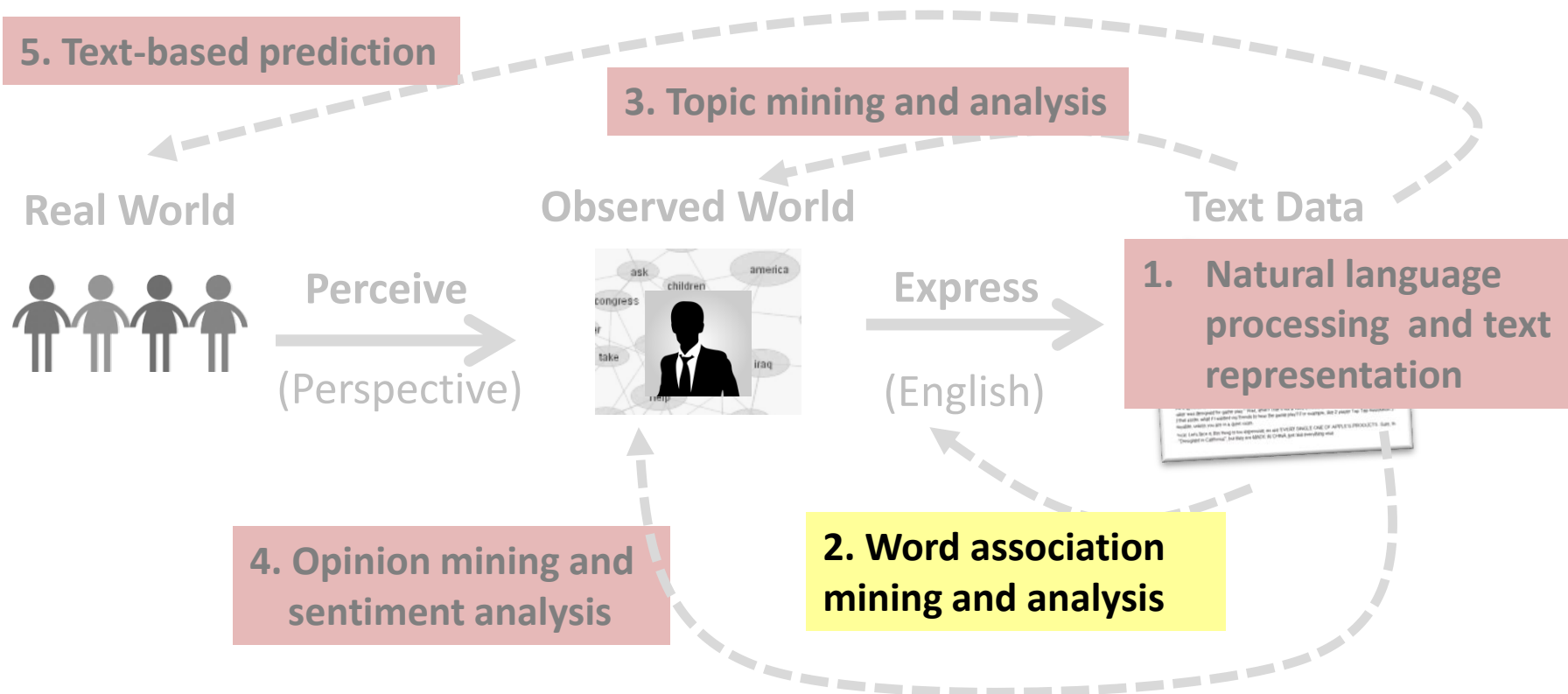


# Syntagmatic Relation Discovery: Entropy

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# Syntagmatic Relation = Correlated Occurrences

Whenever “**eats**” occurs, what **other words** also tend to occur?

My cat **eats** fish on Saturday  
His cat **eats** turkey on Tuesday  
My dog **eats** meat on Sunday  
His dog **eats** turkey on Tuesday  
...

My	_____	<b>eats</b>	_____	on Saturday
His	_____	<b>eats</b>	_____	on Tuesday
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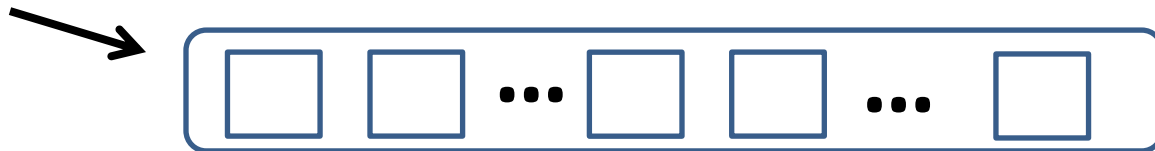
What words tend to occur  
to the **left** of “**eats**”?

What words  
are to the  
**right**?

# Word Prediction: Intuition

Prediction Question: Is word **W** present (or absent) in this segment?

Text Segment (any unit, e.g., sentence, paragraph, document)



Are some words easier to predict than others?

1)  $W = \text{"meat"}$

2)  $W = \text{"the"}$

3)  $W = \text{"unicorn"}$

# Word Prediction: Formal Definition

Binary Random Variable :  $X_w \in \{0, 1\}$   $X_w = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{w is present} \\ 0 & \text{w is absent} \end{cases}$

$$p(X_w = 1) + p(X_w = 0) = 1$$

**The more random  $X_w$  is, the more difficult the prediction would be.**

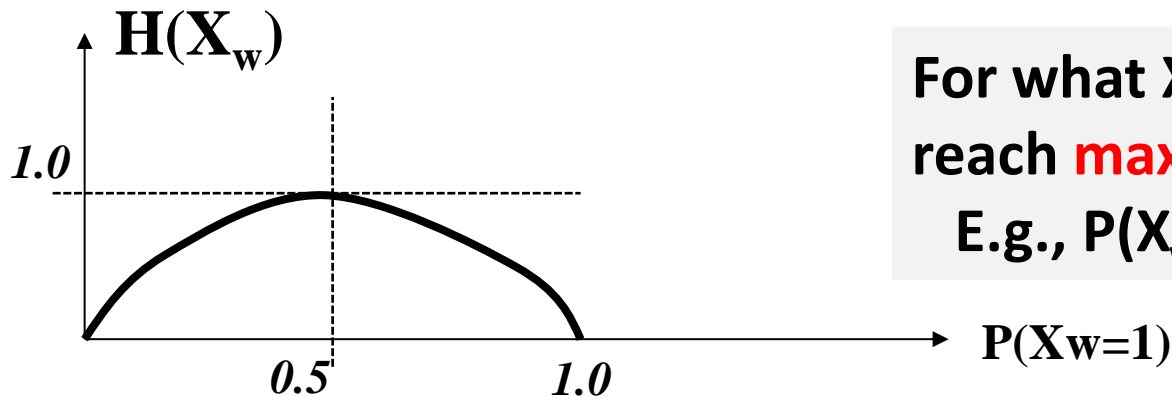
**How does one quantitatively measure the “randomness” of a random variable like  $X_w$ ?**

# Entropy $H(X)$ Measures Randomness of $X$

$$H(X_w) = \sum_{v \in \{0,1\}} -p(X_w = v) \log_2 p(X_w = v)$$

$$X_w = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{w is present} \\ 0 & \text{w is absent} \end{cases}$$

$$= -p(X_w = 0) \log_2 p(X_w = 0) - p(X_w = 1) \log_2 p(X_w = 1) \quad \text{Define } 0 \log_2 0 = 0$$



For what  $X_w$ , does  $H(X_w)$  reach **maximum/minimum**?

E.g.,  $P(X_w=1)=1$ ?  $P(X_w=1)=0.5$ ?

or equivalently  $P(X_w=0)$  (Why?)

# Entropy $H(X)$ : Coin Tossing

$$H(X_{\text{coin}}) = -p(X_{\text{coin}} = 0) \log_2 p(X_{\text{coin}} = 0) - p(X_{\text{coin}} = 1) \log_2 p(X_{\text{coin}} = 1)$$

$X_{\text{coin}}$ : tossing a coin

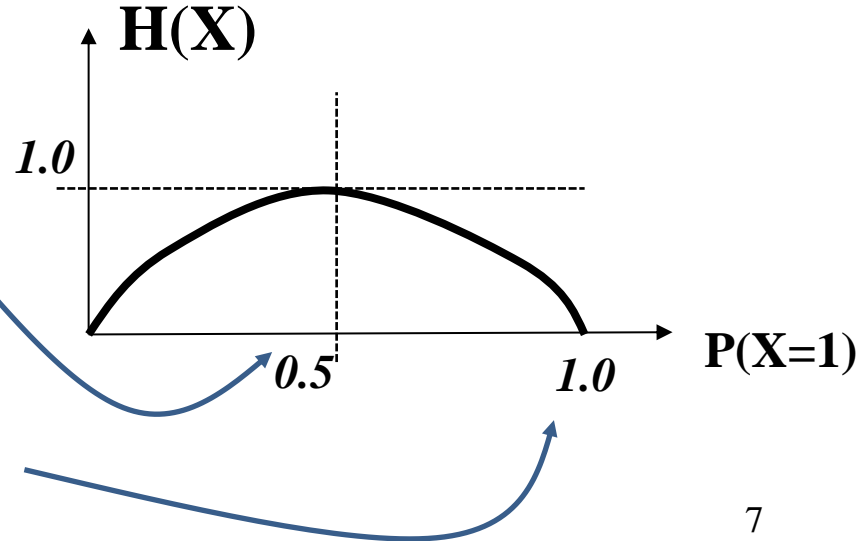
$$X_{\text{coin}} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{Head} \\ 0 & \text{Tail} \end{cases}$$

**Fair coin:  $p(X=1)=p(X=0)=1/2$**

$$H(X) = -\frac{1}{2} \log_2 \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \log_2 \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

**Completely biased:  $p(X=1)=1$**

$$H(X) = -0 * \log_2 0 - 1 * \log_2 1 = 0$$



# Entropy for Word Prediction

Is word **W** present (or absent) in this segment?



1)  $W = \text{"meat"}$

2)  $W = \text{"the"}$

3)  $W = \text{"unicorn"}$

Which is **high/low**?  $H(X_{\text{meat}})$ ,  $H(X_{\text{the}})$ , or  $H(X_{\text{unicorn}})$ ?

$H(X_{\text{the}}) \approx 0 \rightarrow$  no uncertainty since  $p(X_{\text{the}}=1) \approx 1$

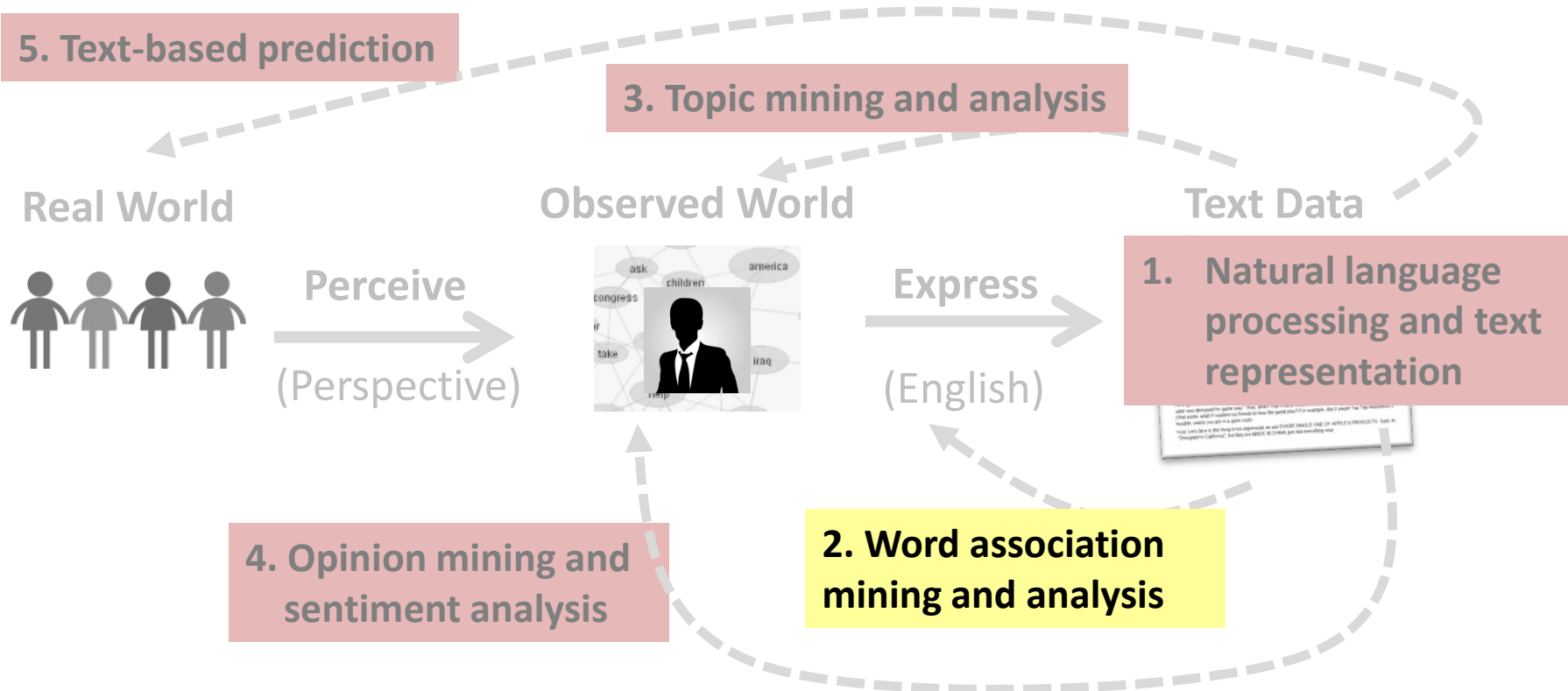
**High entropy words are harder to predict!**



# Syntagmatic Relation Discovery: Conditional Entropy

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# What If We Know More About a Text Segment?

Prediction question: Is “**meat**” present (or absent) in this segment?



Does presence of “**eats**” help predict the presence of “**meat**”?

Does it **reduce** the uncertainty about “meat”, i.e.,  $H(X_{\text{meat}})$ ?

What if we know of the absence of “eats”? Does it also help?

# Conditional Entropy

Know nothing about the segment

Know “eats” is present (  $X_{eats} = 1$  )

$$p(X_{meat} = 1) \quad \text{-----} \rightarrow \quad p(X_{meat} = 1 \mid X_{eats} = 1)$$

$$p(X_{meat} = 0) \quad \text{-----} \rightarrow \quad p(X_{meat} = 0 \mid X_{eats} = 1)$$

$$H(X_{meat}) = -p(X_{meat} = 0) \log_2 p(X_{meat} = 0) - p(X_{meat} = 1) \log_2 p(X_{meat} = 1)$$



$$H(X_{meat} \mid X_{eats} = 1) = -p(X_{meat} = 0 \mid X_{eats} = 1) \log_2 p(X_{meat} = 0 \mid X_{eats} = 1) \\ - p(X_{meat} = 1 \mid X_{eats} = 1) \log_2 p(X_{meat} = 1 \mid X_{eats} = 1)$$

$H(X_{meat} \mid X_{eats} = 0)$  can be defined similarly

# Conditional Entropy: Complete Definition

$$\begin{aligned} H(X_{meat} / X_{eats}) &= \sum_{u \in \{0,1\}} [p(X_{eats} = u) H(X_{meat} | X_{eats} = u)] \\ &= \sum_{u \in \{0,1\}} [p(X_{eats} = u) \sum_{v \in \{0,1\}} [-p(X_{meat} = v | X_{eats} = u) \log_2 p(X_{meat} = v | X_{eats} = u)]] \end{aligned}$$

In general, for any discrete random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ , we have  $H(\mathbf{X}) \geq H(\mathbf{X} | \mathbf{Y})$

What's the **minimum** possible value of  $H(X|Y)$ ?

# Conditional Entropy to Capture Syntagmatic Relation

$$H(X_{meat} / X_{eats}) = \sum_{u \in \{0,1\}} [p(X_{eats} = u) H(X_{meat} | X_{eats} = u)]$$

$$H(X_{meat} | X_{meat}) = ?$$

Which is smaller?  $H(X_{meat} | X_{the})$  or  $H(X_{meat} | X_{eats})$ ?

For which word  $w$ , does  $H(X_{meat} | X_w)$  reach its minimum (i.e., 0)?

For which word  $w$ , does  $H(X_{meat} | X_w)$  reach its maximum,  $H(X_{meat})$ ?

# 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?

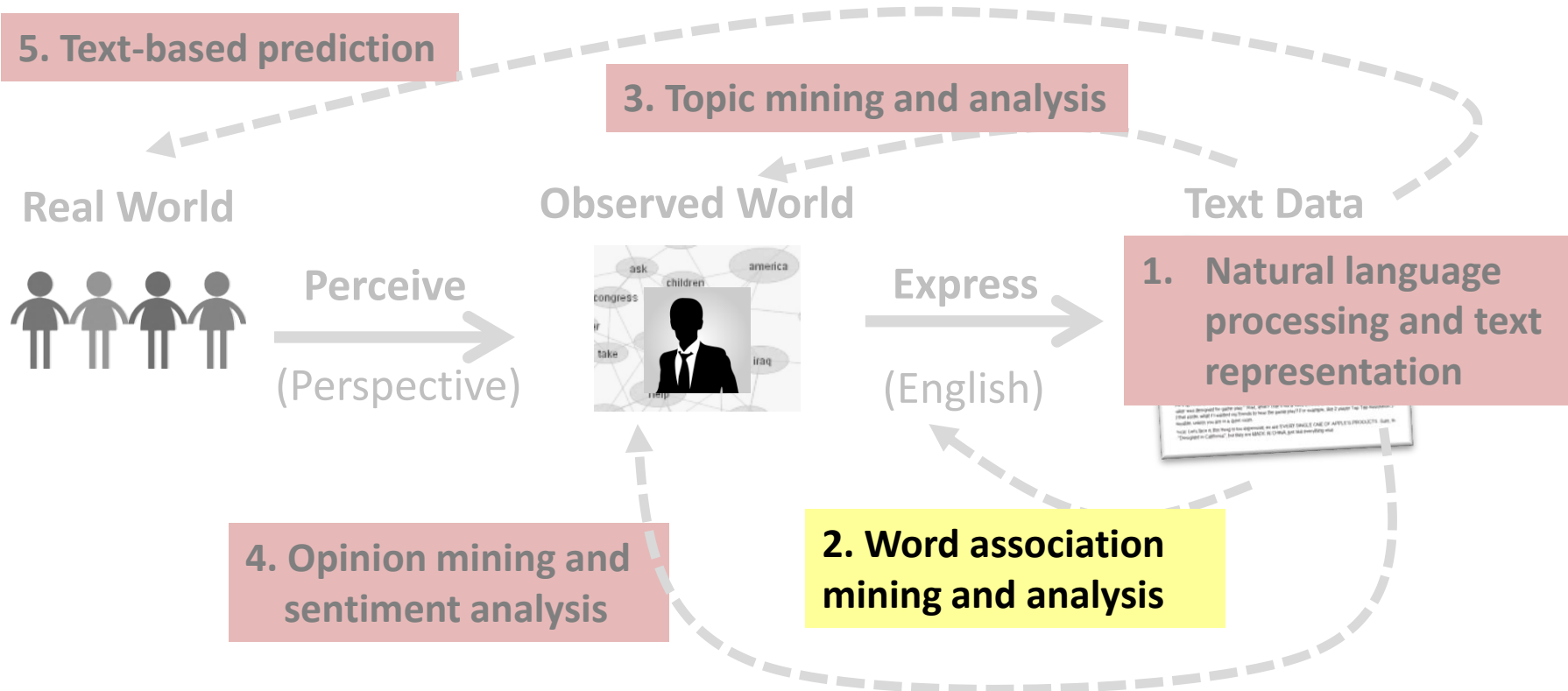


# Syntagmatic Relation Discovery: Mutual Information

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# Syntagmatic Relation Discovery: Mutual Information



# Mutual Information $I(X;Y)$ : Measuring Entropy Reduction

How much reduction in the entropy of  $X$  can we obtain by knowing  $Y$ ?

**Mutual Information:**  $I(X; Y) = H(X) - H(X|Y) = H(Y) - H(Y|X)$

Properties:

- Non-negative:  $I(X;Y) \geq 0$
- Symmetric:  $I(X;Y) = I(Y;X)$
- $I(X;Y) = 0$  iff  $X$  &  $Y$  are independent

When we fix  $X$  to rank different  $Y$ s,  $I(X;Y)$  and  $H(X|Y)$  give the same order but  $I(X;Y)$  allows us to compare different  $(X,Y)$  pairs.

# Mutual Information $I(X;Y)$ for Syntagmatic Relation Mining

**Mutual Information:**  $I(X; Y) = H(X) - H(X|Y) = H(Y) - H(Y|X)$

Whenever “**eats**” occurs, what **other words** also tend to occur?

Which **words** have high mutual information with “**eats**”?

$$I(X_{\text{eats}}; X_{\text{meats}}) = I(X_{\text{meats}}; X_{\text{eats}}) > I(X_{\text{eats}}; X_{\text{the}}) = I(X_{\text{the}}; X_{\text{eats}})$$

$$I(X_{\text{eats}}; X_{\text{eats}}) = H(X_{\text{eats}}) \geq I(X_{\text{eats}}; X_w)$$

# Rewriting Mutual Information (MI) Using KL-divergence

The observed joint distribution of  $X_{w1}$  and  $X_{w2}$



$$I(X_{w1}; X_{w2}) = \sum_{u \in \{0,1\}} \sum_{v \in \{0,1\}} p(X_{w1} = u, X_{w2} = v) \log_2 \frac{p(X_{w1} = u, X_{w2} = v)}{p(X_{w1} = u)p(X_{w2} = v)}$$



The expected joint distribution of  $X_{w1}$  and  $X_{w2}$   
if  $X_{w1}$  and  $X_{w2}$  were independent

MI measures the divergence of the actual joint distribution from the expected distribution under the independence assumption. The larger the divergence is, the higher the MI would be.

# Probabilities Involved in Mutual Information

$$I(X_{w1}; X_{w2}) = \sum_{u \in \{0,1\}} \sum_{v \in \{0,1\}} p(X_{w1} = u, X_{w2} = v) \log_2 \frac{p(X_{w1} = u, X_{w2} = v)}{p(X_{w1} = u)p(X_{w2} = v)}$$

Presence & absence of w1:  $p(X_{w1}=1) + p(X_{w1}=0) = 1$

Presence & absence of w2:  $p(X_{w2}=1) + p(X_{w2}=0) = 1$

Co-occurrences of w1 and w2:

$$\underline{p(X_{w1}=1, X_{w2}=1)} + \underline{p(X_{w1}=1, X_{w2}=0)} + \underline{p(X_{w1}=0, X_{w2}=1)} + \underline{p(X_{w1}=0, X_{w2}=0)} = 1$$



Both w1 & w2 occur



Only w1 occurs



Only w2 occurs



None of them occurs

# Relations Between Different Probabilities

Presence & absence of w1:  $p(X_{w1}=1) + p(X_{w1}=0) = 1$

Presence & absence of w2:  $p(X_{w2}=1) + p(X_{w2}=0) = 1$

## Co-occurrences of w1 and w2:

$$p(X_{w1}=1, X_{w2}=1) + p(X_{w1}=1, X_{w2}=0) + p(X_{w1}=0, X_{w2}=1) + p(X_{w1}=0, X_{w2}=0) = 1$$

## Constraints:

$$p(X_{w1}=1, X_{w2}=1) + p(X_{w1}=1, X_{w2}=0) = p(X_{w1}=1)$$

$$p(X_{w1}=0, X_{w2}=1) + p(X_{w1}=0, X_{w2}=0) = p(X_{w1}=0)$$

$$p(X_{w1}=1, X_{w2}=1) + p(X_{w1}=0, X_{w2}=1) = p(X_{w2}=1)$$

$$p(X_{w1}=1, X_{w2}=0) + p(X_{w1}=0, X_{w2}=0) = p(X_{w2}=0)$$

# Computation of Mutual Information

Presence & absence of  $w_1$ :

$$p(X_{w_1}=1) + p(X_{w_1}=0) = 1$$

Presence & absence of  $w_2$ :

$$p(X_{w_2}=1) + p(X_{w_2}=0) = 1$$

Co-occurrences of  $w_1$  and  $w_2$ :

$$p(X_{w_1}=1, X_{w_2}=1) + p(X_{w_1}=1, X_{w_2}=0) + p(X_{w_1}=0, X_{w_2}=1) + p(X_{w_1}=0, X_{w_2}=0) = 1$$

$$p(X_{w_1}=1, X_{w_2}=1) + p(X_{w_1}=1, X_{w_2}=0) = p(X_{w_1}=1)$$

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$$p(X_{w_1}=1, X_{w_2}=0) + p(X_{w_1}=0, X_{w_2}=0) = p(X_{w_2}=0)$$

We only need to know  $p(X_{w_1}=1)$ ,  $p(X_{w_2}=1)$ , and  $p(X_{w_1}=1, X_{w_2}=1)$ .

# Estimation of Probabilities (Depending on the Data)

$$p(X_{w1} = 1) = \frac{\text{count}(w1)}{N}$$

$$p(X_{w2} = 1) = \frac{\text{count}(w2)}{N}$$

$$p(X_{w1} = 1, X_{w2} = 1) = \frac{\text{count}(w1, w2)}{N}$$

	W1	W2	
Segment_1	1	0	Only W1 occurred
Segment_2	1	1	Both occurred
Segment_3	1	1	Both occurred
Segment_4	0	0	Neither occurred
...			
Segment_N	0	1	Only W2 occurred

**Count(w1) = total number segments that contain W1**

**Count(w2) = total number segments that contain W2**

**Count(w1, w2) = total number segments that contain both W1 and W2**



# Smoothing: Accommodating Zero Counts

$$p(X_{w1} = 1) = \frac{\text{count}(w1) + 0.5}{N + 1}$$

$$p(X_{w2} = 1) = \frac{\text{count}(w2) + 0.5}{N + 1}$$

$$p(X_{w1} = 1, X_{w2} = 1) = \frac{\text{count}(w1, w2) + 0.25}{N + 1}$$

	W1	W2
¼ PseudoSeg_1	0	0
¼ PseudoSeg_2	1	0
¼ PseudoSeg_3	0	1
¼ PseudoSeg_4	1	1

**Smoothing:** Add pseudo data so that  
no event has zero counts  
(pretend we observed extra data)

Segment_1	1	0
...		
Segment_N	0	1

Actually observed data

# Summary of Syntagmatic Relation Discovery

- Syntagmatic relation can be discovered by measuring correlations between occurrences of two words.
- Three concepts from Information Theory:
  - Entropy  $H(X)$ : measures the uncertainty of a random variable  $X$
  - Conditional entropy  $H(X|Y)$ : entropy of  $X$  given we know  $Y$
  - Mutual information  $I(X;Y)$ : entropy reduction of  $X$  (or  $Y$ ) due to knowing  $Y$  (or  $X$ )
- Mutual information provides a principled way for discovering syntagmatic relations.

# Summary of Word Association Mining

- Two basic associations: paradigmatic and syntagmatic
  - Generally applicable to any items in any language (e.g., phrases or entities as units)
- Pure statistical approaches are available for discovering both (can be combined to perform joint analysis).
  - Generally applicable to any text with no human effort
  - Different ways to define “context” and “segment” lead to interesting variations of applications
- Discovered associations can support many other applications.

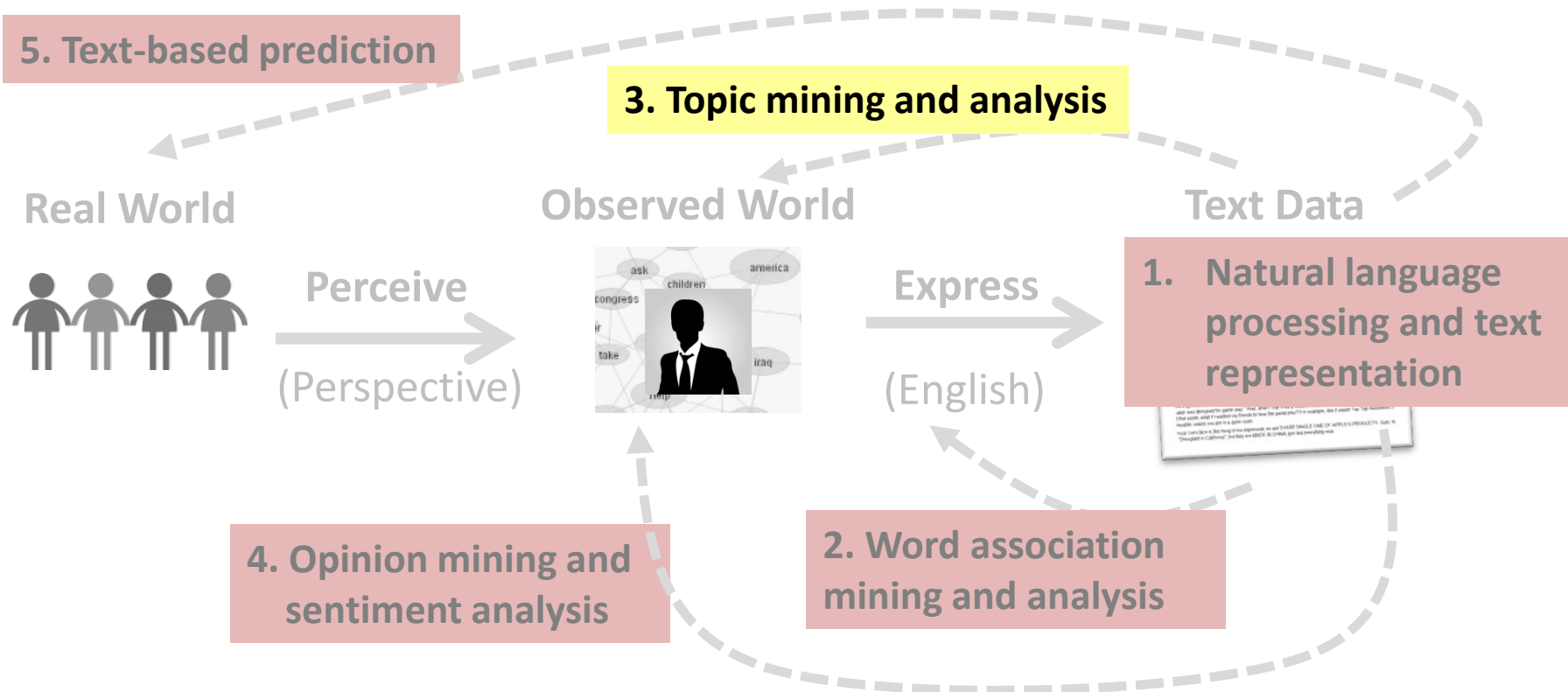
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# Topic Mining and Analysis: Motivation and Task Definition

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# Topic Mining and Analysis: Motivation

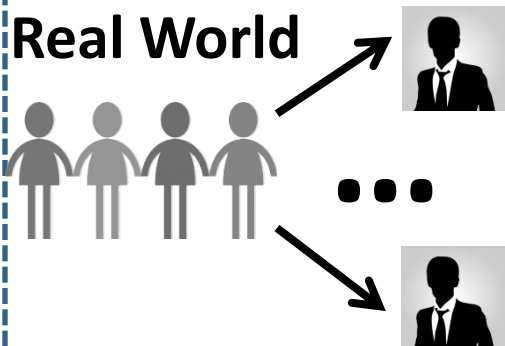
- Topic  $\approx$  main idea discussed in text data
  - Theme/subject of a discussion or conversation
  - Different granularities (e.g., topic of a sentence, an article, etc.)
- Many applications require discovery of topics in text
  - What are Twitter users talking about today?
  - What are the current research topics in data mining? How are they different from those 5 years ago?
  - What do people like about the iPhone 6? What do they dislike?
  - What were the major topics debated in 2012 presidential election?

# Topics As Knowledge About the World

Knowledge about the world

Non-Text Data

Real World



Text Data



+ Context  
Time  
Location  
...

Topic 1

Topic 2

...

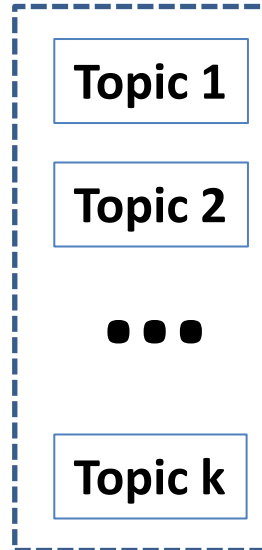
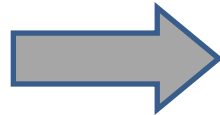
Topic k



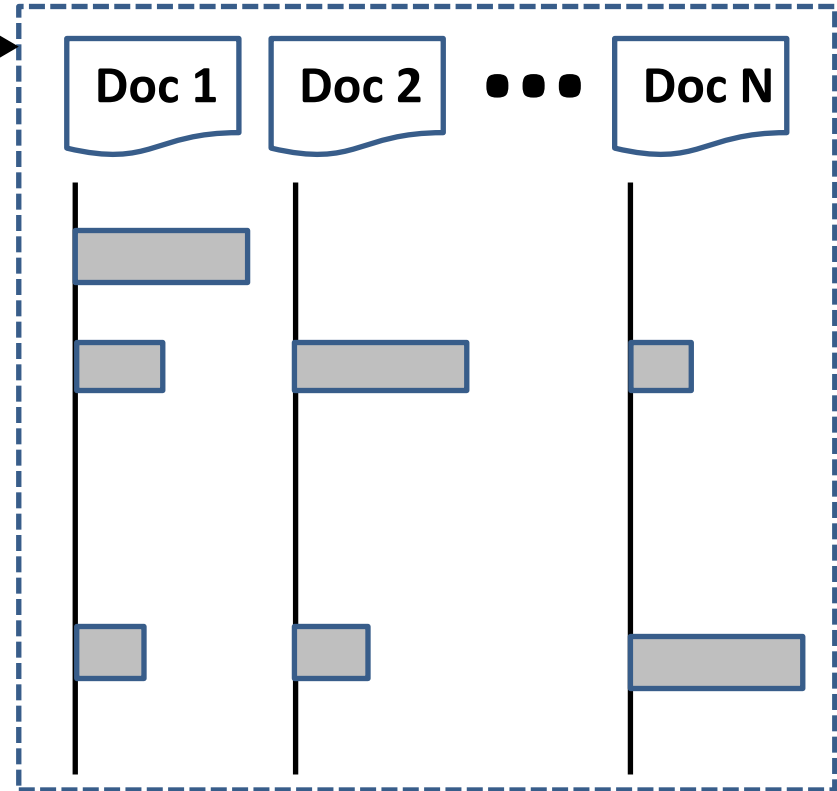
# Tasks of Topic Mining and Analysis

**Task 2: Figure out which documents cover which topics**

**Text Data**



**Task 1: Discover k topics**

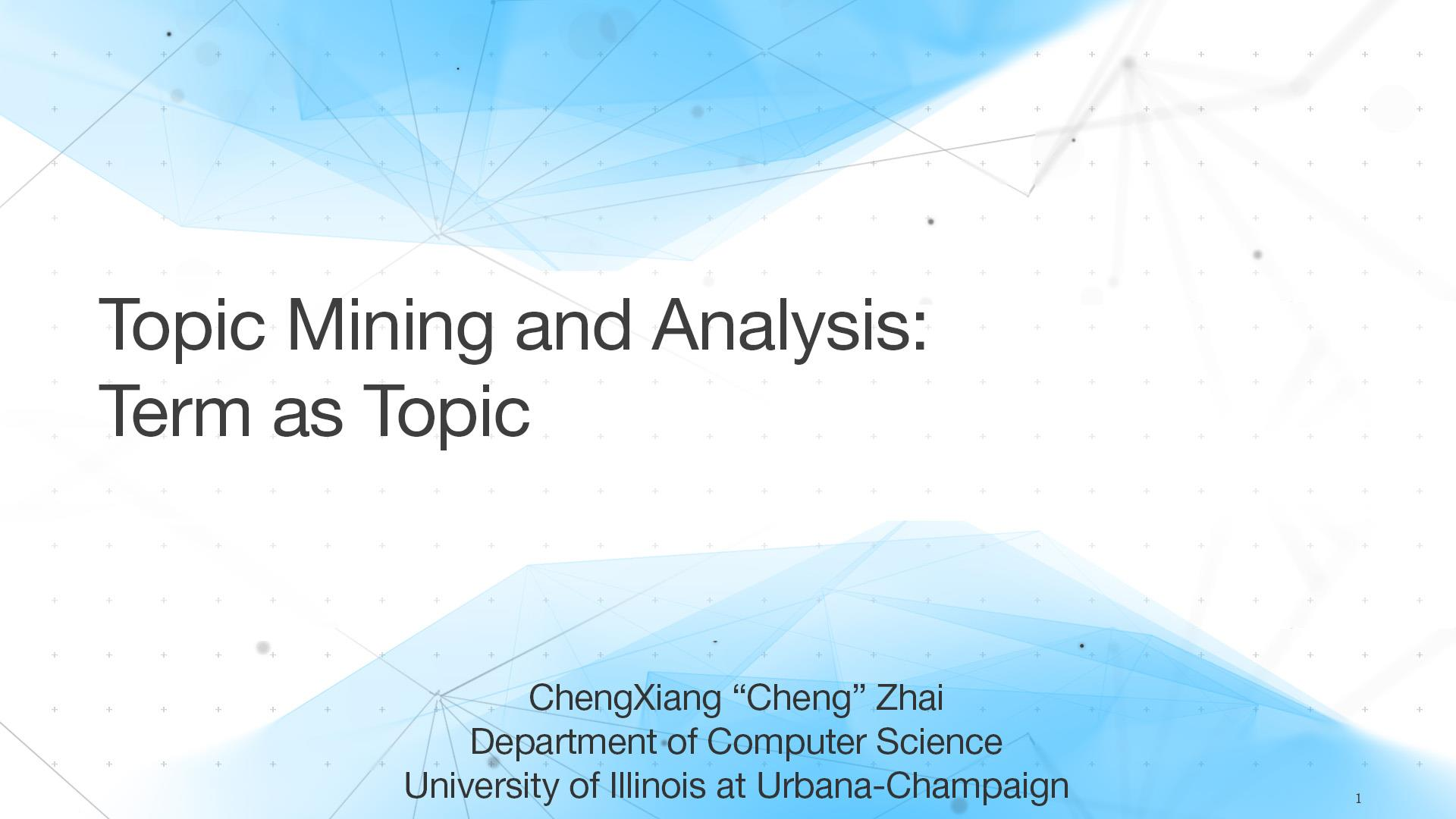


# Formal Definition of Topic Mining and Analysis

- Input
  - A **collection** of **N** text documents  **$C = \{d_1, \dots, d_N\}$**
  - **Number of topics:  $k$**
- Output
  - **$k$  topics:  $\{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k\}$**
  - **Coverage of topics in each  $d_i$ :  $\{\pi_{i1}, \dots, \pi_{ik}\}$**
  - $\pi_{ij}$  = prob. of  $d_i$  covering topic  $\theta_j$

$$\sum_{j=1}^k \pi_{ij} = 1$$

**How to define  $\theta_i$  ?**



# Topic Mining and Analysis: Term as Topic

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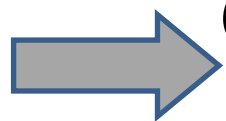
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# Initial Idea: Topic = Term

## Text Data



$\theta_1$  "Sports"

$\theta_2$  "Travel"

...

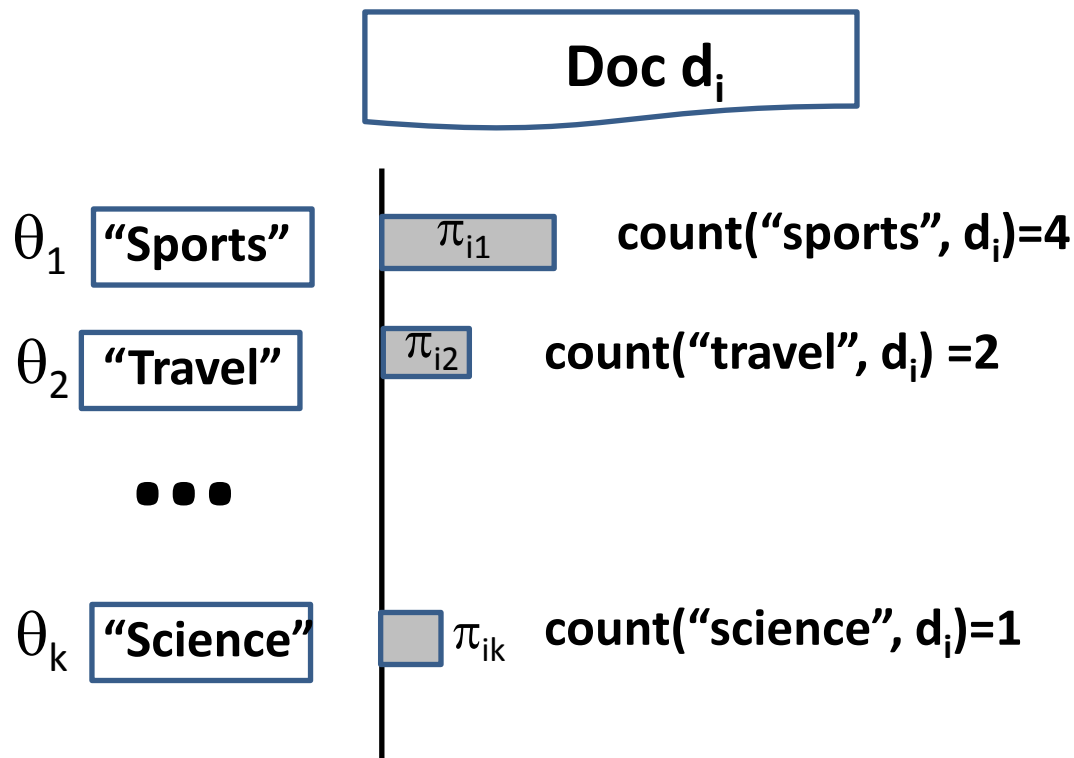
$\theta_k$  "Science"

Doc 1	Doc 2	...	Doc N
30%			
$\pi_{11}$	$\pi_{21}=0$		$\pi_{N1}=0$
$\pi_{12}$	$\pi_{22}$		$\pi_{N2}$
12%			
...			
$\pi_{1k}$	$\pi_{2k}$		$\pi_{Nk}$
8%			

# Mining k Topical Terms from Collection C

- Parse text in C to obtain candidate terms (e.g., term = word).
- Design a scoring function to measure how good each term is as a topic.
  - Favor a representative term (high frequency is favored)
  - Avoid words that are too frequent (e.g., “the”, “a”).
  - TF-IDF weighting from retrieval can be very useful.
  - Domain-specific heuristics are possible (e.g., favor title words, hashtags in tweets).
- Pick k terms with the highest scores but try to minimize redundancy.
  - If multiple terms are very similar or closely related, pick only one of them and ignore others.

# Computing Topic Coverage: $\pi_{ij}$



$$\pi_{ij} = \frac{\text{count}(\theta_j, d_i)}{\sum_{L=1}^k \text{count}(\theta_L, d_i)}$$

# How Well Does This Approach Work?

Doc  $d_i$

Cavaliers vs. Golden State Warriors: NBA playoff finals ...  
basketball game ... **travel** to Cleveland ... **star** ...

$\theta_1$  "Sports"

$$\pi_{i1} \propto c(\text{"sports"}, d_i) = 0$$

$\theta_2$  "Travel"

$$\pi_{i2} \propto c(\text{"travel"}, d_i) = 1 > 0$$

...

$\theta_k$  "Science"

$$\pi_{ik} \propto c(\text{"science"}, d_i) = 0$$

1. Need to count  
related words also!

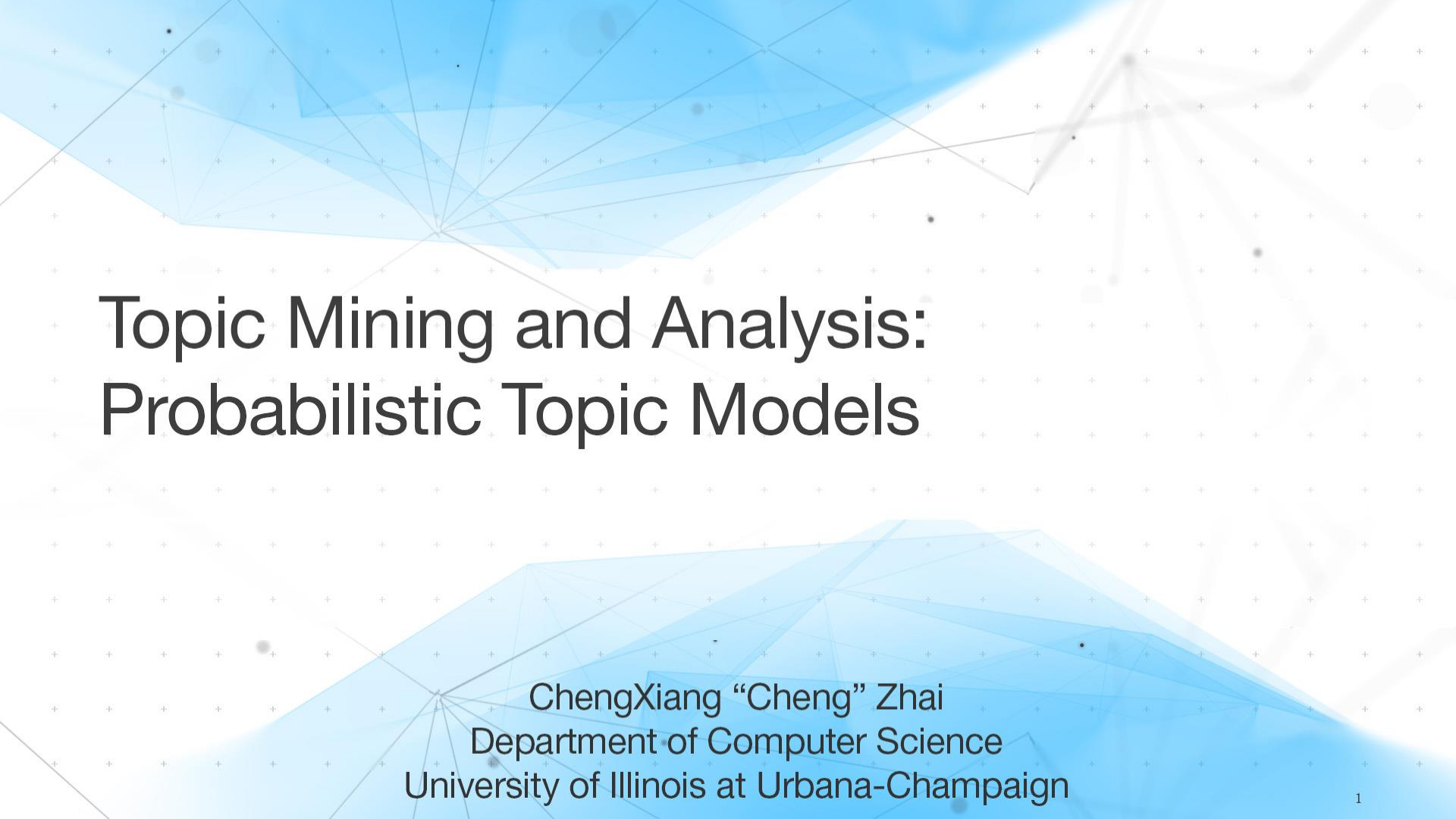
2. "Star" can be ambiguous (e.g., star in the sky).

3. Mine complicated topics?



# Problems with “Term as Topic”

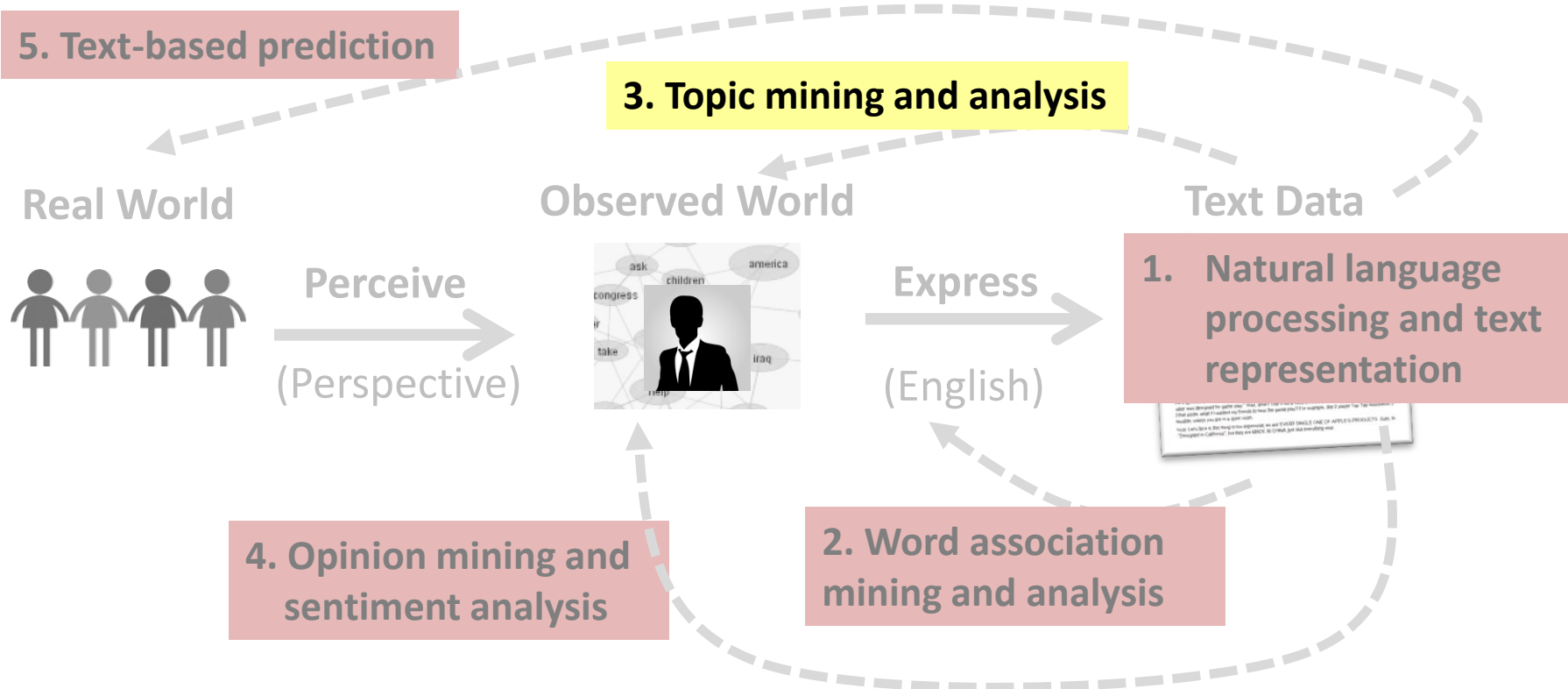
- Lack of expressive power
  - Can only represent simple/general topics
  - Can’t represent complicated topics
- Incompleteness in vocabulary coverage
  - Can’t capture variations of vocabulary (e.g., related words)
- Word sense ambiguity
  - A topical term or related term can be ambiguous (e.g., basketball star vs. star in the sky)



# Topic Mining and Analysis: Probabilistic Topic Models

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# Problems with “Term as Topic”

- Lack of expressive power → **Topic = {Multiple Words}**
  - Can only represent simple/general topics
  - Can't represent complicated topics
- Incompleteness in vocabulary coverage **+ weights on words**
  - Can't capture variations of vocabulary (e.g., related words)
- Word sense ambiguity → **Split an ambiguous word**
  - A topical term or related term can be ambiguous (e.g., basketball star vs. star in the sky)

**A probabilistic topic model can do all these!**

# Improved Idea: Topic = Word Distribution

$\theta_1$  **"Sports"**

$P(w|\theta_1)$

sports	0.02
game	0.01
basketball	0.005
football	0.004
play	0.003
star	0.003
...	
nba	0.001
...	
travel	0.0005
...	

$\theta_2$  **"Travel"**

$P(w|\theta_2)$

travel	0.05
attraction	0.03
trip	0.01
flight	0.004
hotel	0.003
island	0.003
...	
culture	0.001
...	
play	0.0002
...	

...

$\theta_k$  **"Science"**

$P(w|\theta_k)$

science	0.04
scientist	0.03
spaceship	0.006
telescope	0.004
genomics	0.004
star	0.002
...	
genetics	0.001
...	
travel	0.00001
...	

$$\sum_{w \in V} p(w|\theta_i) = 1$$

Vocabulary Set:  $V = \{w_1, w_2, \dots\}$

# Probabilistic Topic Mining and Analysis

- Input

- A **collection** of **N** text documents  **$C=\{d_1, \dots, d_N\}$**
- **Vocabulary set:**  **$V=\{w_1, \dots, w_M\}$**
- **Number of topics:** **k**

- Output

- **k topics, each a word distribution:**  **$\{ \theta_1, \dots, \theta_k \}$**
- **Coverage of topics in each  $d_i$ :**  **$\{ \pi_{i1}, \dots, \pi_{ik} \}$**
- $\pi_{ij}$ =prob. of  $d_i$  covering topic  $\theta_j$

$$\sum_{w \in V} p(w | \theta_i) = 1$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^k \pi_{ij} = 1$$

# The Computation Task

INPUT:  $C, k, V$

OUTPUT:  $\{ \theta_1, \dots, \theta_k \}, \{ \pi_{i1}, \dots, \pi_{ik} \}$

Text Data

$\theta_1$

sports 0.02  
game 0.01  
basketball 0.005  
football 0.004  
...

$\theta_2$

travel 0.05  
attraction 0.03  
trip 0.01  
...

$\theta_k$

science 0.04  
scientist 0.03  
spaceship 0.006  
...

Doc 1

30%

$\pi_{11}$

Doc 2

$\pi_{21}=0\%$

Doc N

$\pi_{N1}=0\%$

12%

$\pi_{12}$

$\pi_{22}$

$\pi_{N2}$

8%

$\pi_{1k}$

$\pi_{2k}$

$\pi_{Nk}$

# Generative Model for Text Mining

**Modeling of Data Generation:  $P(\text{Data} \mid \text{Model}, \Lambda)$**

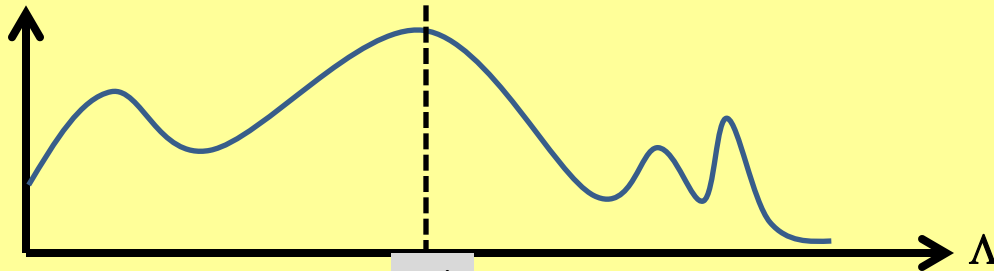
$$\Lambda = (\{ \theta_1, \dots, \theta_k \}, \{ \pi_{11}, \dots, \pi_{1k} \}, \dots, \{ \pi_{N1}, \dots, \pi_{Nk} \})$$

How many parameters in total?

**Parameter Estimation/ Inferences**

$$\Lambda^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{\Lambda} p(\text{Data} \mid \text{Model}, \Lambda)$$

$P(\text{Data} \mid \text{Model}, \Lambda)$



$\Lambda^*$



# Summary

- Topic represented as word distribution
  - Multiple words: allow for describing a complicated topic
  - Weights on words: model subtle semantic variations of a topic
- Task of topic mining and analysis
  - Input: collection  $C$ , number of topics  $k$ , vocabulary set  $V$
  - Output: a set of topics, each a word distribution; coverage of all topics in each document

$$\Lambda = (\{ \theta_1, \dots, \theta_k \}, \{ \pi_{11}, \dots, \pi_{1k} \}, \dots, \{ \pi_{N1}, \dots, \pi_{Nk} \})$$

$$\forall j \in [1, k], \sum_{w \in V} p(w | \theta_j) = 1$$

$$\forall i \in [1, N], \sum_{j=1}^k \pi_{ij} = 1$$

# Summary (cont.)

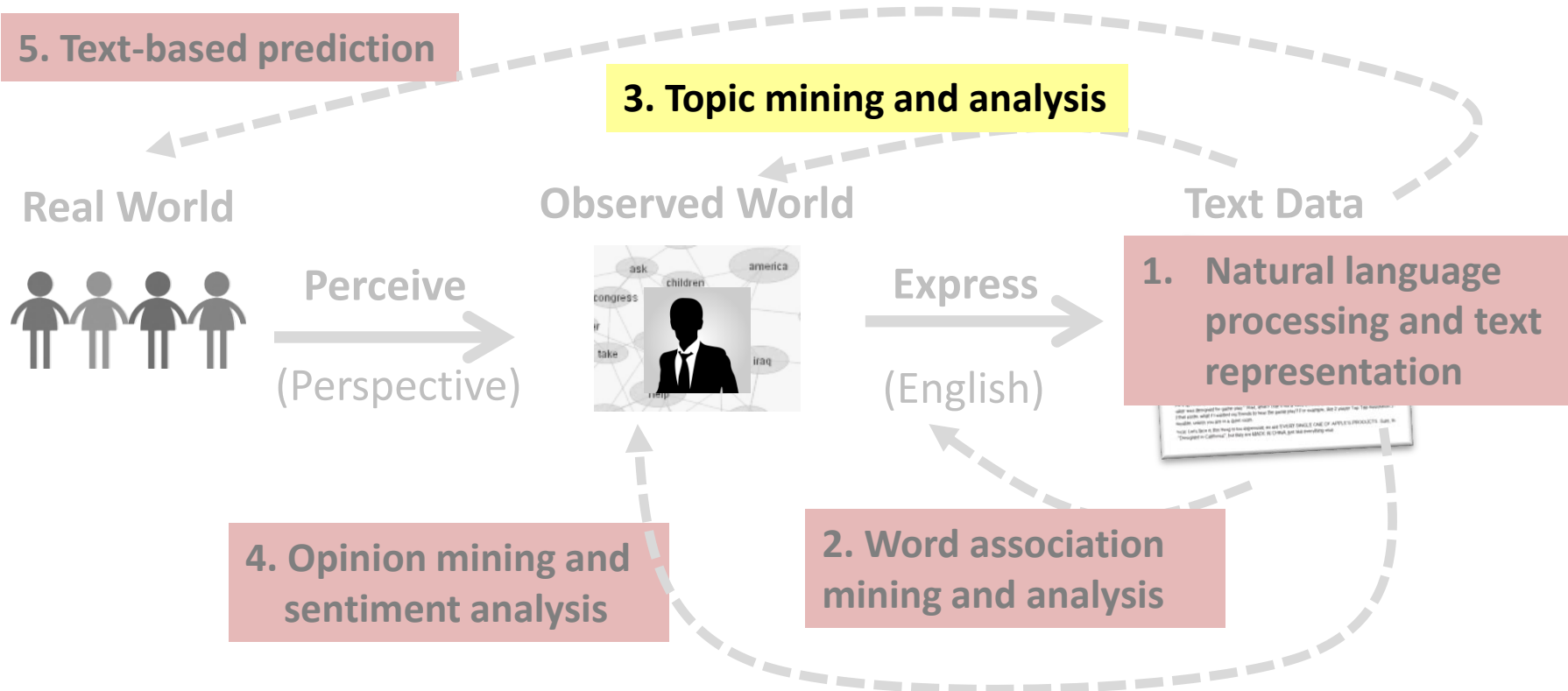
- **Generative model** for text mining
  - **Model data generation** with a prob. model:  $P(\text{Data} \mid \text{Model}, \Lambda)$
  - **Infer the most likely parameter values**  $\Lambda^*$  given a particular data set:  $\Lambda^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{\Lambda} p(\text{Data} \mid \text{Model}, \Lambda)$
  - **Take  $\Lambda^*$  as the “knowledge”** to be mined for the text mining problem
  - **Adjust** the design of the model to discover different knowledge



# Topic Mining and Analysis: Overview of Statistical Language Models

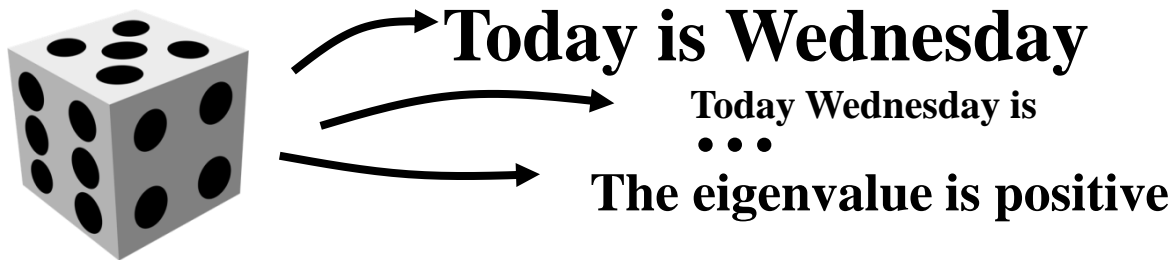
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# Probabilistic Topic Models: Overview of Statistical Language Models



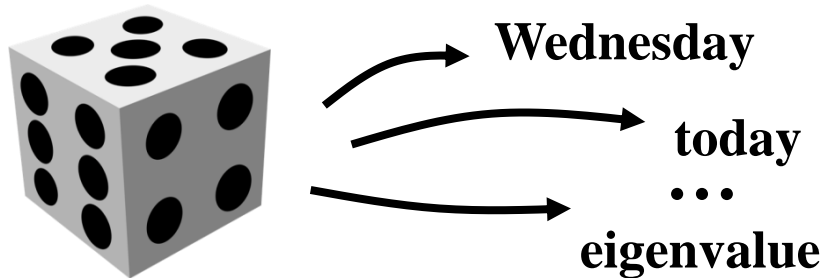
# What Is a Statistical Language Model (LM)?

- A probability distribution over word sequences
  - $p(\textit{"Today is Wednesday"}) \approx 0.001$
  - $p(\textit{"Today Wednesday is"}) \approx 0.0000000000000001$
  - $p(\textit{"The eigenvalue is positive"}) \approx 0.00001$
- Context-dependent!
- Can also be regarded as a probabilistic mechanism for “generating” text – thus also called a “generative” model



# The Simplest Language Model: Unigram LM

- Generate text by generating each word INDEPENDENTLY
- Thus,  $p(w_1 w_2 \dots w_n) = p(w_1)p(w_2)\dots p(w_n)$
- Parameters:  $\{p(w_i)\}$   $p(w_1) + \dots + p(w_N) = 1$  (N is voc. size)
- Text = sample drawn according to this **word distribution**



$$\begin{aligned} p(\text{"today is Wed"}) \\ &= p(\text{"today"})p(\text{"is"})p(\text{"Wed"}) \\ &= 0.0002 \times 0.001 \times 0.000015 \end{aligned}$$

# Text Generation with Unigram LM

Unigram LM  $p(w|\theta)$

**Sampling**



Document  $d$

$p(d|\theta)=?$

Topic 1:  
**Text mining**

...  
text 0.2  
mining 0.1  
association 0.01  
clustering 0.02  
...  
food 0.00001  
...



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Topic 2:  
**Health**

...  
food 0.25  
nutrition 0.1  
healthy 0.05  
diet 0.02  
...

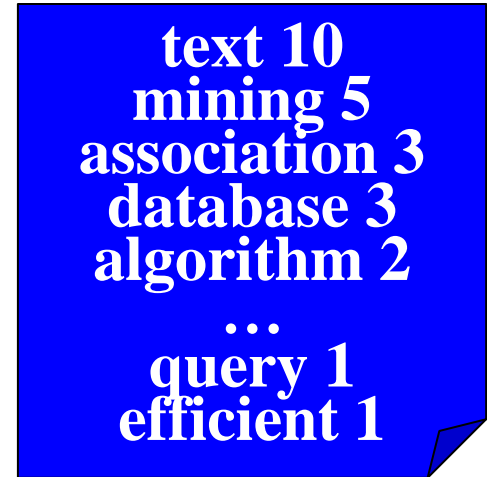
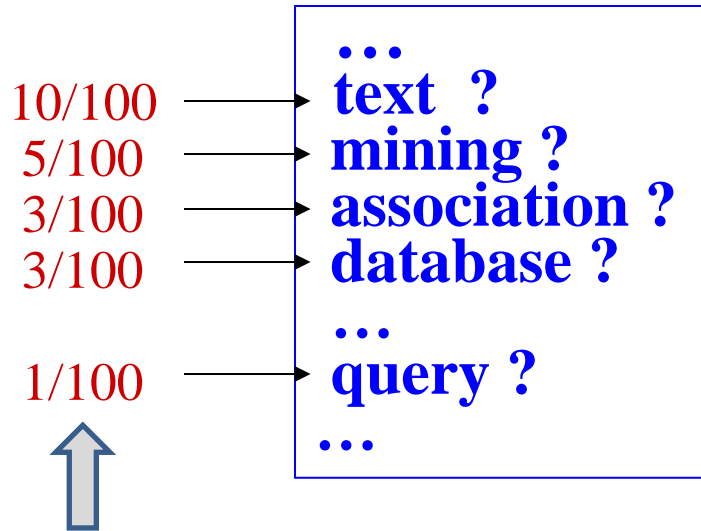


**Food nutrition  
paper**

# Estimation of Unigram LM

Unigram LM  $p(w|\theta)=?$  **Estimation** ← Text Mining Paper d

Total #words=100



Maximum Likelihood  
Estimate

Is this our best estimate?  
How do we define “best”?



# Maximum Likelihood vs. Bayesian

- Maximum likelihood estimation

- “Best” means “data likelihood reaches maximum”

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta} P(\mathbf{X} | \theta)$$

- Problem: Small sample

- Bayesian estimation:

**Bayes Rule**

$$p(\mathbf{X} | \mathbf{Y}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{Y} | \mathbf{X})p(\mathbf{X})}{p(\mathbf{Y})}$$

- “Best” means being consistent with our “prior” knowledge and explaining data well

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta} P(\theta | \mathbf{X}) = \arg \max_{\theta} P(\mathbf{X} | \theta)P(\theta)$$

- Problem: How to define prior?



**Maximum a Posteriori (MAP) estimate**

# Illustration of Bayesian Estimation

**Bayesian inference:  $f(\theta)=?$**

$$\hat{f}(\theta) = \sum_{\theta} f(\theta) p(\theta | X)$$

**Posterior  
Mean**

$$\hat{\theta} = \sum_{\theta} \theta^* p(\theta | X)$$

**Posterior:**

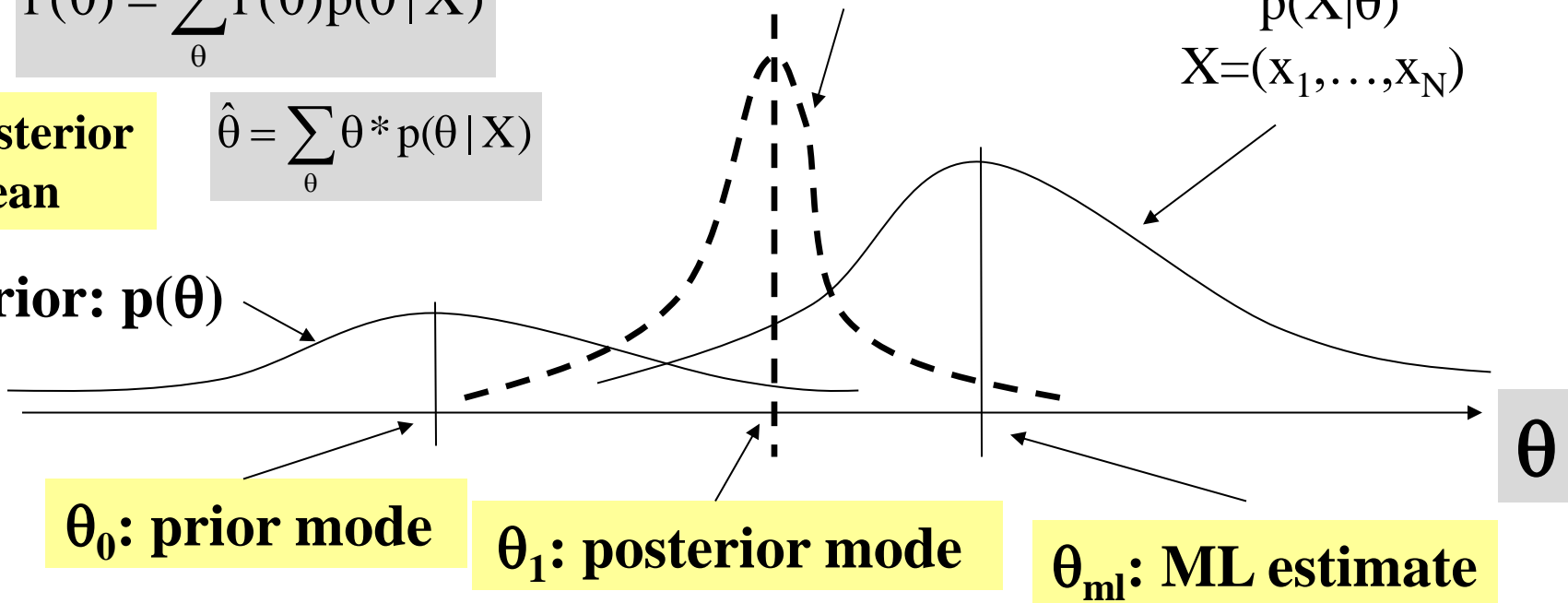
$$p(\theta|X) \propto p(X|\theta)p(\theta)$$

**Likelihood:**

$$p(X|\theta)$$

$$X=(x_1, \dots, x_N)$$

**Prior:  $p(\theta)$**



# Summary

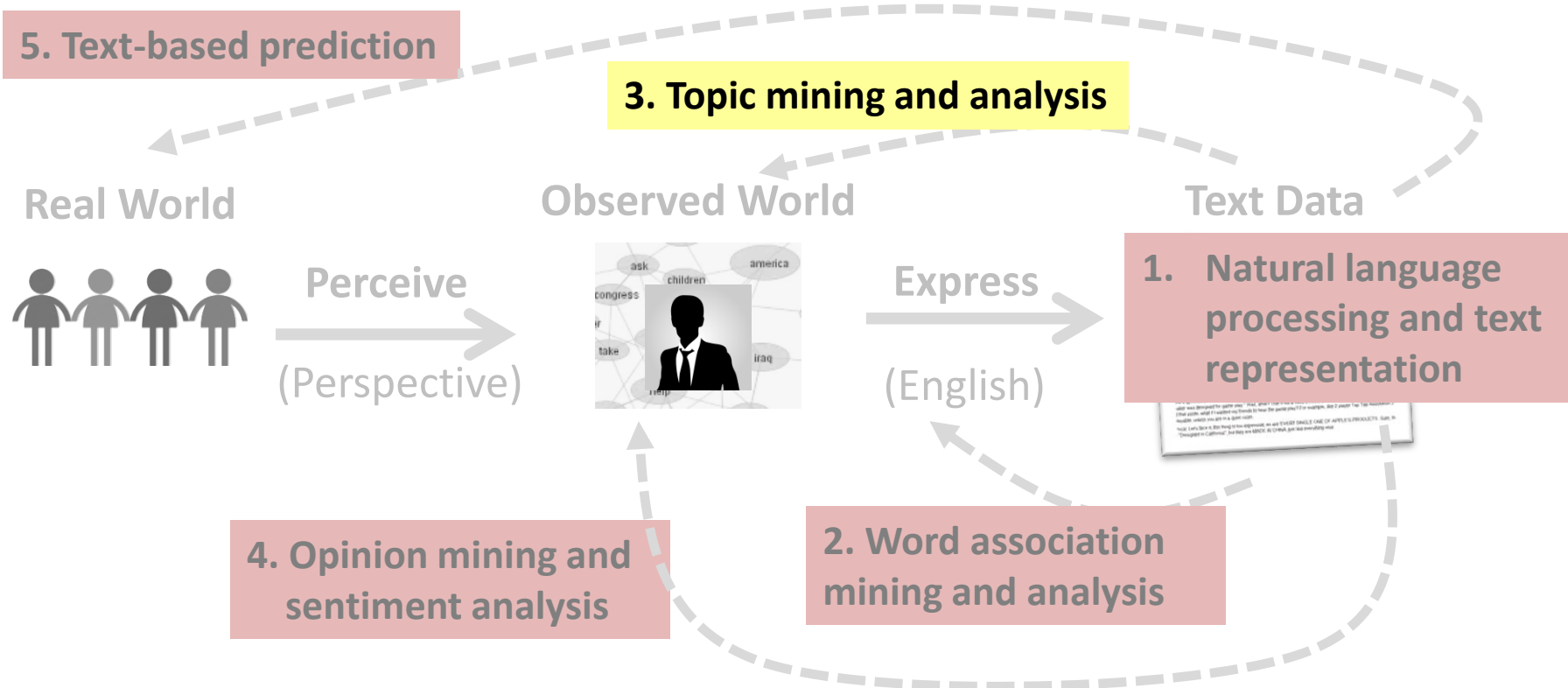
- **Language Model** = probability distribution over text = generative model for text data
- **Unigram Language Model** = **word distribution**
- **Likelihood** function:  $p(\mathbf{X}|\theta)$ 
  - **Given  $\theta \rightarrow$**  which  $\mathbf{X}$  has a higher likelihood?
  - **Given  $\mathbf{X} \rightarrow$**  which  $\theta$  maximizes  $p(\mathbf{X}|\theta)$ ? [**ML estimate**]
- **Bayesian** estimation/inference
  - Must define a **prior**:  $p(\theta)$
  - **Posterior** distribution:  $p(\theta|\mathbf{X}) \propto p(\mathbf{X}|\theta)p(\theta)$ 
    - $\rightarrow$  Allows for inferring any “derived value” from  $\theta$ !**



# Topic Mining and Analysis: Mining One Topic

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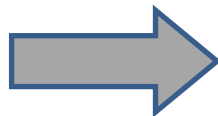


# Simplest Case of Topic Model: Mining One Topic

INPUT:  $C=\{d\}, V$

OUTPUT:  $\{\theta\}$

Text Data



$P(w|\theta)$

$\theta$

text ?  
mining ?  
association ?  
database ?  
...  
query ?  
...

Doc d

100%



# Language Model Setup

- **Data:** Document  $d = x_1 x_2 \dots x_{|d|}$ ,  $x_i \in V = \{w_1, \dots, w_M\}$  is a word
- **Model:** Unigram LM  $\theta$ (=topic) :  $\{\theta_i = p(w_i | \theta)\}$ ,  $i=1, \dots, M$ ;  
 $\theta_1 + \dots + \theta_M = 1$
- **Likelihood function:**  $p(d | \theta) = p(x_1 | \theta) \times \dots \times p(x_{|d|} | \theta)$   
$$= p(w_1 | \theta)^{c(w_1, d)} \times \dots \times p(w_M | \theta)^{c(w_M, d)}$$
$$= \prod_{i=1}^M p(w_i | \theta)^{c(w_i, d)} = \prod_{i=1}^M \theta_i^{c(w_i, d)}$$
- **ML estimate:**  $(\hat{\theta}_1, \dots, \hat{\theta}_M) = \arg \max_{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_M} p(d | \theta) = \arg \max_{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_M} \prod_{i=1}^M \theta_i^{c(w_i, d)}$

# Computation of Maximum Likelihood Estimate

**Maximize  $p(d | \theta)$**   $(\hat{\theta}_1, \dots, \hat{\theta}_M) = \arg \max_{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_M} p(d | \theta) = \arg \max_{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_M} \prod_{i=1}^M \theta_i^{c(w_i, d)}$

**Max. Log-Likelihood**  $(\hat{\theta}_1, \dots, \hat{\theta}_M) = \arg \max_{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_M} \log[p(d | \theta)] = \arg \max_{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_M} \sum_{i=1}^M c(w_i, d) \log \theta_i$

**Subject to constraint:**

$$\sum_{i=1}^M \theta_i = 1$$

Use Lagrange multiplier approach

Lagrange function:  $f(q | d) = \sum_{i=1}^M c(w_i, d) \log q_i + \lambda (\sum_{i=1}^M q_i - 1)$

$$\frac{\partial f(q | d)}{\partial q_i} = \frac{c(w_i, d)}{q_i} + \lambda = 0 \rightarrow q_i = -\frac{c(w_i, d)}{\lambda}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^M -\frac{c(w_i, d)}{\lambda} = 1 \rightarrow \lambda = -\sum_{i=1}^M c(w_i, d) \rightarrow \hat{q}_i = p(w_i | \hat{q}) = \frac{c(w_i, d)}{\sum_{i=1}^M c(w_i, d)} = \frac{c(w_i, d)}{|d|}$$

**Normalized  
Counts**





# What Does the Topic Look Like?

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$p(w | \theta)$

the 0.031  
a 0.018  
...  
**text 0.04**  
**mining 0.035**  
**association 0.03**  
**clustering 0.005**  
**computer 0.0009**  
...  
**food 0.000001**  
...

Can we get rid of  
these common words?