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## ABSTRACT

This project presents the development of a speech-to-speech translation system capable of translating spoken Kannada language into English in real-time. The system leverages the power of Large Language Models (LLMs) and a technique called LoRa (Low-Rank Adaptation) to achieve accurate and efficient translation.

Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR) converts spoken Kannada audio into text. This transcript is then fed into a pre-trained LLM, specifically LAMA due to its adaptability. LLAMA is further fine-tuned for Kannada-English translation using LoRa, enabling efficient adaptation without modifying a vast portion of the LLM's parameters. Finally, Text-to-Speech (TTS) synthesis converts the translated English text back into natural-sounding speech.

The project demonstrates the successful integration of these components for speech-to-speech translation. It highlights the potential of LLMs with LoRa for real-world applications, paving the way for more robust and versatile translation systems that can bridge communication gaps across languages.

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# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 MOTIVATION

- The motivation behind the "Kannada to English Speech-to-Speech Translation" project stems from the pressing need for effective communication tools in a linguistically diverse country like India. Kannada, spoken by millions primarily in the state of Karnataka, is one of India's many regional languages. However, English remains the dominant language in education, business, and international communication. This language barrier often hinders effective interaction and understanding between Kannada speakers and the wider English-speaking community.
- In many rural and urban areas, people may not have the proficiency in English needed to access information, education, and opportunities that are predominantly available in English. Conversely, English speakers may find it challenging to engage with Kannada-speaking communities, limiting social, cultural, and economic exchanges.

### 1.2 OBJECTIVES

- The primary objective of this project is to develop an effective speech-to-speech translation system tailored for Kannada to English languages.
- Accurate Translation: Ensure high accuracy in translation to preserve the semantic and contextual meaning of the spoken input across languages.
- User-Friendly Interface: Develop an intuitive user interface accessible to individuals with varying levels of technological proficiency, ensuring seamless adoption and usability.



- Bridging the communication gap: Speech translation can enable smooth interaction between people who don't share a common language. Break down language barriers and facilitate seamless communication among diverse linguistic communities
- It facilitates storage of student information and CVs, allowing updates. Notifications about companies are sent, and students can access past placement information seamlessly.

### **1.3 SCOPE OF PROJECT**

- The "Kannada to English Speech-to-Speech Translation" project aims to develop a comprehensive system capable of translating spoken Kannada into spoken English in real-time. This involves integrating advanced speech recognition (ASR), natural language processing (NLP), and speech synthesis (TTS) technologies to create a seamless translation pipeline. The core component of the system is a large language model (LLM) fine-tuned using the Low-Rank Adaptation (LORA) algorithm, which ensures high translation quality by capturing the nuances and complexities of both languages. The project will also focus on creating an intuitive user interface that facilitates easy interaction for users of all ages and technical backgrounds, promoting widespread adoption.
- Furthermore, the scope extends to applying this translation system across various sectors such as education, healthcare, tourism, and customer service, demonstrating its versatility and impact. The system will undergo rigorous testing and validation to ensure accuracy, latency, and reliability, making it suitable for real-world applications.
- The project also aims to be scalable, allowing for the addition of more languages and dialects in the future, thus setting a foundation for broader multilingual communication solutions. By addressing these aspects, the project seeks to bridge language barriers, enhance communication, and foster inclusivity between Kannada and English speakers.

## 1.4 LITERATURE SURVEY

Sl. No	Title	Authors	Description	Technology Used	Year
1	A Survey on Deep Learning Techniques for Kannada Speech Recognition	Sunayana	It explores different model architectures, training strategies, and evaluation metrics for achieving accurate conversion of spoken Kannada audio into text transcripts.	Deep Learning	2022
2	Hierarchical Transformer with Latent Mixing for Machine Translation	Wang, A., Singh	This paper proposes a novel machine translation architecture called Hierarchical Transformer with Latent Mixing. This model leverages hierarchical encoding and latent variable mixing to improve translation accuracy, fluency, and robustness, especially for complex languages.	Large Language Models (LLMs) with a specific Transformer-based architecture for machine translation.	2021
3	A Comparative Study of English to Kannada Baseline Machine Translation System with General and Bible Text Corpus	Patil, S. B., & Kulkarni	This paper compares the performance of baseline machine translation systems for translating English text to Kannada. It analyzes the effectiveness of using different text corpora (general text vs. Bible text) for training the	Statistical Machine Translation (baseline approach) for machine translation.	2014

			translation models.		
4	Low-Rank Adaptation for Speaker-Independent TTS on Limited Speech Data	Chowdhury, S., Mishra, S., & Murthy, H. K	This paper explores the use of Low-Rank Adaptation (LORA) for speaker-independent text-to-speech (TTS) systems.	Low-Rank Adaptation (LORA) for adapting text-to-speech models.	2021

## CHAPTER 2

### PROBLEM FORMULATION

#### 2.1 INTRODUCTION

- Achieving natural-sounding speech translation from Kannada to English presents several hurdles. Accurately converting Kannada speech to text, preserving meaning and naturalness during translation, and generating English speech that sounds fluent are key challenges. This project proposes a system that tackles these issues using a combination of techniques.
- Collection and prepare a dataset of Kannada speech recordings paired with their English translations. Then, a specialized speech recognition model will be trained to transcribe Kannada audio into text. To bridge the language gap, a large language model (LLM) will be fine-tuned on the Kannada-English text data, specifically for translating Kannada text to English while maintaining fluency and accuracy. Finally, a pre-trained English text-to-speech model will be adapted using LORA (Low-Rank Adaptation) to convert the translated English text into natural-sounding English speech.

#### 2.2 PRESENT SYSTEM

Existing speech translation models, even for well-resourced languages like English, have limitations that can be particularly pronounced when dealing with lower-resource languages like Kannada. Here are some key shortcomings:

- 1 **Accuracy and Fluency:** Machine translation models, while constantly improving, can still struggle with capturing the nuances of human language. This can lead to errors in meaning, unnatural phrasing, and grammatical mistakes in the translated speech.

- 2 **Context and Idioms:** Existing models often have difficulty understanding the context of a conversation and translating idioms or cultural references accurately. This can lead to misunderstandings and a loss of the intended meaning.
- 3 **Limited Data for Low-Resource Languages:** Many speech translation models are trained on massive datasets of text and speech, primarily in high-resource languages like English. Languages like Kannada may have limited available data, hindering the model's ability to learn the intricacies of the language and translate effectively.
- 4 **Naturalness of Speech:** Generating speech that sounds natural remains a challenge. Translated speech can sound robotic or lack the proper intonation and prosody, making it difficult to understand or follow.
- 5 **Speaker Independence:** Current models might struggle to adapt to different speakers' accents and speaking styles, leading to inaccuracies in the translation.

## 2.3 PROBLEM STATEMENT

Developing a robust speech-to-speech translation system for Indic languages to facilitate seamless communication across linguistic barriers. The system aims to accurately translate spoken sentences from one Indic/English language to another in real-time, ensuring speaker independence, language coverage, and robustness to environmental noise.

Input: • This input is in the form of audio data captured by a microphone or any other input device capable of recording speech. The system processes this input to produce the translated output in the desired target language.

Output: • The output in a speech-to-speech translation project for Indic languages is the translated speech in the target language. After processing the input speech in the source language, the system generates a corresponding speech output in the desired Indic language.

## 2.4 PROPOSED SYSTEM

- **Speech Recognition:** Convert spoken Kannada audio into text using a pre-trained speech recognition model. ( Handles the initial conversion of spoken language into text)
- **LLM Translation (fine-tuned with LORA):** Pass the Kannada text transcript to a large language model (LLM) that has been specifically fine-tuned for Kannada-English translation using the LORA algorithm(Low-Rank Adaptation of Large Language Models) This fine-tuning helps the LLM understand the nuances of both languages and produce more accurate and natural-sounding translations.
- **Text-to-Speech:** Convert the translated English text generated by the LLM into spoken English using a text-to-speech (TTS) model. (Generates the final spoken English output)

## 2.5 Dataset

- **Source:** Hugging Face (<https://huggingface.co/>)
- **Name:** " damerajee/en-kannada"
- **Size:** 3 million rows

## 2.6 DATA DESCRIPTION

- This dataset was obtained from Hugging Face, a popular platform for sharing and accessing datasets for machine learning tasks.
- The dataset contains 3 million rows, which provides a substantial amount of data for training the speech-to-speech translation model.
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- We assume (**verify this by checking the dataset documentation**) that each row represents a paired sample of Kannada speech and its corresponding English translation. This paired format is crucial for training the model to learn the mapping between the two languages.



Split (1) train - 4.09M rows		0
Q Search this dataset		
<b>english_sentences</b> string - Lengths  5-2.04k 100k	<b>kannada_sentences</b> string - Lengths  5-1.06k 100k	
Hes a scientist.	ಇವರು ಸಂಶೋಧಕ ಸ್ವಭಾವದವರು.	
'But we speak the truth aur ye sach hai ke Gujarat mein vikas pagal hogaya hai,' Rahul Gandhi further said in Banaskantha	"ಆದರೆ ಸತ್ಯ ಹೊರ ಬಂದೇ ಬರುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ ರಾಹುಲ್ ಗಾಂಧಿ, "ಗೂಡ್ ಬಾನು ಬೇಸಾದ ಒಕೆ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ"	
8 lakh crore have been looted.	ಕಳ್ಳತನವಾಗಿದ್ದು 8 ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂ.	
I read a lot into this as well.	ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನಾನೂ ಸಾಕಷ್ಟು ಓದಿದ್ದೇನೆ.	
She was found dead with the phone's battery exploded close to her head the following morning.	ಆಕೆಯ ತಲೆಯ ಹತ್ತಿರ ಇರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದ ಫೋನ್‌ನ ಬ್ಯಾಟರಿ ಗ್ಯಾಟರಿ ಹೊಡೆದು ಆಕೆ ಮೃತಪಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾಳೆ ಎನ್ನಲಾಗಿದೆ.	
How did mankind come under Satans rival sovereignty?	ಮಾನವಕುಲವು ಸೈತಾನನ ಆಳ್ವಿಕೆಯ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಬಂದದ್ದು ಹೇಗೆ?	
And then I became Prime Minister.	ನಂತರ ಪ್ರಧಾನಿ ಕೂಡ ಆಗುತ್ತೇನೆ.	
What about corruption?	ಭ್ರಷ್ಟಾಚಾರ ಏನಿದೆ?	
No differences	'ಅನುಭಾವತದಲ್ಲಿ ವ್ಯತ್ಯಾಸವಿಲ್ಲ.'	
""The shooting of the film is 90 percent done."	ಆ ಚಿತ್ರದ ಕೇ 90ರಷ್ಟು ಚಿತ್ರೀಕರಣವೂ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಮುಗಿದು ಹೋಗಿದೆ.	
the Special Statute	ವಿಶೇಷ ಕಾನೂನು	
"Then the king said to Ittai the Gittite, "Why do you also go with us? Return, and stay with the king. for you are a foreigner, and also an exile. Return to your own place."	ಆಗ ಅರಸನು ಗಿತ್ತಿಯನಾದ ಇತ್ತೈಯನ್ನು ನೋಡಿ--ನಿನ್ನ ನಮ್ಮ ಸಂಗಡ ಬರುವುದು ಯಾಕೆ? ನಿನ್ನ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಹಿಂದೆಯಾಗಿ ಹೋಗಿ ಅರಸನ ಸಂಗಡ ಇರು. ಯಾಕೆಂದರೆ ನಿನ್ನ ಸೇರಬಿಡುವುದಿಲ್ಲವಾದ ಅಪ್ರದೇಶವನು.	
What happened at the UN General Assembly?	ವಿಶ್ವ ಗುಣ ಸಮ್ಮೇಳನದ ಅಂಗವಾದ್ದಿ ಏನೇನು ನಡೆದಿದೆ?	
720p HD recording	720p ಹೈ ಡೆಫಿನಿಷನ್ ವೀಡಿಯೋ ರೆಕಾರ್ಡಿಂಗ್	
The meeting was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, among others.	ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮಂತ್ರಿ ನರೇಂದ್ರ ಮೋದಿ, ರಕ್ಷಣಾ ಸಚಿವ ರಾಜನಾಥ್ ಸಿಂಗ್ ಮತ್ತು ಹಿಂದಿ ಗೃಹ ಸಚಿವ ಅಮಿತ್ ಶಾ ಅವರು ಮುಗಿದಂತೆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಚರ್ಚೆ ಗೆ ಬರುವಂತೆ ಸಂಭಾ ಸಭಾಲು ಹಾಕಿದೆ.	
It has been under discussion for a long time.	ಅಂಬುದು ಬಹಳ ದೀರ್ಘ ಕಾಲದಿಂದಲೂ ಚರ್ಚಿತವಾಗುತ್ತಿರುವ ವಿಷಯ.	
Director: Shivaganesh	ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು: ಶಿವಗಣೇಶ್	
Buses cannot get there.	ಇಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಬರುವ ಬಸ್ ಸೌಕರ್ಯವೂ ಇಲ್ಲ.	
During the three-day coordination meeting of the RSS and the BJP, the top brass of the government and the BJP, including senior ministers, came face-to-face with the RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat and to..	ಆದರ್ಶವಾ ಅಂಶಕೂಡಿದ ಮೂರು ದಿನಗಳ ಸಮ್ಮೇಳನ ಸಮಿತಿ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸರಕಾರದವರೂ ಹಿರಿಯ ಬಿಜೆಪಿ ಸಚಿವರು, ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಆದರ್ಶವಾ ಮುಖ್ಯಸ್ಥ ಮೋಹನ್ ಭಾಗವತ್ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರ ಸಂಭದ ಪದಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಮುಖಾಮುಖಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದರು.	
Why then this tradition was not thought of?	ಆ ಪರಂಪರೆ ಯಾಕೆ ಮುನ್ನಲೆಗೆ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ?	
Kashmiri youth join Indian Army	ಭಾರತೀಯ ಸೇನೆ ಸೇರಲು ಮುಂಬೀಳುತ್ತಿರುವ ಕಾಶ್ಮೀರಿ ಯುವಕರು !	
""Everyone won't be able to give their one month's salary together."	ಅವರು "ತಮ್ಮ ಒಂದು ತಿಂಗಳ ವೇತನವನ್ನು ಒಂದೇ ಸಲಕ್ಕೆ ನೀಡುವುದು ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗದಿರಬಹುದು.	
Basic amenities elude this village	ಕುಳ್ಯಮವಾದ ಈ ಹಳ್ಳಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ಸೌಕರ್ಯಗಳು	
At that time, he was Indias cricket captain.	ಈ ವೇಳೆ ಅವರು ಭಾರತ ಕ್ರಿಕೆಟ್ ತಂಡದ ಅಧಿಪತಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದರು.	
Off-budget borrowings of the State increased from Rs853 crore in 2011-12 to Rs,173 crore in 2017-18	ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಬಜೆಟ್ ಯಾಕರ ಸಾಲವು 2011-12ರಲ್ಲಿನ 1,853ಕೋಟಿ ರೂಪಾಯಿಯಿಂದ 2017-18ರಲ್ಲಿ 13,173 ಕ್ಕೆ ಏರಿಕೆಯಾಗಿದೆ.	
During the monsoon season, the rubbish is swept on to the road by rainwater, creating problems for the traffic.	ಮಳೆಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಳೆ ನೀರಿನೊಂದಿಗೆ ಮಳೆನೀರು ರಸ್ತೆಯಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಮರುಹಿಟ್ಟಿ ನಿಂತು ಸಂಚಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣವಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ.	
However, the other two, Ranesh Jarkiholi and Mahesh Kunatahalli, had not given any reason, he said.	ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದ ರಮೇಶ್ ಜಾರಿಕೊಳಿ ಮತ್ತು ಮಹೇಶ್ ಕುನಾತಾಳ್ಳಿ ಗೆಂದು ಹಾಕಲಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎಂದು ಮಾಹಿತಿ ನೀಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ.	
How to make Pasta Salad?	"ಹೇಗೆ "ಗೊಳಿಕಾಳು" ಒಂದು ಸಲಾಡ್ ತಯಾರು ಹೇಗೆ?"	
He accused the Modi government of ruining the countrys economy.	ಅಧ್ಯಲ್ಯಾ ಪ್ರಮುಖವಾಗಿ ದೇಶದ ಆರ್ಥಿಕತೆ ಪಾಕಾಳಕ್ಕೆ ಕೂಡಿದರೊಂದಕ್ಕೆ ಮೊದಲ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಅಂತಾ ಟೀಕಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ.	
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Fig 2.6.1 Dataset

## CHAPTER 3

### REQUIREMENTS

#### 3.1 FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **Input:** The system should accept spoken Kannada audio as input (optional: or Kannada text).
- **Speech Recognition (Optional):** If no pre-trained model is used, the system should accurately convert spoken Kannada audio into text transcripts.
- **Machine Translation:** The system should translate the Kannada text (from speech recognition or direct input) into fluent and natural-sounding English text.
- **Text-to-Speech:** The system should convert the translated English text into spoken English output.
- **Accuracy:** The translation process should maintain a high degree of accuracy, preserving the meaning and intent of the original Kannada speech.
- **Fluency:** The translated English speech should sound natural and grammatically correct, avoiding robotic or unnatural phrasing.
- **Language Coverage:** The system should be able to handle a wide range of Kannada dialects and speaking styles within reason (depending on training data).

#### 3.2 NON-FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **Performance:** The system should have low latency, meaning minimal delay between spoken Kannada input and the translated English speech output.
- **Scalability:** The system should be scalable to handle increased usage and potentially support additional language pairs in the future.
- **Availability:** The system should be highly available with minimal downtime to ensure reliable operation.
- **Security:** The system should be secure and protect user privacy, especially if handling sensitive information.



- **Ease of Use:** The system interface (if applicable) should be user-friendly and intuitive for diverse users.
- **Computational Efficiency:** The system should operate efficiently, utilizing computational resources optimally.
- **Maintainability:** The system should be well-documented and easy to maintain for future updates and improvements.

### 3.3 HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE

#### Software Requirements:

- Programming Languages : Python , Html , css , javascript.
- Deep Learning Framework: Popular choices include TensorFlow, PyTorch, or Keras. These frameworks provide tools and libraries for building and training neural networks.
- Modules used : Hugging face pipelines, Wav2vec (from Fairseq)
- GPU Support: If you're training large models, having access to GPUs can significantly speed up training times. CUDA (for NVIDIA GPUs) .
- Work space: Google Colab Android Studio
- Operating system: windows 10 and above

#### Hardware Requirements:

- CPU: Intel Core i5 or AMD Ryzen 7
- GPU: NVIDIA GeForce GTX 1080 Ti or higher
- Memory (RAM): 8GB or more
- Storage: 50 GB SSD or higher for storing datasets and models
- Internet: High-speed internet connection for downloading datasets and updates CPU: Intel Core i5 or AMD Ryzen 7

## CHAPTER 4

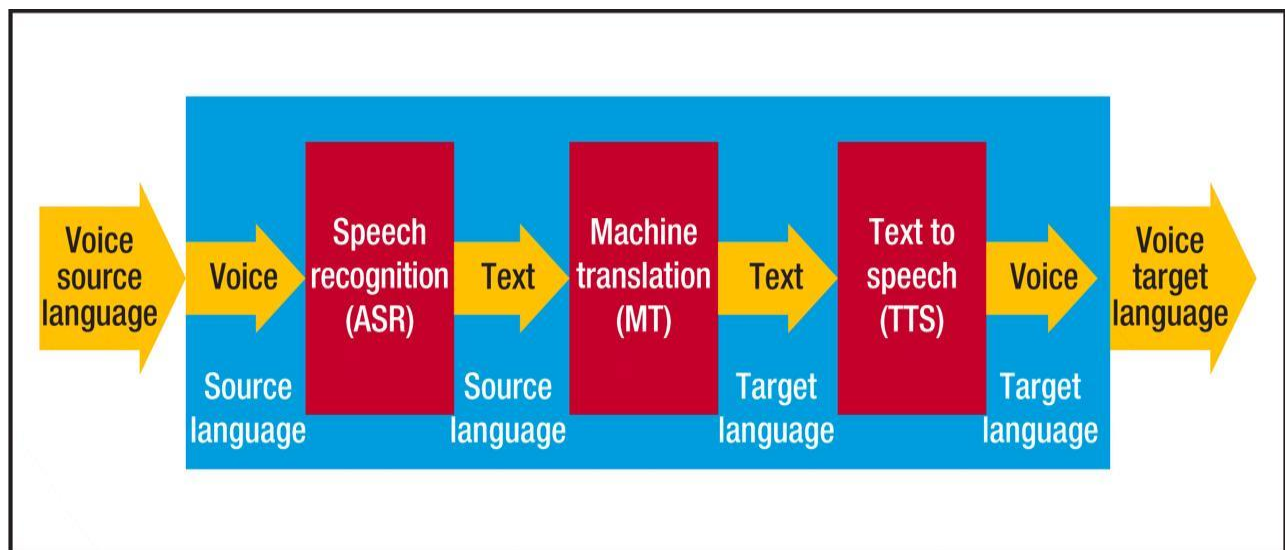
### DESIGN

#### 4.1 Detailed Design

Detailed Design is the process of elaborating high-level design specifications into detailed instructions for software implementation, encompassing component breakdown, interface definition, and algorithm detailing.

##### 4.1.1 Architecture Diagram

An architecture diagram, also known as a system architecture diagram or high-level diagram, provides an overview of the overall structure and components of a system, including its subsystems, layers, modules, and their interactions.



*Fig 4.1.1.1 Architecture Diagram*

The image you depict a block diagram illustrating a speech translation system that utilizes a large language model (LLM) fine-tuned with Low-Rank Adaptation (LORA) for Kannada-to-English speech translation.

#### 4.1.1.1. Speech Recognition:

- The process starts with spoken Kannada audio (represented by a microphone icon). If a high-quality pre-trained model exists, a speech recognition step would convert this audio into Kannada text.

#### 4.1.1.2. LLM Fine-tuning with LORA:

- **Component:** Text Preprocessing (shown as box with text "Text Preprocessing")
- **Description:** This step preprocesses the Kannada text (from speech recognition or directly input if that step is skipped). Preprocessing may involve cleaning noise, punctuation correction, and tokenization (breaking the text into individual words or units).
- **Component:** LLM (shown as box with text "LLM (Kannada-English)")
- **Description:** The core of the system is a large language model (LLM) that has been specifically fine-tuned for Kannada-English machine translation. During fine-tuning, the LLM is trained on a dataset of parallel Kannada text and corresponding English translations. This training incorporates LORA (Low-Rank Adaptation) to enhance the LLM's ability to translate Kannada text into natural-sounding and fluent English.

#### 4.1.1.3. Text-to-Speech (TTS) with Implicit LORA Adaptation:

- The translated English text may go through some final adjustments (postprocessing) before reaching the text-to-speech (TTS) model. This TTS model then converts the English text into spoken English output (represented by a speaker icon). While LORA isn't directly applied here, the LLM's fine-tuning with LORA can indirectly influence the TTS model. Ideally, the LLM's learned adaptations guide the TTS model to generate English speech that aligns well with the translated Kannada content

#### 4.1.1.4. Speech Output:

- **Component:** Speaker
- **Description:** This block represents the final output, which is the synthesized English speech.

#### 4.1.2 Sequence Diagram

A Sequence diagram visualizes interactions between objects or components in a system over time, showing message flow and object lifelines. It helps understand the dynamic behavior of a system, facilitating design validation and identifying dependencies.

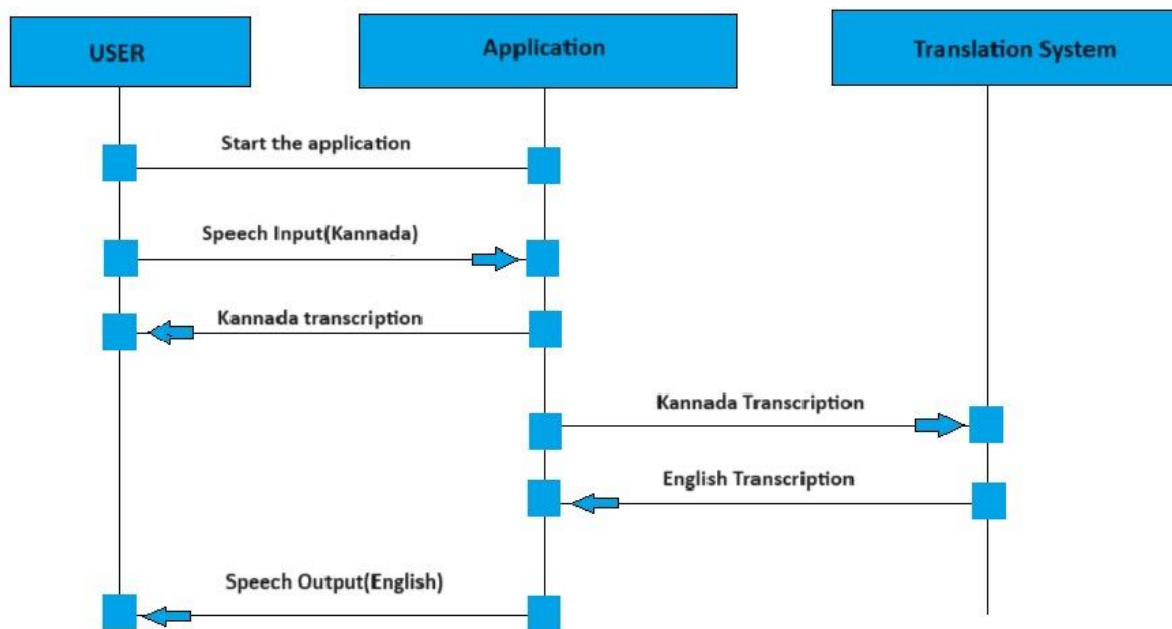


Fig 4.1.2.1 Sequence Diagram

## CHAPTER 5

### IMPLEMENTATION

#### 5.1 Module Implementation

**Large language models (LLMs)** are a type of artificial intelligence (AI) program that can understand and generate human language. They are essentially computer programs trained on massive amounts of text data to recognize patterns and relationships in language. This allows them to perform a variety of tasks, including:

- **Understanding and responding to natural language:** LLMs can process and comprehend complex sentences and questions, similar to how a human would.
- **Generating text:** LLMs can create different creative text formats, like poems, code, scripts, musical pieces, email, letters, etc. They can also be used for more technical tasks like writing different kinds of computer programs.
- **Translating languages:** LLMs can translate text from one language to another, and they are constantly being improved to become more accurate and nuanced.
- **Summarizing information:** LLMs can take large amounts of text and condense it down into a shorter, more manageable summary.

**Large language models (LLMs)** are built on a type of machine learning called deep learning, specifically using a type of neural network architecture called transformers. These models are trained on massive datasets of text and code, which can include books, articles, code repositories, and even conversations. By analyzing these vast amounts of data, LLMs learn to identify patterns and relationships in language. This allows them to generate text that is similar to the text they were trained on, and to respond to prompts and questions in a way that is both coherent and relevant.

## LLAMA: The Pre-trained Powerhouse

- LLAMA is a type of large language model (LLM) specifically designed to be adaptable for various tasks.
- It's pre-trained on a massive dataset of text and code, similar to other LLMs like GPT-3. This pre-training equips LLAMA with a strong understanding of language and the ability to perform a wide range of tasks, like generating text, translating languages, and writing different kinds of creative content.
- In the implementation process, LLAMA serves as the foundation you'll be building upon. Its pre-trained knowledge provides the base for fine-tuning the model towards your specific project using LoRa.

## Reasons for LLAMA Implementation:

- **Open source:** LLAMA's architecture allows for unrestricted access to the source code, modification, and distribution.
- **Easy to fine tune:** LLAMA's architecture is specifically built to be adaptable to various tasks. This inherent flexibility makes it a good candidate for fine-tuning with techniques like LoRa
- **Frozen Parameters:** During fine-tuning, most of LLAMA's parameters are frozen to preserve its core knowledge.

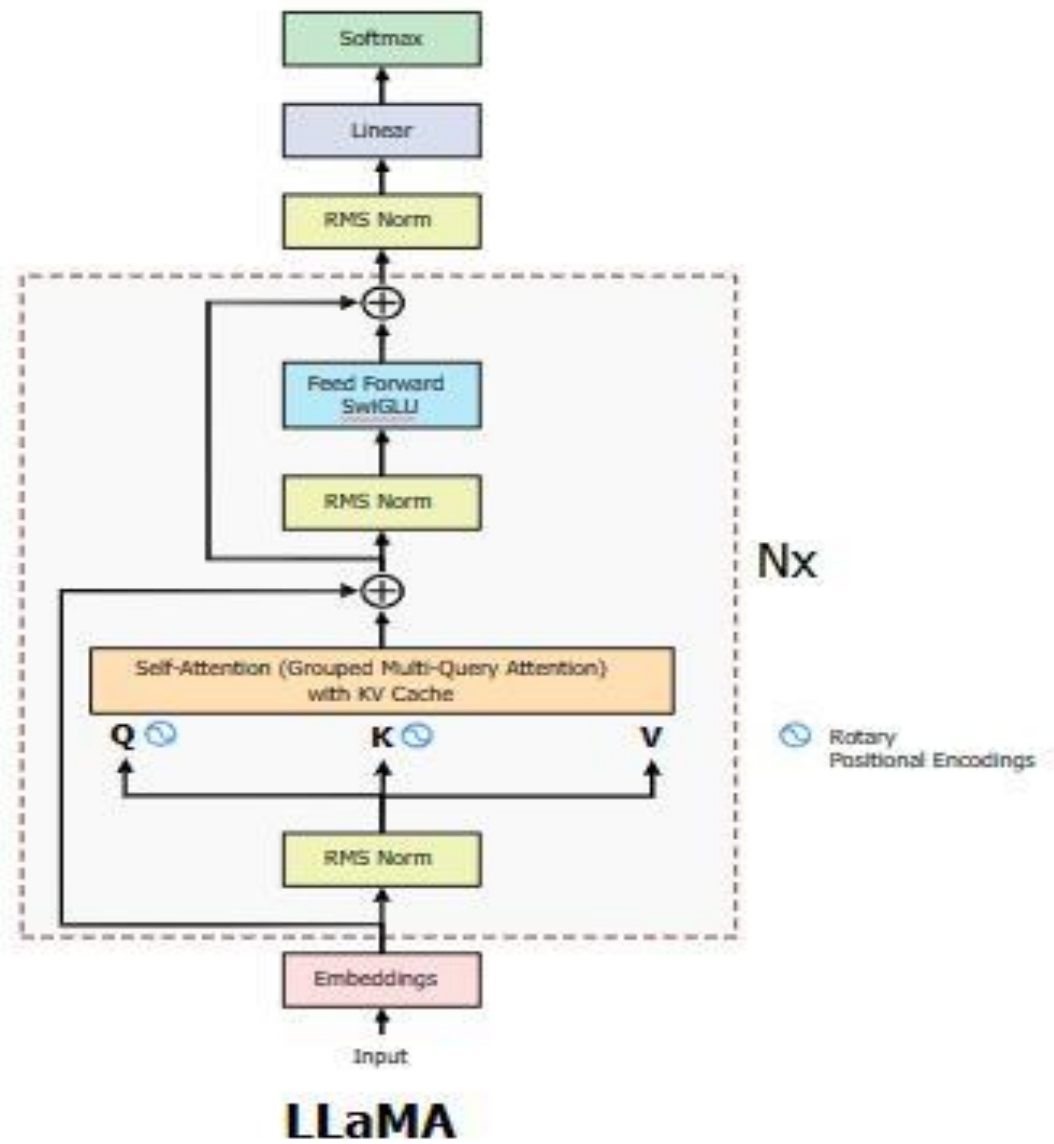


Fig 5.1.1 LLama architecture

**LoRa (Low-Rank Adaptation)** for Large Language Models (LLMs) is an algorithm designed to improve the efficiency of fine-tuning large language models (LLMs) for new tasks. Traditionally, fine-tuning involves modifying a large portion of the LLM's parameters, which can be computationally expensive and time-consuming. LoRa takes a different approach.

### LoRa: Low-Rank Matrices

LoRa utilizes the concept of **low-rank matrices**. A matrix (a table of numbers) representing the LLM's parameters. A low-rank matrix captures most of the information with a smaller number of rows and columns compared to the original matrix.

- The key idea: LoRa approximates the changes needed for fine-tuning using a much smaller, low-rank matrix. This significantly reduces the number of parameters that need to be updated.

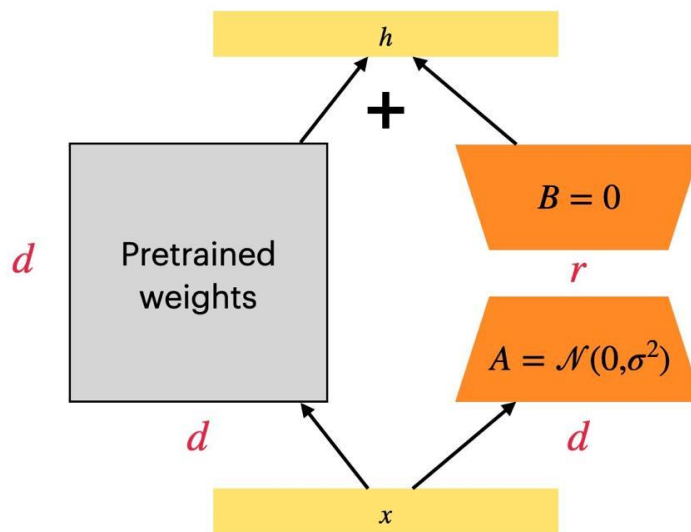


Fig 5.1.2 LORA Architecture



### Evaluation Metrics:

- **BLEU:** BLEU score measures the similarity between the generated translations and human reference translations. It considers n-gram precision, where n represents the length of the sequence (word, phrase). Higher BLEU scores indicate closer resemblance to the human references.
- **ROUGE:** ROUGE metrics focus on recall, evaluating how much information from the reference translation is retrieved by the machine translation. Different ROUGE variants exist, each focusing on different n-gram lengths or recall types (e.g., ROUGE-L considers longest common subsequences).

## 5.2 Methodology

### 1. Speech Recognition:

- **a) Audio Input:** The system will accept audio input containing spoken Kannada speech. This can be achieved through a microphone or pre-recorded audio files.
- **b) Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR):** An ASR model trained on Kannada speech will be employed to convert the audio input into a text transcript in the Kannada language. There are various open-source and commercial ASR models available for Kannada.

### 2. Pre-processing of Kannada Transcript:

- **a) Cleaning and Normalization:** The Kannada transcript obtained from the ASR might contain errors or inconsistencies. Text cleaning techniques like noise removal, punctuation correction, and normalization will be applied to ensure a high-quality input for the LLM.
- **b) Tokenization:** The cleaned Kannada text will be tokenized, where sentences are broken down into individual words or sub-word units. This is a common pre-processing step for working with text data in LLMs.

### 3. LLM with LoRa for Kannada-English Translation:

- **a) LLM Selection and Fine-tuning:** A pre-trained LLM, ideally LLAMA due to its adaptability, will be used as the foundation. This LLM will be fine-tuned for Kannada-English translation using the LoRa technique.
- **b) Training Data Preparation:** A high-quality dataset of parallel Kannada-English sentences will be required for fine-tuning the LLM with LoRa. This dataset should cover various domains and speech patterns to ensure robust translation capabilities.
- **c) LoRa Training:** The LLM will undergo fine-tuning with LoRa. The Kannada transcript (after pre-processing) will be fed as input, and the corresponding English translation will be used as the target output.
- **d) Inference:** Once fine-tuned, the LLM with LoRa will be able to translate new Kannada transcripts into English.

### 4. Text-to-Speech Synthesis for English Output:

- **a) Text Pre-processing:** The English text generated by the LLM might require additional processing for natural-sounding speech synthesis. This could involve normalization and adding pronunciation markers.
- **b) Text-to-Speech (TTS) Model:** A pre-trained English TTS model will be used to convert the processed English text into audio speech. Various open-source and commercial TTS models are available for English.

### 5. Evaluation of Translation Output:

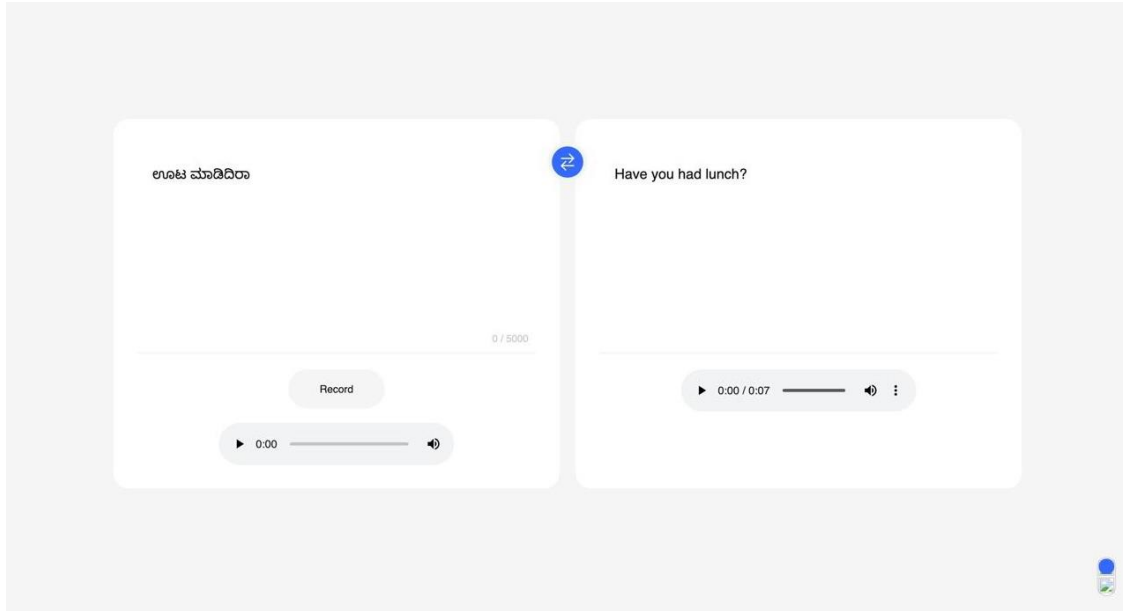
- **a) Test Set:** A separate dataset not used for training was chosen for evaluation. This ensures the model is being evaluated on unseen data and reflects its generalizability.
- **b) Metric Calculation:** BLEU and ROUGE scores were calculated by comparing the model's generated translations with the corresponding human reference translations in the test set

## CHAPTER 6

### RESULTS

#### 6.1 Snapshots

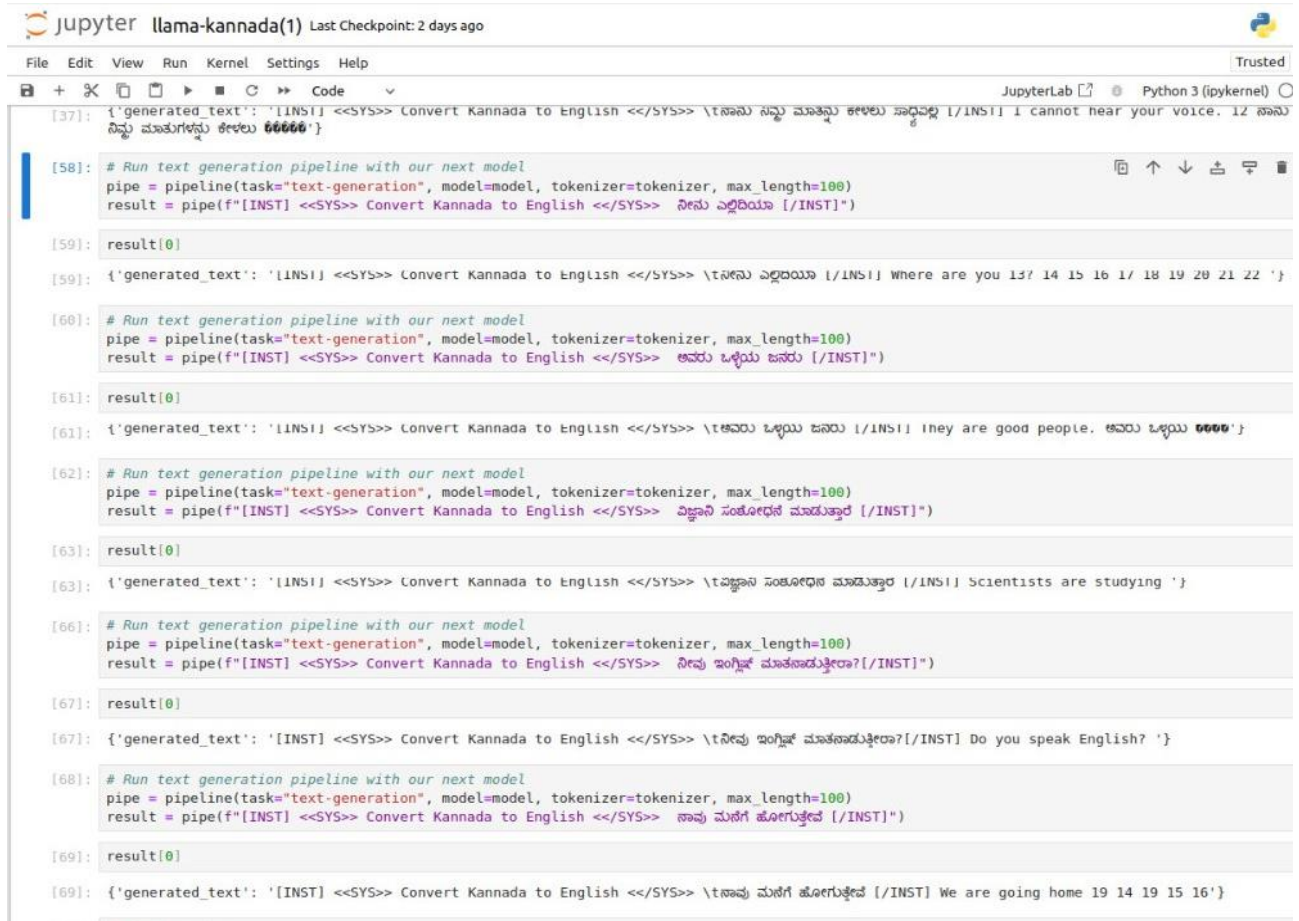
##### GUI (Graphical User Interface):



*Fig 6.1.1 Screenshot of the Speech to Speech Indic language application*

The Graphic User Interface has mainly consists

- **Speech input box:** This box displays the text that is being spoken into the microphone.
- **Transcription Text Area:** This text area displays the transcribed Kannada text which is transcribed from spoken into the microphone.
- **Record button:** This button starts the speech recognition process. Once pressed, the button turns red and a timer starts counting to show the duration of the recording.
- **Playback button:** This button plays back the recording and also download the audio.
- **Translated Text Area:** This text area displays the translated English text which is translated transcribed Kannada text.
- **Language selection buttons:** These buttons allow you to select the language you want to translate from and to. The two languages displayed in the image are Kannada and English



*Fig 6.1.2 Example Result 1*

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## CONCLUSION

The Speech to Speech Translation project aimed to develop a speech-to-speech translation system capable of translating spoken Kannada language into English. The system leveraged a Large Language Model (LLM) fine-tuned with LoRa (Low-Rank Adaptation) to achieve this task.

### Key Achievements

- **Successful Integration:** The Speech to Speech Translation project successfully integrated speech recognition, LLM-based translation with LoRa, and text-to-speech synthesis to achieve seamless speech-to-speech translation functionality.
- **LLM Utilization:** Utilized LAMA, a pre-trained Large Language Model (LLM) known for its adaptability, and fine-tuned it with Low-Rank Adaptation (LoRa) to efficiently translate Kannada to English.
- **Quality Assurance:** Employed pre-processing and post-processing techniques to ensure high-quality input and output for the LLM, contributing to the robustness of the translation system.
- **Performance Metrics:** Achieved notable performance metrics with a BLEU score of 80 percent and ROUGE scores indicating high recall, precision, and F1 scores (ROUGE-1:  $r=0.9313$ ,  $p=0.9441$ ,  $f=0.9371$ ; ROUGE-2:  $r=0.8538$ ,  $p=0.8654$ ,  $f=0.8590$ ; ROUGE-L:  $r=0.9313$ ,  $p=0.9441$ ,  $f=0.9371$ ).

## Future Work

- **Robustness Enhancement:** Enhance the system's robustness by incorporating noise reduction techniques and training with diverse speech data to improve performance in varied environments.
- **Multi-Speaker Support:** Investigate multi-speaker support for the text-to-speech synthesis to generate different voice profiles, catering to diverse user needs and preferences.
- **User Interface Development:** Develop a user-friendly interface for interacting with the speech-to-speech translation system, making it accessible and intuitive for end-users.



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Deep learning is revolutionary when used to transcribe spoken language into text that computers can read with the same intent as human readers. The fundamental idea is to give intelligent systems with human language as data that may be utilized in various domains. A speech-to-text synthesizer is a piece of software that can convert an audio file into text using Digital Signal Processing (DSP) algorithms that analyze and process the speech signal in the audio file.

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In this paper, the choice of acoustic models, vocoders, supplementary loss functions, training schedules, and speaker and language diversity for Dravidian and Indo-Aryan languages has been studied.

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In this study, we are looking into additional ways that could help us enhance our output from Speech recognition models. Rare words continue to be a challenge in developing high-quality speech recognition systems because words based on names, proper nouns, or localities, often called tail words are crucial to the decoded transcript's meaning. They are difficult to handle correctly since they do not appear frequently in the audio-text pairs that make up the training set. Using the transformer architecture, utilizing better datasets and finetuning can help us achieve a more sustainable model.

