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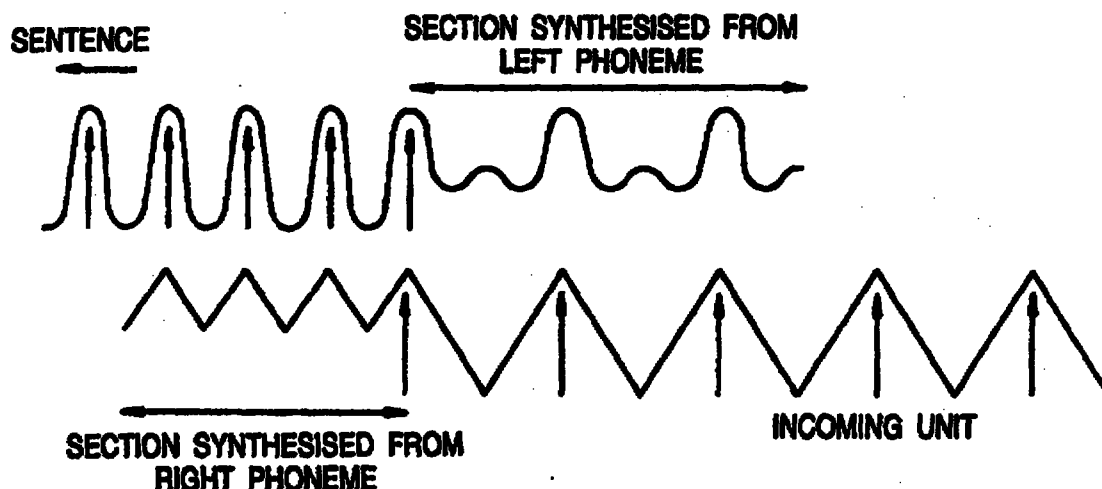
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Portions of speech waveform are joined by forming extrapolations at the end of one and the beginning of the next portion to create an overlap region with synchronous pitchmarks, and then forming a weighted sum across the overlap to provide a smooth transition.