

# Building a Commonsense Knowledge Graph

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# Outline

**Commonsense knowledge**

Constructing CSKG

Reasoning with CSKG

Implementation in KGTK

**Common sense** is the **common** knowledge about the world that is possessed by every schoolchild and the methods for making obvious **inferences** from this knowledge.

Davis, E. (2014). Representations of commonsense knowledge.

**Commonsense knowledge** includes the **basic facts** about events (including actions) and their effects, facts about knowledge and how it is obtained, facts about **beliefs** and **desires**. It also includes the basic facts about material **objects** and their properties.

McCarthy, J. (1989). Artificial intelligence, logic and formalizing common sense.

# Common Sense Knowledge Sources

GenericsKB  
[Bhakthavatsalam et al., 2020]

COMET  
[Bosselut et al., 2019]

Atomic  
[Sap et al., 2019]

Quasimodo KB  
[Romero et al., 2019]

WebChild  
[Tandon et al., 2014]

WebChild 2.0  
[Tandon et al., 2017]

Open Mind Common Sense  
[Minski, Singh, Havasi, 1999]

ConceptNet  
[Liu, Singh, 2004]

ConceptNet 5.5  
[Speer et al., 2017]

NELL  
[Carlson et al., 2010]

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[Mitchell et al., 2015]

Wikidata  
[Vrandečić, 2012]

Cyc  
[Lenat et al., 1984]

OpenCyc 4.0  
[Lenat 2012]

# Categories of CSK sources

Category	Source	Relations	Example 1	Example 2
Commonsense KGs	ConceptNet*	34	<i>food - capable of - go rotten</i>	<i>eating - is used for - nourishment</i>
	ATOMIC	9	<i>Person X bakes bread - xEffect - eat food</i>	<i>PersonX is eating dinner - xEffect - satisfies hunger</i>
	GLUCOSE	10	<i>Someone<sub>A</sub> makes Something<sub>A</sub> (that is food)</i>	<i>Causes/Enables Someone<sub>A</sub> eats Something<sub>A</sub></i>
	WebChild	4 (groups)	<i>restaurant food - quality#n#1 - expensive</i>	<i>eating - type of - consumption</i>
	Quasimodo	78,636	<i>pressure cooker - cook faster - food</i>	<i>herbivore - eat - plants</i>
	SenticNet	4	<i>cold_food - polarity - negative</i>	<i>eating breakfast - polarity - positive</i>
	HasPartKB	1	<i>dairy food - has part - vitamin</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Common KGs	Wikidata	6.7k	<i>food - has quality - mouthfeel</i>	<i>eating - subclass of - ingestion</i>
	YAGO4	116	<i>banana chip - rdf:type - food</i>	<i>eating - rdfs:label - feeding</i>
	DOLCE*	1	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
	SUMO*	1,614	<i>food - hyponym - food_product</i>	<i>process - subsumes - eating</i>
Lexical resources	WordNet	10	<i>food - hyponym - comfort food</i>	<i>eating - part-meronym - chewing</i>
	Roget	2	<i>dish - synonym - food</i>	<i>eating - synonym - feeding</i>
	FrameNet	8 (f2f)	<i>Cooking_creation - has frame element - Produced_food</i>	<i>eating - evoke - Ingestion</i>
	MetaNet	14 (f2f)	<i>Food - has role - food_consumer</i>	<i>consuming_resources - is - eating</i>
	VerbNet	36 (roles)	<i>feed.v.01 - Arg1-PPT - food</i>	<i>eating - hasPatient - comestible</i>
Visual sources	Visual Genome	42,374	<i>food - on - plate</i>	<i>boy - is eating - treat</i>
	Flickr30k	1	<i>a food buffet - corefers with - a food counter</i>	<i>a eating place - corefers with - their kitchen</i>
Corpora & LMs	GenericsKB	n/a	<i>Aardvarks search for food.</i>	<i>Animals receive nitrogen by eating plants.</i>
	GPT-2	n/a	<i>Food causes a person to be hungry and a person to eat.</i>	<i>Eating at home will not lead to weight gain.</i>

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*(Zellers et al., 2018)*

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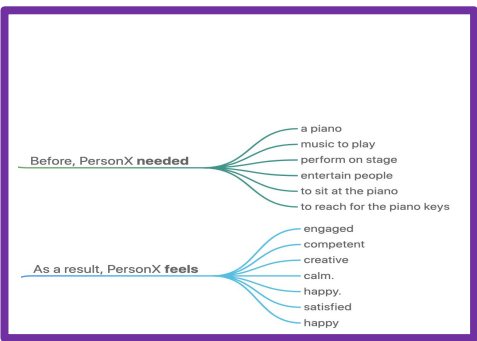
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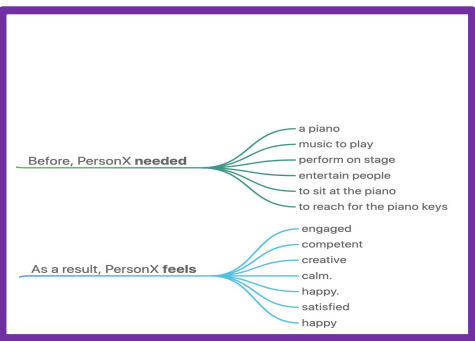
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FrameNet: performer entertains audience

Audience [Aud]	The Audience experiences the Performance.
Medium [Medium]	Medium is the physical entity or channel used by the Performer to transmit the Performance to the Audience.
Performance [Perance]	The Performers generates the Performance which the Audience perceives.
Performer [Perfer]	The Performer provides an experience for the Audience.

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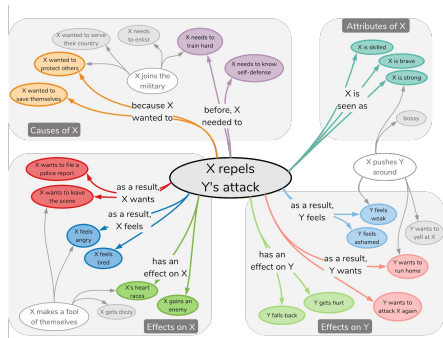
Commonsense knowledge

**Constructing CSKG**

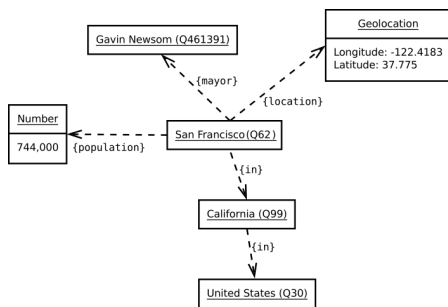
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# Consolidating Knowledge Graphs



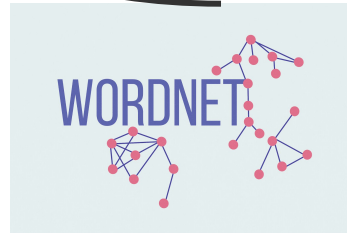
ATOMIC (Sap et al. 2019)



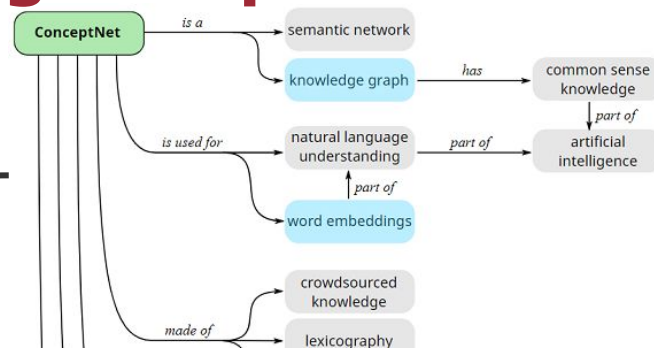
Wikidata (Vrandečić and Krotzsch 2014)



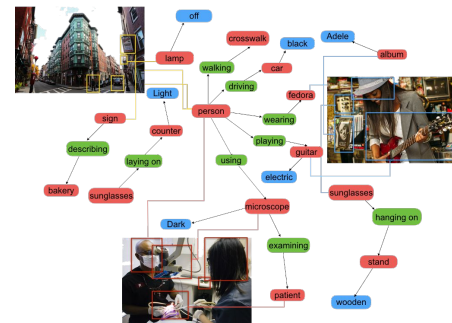
CSKG (Ilievski et al. 2021)



WordNet (Miller 1995)



ConceptNet (Speer, Chin and Havasi 2017)



Visual Genome (Krishna et al. 2017)

# 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

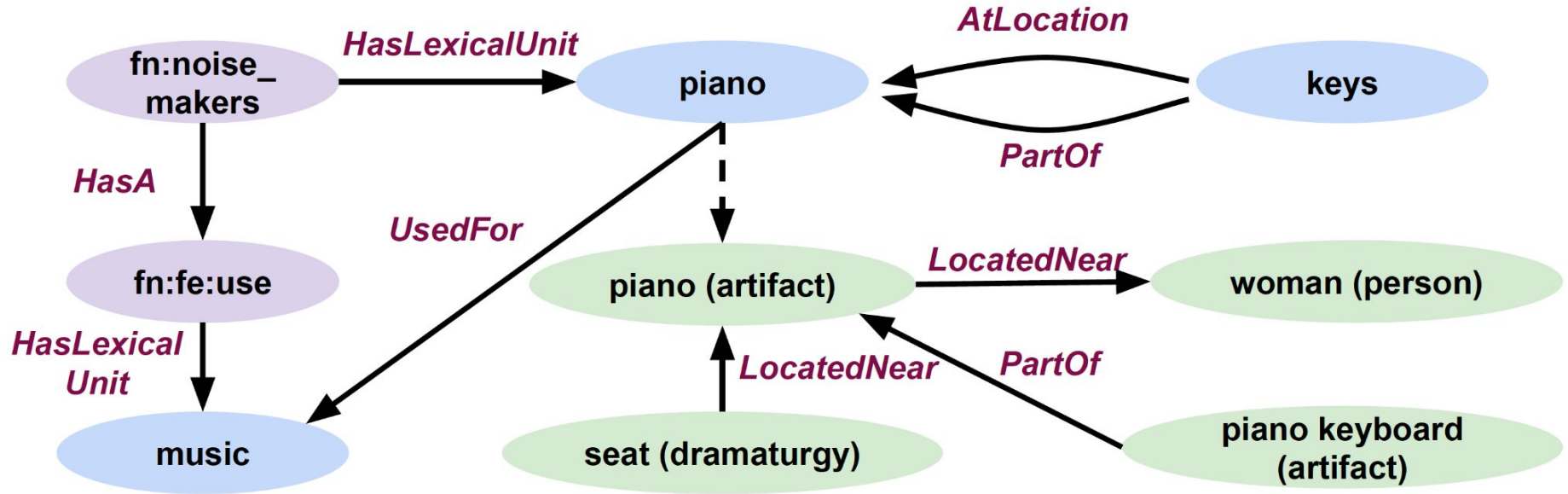
## P4. Generate high-quality probabilistic links

many facts not explicitly stated

## P5. Enable access to labels

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

# Consolidated knowledge



# CSKG statistics

<b>#nodes</b>	<b>2,160,968</b>
<b>#edges</b>	<b>6,001,531</b>
<b>#relations</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>mean degree</b>	<b>5.55</b>
<b>std degree</b>	<b>0.03</b>



# Integration statistics

	AT	CN	FN	RG	VG	WD	WN	CSKG*	CSKG
#nodes	304,909	1,787,373	15,652	71,804	11,264	91,294	71,243	2,414,813	<b>2,160,968</b>
#edges	732,723	3,423,004	29,873	1,403,955	2,587,623	111,276	101,771	6,349,731	<b>6,001,531</b>
#relations	9	47	9 (23)	2	3 (42k)	3	15 (45)	59	<b>58</b>
avg degree	4.81	3.83	3.82	39.1	459.45	2.44	2.86	5.26	<b>5.55</b>
std degree	0.07	0.02	0.13	0.34	35.81	0.02	0.05	0.02	<b>0.03</b>

# Top PageRank nodes

1. /c/en/**chromatic**/a/wn
2. /c/en/**organic\_compound**
3. /c/en/**chemical\_compound**/n
4. /c/en/**change**/n/wn/artifact
5. /c/en/**natural\_science**/n/wn/cognition

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# CSKG embeddings

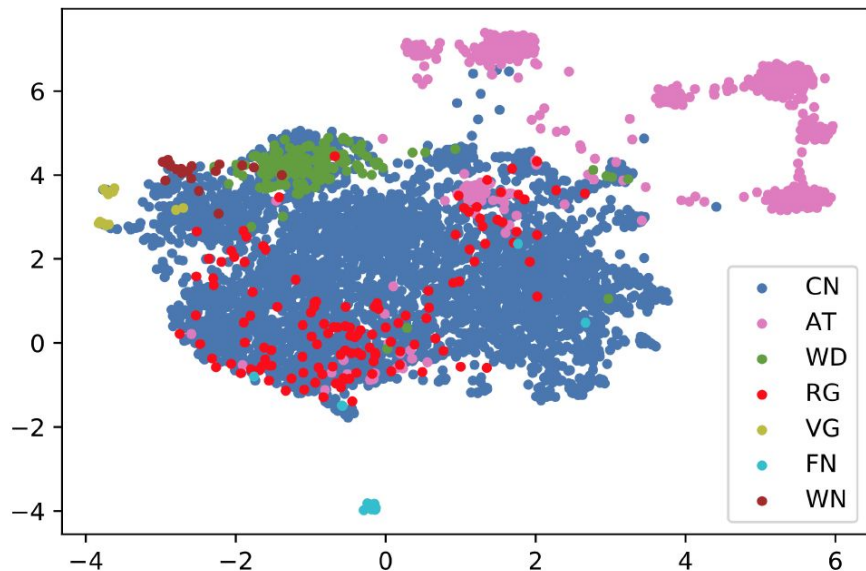
## Graph embeddings

- a. TransE
- b. ComplEx
- c. RESCAL
- d. DistMult

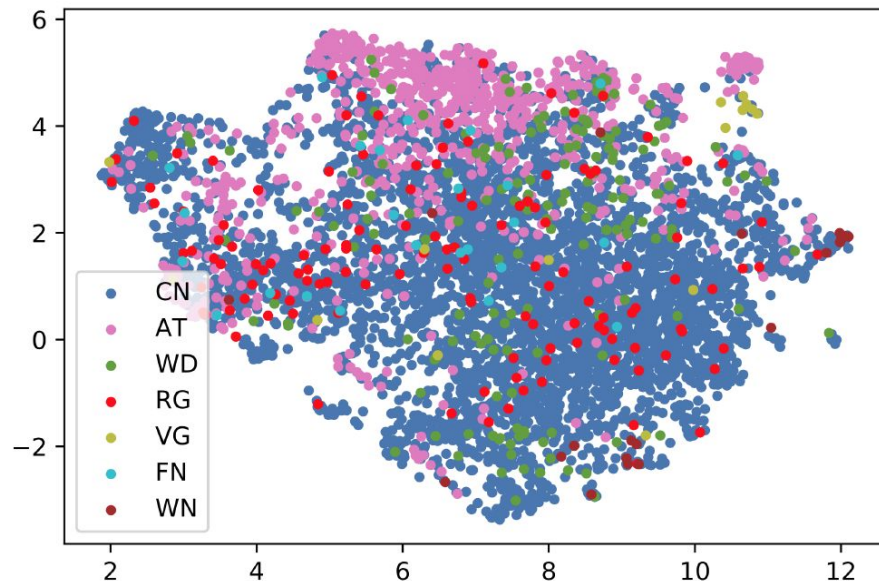
## Text embeddings

- a. BERT-large of lexicalized nodes

# What do the embeddings capture?



**Graph embeddings -  
structural similarity**



**Text embeddings -  
lexical similarity**

# Most similar nodes

TransE

BERT

/c/en/chelonian/n/wn/animal

/c/en/mud\_turtle/n/wn/animal

/c/en/cooter/n/wn/animal

/c/en/common\_snapping\_turtle/n/wn/animal

/c/en/sea\_turtle/n/wn/animal

/c/en/turtle/n/wn/animal

/c/en/glyptemys/n

/c/en/pelocomastes/n

/c/en/staurotypus/n

/c/en/parahydraspis/n

/c/en/trachemys/n

/c/en/excited

/c/en/satisfied

/c/en/smile\_mood

/c/en/pleased

/c/en/joyful

/c/en/happy

/c/en/bring\_happiness

/c/en/new\_happiness

at:like\_a\_party\_is\_a\_good\_way\_to....

/c/en/encouraging\_person's\_talent

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# Finding evidence in CSKG

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Where does he probably live?**

**A: tropical rainforest**

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HasLexicalUnit  
(FrameNet-ConceptNet)

MayHaveProperty  
(Visual Genome)

A: **tropical** rainforest

AtLocation  
(ConceptNet)



# Pre-training LMs with CSKG questions



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**Question:** losing weight is for?  
**A:** being healthier **B.** embedded software **C.** buying things at store

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CSKG



SocialQA  
test data

CSQA  
test data

PhysicalQA  
test data

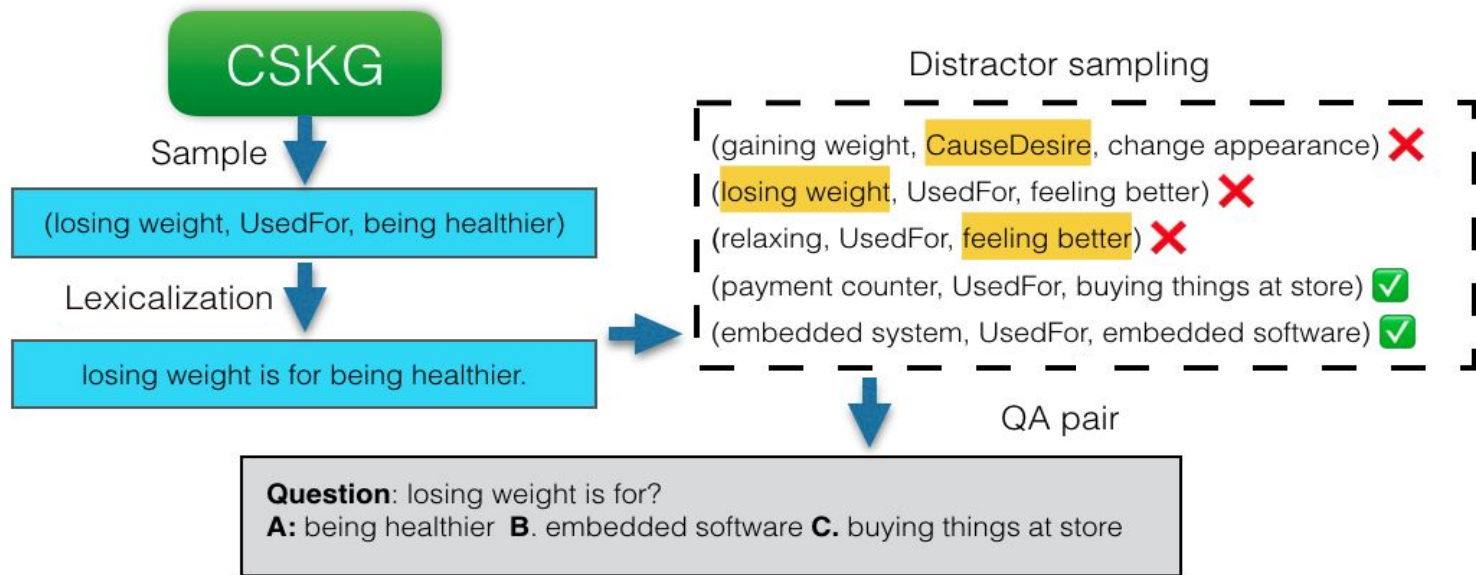
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aNLI  
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# Generating questions with CSKG

Pretrain LMs with synthetic QA sets generated from CSKG

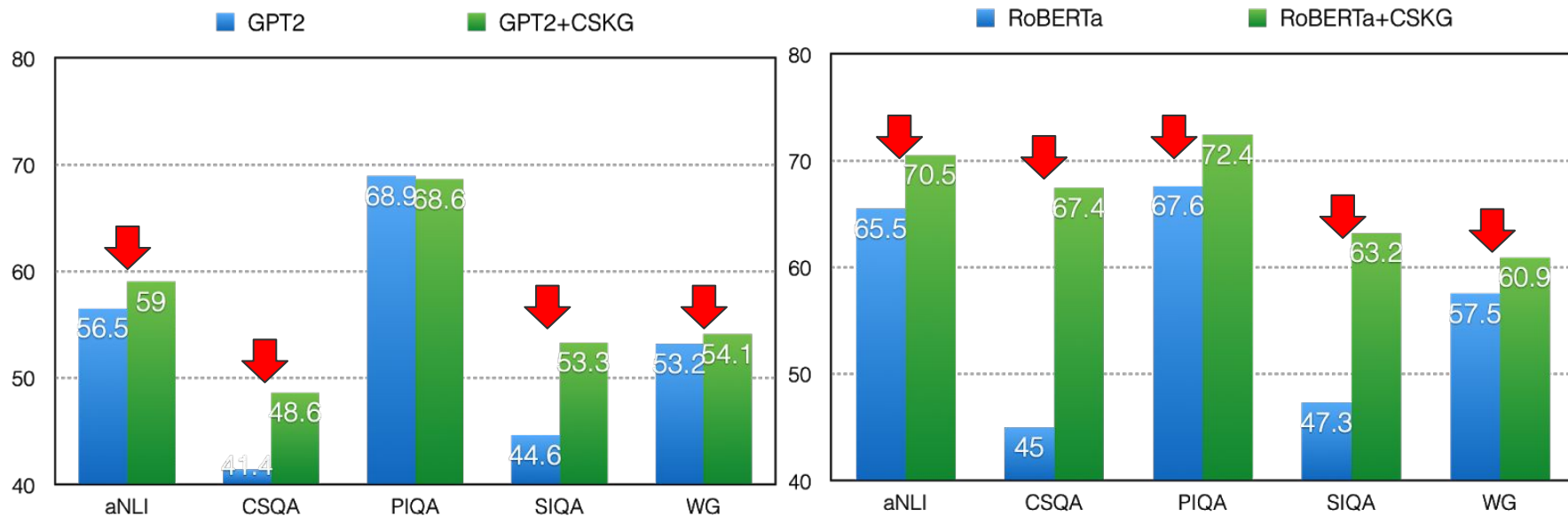
Answer commonsense questions on unseen datasets (zero-shot QA)



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# CSKG Resources

[Graph on Zenodo](#)

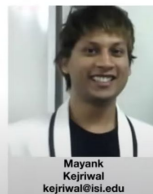
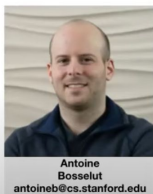
[Documentation](#)

[Graph & text embeddings](#)

[Code on GitHub](#)

# Recent events on machine common sense

## Commonsense Knowledge Acquisition & Representation



**Confirmed Keynote Speakers**  
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