# Machine Translation: Models, Search, and Evaluation

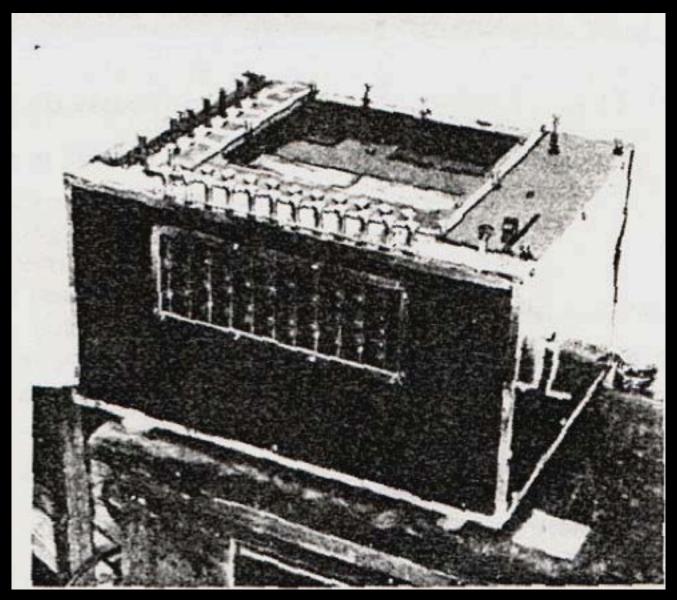
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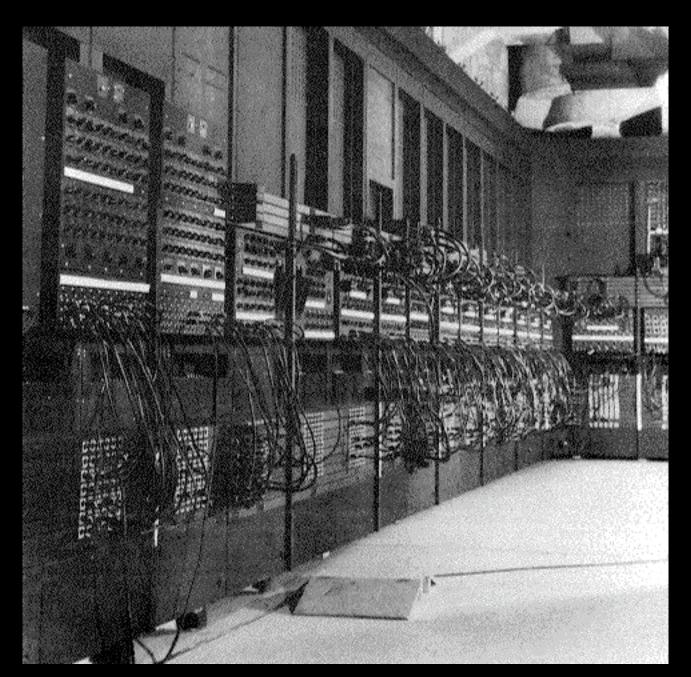


The Tower of Babel

Pieter Brueghel the Elder (1563)



Georges Artsrouni's "mechanical brain", patented 1933 (France)



ENIAC (1946)



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Warren Weaver (1949)

COMIT LUTE

METAL KANT

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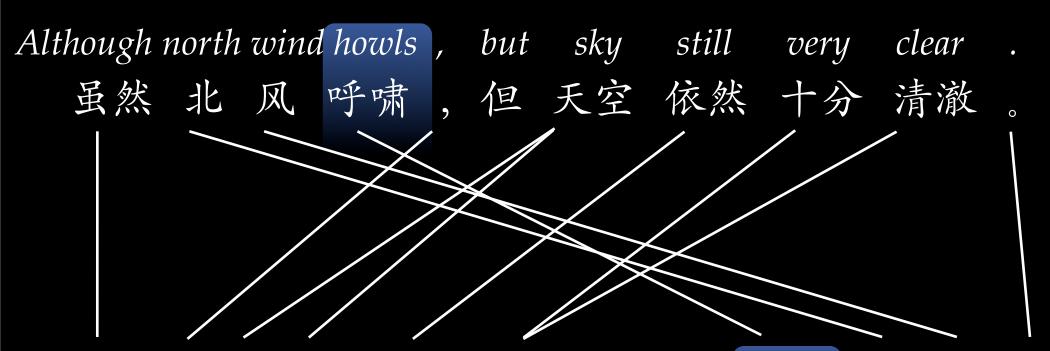
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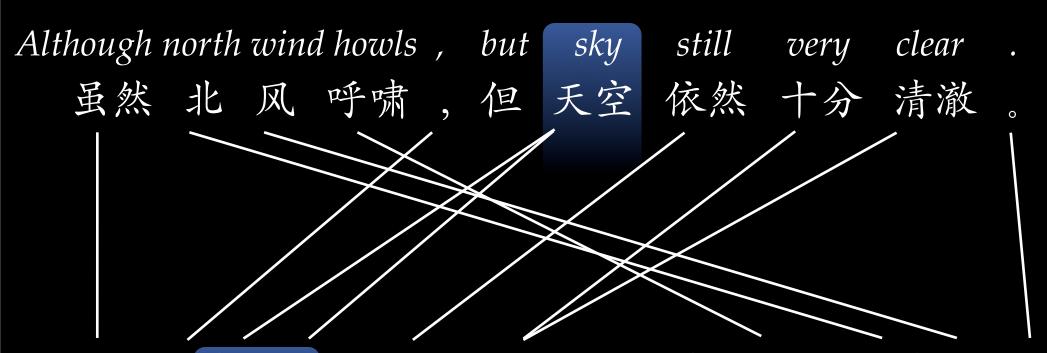
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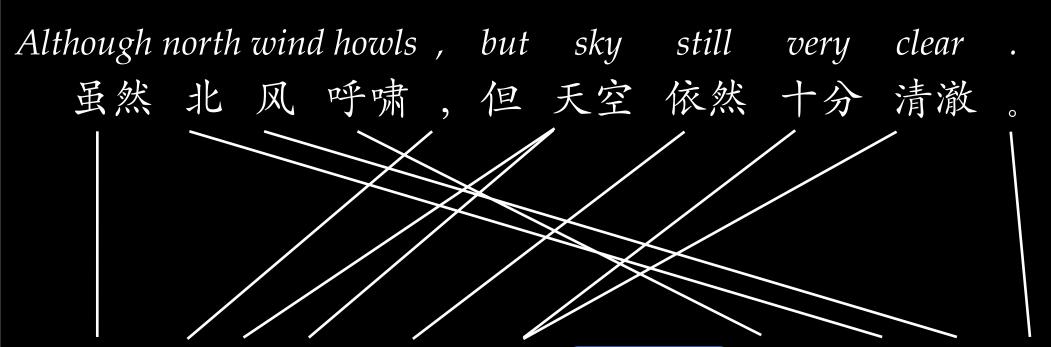


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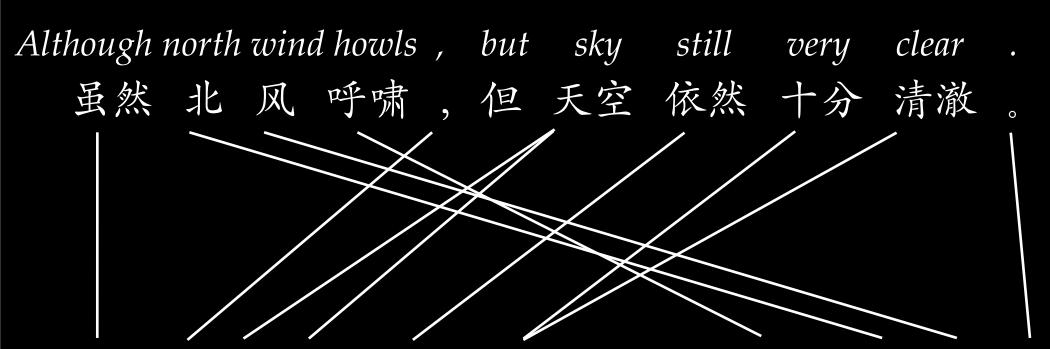


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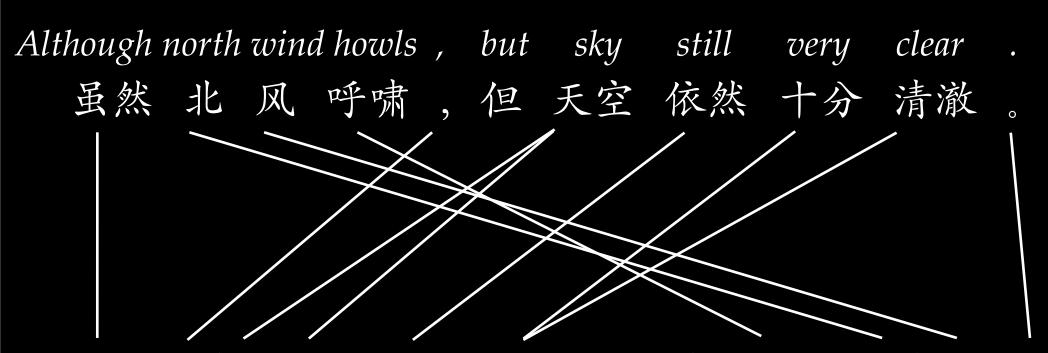
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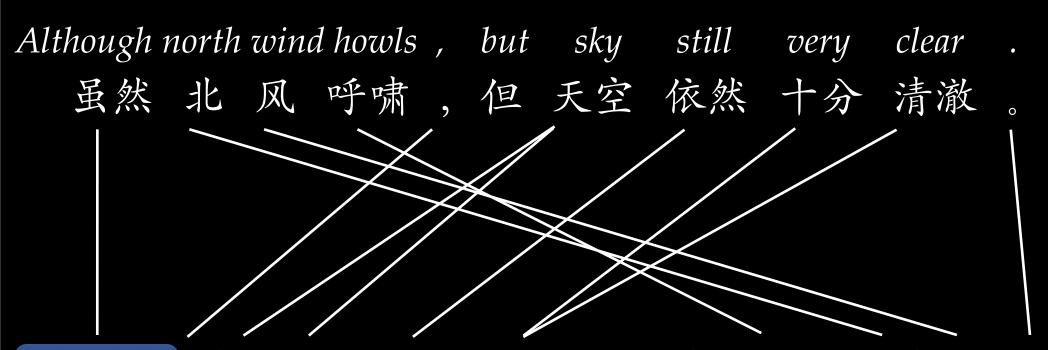
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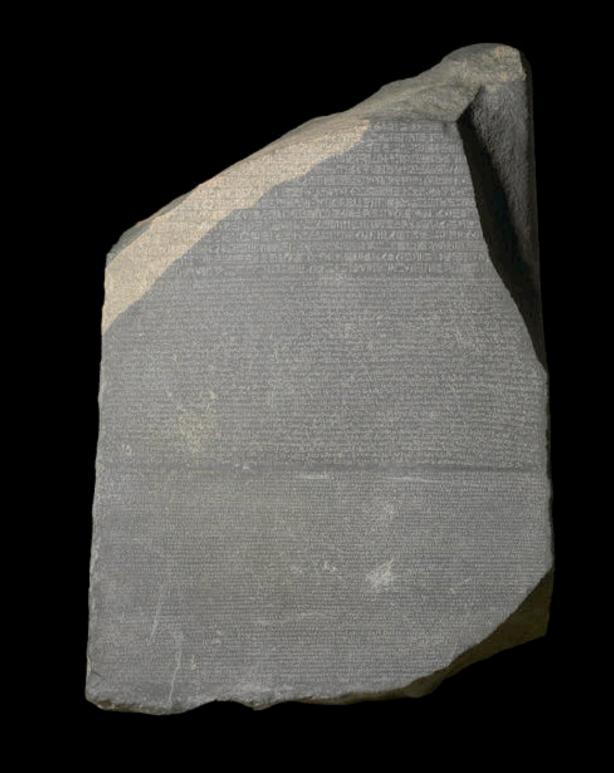
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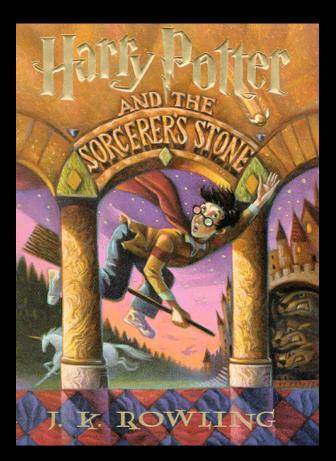


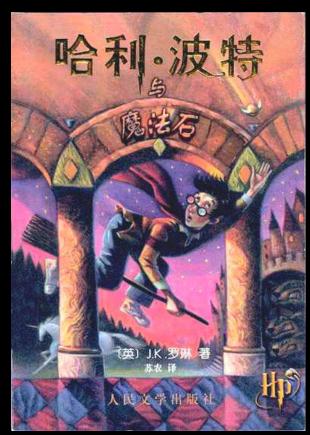


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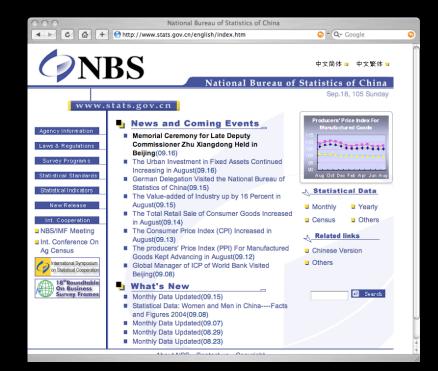
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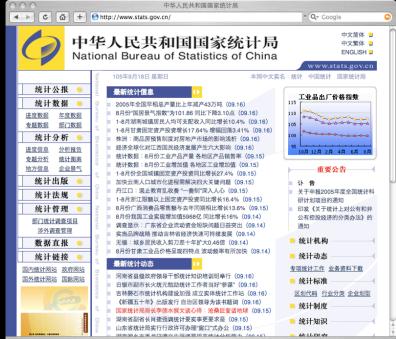
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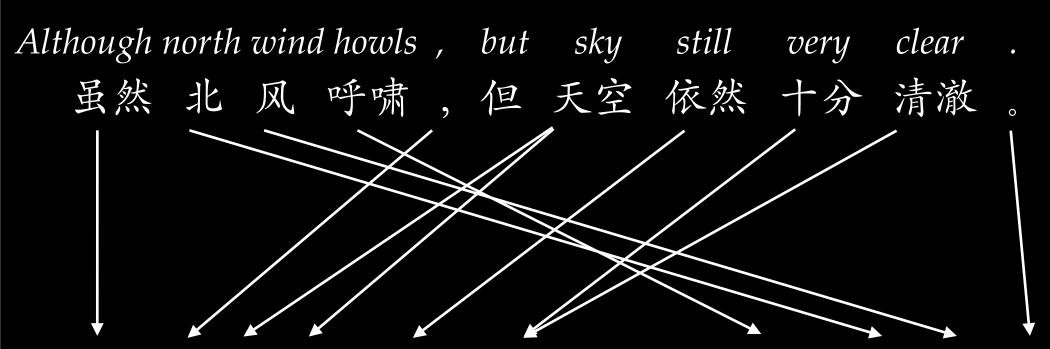
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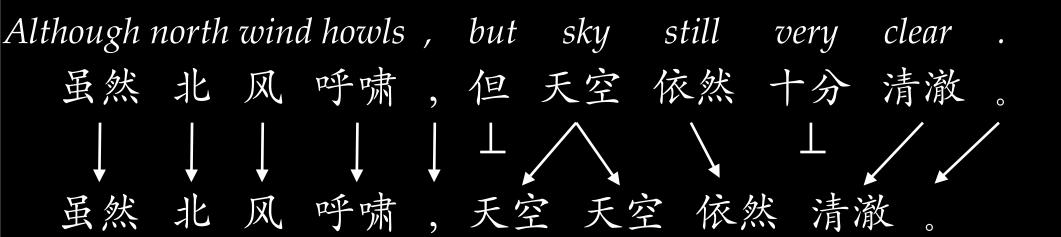
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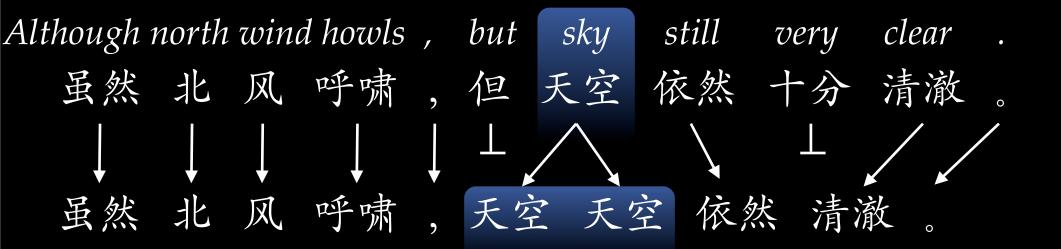
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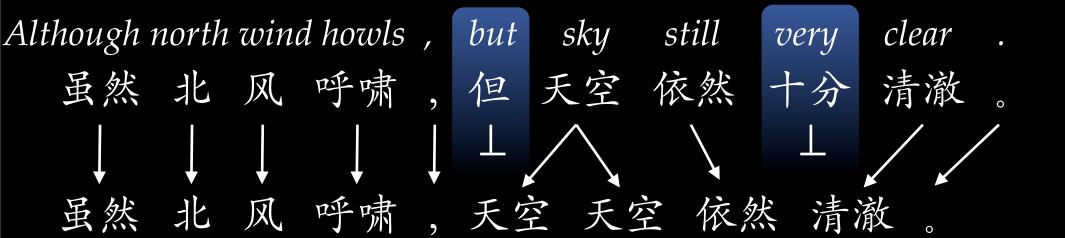
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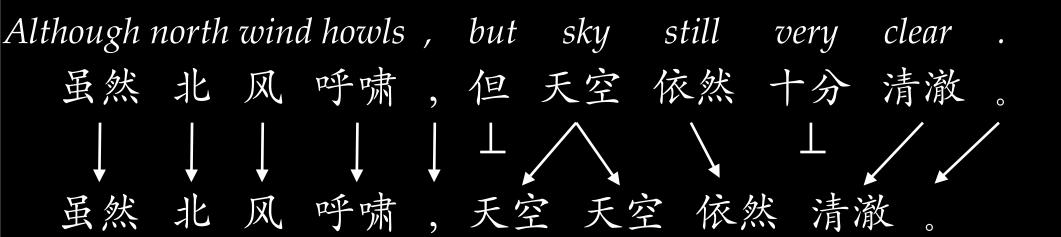
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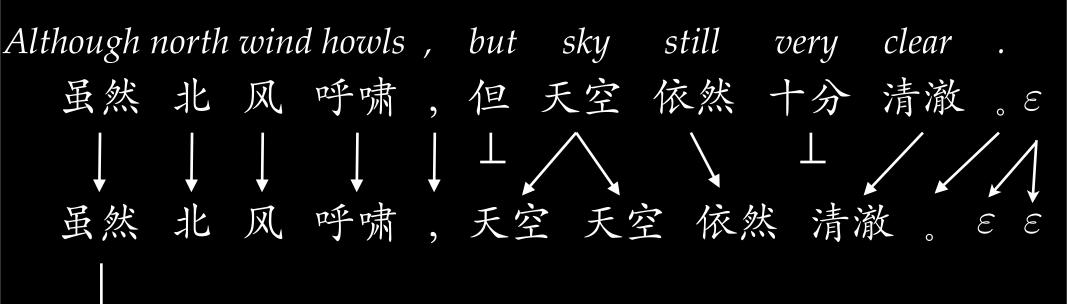






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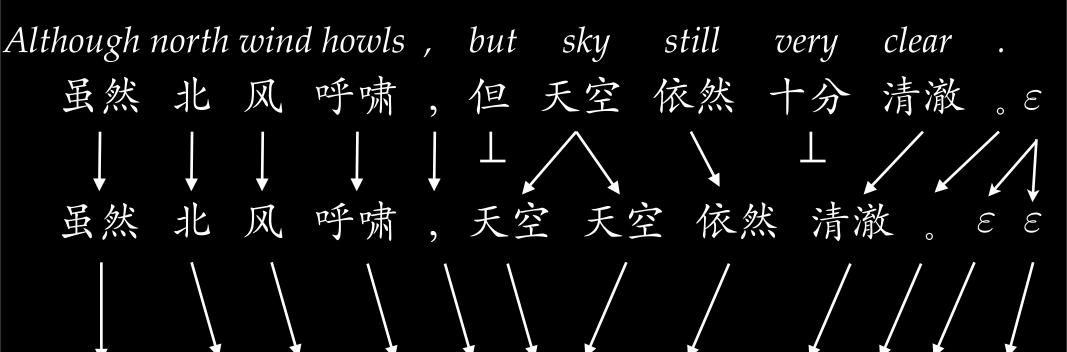
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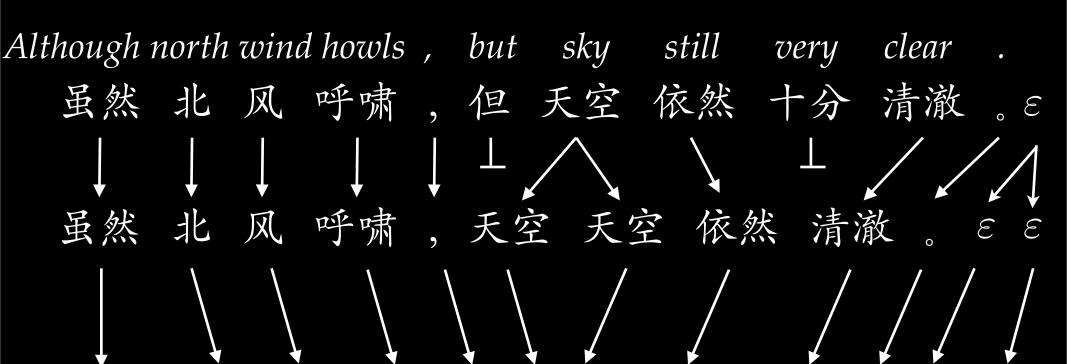
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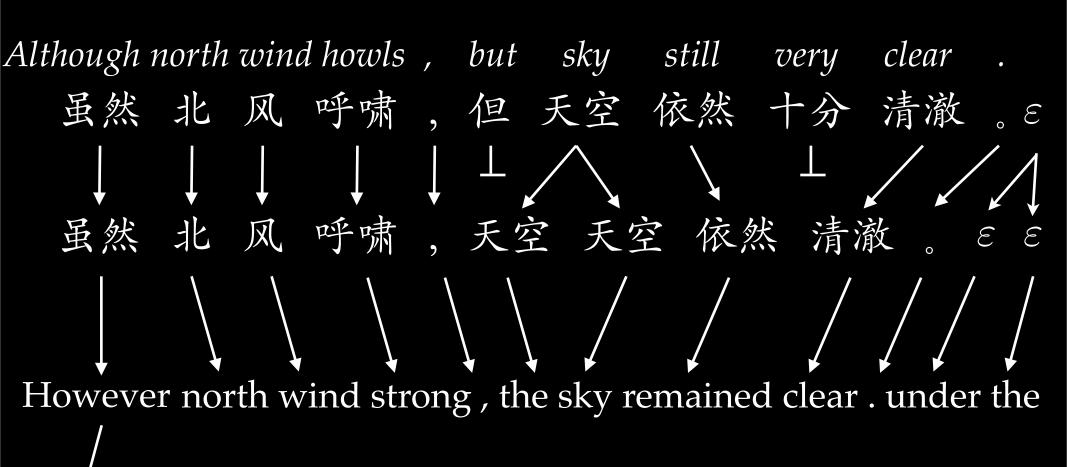


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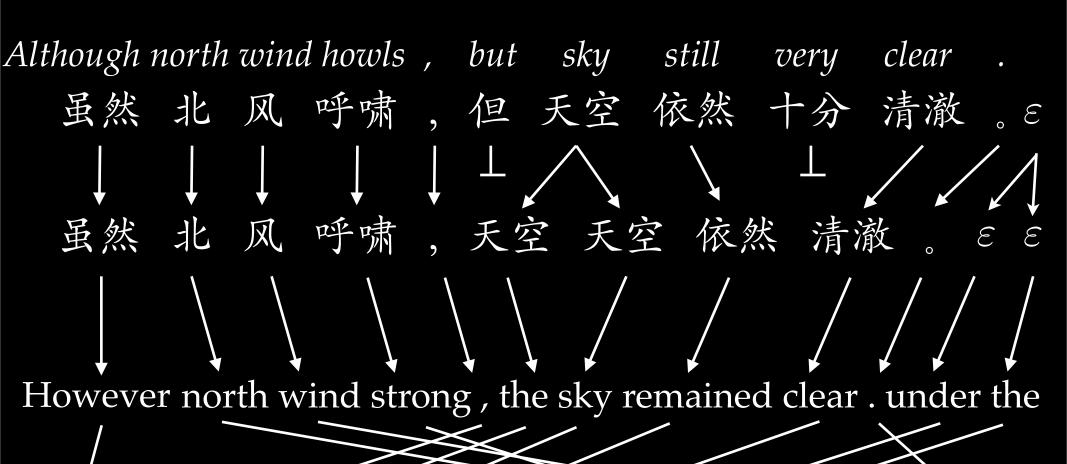
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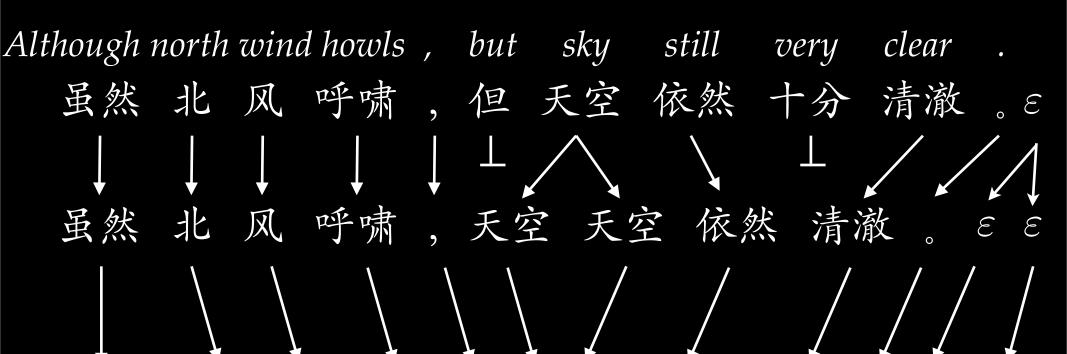




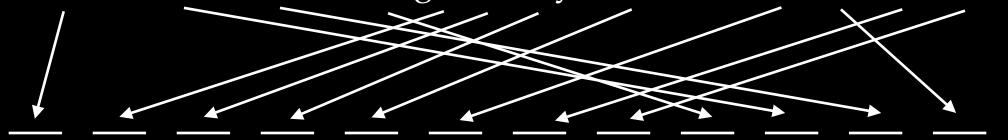




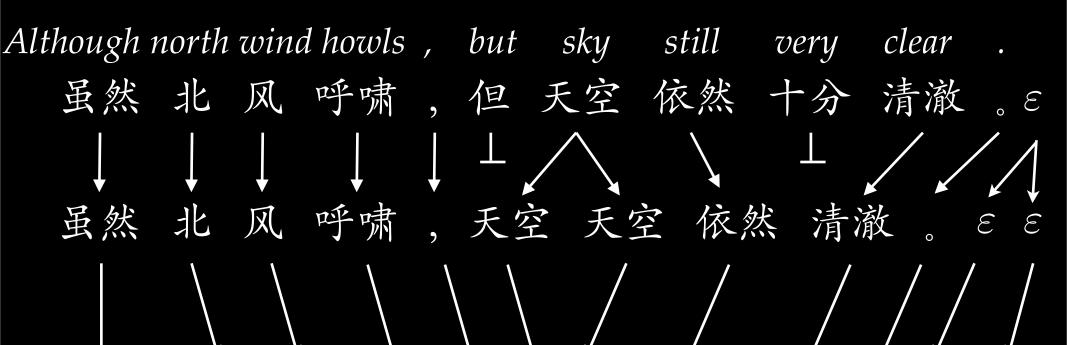




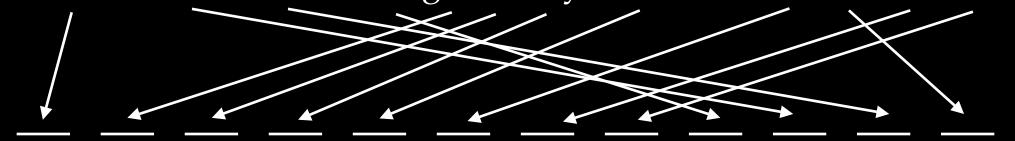
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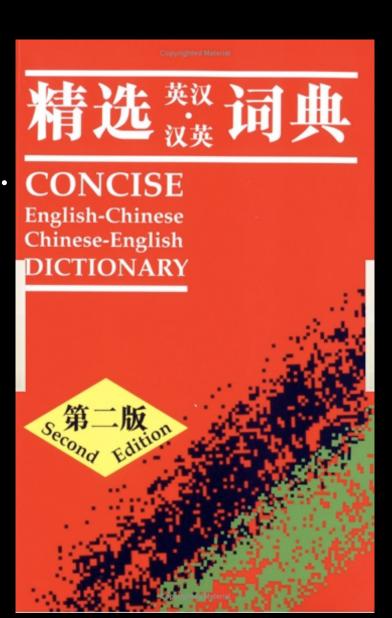
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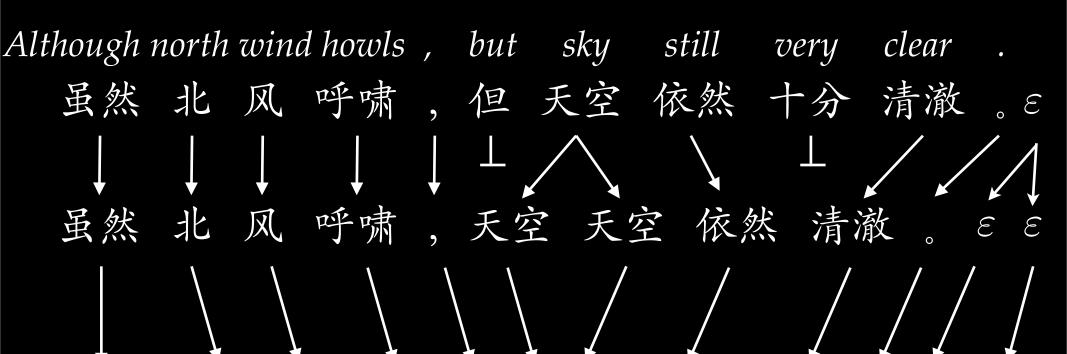
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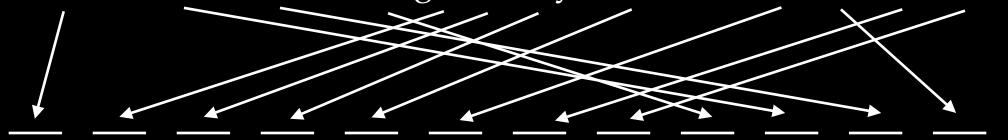
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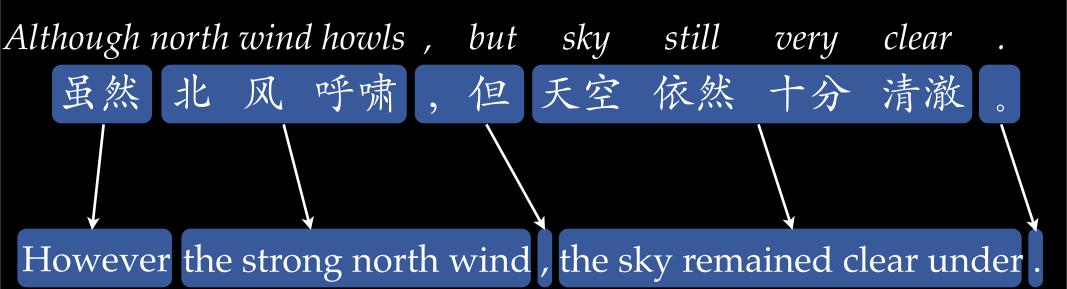
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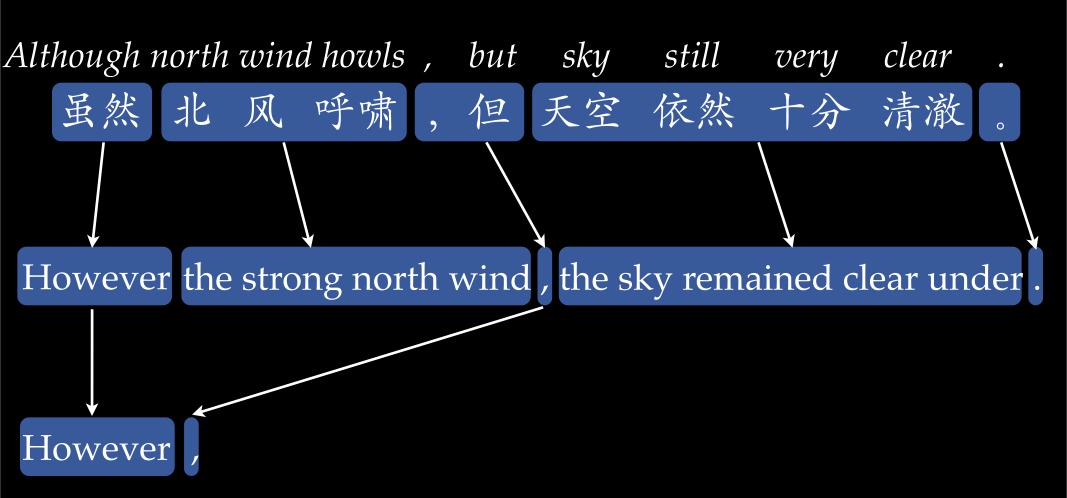
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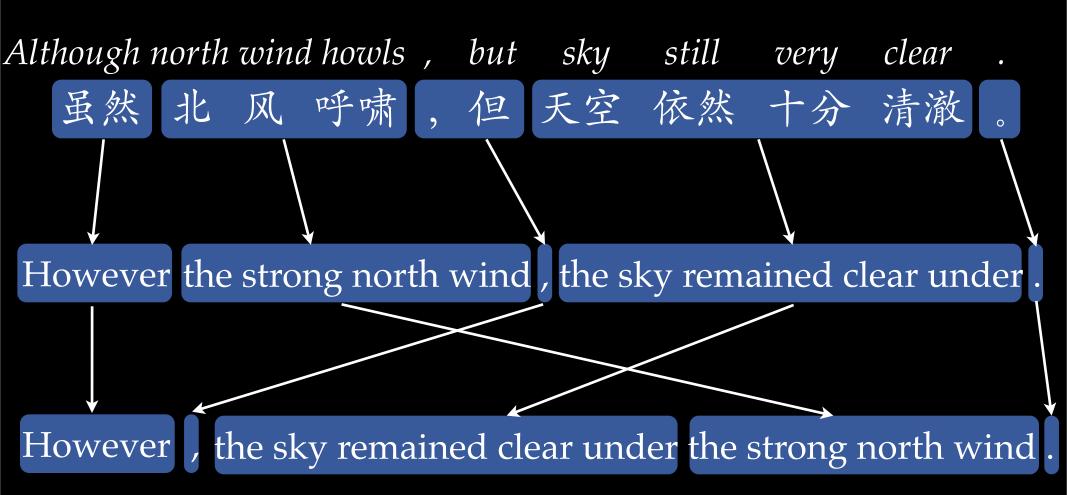
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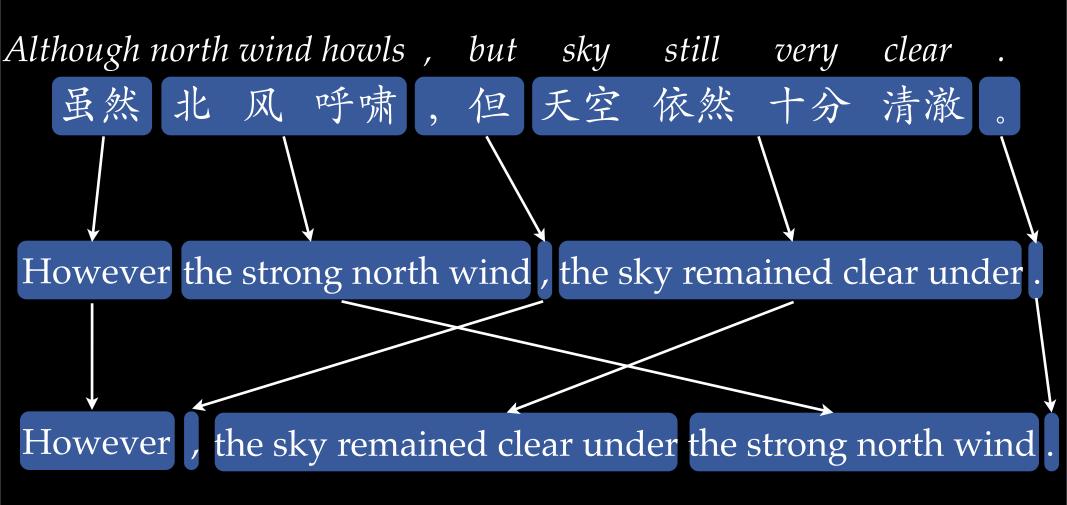
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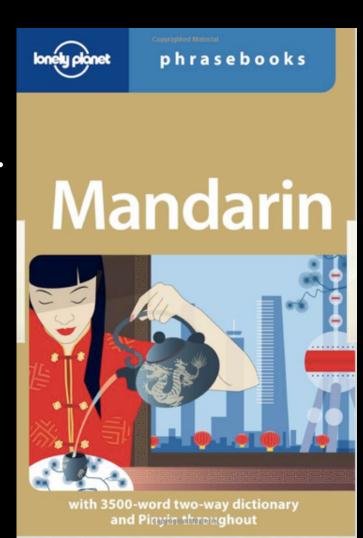




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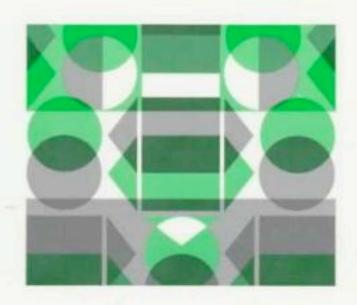


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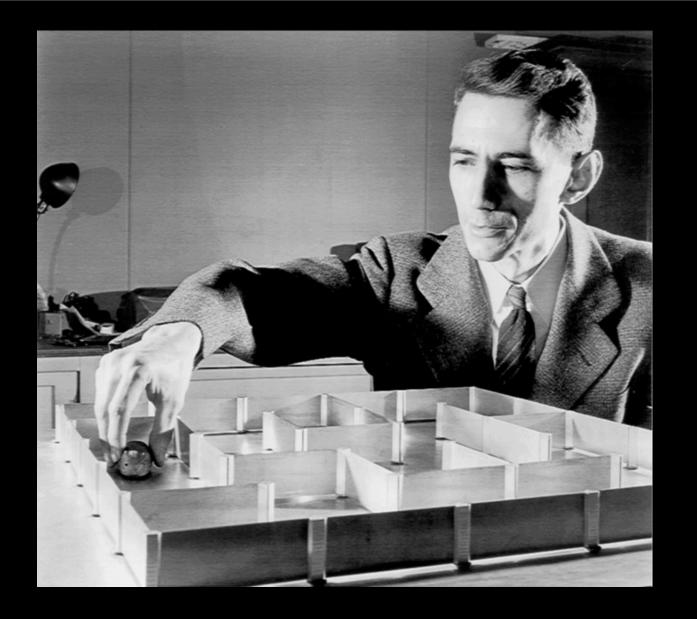
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## THE MATHEMATICAL THEORY OF COMMUNICATION

by Claude E. Shannon and Warren Weaver



Claude Shannon

...But the probability that an event has happened is the same as the probability I have to guess right if I guess it has happened. Wherefore the following proposition is evident: If there be two subsequent events, the probability of the 2d b/N and the probability both together P/N, and it being 1st discovered that the 2d event has also happened, the probability I am right is P/b.

Thomas Bayes

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p(English|Chinese) = \\ p(English) \times p(Chinese|English)
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p(Chinese)

$$p(English|Chinese) =$$

$$\frac{p(English) \times p(Chinese|English)}{p(Chinese)}$$

translation model

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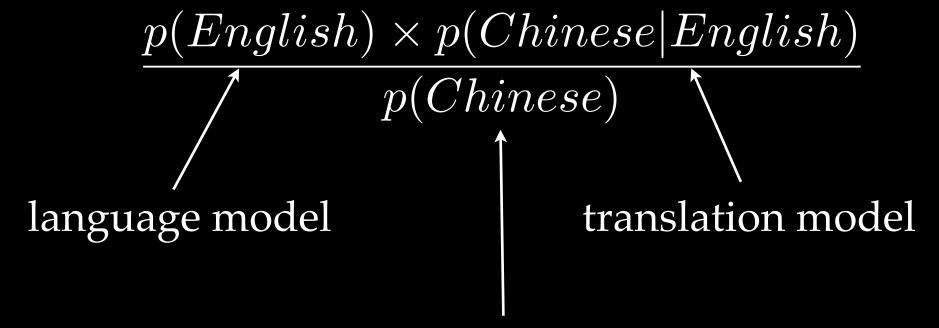
$$\frac{p(English) \times p(Chinese|English)}{f}$$

$$p(Chinese)$$

language model

translation model

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normalization term (ensures we're working with valid probabilities).

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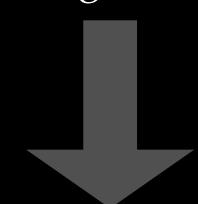
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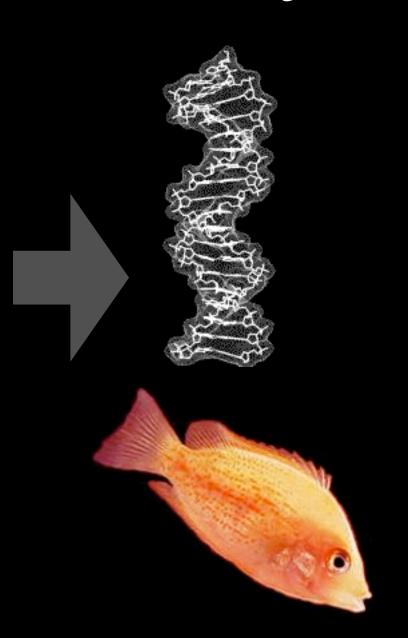
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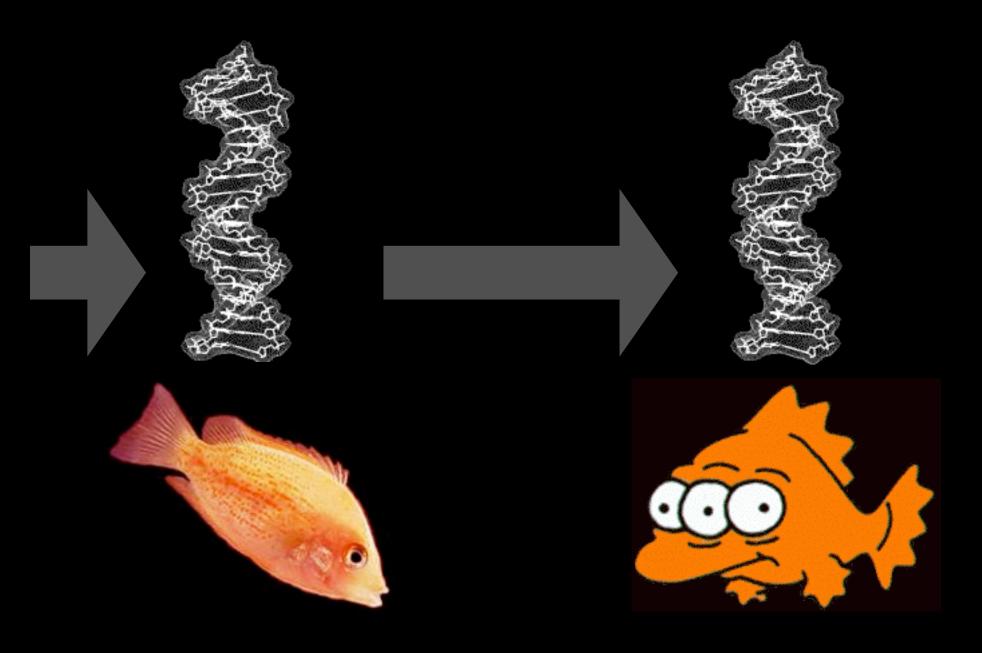


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# Language Models

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However,

p(,|However)

However, the

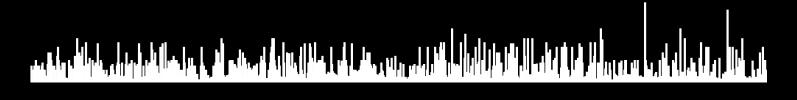
 $\overline{|p(the|,)}$ 

However, the sky

p(sky|the)

$$p(English) = \prod_{i=1}^{length(English)} p(word_i|word_{i-1})$$

## p(Chinese|English)



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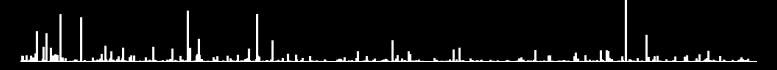


English

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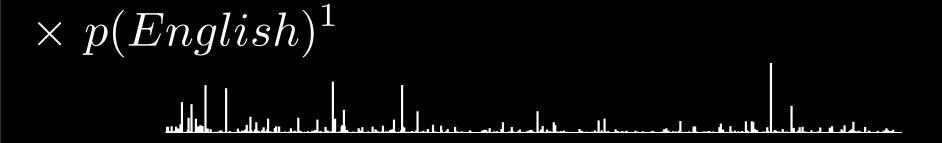


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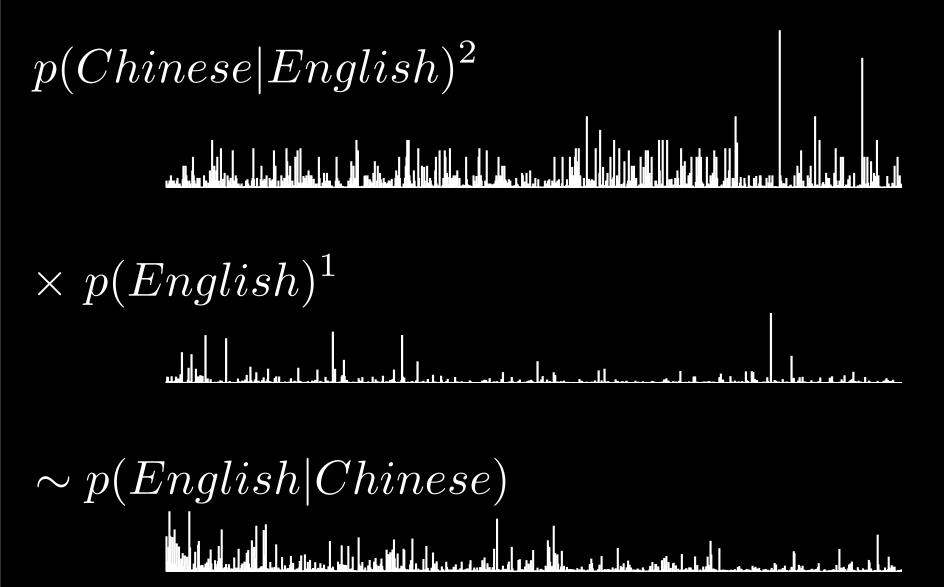






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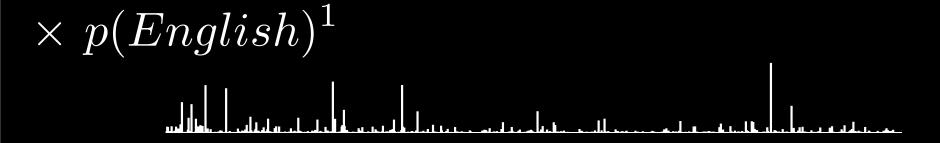




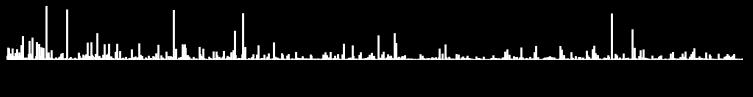
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# $p(Chinese|English)^{1/2}$

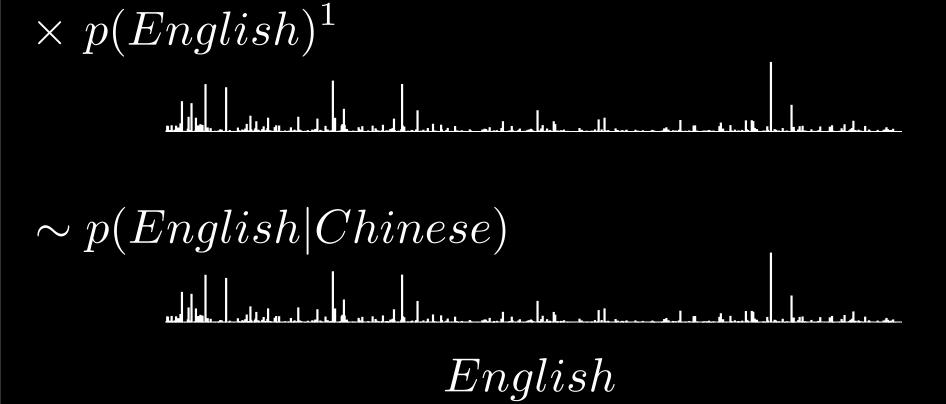




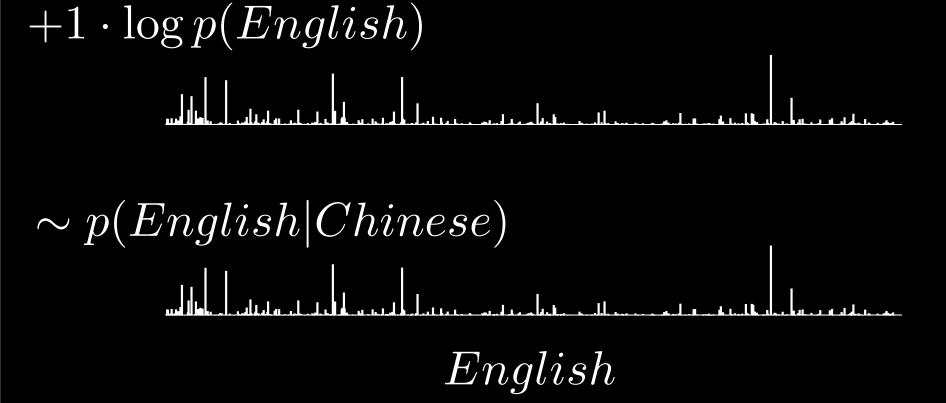
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# $p(Chinese|English)^0$



### $0 \cdot \log p(Chinese|English)$



 $\overline{p(English|Chinese)} =$ 

 $\frac{1}{Z} \left[ \lambda_1 \log p(Chinese|English) + \lambda_2 \log p(English) \right]$ 

$$p(English|Chinese) =$$

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north wind

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north wind

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the sky

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sky,

still quite

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clear.

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blue.

#### still quite

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blue.

Although the northern wind shrieked across the sky, but was still very clear.

the sky

number of vertices:  $O(2^n)$ 

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d = 4

window

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outside window to left: covered

d = 4 window

outside window to right: uncovered

## number of vertices: $O(n2^d)$

the sky

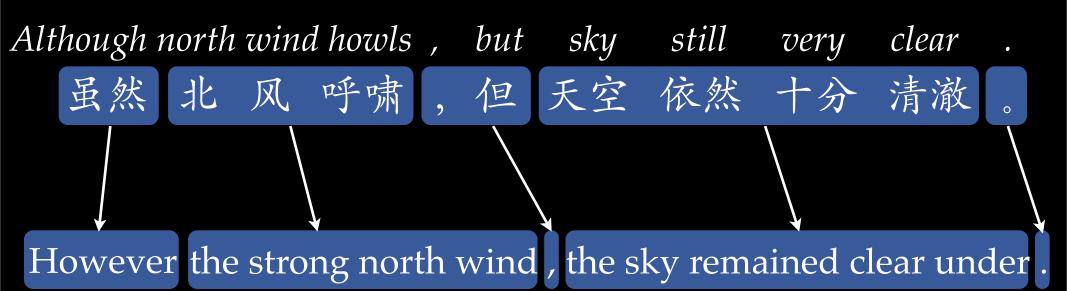
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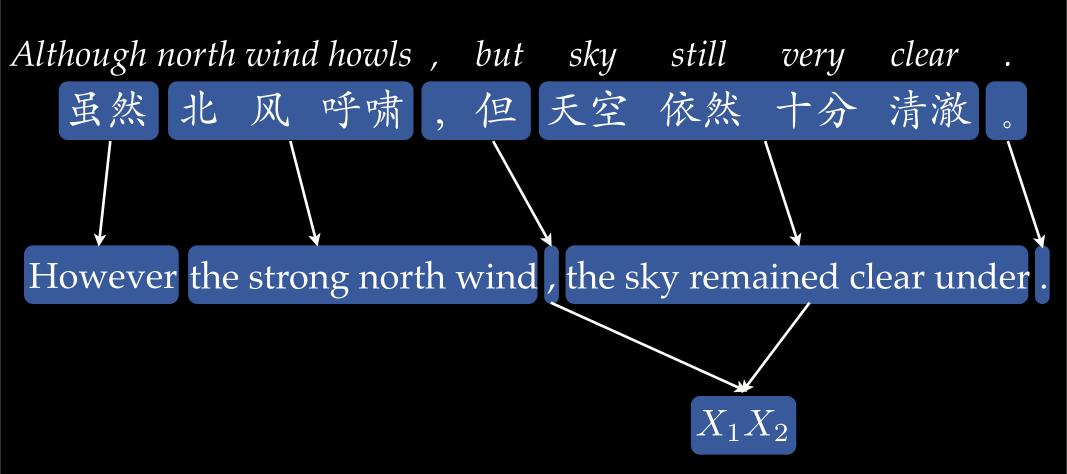
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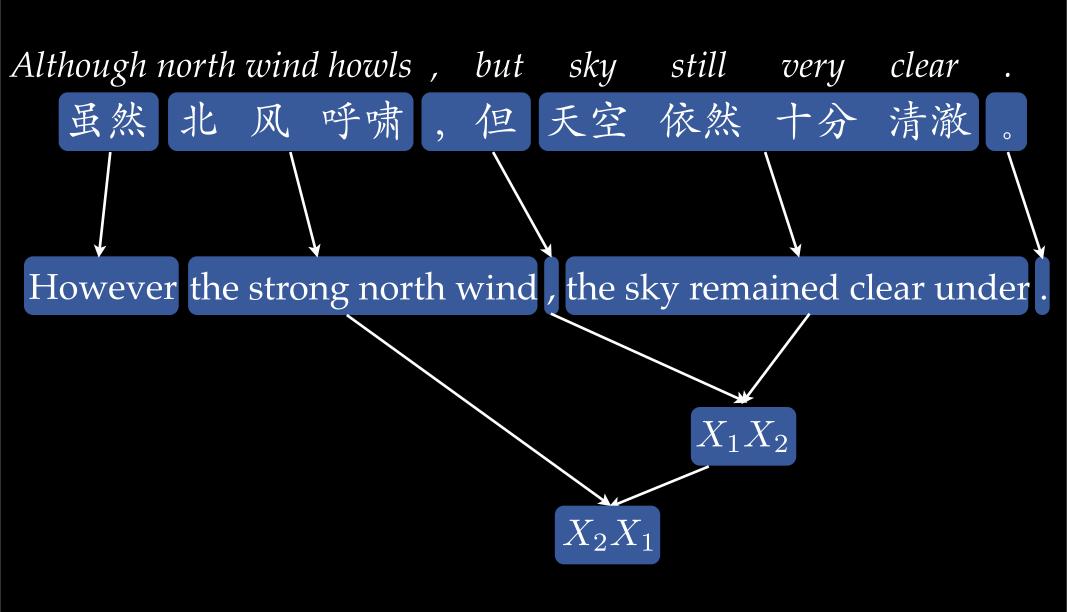
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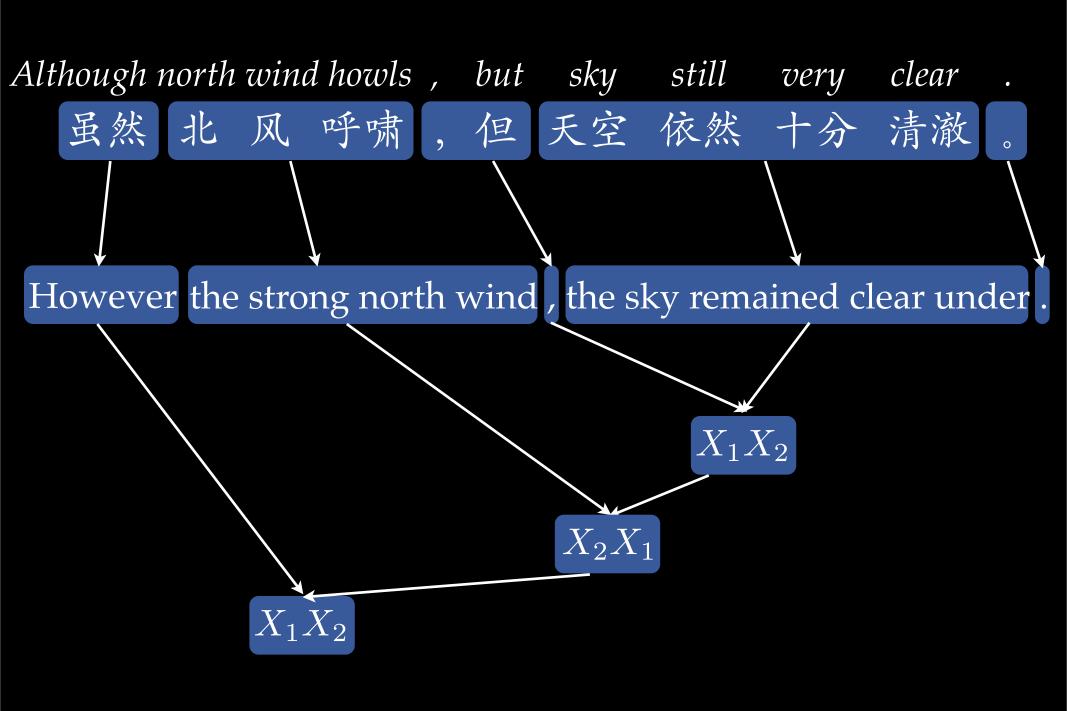
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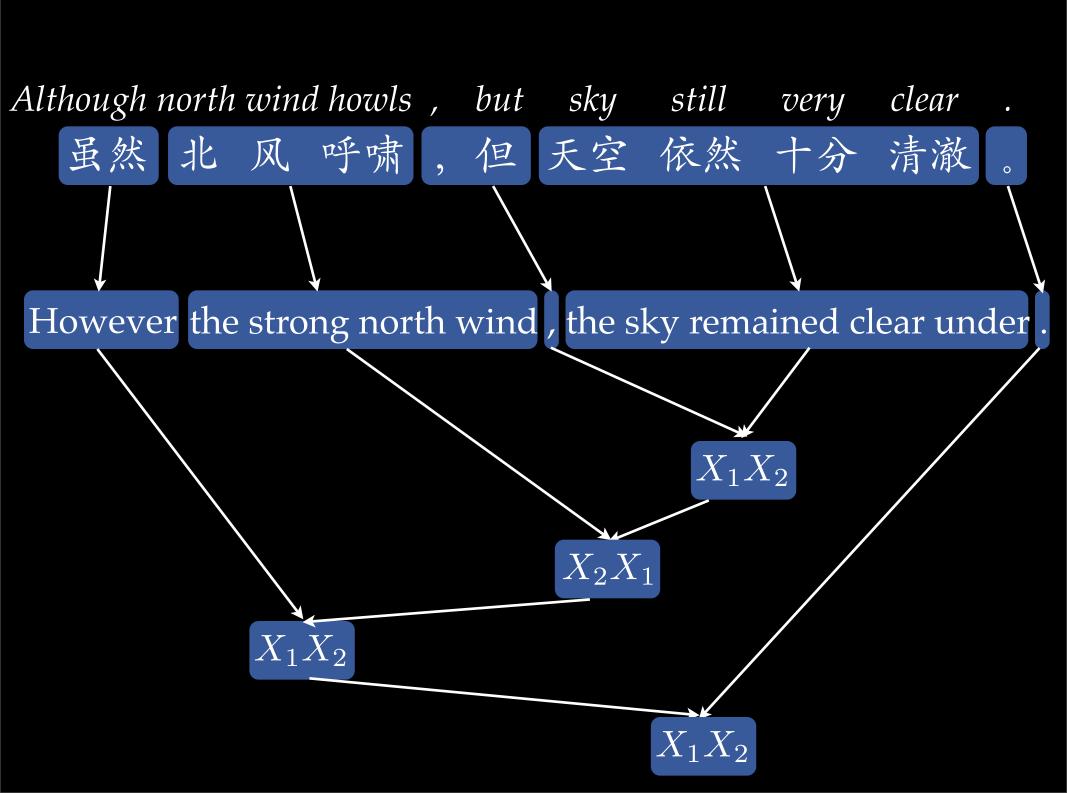
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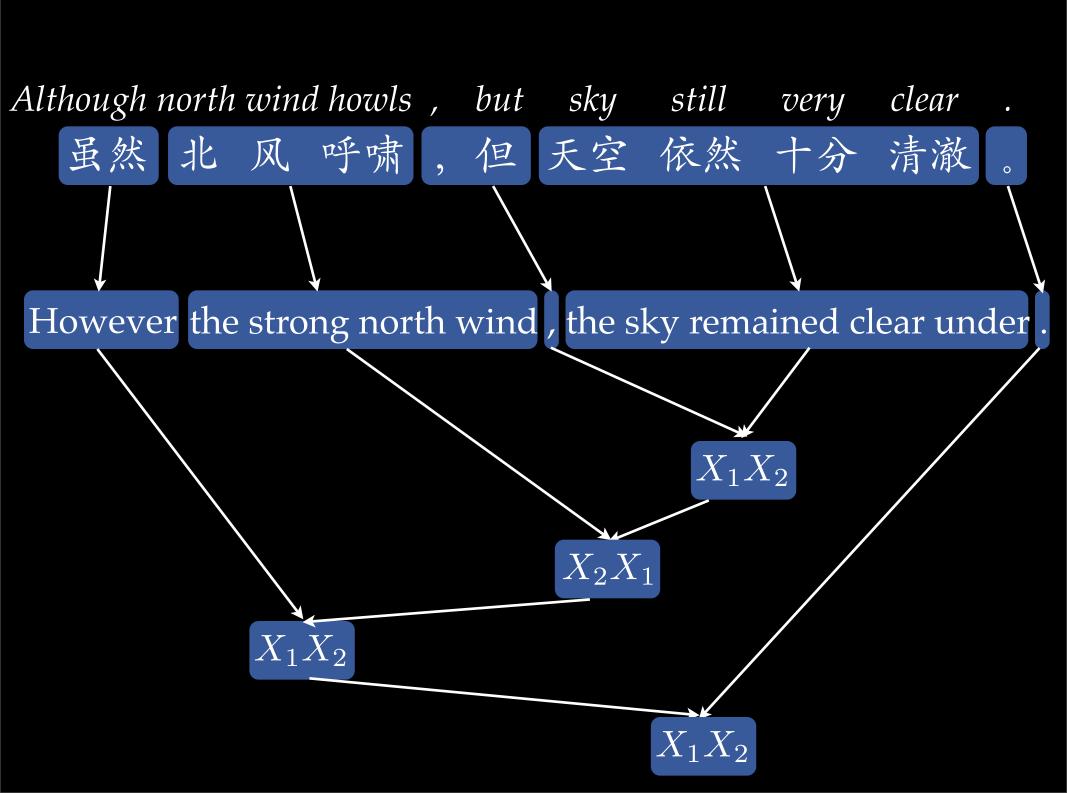


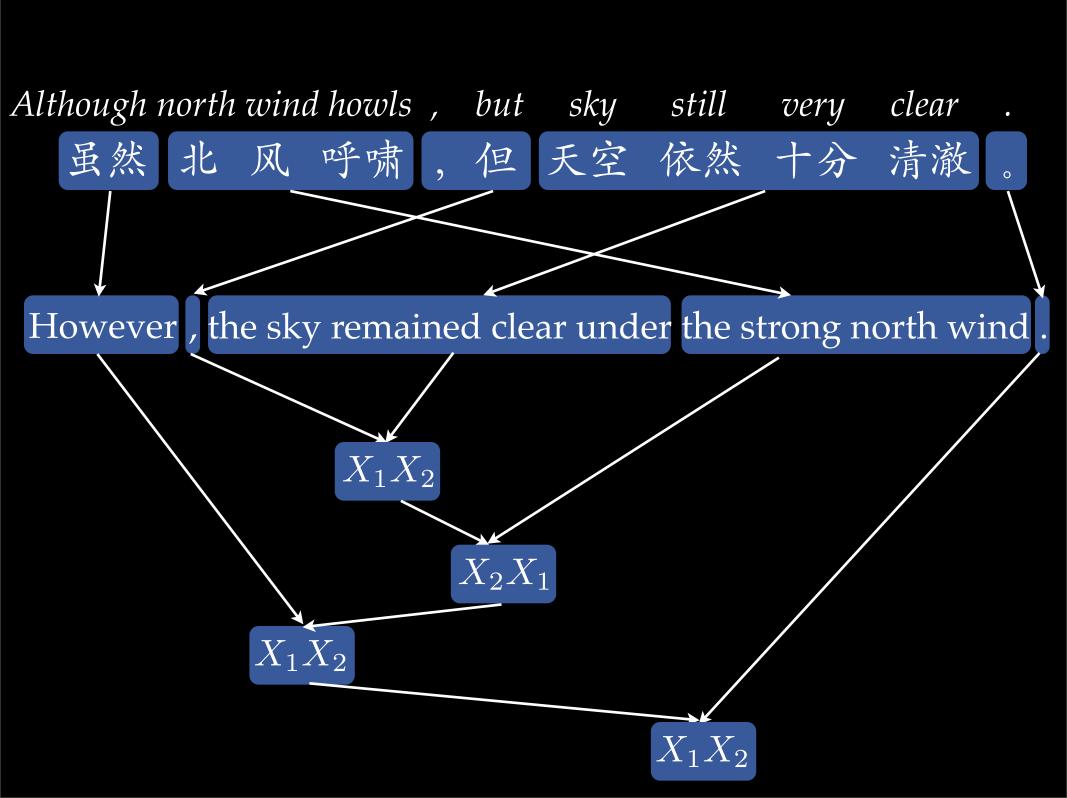








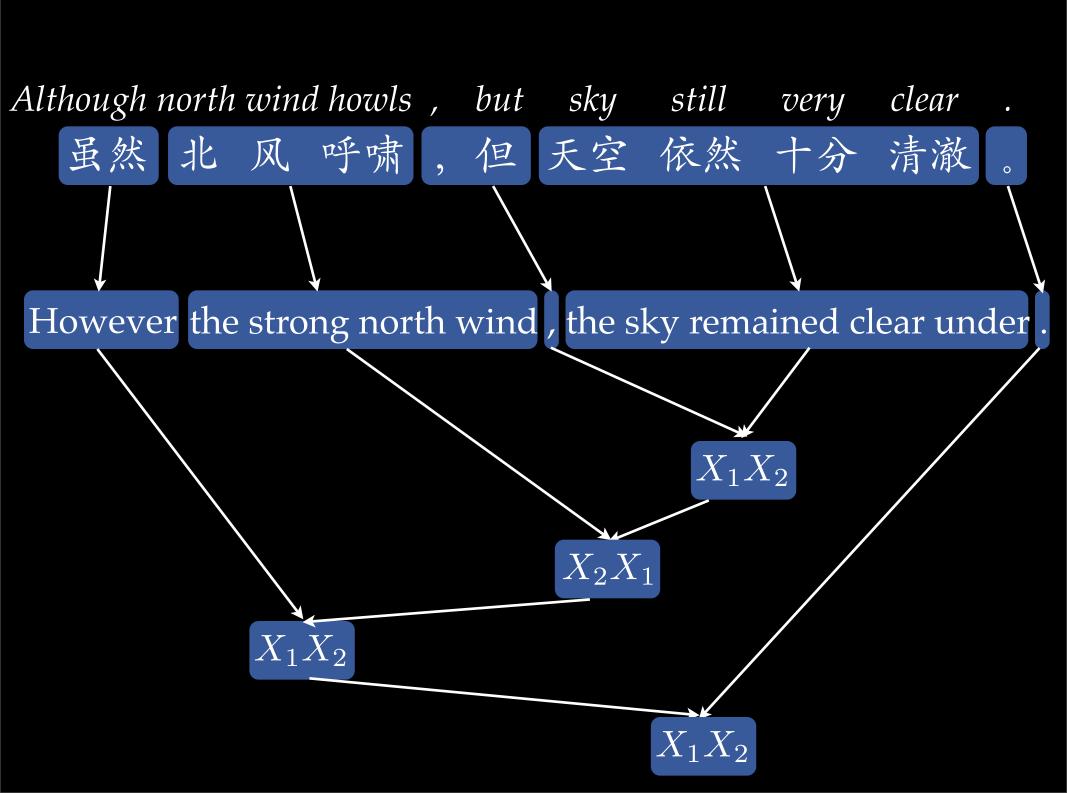


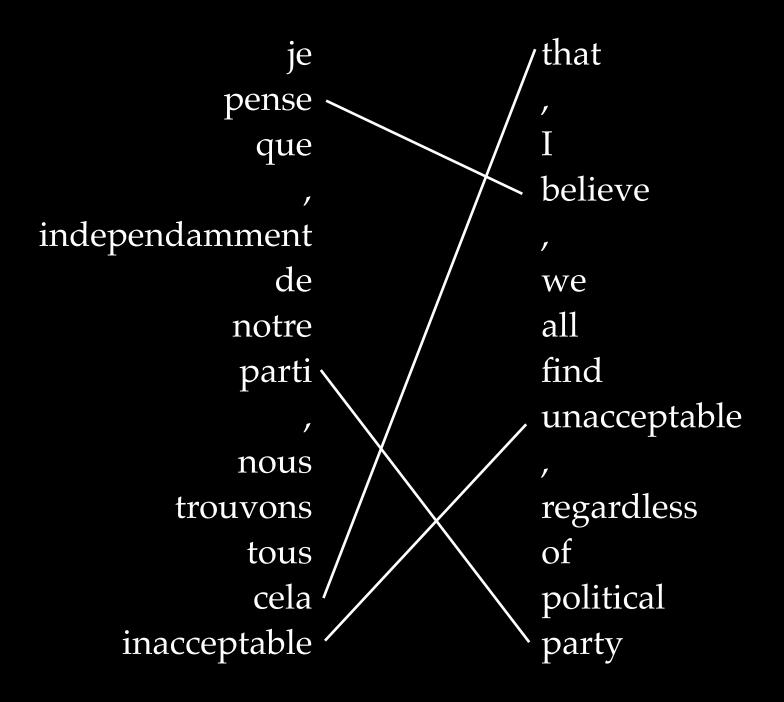


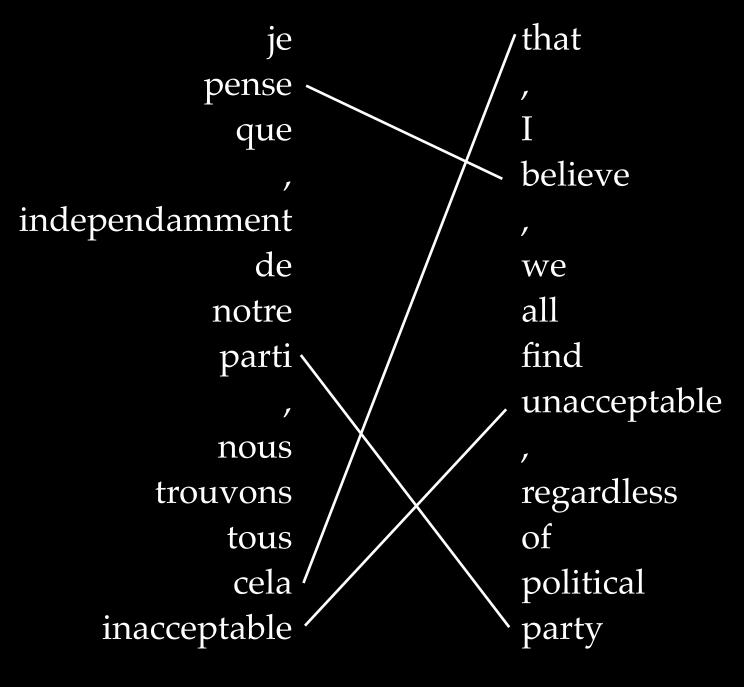
## Synchronous CFG

$$X \to X_1 X_2 / X_1 X_2$$
$$X \to X_1 X_2 / X_2 X_1$$

 $X \rightarrow Chinese\ phrase/English\ phrase$ 







$$X \to X_1 X_2 X_3 X_4 / X_2 X_4 X_1 X_3$$

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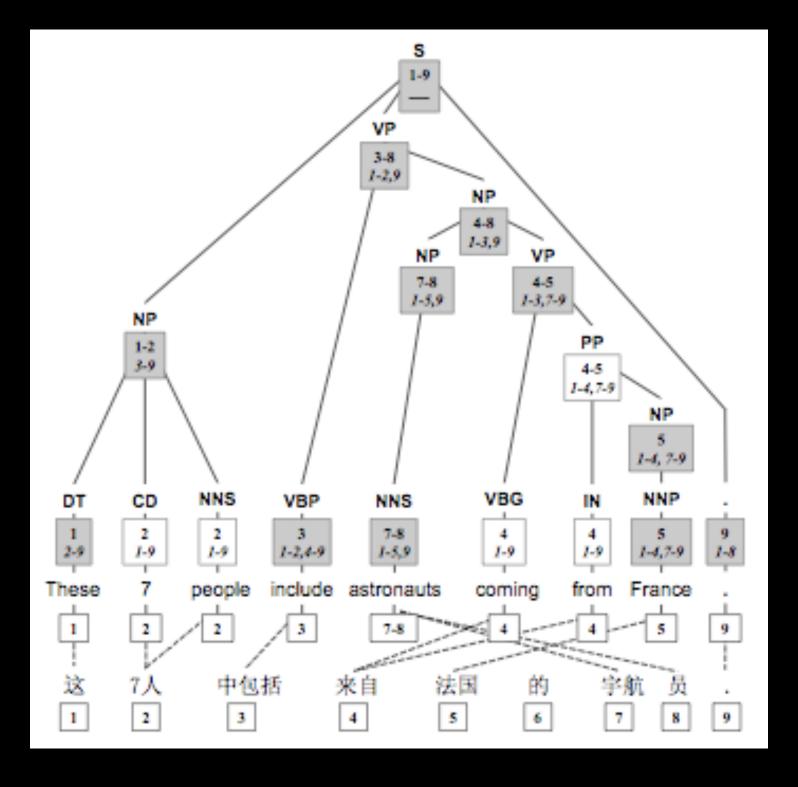
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 $X \rightarrow$  虽然  $X_1$ ,但  $X_2/However$   $, X_2X_1$ 

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- Phrase translation probabilities.
- Hierarchical rewriting probabilities.
- Some solutions?
  - Complexity -- polynomial in sentence length.
  - Can it help with fluency?





More has been written about machine translation evaluation than about machine translation itself.

Yorick Wilks

- Why evaluate?
  - Rank systems
  - Evaluate incremental changes
  - Assess new ideas objectively

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The United States is willing to hold talks with North Korea but refused to pay remuneration.

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"Progress" postponed because of mechanical hand into the sky.

Chinese people in the traditional Spring Festival is approaching, the CPC Central Committee this afternoon in Zhongnanhai on the 22nd non-Party personages to convene a forum in Spring Festival, invited the central committees of democratic parties, the leadership of the National Federation of Industry and Commerce and personages without party affiliation on behalf of comrades gathered together State yes, talked in length about the friendship, to greet the Chinese New Year. CPC Central Committee General Secretary and State President and Central Military Commission Chairman Hu Jintao on behalf of the CPC Central Committee, the State Council, to the central committees of democratic parties, leaders of the National Federation of Industry and Commerce and personages without party affiliation, to members of the united front, to extend my New Year's blessing.

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brevity penalty: 3/12

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BiLingual Evaluation Understudy

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		MaxSim	mTER	

 $BLEU(MT\ output)$ 

## $\overline{BLEU}(\overline{\operatorname{argmax}} score(\overline{English}|Chinese))$ English

 $\sum_{Chinese \in Test} BLEU(\underset{English}{\operatorname{argmax}} score(English|Chinese))$ 

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