

# As Easy As Vanda, Two, Three: Components for Machine Translation Based on Formal Grammars

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# Outline

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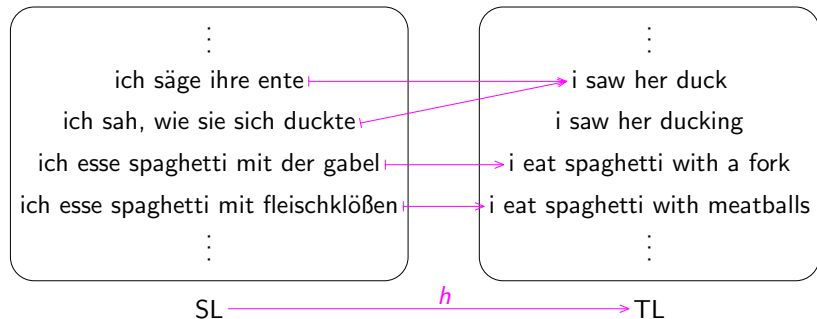
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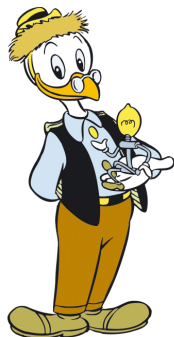
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# Goal



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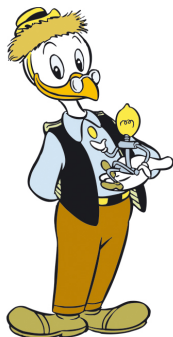
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program Decoder;
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...
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begin
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...
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end.
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**algorithmise**    e.g., decoder:  
given  $h \in \mathcal{H}, s \in \text{SL}$   
compute  $h(s)$

sentence-aligned bilingual data: parallel corpus

001 Resumption of the session

002 I declare resumed the session of the European Parliament adjourned on Friday 17 December 1999 , [...] .

001 Wiederaufnahme der Sitzungsperiode

002 Ich erkläre die am Freitag , dem 17. Dezember unterbrochene Sitzungsperiode des Europäischen Parlaments für wiederaufgenommen , [...] .

EuroParl corpus, 11 languages, 1.5M sentences each

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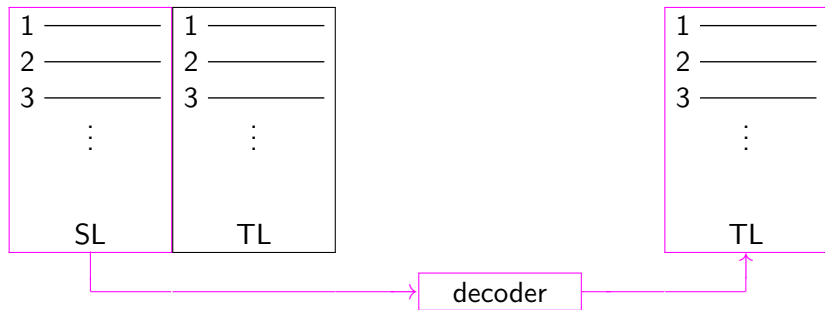


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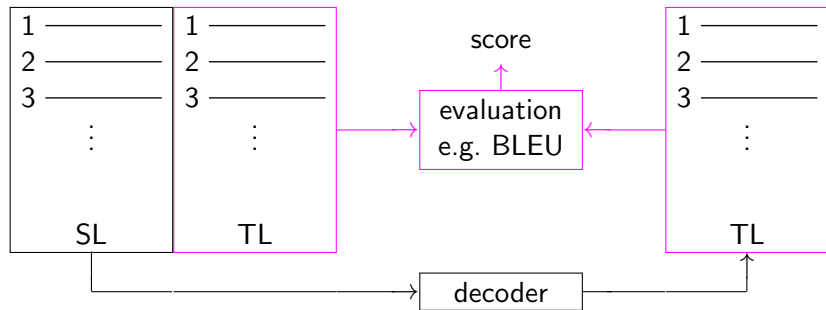


grammar rules, weights

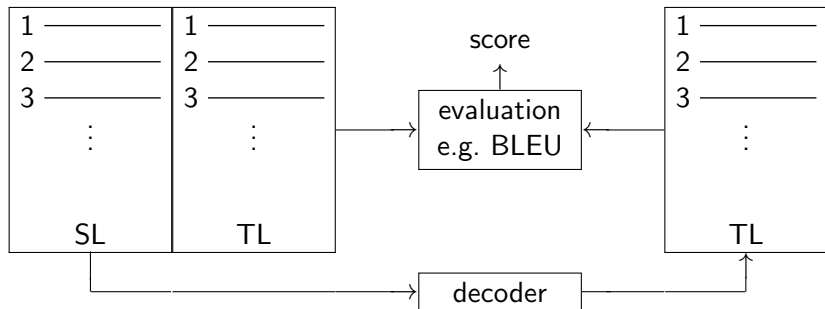
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**if** score > oldscore **then** publish **else** perish

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# Synchronous Context-Free Grammar

$\pi_1: S \rightarrow \langle S X, S X \rangle$

$\pi_2: S \rightarrow \langle X, X \rangle$

$\pi_3: X \rightarrow \langle \text{yu } X_{[1]} \text{ you } X_{[2]}, \text{ have } X_{[2]} \text{ with } X_{[1]} \rangle$

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$\pi_6: X \rightarrow \langle \text{Aozhou, Australia} \rangle$

$\pi_7: X \rightarrow \langle \text{Beihan, North Korea} \rangle$

$\pi_8: X \rightarrow \langle \text{shi, is} \rangle$

$\pi_9: X \rightarrow \langle \text{bangjiao, diplomatic relations} \rangle$

$\pi_{10}: X \rightarrow \langle \text{shaoshu guojia, few countries} \rangle$

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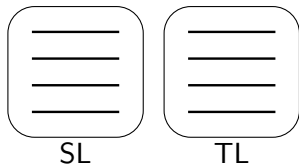
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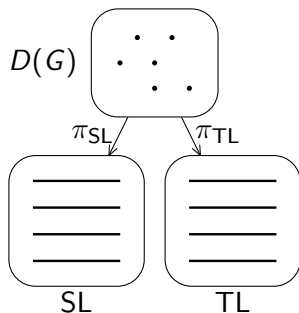


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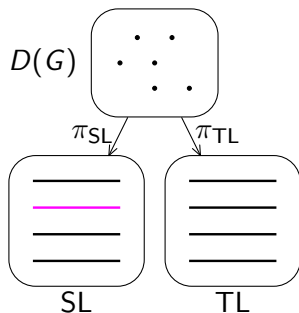


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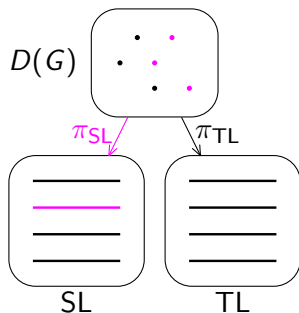


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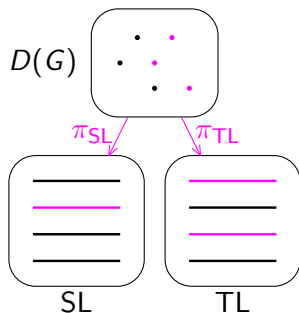


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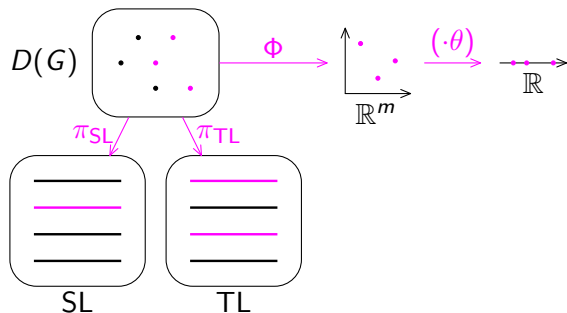


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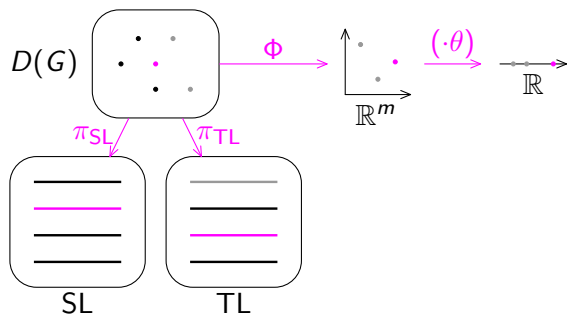


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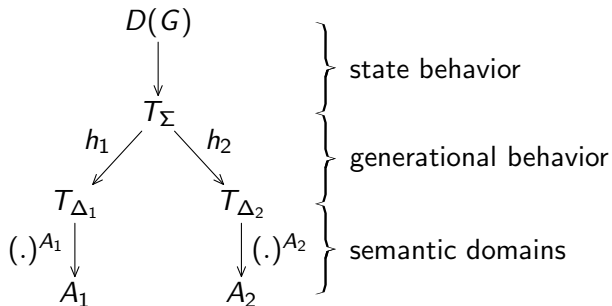


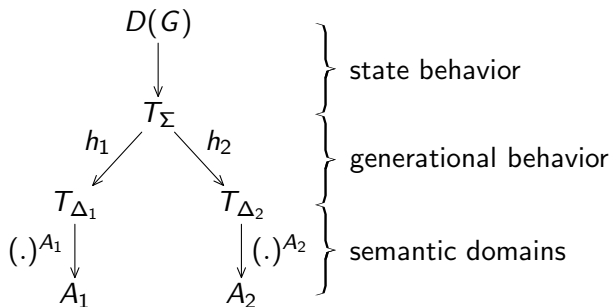
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