Techniques For High Quality Arabic Speech Synthesis

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Summary

The paper proposes a diphone/sub-syllable method for Arabic Text-to-Speech (ATTS) systems. The proposed approach exploits the particular syllabic structure of the Arabic words. For good quality, the boundaries of the speech segments are chosen to occur only at the sustained portion of vowels. The speech segments consists of consonants-half vowels, half vowel-consonants, half vowels, middle portion of vowels, and suffix consonants. The minimum set consists of about 310 segments for classical Arabic. (C) 2002 Elsevier Science Inc. All rights reserved.

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