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EDUCATION

B.E. in Electronics & Communication

Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE)
CGPA: 8.50/10

Mysuru, Karnataka

Graduation: 2018

M.Tech in Communication & Signal Processing

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay)
CPI: 8.18/10

Mumbai, Maharashtra

Graduation: 2021

AREAS OF INTEREST

Automatic speech recognition, Signal processing, Machine learning

PROJECTS

Predicting lexical skills from oral reading with acoustic measures

2019 - 2020

- Literacy assessment of children's oral reading accuracy using a computationally inexpensive system (random forest trained on acoustic features) and comparing it with an ASR system

Keyword spotting using wavelet MFCCs

2019

- Performing keyword spotting using MFCCs computed on detail and approximate wavelet versions of the audio, compared it with conventional MFCCs and delta, delta-delta coefficients

Adaptive reconstruction filter-banks using autoencoders

2019

- Examining the interpretability of the layers of a fully connected and convolutional autoencoder and its relationship with orthogonal filter-banks.

Acoustic models for speech recognition in children's reading miscue detection (Master's Thesis)

2020 - 2021

- Examined transfer learning and data augmentation techniques in building acoustic models for literacy assessment; obtained improvements in WER% and reading accuracy metrics (WCPM) over a baseline system
- Novel use of the chunk-width parameter to 'clean' (reduce the effect of text contexts) the retraining data for a general transfer learning purpose.

ACHIEVEMENTS & PUBLICATIONS/PATENTS

B.E. Final Project - Understanding blind source separation and wavelet denoising

2018

- B. A. Sujathakumari, B. S. Shreeharsha, P. Verma, S. Shivram and A. R. Raksha, "Heart Rate Measurement using Face Video with Noise Suppression," 2018 4th International Conference for Convergence in Technology (I2CT), 2018, pp. 1-7, doi: 10.1109/I2CT42659.2018.9058066.

Fellowship from the Tata centre during Master's program at IIT Bombay

2018 - 2021

- <http://www.tatacentre.iitb.ac.in/academic/>

Indian patent filed on the automatic assessment system

2019

- P. Rao, K. Sabu, N. Nayak and B.S. Shreeharsha, "System for Automatic Assessment of Fluency in Spoken Language and A Method Thereof", Indian Patent Application No. 201921041761 dated October 15, 2019.

Submission to the 2020 Interspeech Shared Task on Automatic Speech Recognition for Non-Native Children's Speech

2020

- Obtained 9th place in the closed task which was an improvement of 8.5% in WER over the baseline system
- Used a unique wavelet/VAD based data augmentation technique; <https://git.io/J4NZ0>

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- Relevant Coursework: Digital signal processing, Speech processing, Statistical signal analysis, Wavelets, Automatic speech recognition
- Experience with Kaldi Toolkit and linux systems
- Programming Languages: Python, Bash, C++