Neural Language Models as Commonsense Representation Engines







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Language Models



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Time



- Insufficient Coverage
- Limited expressivity
- No Contextualization



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- Situations rarely found as-is in commonsense knowledge graphs



(Sap et al., 2019)

(X goes to the mall, Effect on X, buys clothes)

(X goes the mall, Perception of X, rich)

(X gives Y some money, Reaction of Y, grateful)



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How do we provide machines with large-scale commonsense knowledge?

Challenge

Constructing Knowledge Graphs

Observe world

Write commonsense knowledge facts





Store facts in knowledge graph





(Miller, 1995)



(Singh et al., 2002)



(Sap et al., 2019)

(Lenat, 1995)

• Commonsense knowledge is **immeasurably vast**, making it impossible to manually enumerate

Challenges

Extracting Knowledge Graphs from Text



(Banko et al., 2007) (Zhang et al., 2020) Store in knowledge graph

Underspecified **Reporting Bias**



(Speer et al., 2017)





(Tandon et al., 2019)

Learning Relations from Existing KGs

Gather training set of knowledge tuples Learn relationships among entities



(Socher et al., 2013) (Bordes et al., 2013) (Riedel et al., 2013) (Toutanova et al., 2015) (Yang et al., 2015) (Trouillon et al., 2016) (Nguyen et al., 2016) (Dettmers et al., 2018)

Predict new relationships

(person, CapableOf, ?)



Store in knowledge graph







Commonsense KGs are Different

Knowledge Graph

Entities

ConceptNet - 100k 78088

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Malaviya et al., AAAI 2020





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Challenges

How else can we learn commonsense fied, and knowledge at scale?

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Deep Language Models





(Radford et al., 2018, 2019, many others)

Learning in Language Models

Text Corpus

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Critics say that current voting systems used in the United States are inefficient and often lead to the inaccurate counting of votes. Miscounts can be especially damaging if an election is closely contested. Those critics would like the traditional systems to be replaced with far more efficient and trustworthy computerized voting systems.

In traditional voting, one major source of inaccuracy is that people accidentally vote for the wrong candidate. Voters usually have to find the name of their candidate on a large sheet of paper containing many names—the ballot—and make a small mark next to that name. People with poor eyesight can easily mark the wrong name. The computerized voting machines have an easy-to-use touch-screen technology: to cast a vote, a voter needs only to touch the candidate's name on the screen to record a vote for that candidate; voters can even have the computer magnify the name for easier viewing.

Another major problem with old voting systems is that they rely heavily on people to count the votes. Officials must often count up the votes one by one, going through every ballot and recording the vote. Since they have to deal with thousands of ballots, it is almost inevitable that they will make mistakes. If an error is detected, a long and expensive recount has to take place. In contrast, computerized systems remove the possibility of human error, since all the vote counting is done quickly and automatically by the computers.

Finally some people say it is too risky to implement complicated voting technology nationwide. But without giving it a thought, governments and individuals alike trust other complex computer technology every day to be perfectly accurate in banking transactions as well as in the communication of highly sensitive information.

Transformer Language Model



(Radford et al., 2018, 2019, many others)



Do language models have commonsense knowledge?

Knowledge in Language Models

entence:	Predictions: 14.2% boat	
I wanted to learn to sail, so I bought a	5.4% sail	
	2.6% new	
	2.0% small	
	1.4% canoe	
	Sentence:	Predictions:
	I wanted to learn to drive, so I bought a	7.5% new 7.0% car

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I wanted to learn to read, so I bought a

https://demo.allennlp.org/next-token-lm

Sentence:

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17.2%	book
L5.2%	сору
3.4%	Kindle
2.4%	new
1.7%	few

Sentence:	Predictions:
	5.3% plane
I wanted to learn to fly, so I bought a	3.8% new
	1.6% small
	1.6% Boeing
	1.5% jet
	← Undo

Knowledge Prompting

(Dante, <born_in>, ?)



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e.g. ELMo/BERT



Petroni et al., EMNLP 2019





Knowledge Prompting

Christmas?

birth of Christ.

the celebration of the

Instance:

Christmas was a special holiday to Eric but not Adam since _____ was a Jew.

Question Generation:

Christmas was a special holiday to Eric but not Adam since _____ was a Jew.

Answer Generation:

Christmas



What is the definition of

The definition of

is

Question & Answer Prefixes

Clarification Question

What is the definition of Christmas?

Clarification

The definition of Christmas is the na nurnage of Christmas is to celebrate The definition of Christmas is the The definition of Christmas is a Christian Holiday.

Shwartz et al., EMNLP 2021





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Jiang et al., TACL 2020

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Prompt Sensitivity

Candidate Sentence S _i	$\log p(S_i)$
"musician can playing musical instrument"	-5.7
"musician can be play musical instrument"	-4.9
"musician often play musical instrument"	-5.5
"a musician can play a musical instrument"	-2.9

Feldman et al., EMNLP 2019



Context Sensitivity

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Jiang et al., TACL 2020

Prompt

A ____ has fur.

A _____ has fur, is big, and

A _____ has fur, is big, has teeth, is an animal, eats, and lives in woods.

$\log p(S_i)$
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-2.9

Feldman et al., EMNLP 2019

	Model Predictions
	dog, cat, fox,
has claws.	cat, bear , lion,
claws, has	bear, wolf, cat,
is brown,	

Weir et al., CogSci 2020



Do language models have commonsense?

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Do language models have commonsense?

- Distinction between encoding commonsense knowledge and expressing commonsense knowledge
- Probing with prompts measures whether LMs can express commonsense knowledge and the results are mixed



Do language models encode commonsense knowledge?

From Unstructured to Structured Knowledge







(Radford et al., 2018, 2019, many others)





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angligenue Allen sailed across oceans •••

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Structure of Knowledge Tuple



head entity



tail entity

(entity to generate)

Learning Structure of Knowledge

Given a **head entity** and a **relation**, learn to generate the **tail entity**

annhalte angles Ence sails person across head entity

Bosselut et al., ACL 2019

$\mathscr{L} = -\sum \log P(\text{tail words} | \text{head words, relation})$

tail entity buy a boat buy a boat the same same couper in same to a second to a second

oceans <requires>

relation
Learning Structure of Knowledge

Language Model ---- Knowledge Model: generates knowledge of the structure of the examples used for training







Antoine gives a tutorial on commonsense knowledge

COMET - ATOMIC



Audience listens to tutorial





Why does this work?

Transfer Learning from Language



Transfer Learning from Language









Can't language models just do this?

Do Language Models know this?

Sentence:

mango is a

https://demo.allennlp.org/next-token-lm

Predictions:

- 2.1% great
- 1.9% very
- 1.2% **new**
- 1.0% good
- 1.0% small
 - $\leftarrow \text{ Undo}$

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Predictions:

- 4.2% fruit
- 3.5% **very**
- 2.5% sweet
- 2.2% good
- 1.5% delicious
 - $\leftarrow \text{ Undo}$

Do Masked Language Models know this?

Sentence:

mango is a [MASK]

Sentence:

mango is a [MASK].

Sentence:

A mango is a [MASK].

https://demo.allennlp.org/masked-lm





Let's talk about the elephant in the room. What about GPT-3?

Does GPT-3 have commonsense knowledge?



Kevin Lacker's Blog. July 6, 2020 (<u>https://lacker.io/ai/2020/07/06/giving-gpt-3-a-turing-test.html</u>)

Q: Why don't animals have three legs? A: Animals don't have three legs because they would fall over.



Hwang et al., AAAI 2021

Commonsense Transformers

- Learn implicit knowledge at scale from language models and web-scale text



Pre-trained Language Model

Commonsense Transformers



Pre-trained Language Model

- Learn implicit knowledge at scale from language models and web-scale text - Learn explicit structure of knowledge from symbolic knowledge graphs



Seed Knowledge Graph Training

Commonsense Transformers



Language Model

- Learn implicit knowledge at scale from language models and web-scale text - Learn explicit structure of knowledge from symbolic knowledge graphs - Resulting knowledge model generalizes structure to other concepts



What are the implications of representing commonsense knowledge in this manner?

Commonsense Knowledge for any Situation

transformer-style architecture
event can be fully parsed

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Bosselut et al., AAAI 2021

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Generated Commonsense Inference Nodes



root node



generated node



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What about the relations? Those are fixed.

Fixed Relation Sets


Few-shot Knowledge Models

Using prompts induces rapid knowledge model adaptation in T5!

PersonX goes to the mall <xIntent> to buy clothes

PersonX goes to the mall because they wanted to buy clothes

Da et al., 2021



Few-shot Knowledge Models



Just ~100 examples! 5 examples / relation



Can we model more complex commonsense knowledge?

Path Knowledge Models



Wang et al., EMNLP Findings 2020



Path Knowledge Models Path entities wants to <xEffect> <xWant> leaves avoid trouble Eques conjunt ne salure unrapple TOKA

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Wang et al., EMNLP Findings 2020





Wang et al., EMNLP Findings 2020



Visual Commonsense Knowledge Models



Park et al., ICCV 2020



Park et al., ICCV 2020





Park et al., ICCV 2020





Okay, what's the catch?

Limitations of Knowledge Models

- Base Self-supervised Model
 - biases, history
- Seed Knowledge Graph
 - bias, language, relations, schema







Limitations of Knowledge Models

- Base Self-supervised Model
 - biases, history
- Seed Knowledge Graph
 - bias, language, relations, schema
- Generation Algorithm
 - diversity, mode collapse

Listen to Tutorial









Sarcasm generation Chakrabarty et al. 2020 @ ACL 2020

Personalized Dialogue Majumder et al. 2020 @ EMNLP 2020

Text-Based Games

Dambekodi et al. 2020 @ arXiv:2012.02757



Bosselut et al. 2019 @ ACL 2019

Therapy Chabot Kearns et al. 2020 @ CHI EA 2020

Simile generation Chakrabarty et al. 2020 @ EMNLP 2020



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Where else can commonsense knowledge access improve our systems?

Static vs. Dynamic

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Language Models as CSKBs?

- Large-scale language models encode a lot of commonsense knowledge implicitly, but it's not not directly accessible
- We can develop methods to extract it, but they need to be adaptable, robust and efficient
- if transfer from language models is a new use case

Need to rethink how we design commonsense knowledge graphs

Building Commonsense Knowledge Bases

Quality of KB is important!

Careful validation is critical so that LMs can learn from precise examples.

These are less likely to be known by LMs, thus more impactful in knowledge transfer

Hwang et al., AAAI 2021

More varieties of relations!

Represent a wide range of commonsense relationships (Use prompts for fast adaptation)

Focus on textually less explicit examples



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