

**Subject:** Re: Consonant and vowel confusions in speech-weighted noise  
**From:** Kevin Tang <kevin.tang.10@ucl.ac.uk>  
**Date:** 05/18/2015 08:46 PM  
**To:** "jontalle@illinois.edu" <jontalle@illinois.edu>

Hi Jont,

Thank you so much for the extensive documentation and comments on the database. You've been most helpful. Also I have managed to open up the .mat via Matlab.

I have one quick question regarding the participants. In the .mat file, it shows 32 listeners. I am not sure which studies they came from.

The 2007 study recruited 14 listeners (but four were bad listeners?) and Singh, Riya and Allen, Jont B 2012 added 11 listeners, which makes 25 in total, or 21 excluding the 4 from the 2007 study. Furthermore, Toscano and Allen 2014 recruited 14 additional listeners.

Many thanks,  
Kevin

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On 19 May 2015 at 00:15, Jont Allen <[jontalle@illinois.edu](mailto:jontalle@illinois.edu)> wrote:  
more useful information  
This doc file tells you how to get at the data in a simple manner.

I'm realizing something that may be important.  
There are two formats for the data base. I gave you the simple format.  
The original format used cell arrays that were difficult for some of us to use.  
If you preffer the cell array version, so that you can used these programs unmodified, let me know, and I can send you that one.  
Same data, different format (more complex storage method).

Jont

On 05/18/2015 02:51 PM, Kevin Tang wrote:

> Hi Jont,  
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> Yes, it is the 64x64 database of 16 cons + 4 vowels at 6 SNR  
> condition. So the MN64.mat is the one. (Your collection of data is  
> rather impressive!)  
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> "are you planning to take your own data using the same speech sounds we  
> used? What is your protocol (as best you know right now)?"  
> Yes, I'm planning to compare my own confusion matrices and  
> experimental matrices. The protocol/method of comparison at the moment  
> is to first match the matrices by the speech sound they shared

> (subsetting) and convert them to distance matrices and simply run  
> correlation tests.  
>  
> Much appreciated,  
> Kevin  
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> On 18 May 2015 at 20:16, Jont Allen <[jontalle@illinois.edu](mailto:jontalle@illinois.edu)>  
> <<mailto:jontalle@illinois.edu>>> wrote:  
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> are you planning to take your own data using the same speech sounds we  
> used? What is your protocol (as best you know right now)?  
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> Another question below:  
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> On 05/18/2015 01:23 PM, Kevin Tang wrote:  
> > Dear Jont and Sandeep,  
> >  
> > Thank you so much for the prompt reply.  
> >  
> > My advisors at University College London are Prof. Andrew Nevins  
> > (Linguistics) and Prof. Stuart Rosen (Speech Sciences).  
> >  
> > This forms part of my thesis. I aim to compare perceptual confusions  
> > occurred in the 'wild' (self-reported diary-corpus) with various  
> > experimental confusion data (e.g. Miller and Nicely...), to see how  
> > they differ, and if different SNR levels or masking noise would  
> > make a  
> > difference.  
> >  
> > It would be very helpful if you could share the consonant and vowel  
> > confusion matrices at each SNR level + Quiet.  
> We have lots of data, with different experiments. Do you mean the  
> 64x64  
> database of 16 cons + 4 vowels?  
> The databases we have are on display at:  
>  
> <http://173.161.115.243/index.php/AuditoryModels/HomePage>  
> scroll down to:  
> Summary of UIUC-HSR Experiments (Updated Mar 15, 2014)  
> I believe your talking about experiment  
> 2004 MN64 (MN04SWN) Phatak & Lovitt Miller-Nicely in SWN;  
> {Vldc}= /a, l, Q, e/ or \textipa{A, l, \ae, eI}  
> \*{Ns}=14-4 bad subjects\* Phatak & Allen (2007) [PA07]  
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> For this experiment the data file (for reference) is (there should  
> be a

> password on it):  
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> [http://auditorymodels.org/HSR/Christoph.12/SPDB-EDS/EDSs/EDS\\_MN64.mat](http://auditorymodels.org/HSR/Christoph.12/SPDB-EDS/EDSs/EDS_MN64.mat)  
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> > I do have publications but not on this topic. After my viva (in  
> Aug.),  
> > I have plan to publish the chapters separately, so time-line wise it  
> > won't be until early 2016 before we publish this work.  
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> > I agree to not give the data to other researchers.  
> >  
> > Many thanks,  
> > Kevin  
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> > On 18 May 2015 at 19:02, Jont Allen <[jontalle@illinois.edu](mailto:jontalle@illinois.edu)> <<mailto:jontalle@illinois.edu>>  
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> wrote:  
> >  
> > Hi Kevin  
> > Can you please give me a short synopsis about what you would  
> like  
> > to do?  
> > I would be happy to help you if I have a better understanding  
> > of your goals and the concept of where your going. I need to  
> know  
> > exactly what data your looking for, for example, and what  
> you hope to  
> > accomplish  
> > with this.  
> > Who is your advisor?  
> > Do you have any publications at this point?  
> > What is your time line?  
> >  
> > You would need to agree to not give the data to other  
> researchers  
> > (anyone who would like it needs to go through me).  
> >  
> > Jont  
> >  
> > On 05/18/2015 12:57 PM, Sandeep Phatak wrote:  
> > > Hi Kevin,  
> > > > My co-author and advisor Jont Allen has the  
> > confusion  
> > > matrices used in Phatak & Allen (2007) paper. I am copying him

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