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Since the 1970's, the phenomenal growth of research in Chinese linguistics around the world has been matched by similar growth in the application of formal methods and computational techniques to the investigation of the Chinese language in theoretical and applied research. The papers in this collection have been selected from a wide range which have appeared in the early and mid 1990's. They represent the major areas in Chinese Natural Language Processing, and touch on basic areas in Chinese Linguistics and language technology, which are important for ushering in the Age of InformationTechnology in Chinese communities.

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