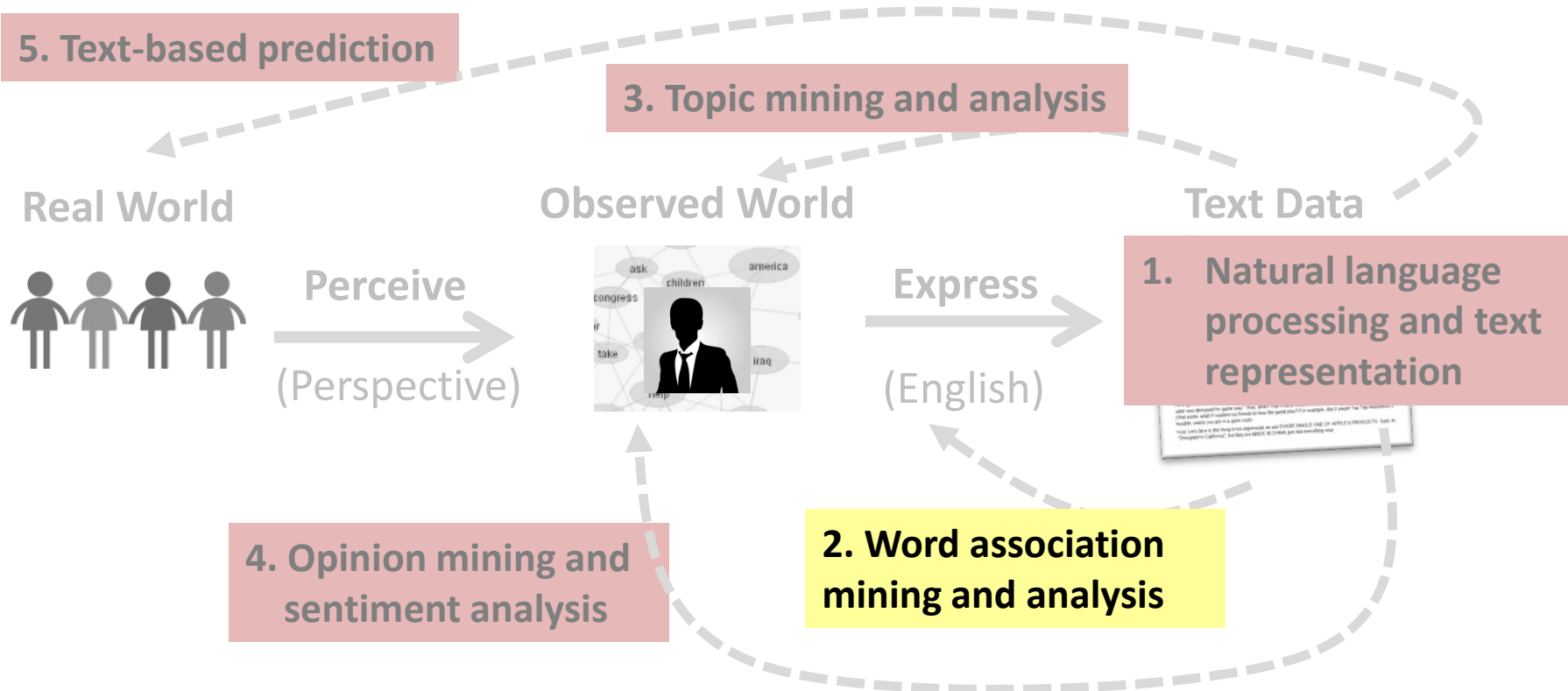


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# What If We Know More About a Text Segment?

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

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

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

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

# Conditional Entropy to Capture Syntagmatic Relation

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

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

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?