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Kypchak languages



• Turkic languages (SOV, agglutinative, vowel harmony)			
	Kazakh	Tatar	Kumyk
	population of speakers		
number	8M-12M	5.4M	430K
pronunc	/qazaq/	/totar/	/qumuq/
primary	Kazakhstan	Tatarstan	Dagestan
secondary	China, Mongolia		
	external influences		
Mongolic	moderate	light	light
Oghuz	—	light	moderate
Persian	heavy	heavy	heavy
Russian	heavy	heavy	heavy

Morphological transducers

..... Morphological transducers

- Take a surface form, and produce valid lexical form(s)
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‘алдым’ ↔ ал<v><tv><ifi><pl><sg>, алд<n><px1sg><nom>

..... Transducers for Turkic languages

- Turkish (Çöltekin, 2010; Öflazer, 1994)
- Crimean Tatar (Altuntaş, 2001)
- Turkmen (Tantuğ et al., 2006)
- Kyrgyz (Tyers et al., 2012)
- GPL (=free and open)!

..... Framework: HFST

- Reimplementation of Xerox FST formalisms (lexc and twol)
- Also provides a wrapper around popular free/open-source FST toolkits: SFST, OpenFST, and Foma

..... Development effort

Morphotactics

.... Morphological & orthographical words

- өнүктүрөбүзбү ? ‘will we develop [it]?’
өнүк<v><tv><caus><aor><p1><pl>+бы<qst>
- келатсаң ‘if you come’
кел<v><iv><prt_impf>+жат<vaux><gna_cnd><p2><sg>

..Irregular [noun + possessive + case] forms..

- Some combinations of possessive and case morphemes are distinct (i.e., not formed simply by concatenation):

case	form	1SG	2SG	3SP
nom	—	-(I)м	-(I)ң	-(S)I
acc	-NI	-(I)мдI	-(I)ңдI	-(S)Iн
gen	-NIн	-(I)мдIн	-(I)ңдIн	-(S)IнIн
loc	-DA	-(I)мдA	-(I)ңдA	-(S)IндA
abl	-DAн	-(I)мдAн,	-(I)ңдAн,	-(S)IнAн
		-(I)мAн	-(I)ңAн	
dat	-GA	-(I)мA	-(I)ңA	-(S)IнA

- Trade-off:
 - morphophon. complicateder, morphotactics simpler
 - underlying form used: {S}{I}{n}
 - phonological rules delete {n}, {S} by context

..... Noun-noun compounds

- one type of N-N compounds: N2 has <px3> and related morphology

Example output

Morphophonology

..... Desonorisation

- {N} desonorises to д after a consonant
алма-{N}{I} → алманы ‘apple–ACC’
сыр-{N}{I} → сырды ‘secret–ACC’
- {L} desonorises to д after cons. of sonority ≤ /l/
сыр-{L}{A}p → сырлар ‘secret–PL’
кыз-{L}{A}p → кыздар ‘girl–PL’

“L Desonorisation” %{L%}:д <=> :VoicedLowSonCns %>: __ ;
“N Desonorisation” %{N%}:д <=> :VoicedCns %>: __ ;

..... Lenition

- Turn {y} into a harmonised high vowel when a vowel doesn’t follow the following consonant:
мур{y}н → мурун ‘nose’
мур{y}н+{I}м → мурдум ‘my nose’

%{y%}:Vy <=> [:LastVowel :Cns* :Cns]/[:0] __ [:Cns [:#. :Cns]]/[:0 %>:] ; where Vy in (и ү и и ү ы у у у у) LastVowel in (и ү е э ө я а ё о ю у) matched ;
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..... й+ vowel letters

- [а о у] become [я ё ю] after й and й deletes
- й incorporated into the context of many rules
- + separate rules to change the characters
- + a rule to delete the original й

“Deletion of й before yoticed vowels” й:0 <=> __ [:YotVow]/[:0 %>:] ;
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Further information

- Part of Apertium Turkic project:
http://wiki.apertium.org/wiki/Apertium_Turkic
- Transducers available live at turkic.apertium.org
- Source code available from apertium’s svn repo
- Turkic RBMT mailing list (>25 subscribers):
apertium-turkic@lists.sourceforge.net
Feel free to post in any language!
- See our paper in the LREC 2014 proceedings
- And feel free to contact the authors any time!

Evaluation

..... Number of stems			
Part of speech	Number of stems		
	Kazakh	Tatar	Kumyk
Noun	2640	2795	2568
Verb	1470	1143	386
Adjective	754	816	219
Proper noun	5701	5361	1443
Adverb	171	177	63
Numeral	63	63	44
Conjunction	46	45	13
Postposition	50	43	12
Pronoun	32	28	17
Determiner	39	34	9
Total:	11224	10737	4845

..... Test corpora			
type	lang	contents	origin
Encyclop	kaz tat kum	wpdump wpdump —	20131006 20130225 —
News	kaz tat kum	RFE/RL Татар-информ Ёлдаш	azattyq.org 2010 tat.tatar-inform.ru 2005-2011 yoldash.etnosmi.ru
Religion	kaz tat kum	quran + bible quran + nt genesis + nt	kkitap.net, kuran.kz ibt.org.ru, tanzil.net ibt.org.ru

- split into 10 equal parts; coverage calculated over each separately; standard deviation of mean calculated
- Coverage measures
- Naïve coverage** - percentage of surface forms in a given corpus receiving ≥ 1 analysis
(surface forms may have missing analyses)
 - Mean ambiguity** - average number of analyses for each surface form found in analysed corpus

..... Coverage results (as of r36739)			
Language	Corpus	Tokens	Coverage (%)
Kazakh	Wikipedia	25.6M	85.61 ± 1.37
	News	3.8M	92.12 ± 2.72
	Religion	851K	92.49 ± 1.66
	Average	—	90.07 ± 1.91
Tatar	Wikipedia	159K	86.35 ± 2.17
	News	5.2M	89.75 ± 0.07
	Religion	382K	91.25 ± 2.55
	Average	—	89.12 ± 1.60
Kumyk	Wikipedia	—	—
	News	286K	91.10 ± 0.86
	Religion	227K	92.47 ± 1.03
	Average	—	91.78 ± 0.94

..... Precision & recall

- selected 1000 surface forms at random from RFE/RL corpus, proof read analyses
- Precision** (of a form’s analyses % correct): **97.32%**
- Recall** (percentage of analyses provided by the transducer that are correct for a form, by comparing against a gold standard): **94.56%**