

NLP Project Presentation

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Motivation

1

Myanmar TTS has been developed by statistical parametric speech synthesis method: HMM, DNN.

2

We focus Deep learning based end to end speech synthesis(Tactron2) with small corpus in our project.

3

To investigate end-to-end generated text-to-speech (TTS) model with syllable and word-level.

Introduction

1 The modern TTS trend is more complex.

2 End-to-End speech synthesis is a new research direction in the deep learning area in recent years.

3 In this project, we experimented TTS by Tacotron2 which is to synthesize speech directly from the characters.

Tacotron2

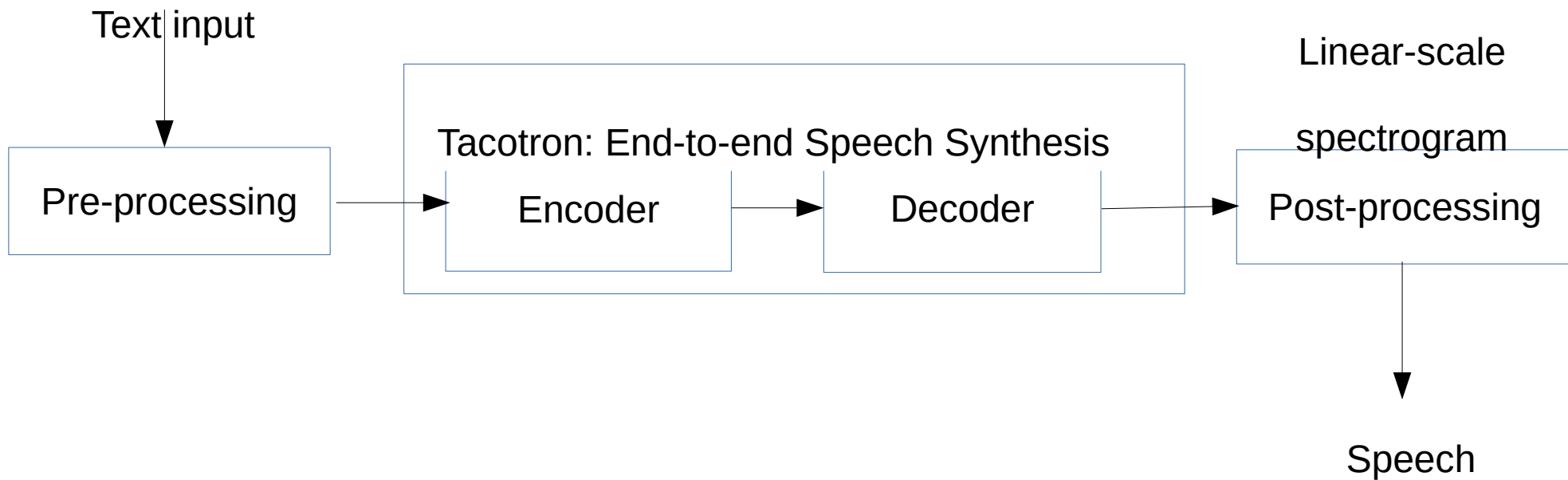


Fig1: Block Diagram of Tacotron2

Data set preparation

- 1 Collected data from Grade 2 Myanmar textbook.
- 2 Prepared Myanmar sentences and audio files.
- 3 Applied input text as syllable and word-level.
- 4 Used a regular expression perl script developed by Saya Ye Kyaw Thu for the syllable segmentation.
- 5 Utilized speech data that has been recorded for Myanmar Braille TTS.

Implementation

- 1 We used Tensorflow framework to implement tacotron.
- 2 Other requirements: numpy, scikit-learn, librosa, falcon, tqdm, matplotlib.
- 3 Training time is a week for ten sentences.
- 4 The maximum input text length is 117.

Experiment

1

Syllable level

2

Word level

Syllable Level

Input text sentence ဒုတိယတန်း မြန်မာ ဖတ်စာ ။

Segmented sentence ဒု တိ ယ တန်း မြန် မာ ဖတ် စာ ။

Text and audio pair for Training

ဒု တိ ယ တန်း မြန် မာ ဖတ် စာ ။, g2_0001.wav,
အ ခန်း ဝ ။ , g2_0002.wav,

Train data with tacotron2 model.

Linear spectrogram , Mel spectrogram and alignment of
encoder and decoder

Syllable Level Test Output

Test sentence

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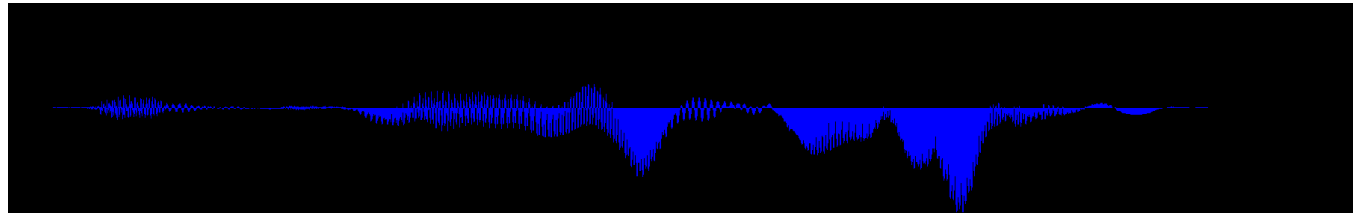


Fig2: Test output Wave form

Test sentence

ဘယ် ကို သွား ခဲ့ သ လဲ ။

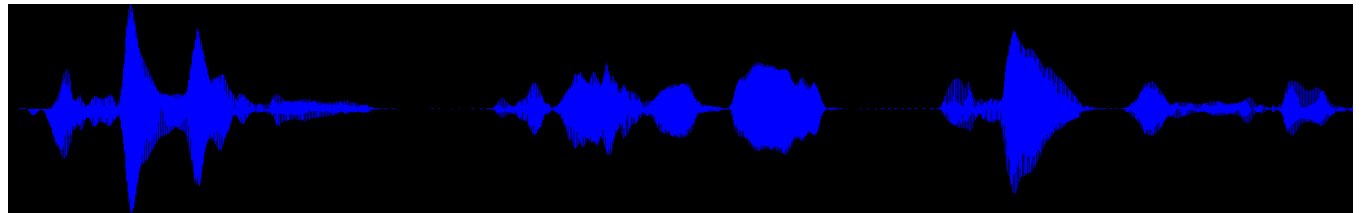


Fig3: Test output Wave form

Experiment

1

Syllable level

2

Word level

Word Level Test Output

Test sentence

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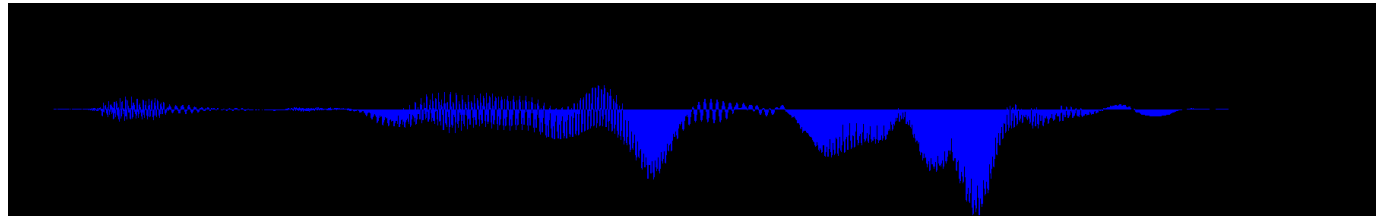


Fig4: Test output Wave form

Test sentence

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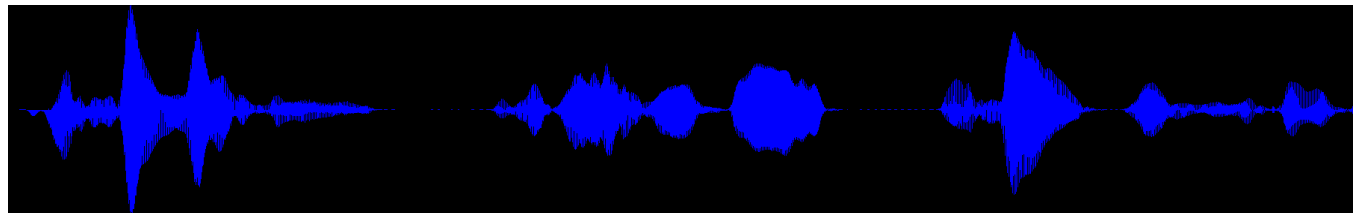


Fig5: Test output Wave form

Evaluation

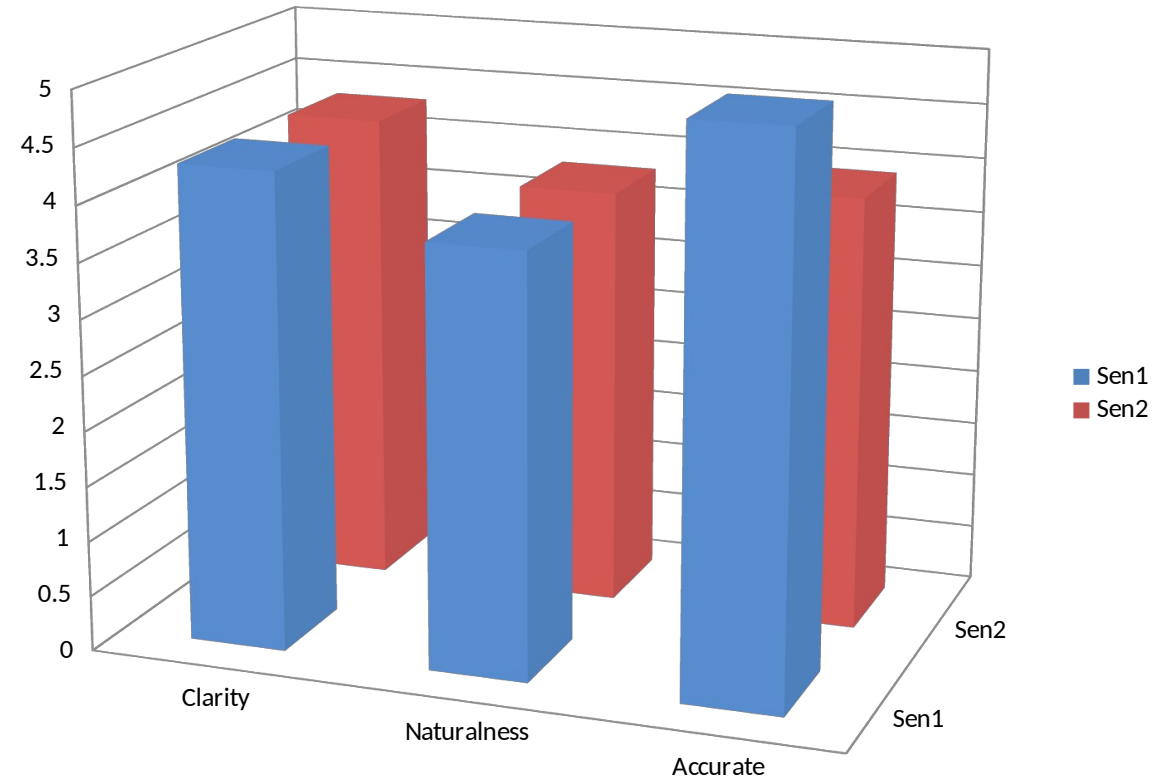


Fig6: MOS results for test sentences

Demonstration

We created Myanmar Text to Speech User Interface for this project.



LET'S GO UI

Fig7: User Interface of this project

Conclusion

1

This mini project was contributed the evaluation of the end-to-end speech synthesis with tacotron model.

2

We evaluated end-to-end TTS with the small corpus by using ten sentences from Grade 2 Myanmar Basic Education Textbook.

3

Although the syllable-level achieved 3.8 MOS score, the word-level achieved 3.4 on closed tests with listeners.

4

syllable-level also obtained more clearance result than word-level.

5

Good speech output depends not only on recording condition but also on tone signature.

