Q1 same speaker different story

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Comparing vocoid heatmaps for the same speaker

I'd like to find out whether there is a noticeable difference in the vocoid heatmap that is produced when the same speaker tells two different stories. I can imagine that a different prevalence of vocabulary in different stories might end up creating different vocoid heatmaps, at times that are on the order of minutes. I'll be using two recorded stories from storyteller D01-ST01 (a woman).

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[1]: # Importing the needed modules
import parselmouth
import tgt
import csv
import io
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
import seaborn as sns

sns.set() # Use seaborn's default style to make attractive graphs

# INFO HERE: https://python-graph-gallery.com/85-density-plot-with-matplotlib/
from scipy.stats import kde
from scipy.spatial import ConvexHull

from scipy.signal import savgol_filter
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A function to calculate formants:

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[2]: def get_formants(path, gender):
    """Return the cleaned formants from a sound file: smoothed, and
    voiced intervals only

Returned as a Pandas dataframe with the following columns:
    "row", "time(s)", "nformants", "F1(Hz)", "F2(Hz)", "F3(Hz)", "F4(Hz)", 
→ "F5(Hz)"

keyword arguments:
    path -- the path to a sound file whose formants will be found
    gender -- the gender of the (single) speaker in the sound file
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(used to tailor some formant calculation parameters)
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# CONSTANTS
# Formant analysis parameters
time_step = 0.005
max_formant_num = 5
if gender == "male":
    max_formant_freq = 5500
elif gender == "female":
    max_formant_freq = 5000
else:
    sys.exit("get_formants: Improper gender: {}".format(gender))
window_length = 0.025
preemphasis = 50
# Pitch analysis parameters
pitch_time_step = 0.005
pitch_floor = 60
max_candidates = 15
very_accurate = False
silence_thresh = 0.03
voicing thresh = 0.7
octave_cost = 0.01
oct_jump_cost = 0.35
vuv_cost = 0.14
pitch_ceiling = 600.0
max_period = 0.02
# Other constants
tier = 1
# Get raw formants
sound = parselmouth.Sound(path)
raw_formants = sound.to_formant_burg(time_step, max_formant_num,
                                  max_formant_freq, window_length,
                                  preemphasis)
formant_table = parselmouth.praat.call(raw_formants, "Down to Table...",
                                        False, True, 6, False, 3, True, 3,
                                        False)
formant_df = pd.read_csv(io.StringIO(parselmouth.praat.call(formant_table,
                                                             "List", True)),
                                      sep='\t')
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# Smooth formants: window size 5, polynomial order 3
  formant_df["F1(Hz)"] = savgol_filter(formant_df["F1(Hz)"], 5, 3)
  formant_df["F2(Hz)"] = savgol_filter(formant_df["F2(Hz)"], 5, 3)
  formant_df["F3(Hz)"] = savgol_filter(formant_df["F3(Hz)"], 5, 3)
   # Get voiced intervals:
  pitch = sound.to_pitch_ac(pitch_time_step, pitch_floor, max_candidates,
                        very accurate, silence thresh, voicing thresh,
                        octave_cost, oct_jump_cost, vuv_cost, pitch_ceiling)
  mean_period = 1/parselmouth.praat.call(pitch, "Get quantile", 0.0, 0.0, 0.5,
→"Hertz")
  pulses = parselmouth.praat.call([sound, pitch], "To PointProcess (cc)")
  tgrid = parselmouth.praat.call(pulses, "To TextGrid (vuv)", 0.02,
→mean_period)
  VUV = pd.DataFrame(pd.read_csv(io.StringIO(tgt.io.export_to_table(tgrid.
→to_tgt(),
                                                            separator=','))))
  voiced_interval_array = pd.IntervalIndex.

¬from_arrays(VUV['start_time'][VUV["text"] == "V"],
                                                 VUV['end_time'][VUV["text"]_
→== "V"],
                                                  closed='left')
  formant_voiced = formant_df[voiced_interval_array.
# TODO: Add formant range checking here
   # For now: remove any rows where less than four formants were found
  filter = formant_voiced["nformants"] > 3
  return formant_voiced[filter]
```

Getting the data

Read in the formant data from CSV files into two NumPy arrays.

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[3]: # File 1 is , File 2 is
path1 = "test1.wav"
path2 = "test2n.wav"

file1_title = 'D01-ST01-RTTCandidate'
file2_title = 'D01-ST01-RTT01'

formants1 = get_formants(path1, "female")
formants2 = get_formants(path2, "female")
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[4]: formants1
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[5]: formants2
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time(s) nformants

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Normalizing the data

For comparison, we need to normalize data:

$$F_j^*(n) = \frac{F_j(n) - F_j^{median}}{F_j^{median}} , \text{ for } j = \{1, 2\} , n = \{1...N\}$$

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5724721/

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[6]: def normalize(frame):
    """Return a dataframe of normalized formant values"""
    return (frame - frame.median()) / frame.median()
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[7]: formants1["F1n"], formants1["F2n"] = normalize(formants1["F1(Hz)"]),

→normalize(formants1["F2(Hz)"])

formants1
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[7]:
                      time(s)
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[8]: formants2["F1n"], formants2["F2n"] = normalize(formants2["F1(Hz)"]), 

→normalize(formants2["F2(Hz)"])

formants2
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[8]:		row	time(s)	nformants		F1(Hz)	F2(Hz)	F3(Hz)	\
	36	37	0.206125	5	259	.619971	1608.766943	2736.520571	
	37	38	0.211125	5	284	.714943	1654.981657	2744.307114	
	38	39	0.216125	5	315	.448429	1781.165886	2793.104571	
	39	40	0.221125	4	354	.112657	1802.510000	2778.130629	
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	25545	25546	127.751125	5	421	675314	1035.278457	2704.662286	
	25546	25547	127.756125	5	434	. 122143	1078.263800	2643.685000	
	25547	25548	127.761125	4	443	.209486	2120.264171	3103.293886	
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	36	3544.5	49 466	1.790 -0.4	33176	0.0073	371		
	37	3568.7	44 446	3.170 -0.3	78386	0.0363	310		
	38	2928.4	88 433	4.039 -0.3	11286	0.1153	323		
	39	4198.3	03undefi	ned0.2	26871	0.1286	888		
	40	3959.9	42undefi	ned0.1	61954	0.0268	367		
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	25544	3930.5	49undefi	ned0.0	91788	-0.0283	379		
	25545	3368.0	03 392	0.753 -0.0	79363	-0.3517	'34		
	25546	3395.5	24 391	2.248 -0.0	52188	-0.3248	317		
	25547	3851.7	76undefi	ned0.0	32347	0.3276	558		

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Displaying and comparing

Let's plot the vowel space density for both samples. Is there a difference that is visible on inspection? If inspection shows no difference, is there a better way to calculate how much difference there might be?

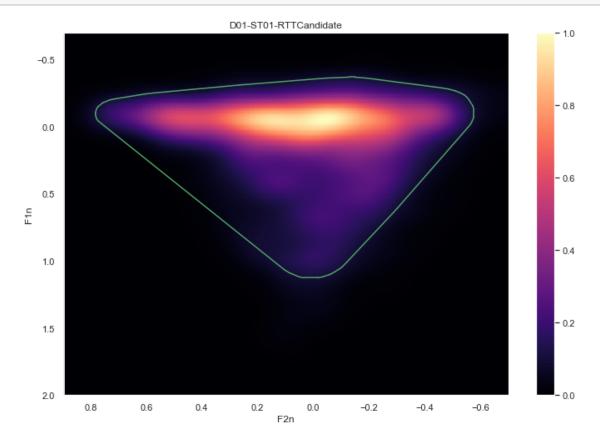
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[9]: def plot_vsd(F1n_frame, F2n_frame, plot_title,
                  show hull = True, cutoff = 0.2, iso 3d = False, save fig = False):
         """Create a plot for a vowel space density and convex hull
         Note that this function assumes the F1 and F2 frames are already normalized.
         The axis limits work fine for most data encountered so far, but there is
         no quarantee that all data will fit these limits.
         show_hull is a logical flag to toggle whether the convex hull is plotted.
         cutoff is the value at which to draw the hull.
         iso_3d is a logical flag to toggle whether a 2d or 3d plot is made.
         save_fig is a logical flag to toggle whether the image is saved.
         # TODO: check that incoming arguments are correct.
         fig, ax = plt.subplots()
         ax.grid()
        # Evaluate a gaussian kde on a regular grid of nbins x nbins over data extents
         k = kde.gaussian_kde([F2n_frame,F1n_frame])
         xi, yi = np.mgrid[F2n_frame.min():F2n_frame.max():nbins*1j,
                           F1n_frame.min():F1n_frame.max():nbins*1j]
         zi = k(np.vstack([xi.flatten(), yi.flatten()]))
         znorm = zi / zi.max()
         # Make the basic plot
         if iso 3d:
             ax = plt.axes(projection='3d')
             ax.plot_surface(xi, yi, znorm.reshape(xi.shape), rstride=1, cstride=1,
                             cmap=plt.cm.magma, edgecolor='none')
         else:
             plt.pcolormesh(xi, yi, znorm.reshape(xi.shape), cmap=plt.cm.magma)
             plt.colorbar()
         ax.set_ylim(2.0, -0.7) # decreasing F1
         ax.set_xlim(0.9, -0.7) # decreasing F2
         ax.set(xlabel='F2n', ylabel='F1n', title=plot_title)
         plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = [12, 8]
         # Calculate and plot the convex hull
         if show hull:
             vsd = pd.DataFrame(list(zip(xi.flatten(), yi.flatten(), znorm)),
                                columns=['x', 'y', 'value'])
             vsd_filtered = vsd[vsd['value']>=cutoff]
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hull = ConvexHull(vsd_filtered[["x","y"]])
  for simplex in hull.simplices:
      plt.plot(vsd_filtered["x"].iloc[simplex], vsd_filtered["y"].

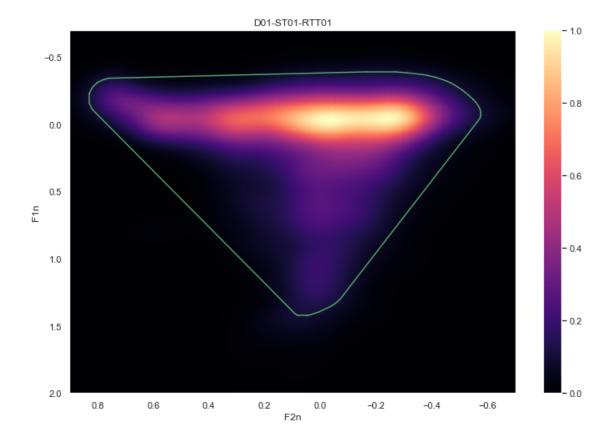
→iloc[simplex], 'g-')

if save_fig:
   if iso_3d:
      fig.savefig("{}-iso.png".format(plot_title))
   else:
      fig.savefig("{}.png".format(plot_title))
   plt.show()
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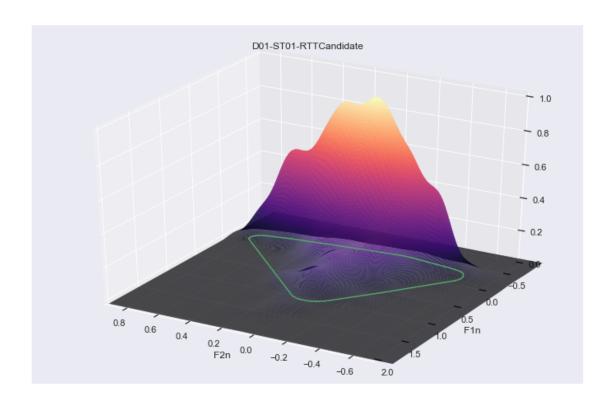
[15]: plot_vsd(formants1["F1n"], formants1["F2n"], file1_title, True, 0.1, False, True)



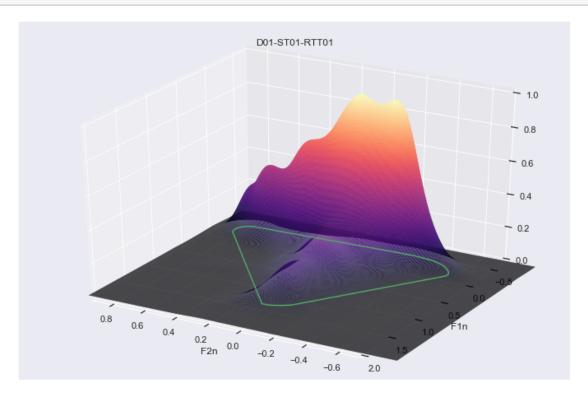
[16]: plot_vsd(formants2["F1n"], formants2["F2n"], file2_title, True, 0.1, False, True)



[17]: plot_vsd(formants1["F1n"], formants1["F2n"], file1_title, True, 0.1, True, True)



[18]: plot_vsd(formants2["F1n"], formants2["F2n"], file2_title, True, 0.1, True, True)



This is interesting! The overall area that gets used seems to be very similar based just on a visual comparison, but the peaks are certainly different. It would be good to actually calculate the hull area for these two samples, or find a way to show more clearly that the peaks are at different positions in the formant space, or even plot the two hulls and compare their shape.

Convex hull

Lastly, this just documents the procedure I worked through to get the hull calculation to be at P=0.2 (or any arbitrary value), rather than including all data points. Start by looking at what these nparrays actually are:

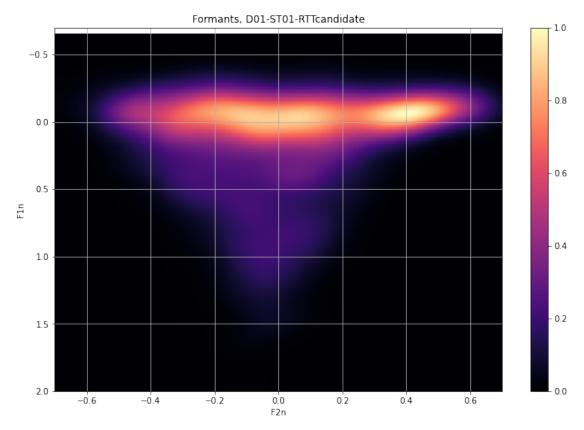
[12]: (400, 400)

The use of mgrid to generate xi and yi is a way to get the effect of a loop over all x and y points in a grid, without actually running a loop. The nparray xi goes through the x values of an nbins * nbins grid, and yi goes through the y values of an nbins * nbins grid. The nparray zi is a one-domensional array which, when you shape it like xi (not yi, because it's linearly flattened by x-row, not by y-column), gives you all the z values (ie, the values of the probability density function generated from the kernel density estimation) at those points.

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[13]: # formants["F2n", "F1n"].plot.kde
      fig, ax = plt.subplots()
      # Evaluate a gaussian kde on a regular grid of nbins x nbins over data extents
      nbins=400
      k = kde.gaussian_kde([story1_formants["F2n"],story1_formants["F1n"]])
      xi, yi = np.mgrid[story1_formants["F2n"].min():story1_formants["F2n"].max():
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                        story1 formants["F1n"].min():story1 formants["F1n"].max():
      →nbins*1j]
      zi = k(np.vstack([xi.flatten(), yi.flatten()]))
      znorm = zi / zi.max()
      # Make the plot
      plt.pcolormesh(xi, yi, znorm.reshape(xi.shape), cmap=plt.cm.magma)
      plt.colorbar()
      ax.set vlim(2.0, -0.7) # decreasing F1
      ax.set_xlim(-0.7, 0.7)
      ax.set(xlabel='F2n', ylabel='F1n',
             title='Formants, D01-ST01-RTTcandidate')
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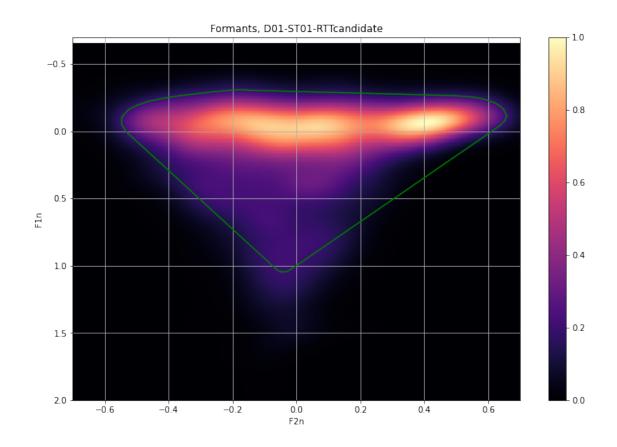
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ax.grid()
plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = [12, 8]

#fig.savefig("D01-ST01-RTTcandidate.png")
plt.show()
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[14]: x y value
0 -0.800007 -0.654034 0.000899
1 -0.800007 -0.643788 0.000984
2 -0.800007 -0.633543 0.001073
3 -0.800007 -0.623298 0.001166
4 -0.800007 -0.613053 0.001266
... ... ... ...
159995 0.889830 3.392812 0.000091
159996 0.889830 3.403058 0.000089
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159997 0.889830 3.413303 0.000086
      159998 0.889830 3.423548 0.000081
      159999 0.889830 3.433793 0.000076
      [160000 rows x 3 columns]
[15]: filter = vsd['value']>=0.20
      vsd_filtered = vsd[filter]
[16]: hull = ConvexHull(vsd_filtered[["x","y"]])
[17]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
      plt.pcolormesh(xi, yi, znorm.reshape(xi.shape), cmap=plt.cm.magma)
      plt.colorbar()
      ax.set_ylim(2.0, -0.7) # decreasing F1
      ax.set_xlim(-0.7, 0.7)
      ax.set(xlabel='F2n', ylabel='F1n',
             title='Formants, D01-ST01-RTTcandidate')
      ax.grid()
      plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = [12, 8]
      for simplex in hull.simplices:
          plt.plot(vsd_filtered["x"].iloc[simplex], vsd_filtered["y"].iloc[simplex],__
      \hookrightarrow 'g-')
      plt.show()
```



[]: