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Errors and bad timing are all mine, though.

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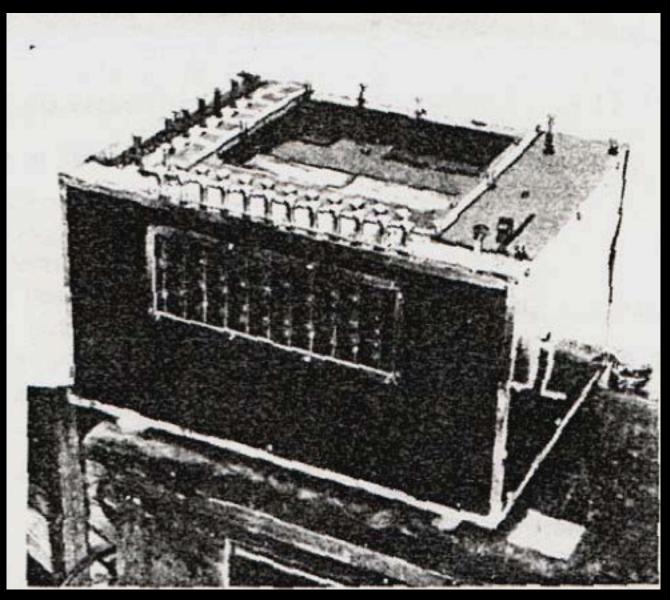
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The Tower of Babel

Pieter Brueghel the Elder (1563)



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

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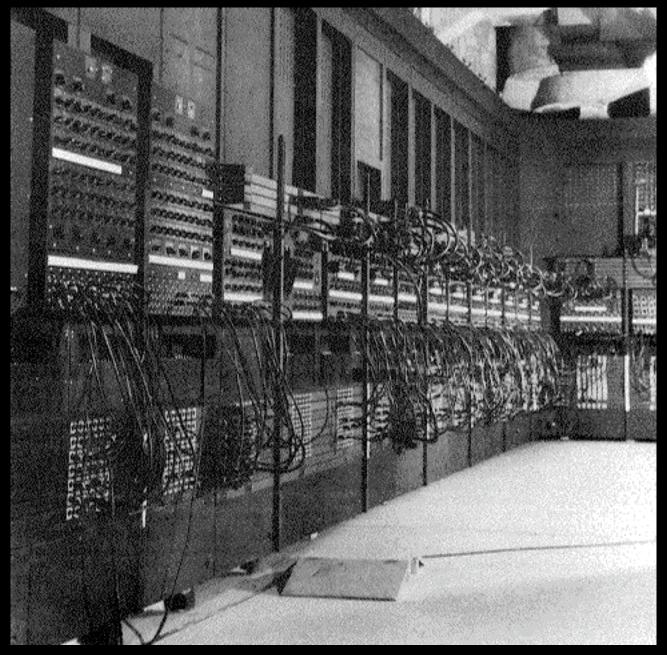
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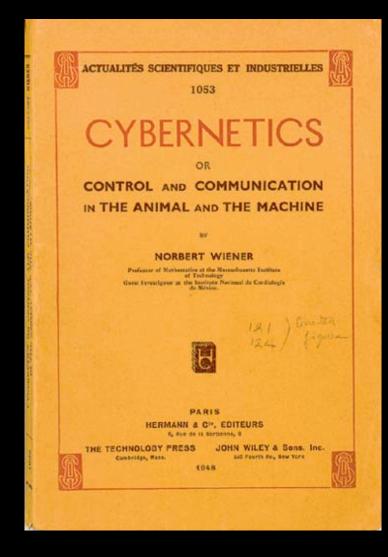
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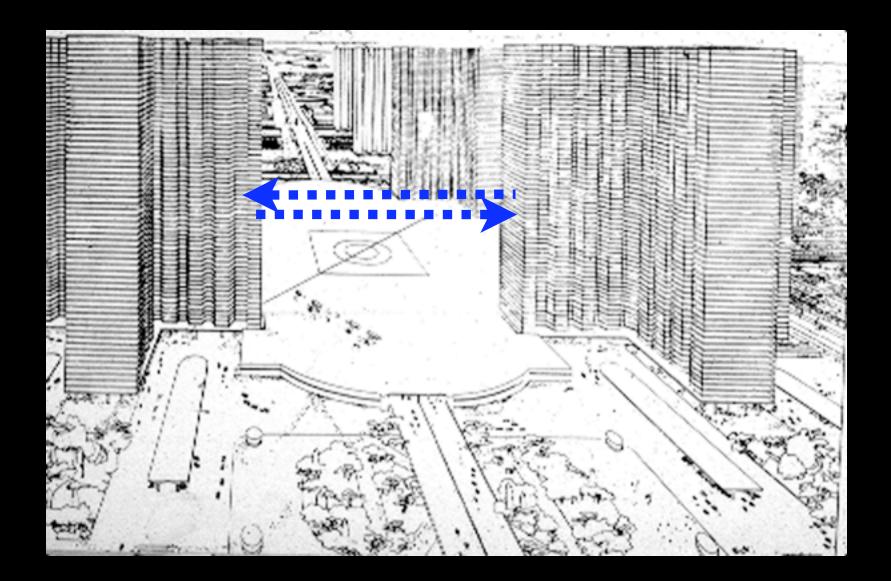
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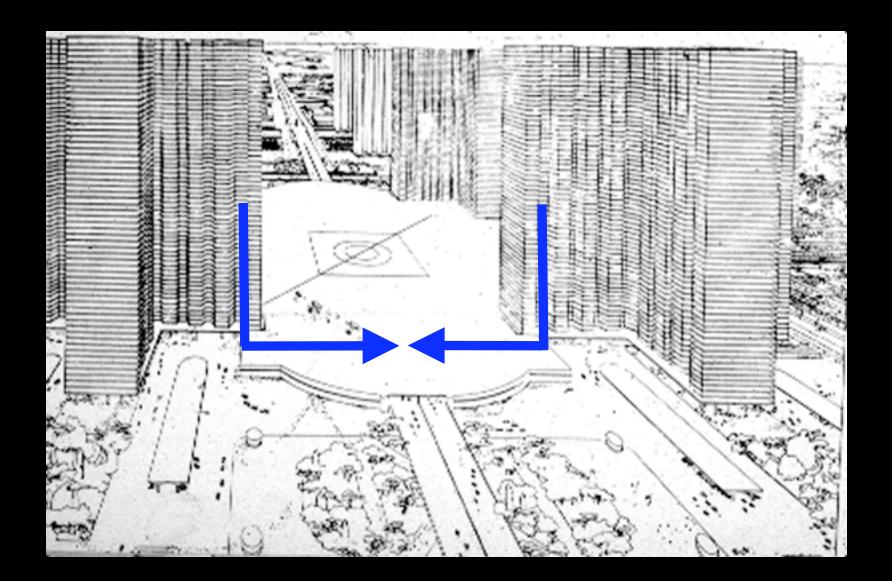
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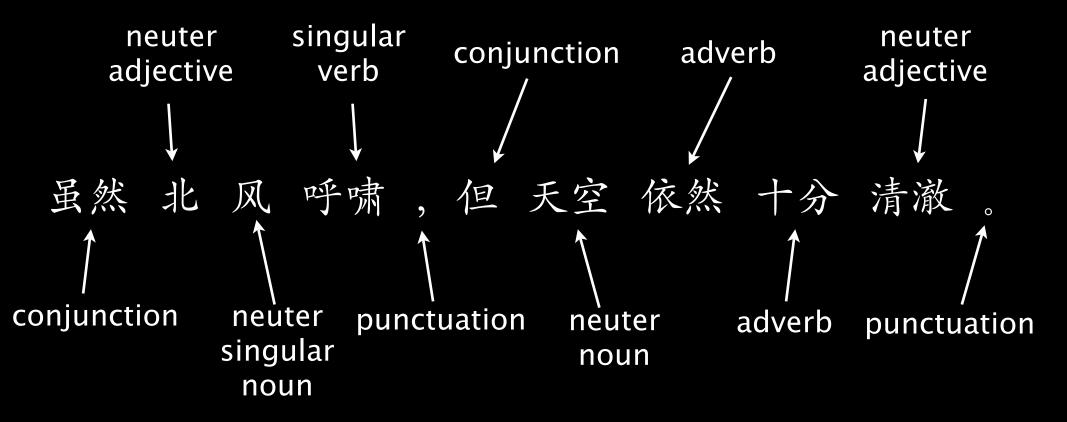


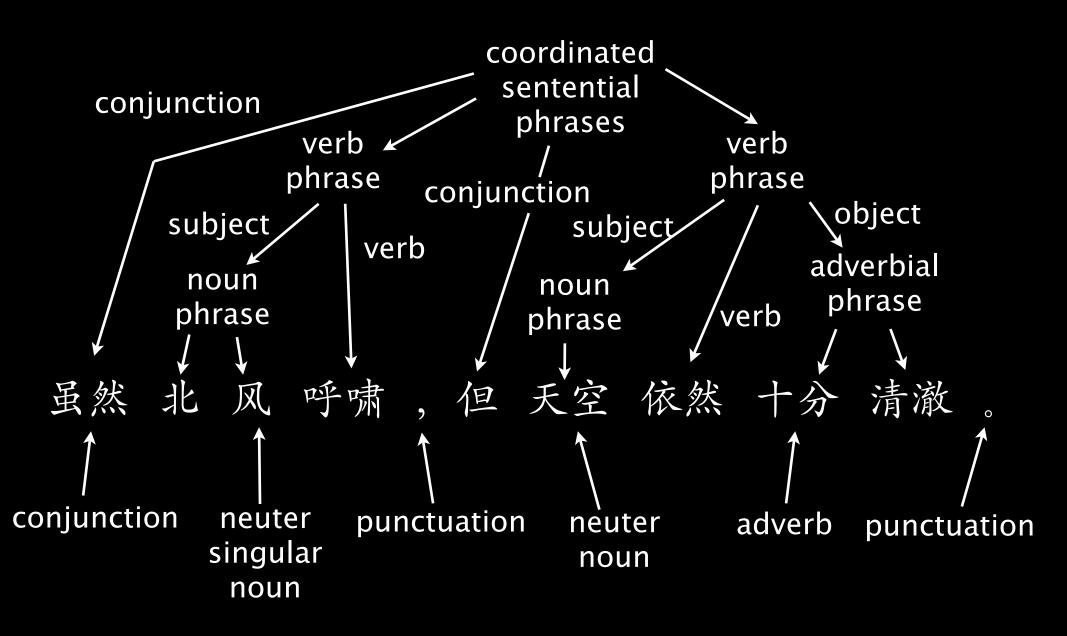
Thus it may be true that the way to translate from Chinese to Arabic, or from Russian to Portuguese, is not to attempt the direct route, shouting from tower to tower. Perhaps the way is to descend, from each language, down to the common base of human communication — the real but as yet undiscovered universal language — and — then reemerge by whatever particular route is convenient.

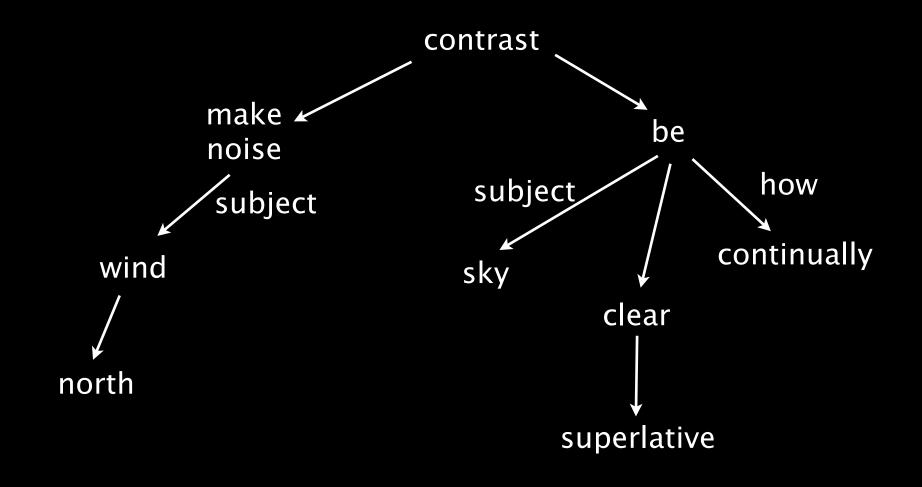
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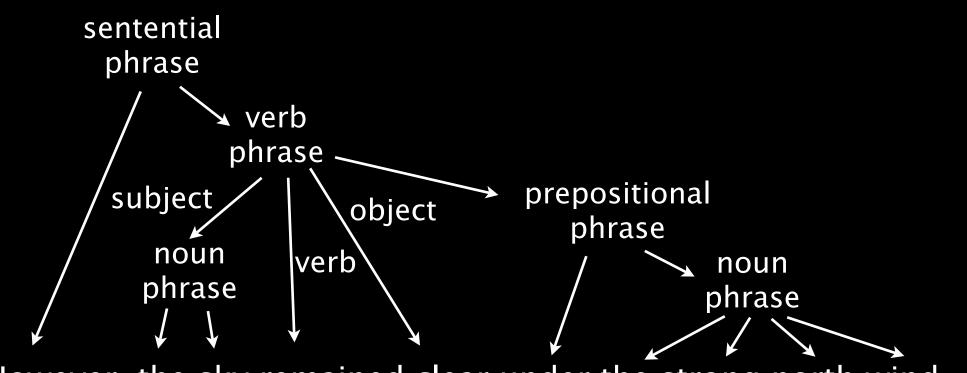


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NINGSUKOL ang duha ka mga tulisan hinungdan nga napusilan hinuon sila ug napatay sa mirespon-ding kapulisan sa milabayng gabii.

Ang kalayo nga niga-was gikan sa sombohan sa armas sa suspetsado maoy ngihimong guide sa kapulisan sa ilang pagba-wos hangtud nga ilang napatay ang usa sa suspetsado alas says sa milabayng gabi sa Ybañez Compound, sitio Alaska Barangay Mambaling, Siyudad sa Sugbo.

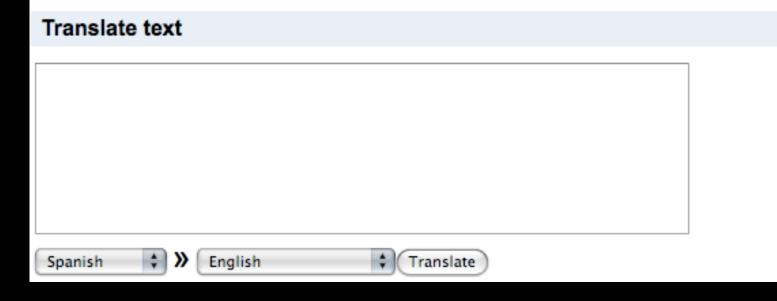


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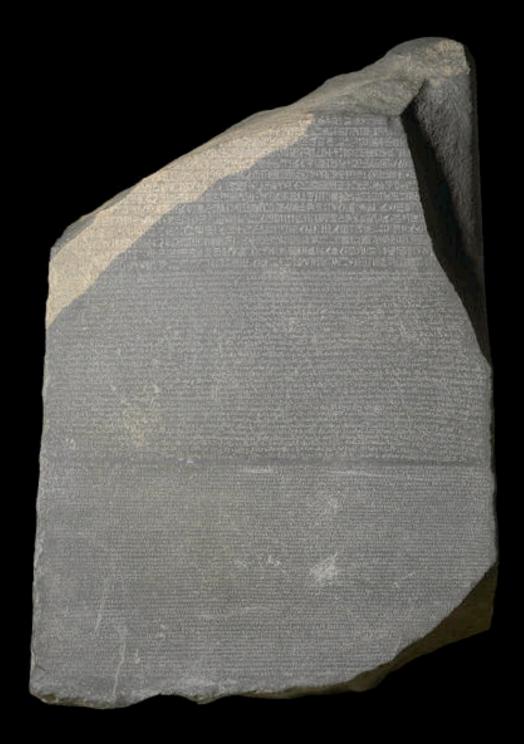
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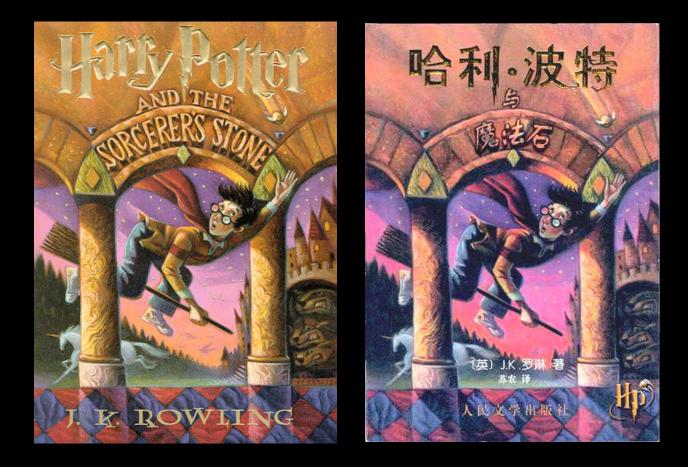
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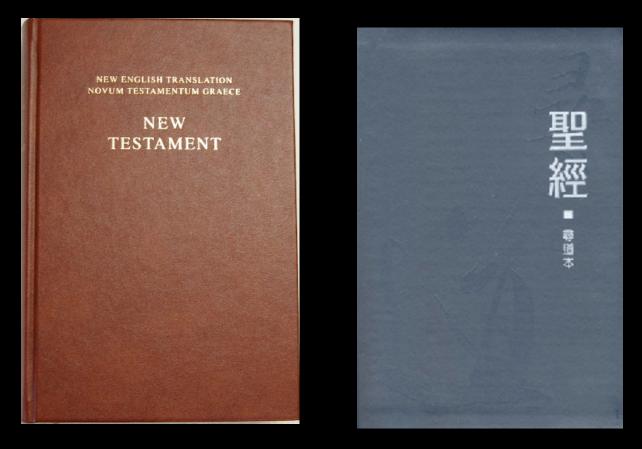
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Because we want to provide everyone with access to all the world's information, including information written in every language, one of the exciting projects at Google Research is machine translation... Now you can see the results for yourself. We recently launched an online version of our system for Arabic–English and English–Arabic. Try it out!



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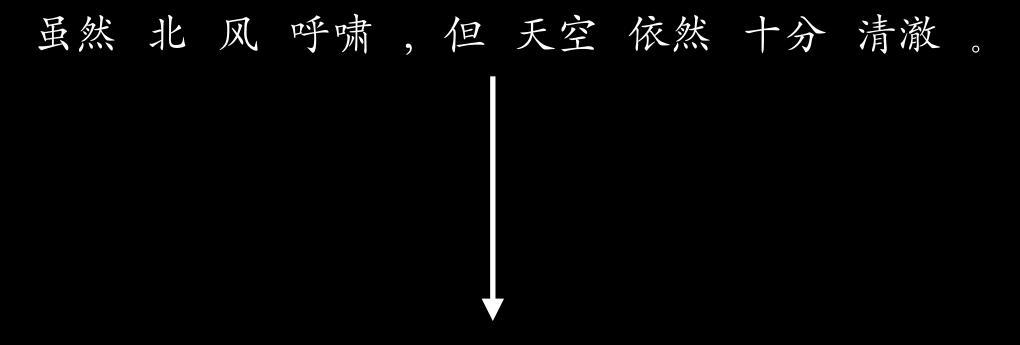








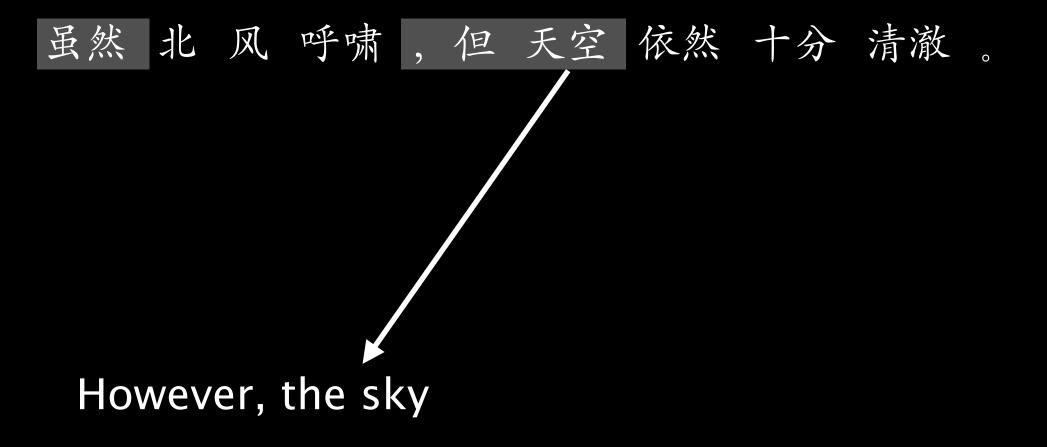
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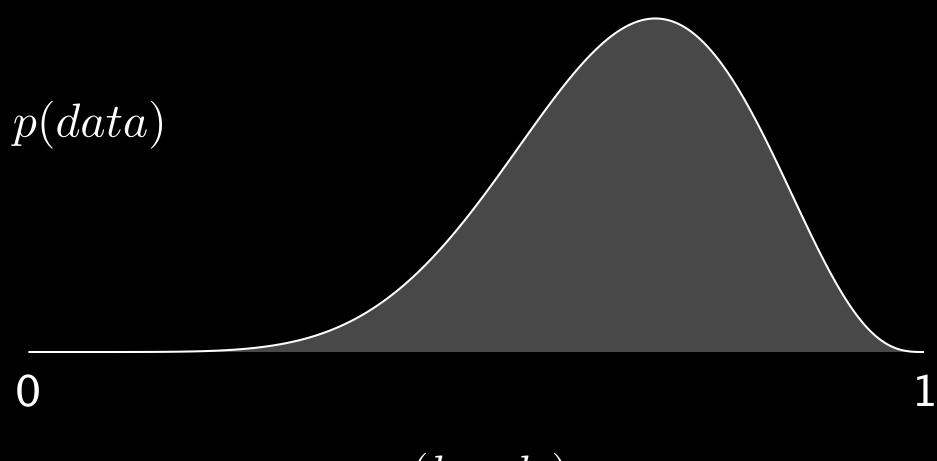




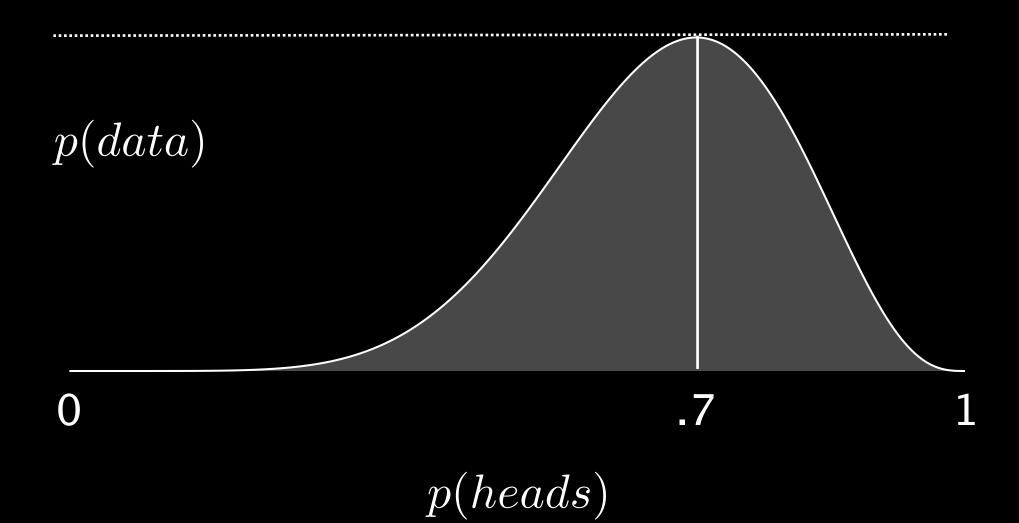
$p(data) = p(heads)^7 \times p(tails)^3$



$p(data) = p(heads)^7 \times [1 - p(heads)]^3$



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Optimization



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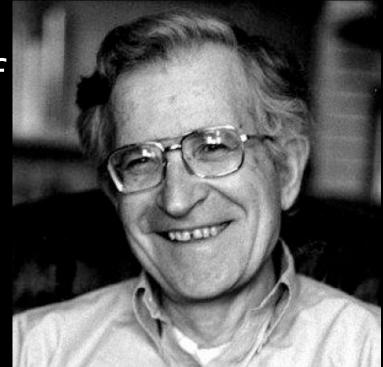


$p(English|Chinese) = \prod_{rule} p(rule)$

$\underset{English}{\operatorname{argmax}} p(English|Chinese) = \prod_{rule} p(rule)$

It must be recognized that the notion of a probability of a sentence is an entirely useless one, under any interpretation of this term.

Noam Chomsky



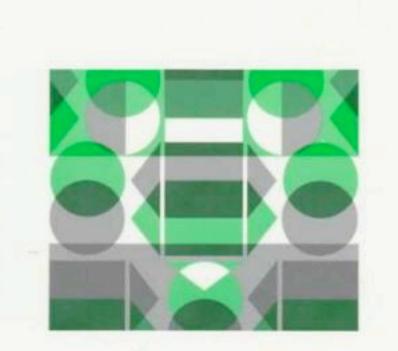
Every time I fire a linguist, the performance of the recognizer goes up.

Fred Jelinek (1988)



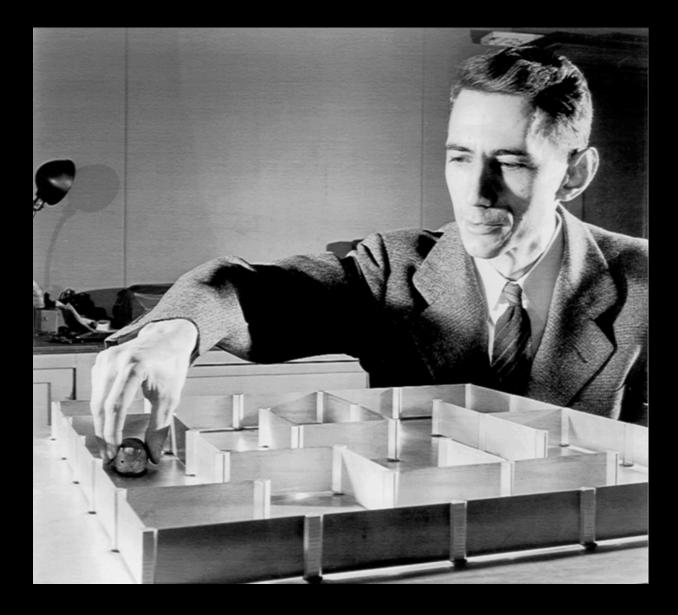
p(English|Chinese)

English



THE MATHEMATICAL THEORY OF COMMUNICATION

by Claude E. Shannon and Warren Weaver



Claude Shannon



When I look at an article in Russian, I say: "This is really written in English, but it has been coded in some strange symbols. I will now proceed to decode."

Warren Weaver

....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

p(English|Chinese) =

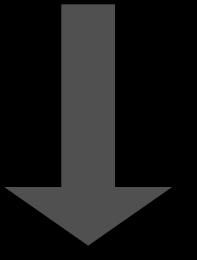
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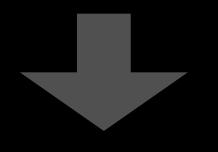
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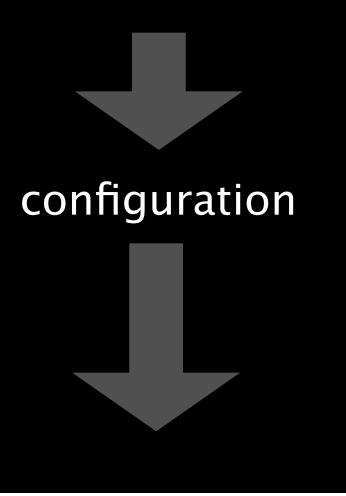
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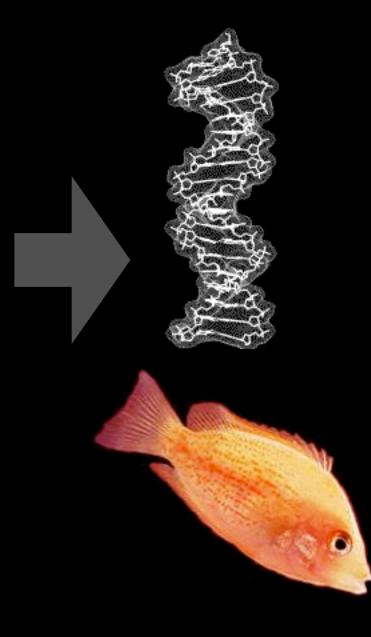


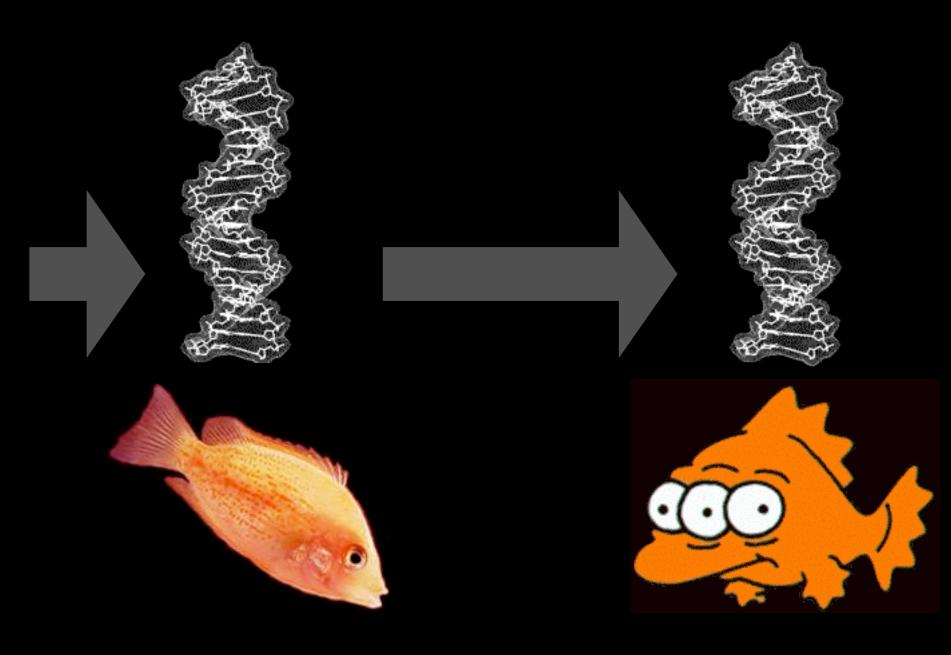
configuration



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Our enemies are innovative and resourceful, and so are we. They never stop thinking about new ways to harm our country and our people, and neither do we. Our enemies are innovative and resourceful, and so are we. They never stop thinking about new ways to harm our country and our people, and neither do we.





However

p(However|START)

However,

p(, |However)

However, the

p(the|,)

However, the sky

p(sky|the)

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

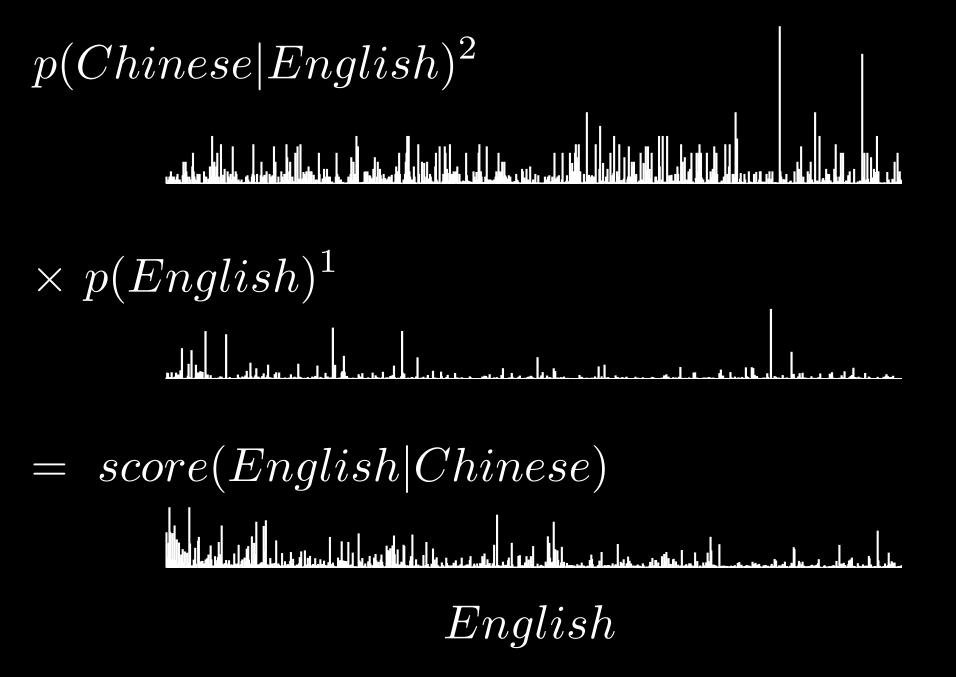
p(Chinese|English)

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 $p(Chinese|English)^1$ $\times p(English)^1$ = p(English|Chinese)English

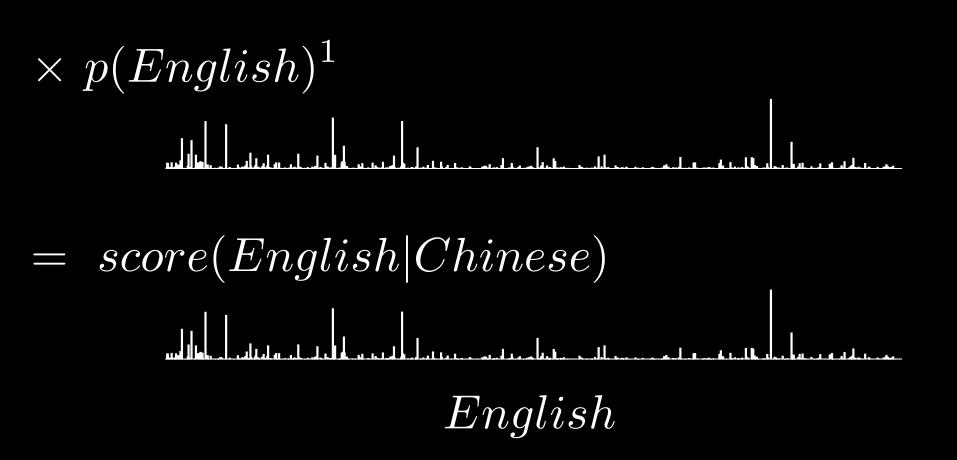


$p(Chinese|English)^{1/2}$

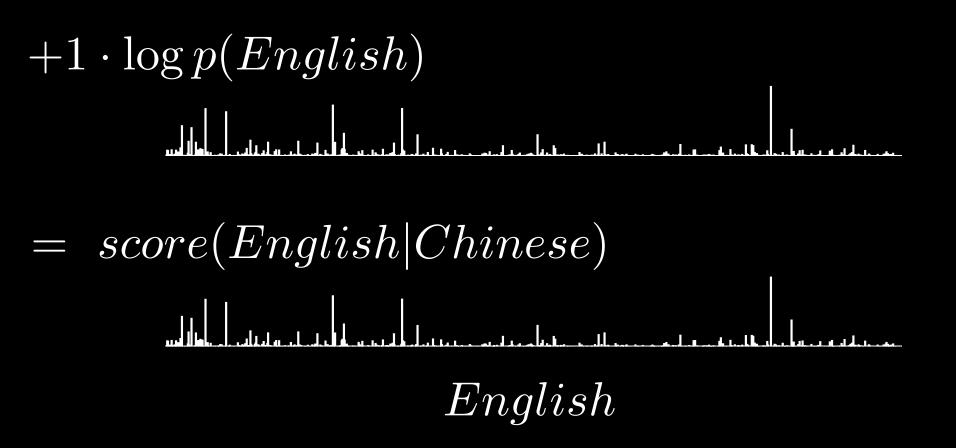
 $\times p(English)^{1}$

= score(English|Chinese)

$p(Chinese|English)^0$



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



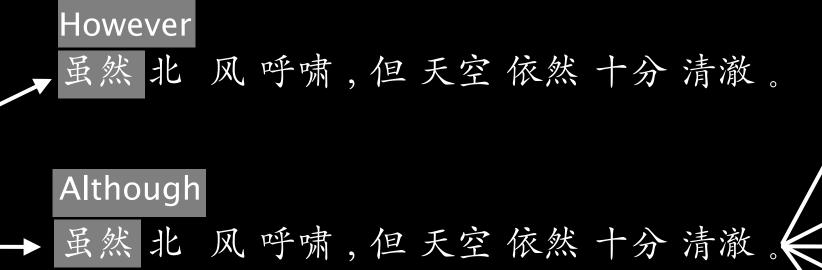


Optimization

However 虽然北风呼啸,但天空依然十分清澈。 Although

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The sky was still crystal clear



The sky was still crystal clear

 Although the north wind screamed

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 Although the northern wind shrieked

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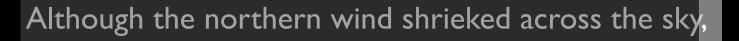
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Although the northern wind shrieked across the sky, still quite 虽然北风呼啸,但天空依然十分清澈。

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

虽然北风呼啸,但天空依然十分清澈。

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Optimization



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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Launch of "Endeavour" delayed by robotic arm problems.

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

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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.

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

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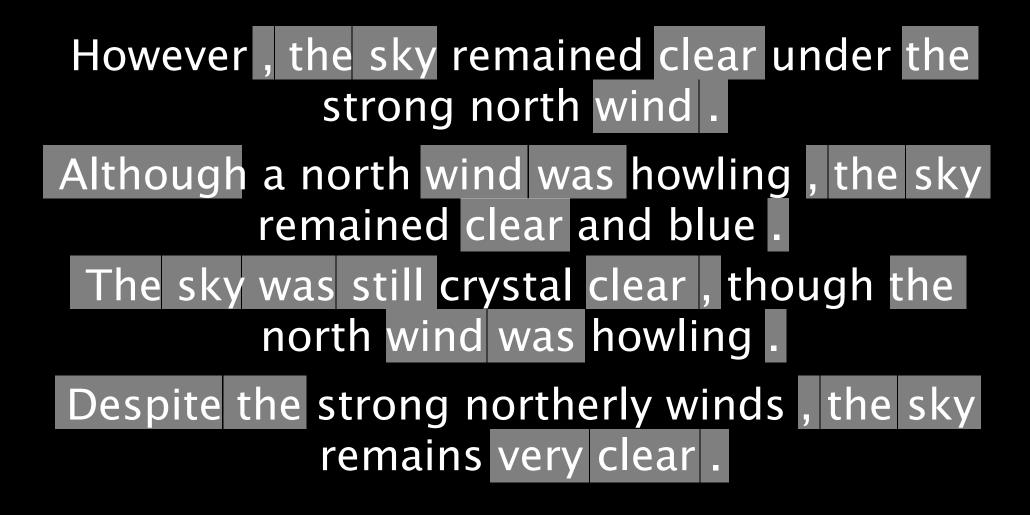
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unigram: 11/15 bigram: 4/14 trigram: 1/13

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<u>BiLingual Evaluation Understudy</u>

BLEU-1 BLEU-4 BLEU-v11b BLEU-v12METEOR-v0.6 NIST-v11b TER-v0.7.254-GRR ATEC1 ATEC2 ATEC3 ATEC4 Meteor-v0.7

BEWT-E Badger BadgerLite Bleu-sbp BleuSP CDer DP-Or **DP-Orp** DR-Or EDPM LET **METEOR**-ranking MaxSim

RTE RTE-MT SEPIA1 SEPIA2 SNR SR-Or SVM-Rank TERp ULCh ULCopt invWer **mBLEU m**TER

BLEU(MT output)

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

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



Optimization



Max Blues Training

Evaluation drives MT research

- Metrics can drive the research for the topics that they evaluate
- NIST MT Eval / DARPA Sponsorship
- Bleu has lead to a focus on phrase-based translation
- Maximum BLEU training
- Other metrics may similarly change the community's focus

When writing a paper

- If you're writing a paper that claims that
 - one approach to machine translation is better than another, or that
 - some modification you've made to a system has improved translation quality
- Then you need to back up that claim
- Evaluation metrics can help, but good experimental design is also critical

Experimental Design

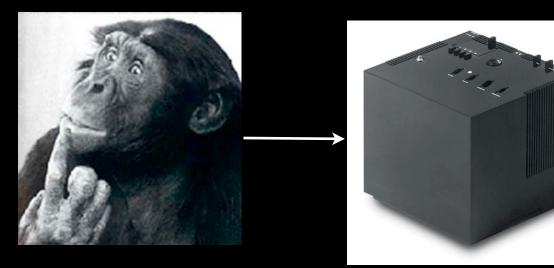
- Separating training / test / development sets
- Standardized data sets
- Standardized evaluation metric
- Error analysis
- Statistical significance





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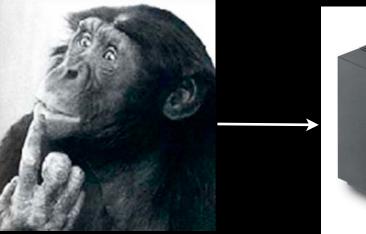




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implementation





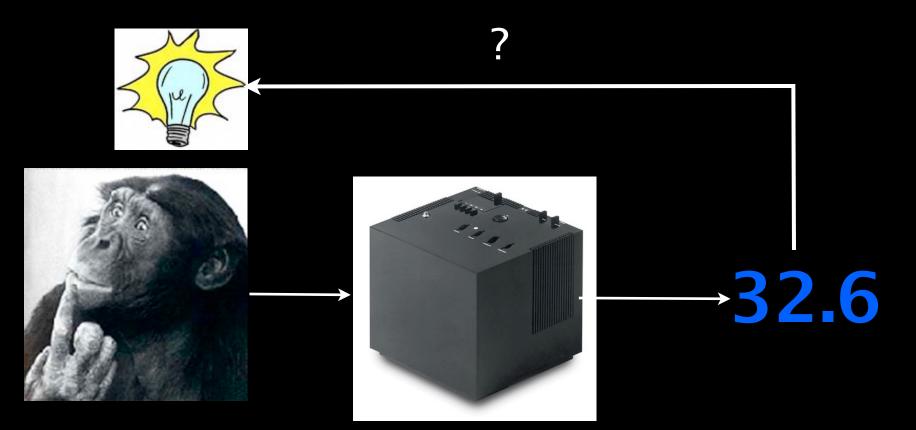


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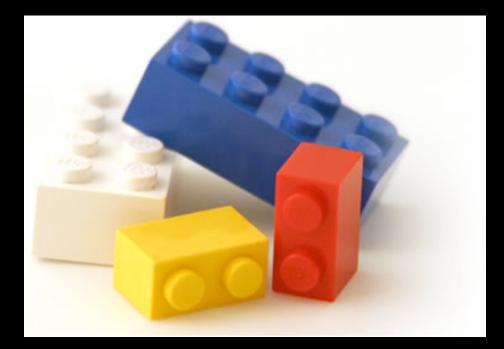
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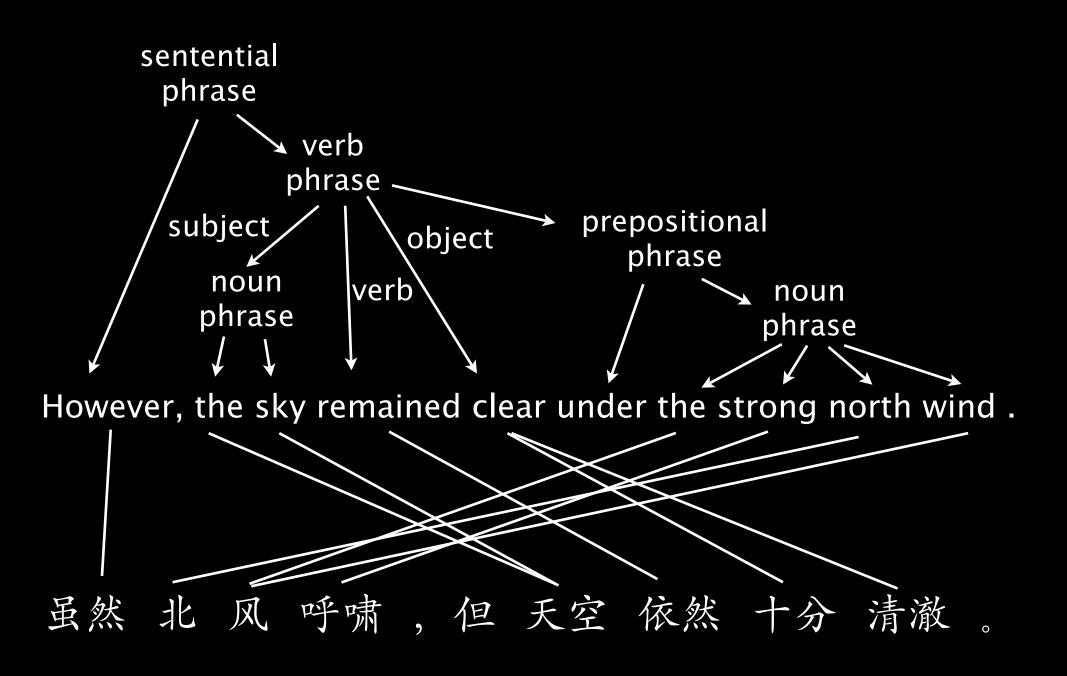


www.statmt.org/europarl/

• www.fjoch.com/GIZA++.html

www.statmt.org/moses/

Open source tools from this week.



Some of my best friends are linguists.

Fred Jelinek (2004)



Open Problems

- What do we do when there's not enough (or any) parallel data?
- What do we do for out-of-domain data?
- What is the best learning algorithm?
- What is the best model?
- What is the best evaluation function?

• http://www.statmt.org - papers, tutorials, etc.

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