# Cross-Lingual Word Sense Disambiguation using Wordnets and Context based Mapping 

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## Importance

- Cross-Lingual WSD has applications in Question Answering, Machine Translation, Information Retrieval
- Lack of resources for languages like Hindi.
- Can be used to create sense-tagged corpus.

- Figure taken from [1]


## English WSD

- Used WordNet::SenseRelate::AllWords for English WSD
- Uses Lesk Algorithm for disambiguating senses
- Got sense tagged texts with sense number
e.g. tax\#n\#1
[tax, taxation, revenue enhancement]

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$\left\llcorner_{\text {Our Approach \& Results }}\right.$
Synset Mapping


## Transfer to Hindi

- Search each words of Hindi synset in comparable corpus.
- Tag same sense as that of English label.
e.g.-

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\operatorname{tax} \# \mathrm{n} \# 1
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कर[tax\#n\#1]\#4107

Synset [2] 4107 - NOUN - [ कर, टैक्स, महसूल, शालिक ]

## Transfer to Hindi

## Three possible scenarios-

(1) English word is polysemous while equivalent Hindi word is monosemous
e.g. - Bank बैंक

Synset obtained-
(2) Both English and equivalent Hindi word are polysemous e.g. - Branch शाखा Synset obtained- [ शाखा, डाल, डाली, टेरा, साख ]
(3) English Word is monosemous while equivalent Hindi word is polysemous
e.g. - Mango आम Synset obtained- [ आम, रसाल, आम्र, अम्ब, अंब, प्रियाम्बु ]

## Limitations and Flaws

- Restricted to nouns only.
- A better synset mapping resource may produce good results.
- Morphology handling.


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