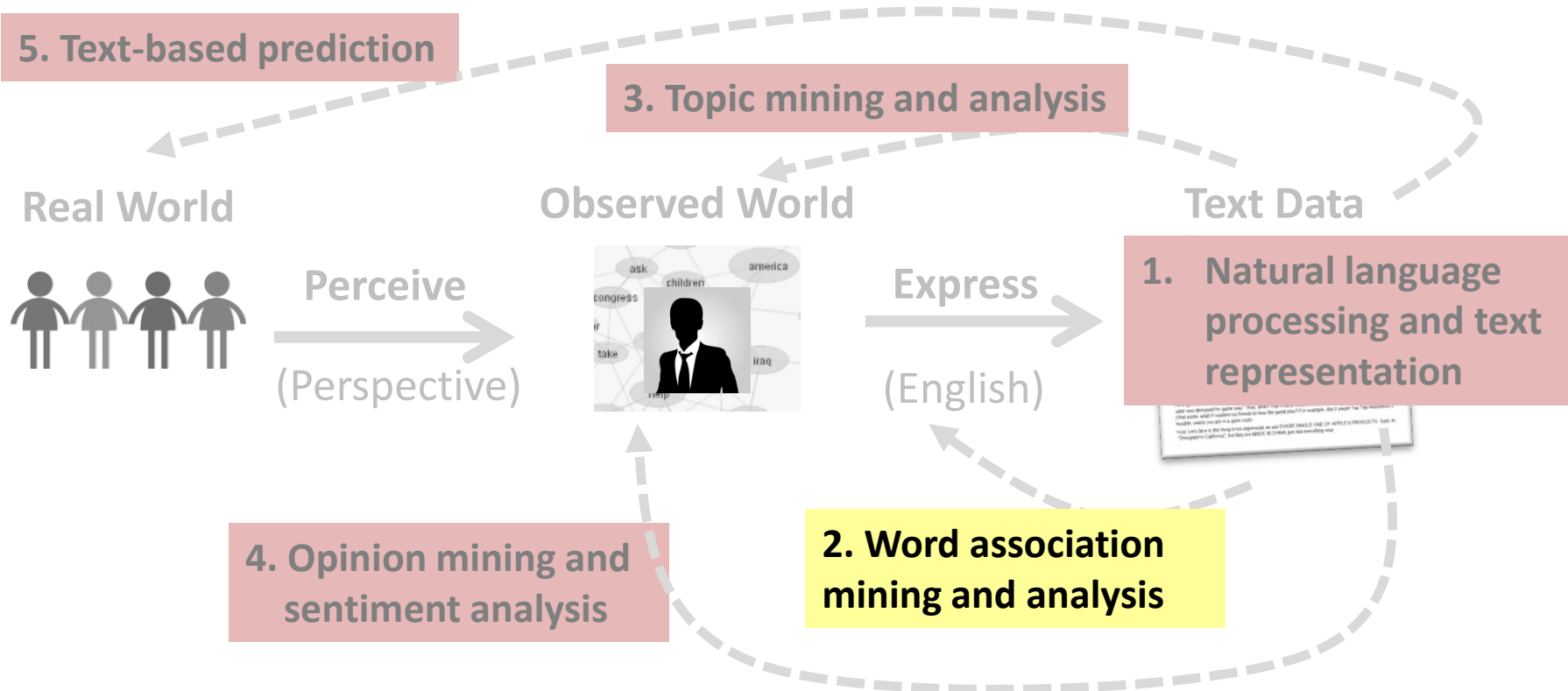


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What If We Know More About a Text Segment?

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?