# The secret life of words

Pair	Probability
P(Haus house)	0.2110788
P(Hause house)	0.0384082
P(Ordnung house)	0.0251976
P(innerhalb house)	0.0230789
P(bringen house)	0.0227120
P(vor house)	0.0205860
P(ihr house)	0.0183205
P(gute house)	0.0165660
P(Einen house)	0.0164834
P(rehabilitieren house)	0.016365
P(entgegnen house)	0.016365
P(geboten house)	0.0162445
$P(gew\"{o}hnt house)$	0.0166643
P(27 house)	0.0161492
P(erweitern house)	0.0151807
$P(Daf\ddot{u}r house)$	0.0151306
P(notwendig house)	0.0142576
P(begegnen house)	0.0138590
P(Arbeit house)	0.01373755
P(sicheren house)	0.0131492

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P(Häuser houses)	0.22393465
P(nach houses)	0.02897585
P(Daches houses)	0.02893843
P(halten houses)	0.02756981
P(beihilfefähig houses)	0.02536119
P(Wohnungen houses)	0.02536087
P(Privathäuser houses)	0.02513098
P(EFRE-Verordnung houses)	0.02480666
P(immer houses)	0.02395412
$P(Pal\ddot{a}stinenserf\ddot{a}hrer houses)$	0.02318363
P(Parlamentsreden houses)	0.02318363
P(abzurei Ben houses)	0.02318363
P(gleichmachen houses)	0.02318363
P(Erdboden houses)	0.02318363
P(bombardieren houses)	0.02318363
P(genauen houses)	0.0231831
P(schie Ben houses)	0.0231829
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das Schloss translates as the castle.

Can you translate the previously unseen die Schlösser?

#### Inflection interacts with phonology

	-er	-ir	-re
Infinitival form	manger	choisir	descendre
Gloss	'eat'	'choose'	'descend'
1sg	mang+e	chois+is	descend+s
2sg	mang+es	chois+is	descend+s
3sg	mang+e	chois+it	descend+
1pl	mang+eons	chois+issons	descend+ons
2pl	mang+ez	chois+issez	descend+ez
3p1	mang+ent	chois+issent	descend+ent

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üzüldünüz
üz-ül-dü-nüz
sadden-PASS-PST-2PL
'You became sad.' [tur]
sevildiniz
sev-il-di-niz
like-pass-pst-2pl
'You were liked.' [tur]
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Turkish vowel harmony

## simple morphology: English

- Case (e.g. nom., dat.)
- Number (sg., pl.)
- Person (1st, 2nd, 3rd)
- Tense (past, present)

	singular	plural
nominative	1	we
oblique	me	us
possessive determiner	my	our
possessive pronoun	mine	ours
reflexive	myself	ourselves

Tense	I	you	he, she, it	we	you	they
Present	arriv <b>e</b>	arriv <b>e</b>	arriv <b>es</b>	arriv <b>e</b>	arriv <b>e</b>	arriv <b>e</b>
Past	arriv <b>ed</b>					

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- Wayamba: masculine, feminine, neuter, vegetable

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## Noun classes in Luganda

- Class I contains mainly people, although some inanimate nouns can be found in this class: musajja 'man', kaawa 'coffee'
- Class II contains all sorts of nouns but most of the concrete nouns in Class II are long or cylindrical. Most trees fall into this class: muti 'tree'
- Class III also contains many different types of concepts but most animals fall into this class: embwa 'dog'
- Class IV contains inanimate objects and is the class used for the impersonal 'it': ekitabo 'book'
- Class V contains mainly (but not exclusively) large things and liquids, and can also be used to create augmentatives: ebbeere 'breast', lintu 'giant' (from muntu 'person')
- Class VI contains mainly small things and can be used to create diminutives, adjectival abstract nouns and (in the plural) negative verbal nouns and countries: kabwa 'puppy' (from embwa 'dog kanafu 'laziness' (from munafu 'lazy'), bukola 'inaction, not to do' (from kukola 'to do, act'), Bungereza 'Britain, England' (from Mungereza 'British, English person')
- Class VII contains many different things including the names of most languages: Oluganda 'Ganda language', Oluzungu 'English language' (from muzungu 'European, white person')
- Class VIII is rarely used but can be used to create pejorative forms: gubwa 'mutt' (from embwa 'dog')
- Class IX is mainly used for infinitives or affirmative verbal nouns: kukola 'action, to do' (from the verb kola 'do, act')
- Class X, which has no singular–plural distinction, is used for mass nouns, usually in the sense of drop' or 'precious little': tuzzi 'drop of water' (from mazzi 'water'), tubaka 'sleep'

#### more complex inflection: Arabic

Form	Past	Meaning	Non-past	Meaning
I	kataba	'he wrote'	ya <b>kt</b> u <b>b</b> u	'he writes'
II	kattaba	'he made (someone) write'	yu <b>k</b> a <b>tt</b> i <b>b</b> u	'he makes (someone) write'
Ш	kātaba	'he corresponded with, wrote to (someone)'	yu <b>k</b> ā <b>t</b> i <b>b</b> u	"he corresponds with, writes to (someone)'
IV	'a <b>kt</b> a <b>b</b> a	'he dictated'	yu <b>kt</b> i <b>b</b> u	'he dictates'
٧	ta <b>katt</b> a <b>b</b> a	nonexistent	yata <b>k</b> a <b>tt</b> a <b>b</b> u	nonexistent
VI	ta <b>k</b> ā <b>t</b> a <b>b</b> a	'he corresponded (with someone, esp. mutually)'	yata <b>k</b> ā <b>t</b> a <b>b</b> u	'he corresponds (with someone, esp. mutually)'
VII	in <b>k</b> ata <b>b</b> a	'he subscribed'	yan <b>k</b> ati <b>b</b> u	'he subscribes'
VIII	i <b>k</b> ta <b>t</b> a <b>b</b> a	'he copied'	ya <b>k</b> ta <b>t</b> i <b>b</b> u	'he copies'
IX	i <b>ḥm</b> arra	'he turned red'	ya <b>ḥm</b> arru	'he turns red'
X	ista <b>kt</b> a <b>b</b> a	'he asked (someone) to write'	yasta <b>kt</b> i <b>b</b> u	'he asks (someone) to write'

forms of *kataba* (*yaktubu*) 'to write' Root *ktb* 

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		Past	Present Indicative	Future Indicative	Subjunctive	Jussive	Long Energetic	Short Energetic	Imperative	
Singular						'				
		***	katab-t(u)	a-ktub-(u)	sa-'a-ktub-(u)	a-ktub-(a)	a-ktub	a-ktub-anna	a-ktub-an	-
	1st		Liki K	الأذ	شالخت	الثنب	الثاث	الْخُبُنُ	الأنبا	-
			katab-t(a)	ta-ktub-(u)	sa-ta-ktub-(u)	ta-ktub-(a)	ta-ktub	ta-ktub-anna	ta-ktub-an	u-ktub
	2nd	masculine	كنيت	\$365 365	شنكت	نگث	تكثن	غفيا	,525 245	أكتب
		feminine	katab-ti	ta-ktub-in(a)	sa-ta-ktub-in(a)	ta-ktub-ii	ta-ktub-ii	ta-ktub-inna	ta-ktub-in	u-ktub-ï
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	3rd -	masculine	katab-(a)	ya-ktub-(u)	sa-ya-ktub-(u)	ya-ktub-(a)	ya-ktub	ya-ktub-anna	ya-ktub-an	-
			غنن	<u> </u>	شيكت	يثثن	بنثن	يغثب	يتثن	-
		feminine	katab-et	ta-klub-(u)	sa-ta-ktub-(u)	ta-ktub-(a)	ta-ktub	ta-klub-anna	ta-ktub-an	-
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						Plural				
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	2nd	masculine	katab-tum	ta-ktub-ün(a)	sa-ta-ktub-ün(a)	ta-ktub-ü	ta-ktub-ü	ta-ktub-unna	ta-ktub-un	u-ktub-ü
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Passive	2nd	masculine	kutib-t(a)	tu-ktab-(u)	sa-tu-ktab-(u)	tu-ktab-(a)	tu-ktab	tu-ktab-anna	tu-ktab-en	-
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	etc.									
	Active Participle			Passive Participle		Verbal Noun				
Nominal	katib			maktūb			katb, kitbah, kitabah			
	كابب			مَكُنُونِ		عَبْ. بِكَيْه. بِكَانِه				

forms of kataba (yaktubu) 'to write'

#### Semitic morphology is nonconcatenative

Root	Pattern	Part of	Phonological	Orthographic	Gloss
		Speech	Form	Form	
ktb	CaCaC	(v)	katav	כתב	'wrote'
ktb	hiCCiC	(v)	hixtiv	הכתיב	'dictated'
ktb	miCCaC	(n)	mixtav	מכתב	'a letter'
ktb	CCaC	(n)	ktav	כתב	'writing,
					alphabet'

#### Inflection by reduplication

anak "child" (Indonesian)
anak-anak "children" (Indonesian)
buah "fruit" (Indonesian)
buah-buahan "various fruits" (Indonesian)
in Indonesian.

Basic Verb	Reduplication	Triplication
koul 'to sing'	koukoul 'singing'	koukoukoul 'still singing'
mejr 'to sleep'	mejmejr 'sleeping'	mejmejmejr 'still sleeping'

in Pingelapese.
This process is also productive!

#### Agreement & inflection in Kayardild

- a. Ngada kurri-nangku mala-y.
   1sg.nom see-neg.ротентіль sea-loc.астиль
   'I could not see the sea.' [gyd]
- b. Ngada kurri-nangku mala-wu.
  1sg.nom see-neg.potential sea-proprietive.fut
  'I won't (be able to) see the sea.' [gyd]

## Morphological negation

met numö-ge el-jaqa-te-je
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Kolyma Yukaghir

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English

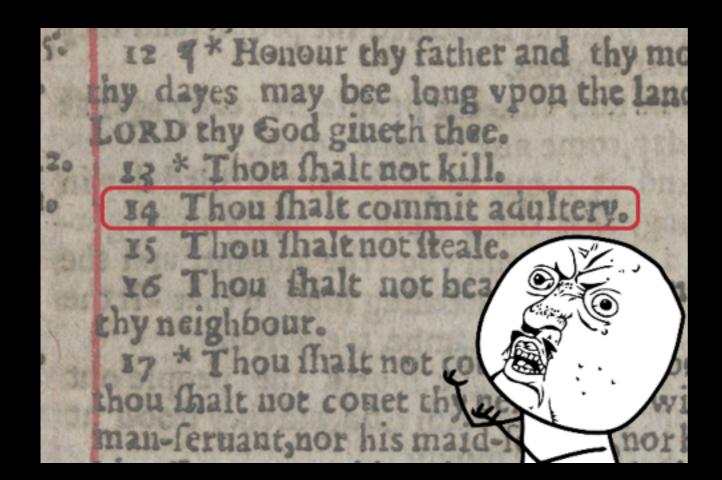
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Negation matters, as the publishers of the "Wicked Bible" discovered

## Derivational morphology

Affix	POS change	Examples
-able	$V \rightarrow A$	fixable, doable, understandable
-ive	$V \rightarrow A$	assertive, impressive, restrictive
-al	$V \rightarrow N$	refusal, disposal, recital
-er	$V \rightarrow N$	teacher, worker
-ment	$V \rightarrow N$	adjournment, treatment, amazement
-dom	$N \rightarrow N$	kingdom, fiefdom
-less	$N \to A$	penniless, brainless
-ic	$N \to A$	cubic, optimistic
-ize	$N \rightarrow V$	hospitalize, vaporize
-ize	$A \rightarrow V$	modernize, nationalize
-ness	$A \rightarrow N$	happiness, sadness
anti-	$N \rightarrow N$	antihero, antidepressant
de-	$V \rightarrow V$	deactivate, demystify
un-	$V \rightarrow V$	untie, unlock, undo
un-	$A \rightarrow A$	unhappy, unfair, unintelligent

## Compounding and Inflection

ostoskeskuksessa

ostos#keskus+N+Sg+Loc:in

shopping#center+N+Sg+Loc:in

'in the shopping center'

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## Morphological analysis

... is ambiguous

word

прочим

possible analyses

Generation is (mostly) unambiguous

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Modified Lemmas:

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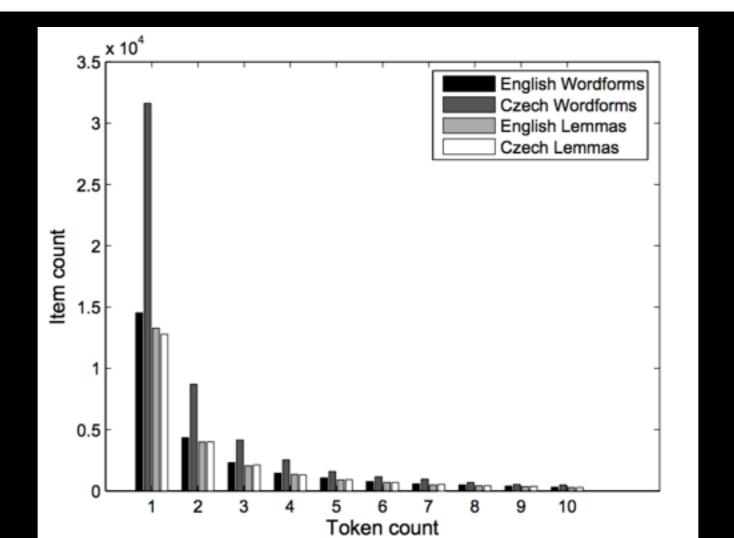
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word-to-word	.311	.270
lemmatize all	.355	.299
except Pro	.350	
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lemmatize $n < 50$	.370	.306
truncate all	.353	.283

Rather than decide on a particular representation of words, allow translation system to choose.

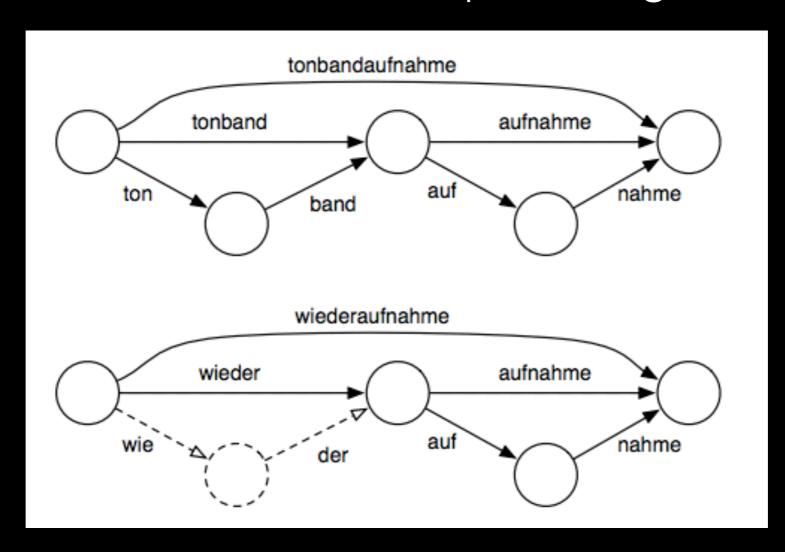
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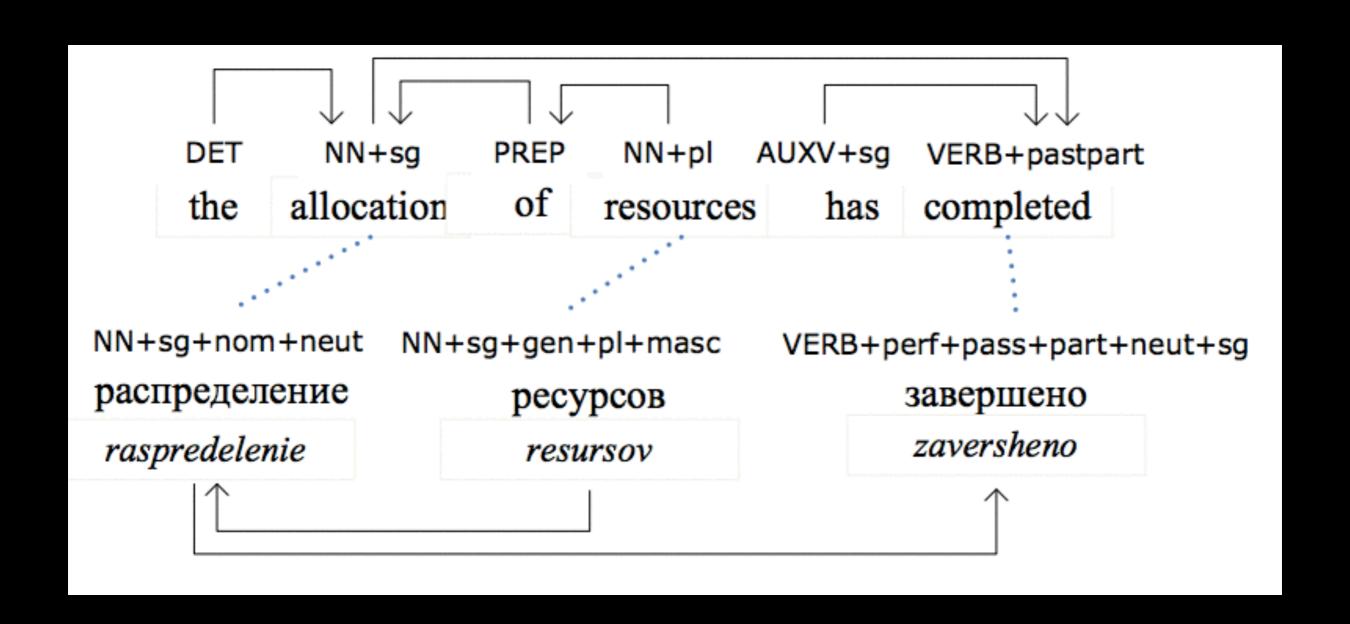
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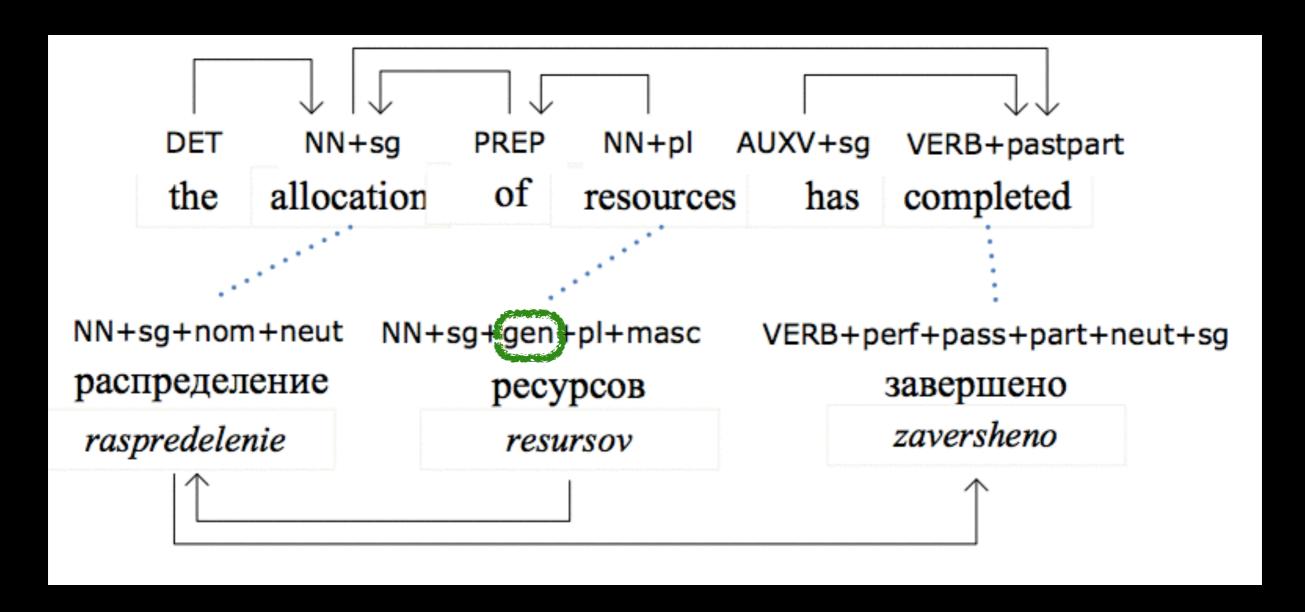
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Input	BLEU	Sample translation
SURFACE	22.74	From the US side of the Atlantic all such odůvodnění appears to be a totally bizarre.
LEMMA	22.50	From the side of the Atlantic with any such justification seem completely bizarre.
TRUNC ( <i>l</i> =6)	22.07	From the bank of the Atlantic, all such justification appears to be totally bizarre.
backoff (SURFACE+LEMMA)	23.94	From the US bank of the Atlantic, all such justification appears to be totally bizarre.
CN (SURFACE+LEMMA)	25.01	From the US side of the Atlantic all such justification appears to be a totally bizarre.
CN (SURFACE+TRUNC)	23.57	From the US Atlantic any such justification appears to be a totally bizarre.

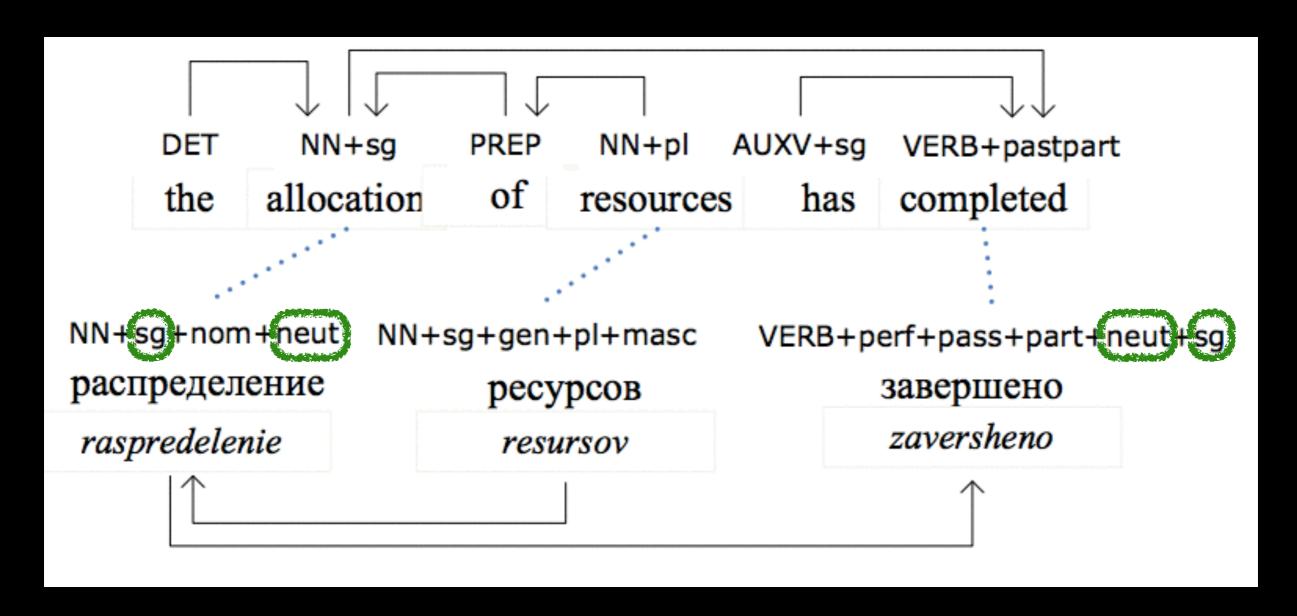
#### Related: uncompounding





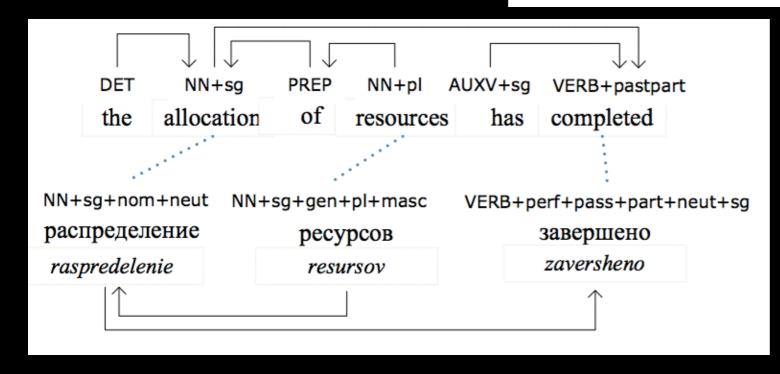


genitive case: marks noun modifying another noun



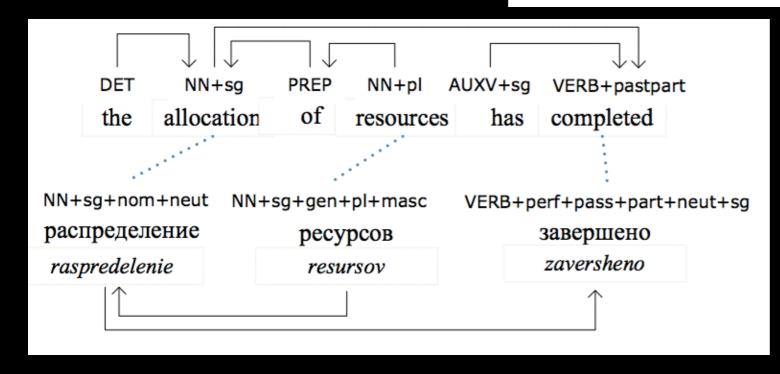
verb and its argument must agree on these features

Feature categories	Instantiations
Monolingual lexical	
Word stem	$s_{t-1},\!s_{t-2},\!s_t,\!s_{t+1}$
Predicted word	$y_t,y_{t-1},y_{t-2}$
Monolingual morphological	
f: POS, Person, Number, Gender, Tense	$f(y_{t-2}), f(y_{t-1}), f(y_t)$
Neg, Det, Prep, Conj, ObjPron, PossPron	
Monolingual syntactic	
Parent stem	$s_{HEAD(t)}$
Bilingual lexical	,
Aligned word set $Al$	$Al_t, Al_{t-1}, Al_{t+1}$
Bilingual morph & syntactic	
f: POS, Person, Number, Gender, Tense	$f(Al_t), f(Al_{t-1}),$
Neg, Det, Prep, Conj, ObjPron, PossPron,	$f(Al_{t+1}), f(Al_{HEAD(t)})$
Comp	



$$p(y|x) = \prod_{t=1}^{n} p(y_t|y_{t-1}...y_{t-k}, x_t)$$

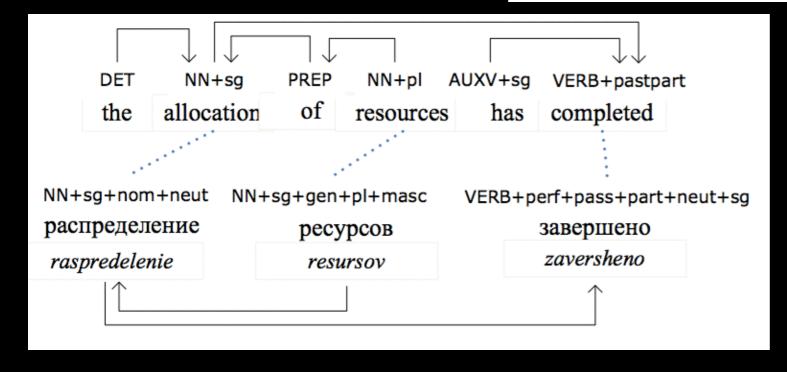
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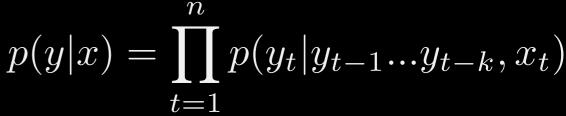


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Model	BLEU
Base MT (n=1)	29.24
Method 1 ( <i>n</i> =1)	30.44
Method 1 ( <i>n</i> =16)	30.61
Method 2 ( <i>n</i> =1)	30.79
Method 2 ( $n=16$ )	31.24
Method 3 ( <i>n</i> =1)	31.42
Method 3 ( $n=32$ )	31.80

Feature categories	Instantiations
Monolingual lexical	
Word stem	$s_{t-1},\!s_{t-2},\!s_t,\!s_{t+1}$
Predicted word	$y_t,y_{t-1},y_{t-2}$
Monolingual morphological	
f: POS, Person, Number, Gender, Tense	$f(y_{t-2}),\!f(y_{t-1}),\!f(y_t)$
Neg, Det, Prep, Conj, ObjPron, PossPron	
Monolingual syntactic	
Parent stem	$s_{HEAD(t)}$
Bilingual lexical	
Aligned word set $Al$	$Al_t, Al_{t-1}, Al_{t+1}$
Bilingual morph & syntactic	
f: POS, Person, Number, Gender, Tense	$f(Al_t), f(Al_{t-1}),$
Neg, Det, Prep, Conj, ObjPron, PossPron,	$f(Al_{t+1}), f(Al_{HEAD(t)})$
Comp	(-),









	EN→RU	EN→HE	EN→SW
Baseline	$14.7 \pm 0.1$	$15.8 \pm 0.3$	$18.3 \pm 0.1$
+Class LM	$15.7 \pm 0.1$	$16.8 \pm 0.4$	$18.7 {\pm} 0.2$
+Synthetic			
unsupervised	$16.2 \pm 0.1$	$17.6 \pm 0.1$	$19.0 {\pm} 0.1$
supervised	$16.7 \pm 0.1$		