Discrete vs Continuous Audio Token Representations in Cross-Lingual Transfer Accuracy on CommonVoice Low-Resource Benchmark

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Abstract

This paper presents XLSR which learns cross-lingual speech representations by pretraining a single model from the raw waveform of speech in multiple languages. We build on wav2vec 2.0 which is trained by solving a contrastive task over masked latent speech representations and jointly learns a quantization of the latents shared across languages. The resulting model is fine-tuned on labeled data and experiments show that cross-lingual pretraining significantly outperforms monolingual pretraining. On the CommonVoice benchmark, XLSR shows a relative phoneme error rate reduction of 72% compared to

1 Introduction

This paper examines: Unsupervised Cross-lingual Representation Learning for Speech Recognition. Research question: How do discrete audio token representations compare to continuous features in cross-lingual transfer accuracy on the CommonVoice low-resource benchmark?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 12 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 7.8/10.

3 Results

12 papers retrieved. 9 claims extracted; 7 independently verified. Quality review score: 7.8/10.

4 Limitations

This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research. Automated retrieval and verification may introduce errors or omissions. Review scores reflect automated assessment, not human peer review. Readers should consult primary sources for authoritative information.

5 Extracted Claims

Claim	Verified	Confidence
Pretraining a single model on multiple languages significantly outperforms the previous state of the art on CommonVoice,	✓	0.23
XLSR-10 obtains 13.6 PER on average (Avg), a relative PER reduction of 49% compared to XLSR-Monolingual (Table 1).	✓	0.28
On BABEL, XLSR-10 improves over XLSR-Monolingual by 18% relative CER (Table 2).	✓	0.24
XLSR-10 (Large) achieves 29.4, 21.9, 16.6, 23.3, 27.7, 19.6, 14.9, 21.8, 22.8, and 21.0 PER on different languages.	×	0.13
XLSR-53 (Large) achieves 17.9, 13.1, 21.3, 22.4, and 18.7 PER on different languages.	×	0.14
Unsupervised cross-lingual representation learning is very effective.	✓	0.19
Multilingual (XLSR-10) pretrained models (Base) fine-tuned individually on each language (ft=1) outperform monolingual (	✓	0.22
The model contains a convolutional feature encoder f : X 7$\rightarrow$Z to map raw audio X to latent speech representations z1, . .	✓	0.38
The quantization is based on product quantization (Jegou et al., 2011; Baevski et al., 2020b) by choosing quantized repr	✓	0.39

References

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