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1 Introduction

The demand for language translation has greatly increased in recent times due to increasing cross-regional communication and the need for information exchange. Most material needs to be translated, including scientific and technical documentation, instruction manuals, legal documents, textbooks, publicity leaflets, newspaper reports etc. Some of this work is challenging and difficult but mostly it is tedious and repetitive and requires consistency and accuracy. It is becoming difficult for professional translators to meet the increasing demands of translation. In such a situation the assistance of computers can be used as a substitute (Hutchins and Somers 1992).

The main difficulty in automated translation of one natural language to another is varied structures and lexical choices for the same concept in different languages. Syntactic and semantic analysis is performed to reach a logical form of the language to be translated. The ultimate aim is to define a logical form that can represent the meaning of the text independent of any language. This level of representation would be ideal but is difficult to achieve. It is so difficult for analysis of any language to reach such an abstraction that to bridge the gap, some transfer mechanism is required.

The aim of this thesis is to look into translation issues raised by the transfer of verbs in English to Urdu machine translation.

First, in the background section of this thesis, the basic theory for machine translation systems, Lexical Functional Grammar (LFG) and grammatical analysis of verbs and translation problems is presented. Then the problem statement is defined which is followed by the methodology. The results of the study are then presented.

2 Background

In this section the necessary background information required to understand the problem statement will be provided. Section 2.1 gives a brief introduction to machine translation and different architectures of machine translation systems. Section 2.2 describes the basic notion of LFG. Section 2.3 gives an overview of LFG analyses for verbs in different languages. Section 2.4 describes some problems which are faced during translation from one language to another.

2.1 Machine Translation

The term Machine Translation (MT) can be defined as “translation from one natural language (source language (SL)) to another language (target language (TL)) using computerized systems, with or without human assistance” (Hutchins and Somers 1992, pg. 3).

Machine translation systems can be divided in two generations. First generation systems are known as *direct systems*. In such systems, translation is done word by word or phrase by phrase. In such systems very minimal linguistic analysis of input text is conducted (Hutchins and Somers 1992). This architecture is still being extensively used in commercial MT systems. The main idea behind direct systems is to analyze the input text to the extent that some transformational rules can be applied. This analysis could be parts of speech of words or some phrasal level information. Then using a bilingual dictionary, source language words are replaced with target language words and some rearrangement rules are used to modify the word order according to the target language (Arnold et al. 1993).

This architecture is very robust because it does not fail on any erroneous or ungrammatical input. Since the analysis level is very shallow and the system contains very limited grammatical information, it hardly considers anything ungrammatical. In the worst case if the rule does not apply to the input, the input is passed on without any

alteration as output. This kind of system is hard to extend because all the rules are written in one direction and are language specific. To make another language pair work, all the rules have to be re-written. Since the system does not perform very deep analysis, its time complexity is low. These systems work very well for closely related languages but are not suitable for modeling languages with diverse syntactic nature. Since the system does not explicitly contain the grammatical rules of the target language, there is a chance that the output will not be grammatical but it will be similar to the target language (Arnold et al. 1993).

Owing to the fact that linguistic information helps an MT system to produce better quality target language translation, with the advance of computing technology, MT researchers started to develop methods to capture and process the linguistics of sentences. This was when the era of second generation MT systems started. Second generation machine translation systems are called indirect systems. In such systems the source language structure is analyzed and text is transformed into a logical form. The target language translation is then generated from the logical form of the text (Hutchins and Somers 1992). The transition from direct systems to indirect systems is illustrated in Figure 2.1, taken from (Hutchins and Somers 1992, pg. 107).

SYSTRAN is one of the most well-known direct systems. It is described in Hutchins and Somers (1992) and Wilks (1992).

Indirect systems can be further divided into interlingua and transfer based systems.

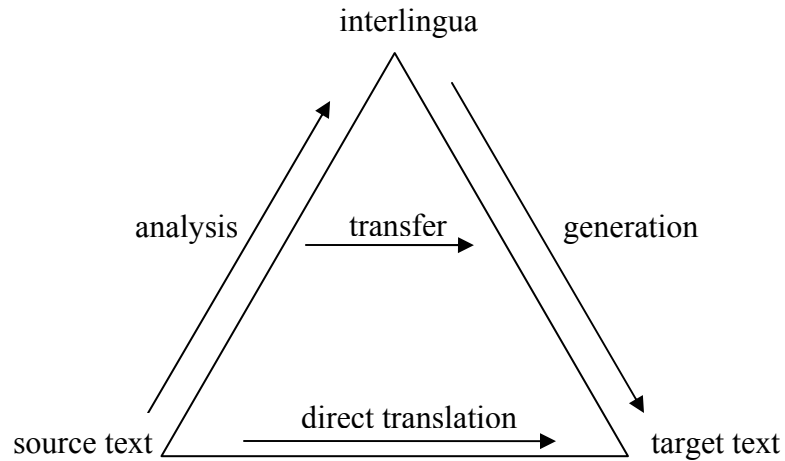


Figure 2.1: Transfer and interlingua ‘pyramid’ diagram

As shown in Figures 2.2a and 2.2b, the structures of these systems are fairly similar.

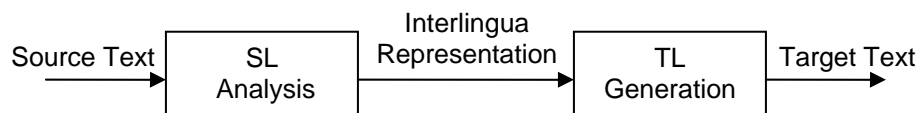


Figure 2.2a: Interlingua Based System

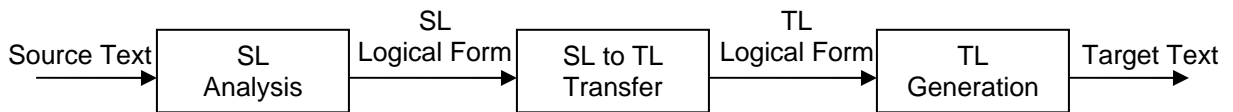


Figure 2.2b: Transfer Based System

In the transfer method, the source language is analyzed to an abstract level. Then, through a transfer module, this abstract form is converted to the corresponding abstract form in the target language through which the target translation text is generated.

The module ‘*SL Analysis*’ captures the required linguistic information about the source language sentences to aid the translation. ‘*SL to TL Transfer*’ module transfers the representation generated by ‘*SL Analysis*’ to a target language representation. The module ‘*TL Generation*’ generates the translation text using this logical representation. Such a system requires independent grammars for the source and target languages. Moreover it

requires a comparative grammar or transfer rules to relate source structures to target structures.

It is difficult to handle ungrammatical input using this approach. Since the system assumes full grammatical knowledge it does not allow ungrammatical sentences to be parsed, thus reducing the output of the system. This kind of system is easy to extend because to add a new language, grammar and transfer rules for the new language need to be written but the grammar of the other language is reusable. Such systems are theoretically reversible. The same grammars can be used in the reversed system. Practically there are problems in reversing the system because some transfer rules which are correct in one direction may not be correct in the other direction. The system has the explicit grammar of the target language, which ensures grammatical output (Arnold et al. 1993).

Examples of transfer systems include ARIANE (Vauquois and Boitet 1985), SUSY (Maas 1987), MU (the Japanese National Project) (Nagao et al. 1986), METAL (Slocum et al. 1987; Bennett and Slocum 1988), TAUM-AVIATION (Isabelle 1987), ETAP-2 (Apresian et al. 1992), LMT (McCord 1989), EUROTRA (Arnold 1986; Arnold and des Tombe 1987; Copeland et al. 1991a,b), CAT-2 (Sharp 1988), MIMO (Arnold and Sadler 1990), MIMO-2 (van Noord et al. 1990) and ELU (Estival et al. 1990).

The Interlingua approach involves the use of an intermediate language (i.e. an Interlingua) for the transfer, with the source language text translated to the Interlingua and the Interlingua translated to the target language text. As suggested by Hutchins and Somers (1992), an Interlingua is an intermediate ‘meaning’ representation and this representation:

“includes all information necessary for the generation of the target text without ‘looking back’ to the original text. The representation is thus a projection from the source text and at the same time acts as the basis for the generation of the target text; it is an abstract representation of the target text as well as a representation of the source text.” (Hutchins and Somers 1992, p. 73)

Interlingua appears to be an attractive approach for machine translation due to several reasons. Firstly, from a theoretical point of view it is very interesting to establish a representation which is independent of language. Secondly, Interlingua systems are more easily extendable because only analysis and generation modules are required to add a new language and no language specific transfer information is needed. But it is difficult to define such a language independent representation even for closely related languages (Arnold et al. 1993).

An attempt to define an Interlingua to represent the language in the form of a semantic relation is The Universal Networking Language (UNL) project. This project was initiated by the University of United Nations based in Tokyo in 1996. An utterance is represented as a hyper-graph in UNL. Normal nodes in the graph bear Universal Words (UWs) with semantic attributes and arcs bear semantic relations (deep cases, such as agt, obj, goal, etc.). UNL representation is being built in many languages including Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Mongolian, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish.

Some other Interlingua systems are Rosetta (Landsbergen 1987b,a), KBMT (Goodman 1989; Goodman and Nirenburg 1991). (Arnold et al. 1993).

There are new emerging approaches to MT known as the empirical approaches. They apply statistical or pattern matching techniques for MT. These techniques are called empirical since the knowledge for translation is derived empirically by examining text instead of linguistic rules. There are two such approaches, the ‘example’ or ‘analogy’ based approach, and the ‘statistical’ approach (Arnold et al. 1993).

In the ‘example-based’ approach, translation is done by matching the given text with stored example translations. The basic idea is to collect a bilingual corpus of translation pairs and then use a best match algorithm to find the closest example to the source phrase to be translated. This gives a translation template, which can then be filled in by a word-for-word translation. A limitation of this technique is that it requires a large bilingual aligned corpus. But these examples can also be built incrementally, increasing the quality

of translation. Such systems are efficient because they need not to go through complex grammars to analyze the text, but if many examples match the input text then finding the best match can be a complex task. A pure example based system will include no linguistic knowledge but addition of some linguistic knowledge can improve the system by increasing its capability of dealing with more patterns concisely as one can specify categories instead of raw words (Arnold et al. 1993).

The second approach, the ‘statistical approach’, uses probabilistic analysis in MT as the name suggests. This term sometimes refers to the use of probability based techniques in parts of the MT task like word sense disambiguation or structural disambiguation. The other use of this term refers to a pure statistical machine translation system which uses probabilistic models to determine the correct translation of input text. In this approach, two statistical models, namely a ‘language model’ and a ‘translation model’ are built. This technique has been successfully used in speech recognition. A language model provides probabilities of occurrence of the sentence in the language, $P(S)$ and a translation model provides probability of a target sentence given source sentence, $P(T/S)$. An N-gram model is used to build the language model. Language models for both source and target languages are built. The translation model is computed using a word-level aligned bilingual corpus. For details of the modeling process, refer to Brown et al. (1990). Using language model probabilities and conditional probabilities of the translation model, $P(S/T)$ is computed using the following formula:

$$P(S/T) = \frac{P(S)P(T/S)}{P(T)}$$

This approach does not require explicit encoding of linguistic information. On the other hand, it is heavily dependent on the availability of good quality bilingual data in very large proportions, which is currently not available for most languages (Arnold et al. 1993).

In this thesis the MT system used is based on the transfer architecture. The Lexical Functional Grammar (LFG) formalism will be used for the analyses of both languages.

2.2 Lexical Functional Grammar (LFG)

This section presents a brief overview of a linguistic formalism, LFG, which is well established for the analysis and generation modules of machine translation systems.

Lexical Functional Grammar (LFG) is a unification-based linguistic formalism which is suitable for computation purposes. LFG uses different structures for representing the following different levels of linguistic information that is contained in a sentence:

- 1) Constituent Structure (c-structure): a structure for representing sentence structure (Kaplan, 1989).
- 2) Functional Structure (f-structure): a relatively order-free attribute-value bundle pair for representing higher level syntactic and functional information (Kaplan, 1989).
- 3) Semantic Structure (s-structure): an f-structure look-alike structure for representing semantic information (Halvorsen and Kaplan, 1988).

Structural correspondences are defined to relate the elements of a c-structure to those of an f-structure and the elements of an f-structure to those of an s-structure (Kaplan, 1989). The following section gives an explanation of c-structures and f-structures. For a detailed explanation of s-structure see Halvorsen and Kaplan (1988).

2.2.1 Constituent Structure (c-structure)

The c-structure in LFG represents the external structure of a sentence in the form of a phrase structure tree. It shows the syntactic categories and the linear order of the constituents of the sentence. It also shows the hierarchical grouping of words in a sentence, i.e., how each phrase within the sentence is formed by the combination of words in the sentence and how these phrases combine to form the sentence itself. The hierarchical grouping of words in a sentence is governed by phrase structure rules which are represented by a context-free grammar.

A context free grammar is a mathematical system for modeling constituent structures. A context free grammar has four parameters. (Jurafsky and Martin, 2000)

1. A set of non-terminal symbols, N
2. A set of terminal symbols, Σ which is disjoint from N
3. A set of productions P , of the form $A \rightarrow \alpha$ where $A \in N$ and α is a string of symbols from where $\alpha \in (\Sigma \cup N)^*$
4. A start symbol S where $S \in N$

For instance, consider the sentence “John gave him a book”. The set of phrase structure rules that describes the structure of this sentence and other sentences of this form is:

$$(2.1)$$

$$S \rightarrow NP VP$$

$$VP \rightarrow V NP NP$$

$$NP \rightarrow PRON \mid (DET) N$$

where S stands for ‘Sentence’, NP stands for ‘Noun Phrase’, VP stands for ‘Verb Phrase’, N stands for ‘Noun’, V stands for ‘Verb’ and ‘DET’ stands for ‘Determiner’.

The c-structure of the sentence in the sentence “John gave him a book.” can be obtained by applying these phrase structure rules as shown in Figure 2.3.

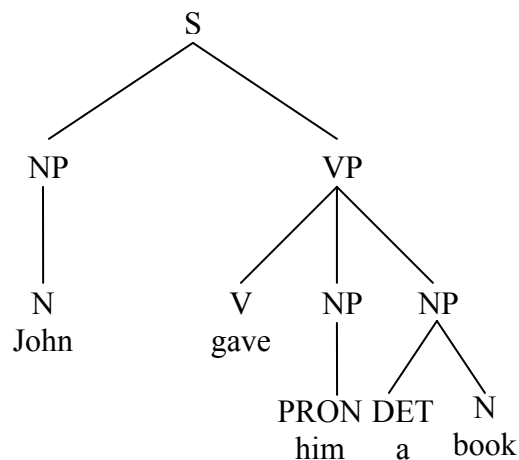


Figure 2.3: c-structure of sentence “John gave him a book”

The same tree can be shown in bracketed form as follows.

(2.2)
[S [NP[N[John]]] [VP[V[gave]] [NP[PRON[him]]] [NP[DET[a] [N[book]]]]]]

The c-structure displays information about the part-of-speech of each constituent in a sentence and the syntactic structure of the sentence. As the c-structure encodes surface syntactic information like word order and phrasal structure; it is language dependent. Although the c-structure contains information explaining how each constituent is grouped to form a sentence which can aid analysis of source language sentences or generation of target language sentences in an MT system, its language dependence only allows it to capture the shallow syntactic information of sentences. This makes it insufficient for performing the transfer of sentences from one language to another.

2.2.2 Functional Structure (f-structure)

While the c-structure captures the external structure of a sentence, the f-structure represents the internal structure of a sentence. This includes the representation of the higher syntactic and functional information of a sentence. The higher syntactic information of a sentence refers to the grammatical information of a lexical item, e.g., the word ‘cats’ is in *plural* form and the word ‘ate’ is expressed in the *past* tense. The functional information of a sentence includes information about functional relations between parts of sentences and how parts of the sentence affect each other. The f-structure also expresses information about the kind(s) of syntactic functions that each predicator (e.g. verb or preposition) governs. The higher syntactic and functional information of a sentence is represented in the f-structure as a set of attribute-value pairs. These pairs form the nodes of an acyclic graph structure. In an attribute-value pair of an f-structure, the attribute corresponds to the name of a grammatical symbol (e.g. NUM, TENSE) or a syntactic function (e.g. SUBJ, OBJ) and the value is the corresponding feature possessed by the concerned constituent. The value for each attribute can be an atomic symbol, a semantic form or a subsidiary f-structure (Kaplan, 1989). An atomic value is used to describe a grammatical feature of a constituent, e.g. the tense of a verb,

whether a noun is of a singular or plural form, etc. (2.3) is an example of an attribute-value pair with an atomic value showing the tense of the verb ‘gave’:

(2.3)
 [TENSE PAST]

In LFG terminology, a semantic form expresses the semantic interpretation of a predicate. This semantic interpretation is represented in terms of the syntactic functions a predicator governs. The feature representing this semantic form is termed PRED. For instance, the attribute-value pair which encodes the semantic form of the verb ‘gave’, as in “John gave him a book.” is:

(2.4)
 [PRED 'GIVE < (↑ SUBJ)(↑ OBJ)(↑ OBJ2)]

This states that the verb ‘give’ requires a subject, an object and a secondary object (OBJ2) as its arguments. A sentence using the verb ‘give’ will be considered incomplete without any one of these arguments and will be incoherent if any additional argument is present.

The functional structure of a syntactic function is encoded as a subsidiary f-structure in an attribute-value pair. For instance, the f-structure representation of the NP ‘John’ which functions as the subject in a sentence is:

(2.5)

$$\left[\text{SUBJ} \left[\begin{array}{ll} \text{PRED} & \text{'JOHN'} \\ \text{NUM} & \text{SG} \\ \text{PERS} & 3 \end{array} \right] \right]$$

As an f-structure may contain subsidiary f-structure(s), so essentially the f-structure is a multi-leveled tree-like structure. Nevertheless, an f-structure is not a tree because some of the attributes that appear in different places within it can sometimes be linked with each other. Within the same level of an f-structure, the attribute-value pairs can appear in any order. Each attribute has a unique value.

As mentioned in the previous section, the c-structure of a sentence is assigned using phrase structure rules. The phrase structure rules in (2.1) shown in Section 2.2.1 did not carry any functional information about the constituents within a sentence. Thus, they are insufficient for assigning f-structures. In order to enrich the syntactic information carried by phrase structure rules, they are equipped with functional annotations. For example, (2.6) a. is only phrase structure rule for sentences whereas (2.6) b. is annotated with functional description.

- (2.6)
- a. $S \rightarrow NP VP.$
 - b. $S \rightarrow NP: (\uparrow SUBJ) = \downarrow; VP: \uparrow = \downarrow.$

where the functional annotation for the NP node expresses the grammatical relation “*the f-structure which fills the value of the attribute ‘subject’ (SUBJ) of the mother of this NP node’s is the f-structure of this NP node*”; and the functional annotation ‘ $\uparrow = \downarrow$ ’ for the VP node indicates that the functional information encoded in this VP node is passed to the f-structure of its mother node.

In addition to appearing in the form of functional annotations on phrase structure rules, most of the functional information appears in the lexical items, e.g.:

- (2.7)
- John: N, (\uparrow PRED) = ‘john’;
 - (\uparrow NUM) = SG;
 - (\uparrow PERS) = 3.
 - gave: V, (\uparrow PRED) = ‘give <(\uparrow SUBJ) (\uparrow OBJ) (\uparrow OBJ2)>’;
 - (\uparrow TENSE) = PAST.

The lexical items form the terminals of the grammar rules, e.g.:

- (2.8)
- $N \rightarrow$ John: (\uparrow PRED) = ‘john’;
 - (\uparrow NUM) = SG;
 - (\uparrow PERS) = 3.
 - $V \rightarrow$ gave: (\uparrow PRED) = ‘give <(\uparrow SUBJ) (\uparrow OBJ) (\uparrow OBJ2)>’;
 - (\uparrow TENSE) = PAST.

structure from the given annotated grammar. Each c-structure node is assigned a variable

corresponding to its f-structure. Then the ‘↑’ and the ‘↓’ in annotations are replaced with appropriate variable names. This process is called instantiation. Then all the equations are solved by applying unification. Unification can be described as follows (Dalrymple 2001):

- An empty feature structure is the identity element.
- The unification of an attribute with another attribute is successful if both attributes have the same value, otherwise unification will fail.
- The feature structure f1 unified with feature structure f2 makes feature structure f3 in the following manner:
 - The set of features in f3 is the union of the features of f1 and f2.
 - The value of each feature in f3 is the value of that feature in f1 unified with the value of that feature in f2.
 - Recursively traverse through the embedded feature structures if any.
 - If any unification fails, then the whole process fails.

The f-structure for a sentence is the minimal f-structure that satisfies all of the equations.

For instance, the f-structure corresponding to the sentence “John gave him a book.” is shown in Figure 2.4. The grammar rules used are as follows.

- (2.9)
- S → NP: (↑ SUBJ) = ↓; VP: ↑ = ↓.
 - VP → V: ↑ = ↓; NP: (↑ OBJ2) = ↓; NP: (↑ OBJ) = ↓.
 - NP → PRON: ↑ = ↓; | (DET: ↑SPEC = ↓;) N: ↑ = ↓.

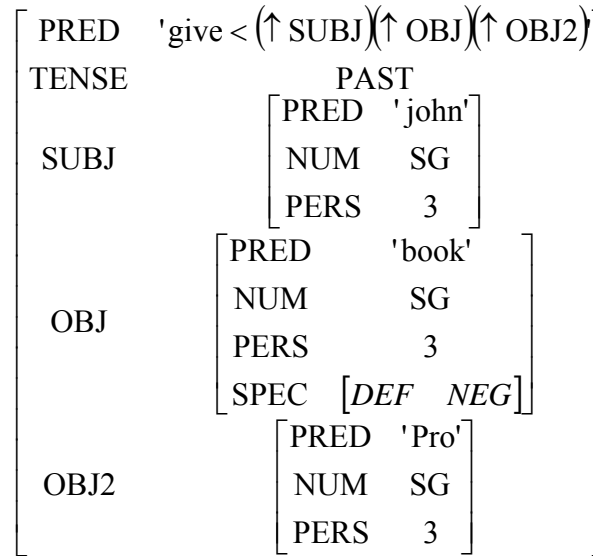


Figure 2.4: f-structure of sentence “John gave him a book”

Verb analysis being followed in determining transfer rules in this work is discussed in the following section.

2.3 Verb Analysis Using LFG

In this section some concepts of grammatical analysis for verbs will be described.

A sentence states a relationship between some individuals, i.e. person, place, thing etc. or asserts a property of any individual. The element in the sentences which contains information about the relationship is called the predicate. The individuals or participants in the relationship are called arguments. A grammatical unit containing one predicate and its participants is called a simple sentence or a clause (Kroeger, 2005). Generally verbs carry the idea of being or action in the sentence. They provide the essential backbone of a clause since they define what arguments a clause needs to be grammatical. Verbs contribute their semantic form or predicate, i.e. PRED and subcatagorization frames. Subcatagorization can be defined as semantic roles or grammatical relations. In the analysis given below grammatical relations are used. It defines what grammatical relations a particular verb can take as argument. Moreover, verbs define the tense and aspect features of sentence.

2.3.1 Grammatical Relations

Grammatical relations are a grammatical notion and they can be defined using a grammatical criterion. In this section we will discuss grammatical properties that can be used to identify different grammatical relations. The analysis under consideration assumes the following grammatical relations: Subject (SUBJ), Object (OBJ), Secondary Object (OBJ2), COMP, and XCOMP.

2.3.1.1 Subject (SUBJ)

A noun phrase in the clause acts as the subject of the clause. In most languages the assumed rule is that all verbs subcategorize for the subject. Some properties of subjects in English are stated in Kroeger (2005) taken from Bickford (1998:43). Word order is an important clue for identifying the subject in English. The noun phrase coming before the verb is normally the subject. Verb agreement is also an indication. The verb agrees with the subject in English, e.g. a third person singular subject adds an –s to the verb. Another clue is nominative case marking on NP. This is visible only by morphology in pronouns in English. There is another test for subjects using question words. If a question word replaces the subject of the sentence, the rest of the sentence remains unchanged. But if a question word replaces some other element of the sentence, the auxiliary will move before the subject. If the sentence does not contain an auxiliary, an additional ‘do’ or ‘did’ will be added immediately after question word (Kroeger 2005).

The properties used for identifying subjects may vary from language to language. For example, different case markings can help in identification of the subject in different languages. In German the nominative case marking helps in identifying the subject. In Ergative languages, the ergative case marking also identifies the subject. An analysis for Hindi/Urdu subject identification is presented in Mohanan (1994).

2.3.1.2 Object (OBJ)

The second argument of transitive verbs is usually an object. In English, the object can be clearly identified by position. The object must follow the verb and be adjacent to it. In free order languages like German and Hindi, case marking is the indicator for object. A

noun phrase with accusative case is analyzed as an object in German. For example, the following two sentences of German have the same meaning and the accusative case helps in identifying the object of sentence (Butt et al., 1999).

(2.10) Der Fahrer startet den Traktor.
The.Nom driver starts the.Acc tractor

(2.11) Den Traktor startet der Fahrer.
the.Acc tractor starts the.Nom driver
(The driver is starting the tractor.)

Urdu is also a free order language and case markings help in identifying the object.

A cross linguistic test for objects is passivisation. When a sentence is passivised, its object becomes the subject. By this transformation we can differentiate the object from other roles mentioned in this section. For example, “the house” is the object of the sentence in Example (2.13) (Butt et al., 1999).

(2.12) He built the house (Active voice)
SUBJ OBJ

(2.13) The house was built (Passive voice)
SUBJ

If the noun phrase is not the object, it cannot be passivised. For example, as ‘home’ is not the object in the sentence mentioned in (2.15), the passive construction in (2.16) is not valid.

(2.14) He went home. (Active Voice)
SUBJ OBL

(2.15) *home was gone.

2.3.1.3 Oblique (OBL)

Obliques are arguments which are not of an appropriate morphosyntactic form to be considered objects and which do not undergo the syntactic processes which affect objects, such as passivisation (Butt et al., 1999). These arguments are associated with a particular semantic role and are marked to indicate their role. For example ‘to him’ in the sentence ‘I gave a book to him’ is OBL_{GOAL} (Dalrymple, 2001).

Obliques are generally prepositional phrases (PP), or in some languages case marked noun phrases as discussed by Nordlinger (1998) (Dalrymple, 2001). Noun phrases can also be obliques, sometimes with a changed morphological form. For example, ‘home’ in sentence (2.15) is an oblique. We can see it cannot be passivised.

2.3.1.4 Secondary Object (OBJtheta)

In many languages, a clause may contain more than one noun phrases as the object. In English, ditransitive verbs such as ‘give’ subcategorize for a subject, an object and a secondary object. The primary object can be identified by its position in English. It must be adjacent to the verb followed by the secondary object. The secondary object is known as OBJtheta (Dalrymple, 2001).

(2.16) She gave him a book
SUBJ OBJ OBJtheta

In sentence (2.16) ‘him’ is the OBJ and ‘book’ is the OBJtheta.

In German the dative case of an NP can be a clue for identifying the OBJtheta but there are some constructions where the dative case occurs but the NP is not an OBJtheta. Thus the OBJtheta can be identified by adding one more condition that there should be a

primary object also present in the clause. (Butt et al., 1999). Similarly for Urdu the dative case distinguishes OBJtheta from OBJ as shown below.

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|--------|--------------------|----------|------------|--------|
| (2.17) | اس نے اسے کتاب دی۔ | | | |
| | [us ne] | usey | kitab | di. |
| | Erg.3.sg | Dat.3.sg | Nom.3.sg.F | 3.sg.F |
| | SUBJ | OBJtheta | OBJ | |

2.3.1.5 XCOMP and COMP

A clause can also be the argument of a verb. For example in the following sentences the verbs ‘want’ and ‘know’ take clauses as arguments.

(2.18) I want [to do this work].

(2.19) I know [that this tractor is red].

Such arguments can be categorized as an XCOMP and a COMP. An XCOMP is a complement whose subject lies outside the clause, as in (2.18), “I” is logically the subject of the clause “to do this work” but it is not within the clause. Such a clause is known as an infinite clause. A COMP is a closed complement with its own subject as in (2.19) “the tractor”, the subject of the clause, is within the clause. This is known as a finite clause.

2.3.1.6 Adjunct

Prepositional phrases and adverbs which are not included in the subcategorization frame of the verb are considered adjuncts. For example, in sentence (2.20), ‘last night’ is an adjunct.

(2.20) She met him last night
SUBJ OBJ ADJUNCT

These phrases are optional in the sentence and are added to convey additional information such as the time and place of event. One indication of a phrase being an ADJUNCT is that it is always optional. Secondly, an unlimited number of ADJUNCTs

can be added to sentence whereas an argument can occur only once. Moreover, they can be freely added to most clauses, whereas the arguments of a verb are restricted by the type of verb (Kroeger, 2005).

2.4 Transfer Problems

In this section, problems in lexical transfer will be discussed. Then a classification of lexical-semantic divergences presented by Dorr (1994) will be presented and their Hindi examples will be shown which are taken from Gupta and Chatterjee (2001).

Lexical transfer refers to changing source language words into target language words. In transfer at f-structure level, this issue is realized as choosing the correct value of the PRED feature and applying appropriate structural changes if required. For choosing the correct translation, a clue from the sentence structure or surrounding context needs to be examined. For example the English word ‘know’ can be translated as ‘connaitre’ or ‘savoir’ in French. The choice of these two translations depends roughly on whether the word subcategorizes for the noun phrase as an object or a complement. The following sentences illustrate the point. (Hutchins and Somers 1992, p. 100)

(2.21) I know the right answer.
Je connais la bonne réponse.

(2.22) I know what the right answer is.
Je sais quelle est la bonne réponse.

Another example can be the translation of the word ‘eat’ in German. It is translated to ‘essen’ if the subject is human, and to ‘fressen’ otherwise. Some cases are more difficult, for example the word ‘library’ is translated as ‘bibliothek’ if it is part of an academic or research institute but ‘bucherei’ if it is a public library. In this case the selection of a translation is not easy. (Hutchins and Somers 1992)

Another problem in transfer is when the structure of the translation does not match the source sentence. Dorr (1994) presented some major lexical-semantic divergence problems which are valid cross linguistically. The divergence classes and their examples presented by Dorr (1994) are as follows.

1. Thematic divergence

The theme of the sentence is the subject in the source language which changes into an object in the target language. For example when the following English sentence (2.23) is translated into Spanish, the theme of the sentence “Mary” changes from object to subject.

- (2.23) I like Mary
 Maria me gusta a mi
 (Mary pleases me)

2. Promotional divergence

This is a head switching problem. An adverbial phrase in the source language changes into the main verb in the target language. For example, in the Spanish translation of the English sentence in (2.24), the adverb is changed into the main verb. A similar problem can be seen in the Hindi translation in (2.25).

- (2.24) John usually goes home
 Juan suele ir a casa
 (John tends to go home)

- (2.25) The fan is on
 pankhaa chal rahaa hai

3. Demotional divergence

This is opposite to promotional divergence. The main verb in the source language is changed into an adverbial phrase in the target language. One example of it can be seen in the following English to German translation.

- (2.26) I like eating
Ich esse gern
(I eat likingly)

4. Structural divergence

The noun phrase is converted to a prepositional phrase. For example, in the English to Spanish translation of (2.27) “the house” is converted to “en la casa”, a PP. A similar problem can be seen in the Hindi translation in (2.28).

- (2.27) John entered the house
“Juan entro en la casa”
(John entered in the house)

- (2.28) Ram attended the meeting
ram sabha mai upashtit tha

5. Conflational divergence

Sometimes in the source language one word is used to explain a concept and its argument such that it is contained within the word, whereas the target language requires an explicit argument. For example the English word ‘stabbed’ is usually not translated in one word in other languages. This can be seen in the following English to Spanish and English to Hindi Examples.

- (2.29) I stabbed John
Yo le di punaladas a Juan
(I gave knife-wounds to John)

- (2.30) He stabbed me
usne mujhe chaaku se maaraa
(He hit me with knife)

6. Categorical divergence

In this case the category of predicates is changed. For example, the adjective ‘hungry’ in the English sentence (2.31) changes into the noun in the German translation. A similar problem can be seen in the following Hindi translation.

- (2.31) I am hungry
Ich habe Hunger
(I have hunger)

- (2.32) I am feeling hungry
mujhe bhukh lag rahii hai

7. Lexical divergence

Sometimes the word being used in the target language is different in literal meaning as compared to the source language, e.g., when the English sentence (2.33) is translated into Spanish, the verb ‘forzo’ (force) is used instead of ‘break’. A similar problem can be seen in the following Hindi translation.

- (2.33) John broke into the room
Juan forzo la entrada al cuarto”
(John forced (the) entry to the room)

- (2.34) They run into the room
woye daurte huye kamre mein ghus gaye

3 Problem Statement

The problem statement of this thesis is:

“To identify the issues in the lexical transfer of verbs for an English to Urdu machine translation system and to present their solutions in the form of lexical transfer rules.”

The different aspects of this statement are explained in the following sections.

3.1 Need

As has been shown in section 2.4, the transfer process in a machine translation system is not a one to one word replacement problem. English to Urdu transfer based systems need transfer rules to pick the correct translation for words and to make structural changes if required. Since verbs are the backbone of any sentence, transfer rules relevant to verbs are of great importance.

3.2 Scope

Transfer rules can be written at various levels of analysis. One possibility is to use semantic level representation. Such representation requires deep analysis of source and target languages. Another possibility is to use f-structure representation. This requires less analysis time and still provides a language independent representation. Verb transfer rules in this thesis will be identified at the f-structure level. 900 verbs will be analyzed and their lexicon will be developed. By the analysis of these verbs, templates of changes which occur during translation will be identified

In addition to meaning, verbs also indicate the tense aspect of a sentence. It is mostly a structural transfer issue, i.e., it does not depend on the individual verb. Tense aspect issues will not be addressed unless there is some influence on the verb analysis at the lexical level.

4 Methodology

Firstly, grammatical analysis of English and Urdu was required so that on the basis of that structural mismatches could be identified. The Machine Translation project, from now onwards referred to as the MT Project, is being conducted under the Urdu Localization Project of EGD (E-Government Directorate) at CRULP. The work done on grammar analysis under the MT Project is used as the basis of the issues presented in the thesis.

Next, a variety of verbs and their translations were selected for analysis. The verbs and their translations for this study were taken from work done under the MT Project. These verbs were selected on the basis of frequency, taken from the British National Corpus (BNC) and were translated using different English to Urdu dictionaries and native speaker knowledge. Different senses and subcategorization frames were analyzed and their translations were done.

These verbs were analyzed to find divergences in English and their Urdu translations. Approximately 900 verbs were analyzed. Categories were defined on the basis of different transformations required for translation. Generalized rules for these categories were defined. Major categories are discussed in the thesis. The rules are realized using the MT system mapper and problems faced during implementation of the rules are discussed.

The transfer system developed under the MT project is used to realize the transformation rules found during analysis. A description of the working of the transfer system is as follows:

(The rules in this section may be dummy rules, created specifically for the purpose of illustration.)

The transfer system uses mapping rules to define transfer behavior for features i.e. attribute value pairs of f-structures. All the rules are uni-directional. For example, to create a new structure, SUBJ, in Urdu corresponding to a SUBJ structure in English, the following rule is used.

```
(4.1)
SUBJ
[
    --> SUBJ;
]
```

Any structure can be removed from the target structure along with its child features by using a NULL operator. For example the article ‘the’ of English does not get translated into Urdu and is eliminated it using rule 4.2. Rules may also have a condition to choose the context in which the rule should be applied.

```
(4.2)
DET
[
    (DEF =c {POS}) --> NULL;
]
```

A feature can be assigned the same value that it had in the source structure, or it can be given a new value, using Rule 4.3 and 4.4 respectively.

```
(4.3)
NUM
[
    --> NUM = NUM;
]
```

```
(4.4)
NUM
[
    --> NUM = SG;
]
```

There may be multiple rules for each feature. This is shown in the following rule block.

(4.5)

```

CONJ_FORM
[
    (CONJ_FORM =c {OR}) --> CONJ_FORM = {YA};
    (CONJ_FORM =c {AND}) --> CONJ_FORM = {AUR};
]

```

The rule is assigning the value YA to the CONJ_FORM feature in Urdu if there is a CONJ_FORM with the value OR in English. In the same way, the next rule is assigning an AUR for each AND in English.

If there is no rule for any feature, that feature is skipped in the target structure.

The rules are applied in the order that features are present in the f-structure. The f-structure is traversed and an appropriate rule is found and fired for each feature.

A bilingual mapping lexicon is used to map predicates in the structure. The syntax of the lexicon is the same as that of the rules for features. The only difference is that each lexicon entry corresponds to an English predicate whereas in the feature rules each entry corresponds to a feature.

In a one to one mapping of words, the rule simply states the corresponding Urdu predicate. For example, the following rule gives the translation of the noun ‘book’.

(4.6)

```

book_n
[
    --> PRED = ‘kitab’;
]

```

To handle complex translations, multiple actions can be defined on the right side of the rule. Any feature or structure can be added as required. For example, in the following rule, the noun ‘chemical’ has a two word translation made up of the noun ‘mada’ and adjective modifier ‘kimyai’.

(4.7)

```

chemical_n
[
    --> PRED = 'mada', ADJUNCT.ADJ = 'kimyai';
]

```

The phenomenon occurring in the above mentioned rule can be captured and represented in a generalized form so that it can be re-used in any translation where it occurs again. This is done as shown in the following rule. This generalized rule is called macro.

(4.8)

```

#NOUN_WITH_ADJ(arg1, arg2): PRED = arg1, ADJUNCT.ADJ =

```

Using this, the rule for the word 'chemical' can be represented as follows.

(4.9)

```

chemical_n
[
    --> NOUN_WITH_ADJ('mada', 'kimyai');
]

```

This rule will be preprocessed to produce the original rule (4.7) in its expanded form before it is eventually used by the MT system for mapping purposes. Expanded rules of this form will be referred to as instantiated rules from now onwards.

If any rule for any structure or feature needs to be changed in the context of a particular word, the rule is overridden in the lexical rule of that word. For example, the noun 'grammar' is translated to 'kewaid' in Urdu, which is the plural of 'kaida'. Following is the rule for word 'grammar'.

(4.10)

```

grammar_n
[
    --> PRED = 'kaida', INSERT(NUM, NUM_PL),
    NUM_CHANGE = {TRUE};
]

```

The NUM feature for 'grammar' is singular but it needs to be plural for Urdu. So the default rule for the NUM feature can be overridden with a new rule, NUM_PL. This new rule is defined as follows.

```
(4.11)
  NUM_PL
  [
    (t::NUM_CHANGE =c {TRUE}) --> NUM = {PL};
  ]
```

The above mentioned rule (4.11) instructs the mapper to make a NUM feature with the value PL in the target structure when there is a NUM_CHANGE with the value TRUE in the target structure. The t:: indicates that the target structure should be searched for the feature NUM_CHANGE. This new rule will be added to the rule block for NUM and will be used when the condition to apply this rule is true, i.e., the NUM feature of the word ‘grammar’ is being transferred. To add this rule, an operator, INSERT, is used, which takes the name of the rule block to which the rule will be inserted and the name of the new rule as operands. The scope of this modification is within the sentence.

5 Results

In this section the transformations are discussed which are identified in the English to Urdu translation of verbs. A major factor causing these transformations is the phenomena of complex predication (Mohanan, 1994) in Urdu. English verbs are very frequently translated into a noun and verb combination in Urdu causing transformation in arguments of the verb at the Urdu end. The first two sections discuss these transformations. XCOMP conversion section describes noun like analysis of infinitive phrase in Urdu and rules required to map English XCOMP to Urdu analysis. Some already known phenomena such as structural divergence and conflatational divergence (Dorr 1994) are also discussed in OBJ/OBL Conversion and OBL/ADJUNCT Insertion. Ditransitive Conversion rules are described to handle mismatch of ditransitive verb analysis in English and Urdu.

5.1 Verbal Noun Conversion

Many times English verbs get translated to a noun and verb combination in Urdu. These noun-verb combinations are analyzed as complex predicates (Mohanan, 1994) in Urdu. The noun in this case is not considered as argument of the clause, rather the noun and verb combine to form the predicate of the clause. To illustrate this we take the following example of the verb 'invent'.

(5.1) a. Nadia invented the design.
 N V N
 Nom.3.sg.F Acc.3.sg.M
 SUBJ OBJ

b. نادیہ نے ڈیزائن ایجاد کیا۔
 [Nadia ne] design ijaad kia.
 N CM N N V
 Erg.3.sg.F Nom.3.sg.M Nom.3.sg.F 3.sg.M
 SUBJ OBJ (Active

Voice)

c. نادیه نے ڈیزائن کو ایجاد کیا۔

| | | | |
|------------|-------------|------------|---------|
| [Nadia ne] | [design ko] | ijaad | kia. |
| N CM | N CM | N | V |
| Erg.3.sg.F | Acc.3.sg.M | Nom.3.sg.F | 3.sg.M |
| SUBJ | OBJ | | (Active |
| Voice) | | | |

d. ڈیزائن ایجاد کیا گیا۔

| | | | |
|------------|------------|--------|----------|
| design | ijaad | kia | geya |
| N | N | V | PASS_AUX |
| Nom.3.sg.M | Nom.3.sg.F | 3.sg.M | 3.sg.M |
| SUBJ | | | (Passive |
| Voice) | | | |

In the example (5.1) b, we can see that verb is showing masculine agreement which is with ‘design’ not with ‘ijad’ which is feminine. Moreover, in (d) ‘design’ became the subject of the sentence when passivised. These facts show that the noun added as translation of the verb is not acting as an object. For further detailed discussion on this see Mohanan (1994).

To model this phenomenon in the MT system, the noun is added as the head of a clause along with a subcategorization frame. The verb coming with it is indicated as feature ‘ACTION_TYPE’.

The rule is realized as follows.

Rule - 1.

#VERBAL_NOUN(agr1, agr2): PRED = agr1, PRED.GF = PRED.GF,
ACTION_TYPE = agr2;

Rule - 1 is used in the verb ‘invent’ as shown below.

```
invent_v
[
  --> #VERBAL_NOUN('ijad', kar);
]
```

```
invent_v
[
  --> PRED = 'ijaad', PRED.GF = PRED.GF, ACTION_TYPE = kar;
]
```

387 English verbs were found with verbal noun translations. These verbs are listed in Appendix A.1 along with their translations.

5.2 Object Insertion

This section discusses various cases of the phenomenon of object insertion. This transformation category is very similar to verbal noun case mentioned in section 5.1. It also results in a noun-verb combination, but the noun in this case is considered as the object of the clause. This phenomenon affects the subcategorization frame of the translated sentence.

5.2.1 Intransitive Verb

The simplest case of object insertion can be observed in intransitive verbs. We start the discussion by illustrating an example of intransitive verb of English translated into noun and verb in Urdu.

(5.2) a. He whispered.
 PRON V
 Nom.3.sg.M
 SUBJ

b. اس نے سرگوشی کی۔

| | | | |
|------------|-------------|--------|--------------|
| [Us ne] | sargoshi | ki | |
| PRON CM | N: Whisper | V: Do | |
| Erg.3.sg.M | Nom. 3.sg.F | 3.sg.F | |
| SUBJ | OBJ | | Active Voice |

c. سرگوشی کی گئی۔

| | | | |
|-------------|--------|----------|---------------|
| sargoshi | ki | gayi | |
| N: Whisper | V: Do | PASS_AUX | |
| Nom. 3.sg.F | 3.sg.F | 3.sg.F | |
| SUBJ | | | Passive Voice |

In Sentence (5.2), the English verb ‘whisper’ is translated into a combination of Urdu noun ‘sargoshi’ and Urdu verb ‘ki’. The grammatical function of the noun ‘sargoshi’ is determined as object. This analysis is made clear by the fact that the verb ‘ki’ shows agreement with ‘sargoshi’, which is feminine. This agreement is regular according to the rule of Urdu that when a subject is case marked, the verb agrees with the object (Mohanani, 1994). Sentence (5.2) c also confirms this analysis by showing that ‘sargoshi’ is the subject of the passive sentence.

While translating such verbs, an additional argument “object” will be introduced and the Urdu translation will have a transitive frame.

The figure 5.1 illustrates change in subcategorization from English to Urdu.

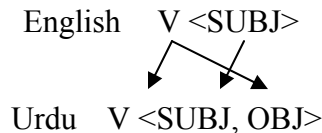


Figure 5.1: Subcategorization transfer for Rule - 2

In the MT Project, this rule is dealt with as follows.

Rule - 2. (preliminary version)

#TRANS(arg1,arg2) : PRED = arg1, PRED.GF = <SUBJ,OBJ>, OBJ.PRED = arg2;

arg1 is the translated verb in Urdu. The English subcategorization frame is overridden by the new frame, <SUBJ,OBJ> and arg2 is added as an object.

This rule will be used in the verb ‘whisper’ as follows.

```
whisper_v
[
(PRED.GF =c {<SUBJ>}) --> #TRANS ('ker', 'sergoshi');
]
Instantiated Rule:
whisper_v
[
(PRED.GF =c {<SUBJ>}) --> PRED = 'ker', PRED.GF = <SUBJ,OBJ>,
OBJ.PRED = 'sergoshi';
]
```

This rule is generically applicable to other intransitive frames. Following are examples of some other intransitive verbs having different subcategorization frames, exhibiting the same phenomenon.

(5.3) a. I communicated [with Nadia].
 PRON V P N
 Nom.1.sg Acc.3.sg.F
 SUBJ OBL

b. میں نے نادیا سے بات کی۔
 [men ne] [nadia se] bat ki.
 PRON CM N P N V: Do
 Erg.1.sg.M 3.sg.F Nom.3.sg.F 3.sg.F
 SUBJ OBL OBJ

In the above sentence (5.3) b, the oblique remains unaffected; it is a prepositional phrase in both sentences. A noun is added as the object in the Urdu translation. Another example sentence containing SUBJ and COMP in English is shown in (5.4).

(5.4) a. He answered [that he will come].
 PRON V CONJ PRON AUX V
 Nom.3.sg.M Nom.3.sg.M
 SUBJ COMP

b. اس نے جواب دیا کہ وہ آئے گا۔

| | | | |
|------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| [Us ne] | jewab | diya | [ke wo aye ga] |
| PRON CM | N | V | CONJ PRON V |
| AUX | | | |
| Erg.3.sg.M | Nom.3.sg.M | Nom.3.sg.M | |
| SUBJ | OBJ | | COMP |

Keeping in view the above mentioned examples, the rule can be generalized as follows.

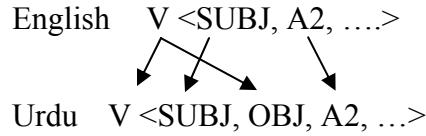


Figure 5.2: Subcategorization transfer for generalized Rule - 2

Rule - 2. (generalized version)

#TRANS(arg1,arg2,agr3) : PRED = arg1, PRED.GF = arg3, OBJ.PRED = arg2;

As more than one word is being used in the target language to translate the source language verb, this transformation can come under the category of Conflational Transformation of Dorr (1994).

Verbs found exhibiting this phenomenon are listed in Appendix A.2 along with their translations. There were 129 such verbs.

5.2.2 Transitive verbs

We have seen object insertion in verbs in which there was no object present in English. In this section we will discuss the same phenomenon for transitive verbs.

When the verb to translate is transitive, there are two potential candidates for the object in the Urdu translation; one is the original one coming from English and the other is the one produced as a result of MT rule. The first question to answer is what the object in the

translated sentence should be. Next we will see what happens to the additional argument. In the following sections we will discuss two transformations for such verbs.

5.2.2.1 Object to Secondary Object

One transformation that is noticed in English to Urdu translation is the conversion of the object into a secondary object in translation. We take a transitive verb with a noun-verb translation as an example (5.5).

- (5.5) a. Nadia answered him.
 N V PRON
 Nom.3.sg.F Acc.3.sg.M
 SUBJ OBJ
- b. نادیه نے اسے جواب دیا۔
 [Nadia ne] usey jewab diya.
 N CM PRON N V
 Erg.3.sg.F Dat.3.sg Nom.3.sg.M 3.sg.M
 SUBJ OBJ2 OBJ (Active
 voice)
- c. اسے جواب دیا گیا۔
 usey jewab diya geya
 PRON N V:GIVE PASS_AUX
 Dat.3.sg Nom.3.sg.M 3.sg.M 3.sg.M
 OBJ2 SUBJ (Passive
 voice)

In sentence (5.5) b, the verb ‘answer’ is translated to ‘jewab dena’. ‘jewab’ is the noun added as part of translation of the verb. It is analyzed as object because of its agreement with the verb and because it is acting as the subject in the passivised form of the sentence (5.5) c.

Now the object of the English sentence needs to be transformed into some other role to accommodate the newly inserted object of Urdu translation. As we see in the above

mentioned example (5.5) b, the English object is analyzed as a secondary object in the Urdu translation. It is marked with a dative case marker which is regular for secondary objects and the verb ‘dena’ is a regular ditransitive verb.

Figure 5.3 illustrates the change in subcategorization from English to Urdu.

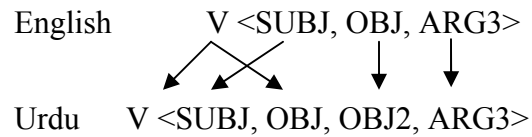


Figure 5.3: Subcategorization transfer for Rule - 3

This rule is realized in the MT system as follows:

Rule - 3.

#DITRANS(arg1, arg2,arg3): PRED = arg1, PRED.GF = arg3, OBJ.PRED = arg2, INSERT(OBJ, OBJ_OBJ2), DITRANS_FLAG = {TRUE};

Corresponding Insert Rule

```
OBJ_OBJ2
[
    (DITRANS_FLAG =c {TRUE}) --> OBJ2;
]
```

In this transformation, the rule adds an object and replaces the default rule for object to create OBJ2 instead of OBJ.

The use of this rule for the verb ‘answer’ will be as follows:


```

answer_v
[
  (PRED.GF =c {<SUBJ, OBJ>}) --> #DITRANS ('dey', 'jewab',
<SUBJ,OBJ,OBJ2>);
]

```

Instantiated Rule:

```

answer
[
  (PRED.GF =c {<SUBJ, OBJ>}) --> PRED = 'dey', PRED.GF = <SUBJ,
OBJ, OBJ2>, OBJ.PRED = 'jewab', INSERT(OBJ, OBJ_OBJ2),
DITRANS_FLAG = {TRUE};
]

```

The English verbs in which this kind of conversion is seen are listed in Appendix A.3 along with their translations.

5.2.2.2 Object to Genitive Modifier

In the above section we have seen examples of transitive verbs with noun-verb translation and their analysis. Following is another example where the verb 'help' gets translated into the noun 'meded' and the verb 'kerna'.

(5.6) a. Nadia helped him.
N V PRON
Nom.3.sg.F Acc.3.sg.M
SUBJ OBJ

b. نادیه نے اس کی مدد کی۔

[Nadia ne] [use ki meded] ki.
N CM PRON CM N V
Erg.3.sg.F Gen.3.sg.F Nom.3.sg.F 3.sg.F
SUBJ OBJ (Active
voice)

c. اس کی مدد کی گئی۔

[use ki meded] ki gayi

| | | | |
|------------|------------|--------|----------|
| PRON | N | V | PASS_AUX |
| Gen.3.sg.F | Nom.3.sg.F | 3.sg.F | 3.sg.F |
| SUBJ | | OBJ | (Passive |
| voice) | | | |

In the example (5.6), ‘meded’ can be seen as the object of the Urdu sentence by the agreement and passivisation test. The object of the English sentence is translated with a genitive marker in Urdu. This genitive phrase is analyzed as a modifier of the newly added object.

Figure 5.4 explains the rule.

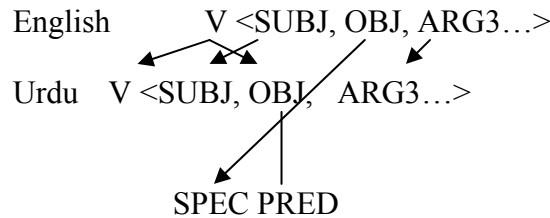


Figure 5.4: Subcategorization transfer for Rule - 4

In this transformation, the rule adds an object and replaces default rule for OBJ to make the object of the English sentence a modifier of the Urdu object.

Rule - 4.

```

#OBJ_WITH_GEN(arg1, arg2, agr3): PRED = arg1, PRED.GF = arg3,
OBJ.PRED = arg2, INSERT(OBJ,OBJ_OBJ_GEN),
OBJ_WITH_GEN_FLAG = {TRUE};
  
```

Corresponding Insert Rule

```

OBJ_OBJ_GEN
[
    (t:: OBJ_WITH_GEN_FLAG) =c {TRUE}) --> OBJ.SPEC.GEN;
]
  
```

In MT system this rule is realized for the verb ‘help’ as follows:

```

help_v
[
  (PRED.GF =c {<SUBJ, OBJ>}) --> #OBJ_WITH_GEN('dey',
'jewab',<SUBJ,OBJ>);
]
Instantiated Rule:
help_v
[
  (PRED.GF =c {<SUBJ, OBJ>}) --> PRED = 'kerna', PRED.GF =
<SUBJ,OBJ>,OBJ.PRED = 'meded', INSERT(OBJ,OBJ_OBJ_GEN);
]

```

Verbs found exhibiting this phenomenon are listed in Appendix A.4 along with their translations. 198 such verbs were found.

5.2.2.3 Object to OBL

Another variation of object insertion is English object becoming a prepositional phrase. In the following example where the verb 'consult' is translated into the noun 'meshwera' and the verb 'kerna'.

- (5.7) a. Nadia consulted him.
- | | | | |
|--|------------|---|------------|
| | N | V | PRON |
| | Nom.3.sg.F | | Acc.3.sg.M |
| | SUBJ | | OBJ |
- b. نادیه نے اس سے مشورہ کیا۔
- | | | | | |
|--|------------|-----------|----------|----------------|
| | [Nadia ne] | [use se] | meshwera | kia. |
| | N | CM | PRON P | N |
| | Erg.3.sg.F | | 3.sg.F | Nom.3.sg.M |
| | SUBJ | | OBL | 3.sg.M |
| | | | | OBJ |
| | | | | (Active voice) |
- c. اس سے مشورہ کیا گیا۔
- | | | | | |
|--|----------|------------|--------|----------|
| | [use se] | meshwera | kia | gaya |
| | PRON P | N | V | PASS_AUX |
| | 3.sg | Nom.3.sg.M | 3.sg.M | 3.sg.M |

OBL
voice)

SUBJ

(Passive

In the above example, ‘meshwera’ can be seen as the object of the Urdu sentence by the agreement and passivisation test. The object of the English sentence is translated into a prepositional phrase in Urdu. This prepositional phrase is analyzed as OBL in the clause.

Figure 5.5 explains the rule.

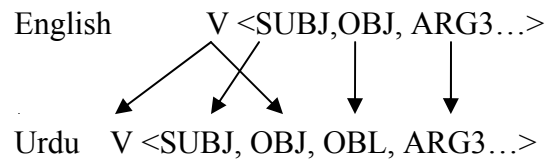


Figure 5.5: Subcategorization transfer for Rule - 5

In this transformation, the rule adds an object and replaces default rule for OBJ to make the object of the English sentence OBL of the Urdu sentence.

Rule - 5.

#OBJ_WITH_OBL(arg1, arg2, arg3, arg4): PRED = arg1, PRED.GF = arg4,
OBJ.PRED = arg2, OBL.PRED = arg3, OBL.PRED.GF =
<OBJ>, INSERT(OBJ, OBJ_OBJ_OBL), OBJ_WITH_OBL_FLAG = {TRUE};

Corresponding Insert Rule

OBJ_OBJ_OBL
[
 (t:: OBJ_WITH_OBL_FLAG) =c {TRUE} --> OBL.OBJ;
]

In the MT system this rule is realized for the verb ‘consult’ as follows:

```

consult_v
[
  (PRED.GF =c {<SUBJ, OBJ>}) --> #OBJ_WITH_OBL('ker',
'meshwera','se',<SUBJ,OBJ,OBL>);
]
Instantiated Rule:
consult_v
[
  (PRED.GF =c {<SUBJ, OBJ>}) --> PRED = 'ker', PRED.GF =
  {<SUBJ,OBJ,OBL>}, OBJ.PRED = 'meshwera', OBL.PRED='se',
  ADJUNCT.PP.PRED.GF = <OBJ>,INSERT(OBJ,OBJ_OBJ_OBL),
  OBJ_WITH_OBL_FLAG = {TRUE};
]

```

Verbs found exhibiting this phenomenon are listed in Appendix A.5 along with their translations. A total of 39 such verbs was found.

5.2.2.4 Passivisation

We have discussed object insertion for transitive verbs in section 5.2.2. In all this discussion we considered active voice sentences. Now let's look into passive variations of the same sentences.

(5.8) a. He was answered.
 PRON AUX V
 Nom.3.sg.M
 SUBJ

b. اسے جواب دیا گیا۔
 usey jewab diya गया
 PRON N V:GIVE PASS_AUX
 Dat.3.sg Nom.3.sg.M 3.sg.M 3.sg.M
 OBJ2 SUBJ

(5.9) a. He was helped.
 PRON AUX V
 Nom.3.sg.M

SUBJ

c. اس کی مدد کی گئی۔

| | | | |
|------------|------------|--------|----------|
| [use ki | meded] | ki | gayi |
| PRON | N | V | PASS_AUX |
| Gen.3.sg.F | Nom.3.sg.F | 3.sg.F | 3.sg.F |
| SUBJ | | OBJ | |

For the above sentence, we can see that there are similar transformation as of Rule 3 and Rule 4, being applied on subjects of passive sentences. From this we can say that the Rule 3 and Rule 4 which were applied on ‘surface’ objects should actually be applied on ‘deep’ object of the clause. Since surface objects and deep objects are same for active voice sentences, the rules are valid for active voice but not for passive voice. So in the current system we have to write two separate independent rules for active and passive constructions for logically the same transformations. To make active and passive rules coherent, one solution could be analysis for deep grammatical relations. But opting for this solution will result in complex grammars for analysis and generation as agreement rules are followed on the basis of surface relations.

5.3 OBJ / OBL Conversion

5.3.1 OBJ to OBL

Sometimes the object in English is converted to a prepositional phrase in Urdu, which is analyzed as oblique instead of object. This transformation is referred as structural divergence in Dorr (1994).

(5.10)

| | | | |
|----|------------|-----|------------|
| a. | He | met | Ali. |
| | PRON | V | N |
| | Nom.3.sg.M | | Acc.3.sg.M |
| | SUBJ | | OBJ |

b. وہ علی سے ملا۔

| | | | |
|----------|------------|----|--------|
| wo | ali | se | mila. |
| PRON | N | P | V |
| Nom.3.sg | Nom.3.sg.M | | 3.sg.M |
| SUBJ | OBL | | |

The following Figure 5.6 explains this rule.

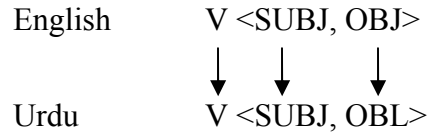


Figure 5.6: Subcategorization transfer for Rule - 6

This rule is realized in the MT system as follows:

Rule - 6.

#OBJ_TO_OBL(arg1, arg2): PRED = arg1, PRED.GF = <SUBJ,OBL>, OBL.PRED = arg2, OBL.GF = <OBJ>, INSERT(OBJ, OBJ_OBLOBJ), OBLOBJ_FLAG = {TRUE};

Corresponding Insert Rule

```
OBJ_OBLOBJ
[
    (OBLOBJ_FLAG =c {TRUE}) --> OBL.OBJ;
]
```

In this transformation, the rule adds a new preposition as head of OBL and replaces the default rule for OBJ to make it OBJ of prepositional phrase acting as OBL.

The use of this rule for the verb ‘meet’ will be as follows:

```

meet_v
[
  (PRED.GF =c {<SUBJ, OBJ>}) --> #OBJ_TO_OBL ('mil', 'se');
]
Instantiated Rule:
meet_v
[
  (PRED.GF =c {<SUBJ, OBJ>}) --> PRED = 'mil', PRED.GF =
  <SUBJ,OBL>, OBL.PRED = 'se', OBL.GF = <OBJ>, INSERT(OBJ,
  OBJ_OBLOBJ), OBLOBJ_FLAG = {TRUE};
]

```

A list of such verbs is as follows:

Table 5.1: OBJ to OBL Verb List

| Verbs | Translation | Verbs | Translation | Verbs | Translation |
|--------|-------------|---------|-------------|----------|-------------|
| pass | سے گزرنا | tackle | سے نمٹنا | meet | سے ملنا |
| miss | سے بچنا | hit | سے ٹکرانا | reach | تک پہنچنا |
| avoid | سے بچنا | enter | میں آنا | approach | تک پہنچنا |
| beg | سے مانگنا | climb | پر چڑھنا | question | سے پوچھنا |
| fetch | میں بکنا | regret | پر پچھتانا | suit | پر جچنا |
| prompt | سے پوچھنا | undergo | سے گزرنا | total | تک پہنچنا |

5.3.2 OBL to OBJ

Sometimes the object in the English is converted to prepositional phrase in Urdu, which is analyzed as oblique instead of object. This transformation is referred as structural divergence in Dorr (1994).

- (5.11) a. He searched for a book.
 PRON V P ART N
 Nom.3.sg.M Acc.3.sg
 SUBJ OBL

- b. اس نے کتاب ڈھونڈی۔
 us ne kitab dhondi.

| | | |
|----------|------------|--------|
| PRON CM | N | V |
| Erg.3.sg | Nom.3.sg.F | 3.sg.F |
| SUBJ | OBJ | |

The following Figure 5.7 explains this rule.

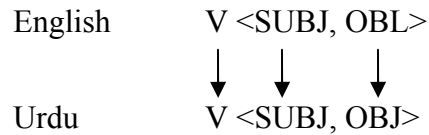


Figure 5.7: Subcategorization transfer for Rule - 7

This rule is realized in the MT system as follows.

Rule - 9.

#OBL_TO_OBJ(arg1, arg2): PRED = arg1, PRED.GF = arg2, INSERT(OBL, SKIP), INSERT(arg3,SKIP), SKIP_FLAG = {TRUE};

Corresponding Insert Rule

```
SKIP
[
    (SKIP_FLAG =c {TRUE}) --> ;
]
```

In this transformation, the rule skips OBL rule and translation of preposition of OBL which makes OBL of English sentence OBJ in Urdu.

The use of this rule for the verb ‘search’ will be as follows.

```
search_v
[
    (PRED.GF =c {<SUBJ, OBJ>}) --> #OBL_TO_OBJ ('dhond');
```

Instantiated Rule:

```
search_v
[
    (PRED.GF =c {<SUBJ, OBJ>}) --> PRED = 'dhond', PRED.GF =
    <SUBJ,OBJ>, INSERT(OBJ, OBJ_OBLOBJ), OBLOBJ_FLAG =
    {TRUE};
]
```

Following two verbs were found showing this transformation.

Table 5.2: OBL to OBJ Verb List

| | |
|--------|----------|
| search | ڈھونڈنا |
| jump | پھلانگنا |

5.4 XCOMP Conversion

This section describes Urdu grammar perspective for XCOMP and transformations needed to transfer XCOMP from English to Urdu. As we have described in section 2.3.1.5, XCOMP is an infinite clause as argument. Status of COMP and XCOMP is being questioned in LFG community. (Dalrymple and Lødrup, 2000; Alsina et al., 2005; Berman, 2006) In MT system, English grammar followed traditional analysis of COMP/XCOMP whereas for Urdu grammar it was decided that XCOMP should be eliminated from the analysis. In Urdu grammar, infinitive verb is treated as noun as it can appear at noun places, can take case marking and agree with verb in some cases (Butt, 1995). This decision affected the transfer rules for XCOMP and some rules were added to map XCOMP to its respective role in English. These rules are discussed in this section.

To show the behavior of XCOMP in translation, we start with a verb having SUBJ and XCOMP and a single word verb translation, which is the verb ‘want’. The English word ‘want’ is translated into ‘chahna’. Let us look into the sentence in (5.12).

- (5.12) a. He wanted to fly.
 PRON V INF V
 Nom.3.sg.M
 SUBJ XCOMP

- b. اس نے اڑنا چاہا۔
 [us ne] urna chaha.
 PRON CM V V
 Erg.3.sg.M inf 3.sg.M
 SUBJ OBJ

In the above sentence (5.12) b, 'urna' is analyzed as OBJ instead of XCOMP. So the default rule for XCOMP is as follows.

Rule - 8.

```
XCOMP
[
    --> OBJ;
]
```

Now we take an example of verb having object insertion.

(5.13) a. He tried to fly.
 PRON V INF V
 Nom.3.sg.M4
 SUBJ XCOMP

b. اس نے اڑنے کی کوشش کی۔

[us ne] [[urney ki] koshish] ki.
 PRON CM V CM N V
 Erg.3.sg.M inf Gen Nom.3.sg.F 3.sg.F
 SUBJ OBJ

In the above example we can see that the infinitive verb is coming with the genitive marker 'ki'. It is treated as a genitive modifier of the object 'koshish'.

(5.14) a. He preferred to fly.
 PRON V INF V
 Nom.3.sg.M
 SUBJ XCOMP

b. اس نے اڑنے کو ترجیح دی۔

[us ne] [urney ko] terjih di.
 PRON CM V CM N V
 Erg.3.sg.M inf Dat Nom.3.sg.F 3.sg.F
 SUBJ OBJ2 OBJ

In sentence (5.14), infinitive verb is analyzed as secondary object as marked with dative marker and coming with a ditransitive verb.

(5.15) a. He hates to fly.
 PRON V INF V
 Nom.3.sg.M
 SUBJ XCOMP

b. وہ اڑنے سے نفرت کرتا ہے۔
 woh [urney se] nafrat kerta hey
 PRON V P N V AUX
 Nom.3.sg.M inf Nom.3.sg.F 3.sg.M
 SUBJ OBL OBJ

(5.16) a. He fears to fly.
 PRON V INF V
 Nom.3.sg.M4
 SUBJ XCOMP

b. وہ اڑنے سے ڈرتا ہے۔
 woh urney se derta he.
 PRON V P V AUX
 Nom.3.sg inf 3.sg.M
 SUBJ OBL

The above mentioned examples show similar transformations as we have seen in the previous section for objects. This evidence also shows a similarity between XCOMP and OBJ as we have decided to handle XCOMP as OBJ as mentioned in the start of this section.

The rules to implement the mentioned transformations are as follows.

Rule - 9.

```
#XCOMP_WITH_GEN(arg1, arg2): PRED = arg1, PRED.GF =  
{<SUBJ,OBJ>},OBJ.PRED = arg2, INSERT(XCOMP,XCOMP_OBJ_GEN),  
XCOMP_WITH_GEN_FLAG = {TRUE};
```

Corresponding Insert Rule

```
XCOMP_OBJ_GEN  
[  
    (t:: XCOMP_WITH_GEN_FLAG) =c {TRUE}) --> OBJ.SPEC.GEN;  
]
```

Rule - 10.

```
#XCOMP_DITRANS(arg1, arg2): PRED = arg1, PRED.GF =  
<SUBJ,OBJ,OBJ2>, OBJ.PRED = arg2, INSERT(XCOMP, XCOMP_OBJ2),  
XCOMP_DITRANS_FLAG = {TRUE};
```

Corresponding Insert Rule

```
XCOMP_OBJ2  
[  
    (t::XCOMP_DITRANS_FLAG =c {TRUE}) --> OBJ2;  
]
```

Rule - 11.

```
#XCOMP_WITH_OBL(arg1, arg2,arg3,arg4): PRED = arg1, PRED.GF = arg4,  
OBJ.PRED = arg2, OBL.PRED=arg3, OBL.PRED.GF =  
<OBJ>,INSERT(XCOMP,XCOMP_OBJ_OBL), XCOMP_WITH_OBL_FLAG  
= {TRUE};
```

Corresponding Insert Rule

```
XCOMP_OBJ_OBL  
[  
    (t:: XCOMP_WITH_OBL_FLAG) =c {TRUE}) --> OBL.OBJ;  
]
```

Rule - 12.

```
#XCOMP_TO_OBL(arg1, arg2,arg3): PRED = arg1, PRED.GF = arg3,  
OBL.PRED = arg2, OBL.GF = <OBJ>, INSERT(XCOMP, XCOMP_OBLOBJ),  
XCOMP_OBLOBJ_FLAG = {TRUE};
```

Corresponding Insert Rule

```
XCOMP_OBLOBJ
[
    (XCOMP_OBLOBJ_FLAG =c {TRUE}) --> OBL.OBJ;
]
```

All verbs have XCOMP subcategorization are listed in Appendix A.6 along with their respective rules and translations.

5.5 OBL/Adjunct Insertion

In this case verb is translated into a verb in Urdu and an additional prepositional phrase, adding some meanings or specifying manner of the verb. This transformation is categorized as conflatational divergence in Dorr (1994).

In the following example, verb ‘clutch’ is translated into Urdu verb ‘pekerna’ and prepositional phrase ‘zor se’.

- (5.17) a. He clutched the book.
 PRON V ART N
 Nom.3.sg.M
 SUBJ OBJ
- b. اس نے کتاب زور سے پکڑی۔
 [us ne] kitab zor se pekri.
 PRON CM N N P V
 Erg.3.sg.M Nom.3.sg.F 3.sg.F
 SUBJ OBJ ADJUNCT

In the above mentioned example, prepositional phrase is analyzed as adjunct. In some cases the prepositional phrase is oblique. Following is the example.

(5.18) a. He risked his life.
 PRON V GEN_PRO N
 Nom.3.sg.M
 SUBJ OBJ

b. اس نے اپنی زندگی خطرے میں ڈالی۔

[us ne] apni zindgi khetrey men dali.
 PRON CM PRO N N P V
 Erg.3.sg.M Nom.3.sg.F 3.sg.F
 SUBJ OBJ OBL

The rules to implement above the mentioned transformations are as follows.

Rule - 13.

#ADD_ADJUNCT_PP(arg1, arg2,arg3): PRED = arg1, PRED.GF = PRED.GF,ADJUNCT.PRED = arg2,ADJUNCT.PRED.GF=<OBJ>,ADJUNCT.OBJ.PRED = arg3;

Rule - 14.

#ADD_OBL_PP (arg1, arg2, arg3, arg4): PRED = arg1, PRED.GF = arg2, OBL.PRED = arg3, OBL.PRED.GF=<OBJ>, OBL.OBJ.PRED = arg4;

Verbs following the Rule – 13 are as follows.

Table 5.3: ADJUNCT Insertion Verb List

| Verb | Translation | Verb | Translation |
|---------|-------------------|---------|--------------------|
| clutch | زور سے پکڑنا | dump | مٹی میں دبانا |
| frame | چوکھٹے میں جڑنا | inherit | وراثت میں ملنا |
| launch | پانی میں اتارنا | nod | اثبات میں ہلانا |
| observe | غور سے دیکھنا | retain | لمبا عرصہ تک رکھنا |
| screen | بڑا پردہ پر لگانا | speed | تیز رفتاری سے جانا |
| spin | تیزی سے گھمانا | spin | تیزی سے گھومنا |
| trap | جال میں پھانسننا | whisper | آہستہ سے کہنا |

Verbs following the Rule – 14 are as follows.

Table 5.4: OBL Insertion Verb List

| Verb | Translation | Verb | Translation |
|----------|----------------|--------|----------------|
| document | تحریر میں لانا | evolve | وجود میں لانا |
| hire | کرایہ پر لینا | market | بازار میں لانا |
| rent | کرایہ پر لینا | risk | خطرہ میں ڈالنا |
| sort | ترتیب سے رکھنا | | |

5.6 Ditransitive Conversion

5.6.1 Multiple Objects Construction

As we have discussed in Section 1.3.1.4, some verbs can have two noun phrases as objects, referred to as OBJ and OBJtheta. The following shows an example with the verb ‘give’.

- (5.19) a. She gave him a book
 PRON V PRON ART N
 Nom.3.sg.F Acc.3.sg.M
 SUBJ OBJ OBJtheta

- b. اس نے اسے کتاب دی۔
 [us ne] usey kitab di.
 PRON CM PRO N V
 Erg.3.sg Dat.3.sg Nom.3.sg.F 3.sg.F
 SUBJ OBJtheta OBJ

As we can see in the above example, the analysis for OBJ and OBJtheta are different in English sentence and its Urdu translation. The following transformation rule is written to handle this difference.

Rule - 15.

#DITRANS_SWAP(arg1): PRED = arg1, PRED.GF = PRED.GF ,INSERT(OBJ, OBJ_OBJTHETA), INSERT(OBJTHETA, OBJTHETA_OBJ), DITRANS_ALT_FLAG) = {TRUE};

Corresponding Insert Rules

OBJ_OBJTHETA

[
 (t:: DITRANS_ALT_FLAG) =c {TRUE}) --> OBJtheta;
]

OBJTHETA_OBJ

[
 (t:: DITRANS_ALT_FLAG) =c {TRUE}) --> OBJ;
]

Following is another example of a ditransitive verb.

| | | | | | |
|--------|----|------------|--------|------------|----------|
| (5.20) | a. | She | cooked | him | food |
| | | PRON | V | PRON | N |
| | | Nom.3.sg.F | | Acc.3.sg.M | |
| | | SUBJ | | OBJ | OBJtheta |

| | | | | | | |
|----|------------------------------|------|----|-------|------------|---------|
| b. | اس نے اس کے لئے کھانا پکایا۔ | | | | | |
| | [us ne] | [us | ke | liye] | khana | pekaya. |
| | PRON CM | PRO | CM | P | N | V |
| | Erg.3.sg | 3.sg | | | Nom.3.sg.M | 3.sg.M |
| | SUBJ | OBL | | | OBJ | |

In the above example, English sentence has ditransitive construction same as in (5.19)a. but semantic relation of OBJ is different in both sentences, in (5.19)a. OBJ is considered as GOAL whereas in (5.20)a. OBJ is considered BENEFICIARY. The meaning of (5.20) a. cannot be conveyed using ditransitive frame in Urdu, so we need to change it into <SUBJ,OBJ,OBL> in Urdu as shown in (5.20) b. A transformation rule is required to deal with ditransitive frame of such verbs. This transformation maps the OBJ of English sentence to OBL in Urdu. Following is the rule for this transformation.

Rule - 16.

#BENF_ALT(arg1): PRED = arg1, PRED.GF = {<SUBJ,OBJ,OBL>},
 INSERT(OBJ,OBJ_OBL_GEN,NULL), OBL.PRED='لیے', BENF_ALT
 _FLAG) =c {TRUE};

Corresponding Insert Rule

OBJ_OBL_GEN
 [
 (t:: BENF_ALT _FLAG) =c {TRUE}) --> OBL.SPEC.GEN.GENOBJ;
]

5.6.2 Oblique Construction

The dative construction mentioned in the above section in example (5.19) has an alternation in which the same meaning can be conveyed with SUBJ, OBJ, OBL functions where OBJ of the above mentioned construction is changed into OBL and OBJtheta into OBJ. In Urdu there is only one way of expressing ditransitive verbs, that is SUBJ, OBJ, OBJtheta where OBJtheta is marked with dative case marker. Following example shows the alternation of sentence mentioned in example (5.19) and its translation.

(5.21) a. She gave a book to him
 PRON V ART N P PRON
 Nom.3.sg.F Acc.3.sg.m
 SUBJ OBJ OBL

b. اس نے اسے کتاب دی۔
 [us ne] usey kitab di.
 PRON CM PRO N V
 Erg.3.sg Dat.3.sg Nom.3.sg.F 3.sg.F
 SUBJ OBJtheta OBJ

A transformation is required to deal with prepositional frame of these verbs. This transformation maps OBL of English to OBJtheta of Urdu. Following is the rule for this transformation.

Rule - 17.

#DITRANS_ALT(arg1): PRED = arg1, PRED.GF = {<SUBJ, OBJ, OBJtheta>}, INSERT(to_p, NULL), INSERT(OBL, OBL_OBJtheta, NULL), DITRANS_ALT_FLAG) = {TRUE};

Corresponding Insert Rule

OBL_OBJtheta

[
 (t:: DITRANS_ALT_FLAG) =c {TRUE}) --> OBJtheta;
]

5.7 Other Transformations

In this section individual verbs are discussed which do not fall in the above mentioned categories.

In the following example different sentences with the verb ‘share’ are shown.

(5.22) a. She shared the idea with him
 PRON V ART N P PRON
 Nom.3.sg.F Acc.3.sg Acc.3.sg.M
 SUBJ OBJ OBL

b. اس نے اسے خیال بتایا۔

[us ne] usey khiyal betaya
 PRON CM PRON PRON V
 Erg.3.sg Dat.3.sg.M 3.sg.M 3.sg.M
 SUBJ OBJtheta OBJ

(5.23) a. She shared the cake with him
 PRON V ART N P PRON
 Nom.3.sg.F Acc.3.sg Acc.3.sg.M
 SUBJ OBJ OBL

b. اس نے کیک اس کے ساتھ مل کر کھایا۔

| | | | | |
|----------|------|------------|---------|--------|
| [us ne] | kek | us ke sath | mil ker | khaya |
| PRON CM | N | PRON P | | V |
| Erg.3.sg | 3.sg | 3.sg.M | | 3.sg.M |
| SUBJ | OBJ | OBL | ADJUNCT | |

(5.24) a. She shared the room with him

| | | | | | |
|------------|---|----------|---|-----|------------|
| PRON | V | ART | N | P | PRON |
| Nom.3.sg.F | | Acc.3.sg | | | Acc.3.sg.M |
| SUBJ | | OBJ | | OBL | |

b. اس نے کمرہ اس کے ساتھ مل کر استعمال کیا۔

| | | | | | |
|----------|-------|------------|---------|--------|--------|
| [us ne] | kemra | us ke sath | mil ker | istmal | kia |
| PRON CM | N | PRON P | | N | V |
| Erg.3.sg | 3.sg | 3.sg.M | | | 3.sg.M |
| SUBJ | OBJ | OBL | ADJUNCT | | |

As we can see in the above mentioned sentences, the verb ‘share’ is difficult to translate precisely in Urdu. In sentence (5.22) the object of the sentence is abstract in nature and the verb ‘share’ is giving the meaning of telling somebody about the abstract entity, e.g. thought, idea. So the verb is translated as ‘betana’ (to tell) in Urdu. For sense conveyed in (5.23) and (5.24), there is no straight translation in Urdu; translation is varying according to object being shared. To have a workable solution, verb ‘share’ is transliterated and a verbal noun construction is made with verb ‘kerna’. Sentences are translated as below.

(5.25) a. She shared the idea with him

| | | | | | |
|------------|---|----------|---|-----|------------|
| PRON | V | ART | N | P | PRON |
| Nom.3.sg.F | | Acc.3.sg | | | Acc.3.sg.M |
| SUBJ | | OBJ | | OBL | |

b. اس نے خیال اس کے ساتھ شیئر کیا۔

| | | | | |
|----------|-------|------------|-------|--------|
| [us ne] | khial | us ke sath | share | kiya |
| PRON CM | N | PRON P | | V |
| Erg.3.sg | 3.sg | 3.sg.M | | 3.sg.M |
| SUBJ | OBJ | OBL | | |

| | | | | | | |
|----|------------|--------|-----|----------|------|------------|
| c. | She | shared | the | cake | with | him |
| | PRON | V | ART | N | P | PRON |
| | Nom.3.sg.F | | | Acc.3.sg | | Acc.3.sg.M |
| | SUBJ | | | OBJ | | OBL |

d. اس نے کیک اس کے ساتھ شیئر کیا۔

| | | | | |
|----------|------|------------|-------|--------|
| [us ne] | kek | us ke sath | share | kiya |
| PRON CM | N | PRON P | | V |
| Erg.3.sg | 3.sg | 3.sg.M | | 3.sg.M |
| SUBJ | OBJ | OBL | | |

| | | | | | | |
|----|------------|--------|-----|----------|------|------------|
| e. | She | shared | the | room | with | him |
| | PRON | V | ART | N | P | PRON |
| | Nom.3.sg.F | | | Acc.3.sg | | Acc.3.sg.M |
| | SUBJ | | | OBJ | | OBL |

f. اس نے کمرہ اس کے ساتھ شیئر کیا۔

| | | | | |
|----------|-------|------------|-------|--------|
| [us ne] | kemra | us ke sath | share | kia |
| PRON CM | N | PRON P | | V |
| Erg.3.sg | 3.sg | 3.sg.M | | 3.sg.M |
| SUBJ | OBJ | OBL | | |

A common strategy for introducing new verbs in Urdu is adding ‘kerna (do)’ or ‘hona (be)’ to a new word to produce a complex predicate. This transliteration strategy is used in the MT system when no simple translation of a verb exists or when different translations are required for different senses which are hard to disambiguate. In such cases the verb is transliterated to avoid sense disambiguation. Code switching (use of foreign language words in a language) is another factor that is considered when using this strategy, i.e., when an English language word is judged by native speakers to be of common use in the Urdu language, instead of translating it, it is transliterated. Examples of such verbs can found in Appendix A.1 which contains verbal noun translation rules. Some examples are given below:

Table 5.4: Sample Transliterated Verbs

| Verb | Translation | Verb | Translation |
|--------|-------------|--------|-------------|
| Bounce | باؤنس ہونا | Cancel | کینسل کرنا |
| Cast | کاسٹ کرنا | Set | سیٹ کرنا |

In the following example, there is no direct construction to convey the meaning of ‘overlook’ and object in the English sentence is converted into SUBJ in Urdu whereas SUBJ in English is OBL in the Urdu sentence.

- (5.26) a. The room overlooks the ocean.
ART N V ART N
Nom.3.sg Acc.3.sg
SUBJ OBJ

c. کمرے سے سمندر نظر آتا ہے۔

[kemrey se] semender [nezar aata he]
N P N N V AUX
3.sg 3.sg 3.sg.M
OBL SUBJ

6 Discussion

The rules listed in the above section may co-occur in the same verb. The rule that most frequently co-occurs with other rules is the verbal noun rule (section 5.1). Words translated into verbal nouns exhibit behavior similar to that of simple verbs and during this process other rules may also be applied simultaneously. Interaction between other rules also occurs, and this is illustrated using the examples that follow.

| | | | | | | |
|-------|----|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| (6.1) | a. | He | ordered | him | to | leave |
| | | PRON Nom.3.sg.M SUBJ | V | PRON Acc.3.sg.M OBJ | INF XCOMP | V |
| | b. | اس نے اسے جانے کا حکم دیا۔ | | | | |
| | | [Us ne] | usey | [janey ka | hukam] | diya. |
| | | PRON CM Erg.3.sg.F SUBJ | PRON Dat.3.sg OBJtheta | V CM | N Nom.3.sg.M OBJ | V:GIVE 3.sg.M |

In the above example two rules are applied, XCOMP to OBJ Conversion and Object Insertion. The order of these rules is important. In the example, we can see that the XCOMP to OBJ rule is applied first and then the Transitive Rule for Object Insertion is applied, Rule - 3.

In example 6.2, the verb 'remind' is translated to the verbal noun 'یاد دلانا' by applying Rule 1. The XCOMP is treated as a noun phrase and then a Ditransitive Transformation is applied to convert the English OBJ an Urdu OBJtheta.

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|----|--------------------|----------|------------------|----------|-----|-------|
| (6.2) | a. | She | reminded | me | [to | buy | milk] |
| | | PRON Nom.3.sg.F | V | PRON Acc.1.sg | INF V | N | |


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concentrate_v
[
    (PRED.GF =c {<SUBJ>}) --> #TRANS('de', 'tewajo',
<SUBJ,OBJ>);

    (PRED.GF =c {<SUBJ,OBL>}) --> #TRANS('de', 'tewajo',
<SUBJ,OBJ,OBL>);
]

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As can be seen above, the rule needs to be repeated for two different subcategorization frames. Moreover, if some new subcategorization is found with the same transformation, the rule writer has to add a new rule to deal with the newly found subcategorization. To better realize the rule, the syntax should have the provision to add and delete grammatical functions. This will provide the flexibility to state that for this particular set of subcategorizations i.e. for all the intransitive ones in the above mentioned example, add an object to the Urdu structure.

We have seen in many rules i.e. Rules 3-7, that a flag is used to identify the proper place to use the overriding specialized rule. This method is not very reliable as it is completely the rule writer's responsibility to make sure that a flag is used and is uniquely identifiable. A better solution will be to assign a name to the required structure and then using that name to apply the rule.

This work mainly discusses lexical-semantic divergences except in Section 5.6 of ditransitive verbs. These rules fall under the category of syntactic divergence but are discussed here because there are two classes of ditransitive verbs, having either a beneficiary or a goal as the object. Lexical semantic divergences presented by Dorr (1994) are discussed in section 2.4. Some transformations discussed in the work are similar to Dorr's divergences, such as OBJ / OBL which is called structural divergence in Dorr's work. The other one is OBL / ADJUNCT insertion which is called conflation in Dorr's work. Other transformations discussed in the work are not addressed in Dorr's work. The phenomenon of Object Insertion which is discussed in Section 5.2 is observed in Urdu very frequently. It does not fit into any category mentioned by Dorr. Another new found transformation is the analysis of the XCOMP in English as a noun phrase in

Urdu. There are transformations mentioned in Dorr's work which are not listed in this work.

An attempt to establish correspondence of rules in the study with Levin (1993) verb classes was made but no significant correspondence between these two classes was identified. There were few similarities found in the MT rules and Levin (1993) verb classes. Verbs such as the GIVE verbs of Levin (1993) were mostly translated as the ditransitive verb 'dena' in Urdu or followed the Object Insertion rule with secondary object construction as was described in Section 5.2.2.1. Some of the verbs were translated into the dative verb 'dena' with manner explicitly added as an ADJUNCT/OBL. For example, the verb 'rent' which is a member of the GIVE class is translated into 'karaye per dena'. Such correspondence does not hold when we look at the verbs on which MT rules are applied. Each rule has verbs, which are member of different classes.

This study may be useful for other languages where similar phenomena occur, especially South Asian languages which are linguistically similar to Urdu. Phenomena such as complex predication and infinitive verbs acting as nouns are common in many South Asian languages. These phenomena do not exist in other languages, and transformation rules are needed for translation between languages where these phenomena occur and other languages. The work presented in this thesis will aid in the development of such rules.

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Appendix A: List of Verbs

Appendix A.1: List of verbs for Verbal Noun Conversion Rule, R-1

| Verb | Urdu Translation | Verb | Urdu Translation |
|-------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|
| absorb | جذب کرنا | initiate | شامل کرنا |
| abuse | تباہ کرنا | inject | داخل کرنا |
| accelerate | تیز ہونا | injure | زخمی کرنا |
| accept | قبول کرنا | install | نصب کرنا |
| accumulate | اکھٹا کرنا | introduce | متعارف کرنا |
| achieve | حاصل کرنا | invent | ایجاد کرنا |
| acknowledge | تسلیم کرنا | invite | مدعو کرنا |
| acquire | حاصل کرنا | invoke | عائد کرنا |
| activate | متحرک کرنا | isolate | حاصل کرنا |
| adapt | تشکیل کرنا | issue | جاری کرنا |
| Add | اضافہ کرنا | justify | جسٹیفائی کرنا |
| address | مخاطب کرنا | Kick | ترک کرنا |
| adjust | مانوس ہونا | Kill | ہلاک ہونا |
| admire | پسند کرنا | Lean | کھڑا کرنا |
| affect | متاثر کرنا | learn | معلوم ہونا |
| afford | پیش کرنا | level | ہموار کرنا |
| agree | قبول کرنا | light | روشن کرنا |
| alert | خبردار کرنا | Like | پسند ہونا |
| alter | کھلا کرنا | limit | محدود کرنا |

| | | | |
|-----------|-------------|------------|----------------|
| appear | نمودار ہونا | Line | پر کرنا |
| approve | منظور کرنا | List | درج کرنا |
| arise | پیدا ہونا | Live | زندہ رہنا |
| arouse | بیدار کرنا | locate | معلوم کرنا |
| arrest | گرفتار کرنا | Lock | بند کرنا |
| arrive | پیدا ہونا | lodge | دائر کرنا |
| Ask | مول لینا | Lose | کم کرنا |
| assign | مختص کرنا | love | پسند ہونا |
| associate | منسوب کرنا | lower | کم کرنا |
| assume | اختیار کرنا | maintain | برقرار رکھنا |
| assure | یقینی بنانا | manipulate | استعمال کرنا |
| attach | مانوس ہونا | mark | مارک کرنا |
| attain | حاصل کرنا | melt | ختم ہونا |
| attend | شریک ہونا | merge | ضم ہونا |
| attract | حاصل کرنا | miss | یاد کرنا |
| attribute | منسوب کرنا | model | ماڈل کرنا |
| back | ثابت کرنا | motivate | راغب کرنا |
| balance | متوازن کرنا | mount | منعقد کرنا |
| bang | بند ہونا | move | منتقل کرنا |
| bear | برداشت کرنا | murder | قتل کرنا |
| begin | شروع ہونا | neglect | نظر انداز کرنا |
| behave | پیش آنا | nominate | منتخب کرنا |
| bind | پابند کرنا | obscure | غیر واضح کرنا |

| | | | |
|-----------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| Bite | بند رکھنا | obtain | رائج ہونا |
| block | بند کرنا | occupy | مشغول رکھنا |
| bother | متفکر ہونا | offer | پیش کرنا |
| bounce | باؤنس ہونا | offset | متوازن کرنا |
| burst | بھرا ہونا | omit | نظر انداز کرنا |
| Call | ٹیلیفون کرنا | open | شروع ہونا |
| calm | کم کرنا | originate | شروع ہونا |
| cancel | کینسل ہونا | overlook | نظر انداز کرنا |
| capture | محفوظ کرنا | pack | تیار کرنا |
| carve | کندہ کرنا | paint | پیش کرنا |
| Cast | کاسٹ کرنا | park | پارک کرنا |
| catch | نظر آنا | part | الگ کرنا |
| cause | پیدا کرنا | participate | شریک ہونا |
| challenge | چیلنج کرنا | pass | پاس ہونا |
| check | چیک کرنا | penetrate | داخل ہونا |
| Cite | طلب کرنا | persist | برقرار رہنا |
| claim | قبول کرنا | persuade | قائل کرنا |
| clarify | واضح کرنا | pick | صاف کرنا |
| clean | صاف کرنا | position | متعین کرنا |
| clear | صاف کرنا | possess | متاثر کرنا |
| collapse | ختم ہونا | postpone | ملتوی کرنا |
| collect | جمع کرنا | prepare | تیار کرنا |
| commence | شروع ہونا | prescribe | تجویز کرنا |

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|
| compile | مرتب کرنا | present | پیش کرنا |
| compose | تشکیل دینا | preserve | محفوظ کرنا |
| concede | تسلیم کرنا | press | استری کرنا |
| concentrate | مجتمع کرنا | presume | فرض کرنا |
| concern | پریشان کرنا | pretend | ظاہر کرنا |
| conclude | اخذ کرنا | process | تیار کرنا |
| conduct | منتقل کرنا | proclaim | قراردینا |
| confine | محدود کرنا | progress | بہتر ہونا |
| connect | کنیکٹ کرنا | prohibit | منع کرنا |
| constitute | قائم کرنا | pronounce | قراردینا |
| consume | استعمال کرنا | protect | محفوظ رکھنا |
| continue | برقرار رکھنا | prove | ثابت کرنا |
| convert | داخل کرنا | publish | شائع کرنا |
| convict | مجرم ٹھہرانا | pursue | اختیار کرنا |
| convince | قائل کرنا | push | مجبور کرنا |
| correct | ٹھیک کرنا | raise | اونچا کرنا |
| cover | طے کرنا | reach | قائل کرنا |
| crash | کریش ہونا | react | متاثر ہونا |
| cross | پار کرنا | realise | حقیقت بنانا |
| declare | قراردینا | rebuild | بہتر بنانا |
| decline | کم ہونا | recall | یاد کرنا |
| dedicate | وقف کرنا | receive | قبول کرنا |
| defeat | رد کرنا | recognize | تسلیم کرنا |

| | | | |
|---------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| define | بیان کرنا | record | ریکارڈ کرنا |
| delay | ملتوی کرنا | recover | شفایاب ہونا |
| deliver | پیدا کرنا | recruit | بھرتی کرنا |
| demonstrate | واضح کرنا | reduce | کم کرنا |
| depart | روانہ ہونا | refuse | مسترد کرنا |
| depend | منحصراً ہونا | regain | بحال کرنا |
| deprive | محروم کرنا | reinforce | مضبوط کرنا |
| derive | ماخوذ کرنا | reject | مسترد کرنا |
| detect | محسوس کرنا | relax | خاموش ہونا |
| determine | معین کرنا | release | فارغ کرنا |
| develop | منظم بنانا | relieve | کم کرنا |
| devise | ایجاد کرنا | remark | تبصرہ کرنا |
| devote | وقف کرنا | remember | یاد رکھنا |
| differ | مختلف ہونا | remind | یاد دلانا |
| differentiate | تفریق کرنا | render | فراہم کرنا |
| diminish | کم ہونا | repay | واپس کرنا |
| Dip | نیچے ہونا | reserve | مخصوص کرنا |
| disagree | مختلف ہونا | resolve | علیحدہ کرنا |
| disappear | ختم ہونا | restore | بحال کرنا |
| discharge | فارغ کرنا | restrict | محدود کرنا |
| dismiss | مسترد کرنا | retain | برقرار رکھنا |
| display | ظاہر کرنا | retire | ریٹائر ہونا |
| dissolve | حل ہونا | reveal | ظاہر کرنا |

| | | | |
|-------------|-------------|---------|--------------|
| distinguish | تمیز کرنا | reverse | پیچھے کرنا |
| distribute | تقسیم کرنا | revive | زندہ کرنا |
| disturb | پریشان کرنا | Rid | پاک کرنا |
| divert | منتقل کرنا | Rise | بلند ہونا |
| divide | تقسیم کرنا | round | گول کرنا |
| dominate | حاوی ہونا | Sail | روانہ ہونا |
| draft | بھرتی کرنا | satisfy | مطمئن کرنا |
| draw | اخذ کرنا | scan | سکین کرنا |
| drop | کم کرنا | seal | ہوا بند کرنا |
| Dry | خشک کرنا | search | استعمال کرنا |
| ease | کم کرنا | secure | حاصل کرنا |
| effect | متاثر کرنا | seize | ضبط کرنا |
| eliminate | ختم کرنا | select | منتخب کرنا |
| embark | سوار ہونا | sense | محسوس کرنا |
| emerge | نمودار ہونا | serve | پیش کرنا |
| emphasize | نمایاں کرنا | Set | سیٹ کرنا |
| employ | رائج کرنا | settle | ختم کرنا |
| empty | خالی کرنا | shape | تشکیل کرنا |
| enclose | ملفوف کرنا | share | شیئر کرنا |
| enforce | مسلط کرنا | shed | کم کرنا |
| engage | مصروف ہونا | shift | منتقل ہونا |
| enhance | بہتر کرنا | shut | بند ہونا |
| enter | داخل ہونا | Sink | نیچے ہونا |

| | | | |
|----------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| equip | آراسته کرنا | situate | پیش کرنا |
| erect | قائم کرنا | slow | آہستہ ہونا |
| escape | فرار ہونا | smash | ختم کرنا |
| exchange | تبدیل کرنا | smooth | ہموار کرنا |
| exercise | استعمال کرنا | solve | حل کرنا |
| exhibit | ظاہر کرنا | Sort | علیحدہ کرنا |
| exist | موجود ہونا | spare | بخش دینا |
| export | برآمد کرنا | specify | واضح کرنا |
| expose | بے نقاب کرنا | spend | خرچ کرنا |
| extend | لمبا ہونا | split | تقسیم ہونا |
| extract | حاصل کرنا | spoil | خراب کرنا |
| Fail | ناکام ہونا | stand | کھڑا ہونا |
| Fear | خوفزدہ ہونا | start | شروع ہونا |
| feature | نمایاں ہونا | strengthen | مضبوط کرنا |
| Feel | محسوس ہونا | submit | پیش کرنا |
| figure | شمار ہونا | succeed | کامیاب ہونا |
| file | درج کرنا | suffer | مبتلا ہونا |
| Find | معلوم ہونا | suggest | ظاہر کرنا |
| finish | ختم ہونا | summon | طلب کرنا |
| Fire | فائر کرنا | supply | مہیا کرنا |
| Fit | پورا ہونا | suppose | فرض کرنا |
| Fix | مقرر کرنا | suppress | کمزور کرنا |
| flick | بند کرنا | surprise | حیران کرنا |

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|-----------|----------------|-----------|--------------|
| flush | فلش کرنا | suspend | معطل کرنا |
| focus | فوکس کرنا | sustain | قائم رکھنا |
| forbid | منع کرنا | sweep | صاف کرنا |
| forgive | معاف کرنا | snow | ظاہر کرنا |
| form | قائم کرنا | take | قبول کرنا |
| formulate | پیش کرنا | Tap | حاصل کرنا |
| found | قائم کرنا | terminate | ختم کرنا |
| frame | نمایاں کرنا | throw | پیدا کرنا |
| Free | ریا کرنا | thrust | وار کرنا |
| freeze | خراب ہونا | tighten | مضبوط کرنا |
| fulfill | پورا کرنا | tolerate | برداشت کرنا |
| Gain | حاصل کرنا | transfer | منتقل ہونا |
| gather | جمع ہونا | transform | تبدیل کرنا |
| generate | پیدا کرنا | translate | تبدیل کرنا |
| govern | متعین کرنا | transmit | منتقل ہونا |
| grant | منظور کرنا | trigger | شروع کرنا |
| grip | محو کرنا | type | ٹائپ کرنا |
| heat | گرم کرنا | undermine | کھوکھلا کرنا |
| highlight | نمایاں کرنا | unite | متحد ہونا |
| Hit | زخمی کرنا | update | اپڈیٹ کرنا |
| hunt | تلاش کرنا | Use | استعمال کرنا |
| hurry | مجبور کرنا | vanish | غائب ہونا |
| ignore | نظر انداز کرنا | walk | براہونا |

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| illustrate | واضح کرنا | warm | گرم کرنا |
| imagine | محسوس کرنا | warn | خبردار کرنا |
| imply | ثابت کرنا | wash | صاف کرنا |
| import | درآمد کرنا | waste | ضائع کرنا |
| impose | مسلط کرنا | watch | خیال رکھنا |
| impress | متاثر کرنا | weaken | کمزور ہونا |
| improve | بہتر ہونا | widen | وسیع کرنا |
| include | شامل کرنا | Win | حاصل کرنا |
| incorporate | شامل کرنا | wipe | صاف کرنا |
| indicate | ظاہر کرنا | work | کام کرنا |
| influence | متاثر کرنا | worry | پریشان ہونا |
| inform | متاثر کرنا | wound | زخمی کرنا |

Appendix A.2: List of verbs for Object Insertion for Intransitive Verbs, R-2

| Verb | Urdu Translation | Verb | Urdu Translation |
|---------|------------------|--------|------------------|
| advise | مشورہ دینا | kick | ٹھوکر مارنا |
| analyse | تجزیہ کرنا | knit | بنائی کرنا |
| appeal | اپیل کرنا | lead | رہنمائی کرنا |
| arrange | انتظام کرنا | march | مارچ کرنا |
| attack | حملہ کرنا | marry | شادی کرنا |
| believe | ایمان رکھنا | move | موقف بدلنا |
| benefit | فائدہ پہنچنا | object | اعتراض ہونا |
| bet | شرط لگانا | offer | پیشکش کرنا |

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| bite | چارہ پکڑنا | operate | آپریشن کرنا |
| boast | شیخی بگھارنا | order | آرڈر دینا |
| book | بکنگ کروانا | paint | تصویر بنانا |
| bother | زحمت کرنا | pay | ادائیگی کرنا |
| celebrate | خوشی منانا | phone | ٹیلیفون کرنا |
| change | کپڑے بدلنا | plan | منصوبہ بنانا |
| chase | پیچھا کرنا | plead | بھیک مانگنا |
| chat | گپ شپ کرنا | pour | بارش ہونا |
| cheer | حوصلہ افزائی کرنا | practice | مشق کرنا |
| claim | مطالبہ کرنا | pray | دعا کرنا |
| clean | صفائی کرنا | promise | وعدہ کرنا |
| command | حکم دینا | prompt | اشارہ دینا |
| comment | تبصرہ کرنا | pronounce | اعلان کرنا |
| communicate | رابطہ کرنا | protest | احتجاج کرنا |
| compete | مقابلہ کرنا | react | ردعمل ظاہر کرنا |
| complain | شکایت کرنا | recruit | بھرتی کرنا |
| compose | نغمہ سازی کرنا | register | اندراج کرنا |
| concentrate | توجہ دینا | relax | آرام کرنا |
| conform | پیروی کرنا | reply | جواب دینا |
| consult | مشورہ کرنا | research | تحقیق کرنا |
| cook | کھانا پکانا | resign | استعفا دینا |
| copy | نقل کرنا | rest | آرام کرنا |
| count | گنتی گننا | ride | سواری کرنا |

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|-------------|------------------|-----------|----------------|
| counter | اختلاف کرنا | ring | فون کرنا |
| criticize | تنقید کرنا | roar | شور کرنا |
| cross | آلتی پالتی مارنا | rub | رگڑ لگانا |
| dare | ہمت کرنا | rule | حکومت کرنا |
| decide | فیصلہ کرنا | rush | جلدی کرنا |
| decline | معذرت کرنا | sail | کشتی رانی کرنا |
| delay | دیر کرنا | score | نمبر بنانا |
| demonstrate | مظاہرہ کرنا | serve | خدمت کرنا |
| die | جان دینا | shoot | گولی چلانا |
| dive | غوطہ خوری کرنا | shrug | کندھا اچکانا |
| draw | تصویر بنانا | sigh | آہ بھرنا |
| dream | پلاؤ خیالی پکانا | signal | اشارہ کرنا |
| dress | لباس پہننا | smoke | سیگریٹ پینا |
| drink | شراب پینا | sniff | ناک چڑھانا |
| entertain | تفریح مہیانا | speak | بات کرنا |
| exercise | ورزش کرنا | steal | چوری کرنا |
| exhibit | نمائش کرنا | supervise | نگرانی کرنا |
| exist | گزارہ کرنا | surrender | ہتھیار ڈالنا |
| explore | دورہ کرنا | swallow | تھوک نگلنا |
| fish | مچھلی پکڑنا | swear | بدزبانی کرنا |
| guess | اندازہ لگانا | swing | جھولا جھولنا |
| hit | حملہ کرنا | talk | بات کرنا |
| hunt | شکار کرنا | tour | دورہ کرنا |

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|-------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|
| hurry | جلدی کرنا | trade | تجارت کرنا |
| inherit | وراثت ملنا | translate | ترجمہ کرنا |
| insist | اصرار کرنا | try | کوشش کرنا |
| interfere | مداخلت کرنا | visit | سیر کرنا |
| interpret | ترجمہ کرنا | vote | ووٹ ڈالنا |
| interrupt | روکاٹ ڈالنا | weave | بنائی کرنا |
| invest | سرمایہ کاری کرنا | whisper | سرگوشی کرنا |
| investigate | تفتیش کرنا | work | کام کرنا |
| judge | اندازہ لگانا | yield | بارماننا |
| jump | چھلانگ لگانا | | |

Appendix A.3: List of verbs for R-3

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|---------|---------|-------|-----------|----|-------|------------|-------|---------|
| target | ہدف | بنا | relieve | دے | چھٹی | score | دے | نمبر |
| dress | لباس | پہنا | command | دے | حکم | answer | دے | جواب |
| relax | آرام | پہنچا | invite | دے | دعوت | signal | کر | اشارہ |
| rest | آرام | پہنچا | support | دے | سہارا | manipulate | کر | جوڑ توڑ |
| benefit | فائدہ | پہنچا | promote | دے | فروغ | ring | کر | فون |
| harm | نقصان | پہنچا | advise | دے | مشورہ | phone | کر | ٹیلیفون |
| damage | نقصان | پہنچا | propose | دے | تجویز | exercise | کرا | ورزش |
| calm | اطمینان | دلا | prefer | دے | ترجیح | feed | کھلا | کھانا |
| inspire | جوش | دلا | favour | دے | ترجیح | stab | گھونپ | خنجر |
| hang | پھانسی | دے | formulate | دے | تشکیل | smash | لگا | ضرب |
| prompt | اشارہ | دے | educate | دے | تعلیم | shoot | مار | گولی |
| value | اہمیت | دے | trouble | دے | تکلیف | kick | مار | ٹھوکر |

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|------|----|----|------|----|------|------|----|-----|
| curl | دے | بل | wind | دے | چاچی | vote | دے | ووٹ |
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Appendix A.4: List of verbs for R-4

| Verb | Urdu Translation | Verb | Urdu Translation |
|------------|------------------|----------|------------------|
| administer | انتظام کرنا | list | فہرست بنانا |
| advocate | حمایت کرنا | maintain | دیکھ بھال کرنا |
| aim | نشانہ باندھنا | market | مشہوری کرنا |
| analyse | تجزیہ کرنا | marry | شادی کروانا |
| announce | اعلان کرنا | measure | پیمائش کرنا |
| apologize | معذرت کرنا | miss | موقع گوانا |
| appreciate | اندازہ لگانا | model | ماڈلنگ کرنا |
| arrange | انتظام کرنا | mount | آغاز کرنا |
| assess | اندازہ لگانا | name | نام رکھنا |
| assist | مدد کرنا | observe | مشاہدہ کرنا |
| assure | یقین دلانا | offer | پیشکش کرنا |
| attempt | کوشش کرنا | oppose | مخالفت کرنا |
| attend | دیکھ بھال کرنا | order | آرڈر دینا |
| back | مدد کرنا | outline | خاکہ کھینچنا |
| ban | ممانعت کرنا | owe | مقروض ہونا |
| bet | شرط لگانا | paint | نقشہ کھینچنا |
| bid | بولی لگانا | pay | ادائیگی کرنا |
| boast | حامل ہونا | permit | اجازت دینا |
| book | بکنگ کروانا | picture | تصور کرنا |

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|--------------|-------------------|-----------|----------------|
| bother | زحمت کرنا | plan | منصوبہ بنانا |
| calculate | حساب لگانا | plead | بھیک مانگنا |
| celebrate | تعریف کرنا | pledge | وعدہ کرنا |
| chair | صدارت کرنا | plot | منصوبہ بنانا |
| characterise | شناخت کرنا | practice | مشق کرنا |
| chase | پیچھا کرنا | preach | تلقین کرنا |
| cheer | حوصلہ افزائی کرنا | predict | پیشینگوئی کرنا |
| cite | حوالہ دینا | price | قیمت لگانا |
| claim | مطالبہ کرنا | proclaim | اعلان کرنا |
| command | کمان کرنا | project | تخمینہ لگانا |
| compare | موازنہ کرنا | promise | وعدہ کرنا |
| concern | احاطہ کرنا | promote | تشمیر کرنا |
| condemn | مزمت کرنا | prompt | ردعمل ابھارنا |
| conduct | رہنمائی کرنا | pronounce | تلفظ کرنا |
| confirm | تصدیق کرنا | propose | تجویز دینا |
| confront | سامنا کرنا | protect | حفاظت کرنا |
| contrast | مقابلہ کرنا | pursue | تعاقب کرنا |
| copy | نقل کرنا | quote | حوالہ دینا |
| correct | تصحیح کرنا | raise | پرورش کرنا |
| counter | سامنا کرنا | realise | احساس ہونا |
| cover | خبر دینا | reassure | ڈھارس بندھانا |
| decide | فیصلہ کرنا | rebuild | تعمیر نو کرنا |
| declare | اعلان کرنا | recommend | مشورہ دینا |

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|-------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| defend | ساتھ دینا | register | اندراج کرنا |
| define | تعریف کرنا | regret | افسوس ہونا |
| demand | مطالبہ کرنا | regulate | نگرانی کرنا |
| depict | تصویر کشی کرنا | render | ترجمہ کرنا |
| detect | پتا لگانا | renew | تجدید کروانا |
| determine | فیصلہ کرنا | repair | مرمت کرنا |
| develop | وضاحت کرنا | repay | صلہ دینا |
| diagnose | تشخیص کرنا | report | خبر دینا |
| direct | سربراہی کرنا | represent | نمائندگی کرنا |
| discourage | حوصلہ شکنی کرنا | request | درخواست کرنا |
| display | نمائش کرنا | require | ضرورت ہونا |
| distinguish | شناخت بنانا | respect | عزت کرنا |
| divert | رخ موڑنا | restore | مرمت کرنا |
| donate | عطیہ دینا | review | جائزہ لینا |
| encounter | سامنا کرنا | revise | تصحیح کرنا |
| encourage | حوصلہ بڑھانا | reward | صلہ دینا |
| endorse | توثیق کرنا | ride | سواری کرنا |
| entertain | خاطر مدارت کرنا | round | چکر کاٹنا |
| envisage | تصور کرنا | sack | استیصال کرنا |
| estimate | اندازہ لگانا | sail | بحری سفر کرنا |
| exchange | تبادلہ کرنا | screen | طبی معائنہ کرنا |
| execute | قتل کرنا | seat | گنجائش رکھنا |
| exhibit | نمائش کرنا | secure | حفاظت کرنا |

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|-----------|---------------|------------|------------------|
| expect | توقع کرنا | sense | پتہ لگانا |
| exploit | استحصا ل کرنا | serve | خدمت کرنا |
| explore | جائزہ لینا | service | سروس کرنا |
| express | اظہار کرنا | spell | ہجہ کرنا |
| fight | مخالفت کرنا | split | کھا ل اٹارنا |
| figure | حساب لگانا | sponsor | سرپرستی کرنا |
| fix | مرمت کرنا | stage | انتظام کرنا |
| follow | تعاقب کرنا | steer | قیادت کرنا |
| found | بنیاد رکھنا | stuff | پوسٹ انبازی کرنا |
| found | بنیاد رکھنا | substitute | متبادل بننا |
| greet | استقبال کرنا | suggest | مشورہ دینا |
| guarantee | ضمانت دینا | summarize | خلاصہ کرنا |
| guard | رکھوالی کرنا | supervise | نگرانی کرنا |
| guess | اندازہ لگانا | support | حمایت کرنا |
| guide | رہنمائی کرنا | suppose | امید کرنا |
| head | سربراہی کرنا | survey | سروے کرنا |
| honour | عزت کرنا | suspect | شبہ کرنا |
| host | میزبانی کرنا | sustain | ہمت بندھانا |
| hunt | شکار کرنا | talk | بات کرنا |
| identify | شناخت کروانا | tour | دورہ کرنا |
| imagine | تصور کرنا | trace | سراغ لگانا |
| inherit | سامنا ہونا | trade | تجارت کرنا |
| initiate | آغاز کرنا | translate | ترجمہ کرنا |

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|-------------|------------------|-----------|--------------|
| inspect | معائنہ کرنا | transmit | ترسیل کرنا |
| inspire | احساس ابھارنا | treat | علاج کرنا |
| insure | بیمہ کرنا | try | کوشش کرنا |
| interpret | ترجمہ کرنا | undertake | ضمانت دینا |
| interrupt | تسلسل توڑنا | urge | تقاضا کرنا |
| interview | انٹرویو کرنا | value | قیمت لگانا |
| invest | سرمایہ کاری کرنا | visit | سیر کرنا |
| investigate | تفتیش کرنا | voice | اظہار کرنا |
| judge | اندازہ لگانا | watch | خیال رکھنا |
| justify | وضاحت کرنا | welcome | استقبال کرنا |
| launch | آغاز کرنا | witness | گواہی دینا |
| lead | رہنمائی کرنا | | |

Appendix A.5: List of verbs for R-5

| Verb | Urdu Translation | Verb | Urdu Translation |
|---------|------------------|----------|------------------|
| accuse | پر الزام لگانا | govern | پر حکومت کرنا |
| amend | میں ترمیم کرنا | indicate | پر اشارہ کرنا |
| attack | پر حملہ کرنا | invoke | سے دعا مانگنا |
| believe | پر اعتبار کرنا | leap | سے چھلانگ لگانا |
| blame | پر الزام لگانا | line | میں استر لگانا |
| bless | پر رحمت فرمانا | love | سے محبت ہونا |
| capture | پر قبضہ کرنا | marry | سے شادی کرنا |
| comment | پر تبصرہ کرنا | modify | میں تبدیلی کرنا |

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|-----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|
| consult | سے مشورہ کرنا | monitor | پر نظر رکھنا |
| contact | سے رابطہ کرنا | overcome | پر قابو پانا |
| counter | سے بچاؤ کرنا | process | پر کاروائی کرنا |
| delay | میں دیر کرنا | resign | سے استعفیٰ دینا |
| discuss | پر بات کرنا | review | پر تبصرہ لکھنا |
| doubt | پر شک کرنا | sign | پر دستخط کرنا |
| ease | سے بوجھ اتارنا | slam | نکتہ چینی کرنا |
| emphasize | پر زور دینا | stress | پر زور دینا |
| exploit | سے فائدہ اٹھانا | suspect | پر شک کرنا |
| fish | میں مچھلی پکڑنا | talk | میں بات کرنا |
| flood | میں سیلاب لانا | voice | سے سر ملانا |

Appendix A.6: List of verbs for verbs having XCOMP

| Verb | Urdu Translation | Verb | Urdu Translation |
|---------|------------------|---------|------------------|
| advise | مشورہ دینا | permit | اجازت دینا |
| aim | ارادہ رکھنا | plan | منصوبہ بنانا |
| arrange | انتظام کرنا | pledge | عہد کرنا |
| attempt | کوشش کرنا | plot | سازش کرنا |
| bid | حکم دینا | pretend | دکھاوا کرنا |
| bother | زحمت کرنا | promise | عہد کرنا |
| choose | فیصلہ کرنا | request | درخواست کرنا |
| claim | دعویٰ کرنا | require | حکم دینا |

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|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| command | حکم دینا | resolve | فیصلہ کرنا |
| decide | فیصلہ کرنا | seek | کوشش کرنا |
| direct | حکم دینا | signal | اشارہ کرنا |
| entitle | حق دینا | swear | قسم کھانا |
| expect | توقع کرنا | tempt | ترغیب دینا |
| free | وقت دینا | train | تربیت دینا |
| guarantee | ضمانت دینا | trouble | کوشش کرنا |
| influence | تحریک دینا | try | کوشش کرنا |
| instruct | حکم دینا | undertake | عہد کرنا |
| invite | دعوت دینا | urge | تقاضا کرنا |
| offer | پیشکش کرنا | venture | جرات کرنا |
| order | حکم دینا | | |