

## Learning to solve Sliding Puzzles using Reinforcement Learning

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### **Abstract**

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#### **Nomenclature**

#### Variables and functions

p(x) Probability density function with respect to variable x.

P(A) Probability of event A occurring.

 $\varepsilon$  The Bayes error.

 $\varepsilon_u$  The Bhattacharyya bound.

B The Bhattacharyya distance.

S An HMM state. A subscript is used to refer to a particular state, e.g.  $s_i$ 

refers to the  $i^{\rm th}$  state of an HMM.

S A set of HMM states.

F A set of frames.

Observation (feature) vector associated with frame f.

 $\gamma_s(\mathbf{o}_f)$  A posteriori probability of the observation vector  $\mathbf{o}_f$  being generated by

HMM state s.

 $\mu$  Statistical mean vector.

 $\Sigma$  Statistical covariance matrix.

 $L(\mathbf{S})$  Log likelihood of the set of HMM states  $\mathbf{S}$  generating the training set

observation vectors assigned to the states in that set.

 $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\mu,\Sigma)$  Multivariate Gaussian PDF with mean  $\mu$  and covariance matrix  $\Sigma$ .

The probability of a transition from HMM state  $s_i$  to state  $s_j$ .

N Total number of frames or number of tokens, depending on the context.

D Number of deletion errors.

I Number of insertion errors.

S Number of substitution errors.

#### Acronyms and abbreviations

AE Afrikaans English

AID accent identification

ASR automatic speech recognition

AST African Speech Technology

CE Cape Flats English

DCD dialect-context-dependent

DNN deep neural network

G2P grapheme-to-phoneme

GMM Gaussian mixture model

HMM hidden Markov model

HTK Hidden Markov Model Toolkit

IE Indian South African English

IPA International Phonetic Alphabet

LM language model

LMS language model scaling factor

MFCC Mel-frequency cepstral coefficient

MLLR maximum likelihood linear regression

OOV out-of-vocabulary

PD pronunciation dictionary

PDF probability density function

SAE South African English

SAMPA Speech Assessment Methods Phonetic Alphabet

### Chapter 1

#### Introduction

Generally in robotics a manipulator (eg. an arm) is used to manipulate an object in the environment. It is normally easier to first simulate the robots behavior in a more simple environment. In this project we try to solve a sliding puzzle using reinforcement learning, where the same algorithm can then later be applied to the robotics problem.

#### 1.1. Section heading

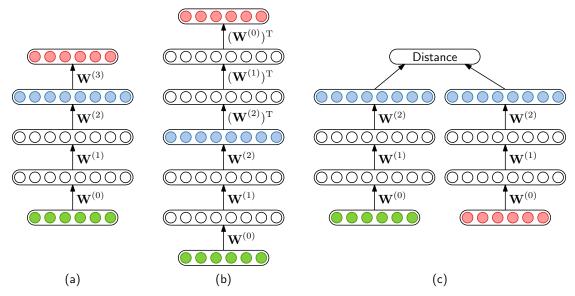
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**Table 1.1:** Performance of the unconstrained segmental Bayesian model on TIDigits1 over iterations in which the reference set is refined.

Metric	1	2	3	4	5
WER (%)	35.4	23.5	21.5	21.2	22.9
Average cluster purity (%)	86.5	89.7	89.2	88.5	86.6
Word boundary $F$ -score (%)	70.6	72.2	71.8	70.9	69.4
Clusters covering $90\%$ of data	20	13	13	13	13

**Table 1.2:** A table with an example of using multiple columns.

	Accuracy (%)		
Model	Intermediate	Output	Bitrate
Baseline	27.5	26.4	116
VQ-VAE	26.0	22.1	190
CatVAE	28.7	24.3	215



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# Chapter 2 Solvability of a NxN sliding puzzle

# **Chapter 3 Summary and Conclusion**

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# Appendix A<br/> Project Planning Schedule

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# Appendix B Outcomes Compliance

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