Abstract

This document serves as user manual and code guide for the Moses machine translation decoder. The decoder was mainly developed by Hieu Hoang and Philipp Koehn at the University of Edinburgh and extended during a Johns Hopkins University Summer Workshop and further developed under EuroMatrix and GALE project funding. The decoder (which is part of a complete statistical machine translation toolkit) is the de facto benchmark for research in the field. This document serves two purposes: a user manual for the functions of the Moses decoder and a code guide for developers. In large parts, this manual is identical to documentation available at the official Moses decoder web site http://www.statmt.org/. This document does not describe in depth the underlying methods, which are described in the text book *Statistical Machine Translation* (Philipp Koehn, Cambridge University Press, 2009).
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