fixed-length vector, and the decoder maps the vector representation back to a variable-length target sequence.

Future work

- Mastering the skills required in order to overcome the errors faced.
- Implementing the other two phases(Translation, Synthesis) using deep learning with large corpus and high-end GPU.
- Modifying the model according to our novelty for better performance.

Novelty

- We have decided to train our model with human voice signal so that the synthesis becomes more real and with emotions.
- We plan on using English as an intermediate language for optimizing the complexity from $O(n^2)$ to $O(2^*n)$



Difficulties faced

- Getting the required Dataset.
- Need of high-end GPU and good quality microphone.
- Problem using google colab.



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