## **A** Dataset Statistics

For TED experiments, we use the same preprocessed data<sup>1</sup> provided by [53] using the same train, valid, and test split as in [43]. The data volumes for related and diverse language groups are summarized in Table 6.

Languages are grouped into families based on the their similarity. For TED Related dataset, we have four language families: Turkic family with Azerbaijani and Turkish, Slavic family with Belarusian and Russian, Romanance family with Glacian and Portuguese, and Czech-Slovak family with Slovak and Czech. As for the Diverse dataset, the languages are grouped into five families: Indo-iranian family with Hindi and Marathi, Slavic family with Macedonian, Bosnian and Bulgarian, Korean family with Korean, Hellenic family with Greek, and Romance family with French.

	Code	Language	Train	Dev	Test
	aze	Azerbaijani	5.94k	671	903
	bel	Belarusian	4.51k	248	664
	glg	Glacian	10.0k	682	1007
Related	slk	Slovak	61.5k	2271	2445
Kelaleu	tur	Turkish	182k	4045	5029
	rus	Russian	208k	4814	5483
	por	Portuguese	185k	4035	4855
	ces	Czech	103k	3462	3831
	bos	Bosnian	5.64k	474	463
	aze   Azerbaijani   5.94k   671     bel   Belarusian   4.51k   248     glg   Glacian   10.0k   682     slk   Slovak   61.5k   2271     tur   Turkish   182k   4045     rus   Russian   208k   4814     por   Portuguese   185k   4035     ces   Czech   103k   3462     bos   Bosnian   5.64k   474     mar   Marathi   9.84k   767     hin   Hindi   18.79k   854     mkd   Macedonian   25.33k   640     ell   Greek   134k   3344     bul   Bulgarian   174k   4082     fra   French   192k   4320     kor   Korean   205k   4441	1090			
	hin	Hindi	18.79k	854	1243
Diverse	mkd	Macedonian	25.33k	640	438
Diverse	ell	Greek	134k	3344	4433
	bul	Bulgarian	174k	4082	5060
	fra	French	192k	4320	4866
	kor	Korean	205k	4441	5637

Table 6: Data Statistics of TED Datasets

The source of WMT dataset is public parallel corpora from previous WMT shared task. We use the same preprocessed data as was used in several multilingual translation tasks [34]. We selected 10 languages with highly imbalanced data distribution and diverse linguistic features from 5 language families: (1) Arabic; (2) Kazakh and Turkish; (3) Vietnamese; (4) German, Hindi, Italian, Dutch, Romanian; (5) Japanese.

Table 7: Da	ita Statistics of	of WMT	Dataset

Code	Language	Size	Code	Language	Size
kk	Kazakh	91k	vi	Vietnamese	133k
tr	Turkish	207k	ja	Japanese	223k
nl	Dutch	237k	it	Italian	250k
ro	Romanian	608k	hi	Hindi	1.56M
ar	Arabic	250k	de	German	28M

## **B** Implementation Details

**Training.** We applied the same regularization for both baseline and the proposed method, such as label smoothing 0.1, dropout probability 0.3 for TED corpus and 0.1 for WMT and OPUS-100. For training, we use FP16 training, Adam optimizer with learning rate lr = 0.0015,  $\beta_1 = 0.9$ ,  $\beta_2 = 0.98$ , inverse square root learning rate schedule with 4000 updates warm-up. For experiments

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The authors of [53] provided the downloadable data at https://drive.google.com/file/d/ 1xNlfgLK55SbNocQh7YpDcFUYymfVNEii/view?usp=sharing

Table 8: Performance on TED corpus with four low resource (LoRes) and four high resource (HiRes). To control for language proximity, we evaluate on the 8-language benchmark with both related and diverse languages in multilingual many-to-one (M2O) translation. We compare to static weighting with commonly used temperature hyperparameters T = 1, 5, and dynamic weighting such as MultiDDS [53]. Results are BLEU scores on test sets per language and the average BLEU score ( $\uparrow$ ) across all languages (All) and low resource languages (Lo). Multilingual training which achieves the best BLEU is in **bold** and the strongest baseline approach is annotated with <u>underscore</u>.

	LoRes			HiRes			Avg.			
Related	aze	bel	slk	glg	por	rus	ces	tur	All	Lo
T = 5 T = 1 MultiDDS CATS $\alpha$	5.5 5.4 6.6 5.7	10.4 11.2 12.4 11.7	24.2 23.2 20.6 24.1	22.3 22.6 21.7 23.3	39.0 39.3 33.5 39.7	19.6 20.1 15.3 20.5	22.5 21.6 17 21.9	16.0 16.7 11.6 16.8	19.9 <u>20.0</u> 17.3 <b>20.5</b>	15.6 <u>15.6</u> 15.3 <b>16.2</b>
Diverse	bos	mar	hin	mkd	ell	bul	fra	kor	All	Lo
T = 5 T = 1 MultiDDS CATS $\alpha$	21.4 24.3 25.3 24.6	8.9 10.7 10.6 11.3	19.6 22.9 22.9 24.2	30.4 33.5 32.1 34.1	37.3   38   35.3   39.1	38.4 39.1 35.8 40.1	39.8 40.5 37.3 41.2	18.9 19.1 16.8 19.6	26.8 28.5 27.0 <b>29.3</b>	20.1 22.9 22.7 <b>23.6</b>

with LayerNorm, we use the PreNorm setup which has been shown to be more robust [40, 56]. We use maximum 50k updates with batch size of 131k tokens for the TED corpus, maximum 300k updates with batch size of 262k tokens for the WMT dataset, and maximum 500k updates with batch size of 262k tokens for the OPUS-100 corpus. Each experiment were run with 32 Nvidia V100 GPUs (32GB).

**CATS.**  $\alpha$  is initialized with  $\frac{1}{N}$ , where N is the number of languages. We use standard SGD for updating  $\alpha$  with learning rate chosen from  $\{0.1, 0.2\}$  based on validation loss.  $\lambda$  are initialized with 0 and updated with gradient ascent. We set the number of languages per batch K = 4 for TED and WMT experiments and K = 8 for OPUS-100 experiments. Due to the high curvature at early stage of training, we update  $\alpha$  at higher frequency with m = 10,100 for the first 8k and 16k updates and m = 1000 for the rest of the training. We also tested m = 1 for the early stage and found the optimization trajectories do not change much.

**Evaluation.** We use the best checkpoint (without ensembling) chosen by validation loss. We use beam search with beam size 5 and length penalty 1.0 for decoding. We report SacreBLEU[42].

## **C** Additional Experiments

We report experiments on many-to-one (M2O) translation on the TED corpus in Table 8.