Open Source Mandarin Speech Corpus

[AISHELL-ASR0009-OS1]

Training and Test Data

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1 Product Instruction

This Open Source Mandarin Speech Corpus, AISHELL-ASR0009-OS1, is 178 hours long. It is a part of AISHELL-ASR0009, of which utterance contains 11 domains, including smart home, autonomous driving, and industrial production.

The whole recording was put in quiet indoor environment, using 3 different devices at the same time: high fidelity microphone (44.1kHz, 16-bit); Android-system mobile phone (16kHz, 16-bit), iOS-system mobile phone (16kHz, 16-bit).

400 speakers from different accent areas in China were invited to participate in the recording. The manual transcription accuracy rate is above 95%, through professional speech annotation and strict quality inspection. The corpus is divided into training, development and testing sets.

AISHELL contribute this database to LDC institute.

2 Recording Text

2.1 Text Pool

2.1.1 Text Pool Content

Considering the application of speech recognition in smart home, autonomous driving, industrial production, and other fields, the corpus is selected from 11 domains. (Chart 2-1)

Serial 6 to serial 10 are included in AISHELL-ASR0009-OS1.

Serial Number	Domain
1	Smart Home Voice Control
2	POI (Geographic Information)
3	Music (Voice Control)
4	Digital String (Voice Control)
5	TV Play and Film Names
6	Finance
7	Science and Technology
8	Sports
9	Entertainments
10	News
11	English Spelling

Char 2-1 Text Pool Content

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2.1.2 Text Pool Processing

- Off-sensitivity. Delete politically sensitivity, personal privacy, and pornographic violence such kind of content.
- Delete < , > , [,] , ～ , / , \ , =, such kind of mark.
- Delete content in languages other than Chinese and English.
- Unified format.

2.2 Structure Design of Recording Text

In view of speech coverage and phoneme balance, the recording text of AISHELL-ASR0009 is designed by the allocation of 500 sentences, extracted from the text pool, and structured as follow.

AISHELL-ASR0009-OS1 contains 5 domains, from sentence 121-495. (Chart 2-2)

Serial Number	Domain	Allocation /#Sentence	Sentence Num.
1	Smart Home Voice Control	5	1-5
2	POI (Geographic Information)	30	6-35
3	Music (Voice Control)	46	36-81
4	Digital String (Voice Control)	29	82-110
5	TV Play and Film Names	10	111-120
6	Finance	132	121-252
7	Science and Technology	85	253-337
8	Sports	66	338-403
9	Entertainments	27	404-430
10	News	66	431-495
11	English Spelling	4	496-500
Total	**11 domains**	**500 sentences**	**500 Num.**

Chart 2-2

3 Speaker Information

3.1 Speaker Information Registration

Speaker information is comprised of Task ID, Age, Gender, Accent Area and Birth Place. (Chart 3-1)

Task ID	Age	Gender	Birth Place	Accent Area
C0002	22	M	HEBEI	North

Chart 3-1

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Task ID: Each speaker can only fulfill 1 Task, while each Task corresponding to 1 recording text.

Gender: M defined as male, while F defined as female.

Birth Place: Duplicate from every speaker's Citizen ID Card.

Accent Area: Divided into North, South and other areas according to the region where speakers belong to the native language.

3.2 Speaker Demographic Information

3.2.1 Gender Balance

This database consists of 186 male speakers and 214 female speakers. (Chart 3-2-1)

Gender	#Male	#Female	Total
Percentage	47%	53%	**100%**

Chart 3-2-1

3.2.2 Age Distribution

A (16-25 years old) 316 people; B (26-40 years old) 71 people; C (41 years old or above) 13 people. (Chart 3-2-2)

	Age Range	#Speaker	Percentage	#Male	#Female
A	**16-25 yrs**	316	79%	140	176
B	**26-40 yrs**	71	18%	36	35
C	**> 41 yrs**	13	3%	10	3
Total		**400**	**100%**	**186**	**214**

Chart 3-2-2

3.2.3 Dialectal Regions

331 people in the North, 60 in the South, 9 in other areas. (Chart 3-2-3)

Accent Area	#Speaker	%Speaker
North	331	83%
South	60	15%
Other Areas	9	2%
TOTAL	**400**	**100%**

Chart 3-2-3

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4 Recording Processing

4.1 Recording Environment

Quiet indoors, not including other people voice, and other noises without reverberation. The speaker reads recording text at regular speed.

4.2 Recording Equipment

Recording equipment includes high fidelity microphone (Audio Technica 2035) and recorder (Roland-44), iOS-system mobile phone, and Android-systems mobile phone.

4.3 Recording Method

The speaker is 20cm from the high-fidelity microphone and reads the recording text with the normal volume of normal speed. Android-system and iOS-system mobile phones respectively with microphone interval layout. (Chart 4-3)

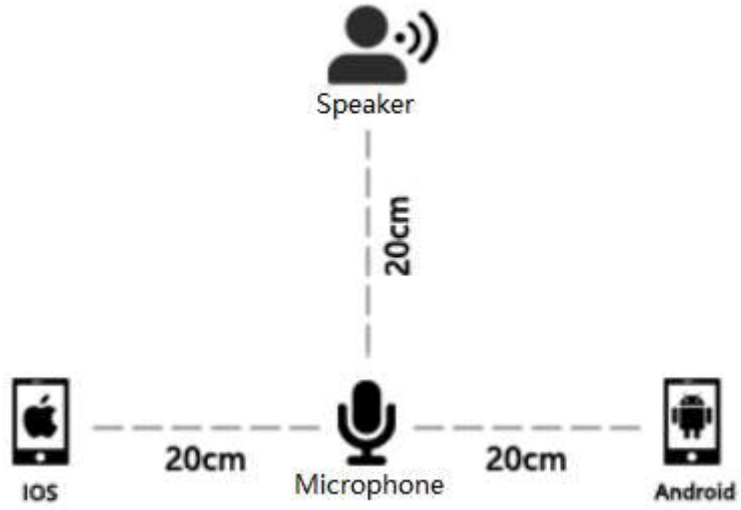

Chart 4-3

5 Speech Content Annotation

Data annotator listens to the audio content to write, in order to make the text and audio content consistent with pronunciation. General guidelines are shown as below:

1) Transliteration and heard speech content must be completely consistent, not more, fewer,

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or wrongly written a word.

2) To transfer into digital form Chinese characters, such as "一二三", instead of "123". Pay attention to distinguish between "一" and "幺", "二" and "两".

3) Audio in English pronunciation should be written in the corresponding Chinese characters or English. Specific is divided into the following situations:

All the letters or words contained in the URL are capitalized. For example: the pronunciation content for the "www.abc.com", should transfer to "三 W 点 A B C 点 com"

The English pronunciation contains all lowercase words, transliteration.

English pronounce as words should transcript as lowercase.

English pronounce as spelling should transcript as uppercase.

For some proper nouns, or some English abbreviations, all transcript as uppercase with a space mark, such as C E O, C C T V, etc..

4) The integrity of the content should be consistent with the actual pronunciation, and shall not be deleted.

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