

People are using a lot of machine language translations (MT). Do the benefits of this outweigh the disadvantages?

In this modernized world, whether the popularity and importance of Machine Translations have grown has sparked many debates. Some people assert that these machines may not take the place of humans in the field of interpreting due to its demerits, whereas many others argue that the use of MTs is a handy solution to have an international interaction. I strongly agree with the former side.

Convincing arguments can ~~be made~~ that the role of human wisdom in translating is of paramount significance, which provides comprehensive weaknesses for MTs. To start with, languages are complex, and sometimes hard to be fully understood or convert the actual message of the context; hence, we need to take into account the relationship between the speakers and their situation. For this reason, translators can use their wisdom to fully realize these occasions to spring up the level of accuracy of translated contexts. For instance, understanding the different meanings of "lookout", one of which ~~one of them~~ is "be careful" and another is "bring your head out and see".

Moreover, languages have sophisticate structures, various grammar, parts of speech or meanings. Therefore, even a human may find it challenging to decide on the correct form. In other words, it is hard for MTs to choose accurate and meaningful terms, and most of the time they would go with the most frequent one rather than the specific and precise one. Consequently, eventually, we have nothing but some meaningless contexts. Thus, Machine Translations are indeed defective and unreliable compared to human translation.

Admittedly, since these machines are still in their early stages and more innovative solutions are needed, with the pace of technological development and the introduction of artificial intelligence, the level of accuracy of MTs will boost down the road. Even so, the supervision of human translators with their wisdom is necessary for a more suitable final result.

In summary, I would concede that although it is predicted that the popularity of MT will continue to flourish in the future, these machines might not be in a position to take on this role ~~on~~ of humans due to complexity and variety of languages; so, its pertinent demerits outweigh its merits for the time being.