

Please choose 2 of the following 3 questions and write short essay-style answers (about 2 pages for both). Submit your answers by email until the next meeting (November 12, 10am) to the lecturer (srazniew@mpi-inf.mpg.de).

1. What is the difference between commonsense knowledge, and encyclopedic knowledge? Give 3 examples of commonsense statements about “university”, and 3 statements that are not commonsense, then discuss the more general distinction between these two types of knowledge. How practical and how easy is it to draw this distinction?
2. Suppose you had one year time to build a commonsense knowledge base about food/diet/cooking etc. How would you approach this problem? Write a very short plan of attack, describing the major parts, deliverables, and time spent on each part.
3. *"In 2025, digital assistants like Google Assistant or Siri will have the commonsense knowledge that humans have."* Discuss this hypothesis.