

CA4012

Statistical Machine Translation



# Week 8: Phrase-based Translation Model

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# Recap: IBM Models

- What are the main differences between higher IBM Models and IBM Model 1?
  - IBM Model 1: lexical translation;
  - IBM Model 2: adds absolute alignment model;
  - IBM Model 3: adds fertility model;
  - IBM Model 4: adds relative alignment model;
  - IBM Model 5: fixes deficiency.

# Exercise in Class

Given the following Chinese-English pairs:

$S_1$	$S_2$
yuan	hen yuan
far	far away

The source side is Chinese, and the target side is English. In this question, the *NULL* token is ignored.

Q1:

Assuming **only one-to-one alignment is allowed**, please list all the possible word alignments for the two sentence pairs.

Q2:

Considering all word alignments as above, state what the following translation probabilities will be after **two** iterations of the **Expectation Maximisation** algorithm and **show all the steps** followed to arrive at these values:

$t(far|yuan)$

$t(way|yuan)$

$t(far|hen)$

$t(away|hen)$

# Solution 1: Normal IBM 1

- Step 0: Initialisation
- Step 1: Expectation – Alignment probability
  - Translation probability under the alignment:

$$p(e, a|f) = \frac{\varepsilon}{(l_f + 1)^{l_e}} \prod_{j=1}^{l_e} t(e_j|f_{a(j)})$$

- Alignment probability for each alignment

$$p(a|\mathbf{e}, \mathbf{f}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{e}, a|\mathbf{f})}{p(\mathbf{e}|\mathbf{f})} = \frac{p(\mathbf{e}, a|\mathbf{f})}{\sum_a p(\mathbf{e}, a|\mathbf{f})}$$



# Step 2: Maximisation

- Collecting fractional counts:

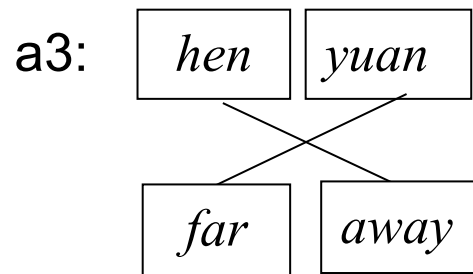
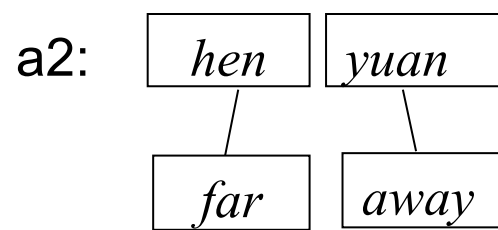
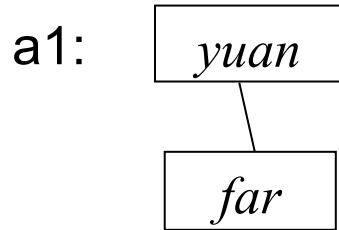
$$c(e|f; \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{f}) = \sum_a p(a|\mathbf{e}, \mathbf{f}) \sum_{j=1}^{l_e} \delta(e, e_j) \delta(f, f_{a(j)})$$

- Estimate new lexical translation probability:

$$t(e|f; \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{f}) = \frac{\sum_{(e,f)} c(e|f; \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{f})}{\sum_e \sum_{(e,f)} c(e|f; \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{f})}$$

- Iterate until convergence

# Q1:



# Q2

- Initialisation:

- Input words  $W1=\{\text{hen, yuan}\}$ ,  $\text{size\_in} = 2$
- Output words  $W2=\{\text{far, away}\}$ ,  $\text{size\_out} = 2$
- $t(\text{far}|\text{yuan}) = 1/\text{size\_out} = 1/2$
- $t(\text{away}|\text{yuan}) = 1/\text{size\_out} = 1/2$
- $t(\text{far}|\text{hen}) = 1/\text{size\_out} = 1/2$
- $t(\text{away}|\text{hen}) = 1/\text{size\_out} = 1/2$

# Iteration 1:

- Step 1 - Expectation:
  - Compute the translation probability under each possible alignment:
    - $p(e, a_1|f) = t(\text{far}|\text{yuan}) = 1/2$
    - $p(e, a_2|f) = t(\text{far}|\text{hen}) * t(\text{away}|\text{yuan}) = 1/2 * (1/2) = 1/4$
    - $p(e, a_3|f) = t(\text{away}|\text{hen}) * t(\text{far}|\text{yuan}) = 1/2 * (1/2) = 1/4$

# Iteration 1:

- Step 1 - Expectation:
  - Normalize the alignment probability:
    - $p(a_1|e,f) = (1/2)/(1/2) = 1$
    - $p(a_2|e,f) = (1/4)/(1/4*2) = 1/2$
    - $p(a_3|e,f) = (1/4)/(1/4*2) = 1/2$

# Iteration 1:

- Step 2 - Maximisation:
  - Collect fractional counts
    - $c(\text{far}|\text{yuan}) = 1*1 + 1/2*1 = 3/2$
    - $c(\text{away}|\text{yuan}) = 1/2 * 1 = 1/2$
    - $c(\text{far}|\text{hen}) = 1/2*1 = 1/2$
    - $c(\text{away}|\text{hen}) = 1/2*1 = 1/2$

# Iteration 1:

- Step 2 - Maximisation:
  - Normalize and estimate lexical translation probabilities
    - $t(\text{far}|\text{yuan}) = 3/2 / (3/2 + 1/2) = 3/4$
    - $t(\text{away}|\text{yuan}) = 1/2 / (3/2 + 1/2) = 1/4$
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# Iteration 2:

- Step 1 - Expectation:
  - Compute the translation probability under one alignment:
    - $p(e, a1|f) = t(\text{far}|\text{yuan}) = 3/4$
    - $p(e, a2|f) = t(\text{far}|\text{hen}) * t(\text{away}|\text{yuan}) = 1/2 * (1/4) = 1/8$
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# Iteration 2:

- Step 1 - Expectation:
  - Normalize the alignment probability:
    - $p(a_1|e,f) = (3/4)/(3/4) = 1$
    - $p(a_2|e,f) = (1/8)/(4/8) = 1/4$
    - $p(a_3|e,f) = (3/8)/(4/8) = 3/4$

# Iteration 2:

- Step 2 - Maximisation:
  - Collect fractional counts
    - $c(\text{far}|\text{yuan}) = 1*1 + 3/4*1 = 7/4$
    - $c(\text{away}|\text{yuan}) = 1/4*1 = 1/4$
    - $c(\text{far}|\text{hen}) = 1/4*1 + = 1/4$
    - $c(\text{away}|\text{hen}) = 3/4*1 = 3/4$

# Iteration 2:

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  - Normalize and estimate lexical translation probabilities
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    - $t(\text{away}|\text{hen}) = 3/4 / (1/4 + 3/4) = 3/4$

# Results after two Iterations

- $t(\text{far}|\text{yuan}) = 7/4 / (7/4 + 1/4) = 7/8$
- $t(\text{away}|\text{yuan}) = 1/4 / (8/4) = 1/8$
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# Solution 2: Simplified IBM 1



Step 1: Initialize model parameters  $p(e|f)$

Step 2: Collect counts for word pair  $(e, f)$

$$c(e|f; \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{f}) = \frac{t(e|f)}{\sum_{i=0}^{l_f} t(e|f_i)} \sum_{j=1}^{l_e} \delta(e, e_j) \sum_{i=0}^{l_f} \delta(f, f_i)$$

Step 3: Estimate new model parameters

$$t(e|f; \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{f}) = \frac{\sum_{(e,f)} c(e|f; \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{f})}{\sum_e \sum_{(e,f)} c(e|f; \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{f})}$$

Iterate until convergence.

# Q2

- Initialisation:
  - Input words  $W1 = \{\text{hen, yuan}\}$
  - Output words  $W2 = \{\text{far, away}\}$ 
    - $t(\text{far}|\text{yuan}) = 1/2$
    - $t(\text{away}|\text{yuan}) = 1/2$
    - $t(\text{far}|\text{hen}) = 1/2$
    - $t(\text{away}|\text{hen}) = 1/2$

# Iteration 1:

- Collect counts for word pairs sentence by sentence
  - S1: yuan - far
    - $c(\text{far}|\text{yuan}) = \frac{1/2}{1/2} * 1 = 1$
  - S2: hen yuan – far away
    - $c(\text{far}|\text{yuan}) = \frac{1/2}{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}} * 1 = \frac{1}{2}$
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# Iteration 1:

- Using Simplified IBM Model 1 to estimate new lexical translation probabilities
  - $t(\text{far}|\text{yuan}) = \frac{1+1/2}{\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{2}+1} = \frac{3}{4}$
  - $t(\text{away}|\text{yuan}) = \frac{1/2}{\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{2}+1} = \frac{1}{4}$
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# Iteration 2:

- Collect counts for word pairs sentence by sentence
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    - $c(\text{far}|\text{yuan}) = \frac{3/4}{3/4} * 1 = 1$
  - S2: hen yuan – far away
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# Iteration 2:

- Using Simplified IBM Model 1 to estimate new word translation probabilities

- $t(\text{far}|\text{yuan}) = \frac{1+3/5}{\frac{3}{5}+\frac{1}{3}+1} = \frac{24}{29}$

- $t(\text{away}|\text{yuan}) = \frac{1/3}{\frac{3}{5}+\frac{1}{3}+1} = \frac{5}{29}$

- $t(\text{far}|\text{hen}) = \frac{2/5}{\frac{2}{5}+\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{3}{8}$

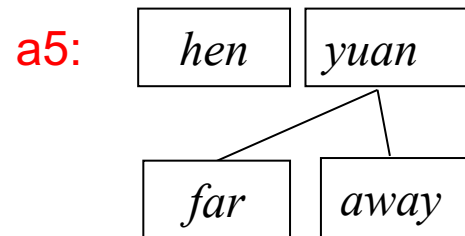
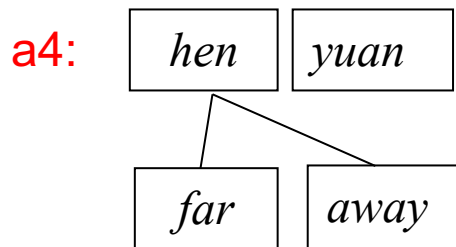
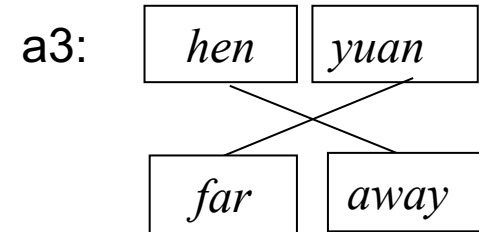
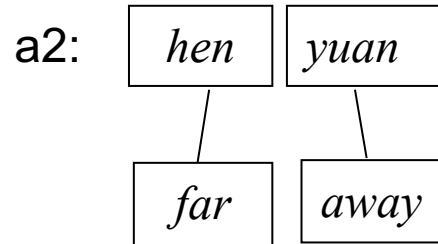
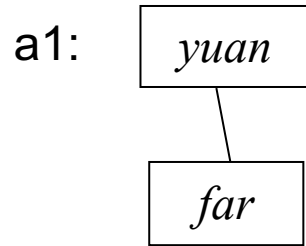
- $t(\text{away}|\text{hen}) = \frac{2/3}{\frac{2}{5}+\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{5}{8}$

# Results from two solutions

- $t(\text{far}|\text{yuan}) = \frac{7/4}{7/4+1/4} = \frac{7}{8}$
- $t(\text{away}|\text{yuan}) = \frac{1/4}{8/4} = \frac{1}{8}$
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Why different?

# Two alignments Missed



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## Phrase-based Translation Model



Learning a Phrase Translation Table



Bidirectional Word Alignment



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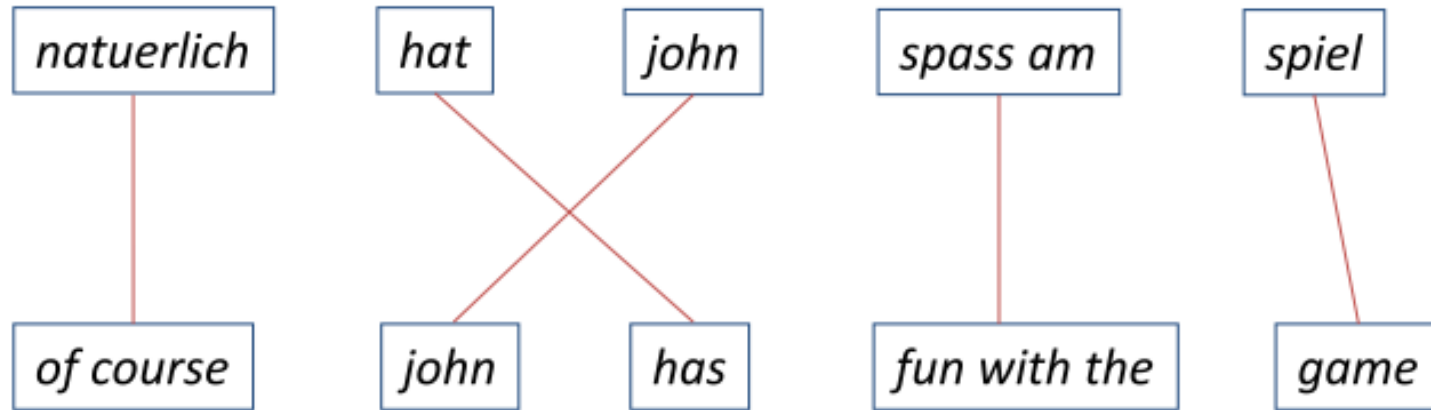


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- A phrase is a contiguous sequence of words in a sentence.
  - He likes reading

Phrase-based models are the “**standard**” model in statistical machine translation.

Short: PBSMT, PB-SMT

# Example



- Source sentence is segmented into **phrases**.
- Each phrase is translated into target language.
- Phrases are **re-ordered**.

# Characteristics from Example

- A monolingual phrase:
  - A phrase can be **any contiguous sequence of words** in a sentence  
e.g. **of course, fun with the**

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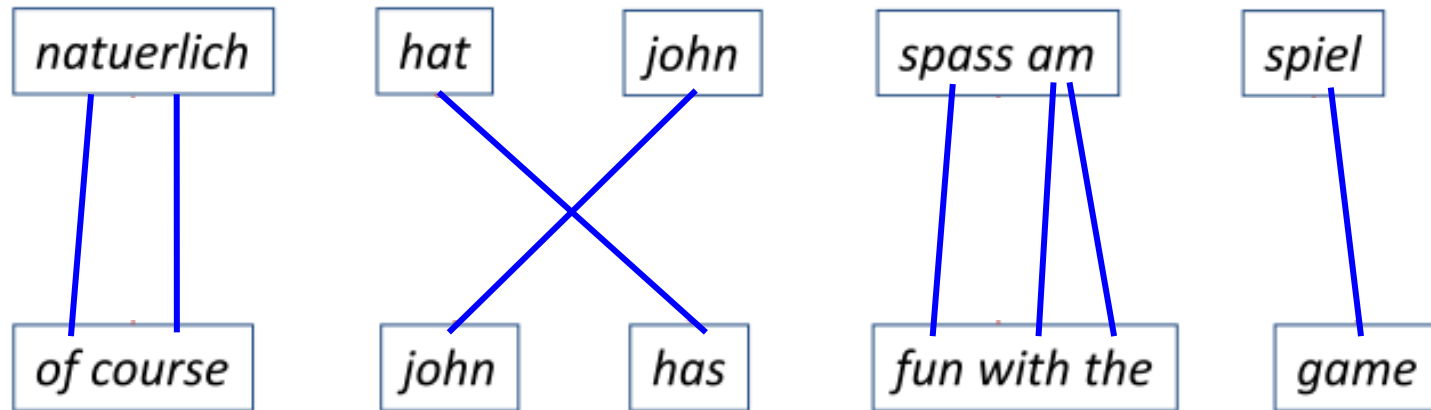
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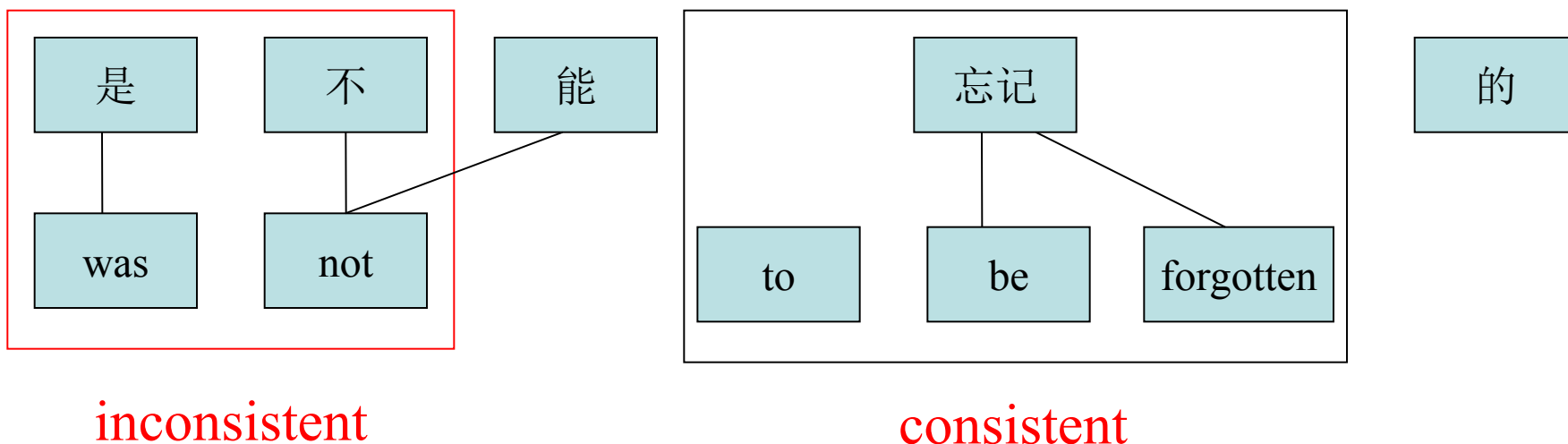
- A monolingual phrase:
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# Characteristics from Example

- A bilingual phrase pair should be **consistent** with word alignment.



# Bilingual Phrase Pairs: Consistency





# Phrase-based Translation Model



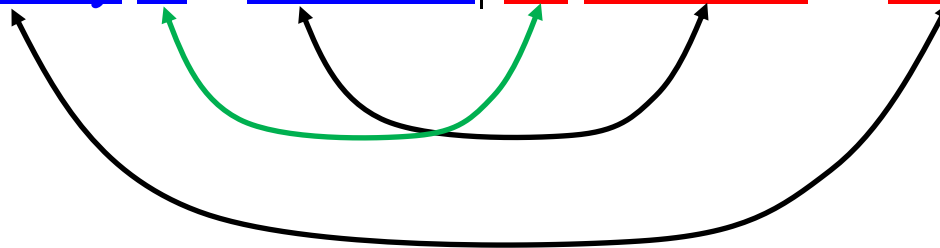
- Advantages:
  - many-to-many translation can handle **non-compositional** phrases or **idioms**  
e.g. **real estate, face value, kick the bucket, shooting the breeze**

# Phrase-based Translation Model

- Advantages:

- use of local context in translation

e.g. the boy in a red shirt | 穿红衬衣的男孩



# Phrase-based Translation Model

- Advantages:
  - the more data, the longer phrases can be learned
- e.g. phrase-based SMT is the old state-of-the-art
- Nice to meet you, can I have the bill please?

# Phrase-based Translation Model



- Advantages:
  - the model is conceptually much simpler.
  - e.g. no need the fertility, insertion and deletion in the word-based models.

# Phrase Translation Table

- Main knowledge source:
  - table with phrase translations and their probabilities
- Example: phrase translations for **natuerlich**

Translation	Probability
of course	0.5
naturally	0.3
of course ,	0.15
, of course ,	0.05

# Phrase Translation Table

- Real example taken from Europarl for the German phrase **den Vorschlag**

English	Probability	English	Probability
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a proposal	0.0341	the motion	0.0091
the idea	0.025	the idea of	0.0091
this proposal	0.0227	the proposal ,	0.0068
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- ✓ lexical variation (proposal vs suggestions)
- ✓ morphological variation (proposal vs proposals)
- ✓ included function words (the, a, ...)
- ✓ noise (it)

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**Learning a Phrase Translation Table**

Bidirectional Word Alignment

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# Learning a Phrase Translation Table



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Phrase-based Translation Model

Learning a Phrase Translation Table

**Bidirectional Word Alignment**

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# Problems with Word Alignment and IBM Models

- Each **target** word can be aligned to **at most one source** word. Therefore, it's not possible to end up with an alignment of **one target word to many source words**

herzlichen glückwunsch



congratulations



# How to fix this?

- Compute word alignments in both directions!

*congratulations*  
/ *herzlichen glückwunsch*



- In this way, we can get **many-to-one** alignments as well as **one-to-many** alignments.

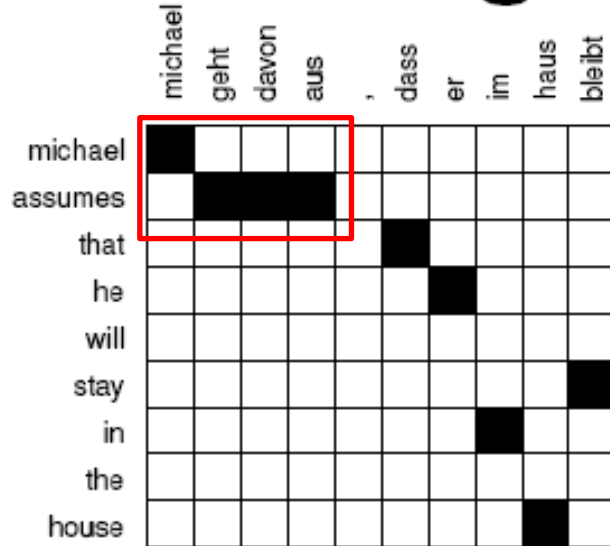


# Bidirectional Word Alignment

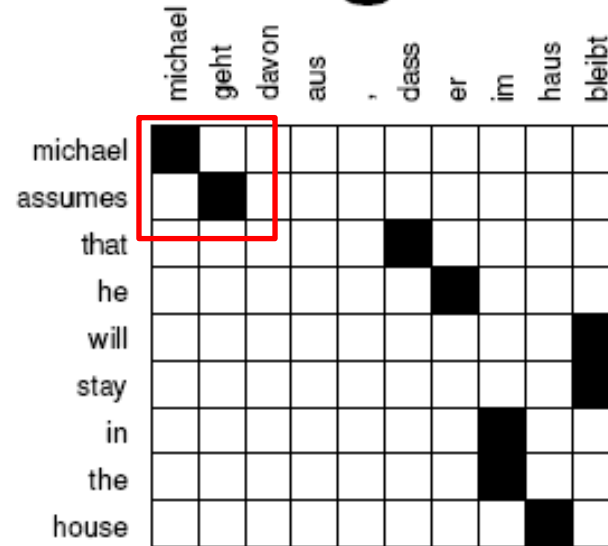
Algorithm of Bidirectional word alignment:

1. Using IBM Models to do word alignment in one direction.
2. Using IBM Models to do word alignment in the other direction.
3. Merge the above two alignments.

# Symmetrizing Word Alignments

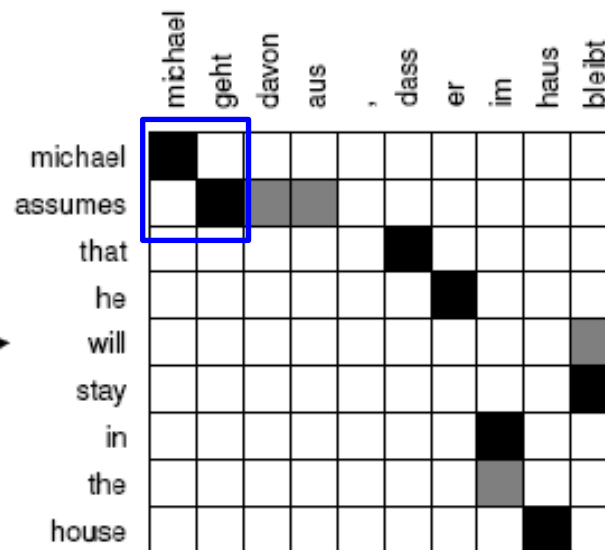


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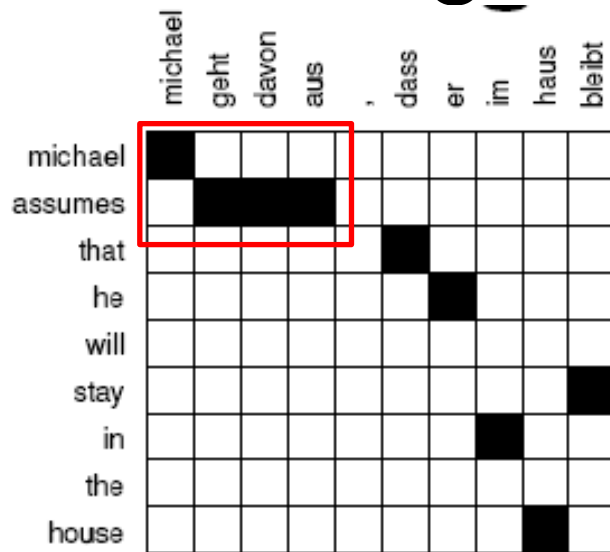
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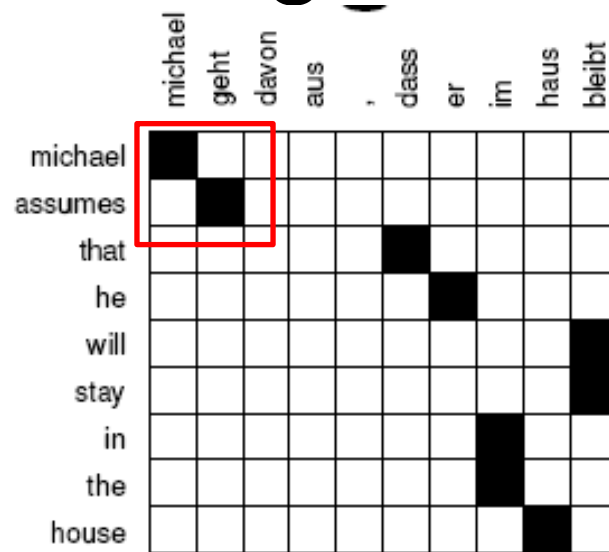


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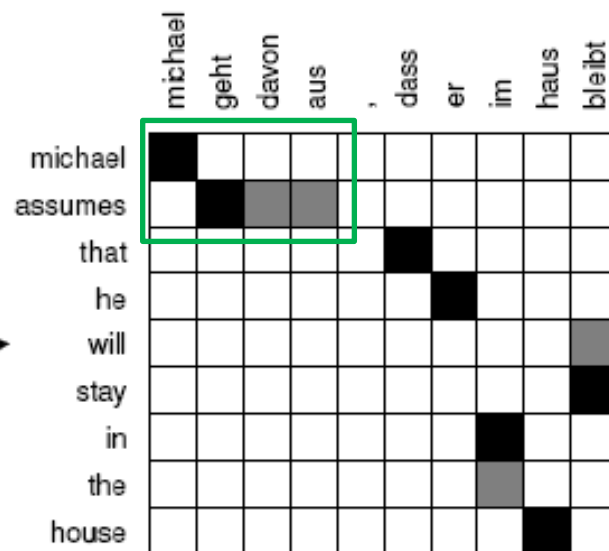


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# Bidirectional word alignment



	Michael	geht	davon	aus	,	dass	er	im	haus	bleibt
Michael										
assumes										
that										
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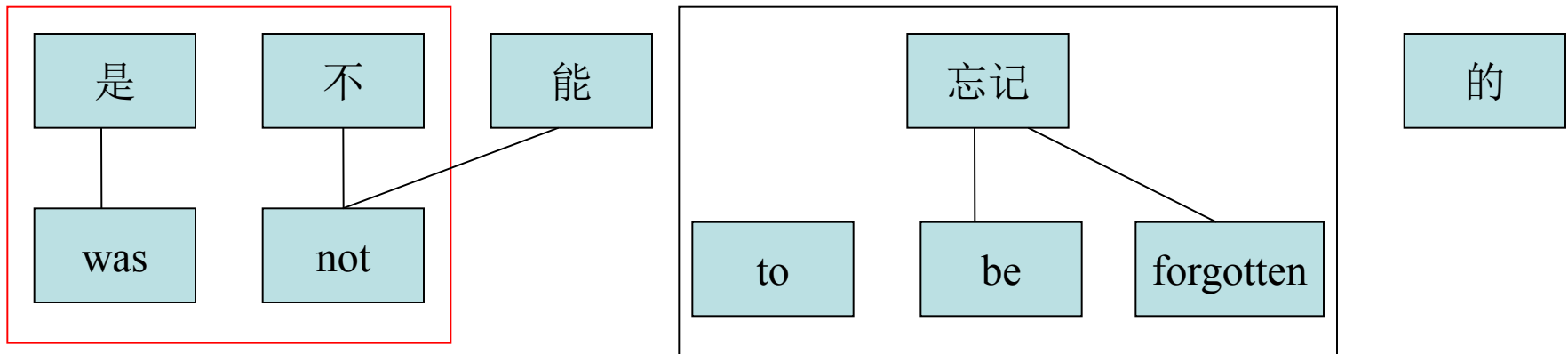
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**Phrase Pair Extraction**

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# Recall: Bilingual Phrase Pairs



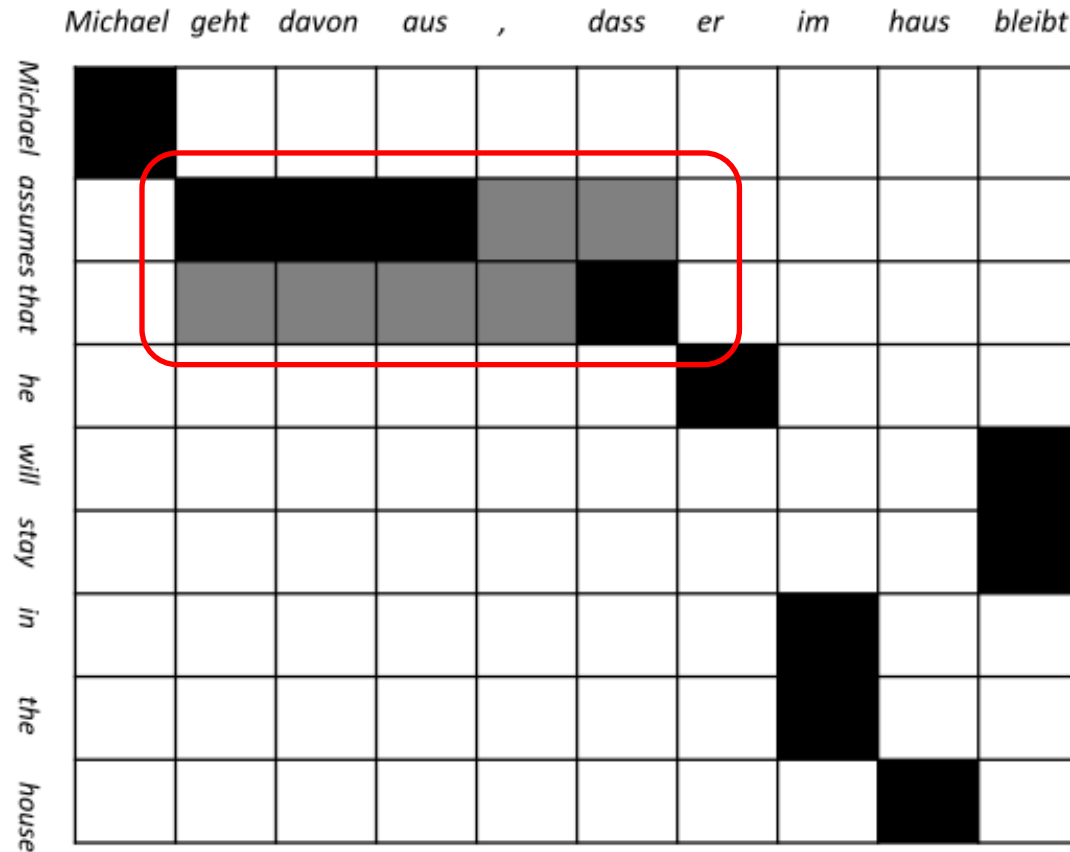
inconsistent



consistent



# Extracting Phrase Pairs



extract phrase pair consistent with word alignment:

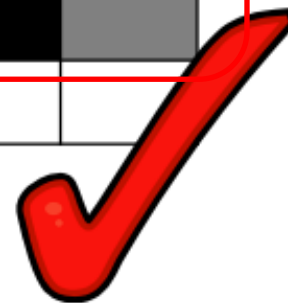
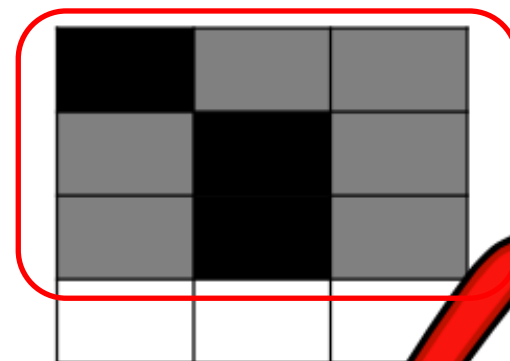
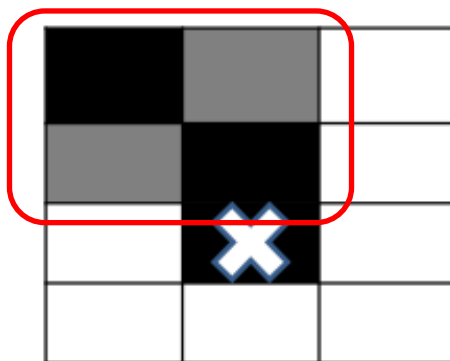
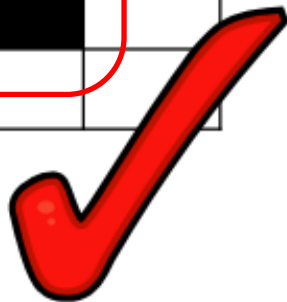
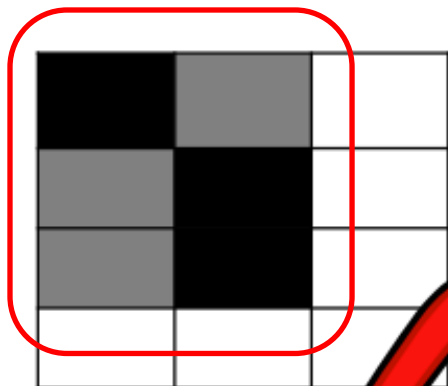
assumes that / geht davon aus , dass

# Consistent Conditions

- A phrase pair  $(e, f)$  is consistent with a bidirectional word alignment  $A$  **if and only if**
  - For all words  $e_i$  in  $e$ , if  $e_i$  is aligned to a word  $f_j$  in  $A$ , then  $f_j$  is in  $f$ .
  - For all words  $f_j$  in  $f$ , if  $f_j$  is aligned to a word  $e_i$  in  $A$ , then  $e_i$  is in  $e$ .
  - There exists  $e_i$  in  $e$ ,  $f_j$  in  $f$  :  $(e_i, f_j)$  in  $A$



# Consistent with Word Alignment



# Phrase Pair Extraction

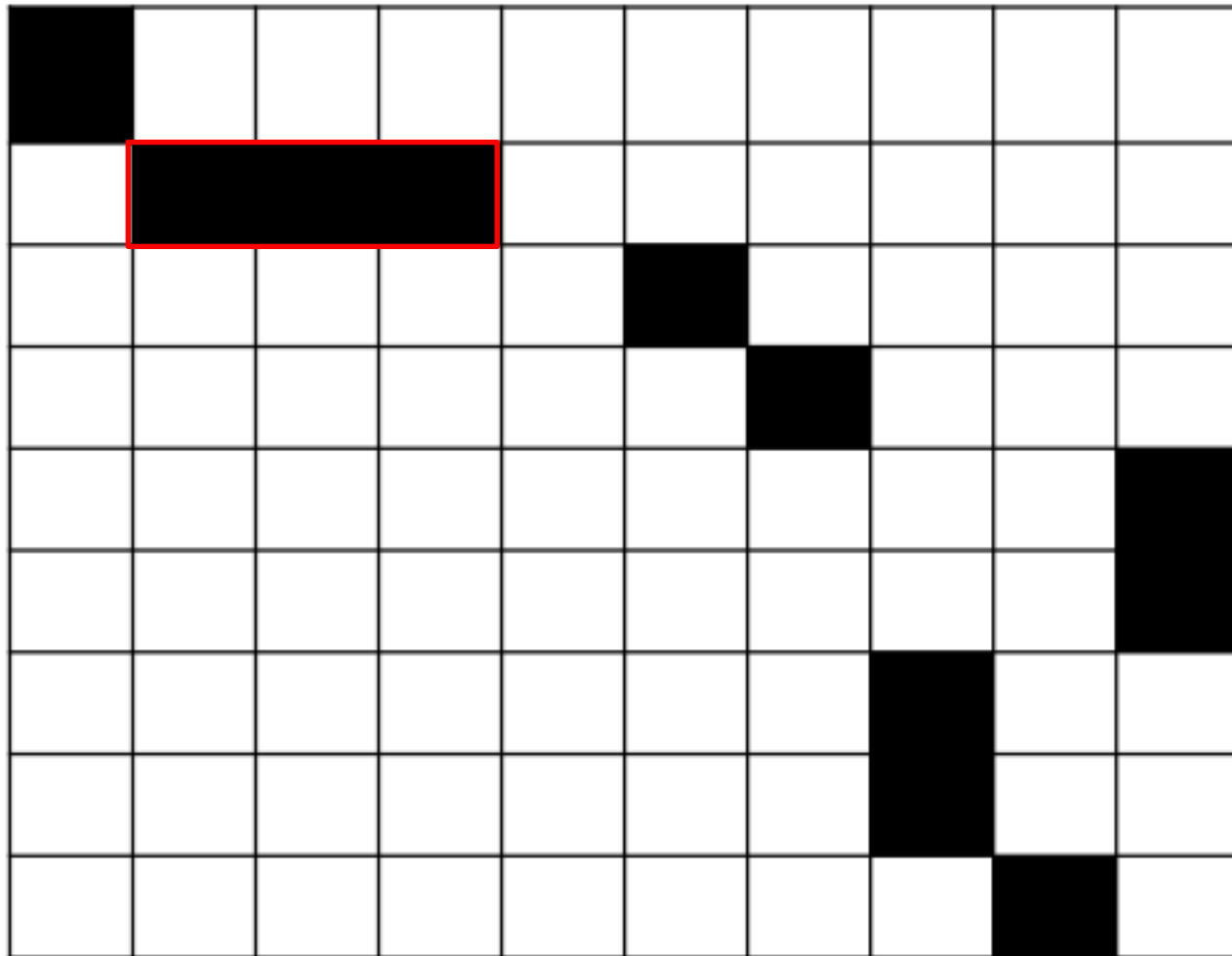
Michael geht davon aus , dass er im haus bleibt

Michael assumes that he will stay in the house


# Phrase Pair Extraction

Michael geht davon aus , dass er im haus bleibt

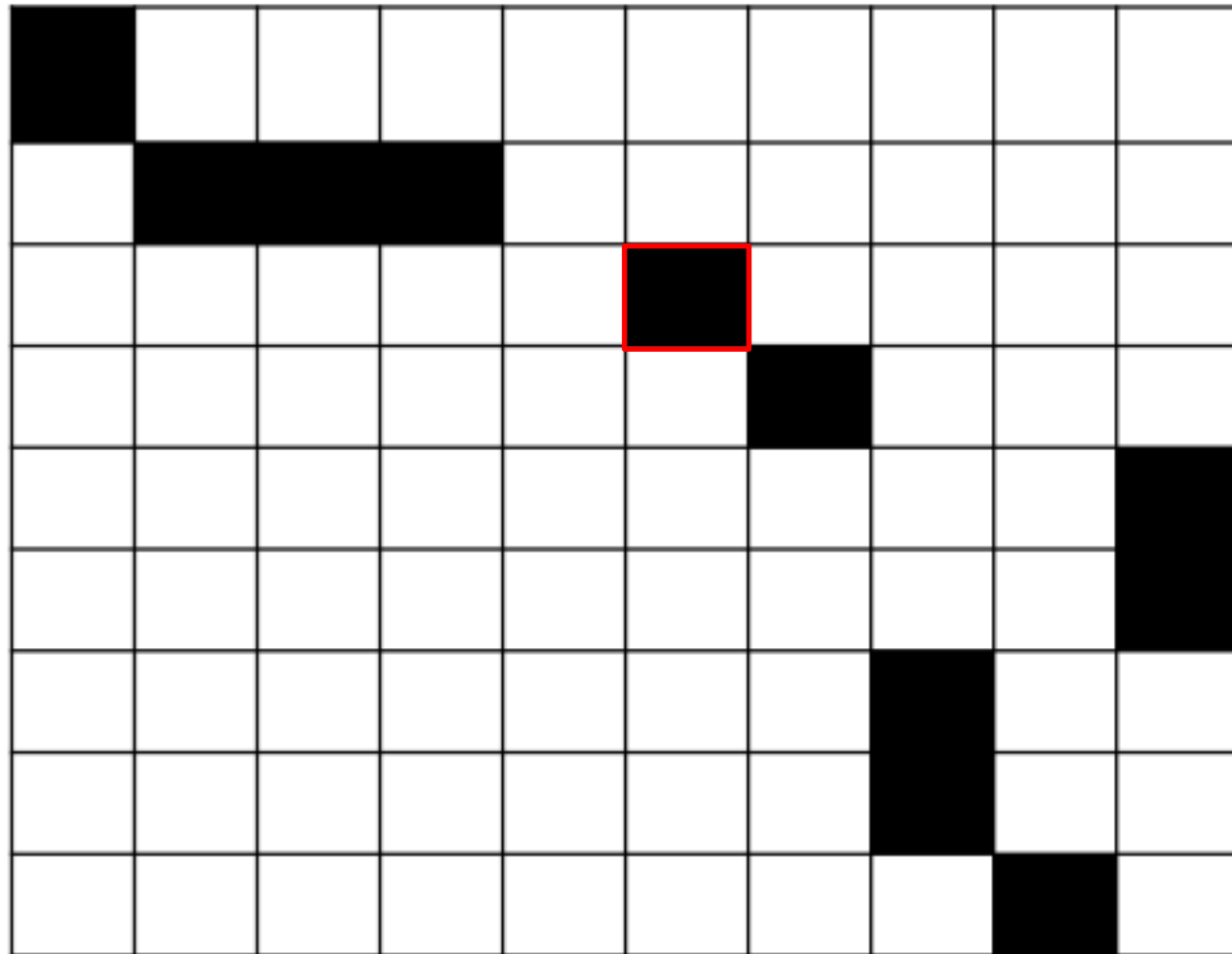
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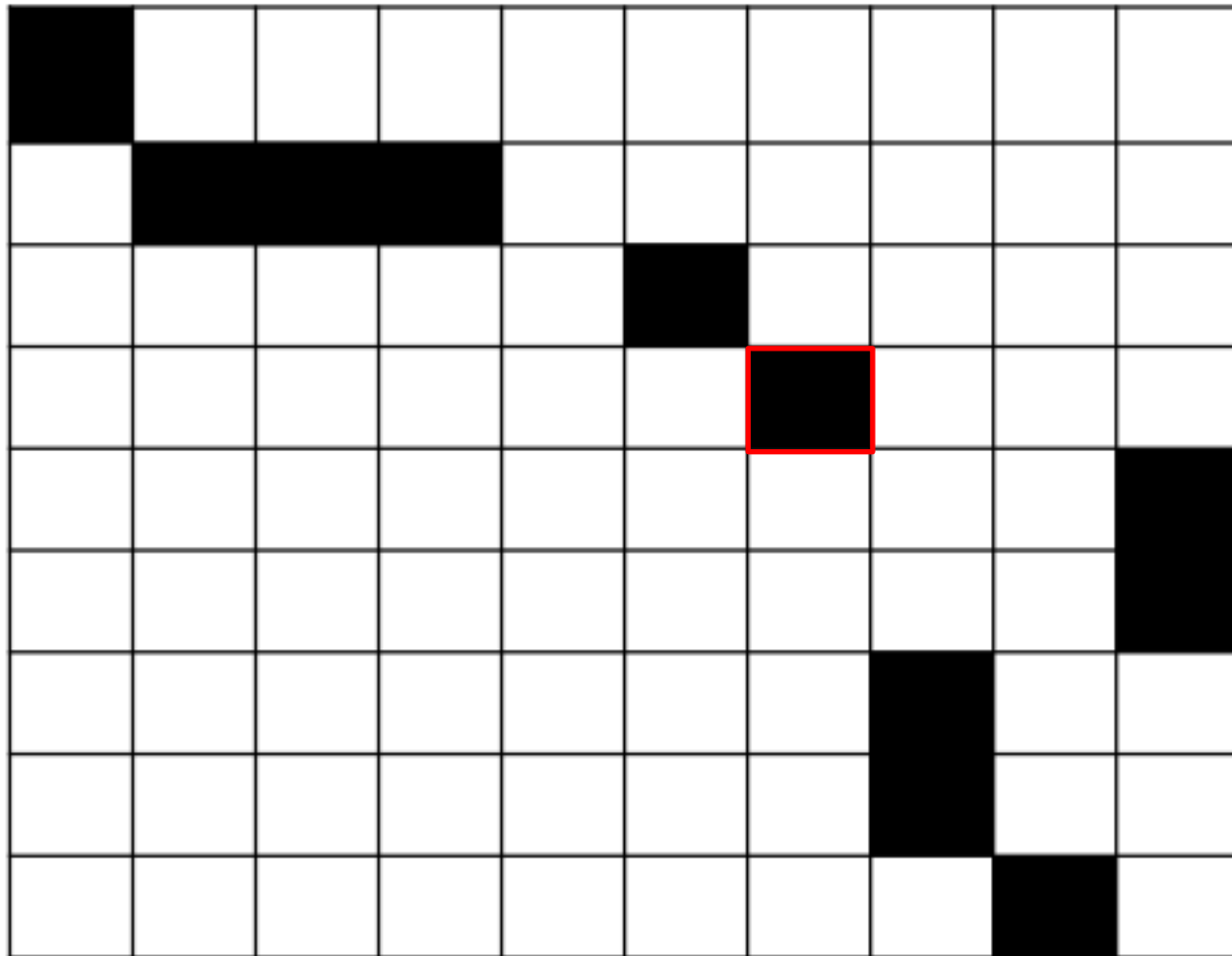
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# Phrase Pair Extraction

Michael geht davon aus , dass er im haus bleibt

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[illegible]

# Phrase Pair Extraction

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A 10x10 grid with black squares at (0,0), (1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (1,4), (2,6), (3,7), (8,9), and a 2x2 red square at (7,7).

Michael assumes that he will stay in the house

[illegible]



# Phrase Pair Extraction

michael | michael

assumes | geht davon aus / **geht davon aus** ,

that | dass / , dass

he | er

will stay | bleibt

in the | im

house | haus

# Phrase Pair Extraction (More)

- michael assumes | michael geht davon aus / michael geht davon aus ,
- assumes that | geht davon aus , dass
- assumes that he | geht davon aus , dass er
- that he | dass er / , dass er
- in the house | im haus
- michael assumes that | michael geht davon aus , dass
- michael assumes that he | michael geht davon aus , dass er
- michael assumes that he will stay in the house | michael geht davon aus , dass er im haus bleibt
- assumes that he will stay in the house | geht davon aus , dass er im haus bleibt
- that he will stay in the house | dass er im haus bleibt / dass er im haus bleibt ,
- he will stay in the house | er im haus bleibt
- will stay in the house | im haus bleibt

# Phrase Pair Extraction

Michael geht davon aus , dass er im haus bleibt

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[illegible]

# Phrase Pair Extraction

Michael geht davon aus , dass er im haus bleibt

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[illegible]

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A 10x10 grid with a blue rectangle highlighting a 2x5 area in the top-left corner. The highlighted area contains a black square at (1,1) and a horizontal black bar from (2,2) to (2,6).

# Phrase Pair Extraction

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A 10x10 grid with a blue 4x4 box highlighting a 3x3 sub-region. The highlighted sub-region contains black cells at (0,0), (1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (2,4), and (2,5). Other black cells are at (3,6), (4,9), (6,9), (7,7), (7,8), and (9,8).

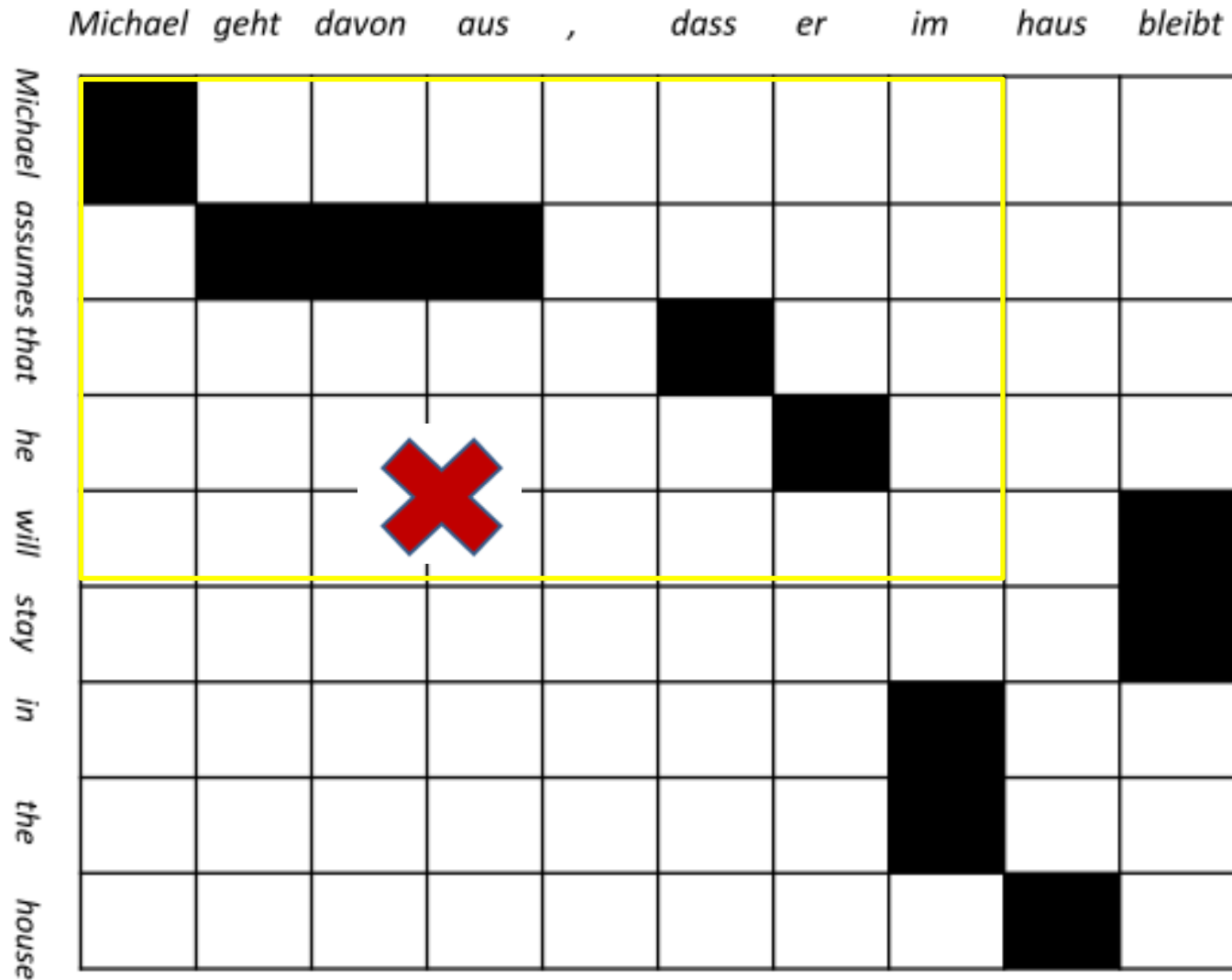
# Phrase Pair Extraction

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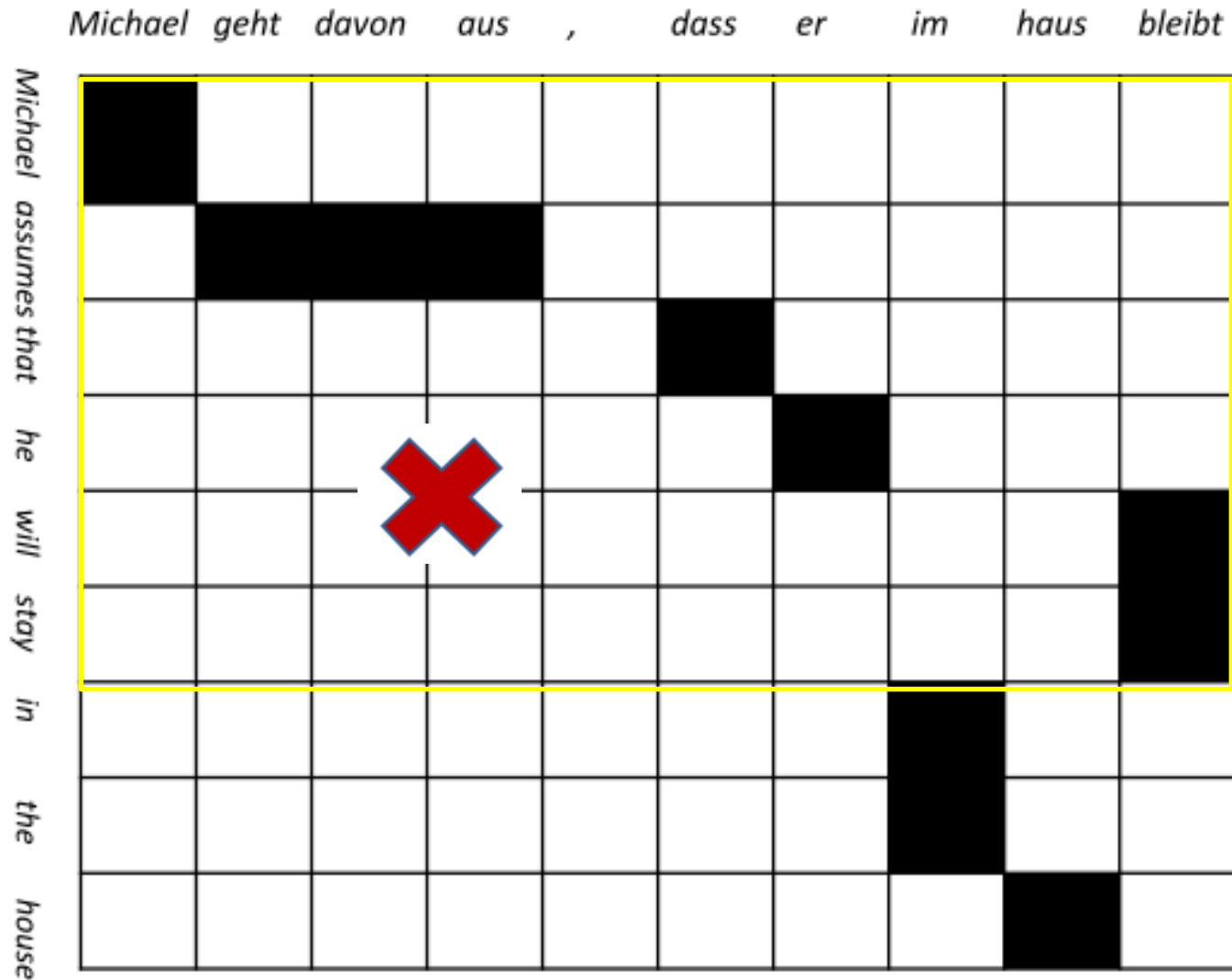
The image shows a 10x10 grid. A yellow rectangle highlights a 5x5 sub-region in the top-left corner, spanning from column 0 to 5 and row 0 to 4. Within this highlighted region, the following cells are black: (0,0), (1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (1,4), (2,6), (3,7). Outside the highlighted region, the following cells are black: (6,9), (7,7), (9,8). All other cells are white.

# Phrase Pair Extraction





# Phrase Pair Extraction



# Phrase Pair Extraction

Michael geht davon aus , dass er im haus bleibt

Michael assumes that he will stay in the house

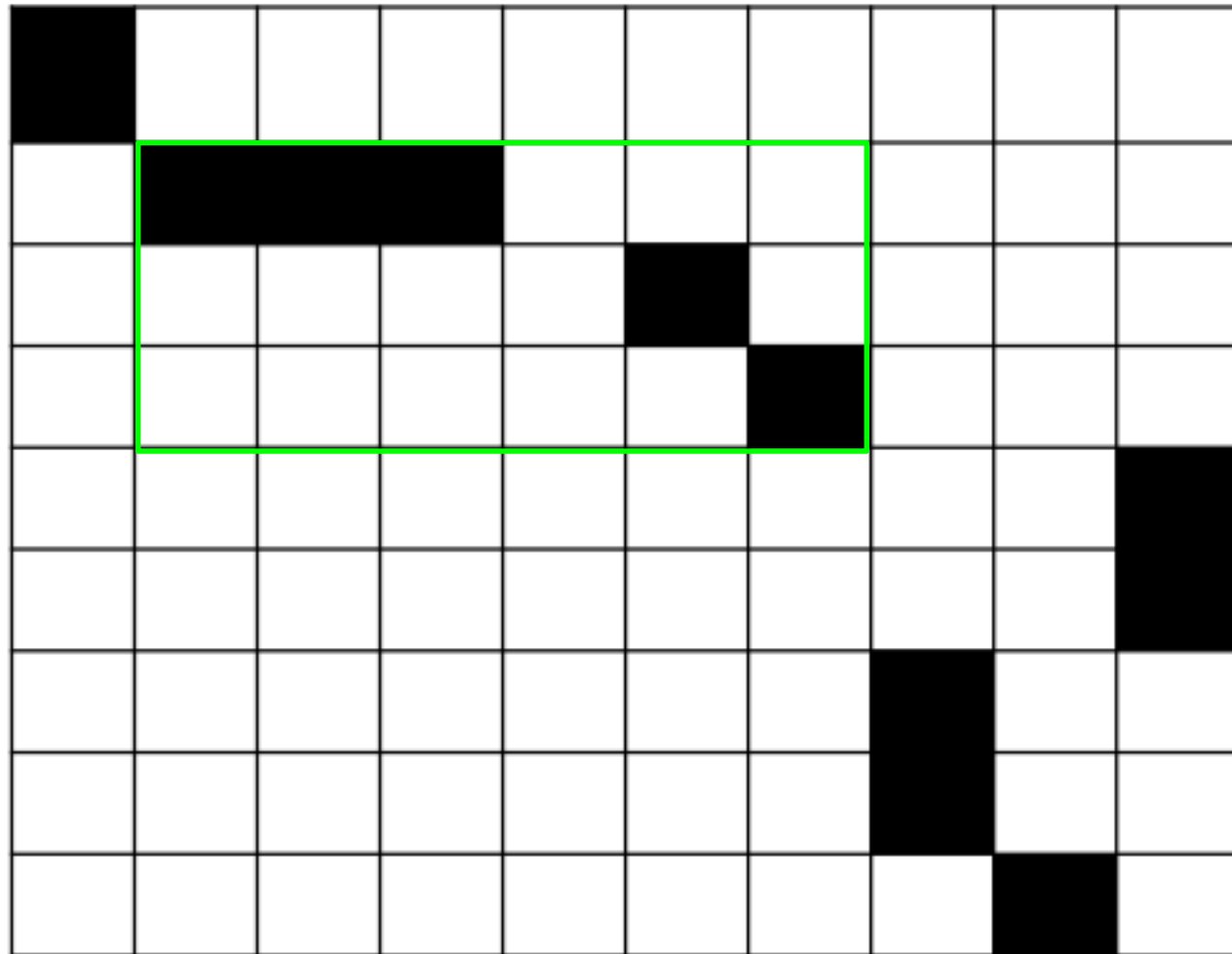
A 10x10 grid with black squares at (0,0), (1,1), (2,2), (3,3), (4,4), (5,5), (6,6), (7,7), (8,8), and (9,9). A red rectangle highlights the area from column 1 to 4 and row 1 to 2.

Michael assumes that he will stay in the house

# Phrase Pair Extraction

Michael geht davon aus , dass er im haus bleibt

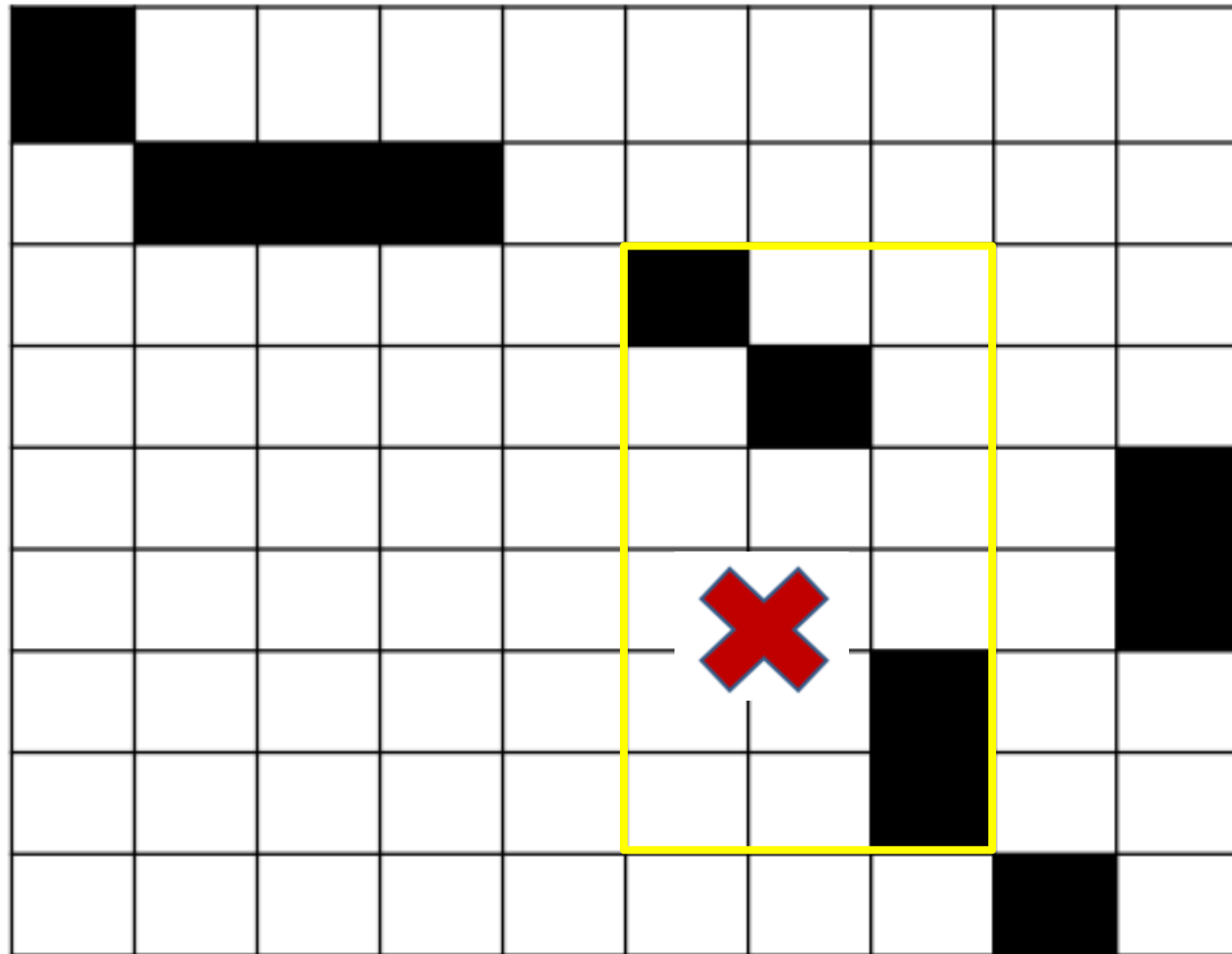
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# Phrase Pair Extraction

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Michael assumes that he will stay in the house

# Phrase Pair Extraction

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A 10x10 grid with black squares at the following coordinates (row, column): (0,0), (1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (1,4), (2,5), (3,6), (4,9), (5,6), (6,6), (6,7), (7,8), and (8,8). A yellow rectangle highlights the area from (3,6) to (8,9).

# Phrase Pair Extraction

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[illegible]



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[illegible]

# Exercise

Source: a b c d

Target: w x y z

Extract all bilingual phrase pairs consistent with the following word alignment.

	a	b	c	d
w				
x				
y				
z				

# Exercise

$w \mid a$

$w x y z \mid a b c$

$w x y z \mid a b c d$

$x \mid c$

$x \mid c d$

$x y z \mid b c$

$x y z \mid b c d$

$y z \mid b$

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# Scoring Phrase Translations

- Phrase pair extraction: collect all phrase pairs from the data
- Phrase pair scoring: assign probabilities to phrase translations
- Score by relative frequency (MLE):

$$\phi(\bar{f}|\bar{e}) = \frac{\text{count}(\bar{e}, \bar{f})}{\sum_{\bar{f}_i} \text{count}(\bar{e}, \bar{f}_i)}$$

# Scoring Phrase Translations

- Score by relative frequency (MLE) (the other direction):

$$\phi(\bar{e}|\bar{f}) = \frac{\text{count}(\bar{e}, \bar{f})}{\sum_{\bar{e}_i} \text{count}(\bar{f}, \bar{e}_i)}$$

# Example

- Phrase translations for **natuerlich**, calculate the phrase translation probability.

Translation	Counts
of course	50
naturally	30
of course ,	15
, of course ,	5

# Scoring Phrase Translations

$$\phi(\bar{e}|\bar{f}) = \frac{\text{count}(\bar{e}, \bar{f})}{\sum_{\bar{e}_i} \text{count}(\bar{f}, \bar{e}_i)}$$

$$\phi(\bar{e}|\bar{f}) = \phi(\text{of course}|\text{natuerlich}) = \frac{50}{50 + 30 + 15 + 10} = 0.5$$

$$\phi(\bar{e}|\bar{f}) = \phi(\text{naturally}|\text{natuerlich}) = \frac{30}{50 + 30 + 15 + 10} = 0.3$$

$$\phi(\bar{e}|\bar{f}) = \phi(\text{of course}, |\text{natuerlich}) = \frac{15}{50 + 30 + 15 + 10} = 0.15$$

$$\phi(\bar{e}|\bar{f}) = \phi(, \text{of course}, |\text{natuerlich}) = \frac{5}{50 + 30 + 15 + 10} = 0.05$$



# Example: a Real Phrase Table



Source side: French

Target side: English

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de l' immigration , ||| of immigration , ||| 0.5 0.0792945 1 0.0953929 |||
de l' immigration ||| immigration ||| 0.0769231 0.0872234 0.5 0.402069 |||
de l' immigration ||| of immigration ||| 0.5 0.10012 0.5 0.115455 ||| 0-0
de l' immobilier amé ricain ||| us housing ||| 0.5 0.00182555 1 0.0649596
de l' immobilier pour ||| of housing in ||| 1 0.000297943 1 0.00156694 |||
de l' immobilier ||| housing ||| 0.0769231 0.0173907 0.25 0.16069 ||| 1-0
de l' immobilier ||| of housing ||| 0.5 0.0199621 0.25 0.0461423 ||| 0-0 1
de l' immobilier ||| real estate ||| 0.333333 0.0447481 0.25 0.0201379 |||
de l' immobilier ||| remain ||| 0.05 0.000692525 0.25 0.04 ||| 2-0 ||| 20
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# Exercise 1

- List all phrase pairs that are consistent with the following word alignment:

	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>
<i>x</i>			
<i>y</i>			
<i>z</i>			

# Solution 1

$X \mid A$

$X Y \mid A B$

$X Y Z \mid A B C$

$Y \mid B$

$Y Z \mid B C$

$Z \mid C$

	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>
<i>X</i>			
<i>Y</i>			
<i>Z</i>			

# Exercise 2

- List all phrase pairs that are consistent with the following word alignment:

	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>
<i>x</i>			
<i>y</i>			
<i>z</i>			

# Solution 2

$$X \mid A$$

$$X \mid A B$$

$$X Y \mid A$$

$$X Y \mid A B$$

$$X Y Z \mid A B C$$

$$Z \mid C$$

$$Y Z \mid C$$

$$Y Z \mid B C$$

	A	B	C
X			
Y			
Z			

## Exercise 3

- Given the following statistics of extracted bilingual phrases in terms of Chinese phrase “**xihuan paobu**”, please calculate the translation probabilities for each phrase pair.

Translation	Counts
likes running	1500
like running	800
likes jogging	700
love running	100

# Solution 3

$$\phi(\text{likes running} | \text{xihuan paobu}) = \frac{1500}{1500 + 800 + 700 + 100} = 0.484$$

$$\phi(\text{like running} | \text{xihuan paobu}) = \frac{800}{1500 + 800 + 700 + 100} = 0.258$$

$$\phi(\text{likes jogging} | \text{xihuan paobu}) = \frac{700}{1500 + 800 + 700 + 100} = 0.226$$

$$\phi(\text{love running} | \text{xihuan paobu}) = \frac{100}{1500 + 800 + 700 + 100} = 0.032$$

Translation	Counts
likes running	1500
like running	800
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# Discussion