Scientific Language Models for Biomedical Knowledge Base Completion: An Empirical Study

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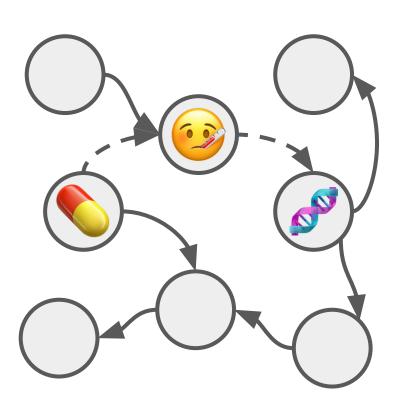








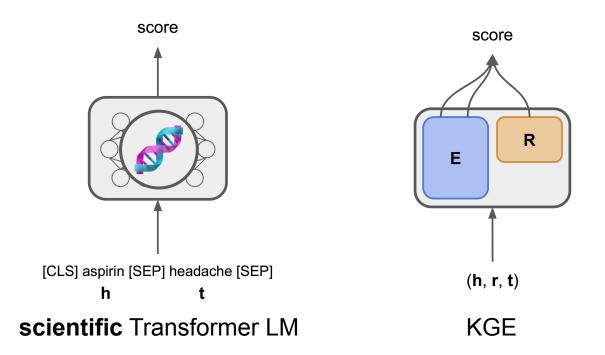
Biomedical Knowledge Graph Completion



- Relations between entities
 - Repurposing drugs for diseases
 - Mapping diseases to genes

 Frame as biomedical knowledge graph completion

LMs for Biomedical Knowledge Graph Completion



First to systematically apply scientific LMs for KG completion and compare to KGE models

Datasets



RepoDB

drugs, diseases

2.7k entities, 6.7k triples



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drugs, diseases, genes, symptoms, side effects

12.7k entities, 156k triples

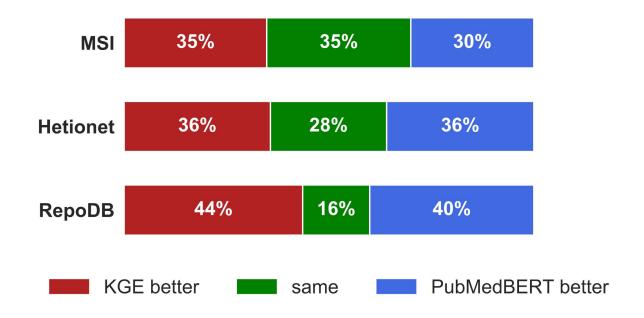


MSI

drugs, diseases, proteins, protein functions

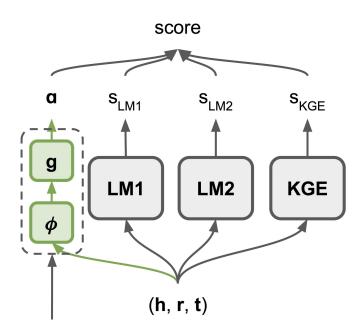
30k entities, 485k triples

Relative Performance

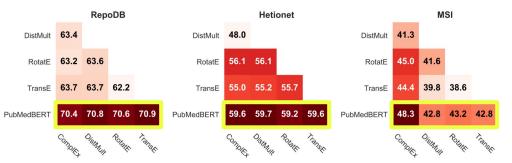


LMs and KGE models perform well on different subsets of examples

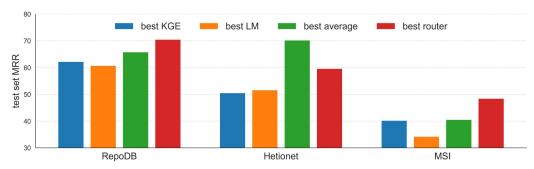
Integrating Models



- weighted average
- router classifier

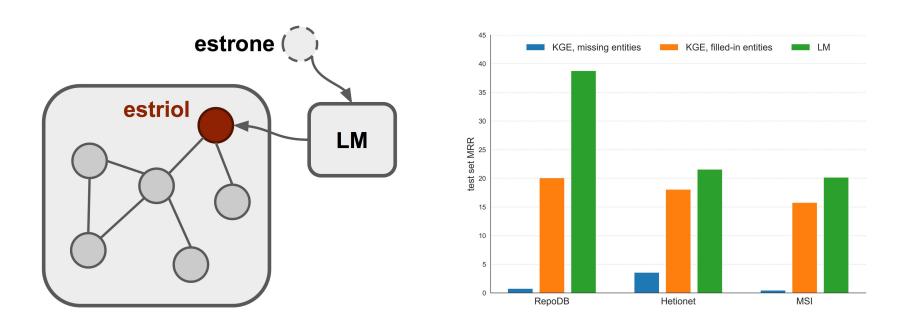


Combinations with an LM perform better



Best router can outperform best weighted avg.

Inductive Performance



LMs perform well (and can improve KGE performance) on unseen entities

For code and data, visit:

github.com/rahuln/lm-bio-kgc