


Speech Detection


Project 1

Due: *Thursday, September 9th, 11:59pm*



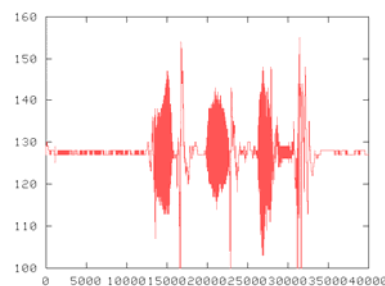
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Motivation

- Word recognition needs to detect word boundaries in speech




"Silence
Is
Golden"



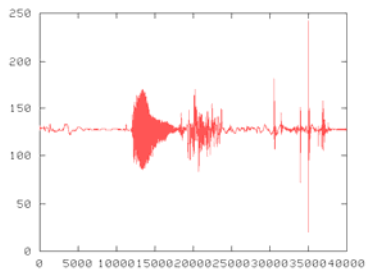
Motivation

- Recognizing silence can reduce:
 - Network bandwidth
 - Processing load
- Easy in sound proof room, with digitized tape
 - Measure energy level in digitized voice




Research Problem

- Noisy computer room has loud background noise, making some edges difficult




"Five"




Research Problem

- Computer audio often for interactive applications
 - Voice commands
 - Teleconferencing
- →Needs to be done in 'real-time'



Project Solution


- Implement end-point algorithm by Rabiner and Sambur [RS75]
 - (Paper for class, next)
- Implementation in Linux or Windows
- Basis for audioconference/Internet phone
 - (Project 2)



Details


- Voice-quality:
 - 8000 samples/second
 - 8 bits per sample
 - One channel
- Record sound, write files:
 - `sound.all` - audio plus silence
 - `sound.speech` - audio no silence
 - `sound.data` - text-based data: audio data, energy, zero crossings:


```
128 10 3
127 12 4
127 20 3
```
- Other features allowed




Sound in Windows

- Microsoft Visual C++
 - See Web page for basic tutorials
- Use sound device → WAVEFORMATEX:
 - `wFormatTag`: set to `WAVE_FORMAT_PCM`
 - `nChannels`, `nSamplesPerSec`, `wBitsPerSample`: set to voice quality audio settings
 - `nBlockAlign`: set to number of channels times the number of bytes per sample
 - `nAvgBytesPerSec`: set to the number of samples per second times the `nBlockAlign` value
 - `cbSize`: set this to zero




Sound in Windows

- `waveInOpen()`
 - a device handle (HWAVEIN)
 - the device number (may be 1, depends upon PC)
 - the WAVEFORMATEX variable
 - a callback function
 - gets invoked when the sound device has a sample of audio



Sound in Windows

- Sound device needs buffers to fill
- LPWAVEHDR
 - `lpData`: for raw data samples
 - `dwBufferLength`: set to `nBlockAlign` times the length (in bytes) of the sound chunk you want
- `waveInAddBuffer()` to give buffer to sound device
 - Give it device
 - Buffer (LPWAVEHDR)
 - Size of variable
- When callback invoked, buffer (`lpData`) has raw data to analyze
 - Must give it another via `waveInAddBuffer()` again





Sound in Windows

- Useful header files:


```
#include <windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <mmsystem.h>
#include <winbase.h>
#include <memory.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <signal.h>
```
- Useful data types:




```
HWAVEOUT
  - writing audio device
HWAVEIN
  - reading audio device
WAVEFORMATEX
  - sound format structure
LPWAVEHDR
  - buffer
MMRESULT
  - Return type from wave system calls
```
- See the online documentation from Visual C++ for more information





Sound in Linux



- Linux audio device just like a file:
 - /dev/dsp
 - open("/dev/dsp", O_RDWR)
- Recording and Playing by:
 - read() to record
 - write() to play

Sound Parameters



- Use ioctl() to change sound card parameters
- To change sample size to 8 bits:


```
fd = open("/dev/dsp", O_RDWR);
arg = 8;
ioctl(fd, SOUND_PCM_WRITE_BITS, &arg);
```
- Remember to error check all system calls!



Sound Parameters

- The parameters you will be interested in are:
 - SOUND_PCM_WRITE_BITS
 - the number of bits per sample
 - SOUND_PCM_WRITE_CHANNELS
 - mono or stereo
 - SOUND_PCM_WRITE_RATE
 - sample/playback rate

Program Template (Linux)

```
open sound device
set sound device parameters
record silence
set algorithm parameters
while(1)
  record sound
  compute algorithm stuff
  detect speech
  write data to file
  write sound to file
  if speech, write speech to file
```

Hand In

- Online turnin (see Web page)
- Turn in:
 - Code
 - Makefile/Project file
- Via email

