# Human Voice Recognition in the Regional Language

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## **ABSTRACT**

This project 'Human Voice Recognition in the Regional Language' is a speech recognition system to recognize a phone from a set of phones in a regional Language (Hindi), Speech recognition mechanism comes under the domain of Natural Language Processing(NLP).

The aim here is to recognize the human voice in regional language(Hindi) from a specific set of phones (which are आगे(āge), पीछे(peechhe), बाएँ(bāen), दाएं (dāen), चलो (chalo), रूको (ruko)) and then use this recognition system to operate an Arduino based vehicle through on-spot human voice.

For making the training module, a Recurrent Neural Network was made which was fed with a MFCC value of around 400 audio files (manually collected) consisting of the mentioned phones and a model was trained.

The final results are quite encouraging giving an accuracy of (80-85) % when tested on the files present in the system whereas gives promising on-spot testing for other phones except for the phone āge (आगे) as this phone is somewhat similar in structure to other phones like (dāen, bāen).

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Speech recognition is simply the ability of a software to recognise speech. Anything that a person says, in a language of their choice, must be recognised by the software.

We can use speech recognition system to perform an action based on the instructions defined by the human voice. For that we need to train the speech recognition system by storing speech patterns and vocabulary of their language into the system & based on these patterns we have to define some certain actions.

Now a days many complex recognition system has been built in English language. Be it Google (OK Google), Alexa etc. they are able to recognise complex sentences and give results according to that. But any complex system in Indian Regional Language is not yet developed.

The proposed approach is making a speech recognition system which can predict human voice from specific domain of phones (that are आगे(āge), पीछे(peechhe), बाएँ(bāen), दाएं (dāen), चलो (chalo), रूको (ruko)). The expectation from the system is to make a promising model which can predict voices from human which is expected to be fed to an Arduino based toy vehicles which can be operated from the human voice.

# A BRIEF SURVEY

### Survey on Tamil & Telugu Automatic Speech Recognition System

- a) Krishnaveni present a Continuous Speech Recognition (CSR) system for Tamil language using Hidden Markov Model (HMM) approach. Used Most powerful and widely used MFCC feature extraction front-end for the proposed system. The monophone based acoustic model is chosen to recognize the given set of sentences from medium vocabulary. The results are found to be satisfactory with 92% of word recognition accuracy and 81% of sentence accuracy for the developed system.
- b) Vimala C. and V. Radha present a speaker independent isolated speech recognition system for Tamil language. The experiments furnish high-quality word accuracy of 88% for trained and test utterances spoken by the speakers. The performance evaluation of the system is done based on the Word Error Rate (WER) which gives 0.88 WER for the above research work.

#### Survey on Assamese & Bengali Automatic Speech Recognition System

- a) In 2010, K.K Sarma worked for the development of numeral speech recognition system for Assamese language. Gender and mood variations were given consideration during the recording of speech signals of 10 numeral digits at 8 KHz in mono channel mode.
- b) S. Mandal, in their paper introduce the SPHINX3-based Bengali Automatic Speech Recognition system Shruti-II and an E-mail application based on it. This ASR system converts standard Bengali continuous speech to Bengali Unicode. This paper also demonstrates an application based on Shruti-II which enables visually challenged people to send E-mail by using this system.

#### Survey on Kannada ASR System

- a) M. A. Anusuya and K.K Katti proposed a new scheme for recognition of isolated words in Kannada Language speech, based on the Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT) and Principal Component Analysis (PCA). Initially the Discrete wavelet transform of a speech signal is computed and then LPC coefficients are calculated.
- b) Shiva Kumar C worked to provide a low cost alternative for the literate deaf people. The project describes Isolated Word Recognition of Kannada Digits. The system reads the spoken speech signal. Wavelet transform of the speech signal is taken and MFCC (Mel Frequency Cepstral Coefficients) are calculated followed by Vector Quantization. Euclidean Distance measure is used to correlate the test speech signal with pre-recorded speech signals from the speech database. The nearest match is identified and its respective text equivalent is displayed. The project is carried out for Kannada digits, which can be extended to words later. The programming is done using Matlab.

### Survey on Gujarati ASR System

- a) Speech recognition of Gujarati Language is presented by Patel Pravin and Harikrishna Jethva. Neural network was used for developing the system. They have used joint features derived from the modified group delay function and MFCC for Continuous speech recognition.
- b) A technique for fast bootstrapping of initial phone models of a Gujarati language is presented by Himanshu N. Patel. The training data for the Gujarati language is aligned using an existing speech recognition engine for English language. This aligned data is used to obtain the initial acoustic models for the phones of the Gujarati language.

### PREPROCESSING WORK

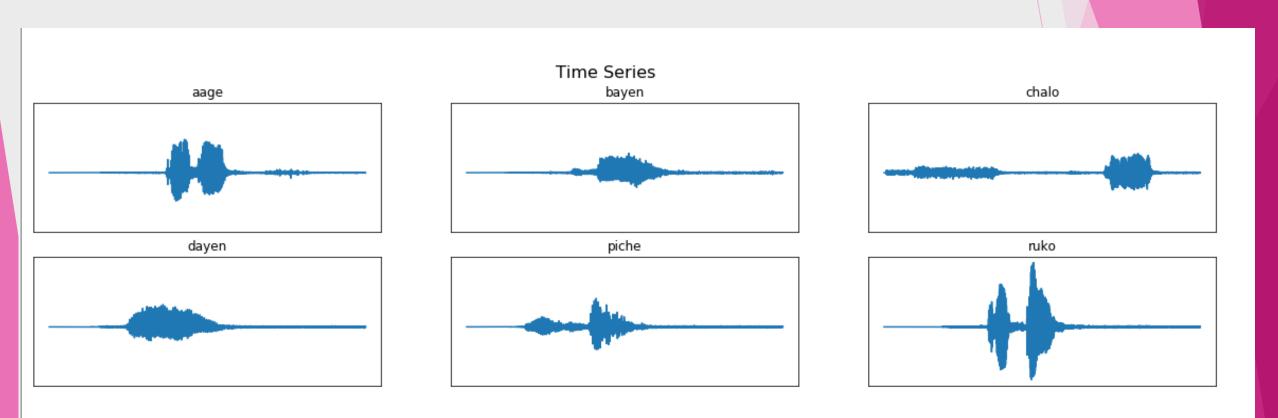
Pre-processing of speech signals is considered a crucial step in the development of a robust and efficient speech recognition system. In the pre-processing of speech signals we perform some statistical outlier detection to segregate the silence/unvoiced part of the speech signal from the voiced portion. The noise free speech signals help to determine various parameters accurately and to improve the overall system performance for subsequent offline analysis process. The audio files collected where in different formats (such as.mp3, opus, .m4a etc.). All these files where converted to a uniform format (.wav) for making the training module. We plotted 3 different graphs for each phone, which are:

- 1. Time series graph
- 2. Fast Fourier transform
- 3.MFCC graph

After taking the insights of these graphs it was seen that all the audio samples are not sampled at the same frequency instead they have varying sampling frequency, thus all the audio files were sampled at the same frequency in this step. After that the unvoiced signals having low amplitude were discarded making an envelope over the audio of real part of the signal.

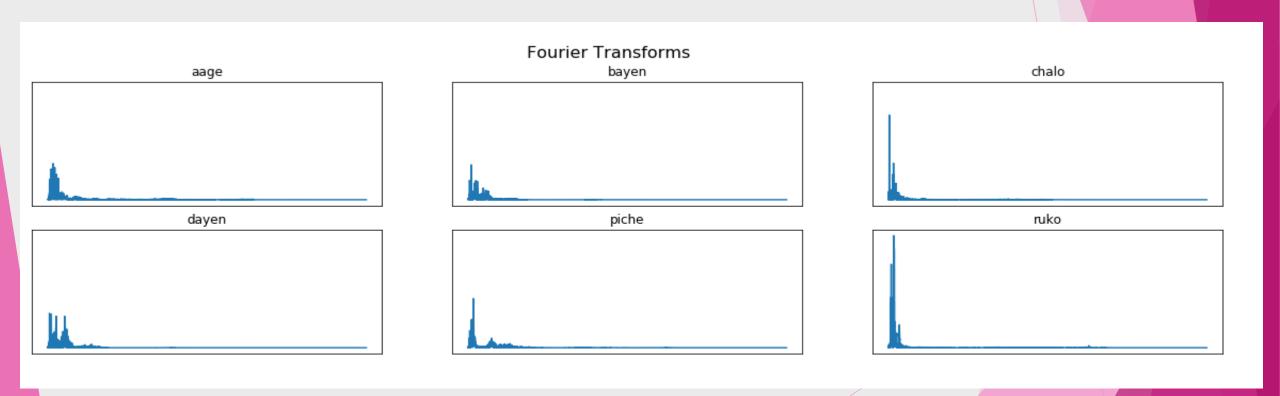
### PREPROCESSING WORK-CONTD.

1. Time series graph: Time series plot is a 2D plot of the Amplitude of a signal with respect to time. Insights of the visual structure of the audio files, the unvoiced data, and similarity and dissimilarity can be inferenced from this plot. This helped us to find the amplitude value below which the audio waves are discarded and not used as they don't have any useful information.



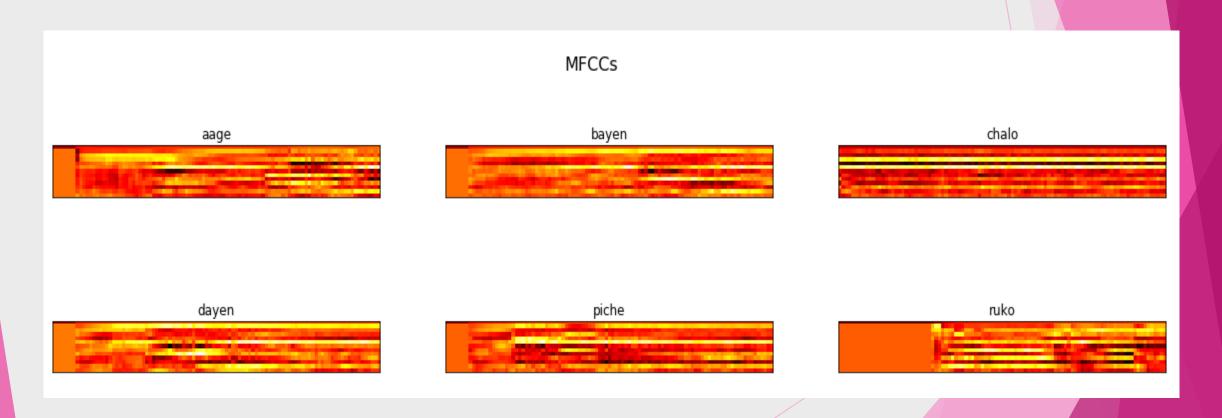
### PREPROCESSING WORK-CONTD.

2. Fast Fourier transform: Fast Fourier Transform basically transform the signal from time domain to frequency domain such that the constituent frequency of a signal can be fetched. The higher frequency components of the wave basically consist of noise in the audio.



### PREPROCESSING WORK-CONTD.

**3. MFCC graph:** MFCC gives the co-efficient by applying the Mel-scale to the audio signal transformed after DFT as the human ear perceives the frequencies in a similar way. These co-efficient help in analysing the voice based on the movement of human vocal tract.



## PROPOSED APPROACH

Speech recognition: A technique by which specialized software and systems are created to identify, distinguish and authenticate the voice of an individual speaker.

The world has gone far ahead in Speech Recognition with Development of Siri, Alexa etc.

Many works are done or many are under process in Indian regional languages also but the complexity is not that huge compared to English Language.

The purpose of selecting this project is that we want to develop a voice recognition system which can work in a regional language (Hindi) and will identify 6 phones(that are आगे(āge), पीछे(peechhe), बाएँ(bāen), दाएं (dāen), चलो (chalo), रूको (ruko)).

Further this recognition system will be used to operate an Arduino based vehicle which will be fed with the text received from the recognition system and it will take action accordingly

#### **ALGORITHM\_1: SPEECH\_RECOGNITION\_SYSTEM**

**Input:** Voice Sample

Output: A system which can predict these phones.

Step\_1: Collecting voice of different peoples for the required phones & save them in a directory to make a repository.

**Step\_2:** Pre-process those audio files by removing unwanted voice signals from each file.

**Step\_3:** Split the pre-processed audio files into two parts (files for training & testing).

**Step\_4:** Feed the training part of audio files into the training module so that our model will be trained to recognize those phones.

Step\_5: Feed the audio files in testing folder into the trained module, and test it for accuracy.

**Step\_6:** Feed the Voice Sample to the trained model, a vector having probability value for each of the phones is generated.

**Step\_6:** Use the vector index with maximum probability to find the name of the phone.

**Step\_7:** Display the name of the phone.

Step\_8: Stop

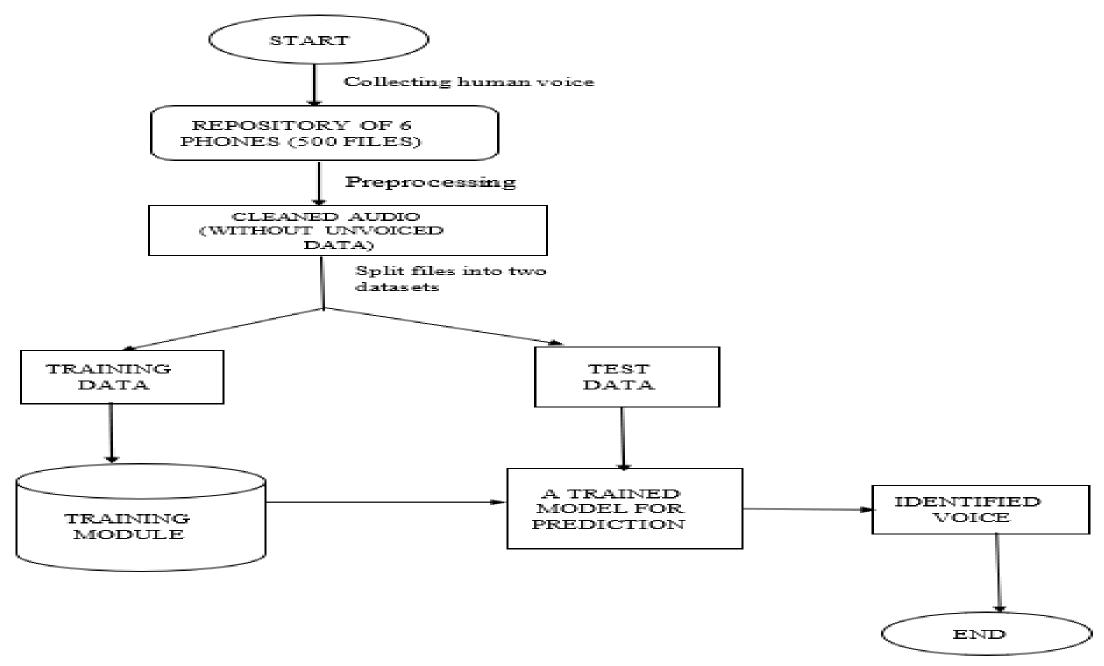


Fig.3(a) Approach for Making a Speech Recognition System

#### **ALGORITHM\_2: PREPROCESSING\_STEPS**

**Input:** The manually collected repository of audio files.

Output: Audio files after removing all unwanted signals.

**Step\_1:** Convert all the audio files in the same format(.wav)

**Step\_2:** Plot graphs to gather insights about the phones. These are Time-Series, MFCC, FFT plots

**Step\_3:** Analysing plots, make an envelope over the audio to discard all unwanted, unvoiced part of the audio.

**Step\_4:** Save the cleaned audio files in the repository.

Step\_5: Stop.

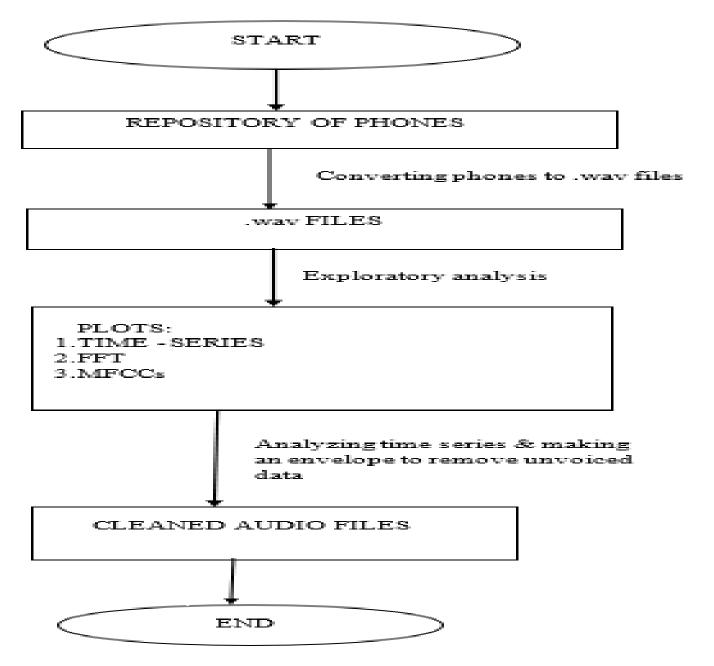


Fig 3(b). preprocessing Steps

#### ALGORITHM\_3: TRAINING\_MODULE

**Input:** Repository of pre-processed audio files.

Output: A supervised trained model which can further be used for testing.

**Step\_1:** Initialise Sample\_number with the number of files in the repository

**Step\_2:** For I=1 to Sample\_number, repeat

Step\_2.1: Random selection of an audio file from the repository of pre-processed audio files.

Step\_2.2: Random selection of 1/10th of a second from that random audio file.

Step\_2.3: Extracting the mfcc features for that 1/10th second of audio.

Step\_2.4: Append those features in a 2 dimensional vector.

Step\_2.5: Append the name of the phone in a vector

Step\_3: Feed the recurrent neural network of our training module with the two vectors formed in Step\_2.4 and Step\_2.5

**Step\_4:** Save the trained Recurrent Neural Network model

Step\_5: Stop

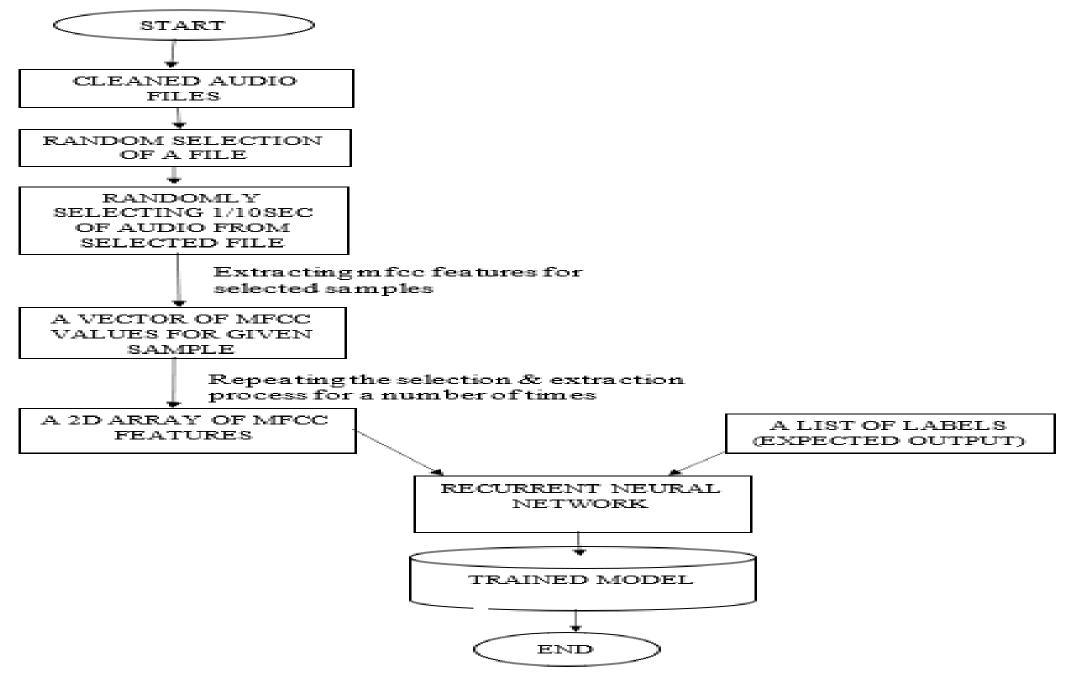


Fig 3(c). Training Module

#### **ALGORITHM\_4: ONSPOT\_TESTING**

**Input:** Human voice for a particular phone among those six phones through microphone.

Output: Name of the phone predicted by the Speech Recognition System.

**Step\_1:** Save the voice taken as input in .wav format.

**Step\_2:** Perform pre-processing and clean the voice.

**Step\_3:** Feed the cleaned voice into the trained model.

**Step\_4:** Test for closeness of the voice with one of the phone among the six used for training.

**Step\_5:** Display the phone name having maximum probability.

Step\_6: Stop

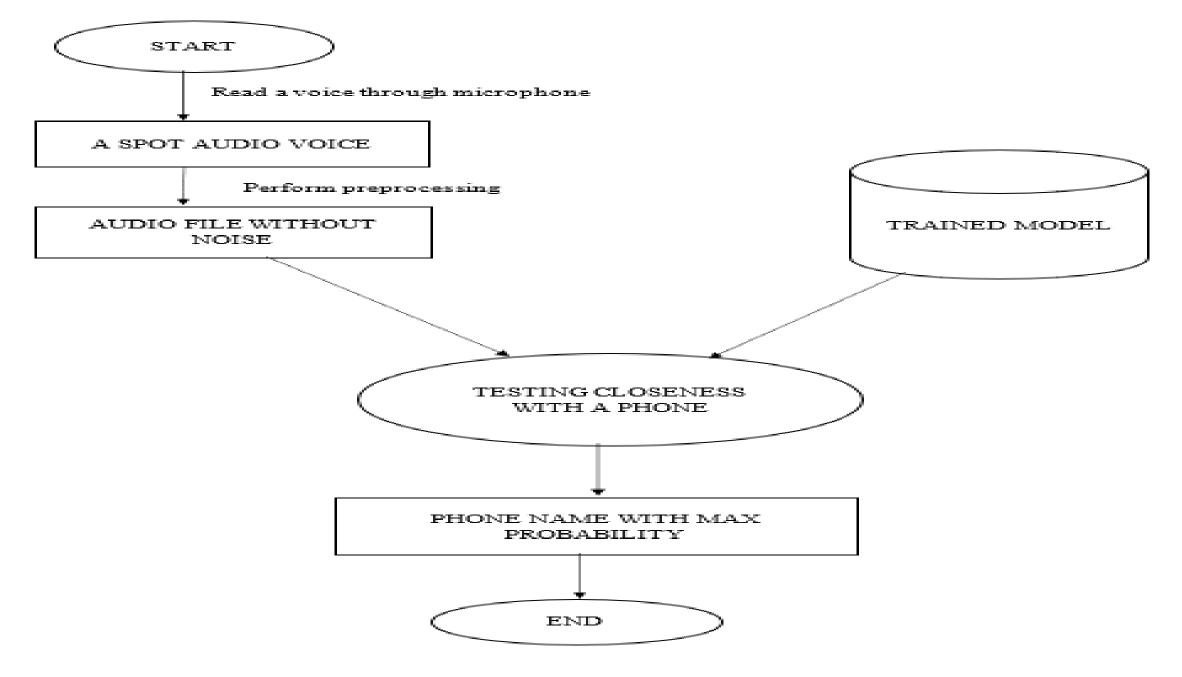


Fig (d). On-spot Testing

## RESULT AND CORRESPONDING EVALUATION

#### **Common Terms Used**

- 1) Feature Selection: Feature shape is m\*number of mfcc filters.
- 2) Number of Samples = No. of times any random selection was made from the repository and used for training

Normal number of samples simply means the number of audio files in the repository i.e. 390

Increased number of Samples means number of Audio files in the repository (390) \* 20(Arbitrarily chosen)

- 3) Threshold = A value below which all audio features are discarded. Only features above are taken
- 4) Training Done on 390 Audio Samples
- 5) Testing Done on 124 Audio Samples

#### Model 1

Dimension of Feature vector = (5\*20)

Threshold = 0.005

Sample size = no. of audio files i.e. 390

The training accuracy for this model is (54-56) % while validation accuracy is 40%.

```
Model: "sequential_5"
Layer (type)
                              Output Shape
                                                         Param #
lstm_9 (LSTM)
                              (None, 5, 128)
                                                         76288
1stm 10 (LSTM)
                              (None, 5, 128)
                                                         131584
                              (None, 5, 128)
dropout_5 (Dropout)
time distributed 17 (TimeDis (None, 5, 64)
                                                         8256
time_distributed_18 (TimeDis (None, 5, 32)
                                                         2080
time_distributed_19 (TimeDis (None, 5, 16)
                                                         528
time_distributed_20 (TimeDis (None, 5, 8)
                                                         136
flatten 5 (Flatten)
                              (None, 40)
                                                         0
dense_25 (Dense)
                              (None, 6)
Total params: 219,118
Trainable params: 219,118
Non-trainable params: 0
```

```
frain on 569 samples, validate on 143 samples
Epoch 1/10
Epoch 00001: val_acc improved from -inf to 0.15385, saving model to model\rnn5_res1.model
Epoch 2/10
Epoch 00002: val acc improved from 0.15385 to 0.16084, saving model to model\rnn5 res1.model
Epoch 3/10
Epoch 00003: val acc improved from 0.16084 to 0.16783, saving model to model\rnn5 res1.model
Epoch 4/10
Epoch 00004: val acc did not improve from 0.16783
Epoch 5/10
Epoch 00005: val acc improved from 0.16783 to 0.22378, saving model to model\rnn5 res1.model
Epoch 6/10
Epoch 00006: val acc improved from 0.22378 to 0.30070, saving model to model\rnn5 res1.model
Epoch 7/10
Epoch 00007: val_acc did not improve from 0.30070
Epoch 8/10
Epoch 00008: val_acc improved from 0.30070 to 0.33566, saving model to model\rnn5_res1.model
Epoch 9/10
Epoch 00009: val_acc improved from 0.33566 to 0.35664, saving model to model\rnn5_res1.model
Epoch 10/10
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Epoch 00010: val\_acc improved from 0.35664 to 0.39161, saving model to model\rnn5\_res1.model

#### Accuracy per Epoch for model 1

#### Model 2

Dimension of Feature vector = (5\*20)

Threshold = 0.009

Sample size = no. of audio files i.e. 390

The training accuracy for this model was around 65% with a validation accuracy of 45%

```
Model: "sequential 8"
Layer (type)
                              Output Shape
                                                         Param #
lstm 15 (LSTM)
                              (None, 5, 128)
                                                         76288
                              (None, 5, 128)
1stm 16 (LSTM)
                                                         131584
dropout 8 (Dropout)
                              (None, 5, 128)
time distributed 29 (TimeDis (None, 5, 64)
                                                         8256
time_distributed_30 (TimeDis (None, 5, 32)
                                                         2080
time distributed 31 (TimeDis (None, 5, 16)
                                                         528
time distributed 32 (TimeDis (None, 5, 8)
                                                         136
flatten 8 (Flatten)
                              (None, 40)
dense 40 (Dense)
Total params: 219,118
Trainable params: 219,118
Non-trainable params: 0
```

Layer Structure of RNN for model 2

```
Train on 411 samples, validate on 103 samples
Epoch 1/10
Epoch 00001: val_acc improved from -inf to 0.17476, saving model to model\rnn5_res1.model
Epoch 2/10
Epoch 00002: val acc improved from 0.17476 to 0.35922, saving model to model\rnn5 res1.model
Epoch 3/10
Epoch 00003: val_acc did not improve from 0.35922
Epoch 4/10
Epoch 00004: val acc did not improve from 0.35922
Epoch 5/10
Epoch 00005: val acc improved from 0.35922 to 0.40777, saving model to model\rnn5 res1.model
Epoch 6/10
Epoch 00006: val acc did not improve from 0.40777
Epoch 7/10
Epoch 00007: val_acc did not improve from 0.40777
Epoch 8/10
Epoch 00008: val acc did not improve from 0.40777
Epoch 9/10
Epoch 00009: val acc did not improve from 0.40777
Epoch 10/10
Epoch 00010: val acc did not improve from 0.40777
```

#### Model 3

Dimension of Feature vector = (5\*20)

Threshold = 0.005

Sample size = (20\*no. of audio files)

The training and validation accuracy both were quite near to 80%.

Model: "sequential_7"		
Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
lstm_13 (LSTM)	(None, 5, 128)	76288
1stm_14 (LSTM)	(None, 5, 128)	131584
dropout_7 (Dropout)	(None, 5, 128)	0
time_distributed_25 (TimeDis	(None, 5, 64)	8256
time_distributed_26 (TimeDis	(None, 5, 32)	2080
time_distributed_27 (TimeDis	(None, 5, 16)	528
time_distributed_28 (TimeDis	(None, 5, 8)	136
flatten_7 (Flatten)	(None, 40)	0
dense_35 (Dense)	(None, 6)	246
Total params: 219,118 Trainable params: 219,118 Non-trainable params: 0		

```
Train on 11363 samples, validate on 2841 samples
Epoch 1/10
Epoch 00001: val acc improved from -inf to 0.45653, saving model to model\rnn5 res1.model
Epoch 2/10
Epoch 00002: val acc improved from 0.45653 to 0.53045, saving model to model\rnn5 res1.model
Epoch 3/10
Epoch 88883: val acc improved from 0.53845 to 0.57128, saving model to model\rnn5 res1.model
Epoch 4/10
Epoch 00004: val acc improved from 0.57128 to 0.61316, saving model to model\rnn5 res1.model
Epoch 5/10
Epoch 00005: val acc improved from 0.61316 to 0.65505, saving model to model\rnm5_res1.model
Epoch 6/18
Epoch 88886: val_acc improved from 8.65585 to 8.69868, saving model to model\rnn5_res1.model
Epoch 7/10
Epoch 88887: val acc improved from 8.69868 to 8.78758, saving model to model\rnm5_res1.model
Epoch 8/10
[========>.....] - ETA: 4s - loss: 0.6164 - acc: 0.7560
Epoch 00008: val acc improved from 0.70750 to 0.73460, saving model to model\rmn5 res1.model
Epoch 9/10
Epoch 88889: val acc improved from 8.73468 to 8.74833, saving model to model\rnn5 resl.model
Epoch 10/10
11363/11363 [-----
              ----] - 8s 697us/step - loss: 0.5196 - acc: 0.8030 - val loss: 0.7582 - val acc: 0.7483] - ETA: 6s - loss: 0.4747 - acc: 0.8344 - ETA: 6s - loss: 0.5272 - acc: 0.8045 -
ETA: 1s - loss: 0.5190 -
          cc: 0.8848
```

Epoch 00010: val\_acc did not improve from 0.74833

#### Model 4

Dimension of Feature vector = (9\*20)

Threshold = 0.005

Sample size = (20\*no. of audio files)

Training accuracy for this approach was (81-85) % with a validation accuracy of 75% however shows some acceptable results for the instant testing.

```
Model: "sequential 13"
Layer (type)
                              Output Shape
1stm 25 (LSTM)
                              (None, 9, 128)
                                                         76288
1stm 26 (LSTM)
                              (None, 9, 128)
                                                         131584
dropout 13 (Dropout)
                             (None, 9, 128)
time_distributed_49 (TimeDis (None, 9, 64)
                                                         8256
time_distributed_50 (TimeDis (None, 9, 32)
                                                         2080
time_distributed_51 (TimeDis (None, 9, 16)
                                                         528
time_distributed_52 (TimeDis (None, 9, 8)
                                                         136
flatten 13 (Flatten)
                              (None, 72)
dense 65 (Dense)
                              (None, 6)
Total params: 219,310
Trainable params: 219,310
Non-trainable params: 0
```

Layer Structure of RNN for model 4

```
Epoch 00001: val_acc improved from -inf to 0.45992, saving model to model\rnn5_res1.model
Epoch 2/10
Epoch 00002: val acc improved from 0.45992 to 0.51828, saving model to model\rnn5 res1.model
Epoch 3/10
Epoch 00003: val acc improved from 0.51828 to 0.55767, saving model to model\rnn5 res1.model
Epoch 4/10
Epoch 00004: val acc improved from 0.55767 to 0.59986, saving model to model\rnn5 res1.model
Epoch 5/10
Epoch 00005: val acc improved from 0.59986 to 0.62940, saving model to model\rnn5_res1.model
Epoch 6/10
val loss: 0.8644 - val acc: 0.6667
Epoch 00006: val acc improved from 0.62940 to 0.66667, saving model to model\rnn5 res1.model
Epoch 7/10
Epoch 00007: val_acc improved from 0.66667 to 0.69761, saving model to model\rnn5_res1.model
Epoch 8/10
ETA: 2s - loss: 0.6105 - acc: 0.7559
Epoch 00008: val_acc improved from 0.69761 to 0.71238, saving model to model\rnn5_res1.model
Epoch 9/10
Epoch 00009: val acc improved from 0.71238 to 0.73418, saving model to model\rnn5 res1.model
Epoch 10/10
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#### Accuracy per Epoch for model 4

Epoch 00010: val acc did not improve from 0.73418

#### Model 5

Dimension of Feature vector = (172\*20)

Threshold = 0.005

Sample size = (20\*no. of audio files)

The training and validation accuracy showed a result of 100% which seems to be perfect but the onspot testing fails to a huge extend (due to overfitting).

```
Model: "sequential 12"
Layer (type)
                              Output Shape
lstm 23 (LSTM)
                              (None, 172, 128)
                                                         76288
                              (None, 172, 128)
1stm 24 (LSTM)
                                                         131584
dropout_12 (Dropout)
                              (None, 172, 128)
time distributed 45 (TimeDis (None, 172, 64)
                                                         8256
time_distributed_46 (TimeDis (None, 172, 32)
                                                         2080
time distributed 47 (TimeDis (None, 172, 16)
                                                         528
time_distributed_48 (TimeDis (None, 172, 8)
                                                         136
flatten_12 (Flatten)
                              (None, 1376)
                                                         0
dense 60 (Dense)
                              (None, 6)
                                                         8262
Total params: 227,134
Trainable params: 227,134
Non-trainable params: 0
```

```
(7910, 172, 20)
Train on 6328 samples, validate on 1582 samples
Epoch 1/10
ETA: 32s - loss: 0.8918 - acc: 0.6490 - ETA: 20s - loss: 0.8169 - acc: 0.6792 - ETA: 18s - loss: 0.8001 - acc: 0.6864
Epoch 00001: val acc improved from -inf to 0.93932, saving model to model\rnn5 res1.model
Epoch 2/18
Epoch 00002: val_acc improved from 0.93932 to 0.96966, saving model to model\rnn5_res1.model
Epoch 3/18
Epoch 88883: val acc improved from 8.96966 to 8.98689, saving model to model\rnn5 res1.model
Epoch 4/10
0.99501152/6328 [====>.....] - ETA: 1:24 - loss: 0.0205 - acc: 0.9948 - ETA: 1:23 - loss: 0.0198 - acc: 0.99525888/6328 [=====>....] - ETA: 7s - loss: 0.0085 - acc:
8.9988
Epoch 00004: val acc improved from 0.98609 to 1.00000, saving model to model\rnn5 resl.model
Epoch 5/10
Epoch 00005: val_acc did not improve from 1.00000
Epoch 6/18
Epoch 00006: val acc did not improve from 1.00000
Epoch 7/10
ETA: 8s - loss: 1.7390e-84 - acc: 1.0000
```

Epoch 00007; val acc did not improve fro

## FEW CLOSE OBSERVATIONS

While working on this project, many insights about the phones were gathered and some problems regarding the collected data was faced, which are mentioned as follows:

- i) Size or Duration of the audio files were not uniform
- ii) The structure of the phone 'āge' has huge unvoiced data, thus mismatching occurs.
- iii) The phonic structure of the word 'bāen' and 'dāen' are similar, thus, many a times these two words were interchangeably predicted.
- iv) The voices 'dāen' and 'bāen' are quite long in duration thus their impact on the overall training made some bias towards these words and for all the phones these words have some part of probability in the result which somehow decreases the original phonic probability.
- v) The computational power and resource requirement to achieve greater results is also needed.

### **FUTURE SCOPE**

Speech Recognition is the immediate future of human interaction with computer systems. With this technology growing rapidly, speech engines are becoming more accurate and are well on their way to replace traditional ways of interaction.

- i) With increase in the number of samples and different phones this can help to recognize a huge amount of phones of the language.
- ii) This project can be used for any other language just by changing the repository and training the model with those phones.
- iii) The predictions can further be fed to many home appliances which performs basic operations and automate them just by passing human voices.
- iv) With the achievement of huge resources and computational power the model can cover more and more phones.

## **CONCLUSION**

Speech Recognition is a challenging Computer recognizing problem that requires robust Neural Networks that are capable of extracting and processing every minute detail in order to give the best prediction. Researches and studies are going on to establish systems or algorithms enabling better, faster and more efficient recognition.

We trained a deep Recurrent Neural Network to recognize a given phone given through microphone. The models parameters were tweaked changing the feature vectors and envelope threshold, thus changing these parameters we trained 5 models giving different accuracies.

Thus we can conclude that the threshold should not be huge as it might remove useful information and the model 4 was showing better results for further approach.

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