# Neural Text-to-Speech

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# Speech synthesis

## Artificial production of human speech

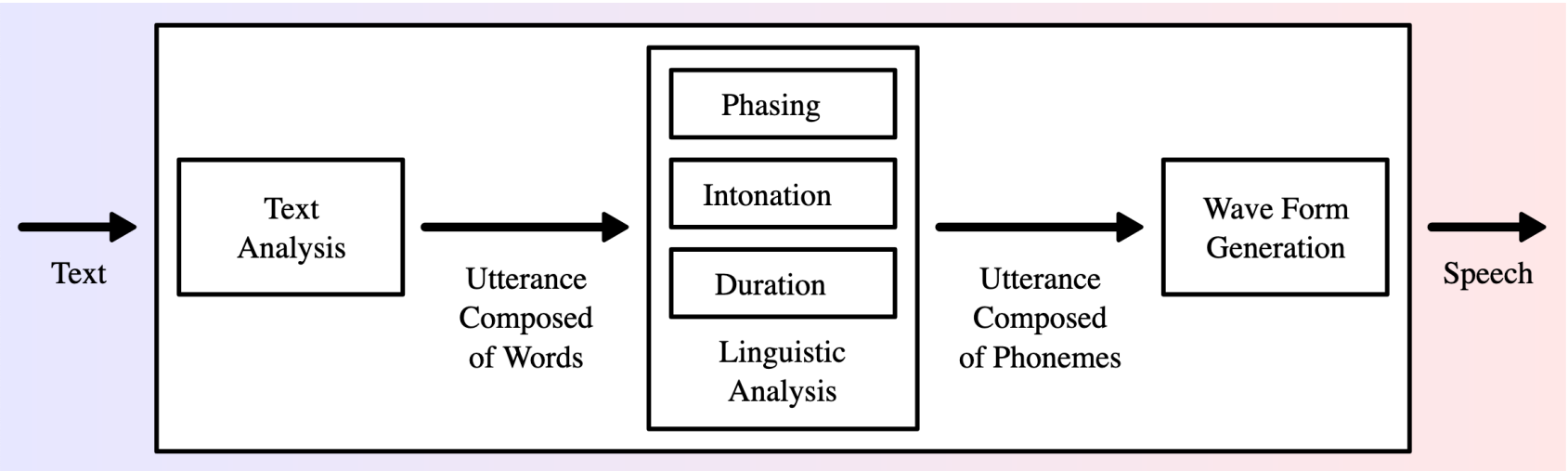


Figure: A typical text-to-speech system[1]

[1] Andy0101, *A typical text-to-speech system*, https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:TTS_System.svg, [Online; accessed 10/08/2019], 2010.

# History of speech synthesis

**Concatenative**

- Large database of human speech used

**Parametric**

- Simulate human voice using a function

**Neural**

- Generate human voice using neural networks

# Approaches in Neural text-to-speech

LSTM

WaveNet

WaveNet based

# WaveNet

A deep neural network for generating raw audiowaveforms.

- Probabilistic
- Autoregressive
- Beats all previously known methods

Figure: Time domain representation of 1 second of generated speech

# WaveNet: Architecture

- Dilated convolution
- $\mu$ law companding
- Gated activation
- Residual and skip connection
- Conditional wavenets
- Context stacks

# 1. Dilated Convolution

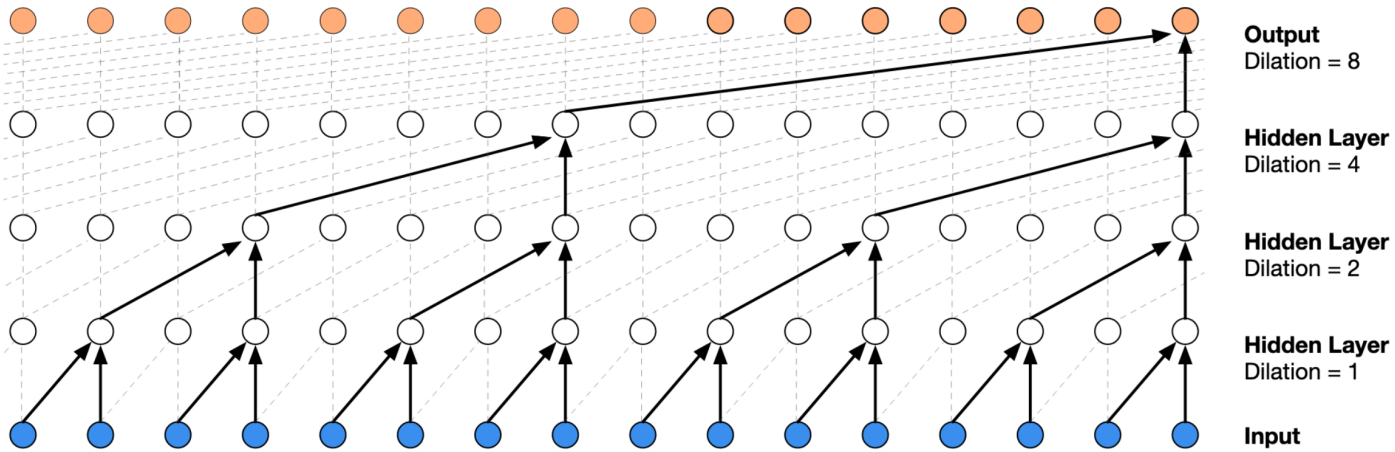


Figure: Stack of dilated causal convolution layers[2]

[2] A. v. d. Oord, S. Dieleman, H. Zen, *et al.*, "WaveNet: A Generative Model for Raw Audio," en, *arXiv:1609.03499 [cs]*, Sep. 2016, arXiv: 1609.03499. [Online]. Available: http://arxiv.org/abs/1609.03499 (visited on 10/08/2019).

# 2. $\mu$-law companding

$$f(x_t) = \text{sign}(x_t)\frac{\ln(1+\mu|x_t|)}{\ln(1+\mu)}$$

where, $x_t$ is the time domain speech signal

# 3. Gated activation

$$\mathbf{z} = \tanh(W_{f,k} * \mathbf{x}) \circledast \sigma(W_{g,k} * \mathbf{x})$$

# 4. Residual and skip connections

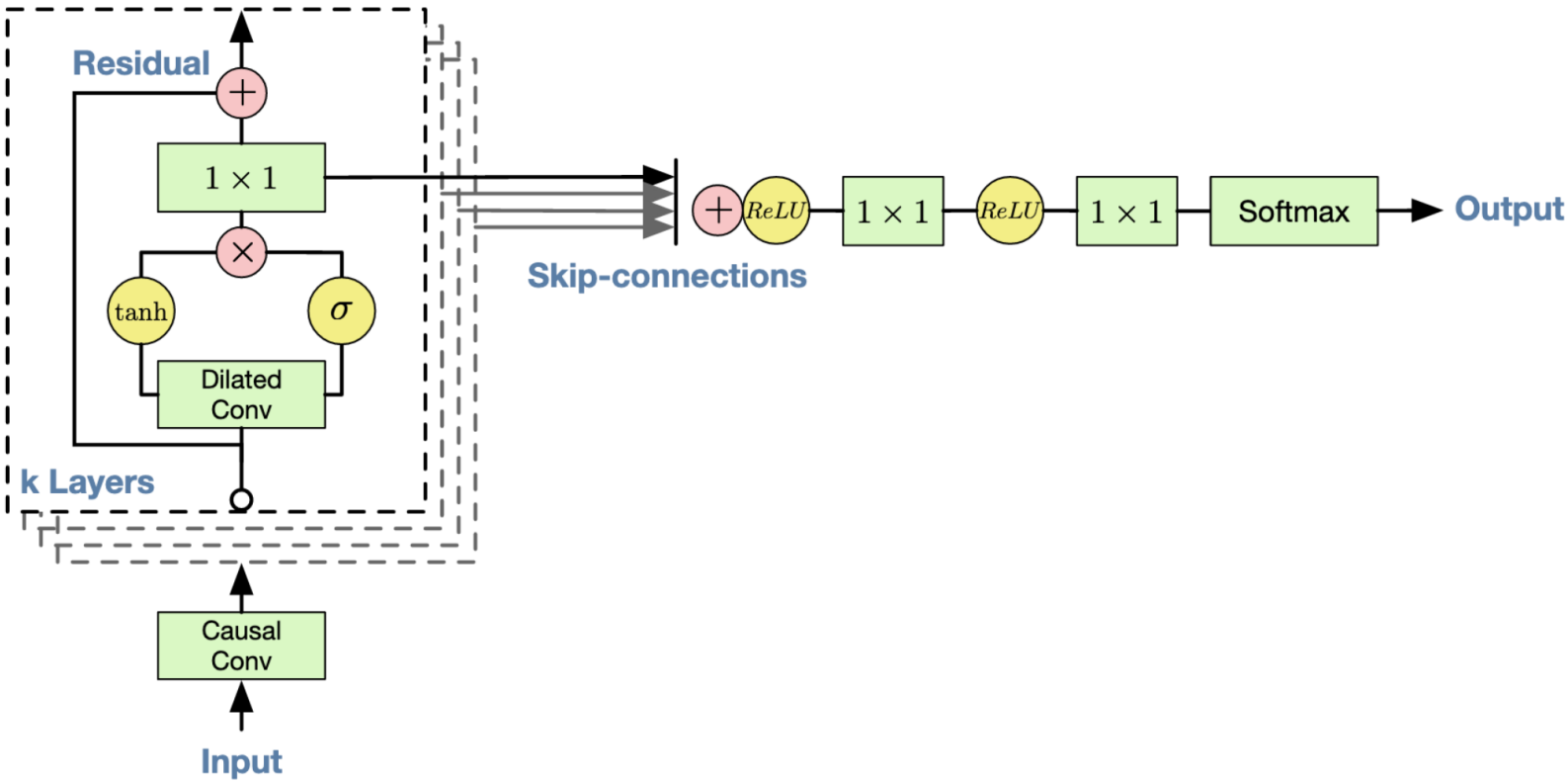


Figure: Overview of residual block and entire architecture[3]

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# 5. Conditional WaveNets

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{h}) = \prod_{t=1}^{T} p(x_t|x_1, \ldots, x_{t-1}, \mathbf{h})$$

# 6. Context Stacks

# WaveNet: Pros and Cons

# FloWaveNet

# FloWaveNet: Architecture

# FloWaveNet: Training

# FloWaveNet: Reported results

# FloWaveNet: Improvements over WaveNet

# Neural TTS: The future

# Summary

# Conclusion