

Language Technology and Computational Linguistics



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Abstract: In the present world, information technology is the predominant part, which has the ability to change the future of this Globe. Being a Futuristic Technology. Computational linguistics can change communication models among human beings. Due to the changing context and development of Natural Language Processing various new doors are open in the fields of computational linguistics. Computational Linguistics (CL) increases the applicability of Language Technology towards man-machine interactions. Globalization can convert the world into a small village. For interchange human knowledge among various communities, Auto language processing play a vital role. In this paper, it is tried to discuss the various dimension of language technology and computational linguistics.

Keywords: Language Technology, Natural Language Processing, Machine Translation Computational linguistics, Human language.

I. INTRODUCTION

Language is a milestone for communication among human beings. Language technology denotes the integration of Computer Science and the phenomenon of linguistics. Computational linguistics (CL) and Natural Language Processing (NLP) deal with how human language transforms into a computer program.

Language Technology accomplishes with computational methods, programs, and various electronic devices. Electronic devices work on speech recognition, manufacturing, and adjusting the text. Everyday develops dimension of Language technology. In regional language, it plays a significant role in communication and preservation and promoting specificity.

II. LANGUAGE TECHNOLOGY'S GOALS AND POSSIBILITIES

The primary objectives and possibilities of language technologies are as follows (Rashel 2011: 179):

- To improve the communication between humans and machines most easily.
- To increase the productivity of any language in a machine-readable format.
- Language technology increases virtual communication in text and speech forms.

- Language Technology plays a vital role in the preservation of endangered languages.
- Speech and text technology increase acceptability in communication.
- Text recognition provides a platform for heritage script. etc.

III. FUNCTIONS OF LANGUAGE TECHNOLOGY

In the context of the information society, Language Technology plays a vital role in communication. The major aim of language technology is to create software tools that can process human language. Language technology has a significant position in Information Retrieval (IR). The weight of language in an information retrieval system depends on recall and precision rate. Language technology controls the following system (Uszkoreit 1997:3-4, Ledeneva & Sidorov 2010:3, Rashel 2011:180):

- Data Fusion and Text Data Mining
- Information Extraction
- Question Answering
- Report Generation
- Speech Recognition
- Speech Synthesis
- Spoken Dialogue Systems
- Text Categorization
- Text Indexing
- Text Retrieval
- Text Summarization
- Translation Technologies

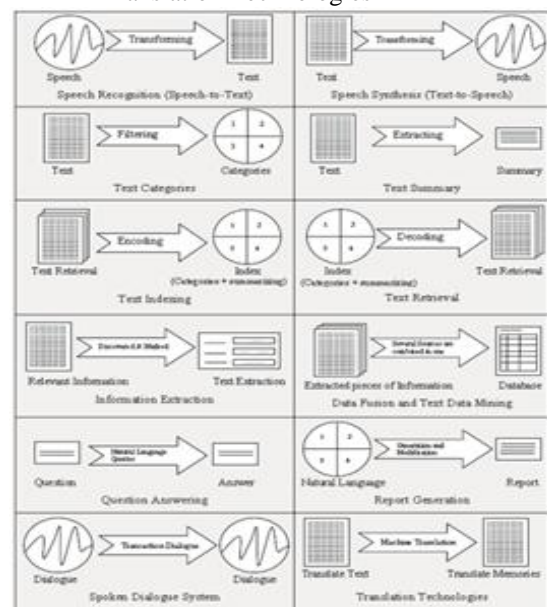


Figure- 1: Functions of Language Technology (Rashel 2011: 184)

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IV. COMPUTATIONAL LINGUISTICS

Computer technology can cover all significant parts of society. Computational Linguistics is an entirely virgin discipline in combination with Linguistics and Computer Science. Everyday change, the dimension of Computational Linguistics and add with the various hybrid area. The application of computer technology and linguistics theory can open a new milestones for communication for visually challenged persons.

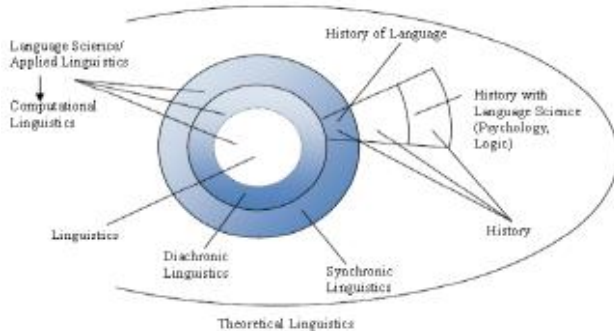


Figure-2: Position of Computational Linguistics in Linguistics Diversity (Rashel 2011: 185)

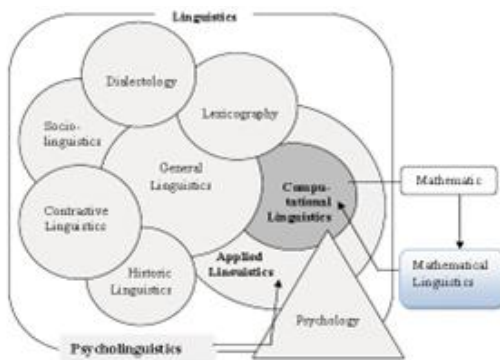


Figure- 3: Structural Relationship between Linguistics Science & Computational Linguistics (Bolshakov&Gelbukh, 2004, Cited in Rashel 2011: 185)

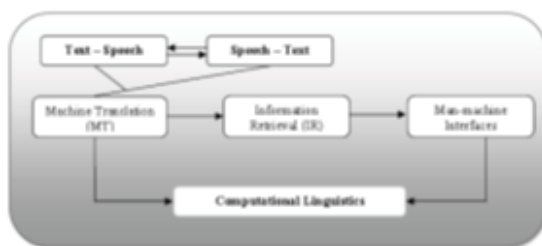


Figure: 4- Central Development of Computational Linguistics (Rashel 2011: 186)

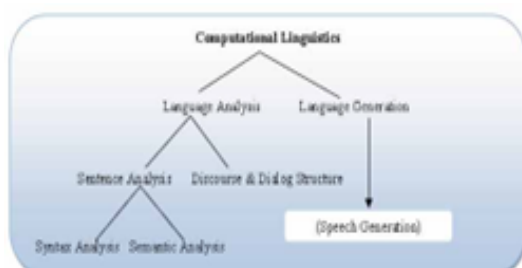


Figure-5: Structural Diagram of Computational Linguistics (Rashel 2011:186)

Now computational linguistics combined with various disciplines for solving communication problems such as mathematics, theoretical linguistics, engineering, etc., using Machine Translation has developed various problems such as auto-grammar checker, Extension vocabulary, and identification of parts of speech. MT provides translational capabilities with minimum time.

Speech Recognition(SR)is an integral part of Computational Linguistics, which has a significant demand among common people. Various Speech Recognition software has come into the software market. Using speech recognition technology,the various task becomes easy. Such as Information Retrieval (IR). Speech Recognition (SR) is another integral part of computational linguistics; SR provides an extensive learning and communication platform. Speech Generation(SG) solved the problems of natural sound reading of the written text (Rashel 2011: 180).

V. OBJECTIVES OF COMPUTATIONAL LINGUISTICS

The primary objectives of computational linguistics are as follows-

- Machine translation provides an opportunity for quick translation.
- Prepared a specific applied system for NL.
- The primary application area of Computational linguistics is- Information Retrieval (IR), Machine Translation, and Man-Machine Interaction(Grishman, 1994 cited from Rashel 2011: 181).
- These also combine with the Psychological process of Language Processing, Knowledge illustration, and Understanding.

The major application of computational linguistics are as follows-

- In the software market, every day increases the job opportunity for developing a search engine, IR models, etc.
- Increase effective communication among human beings.
- Increasing the efficiency in human-machine interaction.
- Remove the difficulties faced in modern communication.
- Save time for Second language learners using- MT, NLI, IR Grammar Checker, Style Chacker, etc.(Rashel 2011: 181)
- Various research groups work in AI using Computational linguistics.

VI. CONCLUSION

The present world is run with ICT; without ICT, the world's community cannot survive in this environment. Due to the changing situation, Linguistics fields have been drastically changed and integrated with computer science, and various productive giftswere provided for society. AI, NLP, IR, SR, SG, etc., become integral tohuman society.

Developing all languages in a complete computerization form is necessary for the application and preservation point of view. Developing a language into a computational form needs an expert professional with knowledge of Computer Science and linguistics. Developing a language and expanding it into a computational format is essential for that particular region. In the context of globalization, it is not easy to protect a language from code-mixing and code-switching; it is time to develop all languages to computational forms and provide access opportunities for common people in the communication medium. Applying computational linguistics is a significant task to protect the regional and local languages.

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