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Answering Questions with CSKGs

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Commonsense Knowledge Graphs





The Commonsense Knowledge Graph (CSKG)



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Grounding

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Motivating Example

When boiling butter, when it's ready, you can...

pour it on a plate

pour it into a jar

Motivating Example



Required Common Sense:

- Things that boil are liquid (when they're ready)
- Liquids can be poured
- Butter can be a liquid
- Jars hold liquids
- Plates (typically) do not contain liquids

Required Linguistic Understanding:

- The antecedent of '*it*' is '*butter*'



Semantic Parsing: Text to Meaning Representation

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Semantic Parsing: Text to Meaning Representation

Three steps:

1. Semantic Role Labeling

• Graphical encoding of dependencies between subjects/verbs in a sentence.

2. Coreference Resolution

• Link mentions of entity within and across sentences.

3. Named Entity Recognition

- Map fine-grained entities (e.g., "John") to common entities (e.g., "Person").
- Better generalization

Semantic Role Labeling

Labels predicates (verbs) and their associated arguments.

John

John is waiting for his car to be finished.



Coreference Resolution

Links mentions of a single entity in a sentence or

across sentences.

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Named Entity Recognition

Marks each node if it is a named entity along with

the entity type.

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Semantic Parse: Question/Context

Which answer choice is better?

Q. When boiling butter, when it is ready, you can...

Ans 1 pour it on a plate.

Ans 2 pour it into a jar

Semantic Parse: Answer 1

When boiling butter, when it is ready, you can pour it on a plate.



Semantic Parse: Answer 2

When boiling butter, when it is ready, you can pour it into a jar.



Shortcomings and Future Directions

Many different ways to parse a sentence/sentences

- Semantic role labeling focuses on predicates, but ignores things like prepositional phrases.
- Can incorporate dependency parsing, abstract meaning representations (AMR), etc.

Future Work: Explore other meaning representations, including logic

Linking to Commonsense KG



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Linking to CSKG: Question/Context

The boy loved telling scary stories.



Approach

- Embed words and phrases

- Tokenization/concept matching
 - "Natural language processing" or "Natural", "language", "processing"?
- Use embeddings
 - ConceptNet Numberbatch [Speer et al., AAAI 2017]
 - BERT [Devlin et al., 2018]
- Node representation = function of word embeddings

Compute alignment between text and KG embeddings

- Cosine/L2 distance



Examples

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Potentially better links: scary_story, horror_story

- horror_story appears in the top-5 using original averaging method

Challenges

Multi-word phrases: His car -> /c/en/his? /c/en/car?

- Average embedding is closer to his. Car is not linked.
- Alternatives:
 - Link each word. Simple, but not compositional.
 - Link root of dependency parse. Discards even more information.

Polysemous words: "Doggo is *good* boy" vs. "Toilet paper is a scarce *good*"

- Only one entry in ConceptNet: /c/en/good.
- Can perform word sense disambiguation/link to WordNet nodes instead.
 - Better to handle at linking or graph reasoning step?

Evaluation

Fidelity vs. Utility Trade-off

- Exact matches may exist, but are not always useful
- Incorporate node degree?

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Neuro-symbolic Reasoning Approaches



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Structured evidence in CSKGs

Q: Bob the lizard lives in a warm place with lots of water. Where does he probably live?

A: tropical rainforest



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'No-knowledge' baseline is strong

SocialIQA

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CommonSense QA

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More knowledge is not always better

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Enhancing CSKGs with Language Models

Wang et al. (2020). Connecting the Dots: A Knowledgeable Path Generator for Commonsense Question Answering.

EMNLP Findings 2020



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Q: In what geological feature will you find fungus growing? A: shower stall B: toenails C: basement D: forest E: cave

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Solution

- Learn a **path generator** to connect entities mentioned in context with novel multi-hop knowledge paths



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Path Generator for Connecting Dots

Goal: generate a multi-hop path between two entities



- 1. Path Sampling with KG random walk
- **2. Training** by fine-tuning GPT-2
- 3. Inference by using greedy decoding



Generating knowledge paths is better than merely retrieving them

Methods	RoBERTa-large	AristoRoBERTa
Fine-tuned LMs (w/o KG)	64.80 (±2.37)	78.40 (±1.64)
+ RN	65.20 (±1.18)	75.35 (±1.39)
+ RGCN	62.45 (±1.57)	$74.60 (\pm 2.53)$
+ GconAtten	64.75 (±1.48)	$71.80(\pm 1.21)$
+ Link Prediction	66.30 (±0.48)	77.25 (±1.11)
+ PG-Local	<u>70.05</u> (±1.33)	<u>79.80</u> (±1.45)
+ PG-Global	68.40 (±0.31)	80.05 (±0.68)
+ PG-Full	71.20 (±0.96)	$79.15 (\pm 0.78)$

Test Accuracy on OpenBookQA



Consistent improvements with less training data



Test Accuracy on CommonsenseQA and OpenBookQA with different amount of training data.



Interpretability with "real" structured paths

Q1: Where would you find **magazines** along side many other printed works? A: doctor. B^* : bookstore. C: market. D: train station. E: mortuary. PG-Global (2-hop): {magazine, IsA, book, AtLocation, bookstore} PG-Scratch: {magazine, _IsA, magazine, AtLocation, bookstore}

Q2: If you want **harmony**, what is something you should try to do with the world? A: take time. B. make noise. C. make war. D^* .make peace. E. make haste. PG-Global (2-hop): {harmony, _MotivatedByGoal, make better world, HasPrerequisite, make peace} PG-Scratch: {harmony, _UsedFor, committing perjury, Causes, make peace}

Q3: Janet was watching the **film** because she liked what? A: rejection. B: laughter. C^* : being entertained. D: fear. E: bordem. PG-Global (1-hop): {film, _CausesDesire, being entertained} PG-Scratch: {film, _HasContext, being entertained}

Role of knowledge

Existing benchmarks



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New benchmarks?



Few shot, zero shot





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Wrap-up



What Is Common Sense?

Common sense is sound practical judgement concerning everyday matters,

or a basic ability to perceive, understand, and judge that is shared by ("common to") nearly all people.

Wikipedia





Slide by Yejin Choi

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A Common Sense Task

Input: a set of common concepts

Output: a sentence using these concepts dog | frisbee | catch | throw

- A dog leaps to catch a thrown frisbee.
- The dog catches the frisbee when the boy throws it.
- A man throws away his dog 's favorite frisbee expecting him to catch it in the air.

GPT2: A dog throws a frisbee at a football player. [Machines]
UniLM: Two dogs are throwing frisbees at each other.
BART: A dog throws a frisbee and a dog catches it.
T5: dog catches a frisbee and throws it to a dog

https://inklab.usc.edu/CommonGen/

[Humans]

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Dimensions Of Common Sense Knowledge

Representation

- \circ symbolic
- o natural language
- \circ neural

Creation method

- expert input
- \circ crowdsourcing
- information extraction, machine learning

Knowledge type

- \circ entities and actions
- o inferential/rules

Topic

- general
- o social





Why is top-down knowledge necessary?

- "In Artificial intelligence, commonsense knowledge is
- the set of **background information** that an individual is
- intended to know or assume and the ability to use it when appropriate."

Argument: This knowledge cannot be acquired simply

through text (or in an otherwise 'inductive' fashion)

Taxonomy of 30 representational







Example of a 'top-down' CSKG: Cyc





Limitations of top-down CSKGs

Many of the same issues that other top-down

systems (including, famously, expert systems) have,

such as brittleness, expense of acquisition...

Even if it were possible, we can never get away from language models completely

The many faces of ConceptNet





Commonsense Knowledge in Wikidata

shower part of bathroom

reading uses written work

queen follows jack

political opposition opposite of government



Commonsense Knowledge Sources

ConceptNet

- -Information about everyday objects, actions, states and relationships among them, extensive links to WordNet
- -Incomplete coverage, "related-to" accounts for 75% of statements

•ATOMIC

- -Pre- and post-states for events and their participants, physical and mental aspects covered
- -Only 25% of nodes have links to ConceptNet, difficult to combine with other resources

WordNet

Meanings of words & relationships to other words, high coverage, many resources have links to WordNet, example sentences
 No description of the properties of objects or roles in verbs, only is-a and part-of relations

VerbNet, FrameNet

-Defines participants/roles for a large number of situations/frames, links to verbs, syntactic forms and example sentences -No semantic typing of roles, many roles are very abstract (e.g., Agent), lacks info about state changes, or pre-post conditions

•Visual Genome

-"Visual" commonsense, many possible attributes, relationships/actions among objects, linked to WordNet, many edges for a KG
 -No abstraction mechanism to understand prevalence of relations

•Wikidata

- -Comprehensive descriptions of objects, both specific (named entities) and generic (nouns)
- -Sparse information about events and states, much knowledge is on instance-level and abstraction is non-trivial


Consolidation Hypothesis

Integrating multiple knowledge sources in CSKG is beneficial for downstream reasoning tasks.



Principles for a modular and useful CSKG

P1. Embrace heterogeneity of nodes

objects, classes, words, actions, frames, states

P2. Reuse edge types across resources

/r/HasProperty from ConceptNet applicable for attributes in Visual Genome

P3. Leverage external links

many sources map to WordNet

P4. Generate high-quality probabilistic links

many facts not explicitly stated

P5. Enable access to labels

text labels and aliases are the key, in particular for NLP use cases



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Our final takeaways

- Commonsense (CS) reasoning is a difficult general AI problem that has come of age
 - Ironically, exposed both the strengths and limitations of neural networks, including language representation learning
 - We hypothesize that a neuro-symbolic approach is necessary for CS reasoning
- CS knowledge, appropriately contextualized, is critical for robust CS reasoning and QA
- Much progress has been achieved in integrating multiple sources into a single CSKG, but many open challenges remain

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