The paper explores to what extent Voice Conversion techniques can help incorporate dialect specific features into synthesized speech. A popular Voice Conversion technique using Gaussian Mixture Models, has been used to develop mapping functions, between speech synthesized by a Text-to-Speech System for the standard form of the language to parallel speech recorded from a speaker of the target dialect. Mel Cepstral Coefficients are used to represent the spectral envelope and pitch, intensity and duration values have been selected to represent the prosody of speech.

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