## Adaptation

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### Adaptation



- Better quality when system is adapted to a task
- Domain adaptation to a specific domain, e.g., information technology
- Some training more relevant
- May also adapt to specific user (personalization)
- May optimize for a specific document or sentence



## domains

#### **Domain**



• Definition

a collection of text with similar topic, style, level of formality, etc.

• Practically: a corpus that comes from a specific source

## Example



corpus	doc's	sent's	it tokens	en tokens	XCES/XML raw	TMX	Moses
OpenSubtitles2018	48746	37.8M	304.8M	284.5M	[ xces en it ] [ en it ]	[tmx]	[ moses ]
EUbookshop	9028	6.6M	268.7M	258.8M	[ xces en it ] [ en it ]	[tmx]	[ moses ]
OpenSubtitles2016	35929	28.7M	230.3M	214.9M	[ xces en it ] [ en it ]	[tmx]	[ moses ]
DGT	26880	3.2M	72.9M	64.0M	[ xces en it ] [ en it ]	[tmx]	[ moses ]
Europarl	9461	2.0M	59.9M	58.9M	[ xces en it ] [ en it ]	[tmx]	[ moses ]
JRC-Acquis	12042	0.8M	34.1M	34.5M	[ xces en it ] [ en it ]	[tmx]	[ moses ]
Wikipedia	3	1.0 <b>M</b>	26.5M	22.2M	[ xces en it ] [ en it ]	[tmx]	[ moses ]
EMEA	1920	1.1 <b>M</b>	12.0M	13.9M	[ xces en it ] [ en it ]	[tmx]	[ moses ]
ECB	1	0.2M	5.5M	5.8M	[ xces en it ] [ en it ]	[tmx]	[ moses ]
GNOME	1905	0.7M	3.8M	3.4M	[ xces en it ] [ en it ]	[tmx]	[ moses ]
TED2013	1	0.2M	3.2M	2.7M	[ xces en it ] [ en it ]	[tmx]	[ moses ]
Tanzil	15	0.1M	2.8M	2.4M	[ xces en it ] [ en it ]	[tmx]	[ moses ]
Tatoeba	1	0.1M	3.6M	1.3M	[ xces en it ] [ en it ]	[tmx]	[ moses ]
KDE4	1957	0.3M	2.2M	2.3M	[ xces en it ] [ en it ]	[tmx]	[ moses ]
GlobalVoices	3220	81.3k	2.1M	2.0M	[ xces en it ] [ en it ]	[tmx]	[ moses ]
News-Commentary11	1423	45.9k	1.3M	1.0M	[ xces en it ] [ en it ]	[tmx]	[ moses ]
Books	8	33.1k	0.9M	0.8M	[ xces en it ] [ en it ]	[tmx]	[ moses ]
Ubuntu	452	0.1M	0.8M	0.6M	[ xces en it ] [ en it ]	[tmx]	[ moses ]
News-Commentary	1	18.6k	0.5M	0.5M	[ xces en it ] [ en it ]	[tmx]	[ moses ]
PHP	3270	36.8k	0.5M	0.2M	[ xces en it ] [ en it ]	[tmx]	[ moses ]
EUconst	47	10.2k	0.2M	0.2M	[ xces en it ] [ en it ]	[tmx]	[ moses ]
OpenSubtitles	22	19.1k	0.2M	0.1M	[ xces en it ] [ en it ]	[tmx]	[ moses ]
total	156332	83.1M	1.0G	975.1M	83.1M	63.4M	77.4M

Available parallel corpora on OPUS web site (Italian-English)

#### **Differences in Corpora**



**Medical** Abilify is a medicine containing the active substance aripiprazole.

It is available as 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg and 30 mg tablets, as 10 mg, 15 mg and 30 mg orodispersible tablets (tablets that dissolve in the mouth), as an oral solution (1 mg/ml) and as a solution for injection (7.5 mg/ml).

#### **Software Localization** Default GNOME Theme

OK

People

**Literature** There was a slight noise behind her and she turned just in time to seize a small boy by the slack of his roundabout and arrest his flight.

**Law** Corrigendum to the Interim Agreement with a view to an Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Central Africa Party, of the other part.

**Religion** This is The Book free of doubt and involution, a guidance for those who preserve themselves from evil and follow the straight path.

**News** The Facebook page of a leading Iranian leading cartoonist, Mana Nayestani, was hacked on Tuesday, 11 September 2012, by pro-regime hackers who call themselves "Soldiers of Islam".

**Movie subtitles** We're taking you to Washington, D.C.

Do you know where the prisoner was transported to?

Uh, Washington.

Okay.

**Twitter** Thank u @Starbucks & @Spotify for celebrating artists who #GiveGood with a donation to @BTWFoundation, and to great organizations by @Metallica and @ChanceTheRapper! Limited edition cards available now at Starbucks!

#### **Dimensions**



**Topic** The subject matter of the text, such as politics or sports.

**Modality** How was this text originally created? Is this written text or transcribed speech, and if speech, is it a formal presentation or an informal dialogue full of incompleted and ungrammatical sentences?

**Register** Level of politeness. In some languages, this is very explicit, such as the use of the informal *Du* or the formal *Sie* for the personal pronoun *you* in German.

**Intent** Is the text a statement of fact, an attempt to persuade, or communication between multiple parties?

**Style** Is it a terse informal text, are full of emotional and flowery language?

#### **Dimensions**



- In reality, no clear information about dimensions
- For example: Wikipedia
  - spans a whole range of topics
  - fairly consistent in modality and style
- Practical goal: enforce a certain level of politeness
- Probably
  - European parliament proceedings more polite
  - movie subtitles less polite

#### **Impact of Domain**



- Different word meanings
  - *bat* in baseball
  - bat in wildlife report
- Different style
  - What's up, dude?
  - Good morning, sir.

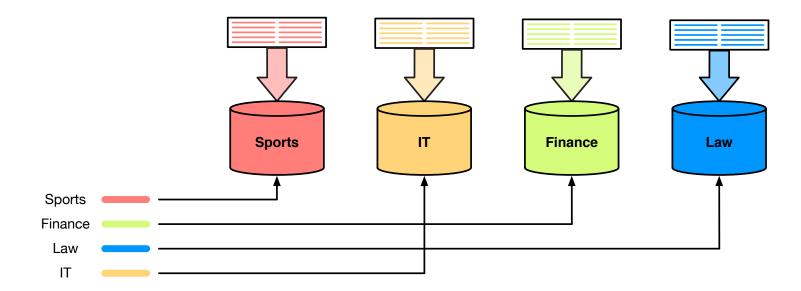
#### **Diverse Problem**



- Data may differ narrowly or drastically
- Amount of relevant and less relevant data differ
- Data may be split by domain or mixed
- Data may differ by quality
- Each corpus may be relatively homogeneous or heterogeneous
- May need to adapt on the fly
- ⇒ Different methods may apply, experimentation needed

#### Multiple Domain Scenario

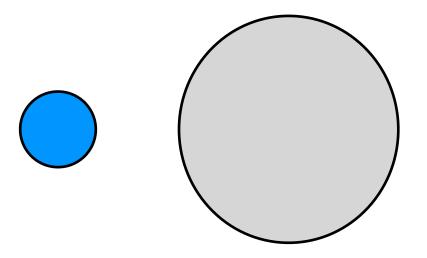




- Multiple collections of data, clearly identified e.g., sports, information technology, finance, law, ...
- Train specialized model for each domain
- Route test sentences to appropriate model (using classifier, if not known)
- Probabilistic assignment

#### In/Out Domain Scenario





- Optimize system for just one domain
- Available data
  - small amounts of in-domain data
  - large amounts of out-of-domain data
- Need to balance both data sources

#### Why Use Out-of-Domain Data?



- In-domain data much more valuable
- But: gaps
  - word-to-be-translated may not occur
  - word-to-be-translated may not occur with the correct translation
- Motivation
  - out-of-domain data may fill these gaps
  - but be careful not to drown out in-domain data

## $S^4$ Taxonomy of Adaptation Effects



[Carpuat, Daume, Fraser, Quirk, 2012]

• **Seen**: Never seen this word before

News to medical: diabetes mellitus

• **Sense**: Never seen this word used in this way

News to technical: monitor

• **Score**: The wrong output is scored higher

News to medical: manifest

• **Search**: Decoding/search erred

#### **Adaptation Effects**



**German source** Verfahren und Anlage zur Durchführung einer exothermen Gasphasenreaktion an einem heterogenen partikelförmigen Katalysator

**Human reference translation** *Method and system for carrying out an exothermic gas phase reaction on a heterogeneous particulate catalyst* 

**General model translation** Procedures and equipment for the implementation of an exothermen gas response response to a heterogeneous particle catalytic converter

**In-Domain (chemistry patents) model translation** *Method and system for carrying out an exothermic gas phase reaction on a heterogeneous particulate catalyst* 

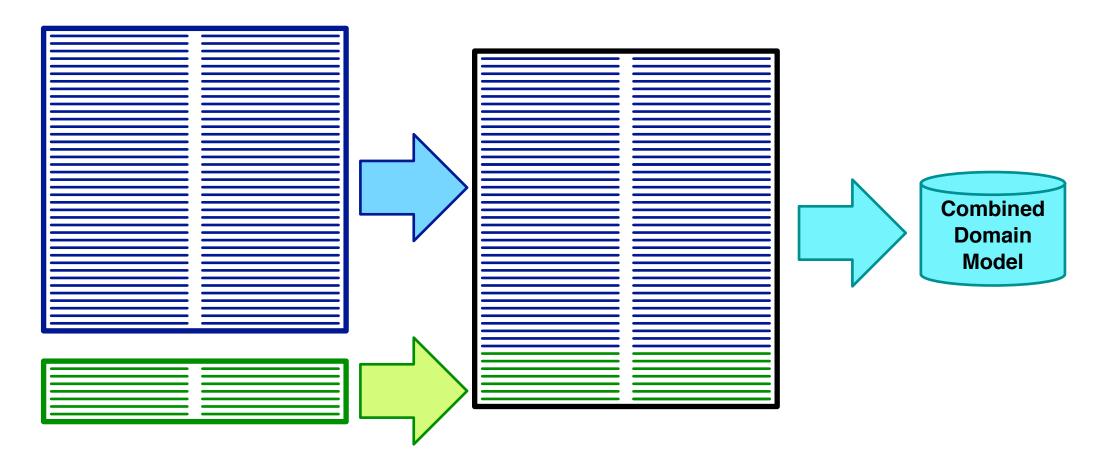
- Stylistic, e.g., method, system vs. procedures, equipment)
- Word sense, e.g., *catalyst* vs. *catalytic converter*)
- Better language coverage e.g., exothermic gas phase reaction vs. exothermen gas response response



## mixture models

#### **Combine Data**

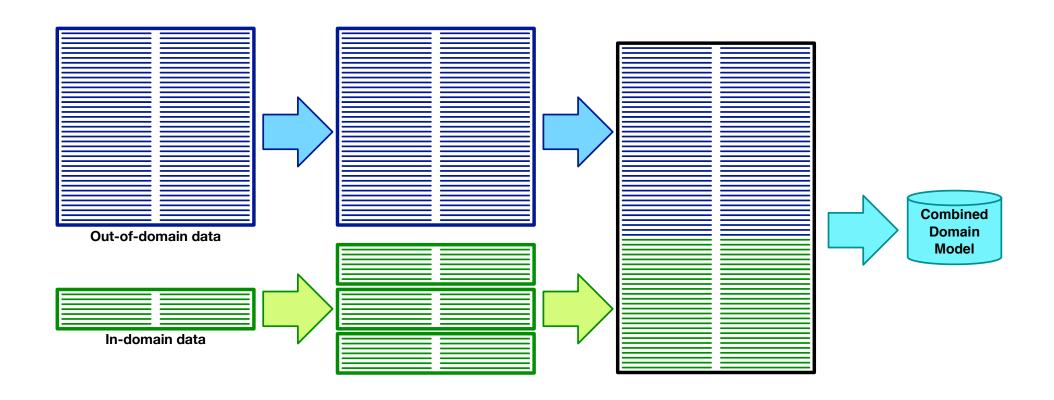




- Too biased towards out of domain data
- May flag translation options with indicator feature functions

### **Interpolate Data**

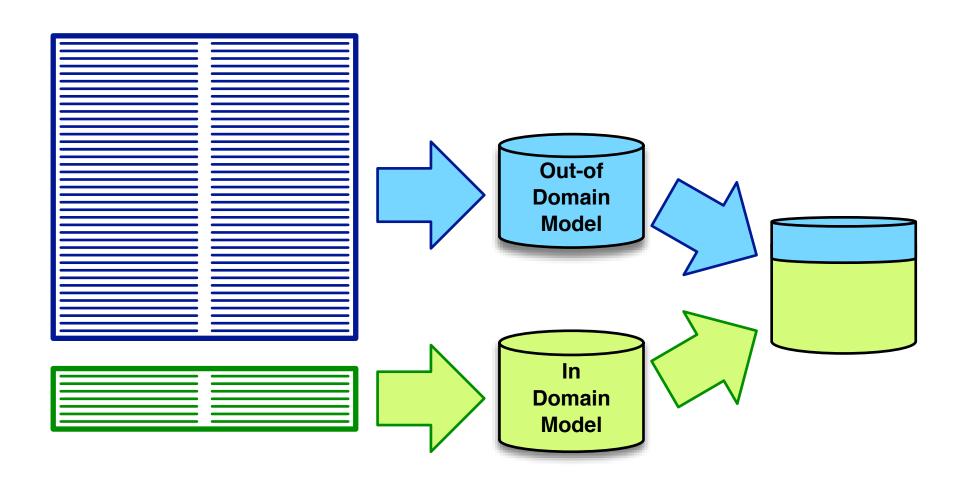




Oversample in-domain data

## **Interpolate Models**





### **Domain-Aware Training**



- Train a model on all domains
- Indicate domain for each input sentence
- Domain token
  - append domain token to each input sentence, e.g., <SPORTS>
  - label training data
  - label test data
- Neural machine translation models
  - domain token will have word embedding
  - attention model will rely on domain token as needed

#### **Unknown Domain at Test Time**



- Domain of input sentence unknown
- Classifier: predict domain of input sentence
  - predict domain token
  - augment input sentence
- Probability distribution over domains
  - sentences may not fall neatly into one of our pre-defined domains
  - e.g., rule violation in sports  $\rightarrow$  SPORTS, LAW
  - encode soft domain assignment in vector
  - may be also used to label training data

#### **Fine-Grained Domains: Personalization**



- Thousands of domains
  - machine translation system personalized for individual translators
  - machine translation system optimized for authors/speakers
- Domain token/classification idea does not scale well
- Not much data for each domain

#### **Fine-Grained Domains: Personalization**



- Only influence word prediction layer
- Recall output word distribution  $t_i$  as a softmax given
  - previous hidden state  $(s_{i-1})$
  - previous output word embedding  $(Ey_{i-1})$
  - input context  $(c_i)$

$$t_i = \operatorname{softmax}(W(Us_{i-1} + VEy_{i-1} + Cc_i) + b)$$

• More generally, prediction given some conditioning vector  $z_i$ 

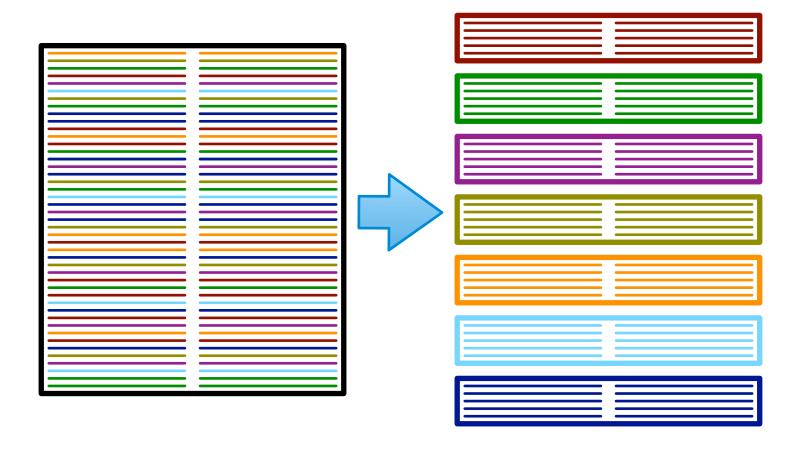
$$t_i = \operatorname{softmax}(Wz_i + b)$$

• Add an additional bias term  $\beta_p$  specific to a person p

$$t_i = \operatorname{softmax}(Wz_i + b + \beta_p)$$

#### **Topic Models**

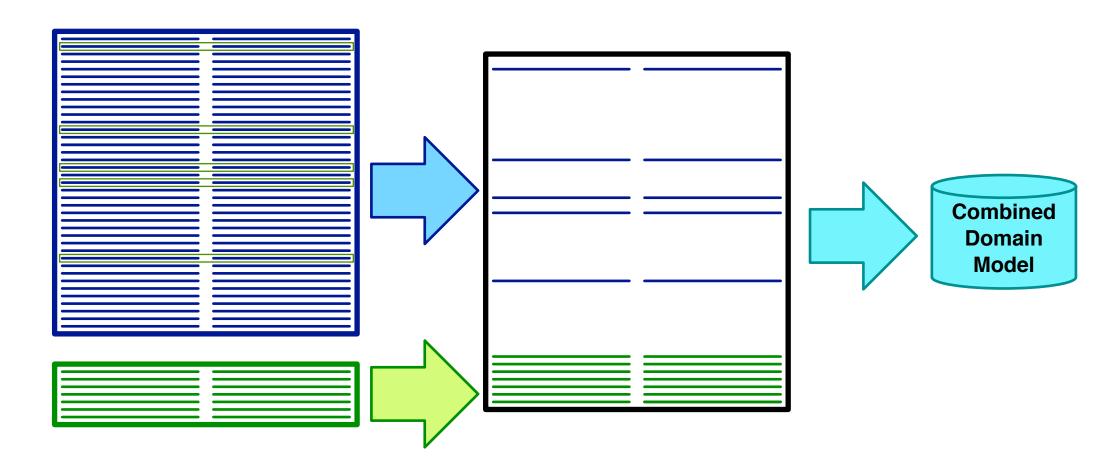




- Cluster corpus by topic Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA)
- Train separate sub-models for each topic
- For input sentence, detect topic (or topic distribution)

#### **Sentence Selection**





• Select out-of-domain sentence pairs that are similar to in-domain data

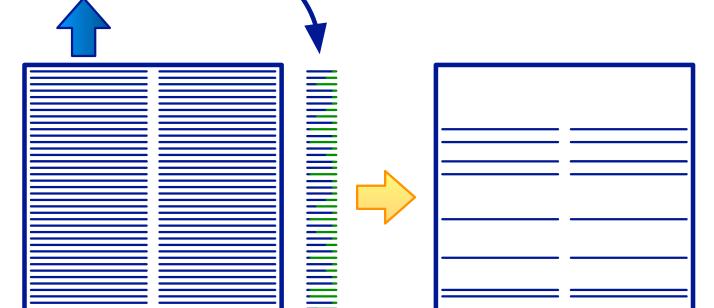
#### **Sentence Selection**



- Various methods
- Goal 1: Increase coverage (fill gaps)
- Goal 2: Get content with in-domain content, style, etc.

#### **Moore Lewis**





score

score

Build language modelsout of domainin domain

• Score each sentence

• Sub-select sentence pairs with  $p_{\text{IN}}(f) - p_{\text{OUT}}(f) > \tau$ 

**In-Domain** 

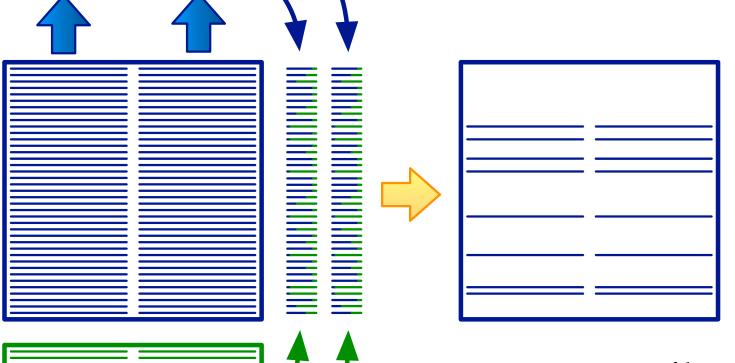
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**Out-of Domain** 

Language Model

# Out-of Domain Language Model (source) Out-of Domain Language Model (target) Score Modified Moore Lewis





score

- 2 sets of language models
  - source language
  - target language
- Add scores

**In-Domain** 

Language

Model

(source)

**In-Domain** 

Language

Model

(target)

## **Coverage-Based Methods**

- Problem with subsampling sentences based on similarity: not much new is added
- Original goal: increase coverage with out-of-domain data
- → coverage-based selection

## **Basic Approach**



• Score each candidate sentence pair to be added based on word-based score

$$\frac{1}{|s_i|} \sum_{w \in s} score(w, s_{1,\dots,i-1})$$

• Simple word score: check if word w occurred in the previously added sentences

$$score(w, s_{1,...,i-1}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } w \in s_1, ..., s_{i-1} \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Add sentence with highest score

## **Scoring N-Grams**



• Compute coverage of n-grams, not just words

$$\frac{1}{|s_i| \times N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \sum_{w_{j,...,j+n} \in s} score(w_{j,...,j+n}, s_{1,...,i-1})$$

### **Feature Decay**



- Not hard 0/1 scoring
- Decaying function based on frequency

$$score(w, s_{1,..,i-1}) = frequency(w, s_{1,..,i-1}) e^{-\lambda frequency(w, s_{1,..,i-1})}$$

• May also consider frequency of n-grams in raw corpus (avoid overfitting to rare n-grams)

## **Instance Weighting**



- So far: either include sentence pair or not
- Now: weigh sentence pair based on relevance

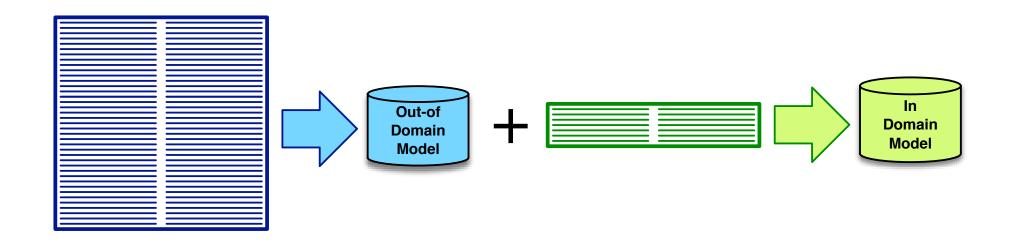
- Use same scoring metrics as previously for filtering
- Scale learning rate by relevance score



## fine tuning

#### **Fine-Tuning**





- First train system on out-of-domain data (or: all available data)
- Stop at convergence
- Then, continue training on in-domain data

## **Catastrophic Forgetting**



- Fine tuning may overfit to in-domain data (catastrophic forgetting)
- Two goals
  - do well on in-domain data
  - maintain quality on out-of-domain data
- Makes model more robust on in-domain data as well

## **Updating only Some Model Parameters**

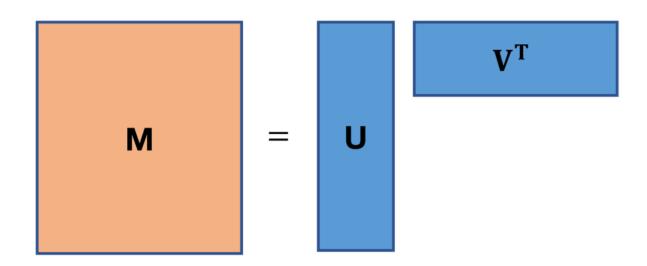


- Too many parameters, too few in-domain data
- Update only some parameters
  - weights for decoder state progression
  - output word prediction softmax
  - output word embeddings

## Low Rank Adaptation (LoRA)



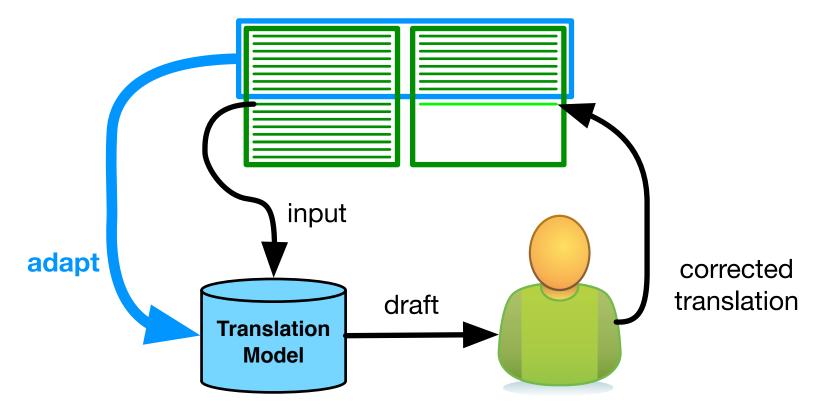
- Generic method to use fewer parameters during adaptation
- Augment each parameter matrix with two smaller matrices



- original matrix:  $m \times m$  matrix
- adaptation matrices:  $m \times r$  and  $r \times m$  with r << m
- original matrix unchanged

### **Document-Level Adaptation**





- Computer aided translation: translator post-edits machine translation
- Provides additional training data (translated sentences)
- Incrementally update model

## **Sentence-Level Adaptation**



• Adapt model to each sentence to be translated

- Find most similar sentence in parallel corpus (fuzzy match)
- Retrieve it and its translation
- Adapt model with this sentence pair

# **Curriculum Training**



- Recall: relevance score for each sentence pair
- Training epochs
  - start with all data (100%)
  - train only on somewhat relevant data (50%)
  - train only on relevant data (25%)
  - train only on very relevant data (10%)

## **Beyond Parallel Corpora**

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# data and machine learning

## Supervised and Unsupervised



- We framed machine translation as a supervised machine learning task
  - training examples with labels
  - here: input sentences with translation
  - structured prediction: output has to be constructed in several steps
- Unsupervised learning
  - training examples without labels
  - here: just sentences in the input language
  - we will also look at using just sentences output language
- Semi-supervised learning
  - some labeled training data
  - some unlabeled training data (usually more)
- Self-training
  - make predictions on unlabeled training data
  - use predicted labeled as supervised translation data

## **Transfer Learning**



- Learning from data similar to our task
- Other language pairs
  - first, train a model on different language pair
  - then, train on the targeted language pair
  - or: train jointly on both
- Multi-Task training
  - train on a related task first
  - e.g., part-of-speeh tagging
- Share some or all of the components



# using monolingual data

## **Using Monolingual Data**

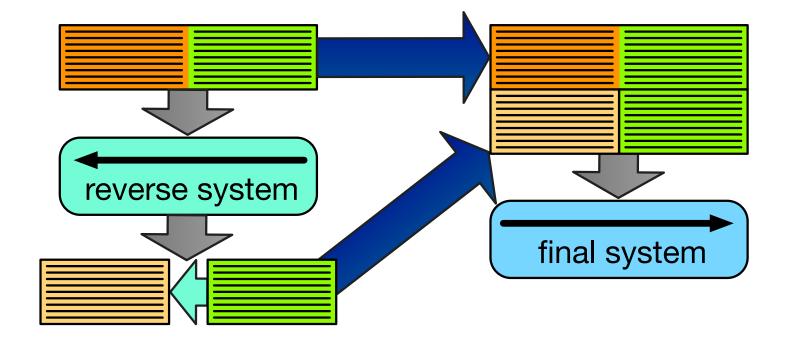


- Language model
  - trained on large amounts of target language data
  - better fluency of output
- Key to success of statistical machine translation
- Neural machine translation
  - integrate neural language model into model
  - create artificial data with backtranslation

#### **Back Translation**



- Monolingual data is parallel data that misses its other half
- Let's synthesize that half



#### **Back Translation**



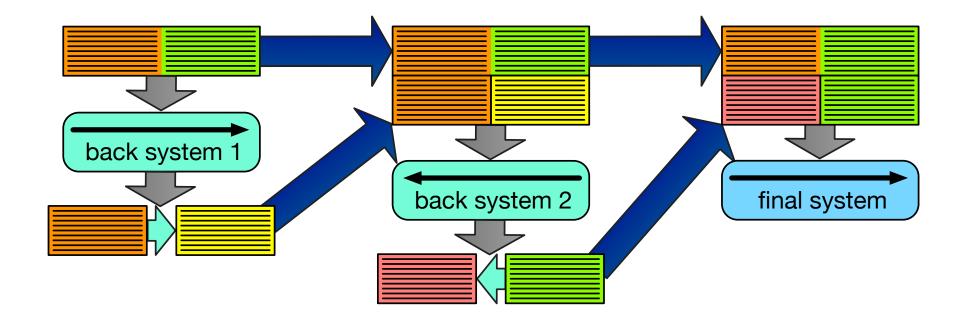
#### • Steps

- 1. train a system in reverse language translation
- 2. use this system to translate target side monolingual data
  - → synthetic parallel corpus
- 3. combine generated synthetic parallel data with real parallel data to build the final system
- Roughly equal amounts of synthetic and real data
- Useful method for domain adaptation

#### **Iterative Back Translation**



- Quality of backtranslation system matters
- Build a better backtranslation system ... with backtranslation



#### **Iterative Back Translation**



#### • Example

German–English	Back	Final
no back-translation	_	29.6
*10k iterations	10.6	29.6 (+0.0)
*100k iterations	21.0	31.1 (+1.5)
convergence	23.7	32.5 (+2.9)
re-back-translation	27.9	33.6 (+4.0)

<sup>\* =</sup> limited training of back-translation system

#### **Variants**



- Copy Target
  - if no good neural machine translation system to start with
  - just copy target language text to the source

- Forward Translation
  - synthesize training data in same direction as training
  - self-training (inferior but sometimes successful)

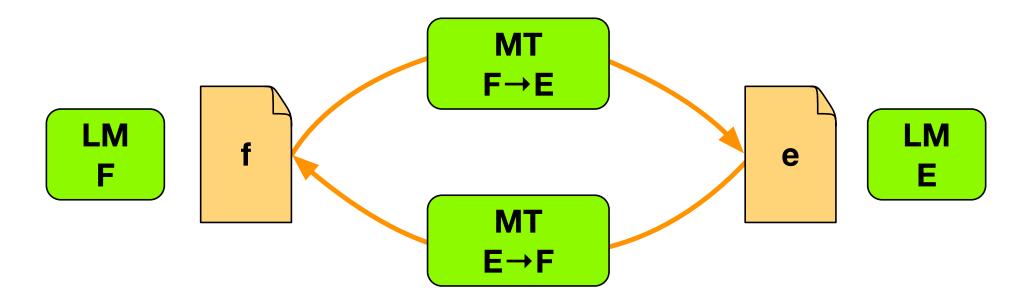
# **Round Trip Training**



- We could iterate through steps of
  - train system
  - create synthetic corpus
- Dual learning: train models in both directions together
  - translation models  $F \to E$  and  $E \to F$
  - take sentence f
  - translate into sentence e'
  - translate that back into sentence f'
  - training objective: f should match f'
- Setup could be fooled by just copying (e' = f)
  - $\Rightarrow$  score **e**' with a language for language *E* add language model score as cost to training objective

# **Round Trip Training**





## **Monolingual Pre-Training**



- Initial training of neural machine translation model on monolingual data
- Replace some input word sequences with <pad> (30% of words)
- Train model MASKED → TEXT on both source and target text
- Reorder sentences (each training example has 3 sentences)