ODESSA: HMM BASED AUTOMATIC SPEECH RECOGNITION SYSTEM

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Introduction

Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR) Systems

- Essential for modern applications like virtual assistants and transcription services
- Neural Network ASR (DNNs, CNNs): High accuracy but resource-intensive
- HMM-based ASR (like ODESSA): Efficient, low power, ideal for resource-limited environments

ODESSA's Edge

- Optimizes feature extraction with MFCCs
- Advanced HMM training for high-performance, low-energy ASR

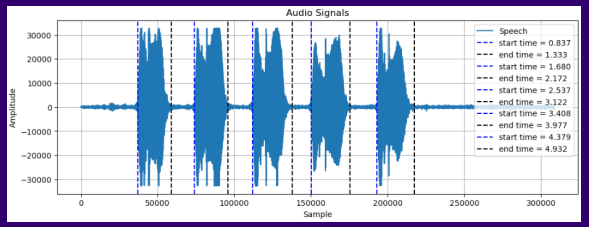
Methodology

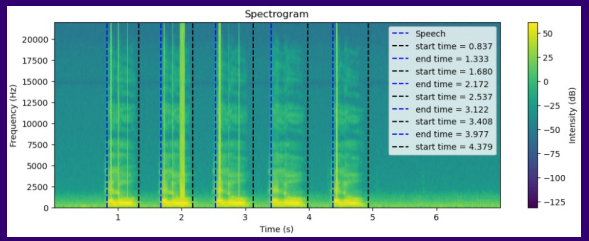
1. Speech Endpoint Detection

Algorithm: Rabiner and Sambur's endpoint detection
Steps: Energy calculation, Zero-crossing rate detection and Thresholding

2. Audio Recording

Dataset: Six utterances, 20 samples each in various acoustic environments
Split: 80-20 split for training and validation





3. Feature Extraction (MFCCs)

Features: 26 MFCCs (13 static + 13 delta)

4. HMM Training

Parameters: Initial state distribution (π), State transition probabilities (A), Observation probabilities (B)
Utterances: Odessa, Turn ON the lights, Turn OFF the lights, What time is it, Play Music, Stop Music
Algorithm: Baum-Welch for parameter estimation

5. Real-Time Implementation

Process: Continuous monitoring, speech detection, feature extraction, HMM model comparison

Results

1. Speech Endpoint Detection

Accuracy: Detected start and end points of speech effectively

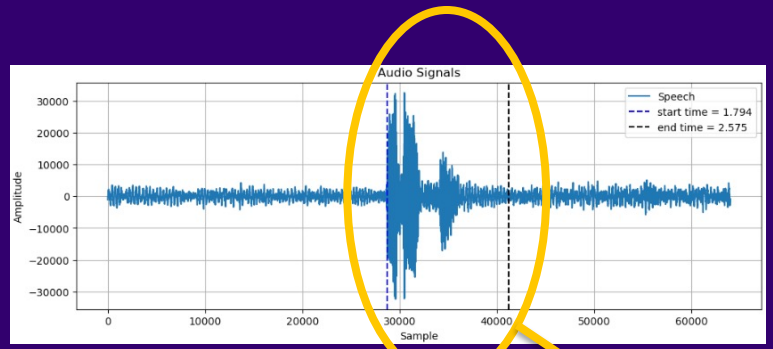
2. ASR Performance

1. **Evaluation Metrics**:
    1. Word Error Rate (WER)
    2. Log Likelihood Scores
    3. Viterbi Scores

    (There was not much difference in accuracy with either Viterbi or Loglikelihood. Therefore, Loglikelihood was finally considered)
2. **Results**: Consistently low Word Error Rate across different utterances

3. Real-Time Implementation

Detected 6 utterances effectively



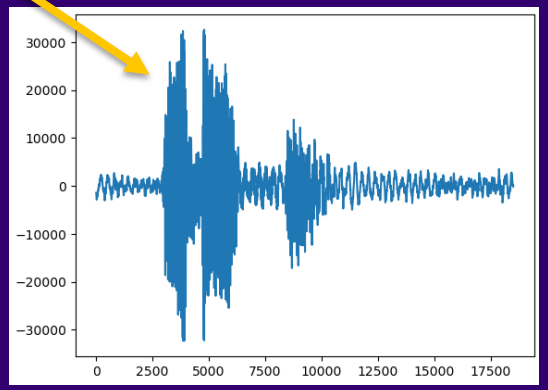


Table 1: Training and Validation Errors for Different Folds (Odessa)

Training Fold	Training Error	Validation Error
Fold 1	0.0000	0.00
Fold 2	0.0000	0.00
Fold 3	0.0000	0.00
Fold 4	0.0000	0.00
Fold 5	0.0000	0.00
Overall	0.0000	0.00

Table 3: Training and Validation Errors for Different Folds (Turn OFF the lights)

Training Fold	Training Error	Validation Error
Fold 1	0.0625	0.00
Fold 2	0.0625	0.00
Fold 3	0.0625	0.00
Fold 4	0.0625	0.00
Fold 5	0.0000	0.25
Overall	0.0500	0.05

Challenges and Future Work

1. Challenges

Model Development: Setting up and training the HMM model was complex and time-consuming

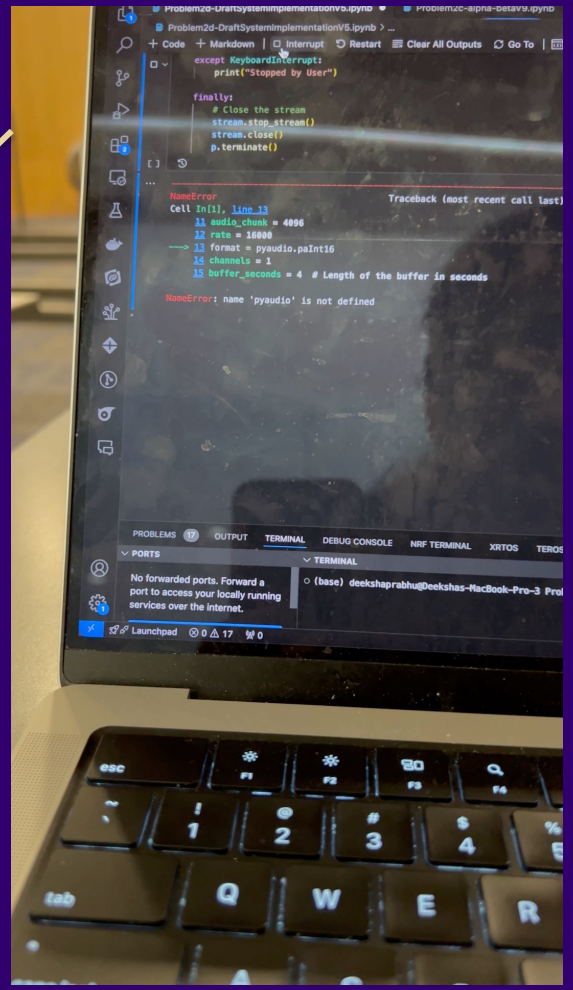
Real-Time Implementation: Achieving real-time processing was challenging, despite the low Word Error Rate (WER)

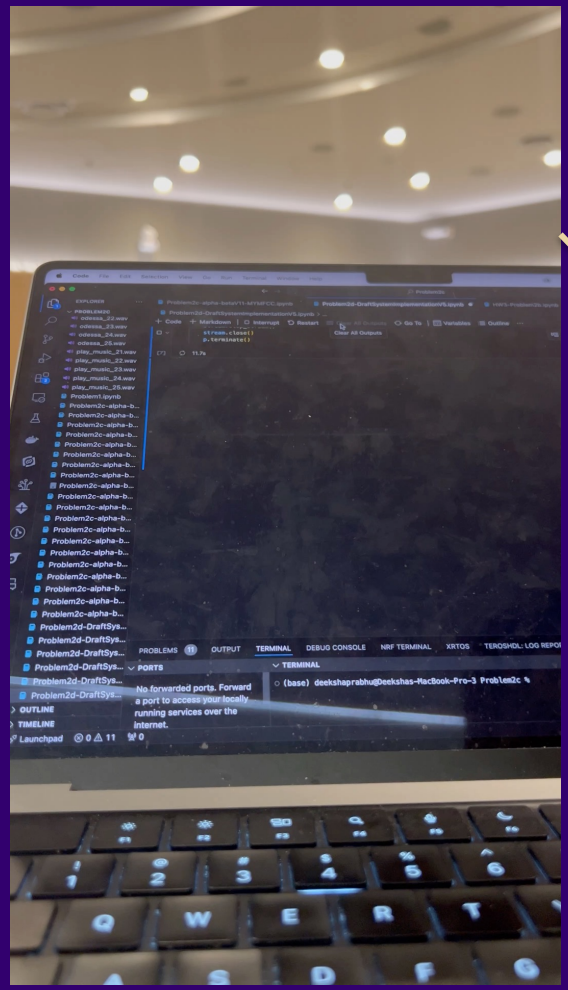
2. Future Work

1. Extended Vocabulary
2. Noise Robustness
3. Speaker Independent System

Video Demo

This video contains the below utterances and the transitions from Odessa
Odessa → Turn ON the lights
Odessa → Turn OFF the lights
Odessa -→ What time is it ?
Odessa → Play Music





This video contains the below transition
Play Music → Odessa → Stop Music

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