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Objective

Automatic Speech Recognition

Education

MSc Speech and Language Processing

University of Edinburgh Edinburgh , UK 2018-2019

- 1. Executive training courses in speech technology, machine learning, deep learning and signal processing.
- 2. Upper Second Honours in the first semester

BA Linguistic

South China Normal University Guangzhou, China 2014-2018

- 1. GPA 3.8/5.0
- 2. Published papers about linguistic and literature

Projects

Digits recognizer

- 1. Building a speaker-independent digit recognizer based on HMM-GMM with HTK.
- 2. Designing and executing a number of experiments to explore what factors affect the WER, for example the number of states in the HMMs

Diphone Speech Synthesiser

- 1. Using python to take text input from a user and convert it to a sound waveform containing intelligible speech.
- 2. A waveform concatenation system, whereby the acoustic units are recordings of diphones.

Building an uni selection voice in Festival with HTK

- 1. Building a unit selection voice for a text-to-speech synthesiser from my own voice. Creating a working voice that can be loaded into Festival (a TTS system by Edinburgh) and used to generate intelligible speech.
- 2. Varying the contents of the database to discover the effect on the synthetic speech.

Predicting subject-verb agreement with RNN

- 1. Implementing of a few critical parts of a recurrent neural network and the back propagation algorithm.
- 2. Executing experiments with training regimes, and to adapt the model to an interesting psycholinguistic task that tests the models behaviour on a phenomenon that humans process effortlessly--number agreement between subject and predicate in English.

Exploring distributional similarity in Twitter

- 1. Collecting data from Twitter.
- 2. Executing experiments to find out what are (some of) the pros and cons of different simple methods for computing similarity between words?
- 3. Finding out how the different methods are affected by word frequency.
- 4. Finding out the systematic differences in how different methods rank the similarities between words.

N-gram Language modeling

probabilities, and write out the model to a file.

1. Building a trigram language model over characters: read in a text file, collect counts for all character 3-grams, estimate

Skills

- Knowledge of algorithms about NLP and speech processing
- · Proficient in Python
- Familiar with using Linux and Bash
- Familiar with toolkits like Kaldi and TensorFlow

Languages

Chinese

Mother Tongue

English

Advanced