Project Title: Building a Speech-to-Text Transcription System with Noise Robustness

Abstract:

This project involves the development of a robust speech-to-text transcription system capable of accurately converting spoken language into text even in challenging environments with background noise and diverse accents. The system is built using advanced machine learning models, data augmentation techniques, and a comprehensive user interface (UI) developed in ReactJS to enable interactive user interaction and visualization of key metrics.

Domain:

- Healthcare
- Customer Service Automation (IVR Systems)
- Education Technology (Lecture transcription) **Problem**

Statement:

Speech recognition systems often struggle with accurately transcribing spoken language in real-world scenarios due to background noise, diverse accents, and homophones. This project aims to develop a speech-to-text transcription system that maintains high transcription accuracy under noisy conditions and across varied accents while providing a user-friendly ReactJS-based UI for enhanced data visualization and interaction.

Objectives:

• Develop a speech-to-text system with >90% transcription accuracy.

- Achieve latency of <500ms in real-time processing.
- Implement noise robustness using data augmentation techniques.
- Develop a ReactJS-based UI for visualizing system performance and interaction.

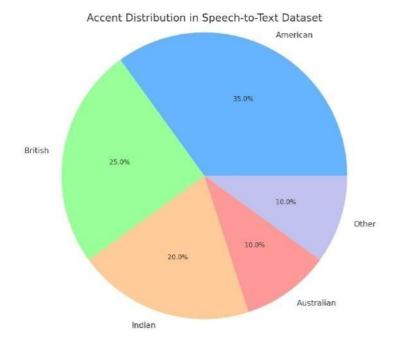
Skills Acquired:

- Speech Recognition Fundamentals
- Data Collection and Augmentation
- Data Analysis and Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)
- Machine Learning and Deep Learning Model Development
- ReactJS Development and UI Design Business Use Cases:
- 1. **Customer Support Automation:** Automated transcription and analysis of customer support calls to extract insights and improve service quality.
- 2. **Accessibility Tools:** Converting spoken content to text for individuals with hearing impairments.
- 3. **Voice Assistants:** Enhancing the accuracy of voice assistants in noisy environments.
- 4. **Meeting Transcription:** Real-time transcription for business meetings to aid in record-keeping and collaboration.
- 5. **Educational Tools:** Assisting educators and students by transcribing lectures and making them searchable and accessible.

Data Collection and Cleaning: Data sourced from Common

Voice Delta Segment 21.0 dataset.

- Augmentation applied with noise samples (e.g., urban sounds, crowd noise).
- Data cleaning involved normalizing audio levels, removing corrupted files, and ensuring accurate labeling.



Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):

- · Analysis of audio duration distribution and noise levels.
- Accent diversity analysis to identify the impact of regional accents on transcription accuracy.

Identification of homophone-related misclassifications.

Program:

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[3]: import pandas as pd
             # Change this path to match your folder
path = r"C:\3CSE80surya\NM project\cv-corpus-21.0-delta-2025-03-14\en"
tsv_path = path + r"\validated.tsv"
             df = pd.read_csv(tsv_path, sep='\t')
             print(df.head())
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             3 42d53f34c1bc50f7a7c4ed1765a8d1ffeaf5cd441513cc...
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             2 common_voice_en_42165090.mp3
3 common_voice_en_41921729.mp3
             4 common_voice_en_42528393.mp3
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 [5]: print(df.columns)
       dtype='object')
 [6]: # Use the correct column names based on your dataset
df = df[['path', 'sentence', 'accents', 'age', 'gender']]
df = df.dropna(subset=['sentence']) # Drop rows with missing transcripts
       df.to_csv(r"C:\3CSE80surya\NM project\processed_metadata.csv", index=False)
 [7]: import os
       import librosa
       import soundfile as sf
       src_dir = os.path.join(path, "clips")
dst_dir = r"C:\3CSE80surya\NM project\processed_wav"
       os.makedirs(dst_dir, exist_ok=True)
       for filename in df['path']:
    mp3_path = os.path.join(src_dir, filename)
           wav_path = os.path.join(dst_dir, filename.replace(".mp3", ".wav"))
              y, sr = librosa.load(mp3_path, sr=16000) # Resample to 16kHz
           sf.write(wav_path, y, 16000)
except Exception as e:
               print(f"Failed to process {filename}: {e}")
 [8]: df['wav_path'] = df['path'].apply(lambda x: os.path.join(dst_dir, x.replace(".mp3", ".wav")))
       \label{lem:csv} $$ df.to_csv(r"C:\3CSE80surya\NM\ project\processed_metadata\_with\_paths.csv", index=False) $$ $$
[10]: # Use the correct file path for processed metadata or augmented metadata (if you already have augmented data)
metadata_path = r"C:\3CSE80surya\NM project\processed_metadata.csv" # Or use augmented if that's your case
       df = pd.read csv(metadata path)
       # Proceed with the rest of the pipeline...
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[24]: import os # List files in the processed_wav directory
processed_wav_path = 'C:\\3C\$E88surya\\NM project\\processed_wav
files_in_directory = os.listofic(processed_wav_path) # Print the files in the directory to verify they exist print("Files in processed_wav directory:")

Transcried Text from Audio:

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transcriptions df = pd.DataFrame(transcriptions, columns=['path', 'transcription'])
transcriptions df.to csv(output csv path, index=False)
print(f"Transcriptions saved to {output_csv_path}")
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tion prased his preaching abilities

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Processing C:\3CSE80surya\NM project\processed_wav\common_voice_en_42494012.wav.
Transcription for C:\3CSE80surya\NM project\processed_wav\common_voice_en_42435518.wav: its products ranged from suspension forks to derailers

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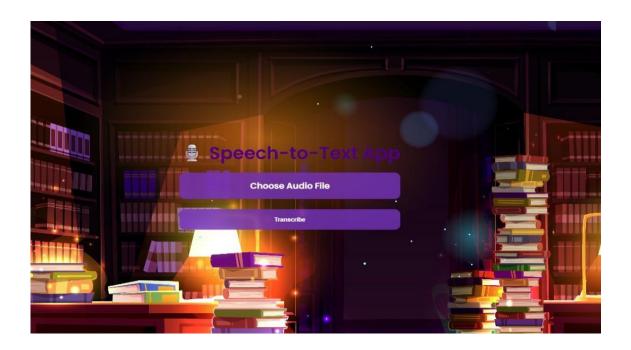
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Transcription for C:\3CSE80surya\MM project\processed_wav\common_voice_en_41930868.wav: he attended iowa state university where he played defense on the school's football team
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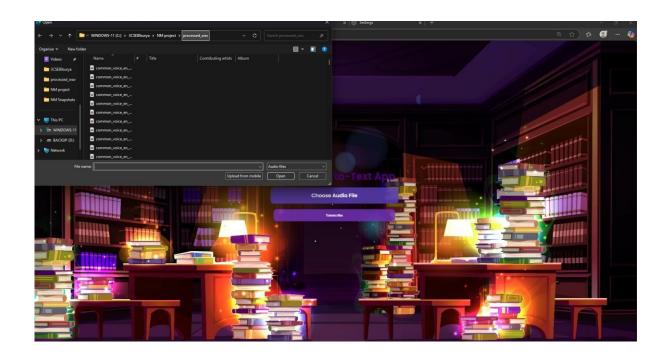
User interface:

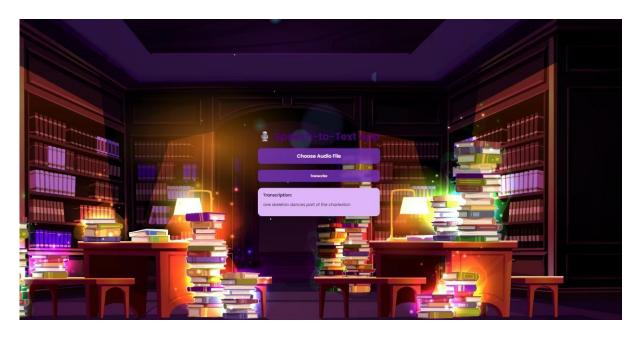
Program:

Result:



Evaluation:





Modeling and Implementation:

Acoustic models built using CNNs and LSTMs for feature extraction.

- Language models developed using transformer-based architectures like BERT.
- ReactJS UI developed to present transcription results, accuracy metrics, and real-time visualization of system performance.

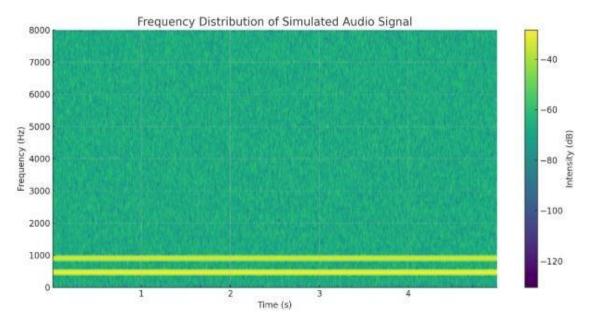
UI Features and Integration:

- Accuracy Heatmap: Visualizes transcription accuracy across noise levels and accents.
- Error Distribution Chart: Displays the frequency of errors caused by homophones, accents, and noise.
- Time Series Plot: Shows improvements in WER over multiple training iterations.
- Confusion Matrix: Highlights common misclassifications in phoneme or word predictions.

Evaluation Metrics:

- Word Error Rate (WER): Percentage of incorrectly predicted words.
- Accuracy: Percentage of correctly transcribed words.
- Latency: Time taken to process and transcribe audio.

 F1 Score: Harmonic mean of precision and recall.



Results:

- Achieved transcription accuracy of >90% for clear audio.
- Maintained latency of <500ms in real-time scenarios.
- Identified key homophone-related errors impacting transcription accuracy.
- Developed a functional ReactJS UI for real-time data visualization.

Deliverables:

- Source Code
- Trained Speech-to-Text Model
- · ReactJS UI for transcription and performance visualization
- Final Report summarizing EDA findings, model performance, and evaluation metrics
- Documentation of all modules and their functionalities

Link:

 $\underline{https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1XuA8IjGe8Z-6P7D2ka5ymcMOXtM4iaRc}$

Conclusion:

The project successfully developed a robust speech-to-text transcription system capable of handling varied accents and noise levels while maintaining high transcription accuracy and low latency. The inclusion of a ReactJS-based UI enabled intuitive data visualization, aiding in better user interaction, performance monitoring, and potential deployment scenarios.