

# Identification and extraction of multiword expressions from Hindi & Urdu language in natural language processing

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## Abstract

Text can be translated from one language to another using statistical machine translation, but there are still gaps in the translations because of a lack of language resource material. Building a linguistic corpus necessarily requires the extraction of multiword expressions (MWE). MWE is a collection of words with idiomatic expression properties. However, due to its non-compositional meaning of distinctive words, identifying and extracting MWE is a time-consuming task. In this case, an automated system has been developed for the extraction of MWEs from Hindi and Urdu language sources automatically. The entire process includes tagging, pattern matching, an identification algorithm, and the extraction of MWEs from the data. Tagging each word with a unique part of speech tag is used as an input to the pattern-matching algorithm. Using pattern matching, MWE tags of specific patterns were selected, and the algorithm for automatic MWE detection was built on top of that. The conditional random field (CRF++) model was used to automatically extract the MWEs from data. Confusion matrix was used to conduct the automated evaluation of this proposed system. For Hindi and Urdu, the calculated overall accuracy is 96.82% and 96.62%, respectively.

## Keywords

Bigrams, Tags, Multiword expression (MWE), Conditional random field (CRF), Confusion matrix.

## 1.Introduction

A class of linguistic forms called "multiword expressions" (MWEs) includes expressions that span traditional word boundaries and are found in a wide variety of languages. We must rethink linguistic processing in order to accommodate MWEs, which relies on a clear distinction between words and phrases. For natural language processing (NLP) applications, MWE handling is critical, as it raises a number of issues. This paper's primary goal is to shed light on how NLP applications like machine translation (MT) deal with MWEs. MWE processing and downstream applications such as MWE-aware parsing or MT are discussed in greater detail here. MWE handling and MWE-aware NLP applications have an insufficiency of proposed approaches. In fact, this research is motivated by the emergence of new approaches in the absence of a set of defined rules [1]. During the identification and extraction of MWE, we faced various challenges as follows [2].

**Non-compositionality:** Idiom like "bread and butter" is a good example of non-compositionality. This expression is used to describe someone who is sentimental and often naive, and as a result, its full meaning is obscure to those who only know the individual meanings of the words in question.

**Ambiguity:** Many NLP tasks face the challenge of ambiguity. For MWE processing, the choice between a compositional and a MWE reading of a sequence of words has the greatest impact, as illustrated by "I am struck by the way the rest of the world is confident of a better future." "While it's not always an exact MWE, it's a good approximation in most cases. However, the prepositional complement of the verb struck in the example is a regular prepositional complement. Syntactic analysis can help in determining that a sequence of words is a MWE in some cases. Analysis that takes by way of a MWE and thus, in this case, is an adverb is grammatically incorrect.

**Variability:** Because MWEs allow for a wide range of flexibility in how they are formed, the identification process is a challenge. There will be a

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low recall if only fixed forms are searched for, because the fixed form does not match all variations.

The MWEs are considered as a collocation which has set of words or sequence of words. These collocations have some linguistic characteristics like lexical, syntactic & semantic which impulses to turn up togetherness. In other words, MWEs consist of lexical items like multiple orthographic words such as in English: kick the bucket, by the way etc. and in Hindi: इधर-उधर (Idhar-Udhar), रसोईघर (RasoiGhar), कभीनहीं (Kabhi Nahin), मजाक-मस्ती (Majak-Masti), कद-काठी (Kad-Kaathi) etc. Some MWEs are expressed as a mixture of words, while others function as phrases; some of them, however, follow a set pattern. According to Baldwin [3][4], the classification or types of MWEs are as follows:

#### Lexicalized Phrases

**i. Fixed expressions:** It doesn't have any morpho-syntactic or internal modifications (e.g.: hard and fast, dark horse, down and out, break-up, break-down, by-the way).

**ii. Semi-fixed expressions:** Word order and construction are fixed in these expressions, but there is some lexical flexibility. For example, in the MWE "prostrate oneself," the term "oneself" contains several alternatives, such as "himself" or "herself." This category also includes compound nouns.

**iii. Syntactically-flexible expression:** Expressions with more than one word inserted between their constituent words have a greater range of syntactical variety. (e.g., get rid of the evidence, let the cat out of the bag—tell a secret)

#### Institutionalized Phrase

It is syntactically and semantically composed MWEs (e.g. Salt & Pepper, Bread & butter, traffic light, kindle excitement).

The following are examples of MWEs in English and Urdu, as translated by Google and human experts:

#### Example of English MWEs:

Source Sentence: (English) On the spot, he kicked the bucket in accident.

#### Google Translated:

(Hindi): मौके पर उन्होंने दुर्घटना में बाल्टी को लात मार दी।

(Urdu): موقع پر ہی - انہوں نے حادثے میں بالٹیا تھاماری۔  
(mauke par hui-unhonehaadsemeinbaaltilaatmaari)

#### Human Expert's Output:

(Hindi): वह दुर्घटना में मौके पर ही मर गया।

(Urdu): وہ حادثے میں اسی وقت مر گیا۔

(vahhaadsemeinusiwaqtmarmar gya)

In the above examples, MWE "kick the bucket" is not handled by even Google translator. It produces wrong output that is not meaningful.

#### Example of Urdu MWEs:

Source Sentence: (Urdu): رشید بہت مشہور ارباب سخن ہے

(Rashid bhut mashahoorarbab-sukhanhai)

#### Google Translated:

(Hindi): राशिद बहुत प्रसिद्ध अरबाब सुखन है

(English): The governing is very famous speech Rashid.

#### Human Expert's Output:

(Hindi): राशिद बहुत प्रसिद्ध कलाकार हैं।

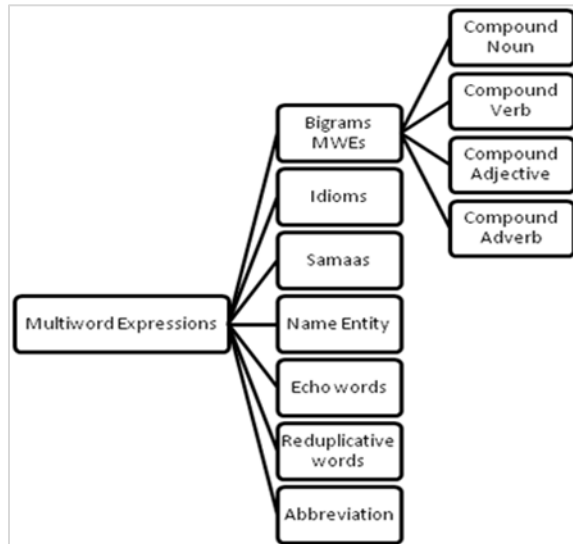
(English): Rashid is very famous artist.

As it can be seen that in the above example, MWE "ارباب سخن" is not correctly handled by Google translator and it has generated the output that is not meaningful.

If we want to accurate translated output from MT, we are using various NLP techniques such as parsing, information retrieval, text alignment, ontology creation etc. At the translation time, handling MWE is a critical task. Therefore, we have proposed experimental system architecture for the automatic identification and extraction of MWE from Hindi and Urdu language monolingual corpuses. MT is currently unable to produce high-quality results because of a lack of resources for Indian languages. Word sense disambiguation, name entity recognition, multiword expression handling, etc. are just some of the issues that arise during translation time. The MWE issue was chosen as the focus of this research in order to improve the quality of MT. For dealing with MWEs, we have a plan. It focuses on identifying and extracting various types of MWE. Various types of MWEs are mentioned in the below Figure 1:

Some researchers have used various approaches for handling MWEs such as rule-based approach [5], classification-based approach [6], statistical approach [7], stepwise mining methodology [8] and hybrid approach [9] etc. In our proposed research work, we have used the pipeline-based approach as like this; the 1st step is to identify the MWE and then extract these MWEs from the corpus. For identification of different types of MWEs, various strategies and processes which can be manual, semiautomatic and automatic are developed and designed. For the extraction of MWEs, various machine learning approaches are developed like for tagging the data, n-gram approach can be used and for extracting Urdu and Hindi MWEs. One can use word-net,

monolingual corpus and bilingual dictionaries of Hindi, Urdu and English Languages for all these approaches. To put it another way, any method of machine learning relies on human-provided linguistic knowledge to interpret the input. In this way, the identification and extraction of MWEs in MT can be determined and the precise output produced by machines.



**Figure 1** Classification of multiword expressions

The remaining paper is organized as follows. Section 2 outlines the important research related to handling multiword expression. Section 3 presents a proposed framework and methodology for multiword expression extraction on the basis of some specified rules and machine learning model. Section 4 presents the experiments and evaluation, Section 5 discusses the Experimental results and evaluates the proposed methods, and Section 6 concludes the paper.

## 2.Literature review

There has been very little research in this area, so it can be considered an unexplored domain with limited research. MWEs are typically extracted using a rule-based, semi-automatic, and automatic approach. MWE in MT has been identified as a problem by a number of different researchers [10–13]. The problem of MWEs in NLP has been addressed by some researchers, but they have not yet found a solution. Many researchers are currently focusing on this topic. Kulkarni and Finlayson (2011) [14] created a Java framework for recognising MWE (jMWE). When working with MWE, jMWE can help you create and verify the token. An MWE token detector application programming interface (API) is provided in this library, as well as a MWE index,

which provides classes for building, storing, and accessing indices of valid MWE types. The "Test Harness" facility provided by the jMWE library can be used to test the performance of a MWE detector after the previous two facilities have been used. In this framework, authors have used different kinds of detection algorithms. Various types of MWE token detectors such as basic and filter resolver detectors are employed in this algorithm. Sinha (2011) [8] proposed a linguistic knowledge-based framework for the progressive mining of Hindi multi-word phrases. This study's authors discovered a slew of new MWEs in the Hindi language. MT was used to evaluate these MWEs. These were discovered through the use of a Hindi wordnet and an English-Hindi corpus. After identifying the MWEs, various extraction methods were employed. The majority of MWEs were derived from word co-occurrence and collocation in the corpus.

Chakraborty et al. (2014) [15] identified the Bengali multi-word phrases using method of semantic clustering. This method helped to identify clusters of word tokens with similar meanings in the document. We could use these clusters to see how closely related the individual words with another words. For noun-noun bigram MWEs, they employed the semantic clustering approach. In addition, well-known statistical models like pointwise mutual information (PMI) and the log likelihood ratio (LLR) were utilised. Using an Arabic corpus, Daoud et al. (2016) [16] described a method for extracting MWE. In the beginning, the researchers gathered 15.25 million Arabic tweets from 25 days of tweets. Only Arabic tweets were processed for tokenization into unigrams, bigrams, and trigrams using a language detector. The unigram lexical resources were used for stemming, and the bigram and trigram lexical resources were used to reduce noise. These lexical resources were then used to extract MWE in Arabic from those resources. They used a statistical approach to extract MWE. First, MWE candidates were retrieved, and then the ranking was assigned to those MWEs that were retrieved. There were 3,678,838 tokens found to be valid MWEs and 92 percent accuracy was found for most frequently occurring MWEs. The translation of MWE from English to Dogri has been proposed by Singh and Jamwal (2016) [17]. At the time of translation, MWE was a difficult task. As a result, they have analysed various types of MWEs and extracted from parallel corpora in order to solve the translation problem. The statistical translation system "Moses" was used to translate these MWEs from English to Dogri and vice

versa. The GIZA++ and KenLM tools in the Moses toolkit are included. The word alignment and phrase transliteration training were both made easier with the GIZZ++ tool. Statistical language models were constructed using the KenLM tool. Probabilities at the sentence level were tallied. There were 83,618 sentences in the parallel corpus of English-Dogri language and about 80,000 MWE that were extracted in this study.

Singh et al. (2016) [11] proposed a Hindi and Marathi language MWE annotation scheme. They used a part of speech tagged corpus and Indo wordnet synsets to annotate their work. Only compound nouns and light verbs have been annotated with the help of a human expert. They found 3178 & 2556 valid MWE in Hindi and 1003 & 2416 valid MWE in Marathi for both compound nouns and light verbs. Any MWE system can use the annotated data of both languages as gold data. When it comes to identifying Magahi language MWEs, Kumar et al. (2017) [6] used support vector machine classification. There are approximately 75k words of Magahi language in this dataset. For this dataset, the Part of speech (POS) tags were manually entered. Eleven thousand tokens of tagged data are identified as MWE. A precision level of 81.57 percent was achieved with this method. Agrawal et al. (2018) [9] proposed a three-phase hybrid approach for the extraction of English multiword phrases. It is necessary to first separate the raw corpus into n-grams, then to filter them using Dice's coefficient and PMI method to calculate association scores, and finally to determine context similarity using the Latent Semantic Analysis method in the third stage of this three-phase procedure. A baseline and statistical analysis proposed by Joon and Singhal (2019) [18] compares the extraction of Hindi MWE with that of other languages. They included precision, recall, and f-measure in the baseline. There are several commonly used statistical measures such as the PMI, the Dice coefficient, and the modified Dice coefficient, but the relevance measures are being considered in addition to these. Measures are compared based on the frequency of MWE in the Hindi corpus, which are the most common.

Text simplification for Urdu has been done automatically by Qasmi et al. (2020) [19]. Using an unsupervised approach, the system was built to simplify complex Urdu text. Conditional random field-based part of speech tagged Urdu data was used, and the word2vec model was used to embed the words. This year, Han et al. (2020) [20] made available multi-lingual and bilingual MWE corpora

extracted from root parallel corpora. German-English and Chinese-English MWE pairs in the collections are 3,159, 226 and 143, 042 after filtering. In MT experiments, they tested the quality of the extracted bilingual MWEs. Using MWEs in MT has resulted in improved translation performance on MWE terms in qualitative analysis and better overall evaluation scores on both German-English and Chinese-English language pairs, according to their preliminary experiments. When it comes to Persian, Fleischhauer (2020) [21] argued against treating all "bare noun + verb" sequences in contemporary Persian alike. For the purposes of this study, criteria were presented that could be used to separate light verb constructions from other predication construction types that looked similar on the surface. The primary goal of Goyal and Goyal (2020) [22] was to create an automated tool for extracting MWE from a parallel corpus of English and Punjabi. The rule-based approach, linguistic approach, statistical approach, and many other approaches were used in this tool to identify and extract MWEs from monolingual and parallel corpus of English and Punjabi and achieved more than 90% f-score value in some types of MWEs. Edition 1.2 of the PARSEME shared task for identifying verbal MWE was presented by Ramisch et al. (2020) [23]. Learning from previous editions suggests that the most difficult part of verbal multiword expression (VMWE) is identifying test cases that have never been seen in the training data. VMWEs that cannot be seen are the focus of this edition. They've divided annotated corpora into test corpora and provided non-annotated raw corpora to be used by complementary discovery methods, so the test corpora contain around 300 unseen VMWEs.

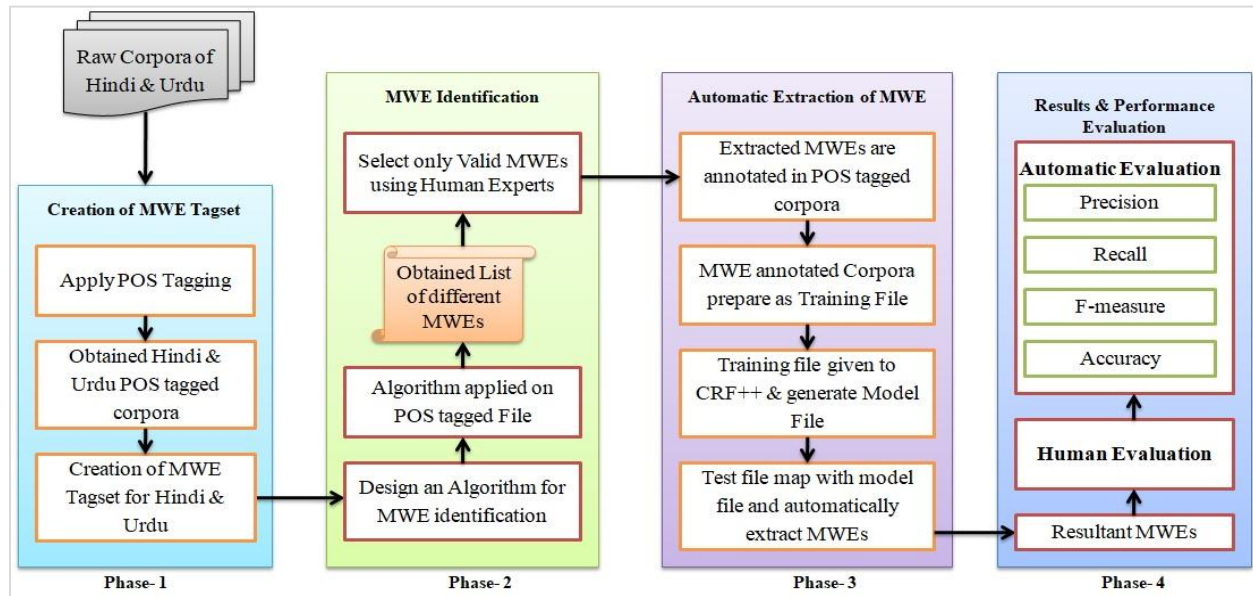
In the Persian language, Marszałek-Kowalewska (2021) [24] presented a work on the identification of MWEs. It aims to find loanwords in Persian and their Persian-language equivalents proposed by the academy of Persian language and literature in MWEs with specific lemmas. In order to find these MWEs, four association measures (AMs) are used and then evaluated. This is followed by an analysis of the list of MWEs, and a comparison of expressions with loanwords and their equivalents is made available. Emotion detection in code-mixed Twitter data was investigated by Tan et al. (2021) [25] using MWEs extracted from WordNet and WordNet Bahasa. Chinese character decomposition for neural MT with MWEs was proposed by Han et al. (2021) [26]. Researchers examined the impact of Chinese decomposition embedding and the accuracy with which these decompositions capture the original

character sequences' meaning in this study. If the combination of decomposed MWE can improve the model learning, they investigated this further. Machine learning can be used to extract MWE from corpora, according to Jamwal et al. (2022) [27]. Simple heuristics are employed by the MWE, which consider the co-occurrence of MWEs. A new method for extracting MWE using supervised machine learning for the Dogri language has been proposed. When applied to a variety of test datasets, the proposed method achieves respectable levels of precision, recall, and F-score. Iwatsuki et al. (2022) [28] proposed a new method that is able to handle a wide range of formulaic expressions and their spans. Their approach sees a sentence as having a formulaic and non-formulaic component. Then, instead of trying to extract formulaic expressions from a whole corpus, by extracting them from each sentence, different forms can be dealt with simultaneously. In order to avoid the problem of diversity, they compared the extracted expressions to an already-existing set of terms. They also proposed a new extraction method that used named entities and dependency structures to remove the non-formulaic

portion of a sentence. The concreteness ratings for 62,889 MWEs presented by Muraki et al. (2022) [29] were compared to the existing concreteness ratings for single words and two-word expressions. As the first large dataset of ratings for MWEs, these new ratings should prove useful to researchers in the fields of language acquisition and processing, as well as NLP and textual analysis.

### 3. Proposed methodology

A comprehensive framework developed in this paper which was used to identify and extract MWEs from Hindi and Urdu corpora. In order to determine the probability of each MWE tag, a stochastic approach is used, and the MWEs with the highest probability are extracted. Using tagged corpora of Hindi and Urdu, we created the MWE tagset in phase one. Phase-2 involved developing an algorithm to identify MWEs and phase-3 saw the automatic extraction of these MWEs. The final phase of performance evaluation is completed using both human and automated evaluations at this point. *Figure 2* depicts the proposed framework.



**Figure 2** Comprehensive framework for extraction of MWEs

#### 3.1 Phase-1 (Creation of MWE Tagset)

##### A. Collection of corpus

The raw corpora of both Hindi and Urdu are required initially for the identification and extraction of MWEs from text. In addition, we're compiling idiomatic expressions in Hindi and Urdu from a variety of sources. The following are the specifics of this collection-

##### (i) Raw corpora of Hindi & Urdu

The tourism, health, and agricultural domain-based corpus of 60k sentences are compiled using online English-language resources. These English phrases are translated into Hindi as well in Urdu, which are mentioned in below *Table 1*.



**Table 1** Details of English, Hindi and Urdu corpora

Corpus	Hindi	Urdu	English
Health	25,000	25,000	25,000
Tourism	25,000	25,000	25,000
Agriculture	10,000	10,000	10,000
Total	60,000	60,000	60,000

These corpora were processed manually through unified IL POS tagset [30] for generating the tagged corpora of each word for the respective dataset and this process took approx 4 months. The Tagged corpus which was generated by the human expert was not giving the huge number of tagged corpora. So that, we have developed automatic POS tagger, by which lots of raw corpus was tagged automatically. Then, we have obtained the total 60k sentences of tagged Hindi and Urdu corpora.

### (ii) Collection of Hindi & Urdu idiomatic expression

An idiomatic expression is a MWE that cannot be predicted entirely or partially from its constituent words. The "MWE\_IP" tag represents idioms. For example: In Hindi, छीटाकशीकरना (*chheetaKashikarna*), जैसादेशवैसाभेष (*jaisadeshvisabhesh*) and in Urdu, سوتے نصیب جاگے, نکلتا غبار باہر کا دل (*sotenaseebjage*), (*dilkaghubaarbaharnikalna*).

Idiomatic idioms in Hindi and Urdu are collected using a manual technique from text books, websites, novels, and grammar books. 3394 & 2807 idioms are collected in Hindi and Urdu language respectively. Some examples are shown in following Table 2.

**Table 2** Examples of Hindi and Urdu idioms

Idioms	Meaning
नाक ऊँची होना ( <i>naakunchihona</i> )	To be honourable
बढ़-चढ़कर बोलना ( <i>badh-chadhdhkarbolna</i> )	Overwhelmingly speak
आبر में भत्ता लगना ( <i>aabrumeinbattalagna</i> )	Stain upon one's honour
اپنا اللو سیدھا کرنا ( <i>apnaulluseedhakarna</i> )	To cheat

### B. POS Tagging

For machine learning, the sentences were tagged by developing a POS tagger which was based on conditional random fields. In the process, by applying some features the training file of data set was created and further the resultant training file was used with template file. According to some specific rules of

conditional random field (CRF++) template file was created.

Therefore, in this way machine learned with the help of training file and template file which was created using CRF++ model and then one model file was generated. Through this model file, POS tags were assigned for test datasets. Detailed process of POS tagging and training the machine is discussed in research paper of Khan et al (2019) [31] Kaur and Saini [32].

### C. MWE Tagset

With compositional structure of words, some rules have been created for identification of MWEs. According to these rules of MWE identification [33–37], the following Table 3 shows the standard MWE tagset for both the languages.

**Table 3** Tagset of MWEs for Hindi and Urdu language

S. No.	MWE Tags	Category of Tag
1	MWE_C_N	Noun with a Compound Form
2	MWE_C_V	Verb with a Double Meaning
3	MWE_C_ADJ	Adjective Compound
4	MWE_C_ADV	Adverbial Compound
5	MWE_ECH	Words that are repeated as echo
6	MWE_A	Words that have been shortened as abbreviation
7	MWE_RP	Redundant words
8	MWE_IP	Idiomatic expressions
9	MWE_C_S	Samaas is a word that is used only in Hindi
10	MWE_NE	Entities are given names

### 3.2 Phase-2 (MWE Identification)

An algorithm for identifying various types of MWEs was developed using rule-based patterns in this framework. Some of the strategies are manual, semi-automatic, and automatic. Rules and strategies are laid out in the following Table 4.

#### A. Rules for MWE pattern

In the following Table 4, different types of MWE tags are displayed with examples and some rules are also defined for compound words. By using automatic approach, the compound words were identified, and reduplicative, echo and abbreviated words were identified by using semiautomatic

approach. Also, manually Samaas and idiomatic

phrases for both the languages were identified.

**Table 4** Rules for MWE tagset

MWE Tagset	Rules (Tag Categories)	Examples of Hindi and Urdu
<b>Compound Noun</b> (MWE_C_N)	Noun + Noun Noun + Verb Noun + Adjective Noun + Adverb	पूजा-अर्चना( <i>pooja-archana</i> ) सर-दर्द( <i>sar-dard</i> ) خانه-کتاب( <i>kutub-khana</i> ) غلط-فہمیاں( <i>galat-fahmiya</i> )
<b>Compound Verb</b> (MWE_C_V)	Verb + Verb	सोचे-समझे( <i>soche-samjhe</i> ) گانے-ناچنے( <i>nachne-gaane</i> )
<b>Compound Adjective</b> (MWE_C_ADJ)	Adjective + Noun Adjective + Verb Adjective + Adjective	साफ-सुथरे( <i>saaf-suthre</i> ) पौष्टिक-आहार( <i>poshtik-aahar</i> ) مکمل ہونا( <i>mukamal-hona</i> ) احتیاط برتیں( <i>ahtyaat-bartein</i> )
<b>Compound Adverb</b> (MWE_C_ADV)	Adverb + Adverb Adverb + Verb Adverb + Noun	निवारक-दर्द( <i>nivarak-dard</i> ) तेज-चलना( <i>tej-chalna</i> ) رجانہ-ورجس( <i>rojana-varjis</i> ) چالنے-پیدل( <i>paidal-chalne</i> )
<b>MWE_RP</b>	Reduplicative Tags	धीरे-धीरे( <i>dheere-dheere</i> ) ठीक-ठाक( <i>theek-thaak</i> ) चुप-चाप( <i>chup-chaap</i> ) آہستہ - آہستہ( <i>aahista-aahista</i> ) رفتہ-رفتہ( <i>raftah-raftah</i> )
<b>MWE_ECH</b>	Echo words	अलग-थलग( <i>alag-thalag</i> ) टेढा-मेढा( <i>tedha-medha</i> ) چاڑے-वाڑے( <i>chaay-vaay</i> ) چھوٹی-मोٹی( <i>chhoti-mooti</i> )
<b>MWE_A</b>	Abbreviated Words.	कि.मी.( <i>ki.mi.</i> ) ई.पू.( <i>ii.pu.</i> ) टी.बी.( <i>T.B.</i> ) टी.वी.( <i>T.V.</i> )
<b>MWE_IP</b>	Idiomatic phrases	सरकलमकरना( <i>sarqalamkarna</i> ) دلबाغباغہونا( <i>dilbaghbaghhona</i> ) अन्धकेहाथबटेर( <i>andheke hath bater</i> ) एकपंथदोकाज( <i>ekpanth do kaaj</i> )
<b>MWE_C_S</b>	Samaas	लौहपुरुष( <i>lauhpurush</i> ) रसोईघर( <i>rasoighar</i> ) पीताम्बर( <i>peetambar</i> )

### B. MWE identification Algorithm

The tagset of MWEs is used to develop the MWE identification algorithm. The following approach is used to detect various types of bigrams, MWEs, and compound words in Hindi and Urdu corpora. This algorithm is applied on corpora of 60,000 sentences and gets the millions of bigrams or MWEs. All bigrams were not accurate so unique and valid MWEs were identified manually for both Hindi and Urdu. Total 1,892 MWEs for Hindi and 1,475 MWEs

for Urdu were extracted. Here, idioms are also identified from following algorithm [38].

#### Algorithm for Compound Tags

- Step 1: Take an input file as tagged Hindi or Urdu Corpora.
- Step 2: Apply the MWE rules on input file.
- Step 3: Perform pattern matching-

(a) Extract as MWE\_C\_N tag if tagged words are mapped with "NN+NN" or "NN+JJ" or "NN+RB" or "NN+VM" pattern rules.

(b) Extract as MWE\_C\_V tag if tagged words are mapped using "VM+VM" or "VM+VAUX" pattern rules.

(c) Extract as MWE\_C\_ADJ tag if tagged words are mapped with "JJ+JJ" or "JJ+NN" or "JJ+VM" pattern rules.

(d) Extract as MWE\_C\_ADV tag if tagged words are mapped with "RB+RB" or "RB+NN" or "RB+VM" pattern rules.

Step 4: Obtain a list of all MWE tags for compound types.

#### Algorithm for Idiomatic Tags

Step 1: Take an input file of Hindi or Urdu raw corpora.

Step 2: Design a Knowledgebase of Hindi/Urdu Idioms from various sources.

Step 3: Use the idioms database to do surface matching.

Step 4: If surface matching of idioms is possible in the input file, those idioms are retrieved and labelled as MWE\_IP.

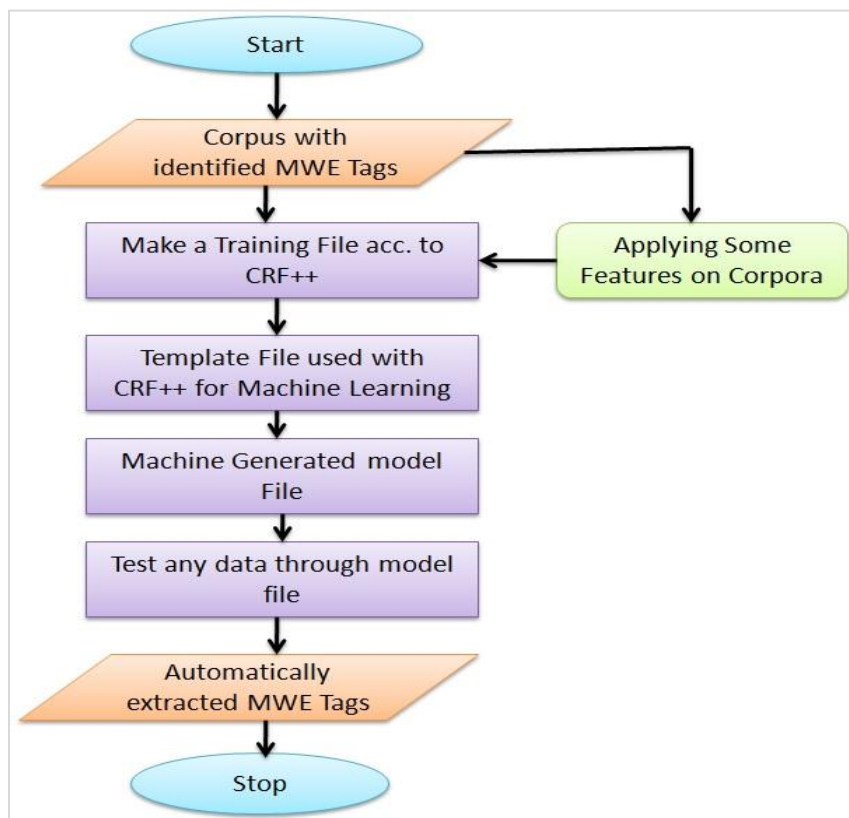
Step 5: Again, and again look for surface matching.

Step 6: When the entire corpus has been processed for surface matching, the algorithm is terminated.

While we've got the complete list of MWEs, some of them are invalid and should not be included. As a result, we need a Hindi and Urdu language expert in order to create a list of valid MWEs.

#### 3.3Phase-3 (Automatic extraction of MWE)

MWE tagged corpora are created by replacing a list of MWEs with POS tagged corpora. A training file for machine learning can then be created by applying feature extraction to the corpora. After training, we can test our unannotated data and automatically extract the multiword expression. Prepare the training file first for automatic multiword expression extraction, and then use CRF++ models to process the training file. Overall flowchart for automatic extraction of MWEs from text is presented in following Figure 3.



**Figure 3** Flowchart of proposed approach for automatic extraction of MWE



### A. Preparation of training & test file:

If we want to train the system for automatic extraction of MWEs through machine learning models then we must follow the constraint of those models. These constraints are as follows-

- Training file must have some features.
- For training, huge amount of data set required.
- In training file, there must be separation between sentences.
- It should be designed as prescribed format given by CRF++ model.

Here, we are creating different types of training files by applying some features. Through these training

files, we will train the system and then we will test the test files with respect to generated model file. Here, we are designed three types of training file as follows:

#### (i) Training File (Type-I):

This type of training file consists of two features. The following words are connected with these characteristics:

- Determine the length of the input words.
- Associate the tag of input words

Then format of training is as follows in *Figures 4 and 5*.

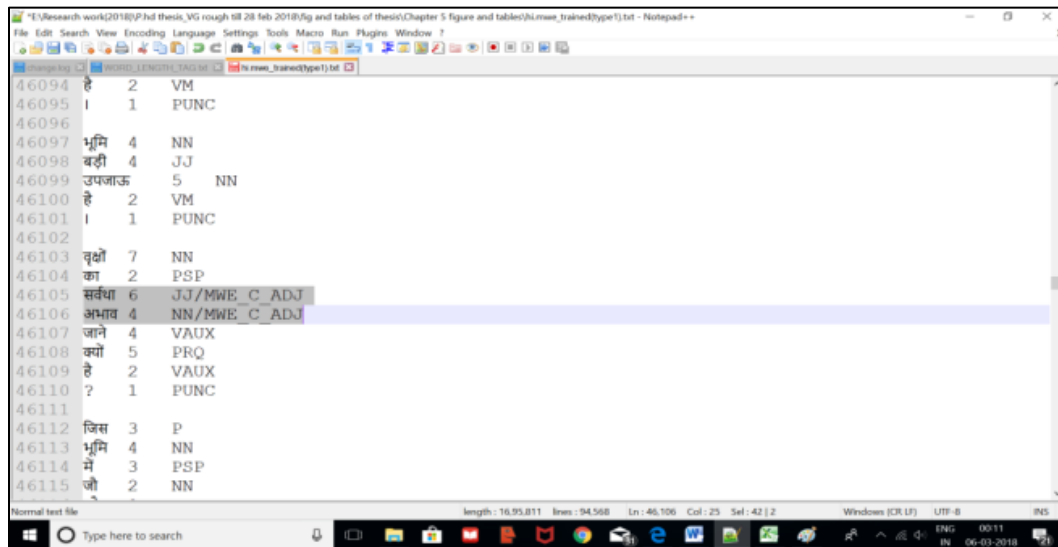


Figure 4 MWE tagged Hindi corpora sample training file (Type-I)

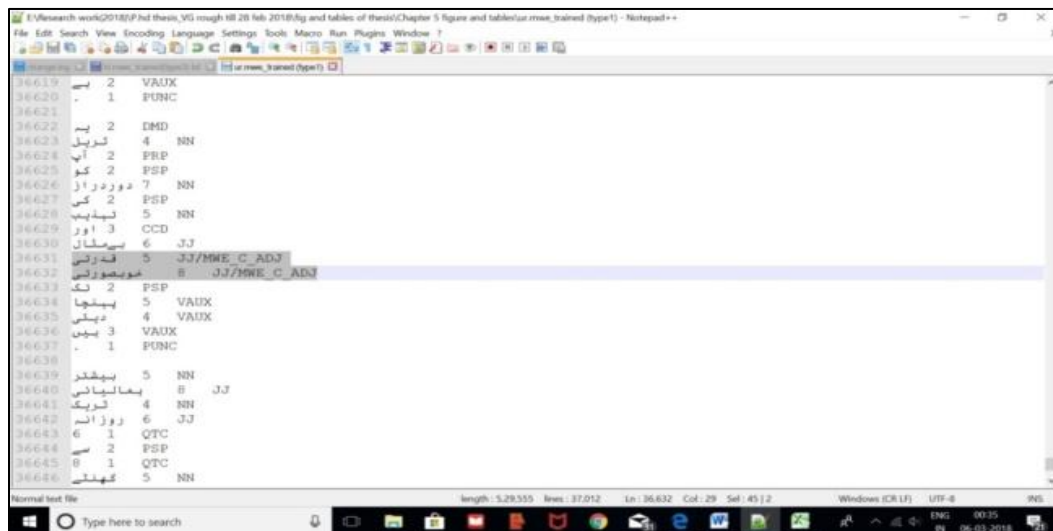


Figure 5 MWE tagged Urdu corpora sample training file (Type-I)

(ii) **Training file (Type-II):** Second training file is created by applying 13 features such as-

- Extract prefixes up to 4 characters in length (1st to 4th feature)
- Extract the suffixes up to a maximum length of 7 characters (5th to 11th feature)
- Work out how long each word is (12th feature)

- Assign the MWE tag to words as a final feature (13th feature)

Through use of these features to the MWE tagged file, we obtain the training file shown in *Figures 6 and 7*

Line	Word	Prefix (1-4)	Suffix (1-7)	Length	MWE Tag
725090	यहाँ	यहाँ	यहाँ	4	DMD
725091	के	के	के	2	PSP
725092	गैरहाउस	गैरहाउस	गैरहाउस	9	NN
725093	क्योंकि	क्योंकि	क्योंकि	7	CCS
725094	संदेश	संदेश	संदेश	8	NN
725095	में	में	में	3	PSP
725096	यहाँ	यहाँ	यहाँ	4	DMD
725097	के	के	के	2	PSP
725098	अधिक	अधिक	अधिक	7	QTF
725099	होटल	होटल	होटल	4	NN
725100	बंद	बंद	बंद	3	NN
725101	हो	हो	हो	2	VM
725102	जाते	जाते	जाते	4	VAUX
725103	हैं	हैं	हैं	3	VAUX
725104	।	।	।	1	PUNC
725105	मसलन	मसलन	मसलन	4	NN
725107	आप	आप	आप	2	PRP
725108	पदमा	पदमा	पदमा	4	NNP
725109	गैरहाउस	गैरहाउस	गैरहाउस	5	NN/MWE_C_N
725110	होटल	होटल	होटल	4	NN/MWE_C_N
725111	(	(	(	1	SYM
725112	www	www	www	3	RDF
725113	.	.	.	1	PUNC

Figure 6 MWE tagged Hindi corpora sample training file (Type-II)

Line	Word	Prefix (1-4)	Suffix (1-7)	Length	MWE Tag
33489	ای	ای	ای	2	PRP
33490	علاقہ	علاقہ	علاقہ	5	NN
33491	میں	میں	میں	3	PSP
33492	گھومنے	گھومنے	گھومنے	6	NN
33493	زینے	زینے	زینے	4	NN
33494	میں	میں	میں	3	VAUX
33495	.	.	.	1	PUNC
33496	بندہ	بندہ	بندہ	8	NNP
33497	قومی	قومی	قومی	4	JJ
33498	پارک	پارک	پارک	4	NN
33499	ایک	ایک	ایک	3	QTC
33500	جیتا	جیتا	جیتا	4	JJ/MWE_C_ADJ
33501	جیتا	جیتا	جیتا	5	JJ/MWE_C_ADJ
33502	میں	میں	میں	6	NN
33503	میں	میں	میں	2	VAUX
33504	.	.	.	1	PUNC
33505	یہ	یہ	یہ	2	DMD
33506	کیا	کیا	کیا	3	VAUX
33507	جانا	جانا	جانا	4	VAUX
33508	میں	میں	میں	2	VAUX
33509	کی	کی	کی	2	NN
33510	تقریباً	تقریباً	تقریباً	7	QTF
33511	2000	2000	2000	4	QTC
33512	سال	سال	سال	3	NN
33513	قبل	قبل	قبل	3	NET
33514	بہکان	بہکان	بہکان	6	NN

Figure 7 MWE tagged Urdu corpus sample training file (Type-II)

We've been using the above training file with the template file to train the CRF++ model, then generating the model file after learning.

- Associate the root form of input word as a 13<sup>th</sup> feature and last feature will be associated as a tag. So, we can see additional feature “root” in 13<sup>th</sup>column [39, 40] of below training file in *Figure 8* and *9*.

**(iii) Training file (Type-III):** In this type of training file, we are associated one another feature in training file type-II. Here another feature is

**Figure 8** MWE tagged Hindi corpora sample training file (Type-III)

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1091	قصيد	ق	قصيد	قصيد	قصيد	قصيد	قصيد	قصيد	قصيد	قصيد
1092	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه
1093	اور	اور	اور	اور	اور	اور	اور	اور	اور	اور
1094	ثورست	ثورست	ثورست	ثورست	ثورست	ثورست	ثورست	ثورست	ثورست	ثورست
1095	اصهات	اصهات	اصهات	اصهات	اصهات	اصهات	اصهات	اصهات	اصهات	اصهات
1096	ك	ك	ك	ك	ك	ك	ك	ك	ك	ك
1097	ظور	ظور	ظور	ظور	ظور	ظور	ظور	ظور	ظور	ظور
1098	پ	پ	پ	پ	پ	پ	پ	پ	پ	پ
1099	ا	ا	ا	ا	ا	ا	ا	ا	ا	ا
1100	ر	ر	ر	ر	ر	ر	ر	ر	ر	ر
1101	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه
1102	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه
1103	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه
1104	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه
1105	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه
1106	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه
1107	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه
1108	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه
1109	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه
1110	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه
1111	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه
1112	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه
1113	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه
1114	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه
1115	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه
1116	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه
1117	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه
1118	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه	ه

Normal file Length: 27,302 Bins: 37,312 Lin: 1,109 Col: 97 Sel: 145 [2] Windows (CR LF) UTF-8 BPS

**Figure 9** MWE tagged Urdu corpora sample training file (Type-III)

**Testing file:** To test the raw corpora, we have designed the test corpora similar to training corpora without MWE tags such test\_type1, test\_type2 and test\_type3. Using model file, we can predict the

MWE tags for giving three test data files. Here, we are showing snapshot of test\_type3 file and output file of test data (tested file) for Urdu language only as follows in *Figures 10 and 11*.

Figure 10 Sample MWE testing file (Type-III) of Urdu corpora for CRF++

Figure 11 Sample tested file (Type-III) of MWE tagged Urdu corpora given by CRF++

Both Hindi and Urdu corpora were used for training and testing. After the automatic extraction of MWE tags, assignments of MWE tags are replaced on raw tagged corpora. Then evaluation of above algorithms has been performed in the next section.

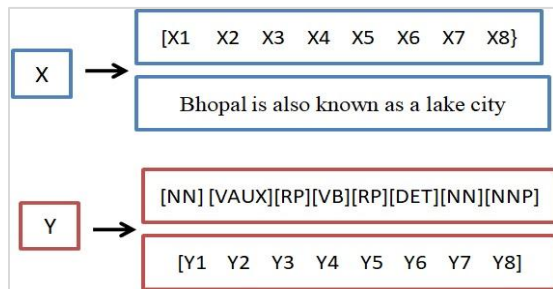
### B. Conditional random field (CRF++) Model:

CRF is a sequential data labelling approach based on statistical modelling. It's a graphical model with no instructions for selecting the data sequence. CRF++ [41] is an example of a single exponential model or tool. In CRF++, we can use the previous tag, current tag, and future tag window frames at the same time. As a result, the probability of a certain tag can be estimated simultaneously with respect to previous and future tags. In general, CRF++ can be considered as a set of factors (features), which represent the relation between a number of variables. Suppose, we have input variable and target variable for Image segmentation and text processing as the format in Figure 12:

	Input Variable X	Target Variable Y
Image Segmentation	Pixel Values & processed features	Class for every pixels (e.g. grass, water, low etc)
Text Processing	Words in Sentences	Label of words (e.g. Person, time, location etc)

**Figure 12** Sample Dataset for CRF++ model

Through the Figure 12, we can see that text can have two variables such as words and their labels. To present the relation between words and tags, we require any model. In our research work, we are dealing with CRF++ for text processing. Therefore, we are taking an example of POS tagging to understand the working of conditional random field model which is shown in Figure 13.



**Figure 13** Example of POS tagging for CRF++ model

In Figure 13, if input variable (X) are words and want to predict the class of word as a target variable. Then, one way to predict the class of word is to calculate the probability distribution in CRF++ model as follows:

Model the conditional distribution =  $P(Y | X)$

To predict the sequence, compute:

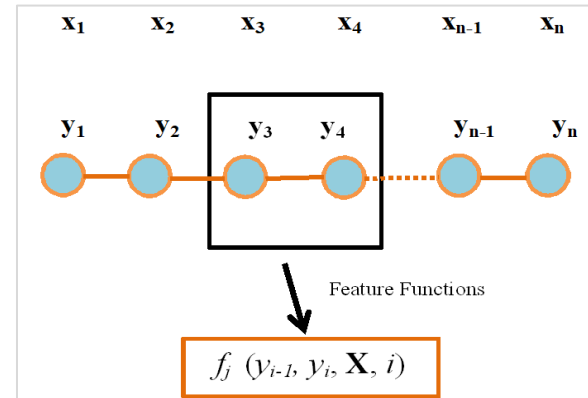
$$Y^* = \arg \max P(Y | X)$$



$Y^*$  must be able to compute it efficiently.

### Feature functions for CRF:

Feature functions can be calculated by using neighbour information as like the following Figure 14.



**Figure 14** Calculating feature functions in CRF model

In Figure 14, label sequence model is a normalized product of feature functions. These features such as  $x$  &  $y$  are presented in Equation 1 and Equation 2 as follows.

$$P(y | x, \lambda) = \frac{1}{Z(x)} \exp \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_j \lambda_j f_j(y_{i-1}, y_i, x, i) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Where } Z(x) = \sum_{y \in Y} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_j \lambda_j f_j(y_{i-1}, y_i, x, i) \quad (2)$$

The CRF++ model represents as a log-linear on the feature functions. By above formulae, we can estimate the expected level of target values.

CRF++, on the other hand, can train a significantly larger number of label distributions for two reasons:



- CRF++ allows you to define a vast number of features: Unlike HMMs, which are forced to be local (due to binary transition and emission transition functions that force each word to depend only on the current label and each label to depend only on the previous label), CRF++ can use a wide range of global characteristics.
- For learning, CRF++ has an arbitrary weight. As a result, we should understand how to learn feature weights using CRF++. One technique is to employ the gradient descent method.

If we've trained our CRF++ model for POS tagging, and then a fresh sentence is presented as an input, how can we label it? Then, the naive approach is to calculate  $p(l|s)$  for each possible labelling  $l$ , then choose the label with the highest probability. There are  $k^m$  possible labels for a tagset of size ' $k$ ' and a phrase of length ' $m$ ' because there are  $k^m$  possible labels for a tagset of size ' $k$ ' and a sentence of length ' $m$ '. This method would need checking for an infinite number of labels.

Finally, realising that CRF++ has an optimal value enables us to utilise a dynamic programming technique to discover the most accurate and optimal label or tag. In our research work, we used the MWE tagged corpora to train the machine using CRF++ model for automatic extraction of MWEs. For training purpose, we employed 55k sentence of MWE tagged corpora.

### 3.4Phase-4(Results & Performance Evaluation)

The list of MWE tags were produced as an output by the help of proposed system. The list generated of MWE tags contains compound words of noun, verb, adjective and adverb as a collocation. Some collocations were not valid then replacing of incorrect tags has been performed on MWE tag list. Finally list of valid MWEs were created and according to this list, the MWEs on the tagged raw corpora were assigned. Also, the set of unique MWEs were designed. Numbers of generated MWEs are shown in following Table 5.

**Table 5** No. of Generated MWEs by proposed algorithm and some are collected manually

S. No.	Bigrams/MWE	Hindi language		Urdu language	
		Our corpus	Database (Unique Entity/ Non-Repetitive data)	Our Corpus	Database (Unique Entity/ Non-Repetitive data)
1	Total No. of MWE_C_N	1,55,051	646	1,71,093	610
2	Total No. of MWE_C_V	705	88	788	77
3	Total No. of MWE_C_ADJ	37,583	511	36,533	628
4	Total No. of MWE_C_ADV	1,135	419	1,164	339
5	Total No. of MWE_RP	1322	42	1,465	36
6	Total No. of MWE_ECH	22	13	26	9
7	Total No. of MWE_A	1385	59	848	45
8	Total No. of MWE_IP	3394	3394	2807	2807
9	Total No. of MWE_S	490	96	NA	NA

#### Human evaluation:

The performance of the proposed system is evaluated by asking a human expert to identify MWEs from a test corpus of 500 sentences [42]. Same sentences were given to the multiword expression extraction algorithm. After this the precision, recall and f-measure were calculated by using the Equation 3, 4 and 5.

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{\# \text{Matches}}{\# \text{MachinegeneratedOutput}} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{\# \text{Matches}}{\# \text{ActualtotalOutput}} \quad (4)$$

$$F - \text{Measure} = \frac{2 \times P \times R}{P + R} \quad (5)$$

Here, precision was calculated by the total no. of output matches between human and machine divided by the total no. of MWE identified by machine. Recall was computed by the total no. of output matches between human and machine divided by the total no. of MWEs identified by the human expert and finally, f-measure was calculated by a combination of precision and recall. The accuracy of system can be measured on the basis of these following evaluation parameters. The accuracy of system is shown in below Table 6 and Table 7 for Hindi and Urdu respectively.



**Table 6** Human evaluation of complete system for Hindi

Parameters		Training File (Type-I)	Training File (Type-II)	Training File (Type-III)
No. of Sentences as an Input		500	500	500
Machine generated MWE		294	316	343
Human generated MWE	Human Expert(H1)	402	402	402
	Human Expert(H2)	391	391	391
	Human Expert (H3)	407	407	407
Matched MWEs		198	244	278
H1	Precision	67.34	77.21	81.04
	Recall	49.25	60.69	69.15
	F-measure	56.89	67.96	74.61
H2	Precision	67.34	77.21	81.04
	Recall	50.63	62.40	71.09
	F-measure	57.80	69.01	75.73
H3	Precision	67.34	77.21	81.04
	Recall	48.64	59.95	68.30
	F-measure	56.48	67.49	74.12

**Table 7** Human evaluation of complete system for Urdu

Parameters		Training File (Type-I)	Training File (Type-II)	Training File (Type-III)
No. of Sentences as an Input		500	500	500
Machine generated MWE		294	316	343
Human generated MWE	Human Expert(H1)	411	411	411
	Human Expert(H2)	397	397	397
	Human Expert (H3)	403	403	403
Matched MWEs		202	251	267
H1	Precision	68.70	79.43	77.84
	Recall	49.14	61.07	64.96
	F-measure	57.29	69.05	70.81
H2	Precision	68.70	79.43	77.84
	Recall	50.88	63.22	67.25
	F-measure	58.46	70.40	72.65
H3	Precision	68.70	79.43	77.84
	Recall	50.12	62.28	66.25
	F-measure	57.95	69.81	71.57

**Automatic evaluation:**

In this research work, automatic evaluation is done for the purpose of checking the performance of the system. For automatic evaluation, a confusion matrix is created. Through the confusion matrix, we obtained the precision, recall, f-measure and accuracy of each and every MWE tags. For development of confusion matrix, two files, one of gold data and another of test data with 1,000 sentences were considered and compared by calculating the exact matched and unmatched tags. Gold data means correctly tagged data by human expert which is used for mapping with machine generated data for

evaluation purpose. The *Table 8* and *Table 9* and *Figure 15* and *Figure 16* illustrates the precision, recall, f-measure and accuracy of the MWE tags for Hindi and Urdu language consecutively.

Here we are designing confusion matrix for tested file of type-III only, because we have seen that type-III tested file produces maximum accuracy score in human evaluation method. Therefore, automatic evaluation is also performed for only type-III tested data.

**Evaluation of Hindi MWE tags:****Table 8** Evaluation of Hindi MWE tags using confusion matrix

MWE Tags	Precision	Recall	F-measure	Accuracy
MWE_C_N	0.9718	0.862	0.9139	0.9353
MWE_C_V	1.0	0.888	0.9411	0.9898
MWE_C_ADJ	0.9019	0.884	0.8932	0.9444
MWE_C_ADV	0.7692	1.0	0.8695	0.9851
MWE_C_S	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
MWE_RP	0.8666	1.0	0.9285	0.9696
MWE_ECH	0.6666	1.0	0.80	0.9850
MWE_A	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

**Figure 15** Confusion Matrix of Hindi MWEs evaluation

**Table 9** Evaluation of Urdu MWE tags using confusion matrix

MWE Tags	Precision	Recall	F-measure	Accuracy
MWE_C_N	1.0	0.789	0.913	0.914
MWE_C_V	1.0	1.0	0.941	1.0
MWE_C_ADJ	0.93	0.93	0.8932	0.954
MWE_C_ADV	0.50	1.0	0.869	0.977
MWE_RP	0.80	0.8	0.928	0.954
MWE_ECH	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.0
MWE_A	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
MWE_IP	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Overall System	0.9318	0.872	0.901	0.9662

		C	D	D	I	I	M	M	M	M	M	M	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	Q	Q	R	R	V
		C	M	M	N	N	A	A	C	C	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	
		C	D	D	R	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	
CC	<165>	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	
DMD	<184>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	2	.	16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
DMR	3	<.>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
INJ	.	.	.	.	<1>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	
INTF	.	.	.	.	<18>	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14	1	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	1	
JJ	.	.	.	.	<238>	1	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	135	18	.	.	1	.	6	.	1	.	4	
MWE_C_ADJ	.	.	.	.	20	<30>	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	25	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	
MWE_C_ADV	.	.	.	.	.	<2>	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
MWE_C_N	.	.	.	.	6	2	.	<30>	.	.	.	.	32	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	
MWE_C_V	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	<10>	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	
MWE_ECH	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<2>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
MWE_RP	.	.	.	.	3	.	2	.	.	.	.	<8>	3	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
NEG	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<32>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
NN	1	7	.	.	1	108	1	.	7	1	.	.	1<2067>	89	3	3	19	.	11	.	.	.	3	80	
NNP	.	7	.	.	.	81	.	.	.	.	.	.	512	<301>	.	4	9	.	5	.	.	.	.	25	
NST	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	9	2	<60>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	
PRP	.	13	.	.	.	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	36	3	.	<225>	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	
PSP	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	<1323>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
PUNC	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	.	.	.	<501>	.	.	.	.	.	.	14	
QT	.	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	29	4	.	1	.	<132>	.	.	.	.	.	1	
QTF	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	29	<.>	.	.	.	.	.	.	
RB	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<.>	1	.	
RPD	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<148>	.	
VAUX	.	.	.	.	.	7	.	.	1	.	.	.	61	3	.	4	1	2	.	.	.	.	<514>	46	
VM	.	.	.	.	.	9	.	.	2	.	.	.	94	10	.	3	1	3	.	.	.	.	64	<73>	

(row = reference; col = test)

Figure 16 Confusion matrix of Urdu MWEs evaluation

#### 4. Discussions with comparative analysis

Type-3 training file is compared to Type-2 and Type-1 training files in terms of Hindi and Urdu language. Table 10 and Table 11 shows the result of a comparative analysis.

According to Table 10, when compared to type-2 and type-1 training files, the most accurate training file is type-3, which contains 13 features. There are fewer features in type-2 and type-1 training files here than in type-3 training files. For the machine learning approach, it is better to have more features associated

with the training file, as shown in below Table 10.

The CRF++ machine learning model has three different types of training files, and we've done the same for the Urdu language. Type-3 training files produce better accuracy, precision, recall, and f-measure parameters when also used with Urdu corpora. We can conclude that a training file with a large number of features is the most accurate, based on the below Table 11. A complete list of abbreviations is shown in Appendix I.

Table 10 Comparative analysis among 3 types of training files in Hindi

Evaluation Parameters	Type-1	Type-2	Type-3
Precision	0.6967	0.7431	0.9073
Recall	0.7235	0.7661	0.907
F-measure	0.7026	0.7541	0.9073
Accuracy	0.7334	0.8991	<b>0.9682</b>

Table 11 Comparative analysis among 3 types of training files in Urdu

Evaluation Parameters	Type-1	Type-2	Type-3
Precision	0.6551	0.7681	0.9318
Recall	0.6432	0.7497	0.872
F-measure	0.6532	0.7615	0.901
Accuracy	0.6973	0.7829	<b>0.9662</b>

There are some limitations to our proposed approach such as-

- Approach is language specific; if we want to apply it to another language, we must identify the MWEs in that language in order to prepare a training file.

- CRF++'s training file adheres to a specific format.

- Every one of the training files is used to train the machine learning algorithm.

## 5. Conclusion and future work

In this research, we have discussed the identification and extraction of Hindi and Urdu language MWEs. It was difficult to extract MWE because of its unique composition and behaviour. Automated, semi-automatic, and manual techniques are used to identify MWE candidates. The vast majority of idiomatic expressions are compiled by hand. We used pre-processing to choose the only valid MWE after collecting all forms of multiword. These valid MWE tags were used to annotate the Hindi and Urdu corpora. MWE tags were used instead of POS tags (compound words or multiword) in the annotation. Annotated corpora can be used to improve MT by correctly predicting the combination of words.

This paper proposes a method for identifying and extracting MWEs from Indian languages like Hindi and Urdu. Pattern-based rules are used to identify the MWE in a corpus. MWE tagsets are made up of a list of all the MWEs that have been found. Later, new MWE tags were added to the previously-labeled datasets, which resulted in fresh datasets with new MWE tags. A training file for corpora in both languages was created using some features, and the CRF++ model was nourished this file as input to train the machine, which was then tested and evaluated. Comparing gold and test data files yielded a confusion matrix of 1,000 sentences each from the Hindi and Urdu languages for testing purposes. The system's 96.82 % accuracy in Hindi and 96.62 % accuracy in Urdu were calculated. The size of the training corpus can be expanded in the future in order to improve the efficiency and reliability of this system for automatically identifying and extracting MWEs. New tags like MWE\_NE can be added in the future to expand on this work.

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### Appendix I

S. No.	Abbreviation	Description
1	API	Application Programming Interface
2	AM	Association Measures
3	CRF	Conditional Random Field
4	HMM	Hidden Markov Model
5	LLR	Log Likelihood Ratio
6	MT	Machine Translation
7	MWE	Multiword Expression
8	MWEs	Multiword Expressions
9	NLP	Natural Language Processing
10	PMI	Pointwise Mutual Information
11	POS	Part of Speech