Context-Aware Rule-Selection for Statistical Machine Translation

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Linguistic Knowledge in SMT

- Used:
 - Morphology: segmentation
 - Syntax: Constituent, Dependency

So limited!

Linguistic Knowledge in SMT

• Unused:

- Morphology: Inflection, Compound word
- Syntax: Movement
- Semantic: Preference, Semantic Role
- Ontology
- Discourse: Co-reference, Coherence,
 Topic Structure, Anaphora
- Pragmatic: Sentiment, Intention, Situation...

So Much!

New SMT Paradigm?

- Word-based Translation
- Phrase-based Translation
- Syntax-based Translation
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- Semantic-based Translation ???
- Discourse-based Translation ???
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Problem

 Some of the translation problem may never be resolved without using certain kind of linguistic knowledge.

Example

- 10天前玛丽丢了一辆自行车。
- Mary lost her bicycle 10 days ago.
- 刚才警察来通知车找到了。
- Just now the police come to tell her that her bicycle was found.
- Need ontology: "自行车" is-kind-of "车"
- Need coreference resolution for insert "her"

Problem

 Some linguistic theory only have effect on very specific language phenomenon

- Building a new SMT paradigm on a certain linguistic knowledge (x-based translation)
 - high cost
 - usually lead to decrease of BLEU scores

Our Solution: CARS

Context-Aware Rule Selection

- Compatible to current log-linear SMT framework
- Easy to integration various linguistic knowledge to current SMT system
- Working locally rather than globally
- Effect!

Example: mouse

老鼠 mouse 鼠标

- The mouse was found to have escaped two days later.
- 两天后发现这只老鼠逃跑了。
- The mouse was found damaged two days later.
- 两天后发现这只鼠标坏了。

Google Translate

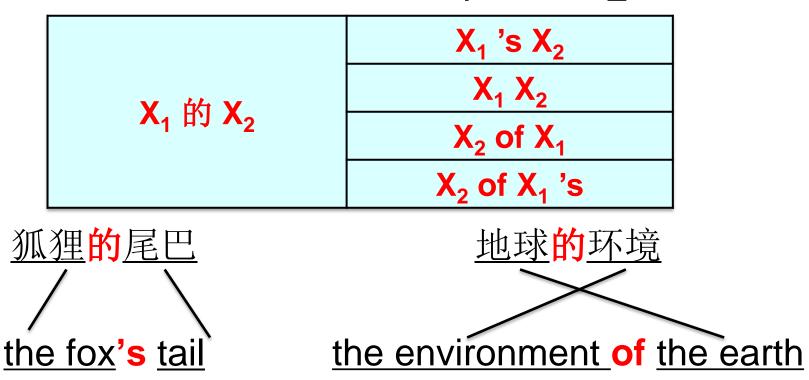
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- The mouse was found damaged two days later.
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Example: X₁的 X₂







Google Translate

- 狐狸的尾巴
- Fox tail
- 地球的环境
- Earth's environment
- 小王的一个朋友
- Wang a friend
- 木头的桌子
- Wood table

Notions

Language Expression:

an expression used in statistical translation model as a description of a piece of language surface form or certain language structure.

Notions

Translation Rule:

a mapping from a source language expression to a target language expression

Translation Rule Selection:

to select the best target language expression for a given source language expression, by giving a score to each candidate translation rule

Language Expression

Word

Phrase

CFG Rule

CFG Tree

Dependency Rule

Dependency Treelet

String of Terminals and Non-T.

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Translation Rules

Translation Models	Translation Rules
IBM Model 1-5	Word → Word (word translation table)
Phrase-based Model	Phrase → Phrase (phrase table)
Hierarchical Phrase-based Model	CFG Rule → CFG Rule
String-to-Dependency (Shen 08)	CFG Rule → CFG rule with Dep.
Tree-to-String Model	CFG Tree → String
String-to-Tree Model	String → CFG Tree
Dependency Model (Quirk 05)	Dep. Treelet → Dep. Treelet
Dependency Model (Xiong 06)	Dep. Treelet → String
Dependency Model (Xie 11)	Dep. Rule → String

Rule Selection

mouse	老鼠	
	鼠标	

 $X_1 X_2$ X_1 's X_2 X_2 of X_1 's X_2 X_2 of X_1 's

Rule Selection

Given S, select rule from:

$$\begin{cases} r_1: S \to T_1 \\ r_2: S \to T_2 \\ \vdots \\ r_n: S \to T_n \end{cases}$$

Rule Selection by Probability

$$\hat{r} = \operatorname*{argmax} P(r_i|S)$$

where:
$$\sum_{i} P(r_i|S) = \sum_{i} P(T_i|S) = 1$$

Rule Selection by Probability

mouse	老鼠	0.4
	鼠标	0.6

X ₁ 的X ₂	$X_1 X_2$	0.3
	X_1 's X_2	0.4
	X_2 of X_1	0.2
	X ₂ of X ₁ 's	0.1

Problem

 All probabilities for rule selection are static values trained from the training corpus.

 No context information is able to be used for rule selection.

 Language model and reordering model only help a little for rule selection.

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Rule Selection by Dynamic Context Information

Context-Aware Rule Selection —— CARS Model

$$Score(r_i|C,S)$$

 $r_i: S \to T_i$: Translation Rule

C: Context

S: Source Expression

Note: CARS model is used as a feature of the log-linear model in SMT.

Probabilistic CARS Model

$$Score(S, C) = P(r_i | C, S)$$

where:
$$\sum_{i} P(r_i|C,S) = 1$$

Note: As a feature of log-linear model, CARS model is not necessary to be a probability.

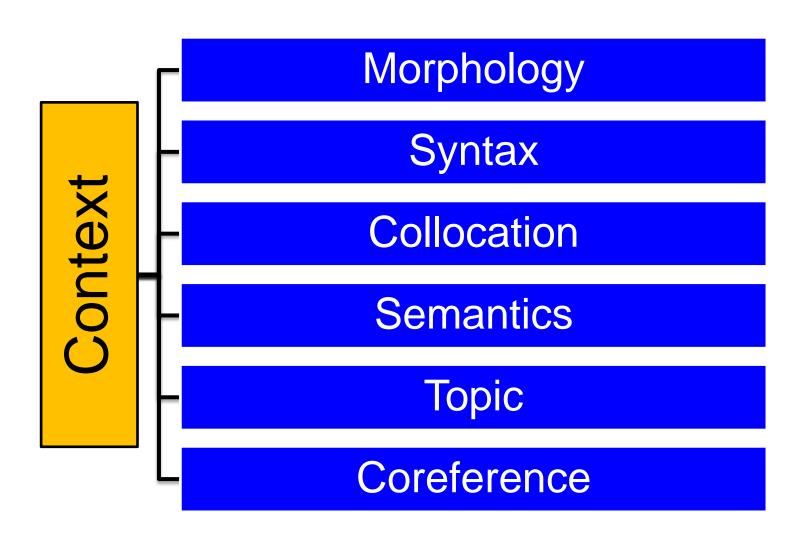
Discriminative CARS Model

$$P(r_i|S,C) = \frac{\exp(\sum_k \lambda_k h_k(r_i,C|S))}{\sum_{r_j} \exp(\sum_k \lambda_k h_k(r_j,C|S))}$$

 $h_k(r,C)$: Context Features

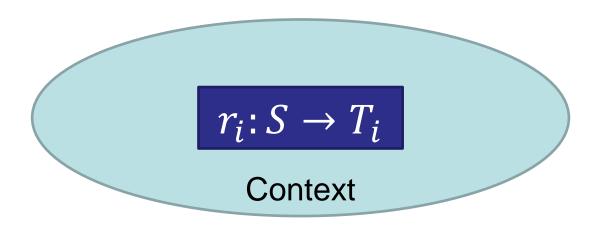
 λ_k : Weights of Context Features

Context Features



Training CARS Model

- To training a CARS model, we need:
 - Count the number of the rules (as usual)
 - Reserve the context for each occurrence of the rule (new requirement)



Applicability of CARS Model

- CARS model may applicable only to part of the rules, for example:
 - only for lexicalized rules
 - only for un-lexicalized rules
 - only for verbs (SRL)
 - only for pronouns (Coreference)
 - only for to a single word (DE)

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CARS Utilization as a Feature

- An additional feature of CARS Utilization may be also necessary in log-linear model
 - To record the times of using CARS model in decoding
 - To balance between the rules using or not using CARS model
 - Not necessary if the CARS model is applicable to all rules

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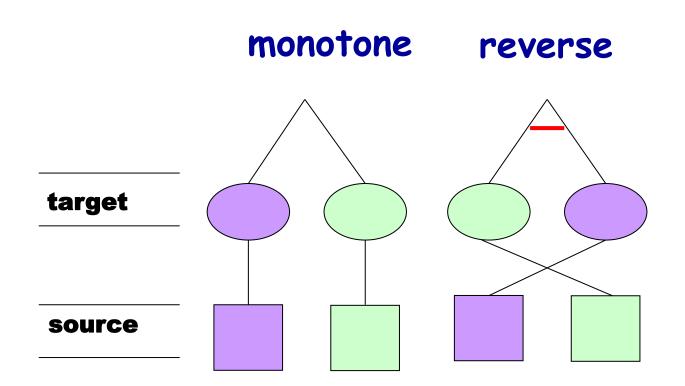
ITG: Inversion Transduction Grammar

(Wu, Dekai 1995)

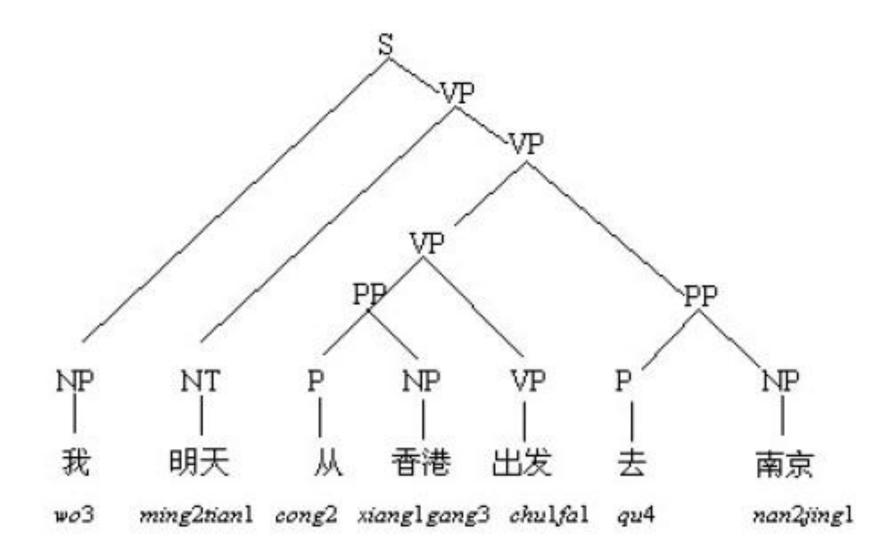
- Synchronized Grammar
- Binary Rules (CNF style)

ITG rules	Source	Target
$A \rightarrow [BC]$	A→BC	A→BC
A → < B C >	A→BC	A→ CB
$A \rightarrow x/y$	A→x	A→y

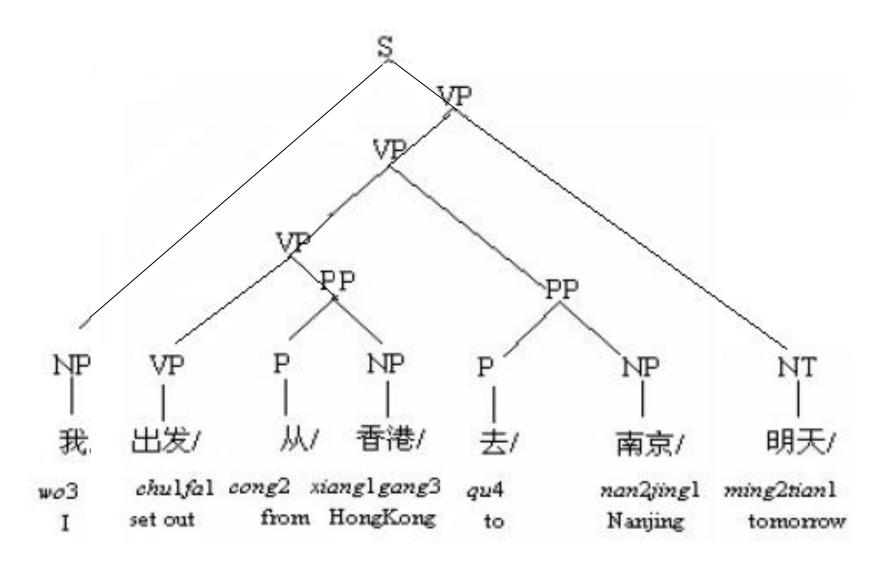
ITG Non-Terminal Rules



ITG Based Translation (1)



ITG Based Translation (2)



ITG Based Translation (3)

Pros:

- Recursive
- Linguistic-style grammar
- Limited search space

Cons:

Need human annotated bi-lingual corpus for training

BTG: Bracketing Transduction Grammar

BTG:

A simplified ITG with only one non-terminal

Only two non-terminal rules:

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X \rightarrow [X_1 \ X_2] (monotone rule)
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 $X \rightarrow \langle X_1 X_2 \rangle$ (reverse rule)

Stochastic BTG

(Wu, Dekai 96)

- Static Rule Selection
- Only one parameter for non-terminal rules

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X \rightarrow [X_1 \ X_2] : p(monotone rule)=0.7
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- $X \rightarrow \langle X_1 X_2 \rangle$: p(reverse rule)=0.3
- Too week discriminability
- Our Approach: CARS

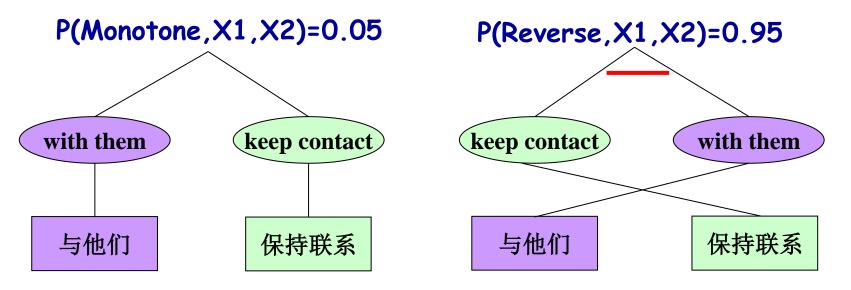
Our Method

Given bilingual phrase X₁ and X₂

X₁= "with them◇与他们"

X₂= "keep contact ◇ 保持联系"

Calculate the probabilities using X₁ and X₂:



Maximum-Entropy BTG

Modeling: Maximum Entropy

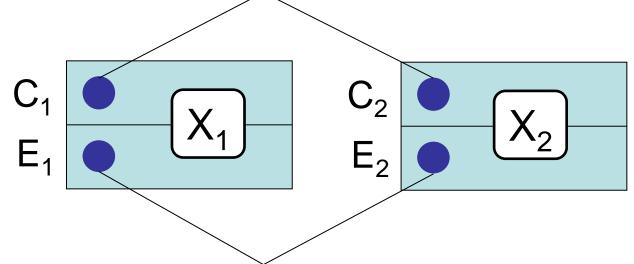
$$\Omega = p_{\theta}(o \mid X_1, X_2) = \frac{exp(\sum_{i} \theta_{i} h_{i}(o, X_1, X_2))}{\sum_{o'} exp(\sum_{i} \theta_{i} h_{i}(o', X_1, X_2))}$$

$$h_i(o, X_1, X_2) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(X_1, X_2) = \text{True, } o = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

0 ∈ {monotone, reverse}

Features

Source left boundary words



Target left boundary words

We ONLY use monolingual or bilingual left boundary words as features

Feature Templates

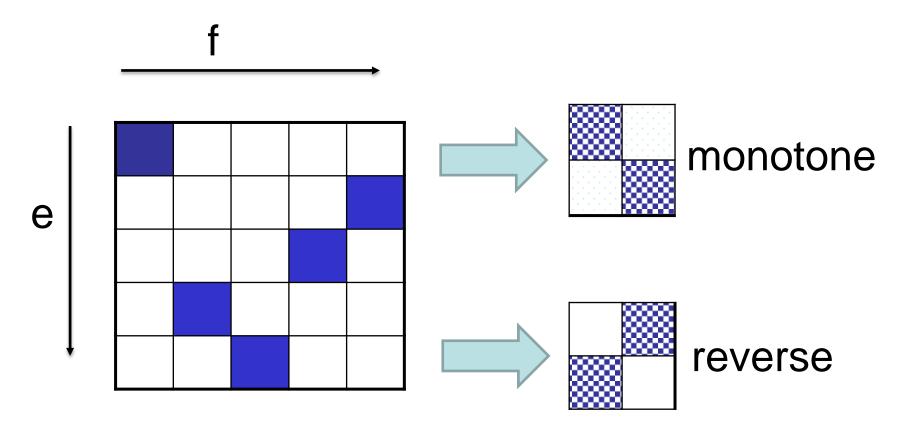
X₁= "with them◇与他们"

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C1	C1=与
C2	C2=保持
E1	E1=with
E2	E2=keep
C1C2	C1=与 & C2=保持
C1E1	C1=与 & E1=with
C2E2	C2=保持 & E2=keep
E1E2	E1=with & E2=keep

Training Samples Extraction

Word Alignment



Experiment Result

Systems	NIST MT-05	IWSLT-04
monotone	20.1 ± 0.8	37.8 ± 3.2
NONE	19.6 ± 0.8	36.3 ± 2.9
Distortion	20.9 ± 0.8	38.8 ± 3.0
Flat	20.5 ± 0.8	38.7 ± 2.8
Pharaoh	20.8 ± 0.8	38.9 ± 3.3
MaxEnt (lex)	22.0 ± 0.8	42.4 ± 3.3
MaxEnt (lex + col)	22.2 ± 0.8	42.8 ± 3.3

Summary

- We proposed MEBTG to compute the probability of two BTG non-terminal rules.
- Only boundary word features are used in MEBTG model.
- MEBTG model is very effective as a reordering model for phrase-based translation.
- A lot of citations and follow-up works.

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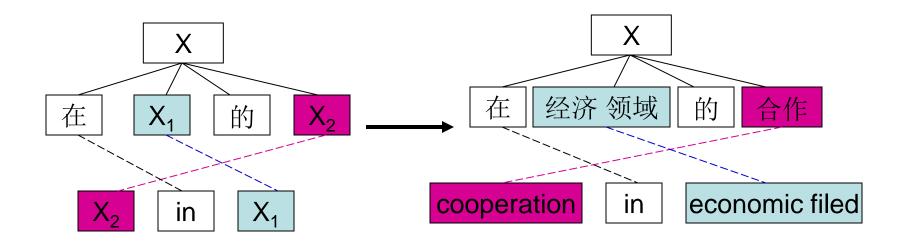
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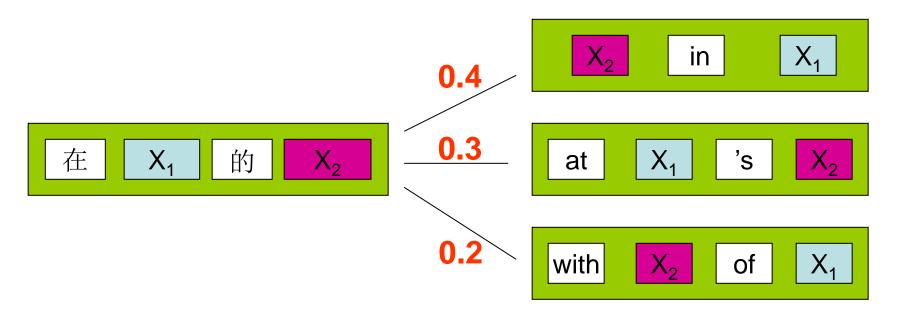
Hierarchical Phrase-Based Model

David Chiang. ACL2005

$$X \rightarrow <$$
 在 X_1 的 X_2 , X_2 in $X_1 >$



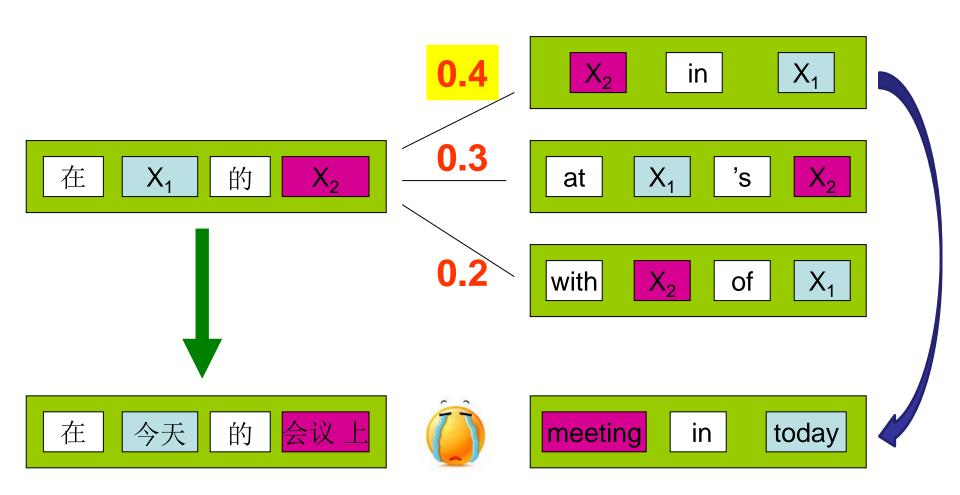
Rule Selection in HPB Model



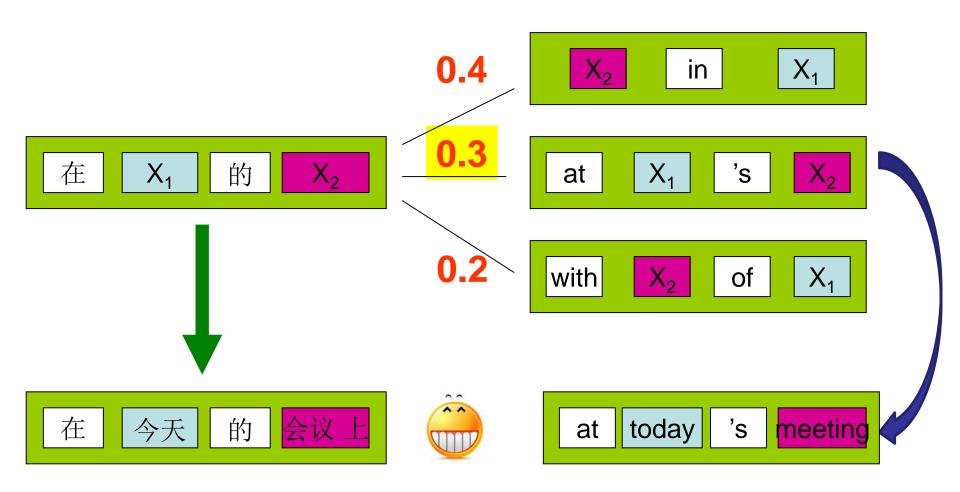
Source-side

Target-side

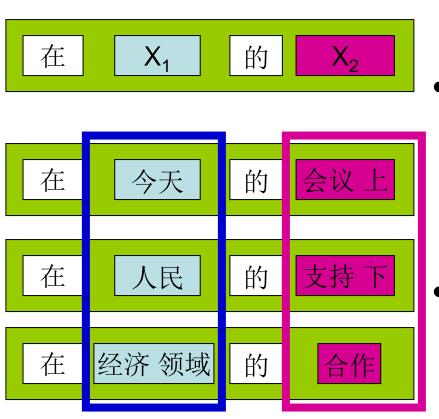
Static Rule Selection



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Static Rule Selection



- The corresponding string of X1 and X2 have strong preference for rule selection.
- CARS should be helpful.

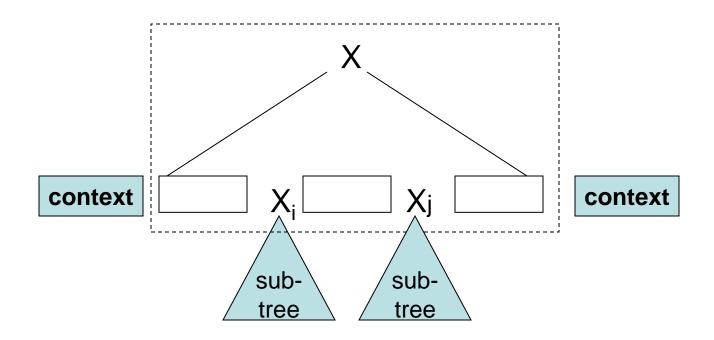
Maximum Entropy RS Model

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R: Neighbour Context

 X_1^N : Variables Context

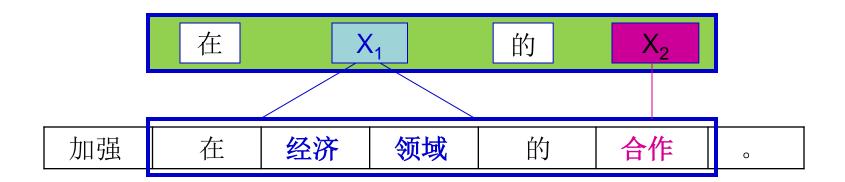
Context for Rule Selection



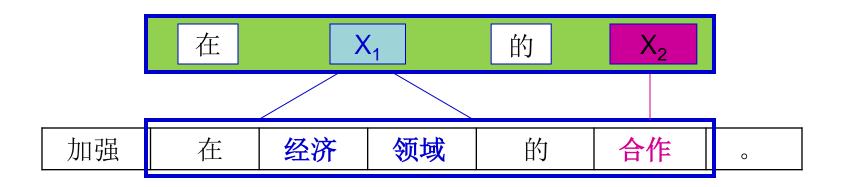
Translation Rule



Source Expression Matching

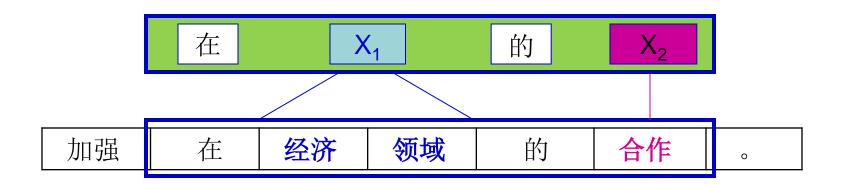


Source Variable Boundary Words



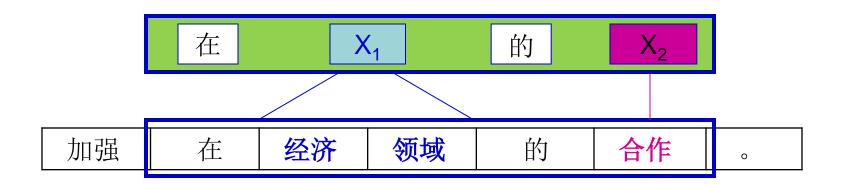
Variable	Feature	Value
X_1	Left Boundary Word	经济
X_1	Right Boundary Word	领域
X_2	Left Boundary Word	合作
X_2	Right Boundary Word	合作

Source Variable Boundary POS



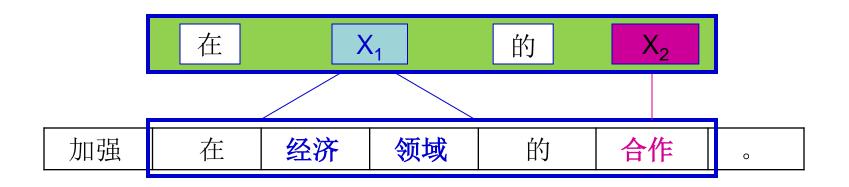
Variable	Feature	Value
X ₁	Left Boundary POS	Noun
X ₁	Right Boundary POS	Noun
X_2	Left Boundary POS	Noun
X_2	Right Boundary POS	Noun

Source Variable Lengths



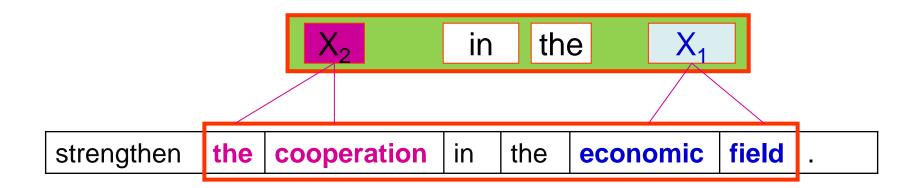
Variable	Feature	Value
X ₁	Length	2
X_2	Length	1

Source Neighbour Words and POS

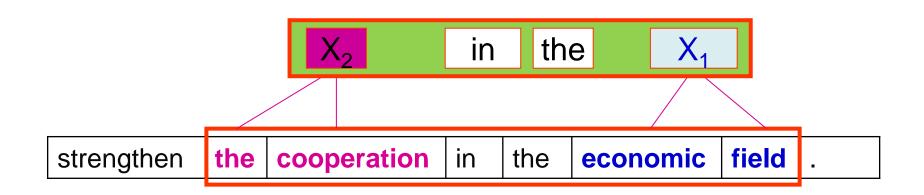


Neighbour	Feature	Value
	Left Word	加强
	Left POS	VERB
	Right Word	0
	Right POS	PUNCT

Target Expression Instantiation

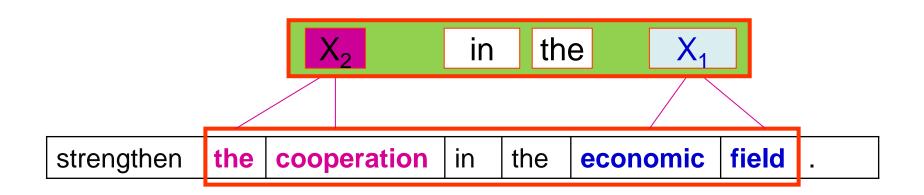


Target Variable Boundary Words



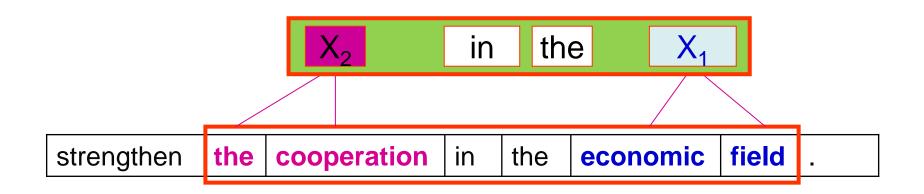
Variable	Feature	Value
X ₁	Left Boundary Word	economic
X ₁	Right Boundary Word	field
X_2	Left Boundary Word	the
X_2	Right Boundary Word	cooperation

Target Variable Boundary POS



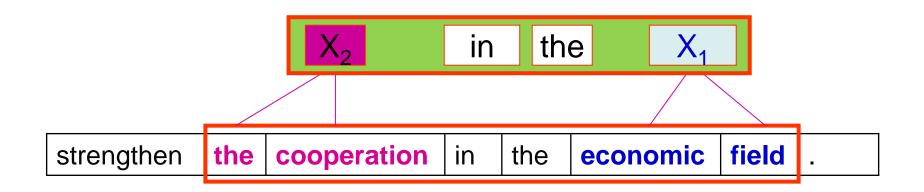
Variable	Feature	Value
X ₁	Left Boundary POS	ADJ
X ₁	Right Boundary POS	NOUN
X_2	Left Boundary POS	DET
X_2	Right Boundary POS	NOUN

Target Variable Lengths



Variable	Feature	Value
X ₁	Length	2
X_2	Length	2

Target Neighbour Words and POS



Inapplicable because we use a bottom-up decoding manner

Experiment Settings

- Chinese-to-English translation
- Baseline: Reimplementation of Hiero (Chiang 2005)
- Corpus:

Task Name	Training corpus	Dev. set	Test set
IWSLT05	BTEC (40k sent.	IWSLT04	IWSLT05
	354k + 378k)	(500 sent.)	(506 sent.)
NIST03	FBIS (239k sent.	NIST02	NIST03
	6.9M + 8.9M)	(878 sent.)	(919 sent.)

Experiment Results

System		NIST03 (BLEU-4%)	IWSLT05 (BLEU-4%)
	Baseline	28.05	56.20
	lexical features (source-side)	28.26	56.51
	POS features	28.78	56.95
Baseline +MERS	lexical features (source-side) + POS features	28.89	56.99
	lexical features (source-side) + POS features + length features (source-side)	28.96	57.10
	All features (source + target)	29.02	57.20

^{*} case insensitive

0.97

1.0

Better Phrase Translation: for terminal rules

Source	恐怕 这趟 航班 已经 <u>订 满</u> 了。	
Baseline	$X \rightarrow < X_1$ 订 满, X_1 booked >	
	I'm afraid already booked for this flight.	
Baseline	$X \rightarrow < X_1$ 订满, X_1 full >	
+MERS	I'm afraid this flight is full.	

Better Phrase Reordering: for nonterminal rules

source	联合国 安全 理事会 的 五 个 常任 理事国
Baseline	$X \rightarrow < X_1 \text{ fb } X_2, \text{ the } X_1 X_2 >$
	the United Nations Security Council five permanent members
Baseline +MERS	$X \rightarrow < X_1$ 的 X_2 , X_2 of $X_1 >$
	the five permanent members of the UN Security Council

Summary

- A MERS model was proposed for hierarchical phrase-based model
- Features used in MERS model:
 - Boundary words and POS tags of internal variables
 - Boundary words and POS tags of neighbours
- MERS help to improve the system performance significantly

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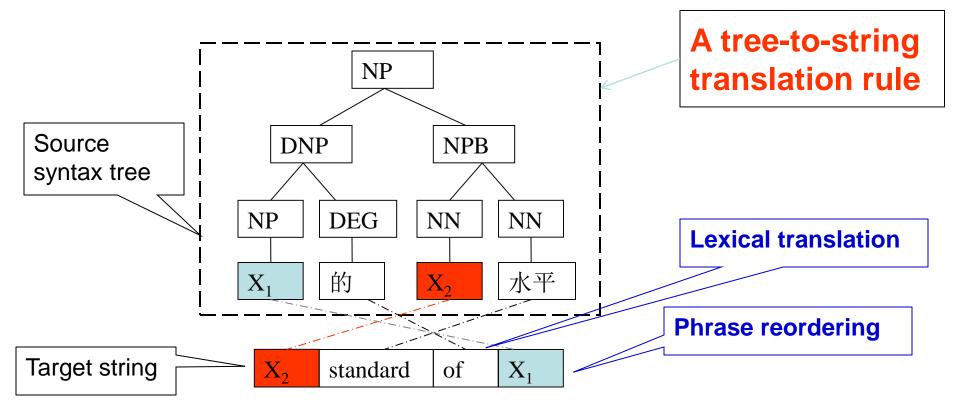
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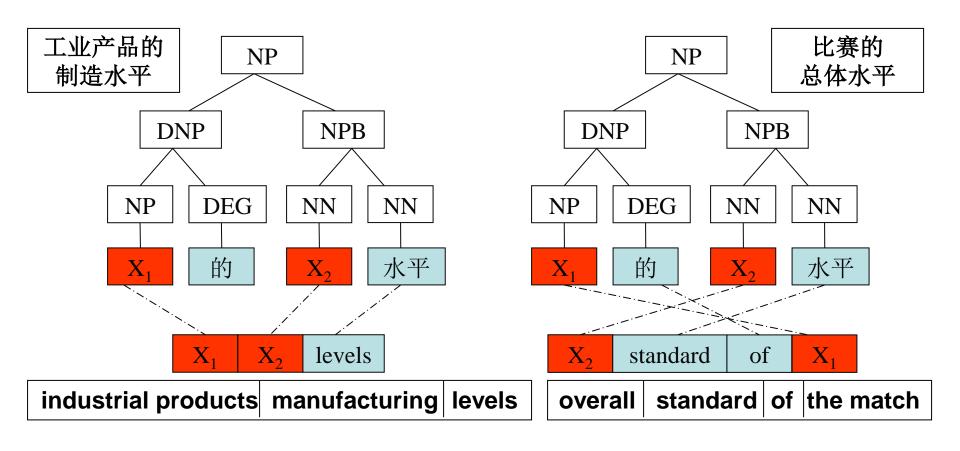
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Yang Liu et al. ACL2006 Liang Huang et al. AMTA2006



Rule Selection Problem



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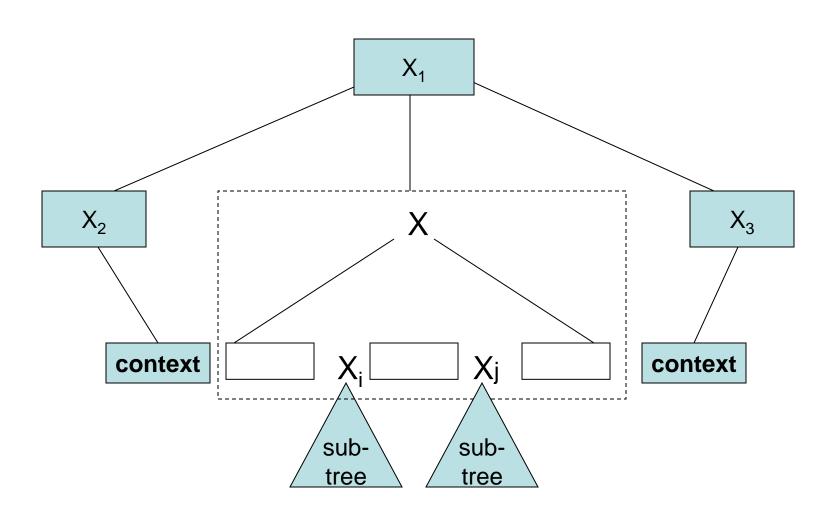
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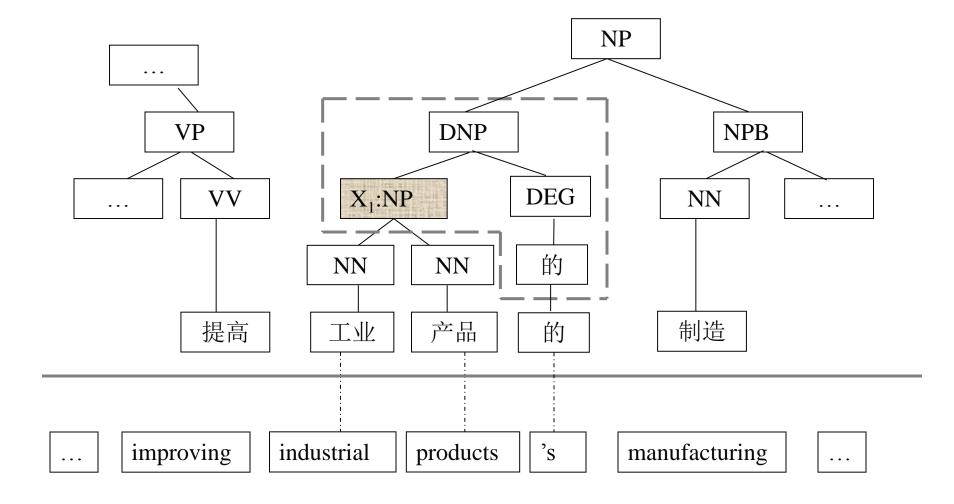
Y: Syntax Tree Context

 X_1^N : Internal Variables in Rules

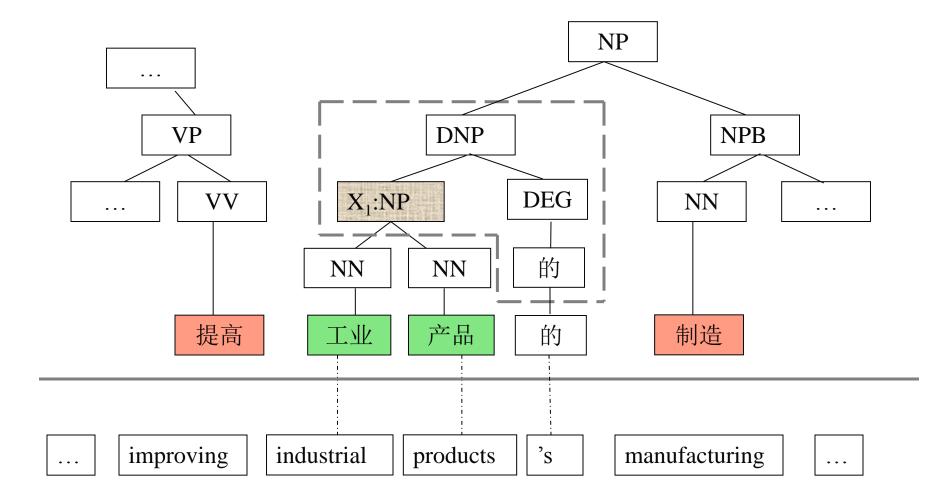
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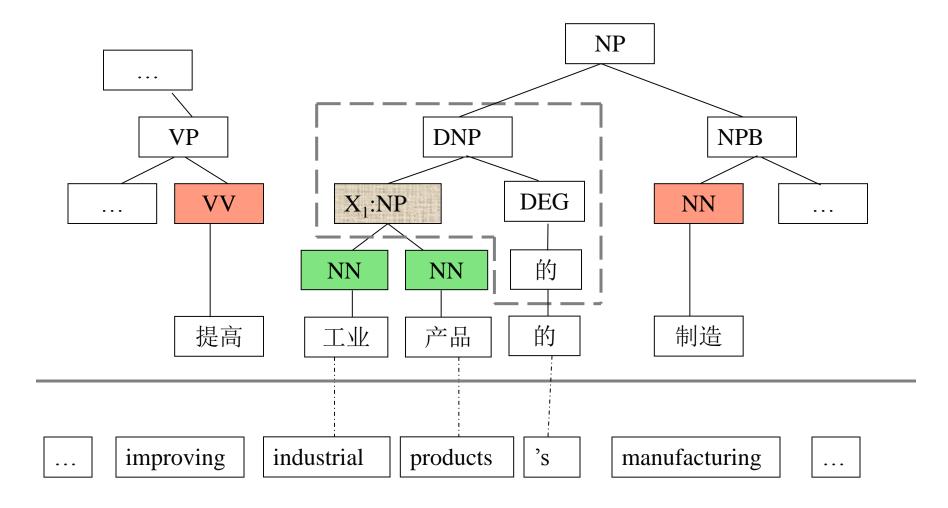
Feature Definition



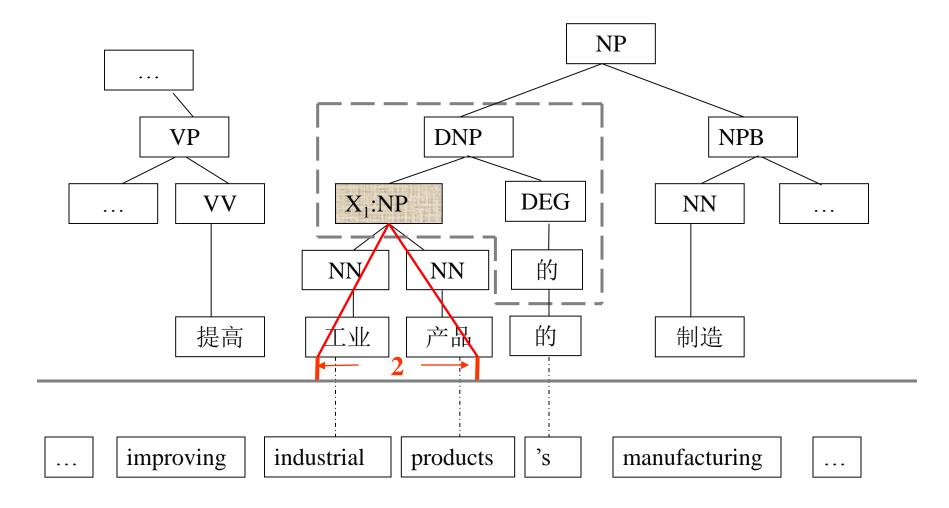
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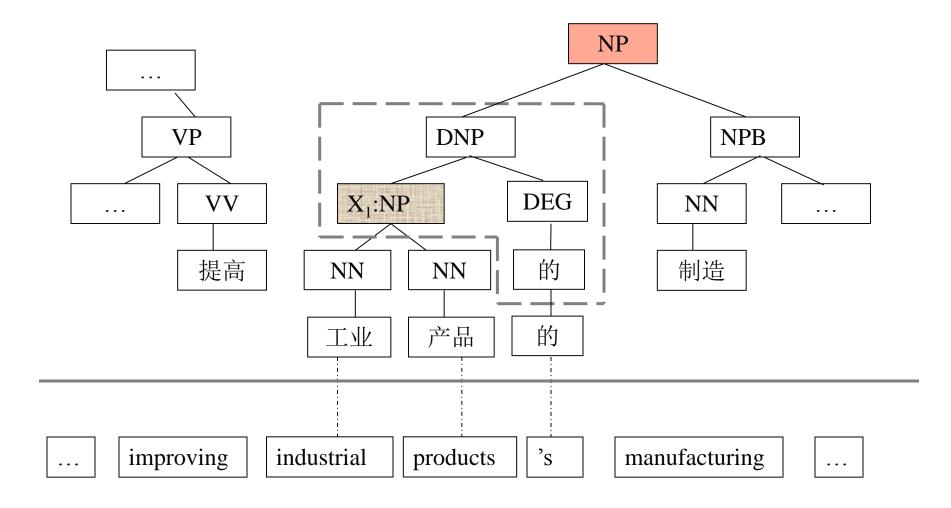
Feature Definition: POS Features (POSF)



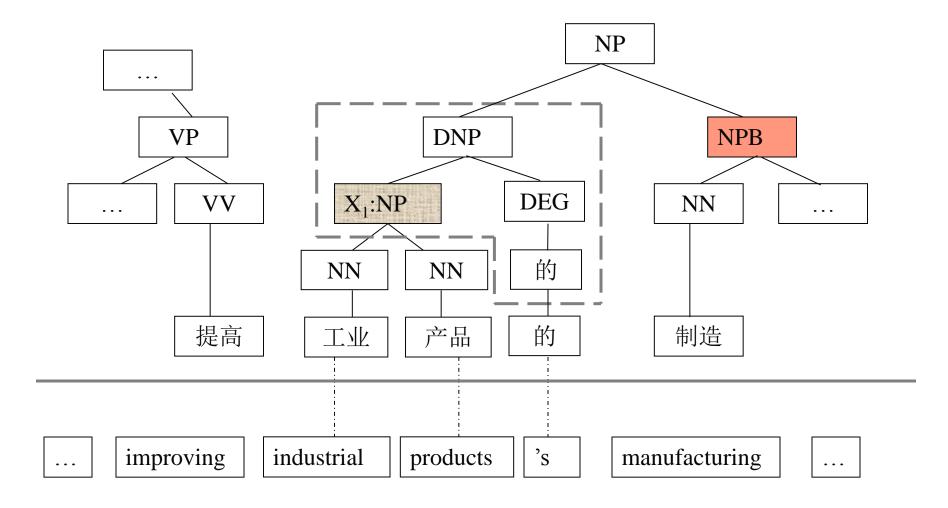
Feature Definition: Span Features (SPF)



Feature Definition: Parent Feature (PF)



Feature Definition: Sibling Features (SBF)



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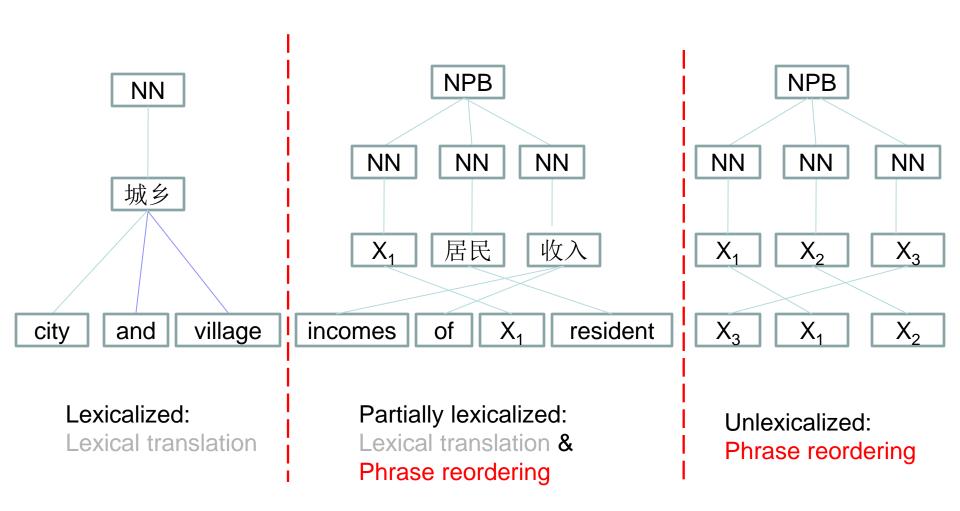
Results

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Lynx		26.15	26.09
Lynx +MERS	LF	26.12	26.32
	POSF	26.36	26.21
	PF	26.17	25.90
	SBF	26.47	26.08
	LF+POSF	26.61	26.59
	LF+POSF+SPF	26.70	26.44
	LF+POSF+PF	26.81	26.56
	LF+POSF+SBF	26.68	26.89
	ALL	27.05	27.28

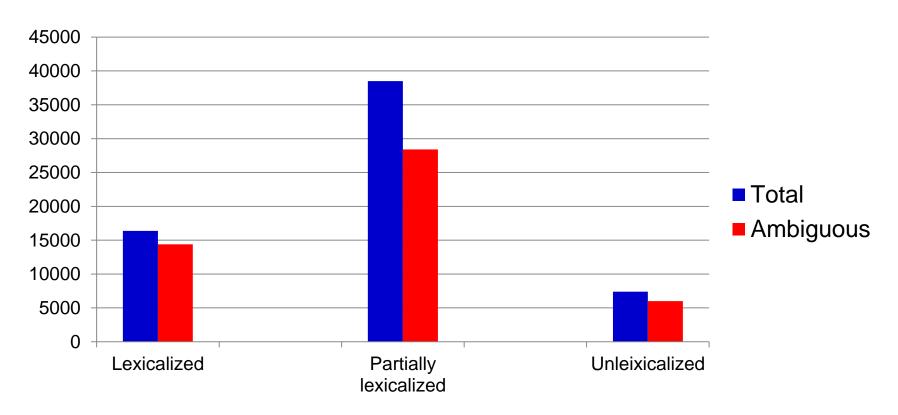
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Three kinds of TATs



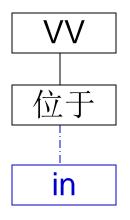
Statistical Info. of source trees for Test Sets

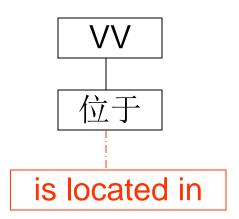


More than 78% source trees are ambiguous!

Better Lexical Translation

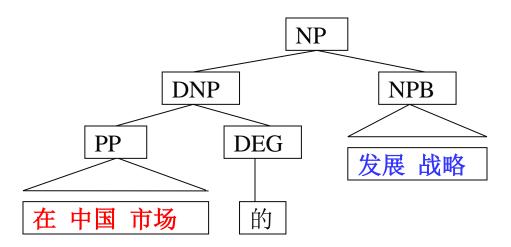
Source	马耳他 位于 欧洲 南部
Lynx	Malta in southern Europe
Lynx+MERS	Malta is located in southern Europe





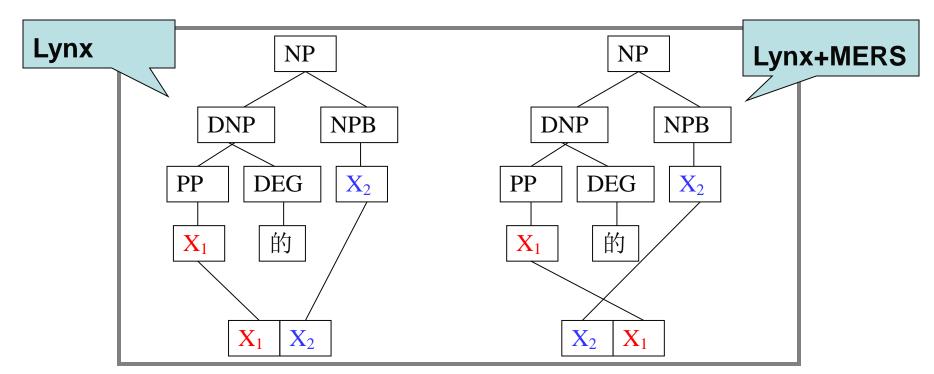
Better Phrase Reordering

Source	按照在中国市场的发展战略,	
Lynx	Accordance with the Chinese market development strategy,	
Lynx+MERS According to the development strategy in the Chinese market		



(in) the Chinese market

development strategy



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- A MERS model was proposed for tree-to string model
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CARS for Agglutinative Language Translation

Rule Selection by Topic

Bank

Mouse

Rule Selection by Topic



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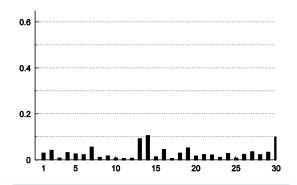


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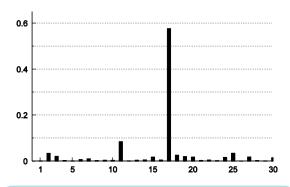
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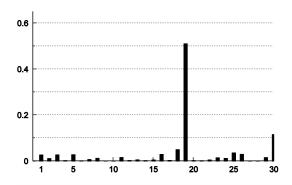
Topic Distribution of Rules



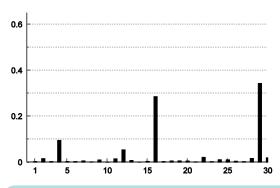
给予 X₁ ⇒ give X₁



作战能力 ➡ operational capacity



给予 X₁ ⇒ grants X₁

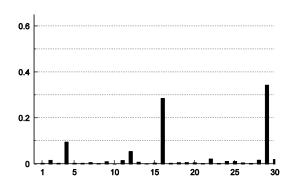


X₁ 举行 会谈 X₂ ➡ held talks X₁ X₂

Topic Similarity and Sensitivity

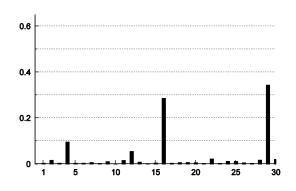
- Topic Similarity Model
- - Describe the relatedness of rules to topics of given documents
- Topic Sensitivity Model
 - Distinguish topic-insensitive rules and topicsensitive rules

Topic Similarity Model

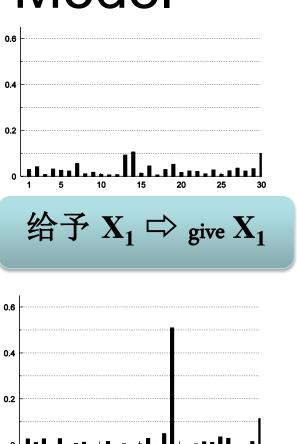


Source Document

Topic Similarity Model

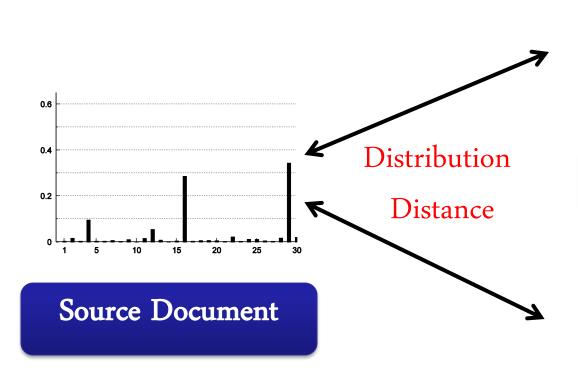


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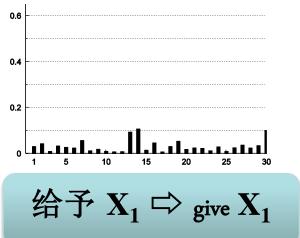


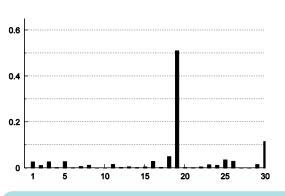
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$$X_1 \Rightarrow grants X_1$$

Topic Similarity Model



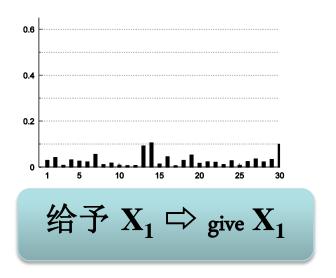
$$\sum_{k=1}^{K} \left(\sqrt{\vec{p}(z=k|d)} - \sqrt{\vec{p}(z=k|r)} \right)^2$$





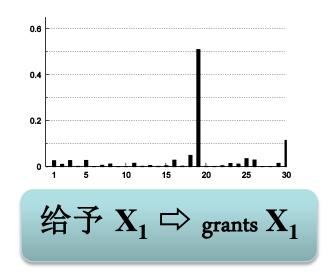
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Topic Sensitivity Model



Topic-insensitive Rule

Applied in many topics

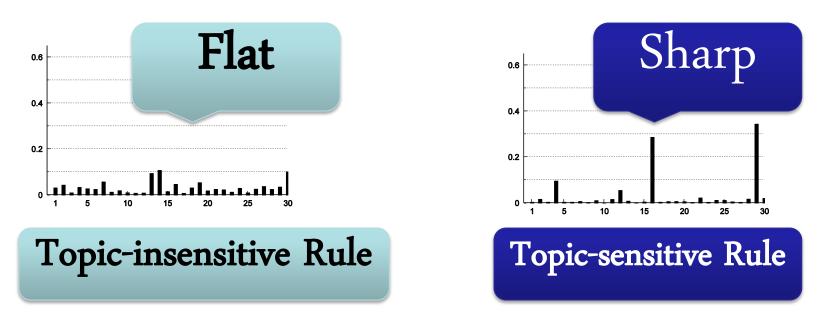


Topic-sensitive Rule

Applied in few topics

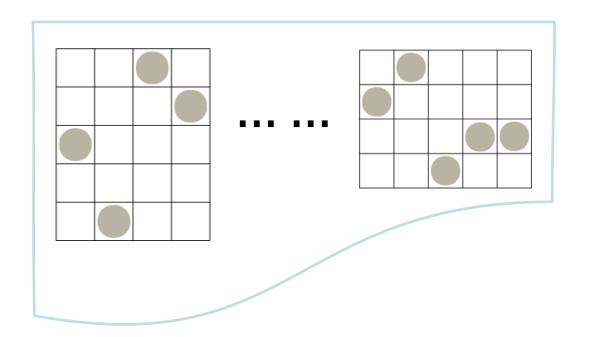
Describe by Entropy as a metric

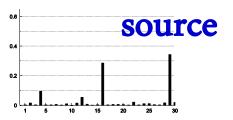
Topic Sensitivity Model



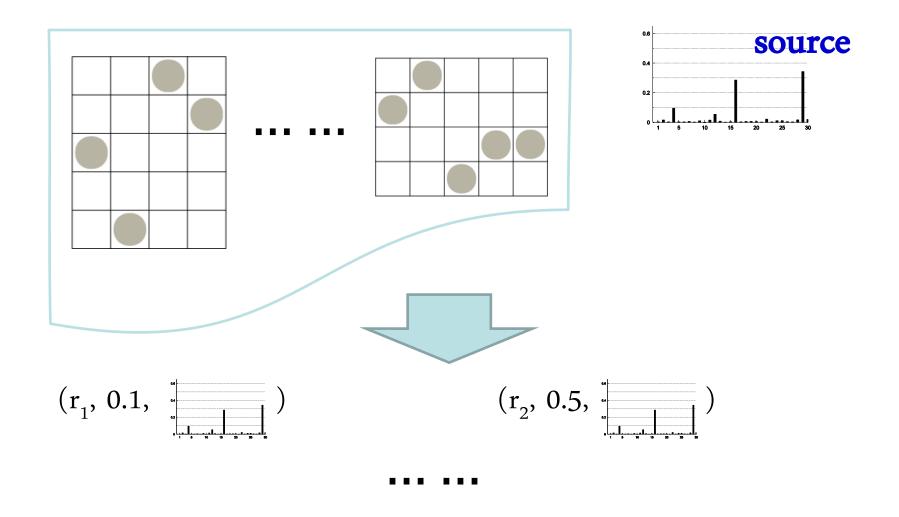
- Topic-insensitive rules are always penalized
- But common, sometime more preferable
- Sensitivity as a complement

Estimation

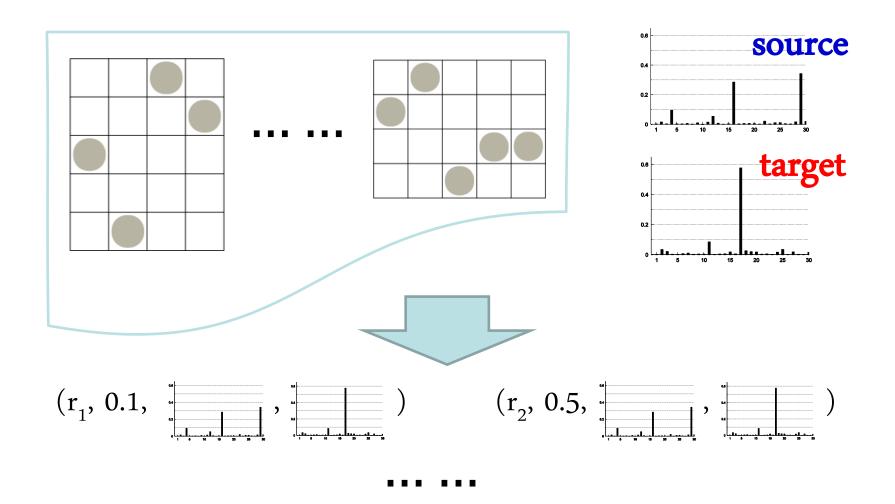


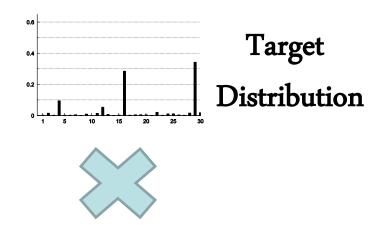


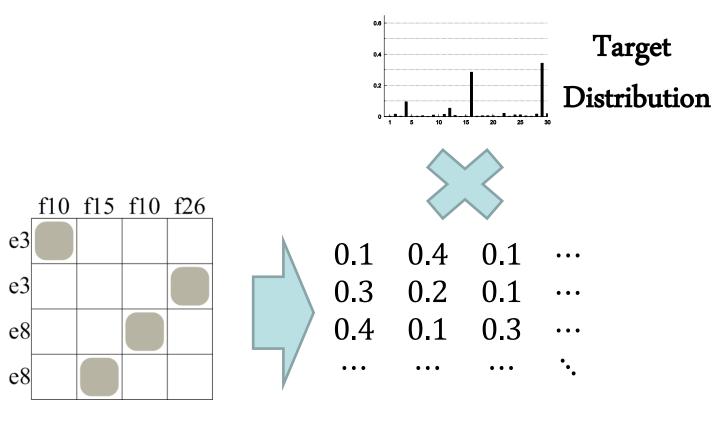
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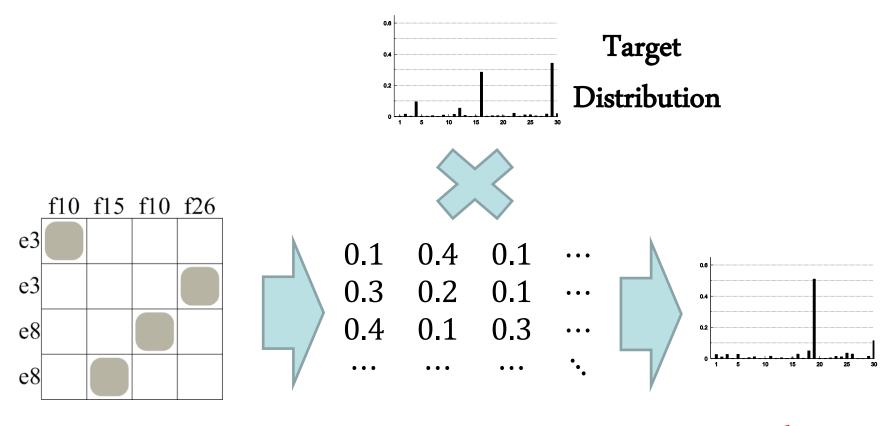




Topic Assignment
Alignment

Topic-to-Topic
Projection Matrix

e-topic	f-topic 1	f-topic 2
enterprises	农业(agricultural)	企业(enterprise)
rural	农村(rural)	市场(market)
state	农民(peasant)	国有(state)
agricultural	改革(reform)	公司(company)
market	财政(finance)	金融(finance)
reform	社会(social)	银行(bank)
$P(z_f z_e)$	0.38	0.28

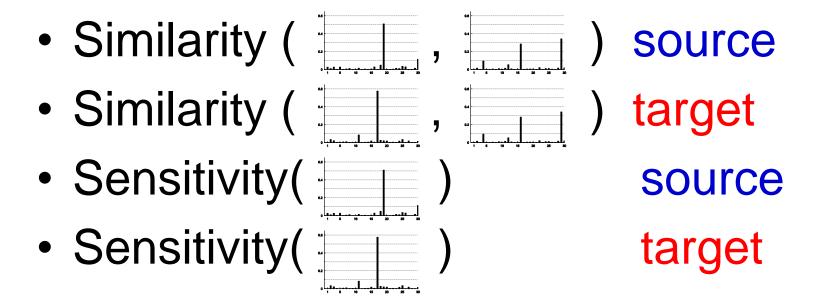


Topic Assignment
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Projection Matrix

Projected Target
Distribution

Topic-based Rule Selection Model



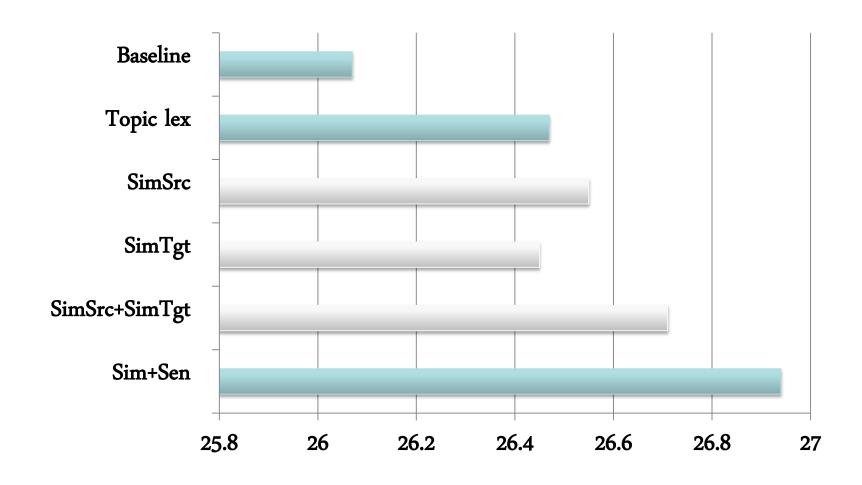
Used as four features in log-linear model for SMT

Xinyan Xiao et al. ACL 2012

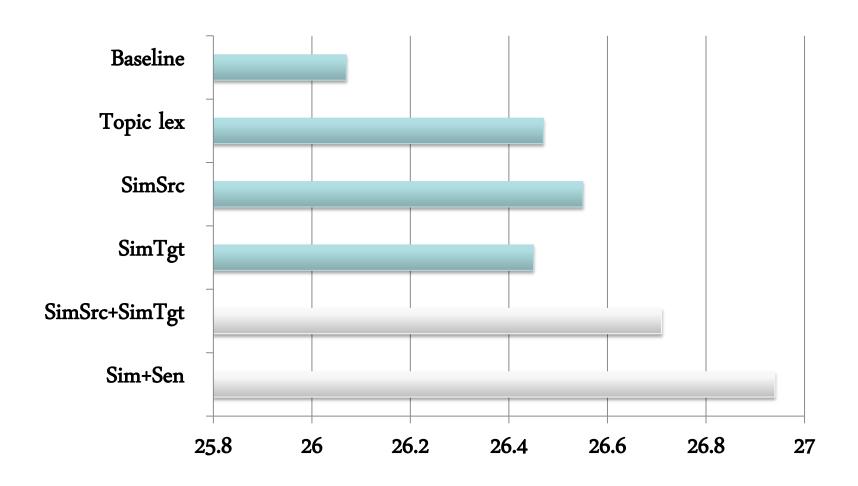
Experiment Setup

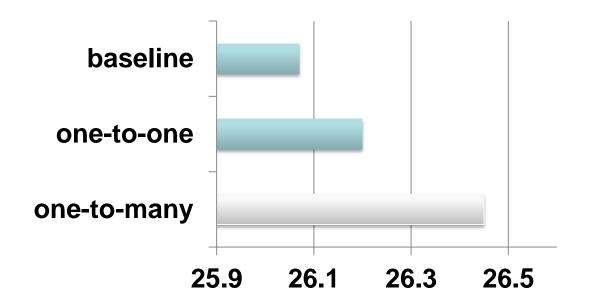
- In-house implementation of HPB model
- Topic Tool: GibbsLDA++
- Bilingual corpus: FBIS 239K sentence pairs
 - With document boundary
 - For both LDA training and rule extraction
- Report Average BLEU on test sets NIST06, NIST08

Effect of Topic Similarity Model



Effect of Sensitivity Model





Summary

- Compared with word-level WSD, our Topic-based Rule Selection Model is more effective.
- A topic similarity model and a topic sensitive model are used in both source side and target side.
- Document boundary is necessary in training corpus.

CARS Application Examples

CARS for Bracketing Transduction Grammar

CARS for Hierarchical Phrase-based Model

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Outline

Introduction

Context-Aware Rule-Selection

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Conclusion and Future Work

Conclusion

- An idea of Context-Aware Rule-Selection is proposed
- CARS is very effective on various translation models
- CARS is compatible with log-linear model for SMT
- CARS is very convenient for incorporating various context features and linguistic knowledge.

Future Work

- CARS by Semantic Role Labeling
- CARS by Coreference
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Thanks! Q&A