

demonstrates the capability of reducing human labels by leveraging keyword information.

4.5 Evaluation on Keywords Generation

Tables 3, 4, and 5 list example keywords of one time window over the three events. Note that in the first time window for all three events, the top-ranked keywords for *AL* and *SSEM* are ranked by the importance score *fs* (see Section 3.2.2 for the definition of *fs*), which is the single time window ranking. From the second time window on, the top ranked keywords are generated by considering keyword graph changes. Results from all three tables are generated by considering keywords' dynamic changes over time. Some topic-model based methods are with fewer keywords because they generate the same keywords in different topics.

From the results, some important keywords appear all the time along the development of the event, such as *earthquake*, *chile* for the *EQ* event, *flood*, *flooding* for the *Flood* event, and *NBA*, *dunk* for the *NBA* event. This kind of keywords could be produced by all baseline methods and ranked higher than other words. However, generating such kind of keywords all the time does not help introduce new aspects of events. To make the newly added keywords effective on collecting event-related data, our keyword generation method tries to rank such kind of words lower. Emerging words are given higher ranks. Results from the three tables demonstrate the desired results, e.g., *terremoto*, *@reuters* for *EQ*, *disaster*, *#infloodwetrust* for *Flood*, and *#dunkcontest*, *#legend* for *NBA* are extracted and rank higher. That is the proposed keyword generation method could produce keywords representing the emerging aspects of an event and also the important user accounts, e.g., *@reuters*, *@bleacherreport*, which is also a desirable feature for depicting a developing event. However, the other methods could not produce such useful keywords and would generate some irrelevant words.

The *fs* and *ReRank* in Tables 3, 4 and 5 give a comparison example of word ranking by the importance score *fs* and re-ranking results by considering keywords' dynamic changes. Observe that, before considering word changes over time, top ranked words by importance score *fs* include those core keywords of each event or words that have already been added before, e.g., *#prayforchile*, *NBA*. After considering the keyword graph changes over time, more relevant keywords are introduced, e.g., *#tsunami*, *iquique*, *#dunkcontest*.

5 CONCLUSION

We propose a semi-supervised expectation and maximization mechanism to collect high-quality tweets related to an event of interest from the Twitter stream. We make the first attempt to leverage word properties to help identify event-related tweets, which could reduce human annotation effort and maintain high performance in terms of F_1 measure. By considering the word graph changing over time, we can generate keywords with few overlap with historical ones. Existing works do not consider words' dynamic changes. Since keywords that could depict the emerging aspects of events are preferred, one can also refer to the top-ranked keywords to learn about the event development. Our proposed method outperforms state-of-the-art methods on both event-related tweets identification and keywords generation.

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