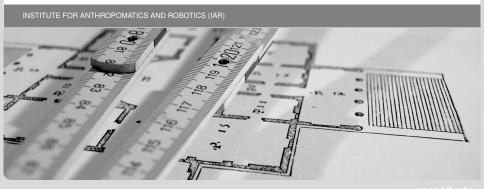


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Goal & Motivation & Reason, etc.

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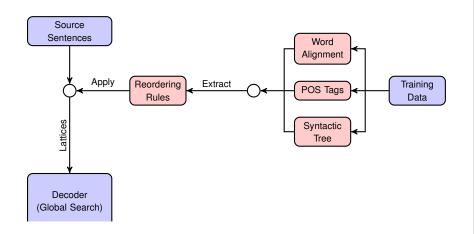
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Preordering System







Rreordering Rules



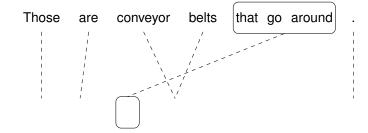
- Short rules
- Long rules
- Tree rules

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Chinese Word Orders



- Premodifier instead of postmodifier
 - Adverbials
 - Relative clauses
 - Preposition phrases





Chinese Word Orders



- Questions
- Special sentence constructions
 - There aren't many people around that are really involved with architecture as clients.
 - Never would India have thought on this scale before.



Reordering Problems



- Long distance position change
- Reordering on multiple syntactic levels

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Reordering Approach



Rule Extraction & Application

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Results



| | BLEU Score | Improvement |
|-------------------|------------|-------------|
| Baseline | 12.07 | |
| +Short Rules | 12.50 | 3.56 % |
| +Long Rules | 12.99 | 7.62 % |
| +Tree Rules | 13.38 | 10.85 % |
| +MLT Rules | 13.81 | 14.42 % |
| Oracle Reordering | 18.58 | 53.94 % |
| Long Rules | 12.31 | 1.99 % |
| Tree Rules | 13.30 | 10.19 % |
| MLT Rules | 13.68 | 13.34 % |

Table: BLEU score overview of English-to-Chinese system



Introduction

Results



| | BLEU Score | Improvement |
|-------------------|------------|-------------|
| Baseline | 21.80 | |
| +Short Rules | 22.90 | 5.05 % |
| +Long Rules | 23.13 | 6.10 % |
| +Tree Rules | 23.84 | 9.36 % |
| +MLT Rules | 24.14 | 10.73 % |
| Oracle Reordering | 26.80 | 22.94 % |
| Long Rules | 22.10 | 1.38 % |
| Tree Rules | 23.35 | 7.11 % |
| MLT Rules | 23.96 | 9.91 % |

Table: BLEU score overview of Chinese to English systems



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- Better translation quality
- Better syntactic structure
- Space for further improvement

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- Other rule types
- Better reordering approaches
- Vector presentation as feature
- Reordering with less information

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Thank you for your attention



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