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Review on Machine Translation from English to Kannada

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Abstract: *Interlingual is a machine translation tool that uses an artificial language to convey the meaning of real languages. The process of converting text from one language to another is known as machine translation. This study provides a better model of machine translation system for English-to-Kannada sentence translation that employs statistically based techniques. Here, we use Moses approach. Moses is a statistical machine translation system. Systems are trained on huge amounts of parallel data as well as even bigger amounts of monolingual data in statistical machine translation. Parallel data is a set of sentences in two languages that are sentence-aligned, meaning that each sentence in one language is matched with its translated counterpart in the other. Moses training technique takes the parallel data and infers translation correspondences between the two languages of interest by looking for co-occurrences of words and segments. The two main components in Moses are the training pipeline and the decoder. The training pipeline consists of a set of tools that take raw data and convert it into a machine translation model. The Moses decoder determines the highest scoring sentence in the target language that matches a given source sentence.*

Keywords: SMT, GIZA++, Phrasal based translation, Preposition, BLEU

I. INTRODUCTION

Kannada is an official language spoken in Karnataka and spoken in other regions of India. Kannada is spoken and written by around 7 crore people in India. We found a huge body of Kannada literature stretching back 4000 years. The process of using a computer system to translate words from one language to another is known as machine translation. Statistical machine translation (SMT) is a machine translation tool that contrasts with rule-based techniques as well as example-based machine translation. The parameters of statistical models derived from the analysis of bilingual text corpora are used to perform translations. SMT systems aren't usually suited to a certain pair of languages. During the training phase, a statistical MT system generates mathematical models that are used to acquire linguistic knowledge. A parallel corpus of well-aligned parallel sentences is required to train an SMT system. With or without language inputs, a statistical MT system can be taught. Annotating a corpus is a difficult process for any MT system, especially for languages with limited resources like Kannada.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

'A Review on Machine Translation Systems in India'

Here they have conducted the survey on major machine translation developments in Indian context such as Anglabharti, Anubharathi, Anusaaraka, AnglaHindi, MaTra and various projects here the used technologies are pattern governed methodology, 'Generalized Example Based (GEB) and Raw Example Based (REB)' to enhance the translation performance. In Anusaaraka, the used technologies are language knowledge and domain specific modules [1]. MaTra is a project funded by TDIL, a human-assisted translational system for English source languages to Indian target languages, based on a transfer technique and frame-like structures. An example-based English language to Hindi, Kannada, and Tamil languages as well as Kannada to Tamil translation system was developed under the guidance of Balajapally et al. (2006), where a set of bilingual dictionaries consisting of a sentence-word dictionaries as well as a phonetic dictionary that includes parallel corpora and its mapping is used for a corpus size of 50,000 words [18]. Vamshi Ambati and U Rohini presented a hybrid strategy for English to other Indian languages in 2007, combining EBMT and SMT approaches with little linguistic resources [19]. On the basis of the manual and a statistical dictionary developed using an example database consisting of source and target parallel sentences, as well as SMT tools, work is now being done to develop English-Hindi as well as other Indian language translation systems. Anuvadaksh is a project of the EILMT consortium, and it is based on a hybrid approach that allows translation of sentences from English to six other Indian languages [5]. It consists of a platform as well as technology-independent modules, and it helps the multilingual community, starting with domain-specific expressions in tourism and healthcare and gradually expanding into other domains. Tree-Adjoining Grammar (TAG), Analyse and Generate Rules (Anlagen), and Example-based MT are the technologies used in this system.

‘A Comparative Study of English To Kannada’ Baseline Machine Translation System With General and Bible Text Corpus[2]

The main approach used is ‘Statistical machine translation’. SMT is a type of machine translation that employs machine learning techniques. The amount and scope of the data are critical factors in the accuracy of these systems. Data is continuously pre-processed in the SMT system. In SMT, a sentence can be translated from one language to another in a variety of ways, and this approach considers every sentence in the target language as a possible translation of the input sentence, but only sentences with a high probability are considered, which is done using the probability distribution function $p(x/y)$, where y represents the source language sentence and x represents the target language sentence[20]. To systematically handle the challenge, language models (LM), translation models (TM), and decoders are used. Other than SMT, other approaches are i) use of morphological analysis and finding most occurred words in the language to determine the source language ii) rule based approach.

iii) EBMT Example Based machine translation is based on the idea of reusing the already translated examples. Example based translation involves three major steps -Example acquisition, Matching and Recombination[21]. iv) using comparable corpora and PBSMT (Phrase Based SMT) but it is shown that restricting phrases to linguistic phrases or statistically motivated phrases decreases the quality of translation. To improve efficiency, a large number of parallel corpora must be evaluated. v) Factored Machine Translation Systems is a technique in which a word has several representations in the target language and is merged with the target language using linguistic information, although pre-processing of the corpus is required. The experimental setup done in this survey is English is a Subject-Verb-Object (SVO) language, but Kannada is a highly verb endings and morphologically rich language. Kannada has a subject-object-verb structure, whereas English has a sub-verb-obj structure. Kannada sentences contain gender and case indicators between subject and verb to preserve coherence from the start to the final word, making it challenging to apply SMT to the English Kannada language pair. The main structural difference between English and Kannada is the significant distance between the subject and the verb. Compared to other Indian languages Kannada is morphologically richer with respect to inflection case and gender markers[2].

‘Sense Disambiguation of Simple Prepositions in English to Kannada Machine Translation’

In this research paper main focus is given to preposition. A preposition is a word that comes before a "noun" to indicate how that noun is related to the other nouns and verbs in the phrase. Following a preposition, the noun (reference object) is in the accusative case and is regulated by the preposition. Words that begin prepositional phrases are also known as prepositions. The literature on preposition disambiguation is divided into three categories. i) The preposition's semantics lexical. ii) The verb and the prepositional phrase (PP) that the verb uses as an argument. iii) The PP's head noun. Rather than evaluating each of them separately, combining them yields a decent outcome. The sense of the preposition has been determined by combining head (modified) and complement (modifier) information [23, 24]. The modified (head) is the phrase's head to which the PP affixes itself. The head noun of the PP is the modifier (complement). Based on [25] work, this study provides a strategy for disambiguating English common simple prepositions such as at, for, in, on, to, and with in the context of English to Kannada MT. The procedures for disambiguating basic prepositions in English are as follows. i) Obtaining the proper parse. ii) Extraction of context and semantics. iii) Selection of senses. Obtaining the Appropriate Parse, The prepositional phrase (PP) data can be utilised to determine a preposition's meaning. The right parsing of the PP aids in the selection of the correct sense. A phrasal verb is made up of a verb plus a particle (adverb or preposition) that has a distinct meaning than the component verb. It should not be translated just on the basis of its component verb[16]. Because the constituents (verb and particle) work together to provide a specialised context-specific meaning that cannot be inferred simply from the original meaning of the constituents (verb and particle). The task of preposition disambiguation will need the identification of phrasal verbs. In the next step, The current study considers context as a collection of features that might be syntactic, lexical, or both. Syntactic context can be a changed relation, and lexical characteristics can include morphological information like a verb's TAM (Tense, Aspect, and Modality), class, category, and, in rare situations, the lexical item itself. WordNet and dictionaries are used to capture the semantics of modifier and modified. Hypernyms of a word may be found in WordNet[10]. We may quickly acquire the larger, more comprehensive class/concept for a modifier/modified by utilising this attribute. The WordNet's noise can sometimes lead to surprise and unexpected sense selection. We can get around this obstacle by looking it up in a dictionary. In Kannada, prepositions are translated as suffixes to the PP's head noun or as post-positions. A set of rules that are applied in a linear fashion. These rules were created by hand and are kept in a rule file. The rule file now contains rules for the six typical basic prepositions mentioned before. On the basis of rules provided in a rule file, many Kannada meanings for a particular English preposition are chosen. The algorithm proposed is consisting of five steps,

- 1) Reading the input sentence.
- 2) Sentence pre-processing step.

- 3) Constructing I- tuple.
- 4) Disambiguation step.
- 5) Outputting the R- tuple's field6[4].

The system accepts a preposition- containing input sentence S and sends it to the sentence pre-processor, which performs pre-processing tasks such as PP attachment extraction and phrasal verb identification before generating a new sentence S1. The I-Tuple function Object() { [native code] } creates an I-Tuple record from the pre-processed phrase S1. The Disambiguator looks for precise matches between I- Tuple records and each and every record in the rule file(R-FILE). If it discovers a match, the right Kannada equivalent sense for an ambiguous English preposition is stored in the sixth field of the matched record. As a result, it provides the corresponding meaning of the sixth field of a matched record. During disambiguation, the module consults the Dictionary and WordNet databases.

'Kernel Method for English to Kannada Transliteration'

Machine transliteration is the process of converting a character or word from one alphabetical system to another. It's a phonetic and orthographic conversion technique. It's useful in natural language applications like information retrieval and machine translation, especially when dealing with proper nouns and technical phrases, as well as cross-language applications, data mining, and information retrieval systems. The Support Vector Machine (SVM) is a binary classification machine learning technique. It's been used to solve a variety of real-world challenges, including Natural Language Processing. With maximum margin, SVM learns a linear hyperplane that divides the set of positive instances from the set of negative examples (the margin is defined as the distance of the hyperplane to the nearest of the positive and negative examples). In terms of generalisation bounds for the induced classifiers, this learning bias has been shown to have favourable qualities. The whole model has three important phases i) Pre-processing phase ii) Training phase using SVM iii) Transliteration phase which generates Kannada transliterations for a given English name. In pre-processing stage, SVM requires that the training file be translated into a certain format. The source language names are segmented and aligned with the corresponding segmented target language names during the pre-processing step. We constructed a parallel corpus of 40,000 Indian place names in order to train the SVM. The following is a list of the steps involved in pre-processing[11] In training stage, The corpus is converted into SVM input file format during the preparation step, with aligned source and target language names supplied as input and label sequences for training. The transliteration model is trained using this file. Finally in transliteration stage, A list of English terms to be transliterated is compiled. These words are transformed to SVM test file format and then transliterated using the trained model, which returns the top N Kannada terms. The drawback of this model is, We used the SVM kernel to solve the problem of transliterating English into Kannada. The sequence labelling approach is used to mimic the transliteration system. When compared to other state-of-the-art machine learning algorithms, the framework based on data driven technique and one to one mapping approach simplifies the transliteration system development procedure and permits better gains in transliteration accuracy. The model has been trained on 40,000 words that include the names of Indian locales. The best 5 transliterations are used to assess the model. According to the results of the experiment, using the top five transliteration results greatly improves total transliteration accuracy. We anticipate that this will be extremely valuable in natural language applications, such as bilingual machine translation, and in a variety of other fields.

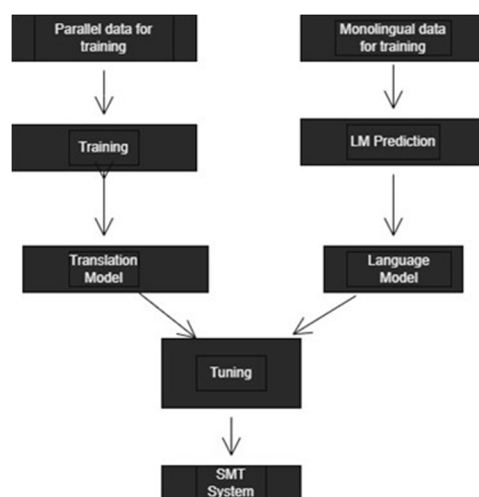
'COMPARATIVE STUDY OF FACTORED SMT WITH BASELINE SMT FOR ENGLISH TO KANNADA'

In this paper, The two approaches to develop Natural language processing are Rule based and Statistical based methods. A Rule based system requires modelling the language rules into a computer understandable format with mathematical models and algorithms. Process of annotating a corpus is a challenging task for any machine translation system particularly the resource poor language like Kannada. Factored machine translation captures the linguistic information that is the surface order of parts of speech for a given sentence and gives the output in the given pattern structure. Factored machine translation ensures syntactic and semantic arrangements of the words in machine translation sentences. In the Kannada language corpus file, which may be found on the IIT Bombay website, using Indic tokenize. The Moses toolset will not normalize Kannada tokens since they are very agglutinative. To create a parts of speech tagged corpus for English and Kannada sentences we followed some steps. i) Creating parts of speech tagged corpus ii) Create Language model for Kannada iii) Training Factored Machine Translation iv) Decoding v) Testing[11]. We utilized the Stanford parser to analyse the Kannada Factored Corpus file in order to retrieve parts of speech tag sets. We constructed the corpus in lemma, derivatives, and parts of speech terms, which is the same format as the English factored corpus. We needed to build language sentences in order to establish a statistical machine translation system for delivering language. In this study, we built a Kannada language model. For a given corpus, the language model calculates the number of unigrams, bigrams, and trigrams, as well

as their probabilities. We simply require a surface language model for baseline machine translation, and we need a parts of speech language model to extract the arrival pattern of parts of speech tags in a given language phrase for factor machine translation. The annotated sentences in the factored corpus contain details such as lemma words, derivative words, and parts of speech tags for both source and target language sentences. The mapping between lemma to lemma and their associated parts of speech is entered as 0-0, 2 in the training script parameter. For decoding a specific input sentence or file, the decoder uses the result of the training phase, such as a configuration file called moses.ini. To test a system in factored machine translation, we employed a test corpus as well as random sentences. The input should be delivered in factored sentences, and the outcome will be a regular surface sentence. We're training and testing the algorithm with a parallel corpus of 2500 sentences. The Kannada language has a total of 8706 words and 2466 unique terms, giving this English to Kannada translation a higher BLEU score. The total number of words in the English corpus is 12069, including 1609 unique terms. We utilize a parts of speech tagger and a shallow parser provided online from the IIT Hyderabad LTRC website to annotate Kannada texts. We need to annotate the corpus with root words, derivative words, and parts of speech data separated by a delimiter such as the | sign to train the factoring system. The baseline static machine translation (SMT) results were taught using the Moses tool kit, and the baseline system was assessed using the BLEU score on sentences selected at random from the training set, rest set, and test set. In conclusion, We experimented with two approaches of statistical machine translation for English to Kannada languages as part of a project to develop language processing tools for Kannada. The trials on English Kannada corpora with and without annotated corpora reveal that factored machine translation improves the BLEU score when compared to baseline machine translation for the same corpus. With a small dataset of 3000 phrases, we were able to achieve a 25% improvement in machine translation performance. To increase the performance of factored SMT, we can expand our trials with additional phrases in a factored corpus

III. METHODOLOGY

The machine translation using Moses can be done using two ways: i) Using parallel data. ii) Using Monolingual data.



Flow diagram of SMT using Moses

The steps involved in machine translation using moses approach is:

- 1) Preparing the corpus: We require parallel data (text translated into two distinct languages) that is aligned at the sentence level to train a translation system.

The following procedures must be completed in order to prepare the data for training the translation system:

- a) *Tokenisation*: This entails inserting spaces between (for example) words and punctuation.
 - b) *Truecasing*: Each sentence's first words are translated to their most likely casing. This aids in the reduction of data sparsity.
 - c) *Cleaning*: Long and empty sentences, as well as plainly misaligned sentences, are deleted since they might cause difficulties with the training pipeline.
- 2) *Language Model Training*: The language model (LM) is created with the target language in mind to ensure fluent output. IRSTLM also offers a binary format, which Moses understands. For further details, see IRSTLM's documentation. The command line choices are fully explained in the KenLM manual, however the manual will help to design an acceptable 3-gram language model.

- 3) Training the Translation System: The most importantly, the translation model must be trained. To do this, we use a single command to perform word alignment (using GIZA++), phrase extraction and scoring, lexicalised reordering tables, and Moses configuration file creation. Using two cores on a powerful laptop, the translation took roughly 1.5 hours (Intel i7-2640M, 8GB RAM, SSD). This ini file specifies a model to decode (i.e. translate), however there are a few issues with it. The first is that it takes along time to load; however, this may be remedied by binarising the phrase table and reordering table, i.e. compiling them into a structure that loads rapidly. The second issue is that Moses' weights for comparing multiple models aren't optimised; if you check at the moses.ini file, you'll notice that they're set to default values like 0.2, 0.3, and so on.
- 4) Tuning: This is the most time-consuming portion of the procedure because it might want to prepare something to read while it's going on. Tuning needs a tiny bit of parallel data that is distinct from the training data, therefore we'll once again get some data from WMT. It will run a lot faster to run in multi-threaded. The end result of tuning is an .ini file with training weights.
- 5) Testing: It takes at least a few minutes for the decoder to come up to speed. We can binarise the phrase-table and lexicalised reordering models in order to get things started quickly. It can be done by creating suitable directory and binarising the model. The translation is poor but comprehensible; keep in mind that this is a small data set for broad domain translation. Also, because the tuning process is non-deterministic, your results may vary significantly. To do so, we employ a different parallel data set from the ones we've used previously. The trained model may then be filtered for this test set, retaining only the elements required to translate the test set. This will significantly speed up the translation process.

IV. CONCLUSION

We attempted to quickly discuss the various existing approaches to developing MT systems. Because Kannada language is morphologically rich in features and agglutinative in nature, most existing Indian language MT projects are based on a statistical and hybrid approach, according to the survey. This has encouraged researchers to choose these approaches to dealing with creating MT frameworks for Indian languages. SMT is employed in real time in (Google and Bing) free online translator tools for word-to-word translation, and it continues to expand language options, but its efficiency is not up to par when it comes to sentence-to-sentence translation. Literature shows that the rule based machine translation process is extremely time consuming, difficult and failed to analyse accurately a large corpus of unrestricted text. The motivation for using SMT is to take advantage of the SMT system's robustness and linguistic knowledge of morphological analysis, and to systematically address the problem with the use of large volumes of bilingual corpora using a system combination approach and usage of language model, translation model, and decoder will increase the efficiency of sentence to sentence translation compared to other approaches. English corpus we see more no. of repeated words in each class, thus the no. of tokens are less and because of high frequency of words there perplexity factor while assigning the probability. Kannada has more number of unique words and thus the number of tokens are more and frequency is less compared to English language, therefore perplexity factor will also be less. Moses can be easily adoptive to any pair of language because of its phrase based and factored models for training the data. So, It's best to use Moses for machine translation from the English language to Kannada language.

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