

Conditional Entropy for Mining Syntagmatic Relations

- For each word W_1
 - For every other word W_2 , compute conditional entropy $H(X_{W_1} | X_{W_2})$
 - Sort all the candidate words in ascending order of $H(X_{W_1} | X_{W_2})$
 - Take the top-ranked candidate words as words that have potential syntagmatic relations with W_1
 - Need to use a threshold for each W_1
- However, while $H(X_{W_1} | X_{W_2})$ and $H(X_{W_1} | X_{W_3})$ are comparable, $H(X_{W_1} | X_{W_2})$ and $H(X_{W_3} | X_{W_2})$ aren't!

How can we mine the **strongest** K syntagmatic relations from a collection?