

Integrated Problem and Decision Reporting Retrospection into the Translation Process

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Abstract

Over the years, many scholars and researchers have been interested in finding out what happens in translator's mind during the translation process. Similarly, instructors and students in the field of translation are interested to know the sources of translation problems. The traditional methods would allow the instructors to examine the translation on the basis of product. However, nowadays the traditional approach is outdated by the advent of several methods which can capture the translation process, the student's decisions, problems, solutions and etc. One of these methods is Integrated Problem and Decision Reporting (IPDR) applied for examining translations (Gile, 1979). Resorting to IPDR, the present study aims at investigating the translation process, finding out the main problems occurred in the translation, and the techniques used by the subjects during the translation process. In this regard, ten M.A students studying at Islamic Azad University Science and Research Branch were selected through convenience sampling. They were asked to translate three pieces of informative texts distributed among them in three sessions. They were also asked to retrospectively report about their translation problems and techniques they used to solve them. The analyses revealed that the subjects had problems in all three categories i.e. lexical, structural and pragmatic. However, the main translation problems were lexical problems and the most frequent technique used for solving lexical problems was 'description'.

Keywords: translation process, Integrated Problem and Decision Reporting (IPDR), retrospection, translation problems, translation techniques

INTRODUCTION

According to Bassnett (2002), until the 1980, translation was perceived an unscientific and a secondary activity. It was used in service of studying the comparative literature or as a way of foreign language learning process not as a scientific, independent field. Rather, studying translation was perceived as sub-branch of linguistics. Similarly, Christensen and Shchjoldager (2011) believe that translation research was traditionally

product-oriented. It means it focused merely on linguistic and textual descriptions of translated texts. Consequently, translations were evaluated in light of the result or the product of the act of translation. However, by the 1980s, the table turned. Translation studies emerged as an independent discipline and grew considerably. During the 1990s, increasing attention was given to process-oriented descriptive translation studies (Gandomkar & Karimnia, 2013). Alongside the theoretical developments, methodological trends developed parallel to study the translation process.

According to Dam-Jensen and Hein (2009), until the last part of the 20th century studying the translation process was sought by looking at the translation product with developing new methods of capturing the translation process, various aspects of translation process can be identified. According to Massey and Ehrensberger-Dow (2010), a number of scholars have discovered various methods to uncover the "black box" of the translator's mind. Hansen (2008) divided these methods into two categories namely qualitative and quantitative. He mentioned introspection methods like Think Aloud (TA), retrospection and questionnaires as the most popular qualitative methods. Gopferich and Jaaskelainen (2009) suggest that the earlier empirical studies of translation processes used mainly by verbalization or Think Aloud Protocols. However, today the domain of methods is expanded. Krings (2005) provided a model of basic methods applied in the translation process. In this model, he distinguished between offline and online methods in terms of the time of data collection; i.e. whether they co-occur with the translation process or whether they are produced after the translation process. Retrospection as offline methods "takes place after the task performance" (Jääskeläinen & Göpferich, 2009, p.71). Christensen and Schjoldager (2011) also believe that retrospective verbalizations consist of "specific or general comments about a given task" (p. 121).

One of the retrospective methods used for investigating the translation process is Integrated Problem and Decision Reporting (IPDR). This method was introduced by Daniel Gile (1979). As he (2004) argued, one of the challenges the instructors have is to know how to interpret the student's translations and to identify their problems and decisions. The other is how to monitor and evaluate the whole class or group of students. To meet this objective, he applied IPDR method in his classrooms where he was teaching scientific and technical translation from Japanese into French.

Integrated Problem and Decision Reporting (IPDR) as a systematic retrospection method introduced by Gile in 1979. As he (2004) explains, through this method students can write a report in which they describe about the problems they had encountered in translation, the strategies and sources they had used to solve those problems. Hansen (2006) agrees, when translating by means of IPDR method, "the subjects are assigned a realistic translation task with a translation brief and are asked to comment on every problem they meet during the translation process." (p.5). According to Gile (2004, p.8), IPDR was firstly developed with teaching and training purpose, but it is also then proved to be a useful research tool. Furthermore, Dam-Jensen and Heine (2009) pointed out that "IPDR was developed as a tool for studying student's decision-making in translation" (p. 5).

There are few studies on the translation problems and proper solutions at the same time. One of them is a study conducted by Maher (2010) who tried to explore the translation problems that students of Al Quds Open University faced during the translation process from English to Arabic. Another similar study was conducted by Benfoughal (2010). He carried out a study to find problems that third year students faced in translating from English into Arabic and the strategies they used to solve the problem. He used Ghazala's translation problems categorization as a framework.

One of the scholars who tried to apply Gile's method of IPDR was Gyde Hansen (2004). He conducted the Copenhagen Retrospection Project in CBS in 2004. His project consisted of comparing several methods of " introspection, the Integrated Problem and Decision Report (IPDR), Retrospection with Replay with Translog (R+Rp) and Retrospection with Replay combined with cognitive clarification via an Immediate Dialogue (ID) between the subject and the observer (R+Rp+ID)" (Hansen, 2006, p.2). His main goal was to compare these methods and discuss them in terms of their applicability. Furthermore, he compared methods based on their influence they have on the number of problems and decisions of the students.

THIS STUDY

The problem and purpose introduced above were realized in the form of research questions as follows:

- What are the main problems of translators in the translation process?
- What are the techniques used by translators to address the translation problems?

METHOD

Participants

The participants of this study were selected from M.A students of Translation Studies from Islamic Azad University Science and Research Branch. All of them were in their last semester and had passed the required courses such as the Translation Models and Translation Workshop.

Instrumentations

Instruments used in this study include three translation tasks and three tables of lexical, structural and pragmatic problems. Each task was randomly selected from informative genre. Altogether, the students were supposed to translate each task and to comment retrospectively on the problems they encountered during the translation process.

Procedure

The subjects were selected through convenience sampling. They were given three English to Persian translation tasks. Each task was distributed among them in three separate

sessions. They were asked to translate them from English to Persian. After they finished their tasks, they were asked to provide a written report on their problems and the way they tried to solve them on the related tables already available for them to fill in. All of the translations and tables were checked carefully to see what types of problems had happened in each sessions and what types of techniques were used by the students to solve the related problems.

Data analysis

After the collection of the data, frequencies of the learners' problems in each problem categories and those of main used translation techniques were counted. They were classified and analyzed according to their percentages. In order to answer the questions of the present study both qualitative and quantitative analyses were done.

RESULTS

Investigation of the first research question

In order to answer the research question 1, the translations of students and the related tables were checked to find out the source of translation problems in one of the lexical, structural and pragmatic categories. For this research question the researchers put a step forward and tried to find out the specific translation problems in each of the problem categories. Tables 1, 2 and 3 were designed in order to display the frequency and percentage of the problems in separate sessions. The overall frequency and percentage of each problem type in all three sessions are displayed in table 4. Furthermore, the table 5, 6 and 7 were designed in order to display the specific problem types in each category.

Table 1. The Frequency and Percentage of the Problems in the First Session

NO of Students	Lexical	Percentage	Structural	Percentage	Pragmatic	Percentage
Student 1	11	24.44%	4	20%	0	0
Student 2	4	8.88%	1	5%	0	0
Student 3	3	6.66%	0	0	0	0
Student 4	2	4.44%	1	5%	0	0
Student 5	4	8.88%	2	10%	0	0
Student 6	3	1.11%	1	5%	0	0
Student 7	5	13.23%	1	5%	0	0
Student 8	1	2.22%	1	5%	2	100 %
Student 9	4	8.88%	0	0	0	0
Student 10	5	11.88%	9	45%	0	0
Total	42		20		2	

Table 2. The Frequency and Percentage of the Problems in the Second Session

NO of Students	Lexical	Percentage	Structural	Percentage	Pragmatic	Percentage
Student 1	8	21.05%	3	20%	2	33.33%

Student 2	2	10.52%	1	6.66%	0	0%
Student 3	0	0	1	6.66%	1	16.66%
Student 4	2	5.26%	0	0%	0	0%
Student 5	3	10.52%	1	6.66%	0	0%
Student 6	1	2.63%	0	0%	0	0%
Student 7	6	15.68%	2	13.33%	1	16.66%
Student 8	2	5.26%	0	0%	1	16.66%
Student 9	1	2.63%	0	0%	0	0
Student 10	10	36.31%	7	46.66%	1	16.66%
Total	35		15		6	

Table 3. The Frequency and Percentage of the Problems in the Third Session

NO of Student	Lexical	Percentage	Structural	Percentage	Pragmatic	Percentage
Student 1	5	33.33%	1	8.33%	0	0%
Student 2	2	13.33%	1	8.33%	0	0%
Student 3	0	0	2	8.33%	1	33.33%
Student 4	2	13.33%	0	0%	0	0%
Student 5	1	6.66%	1	68.33%	0	0%
Student 6	1	6.66%	1	8.33%	0	0%
Student 7	1	6.66%	1	8.33%	2	66.66%
Student 8	0	0%	1	8.33%	0	0%
Student 9	1	6.66%	0	0%	0	0
Student 10	2	13.33%	5	41.66%	0	0%
Total	15		13		3	

Table 4. The Overall frequency and percentage of the Translation Problems

Problems	Overall Frequencies of the Three Sessions	Percentage
Lexical	92	60.92%
Structural	48	31.78%
Pragmatic	11	7.28%
Total	151	

Quantitatively speaking, based on the results displayed in table 4, it can be concluded that participants had translation problems in all three categories, i.e. lexical, structural and pragmatics; However, the lexical problems stand on top with 60.92%; the structural problems stand in the second place with 31.78%, and the pragmatic problems stand the last place with 7.28%.

For this research question the researcher went further and tried to figure out the most lexical, structural and pragmatic problem types. The results are shown respectively in the tables 5, 6 and 7.

Table 5. The Frequency and Percentage of the Specific Lexical Problem Types Occurred in Each Session

Lexical Problem Types	Session 1		Session 2		Session 3		Total F	Total %
	F	P	F	P	F	P		
Literal Meaning	13	30.95%	9	25.71%	1	6.66%	23	25%
Synonyms	8	19.04%	15	42.85%	2	8%	25	27.17%
Polysemy	1	2.38%	2	5.71%	1	6.66%	4	4.34%
Monosemy	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Collocations	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Idiomatic Expressions	2	4.76%	5	14.28%	6	40%	13	14.13%
Proverbs	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Metaphors	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Technical Terms	2	4.76%	0	0%	3	20%	5	5.43%
Proper Names	6	14.28%	2	5.71%	1	6.66%	9	9.78%
Titles	4	9.52%	0	0%	0	0%	4	4.34%
Political Organization	6	14.28%	2	5.71%	1	6.66%	9	9.78%
Geographical Terms	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Acronyms	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	1.02%
Abbreviations	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	1.02%
Total	42		35		15			

Table 6. The Frequencies and Percentages of the Specific Structural Problem Types Occurred in Each Session

Structural Problem type	Session1		Session 2		Session 3		Total F	Total %
	F	P	F	P	F	P		
Word order	2	10%	1	6.66%	2	15.38%	5	10.41%
Part of speech	3	15%	5	33.33%	2	15.38%	10	20.83%
Breaking complex sentences	4	20%	5	33.33%	1	7.69%	10	20.83%
Changing active to passive voice	7	35%	0	0%	4	30.76%	11	22.91%
Using English structure instead of Persian	4	20%	4	26.66%	4	30.76%	12	25%
Total	20		15		13			

Table 7. The Frequencies and Percentages of the Specific Pragmatic Problem Types Occurred in Each Session

Pragmatic Problem types	Session1		Session 2		Session 3		Total F	Total %
	F	P	F	P	F	P		
The profile & intention of the text producer	2	100%	3	50%	3	100%	8	72.72%
The target reader	0	0%	2	33.33%	0	0%	2	18.18%
The medium of communication	0	0%	1	16.66%	0	0%	1	9.09%
Place of production	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Time reception	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	2		6		3			

As the table 5 shows, the most lexical problem as reported by the participants was "synonymy" with 27.17%. However, The table , 6 shows that the most structural problem was "Using English structure instead of Persian" with 25%.Furthermore, the table 7 shows that 72.72% of participants had pragmatic problem type with "the profile and intention of the text producer". Tables 8, 9 and 10 represent some examples of translation problems the students faced during the translation sessions.

Table 8. Samples of Lexical Translation Problems

Lexical Problem	English	Persian
	1. More friendly 2. Anti-divorce 3. Pornography 3. A wife's identity was <u>Subsumed</u> under that of her husband..	سختگیری کمتری دارند. سازمان مبارزه با طلاق تصاویر محرک جنسی تحت لقای هویت همسر
Synonyms	1. Platform 2. Counter-productive 3. Offence	بنیاد بی حاصل اقدامی علیه
Polysemy	1. Gun 2. Offence	دستگاه جوشکاری انگ
Monosemy	—	—
Collocations	—	—
Idiomatic Expressions	1. Having an obscene article 2. Go through a shirt 3. It just goes right through 4. losing ground	داشتن قلمی توهین آمیز در نشر کتاب پیراهنم پاره می شود کار هر روزمه کم ارزش جلوه داده شد
Proverbs	—	—
Metaphors	—	—
Technical terms	1. Spot welder 2. Pornography	جوشکار پرنوگرافی

Proper names	Victorian notion	مفهوم طلاق در زمان ملکه ویکتوریا
Titles	1.Old Bailey 2.Gay News	دادگاه اصلی جنایی در لندن گی نیوز
Political organization	1.House of Parliament 2.Married Women's Property Acts	پارلمان مصوبه های مالکیت زنان متاهل
Geographical terms	_	_
Acronyms	_	_
Abbreviations	_	_

Table 9. Samples of Structural Translation Problems

Structural Problems	English	Persian
Word order	1.I pulled a muscle in my neck, straining	وقتی داشتم فشار وارد می کردم ماهیچه ی گردنم را کشیدم.
Part of speech	2.Women becoming more confident in their ability to survive outside of marriage 3.Amending 4. The opinions of experts on the poem's literary merits were ruled Inadmissible.	زنان توانایی و اعتماد به نفس برای زندگی خارج از ازدواج را پیدا می کردند اصلاحیه عقاید متخصصین در مورد فضائل ادبی شعر جایز نیست
Breaking the complex sentences	1. The Chatterley's Lover by D.H Lawrence was the subject of the case Regina v. Penguin books limited, heard at the Old Bailey in 1960. 2. This decision was reversed on appeal in 1986, and in 1974 the "not guilty" verdict on a paperback called Inside Linda Lovelace convinced prosecuting authorities that the pursuit of written works with the slightest pretension to serious purpose would be counter-productive; blasphemous, i.e. written or published with the malicious intends of outraging Christian sentiment or of misleading the uneducated on a sacred subject.	"معشوق خانم چترلی" موضوع قضیه ی رجینا در کتاب های محدود پنگوئن بود. این اثر توسط دی اچ لورنس نوشته شده و در سال ۱۹۶۰ در اولد بیللی نقل شده بود. این تصمیم با درخواستی در سال ۱۹۸۶ عوض شد و در سال ۱۹۷۴ رای "بی گناهی به جلد این کتاب زده شد و اعلام شد که این داستان مقاماتی که تعقیب کننده ی منتشرین این کتاب بودند را قانع کرد که پیگرد کتابهای منتشر شده با کمترین دعوی تا دلیل محکم نوعی تلافی و مبارزه و کفر آمیز است. این بدین معناست که آثار منتشر شده با مقاصد منفی مسیحیت را خدشه دار می کند یا افراد بیسواد را بر سر موضوعی مقدس گمراه می کند.
Changing active to passive voices	1.Defendants were allowed 2.Fundamentals of religion may be attacked without a person being guilty of blasphemous libel	به مدافعین اجازه دادند افرادی که با نوشتن مطالب توهین آمیز به اصول دین اهانت کرده اند گناهکار شمرده نمی شوند
Using Persian structure instead of English	1.I pulled a muscle in my neck, straining 2.This whole edge here is sharp 3. It was held	در حالی که سخت کار می کردم ماهیچه ی گردنم گرفت. تمام این لبه تیز است این اعتقاد وجود داشت

Table 10. Samples of Pragmatic Translation Problems

Pragmatic Problem	English	Persian
The profile & intention of the text producer	No-fault divorce	قانون طلاق توافقی
The target reader	The divorce reform platform in the late 1800s called in part for national uniformity in divorce laws... someone had to be at fault for breaking the marital contract, and someone had to be harmed by the other's actions.	برنامه کار جنبش اصلاحات طلاق در اواخر قرن ۱۹ فراخوانی داد که یکپارچگی قوانین طلاق را در سراسر کشور خواستار بود. در حال حاضر، تمام ایالات می‌توانند تعیین کنند که چه کسی می‌تواند در خواست طلاق کند و به چه دلایلی. در آن زمان، طلاق عملی جنجالی بود که در آن یک طرف مقصر و طرف دیگر بی‌گناه تلقی می‌شد. یک طرف می‌بایست گناه شکستن تعهد ازدواج را به عهده می‌گرفت و طرف دیگر توسط او مورد ظلم واقع می‌شد.
The medium of communication	Victorian notion of separate	مفهوم طلاق در زمان ملکه ویکتوریا
Place of production	—	—
Time reception	—	—

Qualitatively speaking, the table 8 represents some examples of Lexical translation problems which were randomly selected from subject's written reports. One example of the most frequently occurred problems, i.e. synonyms is "Counter-productive" which was translated as "بی حاصل". It could be said that the most students had problems as how to find a proper equivalent or synonymy of a lexicon; however, no lexical problem was found in areas such as, Monosemy, Collocation, Proverbs, Metaphors, Geographical terms, Acronyms and Abbreviations.

The table 9 displays some examples of structural translation problems which were randomly selected from subjects written reports. The most frequently occurred structural problem is the problem of "Using English structure instead of Persian". When this problem occurs, the subjects don't know how to transfer the complicated structures or those which do not exist in Persian language. Thus, they tend to translate the English structures literally in Persian language. To avoid this kind of problem, subjects can use some translation techniques which will be discussed in the next section. One example reported by the subjects is: "I pulled a muscle in my neck, straining" which was translated as "در حالی که سخت کار می‌کردم ماهیچه‌ی گردنم گرفت".

The table 10 displays some examples of pragmatic problems which were randomly selected from the subject's written reports. The most frequently occurred problem was the problem of observing "the profile and intention of the text producer". For instance, a subject faced problem in translating "No fault divorce" and translated it as "قانون طلاق توافقی" to preserve what the author intended to express throughout the text. It should be noted that, no pragmatic problem was found in areas such as, "Time Reception" and "Place of Production".

Investigation of the second research question

Table 11, 12 and 13 were designed in order to display the frequencies and percentages of the techniques used by students to solve the related translation problems. In order to answer this question, all three translation reports of 10 participants were checked to see the most frequently used technique.

Table 11. The Frequencies and Percentages of Techniques Used to Solve the Lexical Problems

Lexical Translation Techniques	Session 1		Session 2		Session 3		Total F	Total l %
	F	P	F	P	F	P		
Calque	3	83.33%	0	0%	1	6.66%	4	4.34%
Borrowing	6	75%	2	5.71%	0	0%	8	8.69%
Amplification	5	30%	10	28.57%	4	26.66%	19	20.65%
Reduction	2	33.33%	0	0%	0	0%	2	2.17%
Particularization	2	50%	1	2.85%	1	6.66%	4	4.34%
Description	9	37.5%	9	25.71%	4	26.66%	22	23.91%
Literal Translation	4	36.36%	5	14.28%	2	13.33%	11	11.95%
Generalization	6	60%	3	8.57%	2	13.33%	11	11.95%
Established Equivalent	3	37.5%	4	11.42%	0	0%	7	7.60%
Other	2	50%	1	2.85%	1	6.66%	4	4.34%
Total	42		35		15			

Table 12. The Frequencies and Percentages of Techniques Used to Solve the Structural Problems

Translation Techniques	Session 1		Session 2		Session 3		Total F	Total %
	F	P	F	P	F	P		
Amplification	3	15%	4	26.66%	3	23.07%	10	20.83%
Transposition	5	25%	3	20%	4	30.76%	12	2.08%
Compensation	1	5%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2.08%
Modulation	10	50%	8	53.33%	6	46.15%	24	50%
Other	1	5%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2.08%
Total	20		15		13			

Table 13. The Frequencies and Percentages of Techniques Used to Solve the Pragmatic Problems

Translation Techniques	Session		Session 2		Session 3		Total F	Total %
	F	P	F	P	F	P		
Adaptation	0	0%	2	33.33%	0	0%	2	18.18%
Compression	0	0%	1	16.66%	0	0%	1	9.09%
Literal translation	0	0%	0	0%	1	33.33%	1	9.09%
Discursive creation	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Variation	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Amplification	1	50%	2	33.33%	1	33.33%	4	36.36%
Compensation	1	50%	1	16.66%	1	33.33%	3	27.27%
Other	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	2		6		3			

Based on the quantitative results displayed in table 4, it can be concluded that the most frequently used translation technique among all lexical problems was "Description" with 23.91%. This technique was used respectively 37.5% in the second session, 25.71% in the first session and 26.66% in the last session. However, table 5 revealed that most of participants used "Modulation" as a translation technique for solving their structural problems with 50%. This technique was used respectively 53.33% in the second session, 50% in the first session and 46.15% in the last session. Finally, table 10 displayed that "Amplification" is the most used translation technique among participants for solving the pragmatic problems with 36.36%. It's used respectively 50% in first session and 33.33% in both first and last sessions.

Table 14, 15 and 16 represents some examples of translation problems the students faced during the translation sessions and the related translation techniques they used in order to solve them.

Table 14. Samples of Lexical Translation Problems and the Related Techniques

Problem type	Techniques	English	Persian
Literal Meaning	Amplification	1. More friendly	سخنگیری کمتری
	Amplification	2. Anti-divorce	دارند.
	Description	3. Pornography	سازمان مبارزه با طلاق تصاویر محرک جنسی
	Established Equivalent	3. A wife's identity was <u>Subsumed</u> under that of her husband.	تحت لقای هویت همسر
Synonyms	Particularization	1. Platform	بنیاد
	Established equivalent	2. Counter-productive	بی حاصل
	Generalization	3. Offence	اقدامی علیه
Polysemy	Particularization	1. Gun	دستگاه جوشکاری
	Particularization	2. Offence	انگ
Monosemy	—	—	—
Collocations	—	—	—

Idiomatic Expressions	Description	1.Having an obscene article	داشتن قلمی توهین آمیز
	Description	2.Go through a shirt	در نشر کتاب
	Generalization	3.It just goes right through	پیراهنم پاره می شود
	Description	4.Losing ground	کار هر روزمه کم ارزش جلوه داده شد
Proverbs	=	=	=
Metaphors	=	=	=
Technical terms	Generalization	1.Spot welder	جوشکار
	Literal translation	2.Pornography	پرنوگرافی
Proper name	Description	Victorian notion	مفهوم طلاق در زمان ملکه ویکتوریا
Titles	Description	1.Old Bailey	دادگاه اصلی جنایی در لندن به نام Old Bailey
	Borrowing	2.Gay News	گی نیوز
Political organization	Reduction	1.House of Parliament	پارلمان
	Literal translation	2.Married Women's Property Acts	مصوبه های مالکیت زنان متاهل
Geographical terms	-	-	-
Acronyms	=	=	=
Abbreviations	=	=	=

Table 15. Samples of Structural Translation Problems and the Related Techniques

Structural Problem type	Techniques	English	Persian
Word order	Amplification	Among the various occupational categories	از میان بخشهای متعدد مربوط به کار و مشاغل
Part of speech	Modulation	Women becoming more confident in their ability to survive outside of marriage	زنان توانایی و اعتماد به نفس برای زندگی خارج از ازدواج را پیدا می کردند
	Modulation	Amending The opinions of experts ...were ruled Inadmissible	اصلاحیه عقاید متخصصین... جایز نیست
Breaking the complex sentences	Compensation	The Chatterley's Lover by D.H Lawrence was the subject of the case Regina v. Penguin books limited, heard at the Old Bailey in 1960.	"معشوق خانم چترلی" موضوع قضیه ی رجینا در کتاب های محدود پنگوئن بود. این اثر توسط دی اچ لورنس نوشته شده و در سال ۱۹۶۰ در اولد بیللی نقل شده بود.
	Amplification	This decision was reversed on appeal... on a sacred subject.	این تصمیم با درخواستی در سال ۱۹۸۶ عوض شد و در سال ۱۹۷۴ رای "بی گناهی به جلد این کتاب زده شد و اعلام شد که این داستان مقاماتی که تعقیب کننده ی منتشرین این کتاب بودند را قانع کرد که پیگرد کتابهای منتشر شده با کمترین دعوی تا دلیل محکم نوعی تلافی و مبارزه و کفر آمیز است. این بدین معناست که آثار منتشر شده با مقاصد منفی

			مسیحیت را خدشه دار می کند یا افراد بیسواد را بر سر موضوعی مقدس گمراه می کند. به مدافعین اجازه دادند
Changing active to passive voices	Modulation Transposition	defendants were allowed fundamentals of religion may be attacked without a person being guilty of blasphemous libel	افرادی که با نوشتن مطالب توهین آمیز به اصول دین اهانت کرده اند گناهکار شمرده نمی شوند
Using English structure instead of Persian	Transposition Transposition Amplification	I pulled a muscle in my neck, straining this whole edge here is sharp It was held	وقتی داشتم فشار وارد می کردم ماهیچه ی گردنم را کشیدم. تمام این لبه تیز است این اعتقاد وجود داشت

Table 16. Samples of Pragmatic Translation Problems and the Related Techniques

Problem type	Techniques	English	Persian
The profile & intention of the text producer	Adaptation	No-fault divorce	قانون طلاق توافقی
The target reader	Amplification (To make the sentences clear and understandable for the target reader)	The divorce reform platform in the late 1800s called in part for national uniformity in divorce laws... someone had to be at fault for breaking the marital contract, and someone had to be harmed by the other's actions.	برنامه کار جنبش اصلاحات طلاق در اواخر قرن ۱۹ <u>فراخوانی</u> داد که یکپارچگی قوانین طلاق را در سراسر کشور خواستار بود. در حال حاضر، تمام ایالات می توانند تعیین کنند که چه کسی می تواند در خواست طلاق کند و به چه دلایلی. در آن زمان، طلاق عملی جنجالی بود که در آن یک طرف مقصر و طرف دیگر بی گناه تلقی می شد. یک طرف می بایست گناه شکستن تعهد ازدواج را به عهده می گرفت و طرف دیگر توسط او مورد ظلم واقع می شد.
The medium of communication	Amplification	Victorian notion of separate	By means of amplification in the second task, this problem was resolved. For instance, مفهوم طلاق در زمان ملکه ویکتوریا
Place of production	—	—	—
Time reception	—	—	—

Qualitatively speaking, the table 14 represents some examples of Techniques used for solving the Lexical translation problems which were randomly selected from subject's written reports. The most frequently used translation technique was "Description". For example, "fault-based divorce" in the second task marked by one of the students as a problem of Idiomatic Expression and translated as, "قانونی که یک نفر را در طلاق مقصر میدانست".

The table 15 displays some examples of techniques used for solving the Structural translation problems which were randomly selected from subjects written reports. The most frequently used translation technique in this category was "Modulation". For

instance, "Amending" considered as a problem in Part of Speech and translated as "اصلاحیه" by this technique, the subject changed verb to noun.

The table 16 displays some examples of Techniques used for solving the Pragmatic translation problems which were randomly selected from subjects written reports. The most frequently used translation technique in this category was "Amplification". For example "Victorian notion of separate" considered by one of the subjects as a problem of Medium of communication. This subject claimed that, by means of "Amplification" he could build a bridge between the source and target text. The translation he offered was "مفهوم طلاق در زمان ملکه ویکتوریا".

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

Regarding the studies mentioned earlier, the results of Maher's (2010) study revealed that the student's problems are among cultural problems, semantic or conceptual problems, idiomatic problems and grammatical problems. Most of the students had problems with proverbs, block language and newspaper headlines. However, they didn't face any difficulties regarding the translation of tenses. Maher suggested some techniques in order to solve and eliminate the translation problems and difficulties. They are namely: "Back Translation, Consultation and Collaboration with other people during the translation process and Pre-testing or Piloting (for example, interviews) whenever it is possible." (2010, p.16)

Benfoughal's (2010) study revealed that lexical and the grammatical problems were the most frequently problems occurred by the students respectively with 76% and 50%. In order to solve the translation problems, eight students (26%) reported that they prefer to use synonyms. No one tended to use hyponyms; however, twenty eight students (93%) said that they can find the meaning from the context. Four students (13%) mentioned that they prefer to leave it empty.

Hansen (2004) who investigated the IPDR method found out different kinds of problems occurred in the translation process from German into Danish and vice versa. The problems are namely, lexical, structural, idiomatic, pragmatic, semantic logical (semi.log), reception, style, production and spelling.

The findings of the present study revealed that students had translation problems in all categories. However, the most frequent problems were lexical (60.92%). The next common problems reported to be structural (31.78%), and the least problems found in pragmatic area (7.28). The results regarding the question one revealed that the most frequently occurred problems in mentioned areas were respectively "Synonymy" (27.17%), "Using English structure instead of Persian" (25%) and "The profile and intention of the text producer" (72.72%).

In order to address the translation problems, the subjects were asked to use certain techniques derived from Molina's translation techniques categorization. The techniques

of solving the translation problems were put into three separate tables according to their applicability of solving lexical, structural and pragmatic problems. The results of the tables showed that the participants used all translation techniques except "Discursive creation" and "Variation" in addressing the pragmatic problems. Therefore, regarding the second question, it can be said that "Description" (23.91%), "Modulation"(50%) and "Amplification" (36.36%) were respectively the most frequently used techniques for solving lexical, structural and pragmatics problems.

Regarding the first research question it can be concluded that the main problems occurred during the translation process were "lexical"; and "synonymy" was the most frequently occurred lexical problem. Therefore, based on the theoretical aspects and studies, it can be judged that the subject's lexical problems may occur for following reasons:

- 1) "When two words seem to be similar in principal meaning the accessory senses or associations are so diverse that they cannot be substituted." (Postgate, 1992, as cited in Miremadi ,2012, p.148).
- 2) "Different meaning of a single word can cause a lexical problem." (Douglass et.al , 2002)
- 3) "There are items in the source text which are not lexicalized in the target language." (Ghazala, 1995, as cited in Benfoughal, 2010, p.25)

As findings revealed, it can be concluded that the "Description" was the most common technique used for solving the lexical problem. For example, some subjects had challenge in translating the expression "The fault-based divorce". To resolve the problems they used "Description" technique. It shows that students tend to describe expressions which their proper synonymy or equivalents are absent in their target language.

The findings of this study may prove beneficial for those who are concerned with translations and its pedagogy. The first group who can enjoy the benefits is students majoring in Translation fields. Through IPDR method, they engage in a process of thinking and decision making. As a result, they do their task more seriously, and whenever they face a problem in translation, they will not take it for granted. For instance, they become aware of the translation process, the problematic areas in their translation as well as their shortcomings in a particular area (in this case, lexical, structural and pragmatic problem areas) and the strategies or techniques they can use to solve a particular problem. Thus, they will know how to face a particular problem in doing future tasks. They also become aware of their own translation levels or skills which encourages them to work on their knowledge and improve their translation skills in order to decrease the numbers of problems as much as possible.

Teachers, professors, and syllabus designers can also benefit from the results of this study in their courses to develop their pedagogical materials, and consult their students toward translating more efficiently. The instructor is no longer a corrector. He can give the students enough confidence to face a problem in translation and overcome it by means of

certain translation strategies or techniques. Thus, they can produce positive psychological reinforcement in students. By knowing which problems are the most frequent ones in translation, teachers can look after these problems in translations of their own students and let them know how they can solve these types of the problems.

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