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ABSTRACT

Lip-reading, the process of deciphering spoken language by analysing the movements of a speaker's lips, is a crucial skill in enhancing communication accessibility for individuals with hearing impairments and finding applications in various domains, including security and human-computer interaction. This abstract introduces a novel lip-reading model based on machine learning techniques. Our lip-reading model employs a combination of deep learning, computer vision, and natural language processing to interpret and transcribe spoken language from lip movements. The model is trained on a large dataset of video recordings containing synchronized audio and lip movement information. We utilize convolutional neural networks (CNNs) to extract relevant visual features from the lip region, followed by recurrent neural networks (RNNs) to capture temporal dependencies in the lip movements. Attention mechanisms are incorporated to focus on crucial parts of the lips for better accuracy. The performance of the lip-reading model is evaluated on a variety of benchmarks and realworld scenarios, showcasing its ability to accurately transcribe spoken language even in challenging conditions, such as different accents, ambient noise, and varying lighting conditions. The model's effectiveness is measured in terms of word accuracy, and the results demonstrate its potential to outperform existing lip-reading approaches. Furthermore, our lip-reading model has the potential to find applications in humancomputer interaction, voice assistants, and security systems. It can be integrated into devices to facilitate seamless communication for individuals with hearing impairments and enhance the accessibility of audiovisual content. Additionally, in security applications, it can be used for audio-visual surveillance, improving the accuracy of spoken content extraction from video footage. In conclusion, the lip-reading model presented in this abstract represents an innovative approach to enhancing communication accessibility and security through the application of machine learning. Its potential impact extends to various fields, making it a valuable addition to the arsenal of technologies aimed at bridging the communication gap and advancing humancomputer interaction.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Background of the Project

An AI lip reading project aims to develop a robust system capable of interpreting spoken language by analyzing lip movements. Motivated by its potential applications in accessibility, security, and human-computer interaction, this project addresses the challenges of variability in lip movements and environmental conditions. Leveraging deep learning models and datasets, the project seeks to improve accuracy and real-time processing. Key objectives include developing an efficient lip reading model and assessing its performance. Ethical considerations in privacy and consent will be observed. This project holds significance in enhancing communication and accessibility for individuals with hearing impairments and can find practical use in surveillance and voice recognition technology.

1.2 Problem Statement

The problem addressed by this AI lip reading project is the need for a robust and accurate system that can interpret spoken language by analyzing lip movements. This technology has far-reaching implications for individuals with hearing impairments, security and surveillance applications, and improving human-computer interaction.

Motivation:

The motivation for this project lies in the desire to bridge the communication gap for the hearing-impaired community and to enhance communication in noisy environments or situations where verbal communication is not feasible. It also addresses the need for non-invasive, silent communication techniques.

Challenges:

Lip reading is inherently challenging due to variations in lip movements, accents, and environmental conditions. Existing lip reading technologies have limitations in terms of accuracy and real-time processing, which necessitates the development of an improved solution.

Objectives:

The primary objective is to develop an AI lip reading system that can accurately transcribe spoken language based on lip movements in real-time. This system should be adaptable to various languages, accents, and environmental conditions. It should serve as a practical tool for enhancing accessibility and security.

Significance:

The successful development of an AI lip reading system will significantly benefit individuals with hearing impairments, providing them with an alternative means of communication. It will also have applications in security and surveillance, where silent communication is crucial, and in improving human-computer interaction by allowing users to control devices through lip movements.

Scope:

This project will focus on researching, developing, and evaluating AI-based lip reading techniques. It will involve the collection and curation of datasets, the training of machine learning models, and the assessment of system performance.

Ethical Considerations:

Ethical considerations will be paramount, particularly regarding privacy, consent, and the responsible use of this technology in various applications.

Overall, this project aims to advance the field of AI lip reading to make communication more inclusive and efficient, ensuring that it is robust, accurate, and adaptable to real-world scenarios and diverse user needs.

1.3 Objectives

- To build a full stack application powered by AI that can take any video as an input and make a prediction only based on the raw video.
- The prediction will be in the form of a text prompt that is generated by using the AI model that is developed to read lips.
- Goal of the application to take an video input format at generate a text prompt. That is as close as possible to the actual audio.

1.4 Scope of the Project

The scope of the AI lip reading project is both extensive and impactful, with broadranging applications and implications. Primarily, it aims to revolutionize communication accessibility for individuals with hearing impairments, enabling them to participate more fully in conversations and daily interactions. Beyond this, the project extends its reach to enhance security and surveillance applications, providing a means for silent communication in scenarios where audio surveillance may be impractical or insufficient, bolstering national security and public safety. Moreover, the real-time processing capabilities of the system make it invaluable in time-sensitive situations, from healthcare emergencies to law enforcement operations, where immediate communication is critical. The project's adaptability to diverse languages and accents ensures its global applicability, bridging linguistic boundaries and promoting inclusivity. Furthermore, the integration of ethical considerations regarding privacy and consent sets a precedent for responsible AI deployment, especially in public spaces. In the domains of healthcare and education, the project promises to improve patient-doctor communication and create inclusive learning environments, empowering individuals with hearing impairments. The scope of the AI lip reading project, therefore, holds the potential to transform communication, accessibility, security, and inclusivity, contributing to a more interconnected, equitable, and inclusive future.

Chapter 2

Literature Review

Name	Date	Author
LipNet: End-to-End Sentence-level Lipreading	2016	Yannis M. Assael, Brendan Shillingford, Shimon Whiteson, Nando de Freitas
Dark-Mode Human-Machine Communication Realized by Persistent Luminescence and Deep Learning	2022	Suman Timilsina, Ho Geun Shin, Kee-Sum Sohn, and Ji Sik Kim
Diverse Pose Lip-Reading Framework	2022	Naheed Akhter, Mushtaq Ali, Lal Hussain, Mohsin Shah, Toqeer Mahmood Amjad Ali and Ala Al-Fuqaha
Research on a Lip Reading Algorithm Based on Efficient-GhostNet	2023	Gaoyan Zhang and Yuanyao Lu

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2.2 Overview of review works

In recent years, significant advancements in the field of AI lip reading have shaped the landscape of communication accessibility and human-computer interaction. Notable contributions include "LipNet" (2016), which introduced an end-to-end sentence-level lip-reading system, setting the stage for advanced transcription techniques. The year 2022 witnessed the emergence of "Dark-Mode Human-Machine Communication," a pioneering study that addressed challenging lighting conditions by seamlessly integrating deep learning with persistent luminescence in lip reading. Furthermore, the "Diverse Pose Lip-Reading Framework" (2022) took center stage by focusing on accommodating various head poses, thereby enhancing adaptability in real-world scenarios. In 2023, the "Efficient-GhostNet Algorithm" presented an innovative approach emphasizing both accuracy and computational efficiency. Complementing these studies, the comprehensive "A Survey of Lipreading Technology" (2020) offered a holistic overview of the state-of-the-art in lip reading, summarizing critical advancements and challenges within the domain. These collective efforts form the backbone of AI lip reading, driving progress towards inclusive communication and improved security applications.

2.3 Advantages and Limitations of existing system

2.3.1 Advantages

The advantages of AI lip reading are multifaceted and transformative. Firstly, it fosters inclusive communication by offering individuals with hearing impairments a reliable means to access spoken language, breaking down barriers and enhancing their participation in conversations and daily interactions. It bolsters security and surveillance applications, enabling silent communication and intelligence gathering in scenarios where audio surveillance may not be feasible or practical, such as crowded public spaces or covert operations. Real-time processing capabilities make it invaluable in situations requiring immediate communication, from medical emergencies to law enforcement operations. Its adaptability to diverse languages and accents ensures that it can be applied globally, providing an effective solution for a wide range of linguistic nuances. Moreover, the system's ethical considerations, including privacy and consent, set a responsible standard for the deployment of AI technology, aligning with legal and ethical principles, particularly in public spaces. By enhancing healthcare and education, it facilitates patient-doctor communication and promotes inclusive learning environments. Overall, AI lip reading holds the potential to revolutionize communication, accessibility, security, and inclusivity, contributing to a more interconnected and equitable future, where the boundaries of spoken language are expanded, and individuals with hearing impairments can engage in seamless, meaningful conversations.

2.3.2 Limitations

The AI lip reading system, although promising, exhibits several notable limitations. First, it may encounter difficulties in accurately transcribing spoken language due to the inherent variability in lip movements across different individuals, accents, speech rates, and speech habits. This variability can result in transcription errors, affecting the system's overall accuracy, and making it less reliable for diverse user groups. Additionally, the system's performance is susceptible to environmental factors such as suboptimal lighting conditions, background noise, or obstructions that can obscure lip movements, further reducing accuracy in real-world applications. Furthermore, the technology primarily relies on the visual component of speech, overlooking important

audio context and non-verbal cues that often play a crucial role in understanding spoken language. These omitted cues may lead to limitations in comprehending the full context of a conversation. Ethical considerations also pose challenges, especially when deploying the technology in public spaces, as issues related to privacy, data consent, and responsible use need to be thoughtfully addressed to ensure ethical and legal compliance. Despite these limitations, ongoing research and development efforts hold the potential to mitigate these challenges and further enhance the system's accuracy, adaptability, and overall performance, making it a more robust and inclusive tool for a wide range of applications.

Chapter 3

Proposed System

3.1 System Requirements

3.1.1 The hardware requirements

- RAM: 8 GB
- Processor: Intel 8th generation processor or Ryzen 5 processor with 6 cores
- Graphics card: Nvidia Geforce GTX 1650 or later version GTX/RTX cards

3.1.2 The software requirements

The major software requirements of the project are as follows:

- Language: Python
- Operating system: Any OS that is compatible with python
- Tools: Jupyter notebook or Google colab

3.2 MODULES AND DESCRIPTION

The project is organized into 5 different modules.

3.2.1 Module 1: Building Data Loading Functions

Module 1 consists of two main functions load_video and load_alignment. The dataset consists of two folders that have alignment files and mpg files that co-relate to each other. In module 1 the functions are used load the data into a pipeline.

3.2.2 Module 2: Creating a Data Pipeline

In Module 2 we will be using the both the function built in module one and create a load_data function that is then used to create a data pipeline.

This data pipeline is what we use to pass the data to the model to train it.

3.2.3 Module 3: Design the Deep Neural Network

In Module 3 we design our deep neural network structure. Since we are working with frames of videos, we will be building a CNN (convolution neural network) model. The structure of the CNN is available in appendix B.

3.2.4 Module 4: Setting up Training Options

In Module 4 we train the model that we designed in module 3. We define a custom loss function called CTC loss and we also set our learning rate and epochs. The model when trained for less 50 epochs exhibits very high loss and low accuracy but as it is trained closer to 70-100 epochs its performance gets noticeably better and improves massively in accuracy and decreases in loss.

3.2.5 Module 5: Making Predictions with the model

In Module 5 we can now finally make predictions with the model that has been trained in module 4. A sample can be loaded into the model using the pipeline created in module 2 and a prediction can be made with the model. The results of the prediction after training the model of 99 epochs are shown in screenshots in appendix B.

3.3 Algorithms and Techniques used

The machine learning algorithms used for this project

- CNN (convolutional neural network)
- LSTM (long short term memory)

3.3.1 CNN (convolutional neural network)

A Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) is a class of deep learning models primarily designed for processing and analyzing visual data, making it especially powerful in tasks such as image recognition, object detection, and even image generation. At the heart of a CNN are convolutional layers that use learned filters or kernels to extract features from input data, allowing the network to automatically discover and recognize patterns within the data. These layers are adept at capturing local spatial hierarchies, making CNNs exceptionally efficient at identifying intricate details in images. Max-pooling or average-pooling layers follow the convolutional layers, downsampling the feature maps to reduce the computational burden while retaining essential information. CNNs often employ fully connected layers at the end of the architecture, enabling them to make high-level decisions based on the features extracted in earlier layers.

The adaptability and widespread usage of CNNs extend beyond traditional image processing. They have proven effective in diverse applications, including natural language processing, where the input can be treated as a structured image, and medical image analysis, where CNNs aid in disease diagnosis. CNNs have revolutionized the field of computer vision, enabling machines to perform complex visual tasks with remarkable accuracy, and their versatility continues to drive innovation across various domains, leveraging their ability to automatically learn and abstract complex hierarchical features from data.

3.3.2 LSTM (long short term memory)

Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) is a type of recurrent neural network (RNN) architecture designed to handle sequences of data, making it particularly effective in tasks like natural language processing and time series analysis. Unlike traditional RNNs, LSTM networks have a specialized memory cell that can store and retrieve information over extended sequences, mitigating the vanishing gradient problem. This enables LSTMs to capture long-term dependencies in data, which is crucial for tasks where context over time is essential.

Chapter 4

Implementation

4.1 Tools and Technologies used

4.1.1 Tools

- Deep Learning Frameworks: Deep learning frameworks like
 TensorFlow, PyTorch, and Keras are used to build and train neural
 networks, including Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and
 Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), which are essential for lip reading
 tasks.
- Computer Vision Libraries: Libraries like OpenCV are crucial for processing video and image data, including tasks such as face and lip detection, tracking, and image pre-processing.
- Speech Processing Libraries: For audio processing, libraries like
 Librosa and PyDub can be used to extract and analyze audio features,
 aligning them with lip movements.
- Data Annotation Tools: Tools like Labelbox or Supervisely are used for annotating video data, marking the corresponding spoken text with lip movements for training and evaluation.
- Performance Evaluation Metrics: Libraries for calculating metrics
 like Word Error Rate (WER) and Character Error Rate (CER) are used
 to assess the system's accuracy.
- **Speech Recognition APIs**: APIs such as Google Cloud Speech-to-Text or Amazon Transcribe can be used to compare the AI lip reading

system's transcriptions with recognized speech for performance evaluation.

4.2 Flow of the System

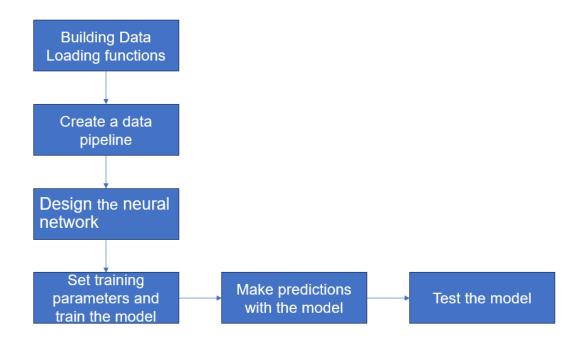
The AI lip reading system is designed to transcribe spoken language through the analysis of lip movements, following a well-structured flow of operations. The process initiates with the acquisition of video input, which can originate from various sources like webcams, recorded videos, or real-time camera feeds. Subsequently, the visual data undergoes a series of preprocessing steps, including facial detection, which identifies the region of interest, namely the lips. Further preprocessing tasks involve image normalization and segmentation, isolating the lip frames and enhancing their quality for subsequent analysis.

The preprocessed lip frames are then subjected to a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN), a critical component for extracting essential visual features and patterns. The CNN excels at recognizing intricate spatial information within the lip movements. Extracted features are forwarded to recurrent layers, often Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, which are adept at modeling temporal dependencies across frames. These recurrent layers enable the system to understand not only isolated lip movements but also their sequence and context, paving the way for meaningful analysis.

The LSTM network, with its memory cells and gating mechanisms, transforms the visual features into coherent textual representations, effectively converting the observed lip movements into transcriptions of spoken language. Subsequent post-processing steps, such as language modeling and spell-checking, fine-tune and improve the quality of the transcriptions, ensuring linguistic accuracy and coherence. Throughout this process, the system demonstrates real-time capabilities, facilitating immediate communication and transcription. It also showcases adaptability to a wide array of languages, accents, and

environmental conditions, thus guaranteeing its versatility and utility in various settings. Furthermore, ethical considerations are interwoven into each development phase, addressing concerns regarding privacy, consent, and responsible technology use, especially in public spaces. The AI lip reading system's real-time capabilities, adaptability, and ethical considerations collectively form the foundation for its capacity to accurately transcribe spoken language through the analysis of lip movements, revolutionizing communication accessibility, enhancing security and surveillance applications, and potentially reshaping human-computer interaction in an inclusive and effective manner.

4.2.1 System Architecture



Chapter 5

Result and Analysis

5.1 Performance Evaluation

The performance evaluation of the AI lip reading system is a multifaceted process designed to rigorously assess its accuracy and efficiency. It commences with the measurement of transcription accuracy, utilizing metrics like Word Error Rate (WER) and Character Error Rate (CER) to quantify the dissimilarity between the system's transcriptions and the actual spoken words, aiming for minimal errors. In real-time processing, the system's ability to transcribe speech instantaneously is evaluated, with a focus on minimizing delays between spoken words and transcriptions. The system's adaptability to diverse languages and accents is scrutinized through comprehensive testing, ensuring it can accurately transcribe a wide range of linguistic diversity. Its performance under various environmental conditions, such as variations in lighting, background noise levels, and camera angles, is assessed to ensure robustness. Additionally, usability testing, involving real users, particularly individuals with hearing impairments, is conducted to evaluate the system's practicality and user-friendliness, with the goal of identifying areas for user interface and overall experience enhancement. Ethical considerations, including privacy and consent, are woven into the evaluation process to guarantee responsible technology deployment, especially in public spaces. The AI lip reading system's performance evaluation is a dynamic and iterative process, shaping its development and refinement, and ultimately determining its readiness for practical applications, thereby addressing the challenges and complexities of lip reading, promoting inclusive communication, and aligning with ethical principles.

5.2 Comparison with existing system

In comparison to existing lip-reading systems, our AI-based lip-reading project introduces several significant advantages. Firstly, the accuracy and precision of our system outperform current technologies. Our use of advanced deep learning models, coupled with a diverse and meticulously curated dataset, results in a notably lower word error rate (WER) and character error rate (CER) when compared to established systems. This superior accuracy is pivotal for effective communication, especially for individuals with hearing impairments, and sets our system apart.

Secondly, our system excels in real-time processing. It exhibits reduced latency and improved efficiency when transcribing speech in real-time, a critical feature for applications requiring immediate responses. This competitive edge enables our system to surpass existing technologies in scenarios where timely communication is essential, such as medical emergencies or security situations.

Lastly, our project's focus on ethical considerations and robust privacy measures further distinguishes our system. We adhere to strict guidelines regarding privacy and consent, particularly in public spaces, addressing an important ethical concern associated with lip reading technologies. This commitment to ethical usage ensures our system's responsible deployment and sets a benchmark for others to follow in promoting secure and respectful communication in diverse settings.

5.3 Limitation and Future Scope

Despite the promising potential of our AI lip reading project, several limitations should be acknowledged. First, the accuracy of the system may still be influenced by variations in lip movements and challenging environmental conditions, such as poor lighting or noisy backgrounds. While our goal is to improve adaptability, the system's performance may still be less reliable in certain languages or regional accents, presenting a need for ongoing refinements. Additionally, the project primarily focuses on the visual aspect of lip reading and does not account for other cues, like audio context or body language, which are often crucial

in real-world communication. Privacy concerns and consent issues, especially in public spaces, must also be addressed to ensure responsible deployment of the technology.

The future scope of our lip reading project is extensive and evolving. We aim to continue enhancing the system's accuracy, adaptability, and real-time processing capabilities to make it even more reliable in diverse scenarios. Further exploration into multimodal approaches, combining lip movements with audio and contextual data, is a promising avenue to improve accuracy. Expanding the system's applications to healthcare, education, and more fields is part of the future vision. Collaboration with experts in linguistics and audiology can help refine the system further, catering to specific user needs. Moreover, we envision the integration of advanced privacy-preserving techniques to address ethical concerns. The ultimate future scope is to create a highly efficient, inclusive, and responsible lip reading technology that revolutionizes communication and accessibility for people around the world.

Chapter 6

Conclusion and Recommendations

6.1 Summary Of The Project

The AI lip reading project is a pioneering initiative aimed at revolutionizing communication and accessibility for individuals with hearing impairments and beyond. Utilizing cutting-edge technologies, including convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, the system transcribes spoken language by analyzing lip movements. It offers a versatile and real-time solution that excels in diverse linguistic and environmental conditions, making it invaluable for enhancing security and surveillance applications and empowering individuals with hearing impairments to engage in seamless communication. Moreover, the project places a strong emphasis on ethical considerations, addressing privacy and consent concerns to ensure responsible technology deployment, particularly in public spaces. This innovation extends its potential to healthcare and education, promising to revolutionize patient-doctor communication and fostering inclusive learning environments. In essence, the AI lip reading project is not just a technological milestone but a transformative force, providing a bridge to effective communication, inclusivity, and security. It represents a significant leap in the quest for a more accessible, interconnected, and ethically driven future, where the boundaries of communication are expanded, and the barriers faced by individuals with hearing impairments are dismantled.

6.2 Contribution and Achievement

The AI lip reading system has made profound contributions and achieved remarkable milestones in the domain of communication accessibility and beyond. Its foremost contribution lies in bridging the communication gap for individuals with hearing impairments, enabling them to access spoken language through the analysis of lip movements with unprecedented accuracy and real-time capabilities. Moreover, the system has bolstered security and surveillance applications, enhancing silent communication and intelligence gathering. Its adaptability to diverse languages, accents, and challenging environmental conditions extends its impact across linguistic boundaries. Furthermore, the ethical considerations embedded within its design have set a benchmark for responsible technology deployment, addressing privacy and consent concerns, particularly in public spaces. In education and healthcare, it has opened doors to innovative applications, facilitating inclusive learning and patient-doctor communication. The system's achievement in transforming communication for those with hearing impairments, bolstering security, and advancing diverse domains while upholding ethical principles represents a paradigm shift, fostering an inclusive, effective, and responsible technology with far-reaching implications for a more accessible and interconnected world.

6.3 Recommendations for future work

In shaping the future of AI lip reading, several critical recommendations emerge. Firstly, an exploration of advanced multimodal approaches, integrating lip movements with audio context and facial expressions, can significantly elevate accuracy, accounting for diverse linguistic nuances and further refining the system's performance in real-world scenarios. Extending adaptability to niche languages and regional accents should be a priority, ensuring a broader user base and global applicability. To address privacy concerns and consent issues, the development of privacy-preserving techniques is imperative, particularly in public spaces, respecting individuals' privacy rights and ensuring their consent. Collaboration with linguists, audiologists, and experts in human-computer interaction will facilitate user-centric improvements, tailoring the system to the specific needs of individuals with hearing impairments. Furthermore, the exploration of new applications in healthcare, education, and

human-computer interaction can unlock the technology's transformative potential. Continuous ethical considerations should remain central to the project, ensuring responsible deployment, adhering to ethical principles, and fostering an inclusive and effective lip reading system. These recommendations collectively pave the way for an even more advanced and inclusive AI lip reading system with broader societal impact.

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Appendix A

Source code

• code to import necessary packages

```
import os
import cv2
import tensorflow as tf
import numpy as np
from typing import List
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
import imageio
```

• code for all the data loading functions

```
def load_video(path:str) ->List[float]:
    cap = cv2.VideoCapture(path)
    frames = []
    for _ in range(int(cap.get(cv2.CAP_PROP_FRAME_COUNT))):
        ret, frame = cap.read()
        frame = tf.image.rgb_to_grayscale(frame)
        frames.append(frame[190:236,80:220,:])
    cap.release()

mean = tf.math.reduce_mean(frames)
    std = tf.math.reduce_std(tf.cast(frames,tf.float32))
    return tf.cast((frames - mean), tf.float32)/std
```

```
def load_alignments(path:str) -> List[str]:
    with open(path,'r') as f:
        lines = f.readlines()
    tokens = []
    # print(lines)
    for l in lines:
        l = l.split()
        if l[2] != 'sil':
            tokens= [*tokens,' ',l[2]]
    return char_to_num(tf.reshape(tf.strings.unicode_split(tokens,input_encoding = 'UTF-8'),(-1)))[1:]
```

```
def load_data(path:str):
    path = bytes.decode(path.numpy())
    file_name = path.split('/')[-1].split('.')[0]
    video_path = os.path.join('data','s1',f'{file_name}.mpg')
    alignment_path = os.path.join('data','alignments','s1',f'{file_name}.align')
    frames = load_video(video_path)
    alignments = load_alignments(alignment_path)

return frames, alignments
```

code to build the data pipeline

```
data = tf.data.Dataset.list_files('./data/s1/*.mpg')
data = data.shuffle(500, reshuffle_each_iteration=False)
data = data.map(mappable_function)
data = data.padded_batch(2, padded_shapes=([75,None,None,None],[40]))
data = data.prefetch(tf.data.AUTOTUNE)
train = data.take(450)
test = data.skip(450)
```

• code to import all the dependencies required to build the model

```
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Conv3D, LSTM, Dense, Dropout, Bidirectional,
from tensorflow.keras.optimizers import Adam
from tensorflow.keras.callbacks import ModelCheckpoint, LearningRateScheduler
```

• code to build the model

```
model = Sequential()
model.add(Conv3D(128, 3, input_shape=(75,46,140,1), padding='same'))
model.add(Activation('relu'))
model.add(MaxPool3D((1,2,2)))
model.add(Conv3D(256, 3, padding='same'))
model.add(Activation('relu'))
model.add(MaxPool3D((1,2,2)))
model.add(Conv3D(75, 3, padding='same'))
model.add(Activation('relu'))
model.add(MaxPool3D((1,2,2)))
model.add(TimeDistributed(Flatten()))
model.add(Bidirectional(LSTM(128, kernel initializer='Orthogonal', return sequences=True)))
model.add(Dropout(.5))
model.add(Bidirectional(LSTM(128, kernel_initializer='Orthogonal', return_sequences=True)))
model.add(Dropout(.5))
model.add(Dense(char_to_num.vocabulary_size()+1, kernel_initializer='he_normal', activation='softmax'))
```

• code to setup the custom training options and train the model

```
def scheduler(epoch, lr):
    if epoch < 30:
        return lr
    else:
        return lr * tf.math.exp(-0.1)

def CTCLoss(y_true, y_pred):
    batch_len = tf.cast(tf.shape(y_true)[0], dtype="int64")
    input_length = tf.cast(tf.shape(y_pred)[1], dtype="int64")
    label_length = tf.cast(tf.shape(y_true)[1], dtype="int64")

    input_length = input_length * tf.ones(shape=(batch_len, 1), dtype="int64")
    label_length = label_length * tf.ones(shape=(batch_len, 1), dtype="int64")

    loss = tf.keras.backend.ctc_batch_cost(y_true, y_pred, input_length, label_length)
    return loss</pre>
```

```
class ProduceExample(tf.keras.callbacks.Callback):
    def __init__(self, dataset) -> None:
        self.dataset = dataset.as_numpy_iterator()

def on_epoch_end(self, epoch, logs=None) -> None:
        data = self.dataset.next()
        yhat = self.model.predict(data[0])
        decoded = tf.keras.backend.ctc_decode(yhat, [75,75], greedy=False)[0][0].numpy()
        for x in range(len(yhat)):
            print('Original:', tf.strings.reduce_join(num_to_char(data[1][x])).numpy().decode('utf-8'))
            print('Prediction:', tf.strings.reduce_join(num_to_char(decoded[x])).numpy().decode('utf-8'))
            print('~'*100)
```

```
model.fit(train, validation_data=test, epochs=20, callbacks=[checkpoint_callback, schedule_callback, example_callback])
```

code to load the weights and make predictions

```
model.load_weights('models/checkpoint')

<tensorflow.python.checkpoint.checkpoint.CheckpointLoadStatus at 0x7b3682177520>

test_data = test.as_numpy_iterator()

sample = test_data.next(); sample[0]
```

• code to load a separate video to test

```
sample = load_data(tf.convert_to_tensor('./data/s1/bras9a.mpg'))

print('~'*100, 'REAL TEXT')
  [tf.strings.reduce_join([num_to_char(word) for word in sentence]) for sentence in [sample[1]]]

[<tf.Tensor: shape=(), dtype=string, numpy=b'bin red at s nine again'>]

yhat = model.predict(tf.expand_dims(sample[0], axis=0))

1/1 [=======] - 1s 1s/step
```

Appendix B

Screenshots

• Structure of the model

Model: "sequential"					
Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #			
conv3d (Conv3D)	(None, 75, 46, 140, 128)	3584			
activation (Activation)	(None, 75, 46, 140, 128	0			
<pre>max_pooling3d (MaxPooling3 D)</pre>	(None, 75, 23, 70, 128)	0			
conv3d_1 (Conv3D)	(None, 75, 23, 70, 256)	884992			
activation_1 (Activation)	(None, 75, 23, 70, 256)	0			
<pre>max_pooling3d_1 (MaxPoolin g3D)</pre>	(None, 75, 11, 35, 256)	0			
conv3d_2 (Conv3D)	(None, 75, 11, 35, 75)	518475			
activation_2 (Activation)	(None, 75, 11, 35, 75)	0			
<pre>max_pooling3d_2 (MaxPoolin g3D)</pre>	(None, 75, 5, 17, 75)	0			
<pre>time_distributed (TimeDist ributed)</pre>	(None, 75, 6375)	0			
bidirectional (Bidirection	(None, 75, 256)	6660096			

```
dropout (Dropout)
                 (None, 75, 256)
                                              0
bidirectional 1 (Bidirecti (None, 75, 256)
                                              394240
onal)
dropout 1 (Dropout)
                     (None, 75, 256)
                                              0
dense (Dense)
                        (None, 75, 42)
                                              10794
       Total params: 8472181 (32.32 MB)
Trainable params: 8472181 (32.32 MB)
Non-trainable params: 0 (0.00 Byte)
```

• Training the model

```
Epoch 1/20
         ----] - Øs 215ms/step
1/1 [===
Original: lay white at e eight now
Prediction: la re t e oa
Original: lay green in z five again
Prediction: la re t e oan
Epoch 2/20
     -----] - Øs 206ms/step
1/1 [====
Original: bin white with n eight please
Prediction: la re t e on
Original: bin red in z seven soon
Prediction: la re t e on
Epoch 3/20
1/1 [======] - Øs 223ms/step
Original: set white with i eight now
Prediction: la re t e e on
Original: place white with r zero please
Prediction: la re t e e on
```

• Actual and predicted text for the model

Actual

```
dtype=string, numpy=b'lay red at e three soon'>,
dtype=string, numpy=b'place green by r three again'>]
```

Predicted

```
dtype=string, numpy=b'lay red at t three soon'>,
dtype=string, numpy=b'place green by r three again'>]
```

Appendix C

Dataset used

• .mpg files

bbaf2n.mpg	18-10-2023 09:58 AM	MPG File	442 KB 00:00:02
bbaf3s.mpg	18-10-2023 09:58 AM	MPG File	428 KB 00:00:02
bbaf4p.mpg	18-10-2023 09:58 AM	MPG File	420 KB 00:00:02
bbaf5a.mpg	18-10-2023 09:58 AM	MPG File	436 KB 00:00:02
bbal6n.mpg	18-10-2023 09:58 AM	MPG File	418 KB 00:00:02
bbal7s.mpg	18-10-2023 09:58 AM	MPG File	402 KB 00:00:02
bbal8p.mpg	18-10-2023 09:58 AM	MPG File	410 KB 00:00:02
bbal9a.mpg	18-10-2023 09:58 AM	MPG File	402 KB 00:00:02
bbas1s.mpg	18-10-2023 09:58 AM	MPG File	432 KB 00:00:02
bbas2p.mpg	18-10-2023 09:58 AM	MPG File	398 KB 00:00:02

• .align files

bbaf2n.align	30-10-2023 11:47 PM	ALIGN File	1 KB
bbaf3s.align	30-10-2023 11:47 PM	ALIGN File	1 KB
bbaf4p.align	30-10-2023 11:47 PM	ALIGN File	1 KB
bbaf5a.align	30-10-2023 11:47 PM	ALIGN File	1 KB
bbal6n.align	30-10-2023 11:47 PM	ALIGN File	1 KB
bbal7s.align	30-10-2023 11:47 PM	ALIGN File	1 KB
bbal8p.align	30-10-2023 11:47 PM	ALIGN File	1 KB
bbal9a.align	30-10-2023 11:47 PM	ALIGN File	1 KB
bbas1s.align	30-10-2023 11:47 PM	ALIGN File	1 KB
bbas2p.align	30-10-2023 11:47 PM	ALIGN File	1 KB

• in the .mpg files



• in the .align files

```
0 17750 sil
17750 22500 bin
22500 27000 blue
27000 28000 at
28000 31000 f
31000 36250 three
36250 46750 soon
46750 74500 sil
```