# A Dual Reinforcement Learning Framework for Unsupervised Text Style Transfer

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## Task Description

Aims: transfer style but keep content

• Informal => formal

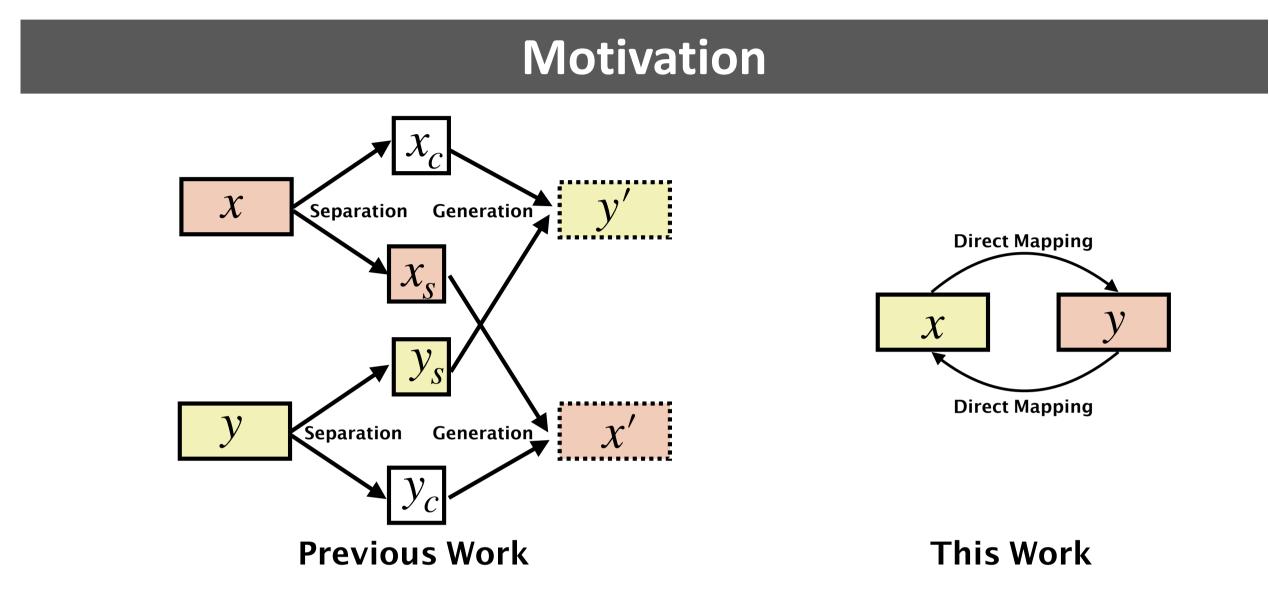
Gotta see both sides of the story => You have to consider both sides of the story

• Negative => positive

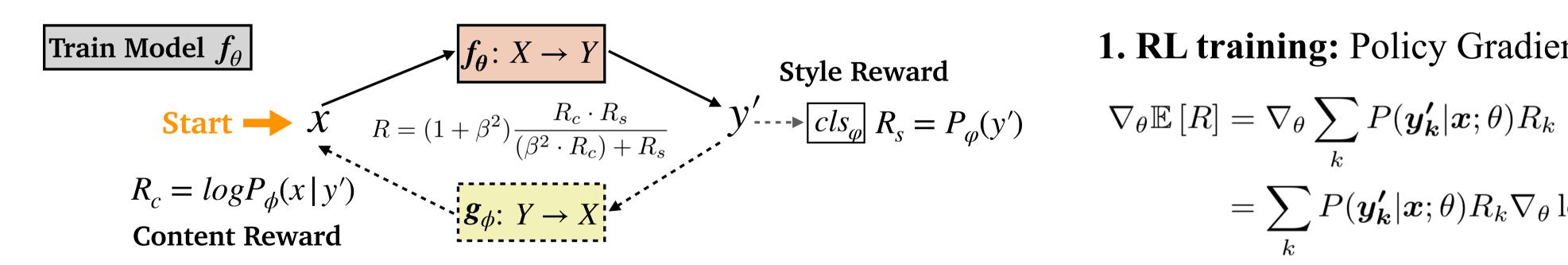
Love this restaurant and will keep coming back => Hate this restaurant and will not come back

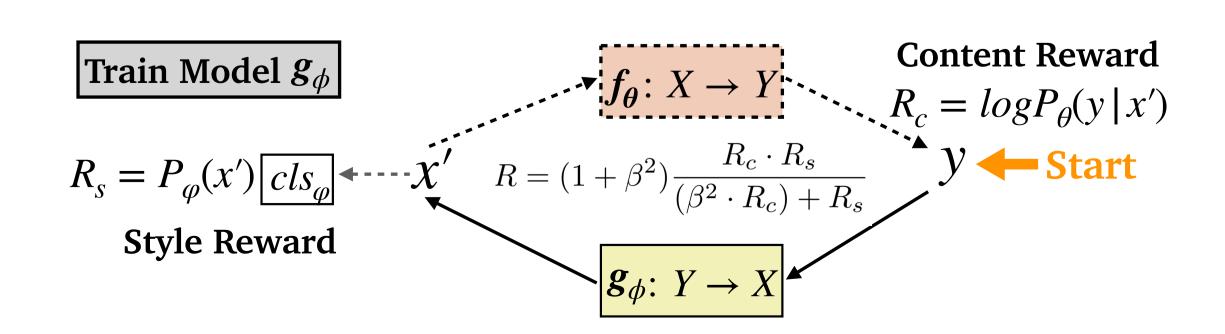
Challenge: lack parallel data

(Aligned sentences with the same content but different style)



### Model: Dual Reinforcement Learning (DualRL)





#### 1. RL training: Policy Gradient

$$\nabla_{\theta} \mathbb{E} [R] = \nabla_{\theta} \sum_{k} P(\mathbf{y_{k}'} | \mathbf{x}; \theta) R_{k}$$

$$= \sum_{k} P(\mathbf{y_{k}'} | \mathbf{x}; \theta) R_{k} \nabla_{\theta} \log(P(\mathbf{y_{k}'} | \mathbf{x}; \theta))$$

$$\simeq \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^{K} R_{k} \nabla_{\theta} \log(P(\mathbf{y_{k}'} | \mathbf{x}; \theta))$$

#### 2. Teacher-Forcing: Back-translation

$$\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{J}(\theta) = \nabla_{\theta} \log \Big( p \big( \boldsymbol{x} | S(\boldsymbol{x}, v_y; \theta), v_x; \theta \big) \Big)$$

Annealing: 
$$p = \min(p_0 \times r^{\frac{i}{d}}, p_{max})$$