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Many-to-English Machine Translation Tools, Data, and Pretrained Models

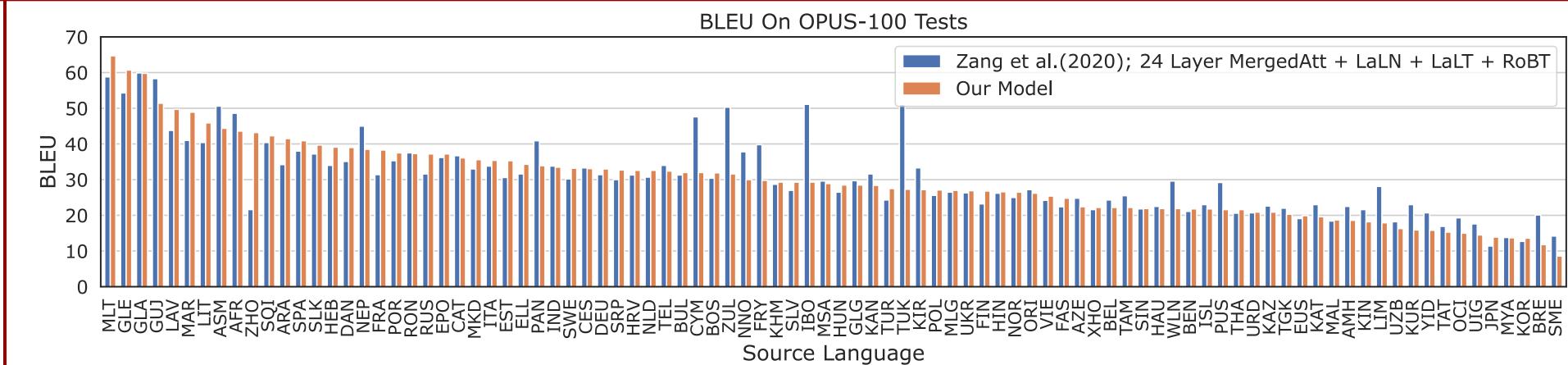
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Introducing three tools for machine translation; reproducibility and scalability in focus

- *MTData*: dataset catalogue and downloader
- NLCodec: vocabulary manager, dataset storage and retrieval layer
- *RTG*: NMT toolkit, based on PyTorch; from research to production
- Massive dataset: 500+ languages, 474 million sentences, 9 billion tokens each side
- Massively multilingual NMT model: 500 languages → English translation
- Home page: http://rtg.isi.edu/many-eng



MTData

pip install mtdata

- Reproducible experiments: clear way of communicating MT dataset
- Index of publicly available parallel datasets (120K+ as of June 2021)
- Maps language names to <u>ISO-639-3</u> NLDb
- Unified interface to datasets from heterogeneous sources, and formats
- Hides mundane tasks, e.g., locating URLs, downloading, decompression, parsing, and sanity checking
- Parses heterogeneous data formats for parallel datasets and produces plain text files after merging
- Reduces network transfers by maintaining a local cache, which is shared between experiments
- Sanity checks such as segment count matching
- Shows BibTeX attributed to datasets
- github.com/thammegowda/mtdata

NLCodec

pip install nlcodec

Flexible and scalable vocabulary manager and storage layer

Thamme Gowda

- Flexible options: word, char, BPE
- Uses PySpark backend for scaling

- Efficient storage layer; adapts integer byte size based on vocabulary size
- Memory efficient by adapting datatypes based on vocabulary size.
- 1-byte unsigned int for vocabulary size < 256 (Latin chars)
- 2-byte unsigned int for BPE vocabs up to 65,536 types, 4-byte for the rest
- Offers a multi-part database with horizontal sharding; supports parallel . writes (e.g., Apache Spark) and parallel reads (distributed training).
- Batching such as random batches with approx-equal-length sequences
- github.com/isi-nlp/nlcodec

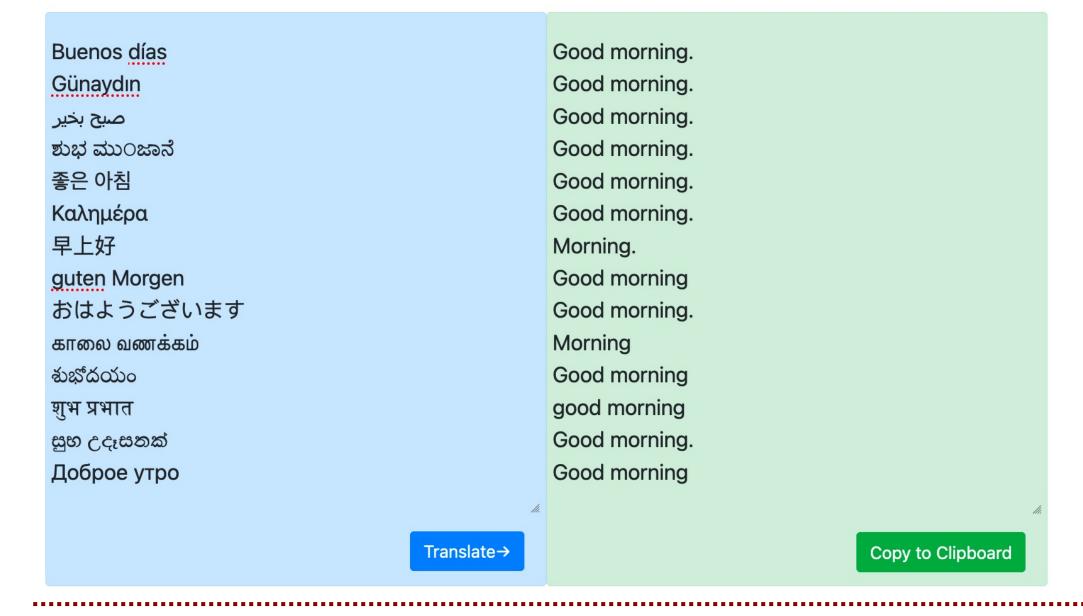
RTG

pip install rtg

- Reader translator generator (RTG) is a NMT toolkit based on Pytorch
- Reproducible experiments; all the required parameters of an experiment are included in a single YAML config file; can be shared easily.
- Transformers, and RNN with x-attn
- Supports distributed training on multi-node multi-GPUs, gradient accumulation, Float16 operations, and integrated Tensorboard
- Tied embedding, parent-child transfer, beam decoding with length normalization, early stopping, and checkpoint averaging
- Flexible vocabulary options with NLCodec and SentencePiece which can be either shared or separated between source and target languages
- CLI, REST API and Web UI
- <u>isi-nlp.github.io/rtg</u>

RTG conf.yml About

Reader Translator Generator



Usage

- \$ mtdata list -l <l1-l2>
- \$ mtdata get -l <l1-l2> -tr <train> --merge -tt <test> -o <out>
- \$ nlcodec [learn encode decode] -m <model>
- \$ rtg-pipe <experiment/dir>
- \$ IMAGE=tgowda/rtg-model:500toEng-v1
- \$ docker run --gpus '"device=0"' --rm -i -p 6060:6060 \$IMAGE
- \$ curl --data "source=<text>" http://localhost:6060/translate