

Social Emotion Classification via Reader Perspective Weighted Model

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Target

Automatically classify news documents based on the semantic information and emotional votes of

- 1. Propose the *emotional entropy* to filter noisy samples
- 2. Associate words with emotions via topic distributions
- 3. Bayesian-based sentiment inference

System Process

Weight training documents

Learn topic distributions of training documents

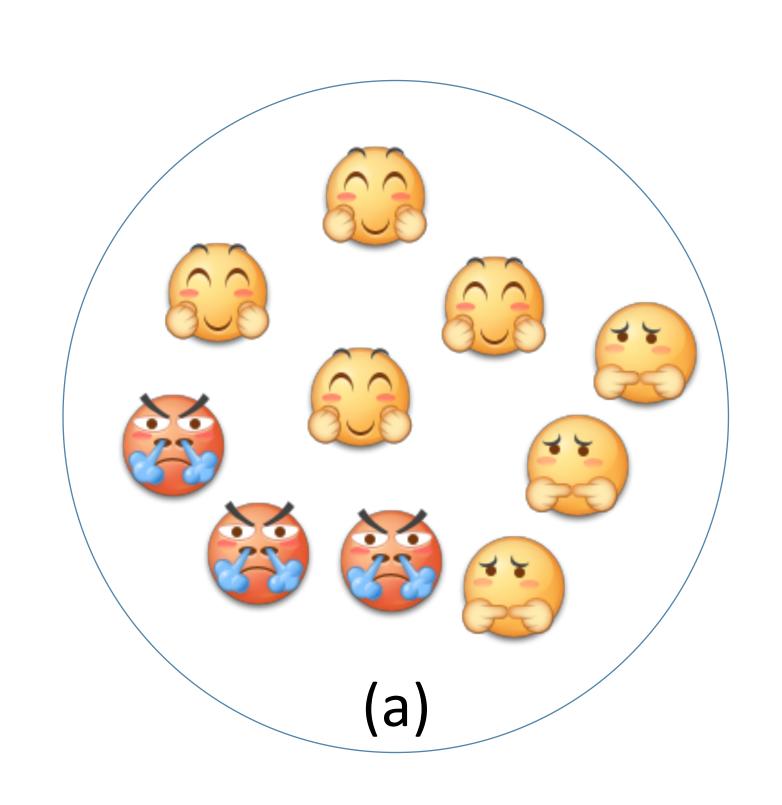
Estimate sentimental strength of words

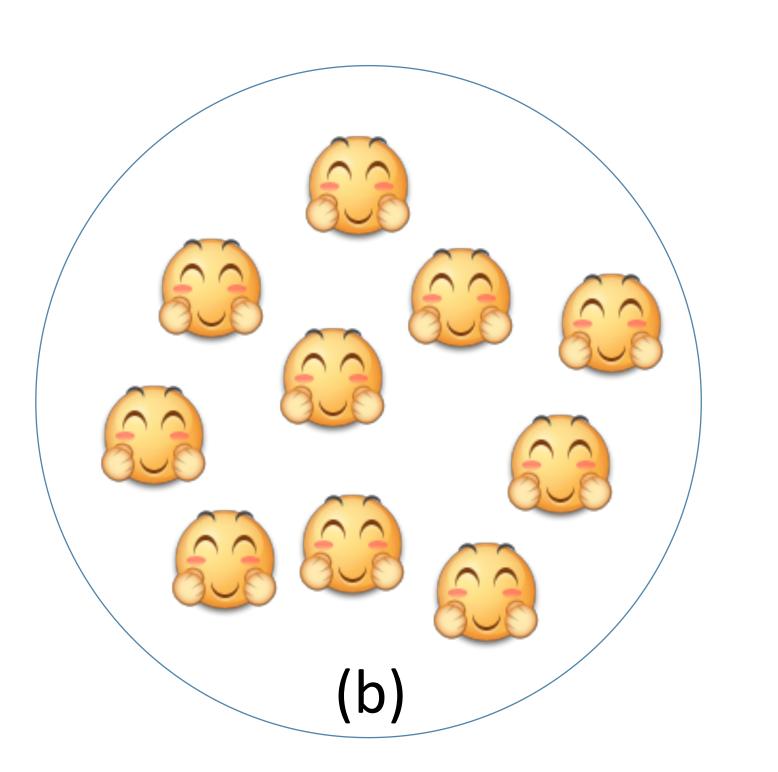
Determine emotion labels of testing documents

Predict semantic representation of testing words

Associate words with training documents

Entropy-based Weighting Schema





In terms of the Majority Voting, they both toward 🚱



According to the fine-grained rating distribution, the sentimental polarity of (b) is stronger than that of (a) since all readers vote over one single emotion, i.e.,

We propose the concept of Emotional Entropy to measure the uncertainty / purity of reader ratings

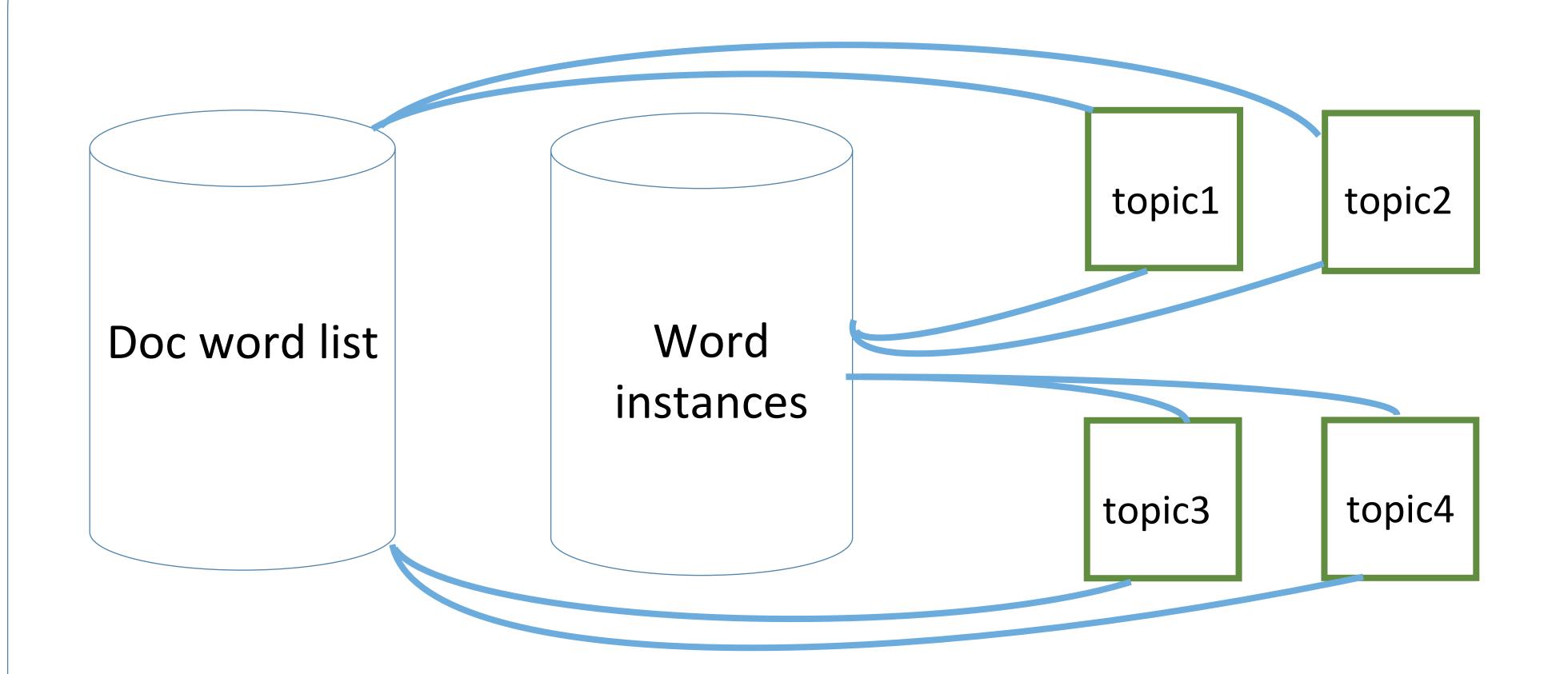
Training documents with larger Emotional Entropy values are more likely to be noisy samples, since they may contain few discriminative words or topics, and are difficult to be distinguished even for readers



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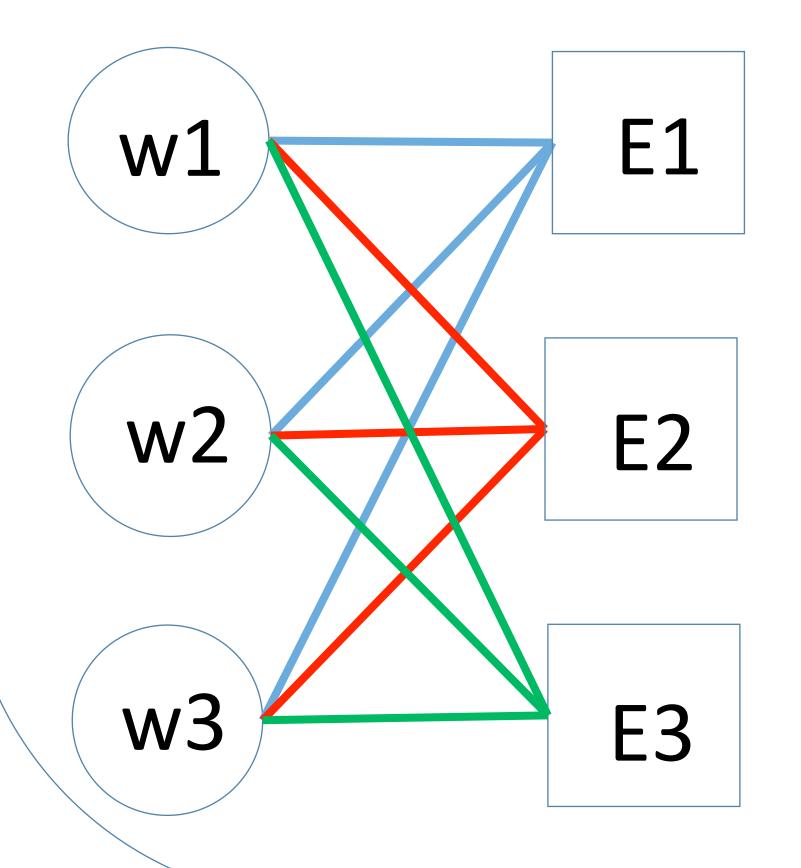
Associate Words With Emotions



We compute the **senti-strength** between words and training documents based on topic distributions

Weight the **senti-strength** based on the **Emotional Entropy** of the corresponding document

Sentiment Determination



Score(E3)=w1_E3_s +w2_E3_s+w3_E3_s **E**?

Sentiment Determination

We utilize the **unigram** language model and neglect word orders. Bayesian inference is used to calculate **senti-scores**

Emotion with the highest **senti-score** will be output as the label of testing documents

Experimental Results

Models	SemEval	SinaNews
SWAT [2007]	31.40%	50.63%
ET [2012]	31.00%	42.91%
ETM [2012]	24.65%	52.90%
MSTM [2014]	20.80%	49.83%
SLTM [2014]	20.85%	49.50%
ATM [2014]	32.45%	49.58%
RPWM	36.47%	56.12%

Conclusion

- 1. Emotional entropy reduces the disturbance of noisy documents (i.e., documents which are difficult for readers or models to distinguish their emotions)
- 2. Topic distribution acts as a bridge between training documents and words in the testing documents