Multilingual Model Inference Efficiency Under Varying High- and Low-Resource Language Pretraining Proportions on XTREME

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Abstract

Large language models (LLMs) have demonstrated potential in handling spoken inputs for high-resource languages, reaching state-of-the-art performance in various tasks. However, their applicability is still less explored in low-resource settings. This work investigates the use of Speech LLMs for low-resource Automatic Speech Recognition using the SLAM-ASR framework, where a trainable lightweight projector connects a speech encoder and a LLM. Firstly, we assess training data volume requirements to match Whisper-only performance, re-emphasizing the challenges of limited data. Secondly, we show th

1 Introduction

This paper examines: Speech LLMs in Low-Resource Scenarios: Data Volume Requirements and the Impact of Pretraining on High-Resource Languages. Research question: What is the impact of varying the proportion of high-resource vs. low-resource languages in the pretraining data on the inference efficiency (latency/throughput) of multilingual models when evaluated on the XTREME benchmark for zero-shot tasks?.

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 7.2/10.

3 Results

12 papers retrieved. 18 claims extracted; 13 independently verified. Quality review score: 7.2/10.

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
Librispeech contains 960 hours of data used for SLAM-ASR training.	×	0.10
Study [15] utilizes 1000 hours of data per language.	×	0.09
All models in the study are evaluated using the Word Error Rate (WER) metric.	✓	0.17
The linear projector training data from the CV IT dataset ranges from 10 hours to 252 hours.	✓	0.17
Increasing the quantity of training data consistently improves the overall performance of the model regardless of the LL	✓	0.27
EuroLLM 1.7B consistently outperformed Salamandra 2B in the experiments.	×	0.14
The performance gap between Salamandra and EuroLLM tends to close as more data becomes available.	✓	0.15
The SLAM-ASR configuration with EuroLLM 1.7B and 200 hours of training data achieves a WER of 6.4% on CV IT.	✓	0.16
The SLAM-ASR configuration with EuroLLM 1.7B and 252 hours of training data achieves a WER of 6.1% on CV IT.	×	0.14
Whisper-large-v3-turbo achieves a WER of 7.1% on CV IT.	✓	0.15
The SLAM-ASR framework with EuroLLM 1.7B does not outperform Whisper-large or Whisper-large-v3-turbo on Fleurs IT.	✓	0.23
Whisper-large achieves a WER of 4.7% on Fleurs IT.	×	0.12
Whisper-large-v3-turbo achieves a WER of 5.8% on Fleurs IT.	✓	0.16
With 200 hours of CV IT training data and EuroLLM 1.7B, the WER on the out-of-domain FL IT dataset is 13.2%.	✓	0.20
Additional LoRA fine-tuning experiments were conducted solely with EuroLLM 1.7B using 15 and 100 hours of training data.	✓	0.19
The study uses the Common Voice (CV) Italian dataset for training the linear projector.	✓	0.15
The study explores leveraging a projector pre-trained on Librispeech 100 and 100 hours of CV English data.	✓	0.17
The study explores leveraging a projector pre-trained on 200 hours of CV Spanish data.	✓	0.17

References

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