Knowledge Graph based Question Answering



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Overview

- Knowledge Graphs
- Multiple Choice QA Task Solvers (combining KG and LM)
 - KagNet
 - QA-GNN
 - GreaseLM
- Why do we need such complex architectures?
 - GNN is a counter? paper
- Answer generation in natural language, or answer selection from KG
 - KGT5 (link prediction + QA using T5)

Reasoning with Knowledge

If it is <u>not</u> used for **hair**, a **round brush** is an example of what? A. hair brush B. bathroom C. **art supplies*** D. shower

Q: How many of Warsaw's inhabitants spoke Polish in 1933?

Q: Who are current presidents of European countries who never held a world cup?

Where is the Knowledge?

Knowledge can be stored in a:



Knowledge Graphs

- Knowledge Graphs are heterogenous graphs
 - Multiple types of entities and relations exist
- Facts are represented as triples (head, relation, tail)
 - ('Paris', 'is_a', 'City')
 - ('India', 'population', '1.3B')
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Benefits of KGs

- Explicitly stores knowledge
- Interpretable
- Easy to update and improve



Language Model's - Benefits

- Broad coverage
 - Trained over massive amounts of text
- Can encode practically

anything that can

be put in words

- Captures context



Figure 1: The Transformer - model architecture.

LM's - Drawbacks

- Mysterious Knowledge "hidden" in Weights
- Unclear how to improve them over time
- Not interpretable
- Cannot truly reason
 - For eg. BERT doing sophisticated string matching ?
- "Hidden" Biases

Leverage Both Knowledge



Challenges in Knowledge Aware Reasoning

- How can we find a subgraph for reasoning?
 - KG/subgraphs are Noisy and Incomplete, also very large
 - Numerous subgraphs possible, how to select the most related ones?

- How do we encode the retrieved subgraph?
 - Complex Multi-Relational Graphs \rightarrow how to model these?
 - No supervision for aligning graphs and Q-A pairs \rightarrow distant supervision
 - Graph representation have to be compatible with Neural sentence encoders

KagNet, Lin et. al, EMNLP, 2019

KagNet: Knowledge-Aware Graph Networks for Commonsense Reasoning

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Subgraph Construction









Hierarchical Attention Mechanism



Comparison with standard baselines



Comparison with Knowledge Aware methods

	Easy	Mode	Hard Mode		
Model Random guess	IHdev.(%) 33.3	IHtest.(%) 33.3	IHdev.(%) 20.0	IHtest.(%) 20.0	
BLSTMS	80.15	78.01	34.79	32.12	
+ KV-MN	81.71	79.63	35.70	33.43	
+ CSPT	81.79	80.01	35.31	33.61	
+ TEXTGRAPHCAT	82.68	81.03	34.72	33.15	
+ TRIPLESTRING	79.11	76.02	33.19	31.02	
+ KAGNET	83.26	82.15	36.38	34.57	
Human Performance	-	99.5	-	88.9	

Yasunaga et. al, NAACL, 2021

Key Innovations:

- 1. Language-conditioned KG node relevance scoring
- 2. Joint Reasoning:
 - a. Connect text and KG to form a joint graph
 - b. Mutually update representations via GNN



This and following QA-GNN slides are adapted/modified/taken directly from Jure Leskovec (NAACL HLT keynote)



Existing Subgraph Retrieval Methods

QA Context



A. **bank*** B. library C. department store D. mall E. new york



Identify topic entities in the text: travel, door, security, bank

Retrieve k-hop heighbors/paths in KG



Some entities are irrelevant to the given QA context

- Off-topic e.g. holiday
- Polysemy e.g. river_bank
- Generic e.g. human, place



(1) Score KG nodes by LM

QA Context



Some entities are irrelevant to the given QA context!

Entity relevance estimated by LM. **Darker** color indicates higher score.



(2) Joint Reasoning



QA-GNN Joint Reasoning **QA-GNN Message Passing** $oldsymbol{h}_t^{(\ell+1)} = oldsymbol{F}_n \left(\sum_{s \in \mathcal{N}_t \cup \{t\}} lpha_{st} oldsymbol{m}_{st} ight) + oldsymbol{h}_t^{(\ell)}$

Initial Vector: Mean pooled BERT embeddings => Refine with GNN



Node types

Attention

 $(s \rightarrow t)$

Context

Question entity

Message

 $(s \rightarrow t)$

- Answer entity
- Other entity

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 $m{m}_{st}\!=\!f_m(m{h}_s^{(\ell)},m{u}_s,m{r}_{st}),$

$$\boldsymbol{q}_{s} = f_{q}(\boldsymbol{h}_{s}^{(\ell)}, \boldsymbol{u}_{s}, \boldsymbol{\rho}_{s}),$$
$$\boldsymbol{k}_{t} = f_{k}(\boldsymbol{h}_{t}^{(\ell)}, \boldsymbol{u}_{t}, \boldsymbol{\rho}_{t}, \boldsymbol{r}_{st})$$



Performance

Improved performance on two QA tasks

CommonsenseQA



OpenBookQA



Analysis

• Node scoring tends to help when retrieved KG is big



 Joint graph tends to help when question has negation



Benefit 1: Interpretability

(a) Attention visualization direction: BFS from Q



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(b) Attention visualization direction: $\mathbf{Q} \rightarrow \mathbf{O}$ and $\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{O}$





Benefit 2: Structured Reasoning



Better Handling of negation or entity substitution



GREASELM: GRAPH REASONING ENHANCED LANGUAGE MODELS FOR QUESTION ANSWERING

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"You can't cram the meaning of a whole %&!\$# sentence into a single \$&!#* vector!"





Key Innovation:

Individual token representations in the LM and node representations in the GNN **mix (interact) for multiple layers**



We need more interaction!!



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Performance

Better performance on standard datasets

Methods	IHdev-Acc. (%)	IHtest-Acc. (%)	-		
RoBERTa-Large (w/o KG)	73.1 (±0.5)	68.7 (±0.6)			
RGCN (Schlichtkrull et al., 2018)	72.7 (±0.2)	68.4 (±0.7)	-		
GconAttn (Wang et al., 2019)	72.6 (±0.4)	68.6 (±1.0)			
KagNet (Lin et al., 2019)	73.5 (±0.2)	69.0 (±0.8)			
RN (Santoro et al., 2017)	74.6 (±0.9)	69.1 (±0.2)	OpenbookOA		
MHGRN (Feng et al., 2020)	74.5 (±0.1)	71.1 (±0.8)	OpenbookQA		
QA-GNN (Yasunaga et al., 2021)	76.5 (±0.2)	73.4 (±0.9)		-	
GREASELM (Ours)	78.5 (±0.5)	74.2 (±0.4)	Model	Acc.	# Params
			ALBERT (Lan et al., 2020) + KB	81.0	$\sim 235 M$
			HGN (Yan et al., 2020)	81.4	≥355M
Commonsense OA			AMR-SG (Xu et al., 2021)	81.6	~361M
CommonsenseQA			ALBERT + KPG (Wang et al., 2020)	81.8	\geq 235M
			QA-GNN (Yasunaga et al., 2021)	82.8	\sim 360M
			T5 [*] (Raffel et al., 2020)	83.2	~ 3B
			T5 + KB (Pirtoaca)	85.4	≥11B
			Unified QA^* (Khashabi et al., 2020)	87.2	~ 11B
			GREASELM (Ours)	84.8	~359M

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Performance

- Better performance on complex questions
- Table 5: Performance of GREASELM on the *CommonsenseQA* IH-dev set on complex questions with semantic nuance such as prepositional phrases, negation terms, and hedge terms.

Model	# Prepositional Phrases					Negation	Hedge
Model	0	1	2	3	4	Term	Term
n	210	429	316	171	59	83	167
RoBERTa-Large	66.7	72.3	76.3	74.3	69.5	63.8	70.7
QA-GNN	76.7	76.2	79.1	74.9	81.4	66.2	76.0
GREASELM (Ours)	75.7	79.3	80.4	77.2	84.7	69.9	78.4

Benefit: Better Attention patterns than QA-GNN

(a) GreaseLM

What is unlikely to get bugs on its windshield due to bugs' inability to reach it when it is moving? A. airplane C E. motor vehicle



(b) QA-GNN



GNN as a counter? Revisiting GNN for QA Wang et. al, ICLR, 2022



- Analysis of existing GNN modules
 - Used SparseVD (pruning) to analyse importance of different parts of GNN architectures for QnA
- Importance of edge counting
 - Counting edges in a graph => important for qNa
- Design of a GSC (Graph soft counter)
 - Replace complex GNN with a "very-very" simple GNN



Pruning \rightarrow Prune different NN layers

Y axis \rightarrow Sparse Ratio (lower means the weights **can be made sparse**)



Pruning Results

2 loss terms \rightarrow

Maximize accuracy on CommonsenseQA + Minimize KL divergence

	w/o Spa	arseVD	w/ Spa	rseVD
Methods	IHdev-Acc. (%)	IHtest-Acc. (%)	IHdev-Acc. (%)	IHtest-Acc. (%)
KagNet (Lin et al., 2019)	73.47 (±0.22)	69.01 (±0.76)	75.18 (±1.05)	70.48 (±0.77)
MHGRN (Feng et al., 2020)	74.45 (±0.10)	71.11 (±0.81)	77.15 (±0.32)	72.66 (±0.61)
QAGNN (Yasunaga et al., 2021)	76.54 (±0.21)	73.41 (±0.92)	77.64 (±0.50)	73.57 (±0.48)

Table 1: To preserve the reasoning ability for analysis, our SparseVD tool prunes the GNN-based models without loss of accuracy on *Commonsense QA* in-house split.

GSC (graph soft counter)



- Node embedding not needed, only have 1 dim node value
- Edge embedding replaced with 1 dim edge value (output by edge encoder)
- Only 32 retrieved nodes are enough !!! (QA-GNN uses 200)
- GAttNet reduced to 2 simple steps

1) update the edge value with in-node

2) update the node value by aggregating the edge

	KagNet	MHGRN	QAGNN	GSC (Ours)
Adj-matrix	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	 ✓
Edge-type	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Node-type	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Node-embedding	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	×
Relevance-score	×	×	\checkmark	×
#Learnable Param	700k	547k	2845k	3k
Model size	819M	819M	821M	3k

Number of parameters used by different models



KGT5 Saxena et. al, ACL, 2022

TASK: KBQA (Knowledge Base Question Answering)



Note: KB=Knowledge Graph for us

Prior Approaches

- Get Question embedding and KG embedding (i.e entity and relation embedding)
- Score entities in KG and output answer



Entity embeddings

Saxena et. al, ACL, 2020

- KBQA as a Seq-2-Seq task \rightarrow using a unified T5 model
- Pretrain on Link prediction \rightarrow this helps learn the KG relations and entities
- Finetune on QA task \rightarrow but without KG



Figure 1: Overview of our method KGT5. KGT5 is first trained on the link prediction task (predicting head/tail entities, given tail/head and relation). For question answering, the same model is further finetuned using QA pairs.

Saxena et. al, ACL, 2022



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Link prediction

- Eg: given (h, r, ?) we need to find the tail, t
- Sample n sequences from T5 model
 - Sample from output probability of words (from T5)
 - Do this multiple times to get different outputs
 - Log-prob of any output entity=

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \log({f P}(w_t|input,w_1,w_2,...,w_{t-1}))$$

where \mathbb{P} is the model's output distribution.

- Get Top - K predictions as answer



"model almost always outputs an entity mention"

Performance: Link prediction

Model	MRR	Hits@1	Hits@3	Hits@10	Params
TransE (Bordes et al., 2013) [†]	0.253	0.170	0.311	0.392	2,400M
DistMult (Yang et al., 2015) [†]	0.253	0.209	0.278	0.334	2,400M
SimplE (Kazemi and Poole, 2018) [†]	0.296	0.252	0.317	0.377	2,400M
RotatE (Sun et al., 2019b) [†]	0.290	0.234	0.322	0.390	2,400M
QuatE (Zhang et al., 2019) [†]	0.276	0.227	0.301	0.359	2,400M
ComplEx (Trouillon et al., 2016) ^{\$}	0.308	0.255	-	0.398	614M
KGT5 (Our method)	0.300	0.267	0.318	0.365	60M
ComplEx 14-dim [‡]	0.201	0.161	0.211	0.275	67M
ComplEx 26-dim [‡]	0.239	0.187	0.261	0.342	125M
KEPLER (Wang et al., 2021) ^{††}	0.210	0.173	0.224	0.277	125M
DKRL (Xie et al., 2016a) ^{††}	0.160	0.120	0.181	0.229	20M
MLMLM (Clouatre et al., 2021) ^{‡‡}	0.223	0.201	0.232	0.264	355M
KGT5-ComplEx Ensemble	0.336	0.286	0.362	0.426	674M

Question Answering

Model	CWQ	WQSP
GT query	25.2	56.9
Pullnet	26.8 (+1.6)	47.4 (-9.5)
EmbedKGQA	-	42.5 (-14.4)
LEGO	29.4 (+4.2)	48.5 (-8.4)
GT query	24.5	56.9
KGT5	34.5 (+10.0)	50.5 (-6.4)

Method	WQSP	CWQ
T5-small + QA finetuning	31.3	27.1
KGT5 (50% KG pretraining)	50.5	34.5
KGT5 (full KG pretraining)	56.1	36.5
EmbedKGQA	66.6	-
CBR-KGQA (Das et al., 2021b)	73.1	70.4

Results from 50% KG setting: I.e Randomly drop 50% edges

Results from Full KG setting:

Conclusion: T5 is good at generating the entities **not present** in KG (50 %), but bad at memorizing the KG entities (from 100% KG)

Comments + Papers/Pointers/Discussion:

Pros:

- It addresses the challenges through two key innovations:

(i) relevance scoring, in which they employ LMs to determine the relative value of KG nodes in a specific QA context, and

(ii) joint reasoning, where they connect the QA context and KG to form a joint graph, and mutually update their representations through graph-based message passing

- Good ablations
- Interpretable
- Method is quite general
- Outperforms baselines

Cons

- 1. The inherent scalability problem of GNN is an issue (Rocktim)
 - a. Graph soft counter has some solutions
 - b. Retrieve less number of nodes
- 2. The approach seems to be limited to MCQ questions (Rocktim)
 - a. Use T5 kind of an approach to "generate answers"
- 3. Paper generates a sub graph G for each answer option and then does its predictions (Jai)
 - a. The QA-GNN paper generates one graph (paths from Q entities to A entitites)
- Unified QA and T5 beat QA GNN because of their size and amount of data trained. The paper could have done a study in which they increase their model size
 - (Jai, Rohit)
 - a. Yes!
 - b. I believe QA-GNN was concerned about parameter efficiency (30x smaller than Unified QA)

Cons

- 5. They use different LMs for different data sets (Rohit)
 - a. Possibly study: use same LM for all and compare
 - Some intuition: AristoRoberta is finetuned on RACE dataset (reading comprehension): may have something common with OpenbookQA (also has extra science facts input, apart from the Q and A)
- 6. Choice of number of GNN layers not clear (Rohit)
 - a. There are a few ablations w.r.t number of layers (acc increases then decreases as layers increase) → may or maynot be satisfactory
- 7. The baselines used for comparison are old (from 2018,2019) More recent baselines should be used for comparison. (Shivangi)
- 8. Test accuracy on MedQA-USMLE is marginal. More datasets from different domains can be used to check the generalizability and domain adaptation of the model (Shivangi)
 - a. Yes in general there don't seem to be many datasets having relevant KG+QA.

Cons

- 9. Graph connection to all nodes performs comparatively to just joining just the QA entities which shows that the edges do not have much relevance and only the node incorporated matters (Shreya)
- 10. Next sentence prediction NLI model instead of MLM model for relevance scoring (Vishal Saley)
 - a. Possibly can improve since it would be able to better capture the entailment
- 11. Node relevance is definitely important but it does not protect against creating a partitioned sub-graph. Instead, path relevance could have been good measure and it is an straightforward extension of the proposed method. (Vishal)
 - a. Something like what was done in the KagNet paper \rightarrow maybe we can try it for QA GNN

Extensions

- 1. Extending it to handle at least short answer-type questions/subjective QA where the answers are generated (Rocktim, Jai, Rohit)
 - a. T5, GPT like model?
- 2. Question answering on a KG without Multiple Choices (Jai)
 - a. Papers like EmbedKGQA (Saxena et. al, 2020) do this
 - b. Can see the KBQA line of work
 - c. Interesting method proposed by Jai (get entities, choose among them, also finetune LM \rightarrow looks like EmbedKGQA and KGT5 type of method)
- 3. Double Negation (Rohit, Shreya)/Theorem proving using the explainability module (Rohit)
 - a. Logical reasoning in NLP seems to be tough (there are a few datasets/papers like ProofWriter/Ruletaker which can be looked at)

Extensions

- 4. Similar methods can be applied in table understanding (Rohit)
- 5. Multimodal setting (Shivangi, Rohit)
 - a. Images \rightarrow scene graphs (symbolic!, objects and relation) \rightarrow retrieve similar nodes from KG \rightarrow Do QA
 - b. Can see the GraphVQA paper
- 6. Given method is general enough to be extended to different reasoning problems. For example, in case of document grounded QA we can form contextualized representation for all the documents given a question. (Vishal Saley)
- 7. Model can be tested with other Language models other than Roberta (Shreya)

- 8. At some point in the future, we wouldn't need to train bigger language models but would need bigger knowledge bases, which can be updated each day easily
 - a. Retro paper by deepmind?



Thank you!









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