Data Intensive Linguistics — Lecture 17
Machine translation (IV): Phrase-Based Models

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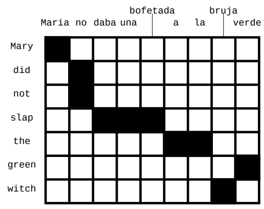
Word alignment

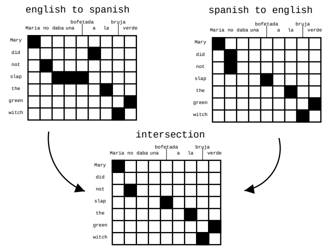
- Notion of **word alignment** valuable
- Shared task at NAACL 2003 and ACL 2005 workshops



Word alignment with IBM models

- IBM Models create a *many-to-one* mapping
  - words are aligned using an **alignment function**
  - a function may return the same value for different input (one-to-many mapping)
  - a function can not return multiple values for one input (*no many-to-one* mapping)
- But we need *many-to-many* mappings

Symmetrizing word alignments



- *Intersection* of GIZA++ bidirectional alignments

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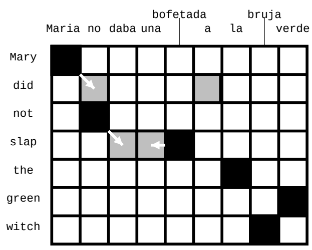

- *Grow* additional alignment points [Och and Ney, CompLing2003]

Growing heuristic

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GROW-DIAG-FINAL(e2f,f2e):
  neighboring = ((-1,0),(0,-1),(1,0),(0,1),(-1,-1),(-1,1),(1,-1),(1,1))
  alignment = intersect(e2f,f2e);
  GROW-DIAG(); FINAL(e2f); FINAL(f2e);

GROW-DIAG():
  iterate until no new points added
    for english word e = 0 ... en
      for foreign word f = 0 ... fn
        if ( e aligned with f )
          for each neighboring point ( e-new, f-new ):
            if ( ( e-new not aligned and f-new not aligned ) and
                 ( e-new, f-new ) in union( e2f, f2e ) )
              add alignment point ( e-new, f-new )
FINAL(a):
  for english word e-new = 0 ... en
    for foreign word f-new = 0 ... fn
      if ( ( e-new not aligned or f-new not aligned ) and
           ( e-new, f-new ) in alignment a )
        add alignment point ( e-new, f-new )
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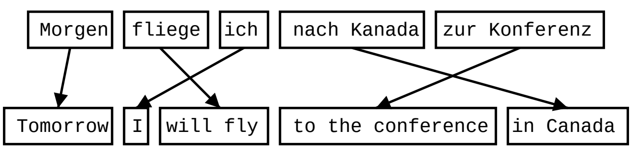
Phrase-based translation



- Foreign input is segmented in phrases
  - any sequence of words, not necessarily linguistically motivated
- Each phrase is translated into English
- Phrases are reordered

Phrase-based translation model

- Major components of phrase-based model
  - **phrase translation model** $\phi(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{e})$
  - **reordering model** $\omega^{\text{length}(\mathbf{e})}$
  - **language model** $p_{\text{LM}}(\mathbf{e})$
- Bayes rule

$$\begin{aligned}\text{argmax}_{\mathbf{e}} p(\mathbf{e}|\mathbf{f}) &= \text{argmax}_{\mathbf{e}} p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{e})p(\mathbf{e}) \\ &= \text{argmax}_{\mathbf{e}} \phi(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{e}) p_{\text{LM}}(\mathbf{e}) \omega^{\text{length}(\mathbf{e})}\end{aligned}$$

- Sentence $\mathbf{f}$ is decomposed into I phrases $\bar{f}_1^I = \bar{f}_1, ..., \bar{f}_I$
- Decomposition of $\phi(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{e})$

$$\phi(\bar{f}_1^I|\bar{e}_1^I) = \prod_{i=1}^{I} \phi(\bar{f}_i|\bar{e}_i) d(a_i - b_{i-1})$$

Advantages of phrase-based translation

- *Many-to-many* translation can handle non-compositional phrases
- Use of *local context* in translation
- The more data, the *longer phrases* can be learned

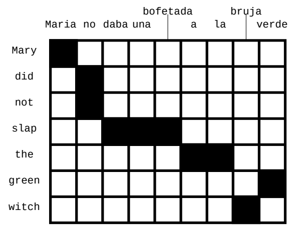
Phrase translation table

- Phrase translations for *den Vorschlag*

English	$\phi(\mathbf{e}\|\mathbf{f})$	English	$\phi(\mathbf{e}\|\mathbf{f})$
the proposal	0.6227	the suggestions	0.0114
's proposal	0.1068	the proposed	0.0114
a proposal	0.0341	the motion	0.0091
the idea	0.0250	the idea of	0.0091
this proposal	0.0227	the proposal ,	0.0068
proposal	0.0205	its proposal	0.0068
of the proposal	0.0159	it	0.0068
the proposals	0.0159	...	...

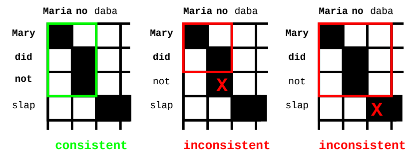
How to learn the phrase translation table?

- Start with the *word alignment*:



- Collect all phrase pairs that are **consistent** with the word alignment

Consistent with word alignment

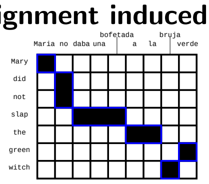


- **Consistent with the word alignment** :=

  phrase alignment has to *contain all alignment points* for all covered words

$$(\bar{e},\bar{f}) \in BP \Leftrightarrow \quad \forall e_i \in \bar{e} : (e_i, f_j) \in A \rightarrow f_j \in \bar{f}$$
$$\text{AND} \quad \forall f_j \in \bar{f} : (e_i, f_j) \in A \rightarrow e_i \in \bar{e}$$

Word alignment induced phrases



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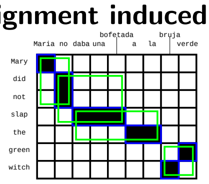

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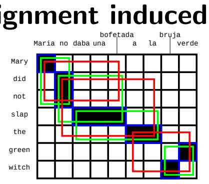

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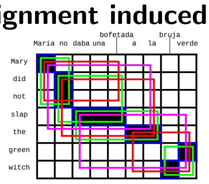

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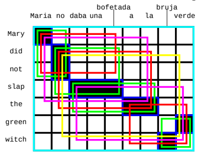
Word alignment induced phrases (5)



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(Maria no daba una bofetada a la bruja verde, Mary did not slap the green witch)

Probability distribution of phrase pairs

- We need a **probability distribution** $\phi(\overline{f}|\overline{e})$ over the collected phrase pairs

⇒ Possible *choices*

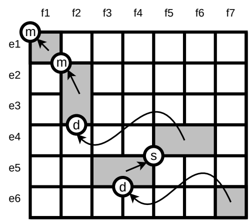
- *relative frequency* of collected phrases: $\phi(\overline{f}|\overline{e}) = \frac{\text{count}(\overline{f},\overline{e})}{\sum_{\overline{f}} \text{count}(\overline{f},\overline{e})}$
- or, conversely $\phi(\overline{e}|\overline{f})$
- use *lexical translation probabilities*

Reordering

- *Monotone* translation
  - do not allow any reordering

  → worse translations
- *Limiting* reordering (to movement over max. number of words) helps
- *Distance-based* reordering cost
  - moving a foreign phrase over n words: cost ω^n
- *Lexicalized* reordering model

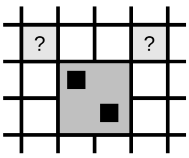
Lexicalized reordering models



[from Koehn et al., 2005, IWSLT]

- Three **orientation** types: **monotone**, **swap**, **discontinuous**
- Probability $p(swap|e,f)$ depends on foreign (and English) *phrase* involved

Learning lexicalized reordering models



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- Orientation type is *learned during phrase extractions*
- *Alignment point* to the *top left* (monotone) or *top right* (swap)?
- For more, see [Tillmann, 2003] or [Koehn et al., 2005]

Log-linear models

- IBM Models provided mathematical justification for factoring *components* together

  $p_{LM} \times p_{TM} \times p_D$
- These may be *weighted*

  $p_{LM}^{\lambda_{LM}} \times p_{TM}^{\lambda_{TM}} \times p_D^{\lambda_D}$
- *Many components* p_i with weights λ_i

⇒ $\prod_i p_i^{\lambda_i} = exp(\sum_i \lambda_i log(p_i))$

⇒ $log \prod_i p_i^{\lambda_i} = \sum_i \lambda_i log(p_i)$

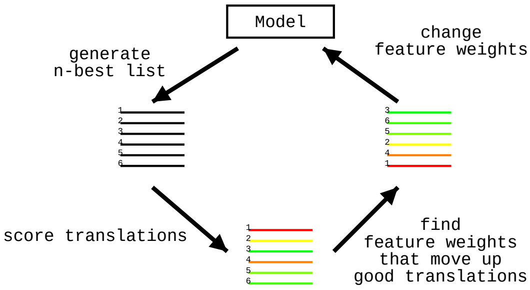
Knowledge sources

- Many different **knowledge sources** useful
  - language model
  - reordering (distortion) model
  - phrase translation model
  - word translation model
  - word count
  - phrase count
  - drop word feature
  - phrase pair frequency
  - additional language models
  - additional features

Set feature weights

- Contribution of components p_i determined by weight λ_i
- Methods
  - *manual setting* of weights: try a few, take best
  - *automate* this process
- Learn weights
  - set aside a **development corpus**
  - set the weights, so that **optimal translation performance** on this development corpus is achieved
  - requires *automatic scoring* method (e.g., BLEU)

Learn feature weights



Discriminative vs. generative models

- Generative models
  - translation process is broken down to *steps*
  - each step is modeled by a *probability distribution*
  - each probability distribution is estimated from the data by *maximum likelihood*
- Discriminative models
  - model consist of a number of *features* (e.g. the language model score)
  - each feature has a *weight*, measuring its value for judging a translation as correct
  - feature weights are *optimized on development data*, so that the system output matches correct translations as close as possible

Discriminative training

- Training set (*development set*)
  - different from original training set
  - small (maybe 1000 sentences)
  - must be different from test set
- Current model *translates* this development set
  - *n-best list* of translations (n=100, 10000)
  - translations in n-best list can be *scored*
- Feature weights are *adjusted*
- N-Best list generation and feature weight adjustment repeated for a number of iterations

Learning task

- Task: *find weights*, so that feature vector of the correct translations *ranked first*

rank	TRANSLATION	LM	TM	WP	SER
1	Mary not give slap witch green .	-17.2	-5.2	-7	1
2	Mary not slap the witch green .	-16.3	-5.7	-7	1
3	Mary not give slap of the green witch .	-18.1	-4.9	-9	1
4	Mary not give of green witch .	-16.5	-5.1	-8	1
5	Mary did not slap the witch green .	-20.1	-4.7	-8	1
6	Mary did not slap green witch .	-15.5	-3.2	-7	1
7	Mary not slap of the witch green .	-19.2	-5.3	-8	1
8	Mary did not give slap of witch green .	-23.2	-5.0	-9	1
9	Mary did not give slap of the green witch .	-21.8	-4.4	-10	1
10	Mary did slap the witch green .	-15.5	-6.9	-7	1
11	**Mary did not slap the green witch .**	**-17.4**	**-5.3**	**-8**	**0**
12	Mary did slap witch green .	-16.9	-6.9	-6	1
13	Mary did slap the green witch .	-14.3	-7.1	-7	1
14	Mary did not slap the of green witch .	-24.2	-5.3	-9	1
15	Mary did not give slap the witch green .	-25.2	-5.5	-9	1

rank translation — feature vector

Methods to adjust feature weights

- **Maximum entropy** [Och and Ney, ACL2002]
  - match *expectation* of feature values of model and data
- **Minimum error rate** training [Och, ACL2003]
  - try to *rank best translations first* in n-best list
  - can be adapted for various error metrics, even BLEU
- **Ordinal regression** [Shen et al., NAACL2004]
  - *separate* k worst from the k best translations