



#### Information to Wisdom: Commonsense Knowledge Extraction and Compilation

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  - Is the acquired knowledge useful? (extrinsic)

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- CSK and COVID-19
- Further Research

# Is the Acquired Knowledge Good: Intrinsic Evaluation

- Quality of the knowledge
- Assess CSK systems to see how well they perform
- Important measures: Precision, Coverage
- Concept properties: Plausibility, Typicality, Remarkability, Saliency
- Evaluate CSK systems: WebChild, TupleKB, DoQ, Quasimodo, Dice



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### Criteria for Intrinsic Evaluation

	Precision	Coverage	Plausibility	Typicality	Remarkability	Salience	Meaningfulness
WebChild	Y	Y					
TupleKB	Y	Y					
Quasimodo	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y
DoQ	Y	Y		Y			
Dice			Y	Y	Y	Y	

Precision: How correct is it? TP/(TP+FP) Coverage: How much data does it cover? This is hard! No ground truth Plausibility: Does the info make sense? Typicality: Is the info usually true? Remarkability: Does the info stand out? Salience: Most distinguishing property? Meaningfulness: Is it comprehensible?

#### WebChild CSK Source

• WebChild: Comprehensive CSKB: fine-grained relations about sense-disambiguated nouns & adjectives; 4.6 million assertions

WEBCHILD	Commons	sense Browser	car		٩
Guess the concept	car	_		Download Dataset!	
Domain 🔻					
	1 200				
vehicle					
Comparable 🔺	a motor vehicle wi	th four wheels; usually propelled by an internal c	ombustion engine; 'he needs a car to get to work'		
Physical Part 🔺					
Activity -	TYPE OF	motor_vehicle			
drive					
drive					
Property 🔺					
Location <b>•</b>					
road					
road					
Ask me!					

### Intrinsic Evaluation of WebChild: Precision

- Consider noun senses, adjective senses, assertions
- Count total number of instances
- Evaluate **Precision** for all these categories

	#instances	Precision
Noun senses	221 K	0.80
Adjective senses	7.7 К	0.90
Assertions	4.6 M	0.82

# WebChild: Comparative Assessment for Precision & Coverage

- Random sample of 30 adjectives for each relation from WebChild output (total 570 samples) manually evaluated
- Samples from the outputs of the baseline competitors manually evaluated as well
- WebChild stands out due to its Coverage

Method	Precision	Coverage
WordNet attributes	1.00	40
WordNet attributes expanded	$0.61\pm0.03$	5,145
WordNet glosses	$0.70\pm0.06$	3,698
Controlled LDA MFS	$0.30\pm0.06$	2,775
Google Sets MFS	$0.27\pm0.04$	426
WebChild	$0.90\pm0.03$	7,783

### WebChild: Quality of Relations

- There are 19 relations in WebChild
- These are evaluated for Precision & Coverage
- High Precision
- Very High Coverage

relation	precision	coverage
ability	$0.80\pm0.10$	90,288
appearance	$0.95\pm0.05$	365,201
beauty	$0.70\pm0.15$	95,838
color	$0.70\pm0.15$	494,380
emotion	$0.90\pm0.09$	79,630
feeling	$0.91\pm0.08$	141,453
length	$0.70\pm0.15$	90,021
motion	$0.80\pm0.10$	146,148
smell	$0.82\pm0.10$	25,347
quality	$0.82\pm0.10$	793,484
sensitivity	$0.70\pm0.15$	5,727
shape	$0.80\pm0.10$	359,789
size	$0.82\pm0.10$	910,901
sound	$0.71\pm0.15$	130,952
state	$0.88\pm0.09$	563,022
strength	$0.82\pm0.10$	165,412
taste	$0.70\pm0.15$	19,892
temperature	$0.80\pm0.13$	27,399
weight	$0.70\pm0.15$	144,587
overall	$0.82\pm0.03$	4,709,149



 TupleKB: Based on sample of facts typically needed for 4<sup>th</sup> grade science



### Intrinsic Evaluation of TupleKB

- Compare with other systems: WebChild, NELL etc.
- Consider Precision and Coverage (Recall on Science KB)
- TupleKB does well w.r.t. Precision
- TupleKB gives higher Recall than others (Good Coverage)

KB	Precision	Coverage of Tuple-Expressible
		Science Knowledge
		(Recall on science KB)
WebChild	89%	3.4%
NELL	85%	0.1%
ConceptNet	40%	8.4%
ReVerb-15M	55%	11.5%
Our KB	81%	23.2%

#### Quasimodo: CSK related to QA

	Precision	Coverage	Typicality	Salience	Meaningfulness
Quasimodo	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

- Consider queries such as:
  - "Why are chimpanzees endangered?"
- Use that to infer that:
  - "Chimpanzees are endangered"
- This knowledge can be used to answer questions such as:
  - "What are the endangered species of monkeys?" or
  - "What are the endangered species of animals?"



Image Source: worldwidlife.org

### Quasimodo: Example of Taboo

- Consider a Game of Taboo
- Famous word guessing game
- Player explains concept without using 5 taboo terms (often strongest cues)
- Other players guess the concept
- Example: Consider 578 taboo cards
- Source is playtaboo.com
- Evaluate **Coverage** of different CSKBs



Image Source: eBay

Note: This evaluation can be considered extrinsic since it pertains to usefulness

## Evaluation of Quasimodo: Taboo Game Example

- Given a concept, compute fraction of Taboo words that a KB associates with it, appearing in O or P of the triples
- Measure of CSKB's potential ability to play this game
- Quasimodo provides Good Coverage for Taboo



### Intrinsic Evaluation of Quasimodo: Overall Results – Precision



- AMT crowd workers evaluate quality of CSK assertions
- Sample from list of common subjects (popular animals & occupations) 5 = best, 1 = worst

## Intrinsic Evaluation of Quasimodo: Overall Results – Recall (for Coverage)

#### Crowd task:

Tell us 3 things that come to your mind when thinking of **lions**.

- 1. Lions ...
- 2. Lions ...
- 3. Lions ...



ConceptNet WebChild TupleKB Q'modo

# The DoQ System: Resource Statistics

- Distributions over Quantities (DoQ)
- Coverage: ~120M Unique tuples (object, measurement)
  - ~350K with >= 1000 occurrences
- Measurement types:
  - Length, mass, currency, temperature, …
- 27 In total





#### Intrinsic Evaluation of DoQ

- Extract the median of "popular" noun distributions
- Expand to a range, e.g. 10-100 mm
- Ask annotators if the item fits the range
  - "Is the usual length of a screw between 10-100mm?"
- 69% agreement with predictions (Precision)
- Not perfect, but a reasonable start
- In addition to empirical validation, qualitative analysis is important

#### DoQ: Example of Disagreement



10000 8000 6000 4000 2000 0 alfalfa watermelon "*Alfalfa* is the most cultivated legume ... reaching around **454** million tons ..." (This is world production – not weight)

"In comparing size of alfalfa with the size of watermelons as shown, alfalfa is mostly talked about in quantities in which it is harvested (order of tons) rather than individual units (grams)"

> Image Sources: Healthline Medical News Today

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Salience

Y

#### DICE: DIverse Commonsense Knowledge

Dice

Plausibility

Y

Typicality

Y

- DICE: Multi-faceted model of CSK with concept properties:
- Plausibility: does a statement makes sense? Lions drink milk
- **Typicality:** does property holds for most instances of a concept? *Lions eat meat*
- **Remarkability:** does the property stand out by distinguishing the concept from closely related ones? *Lions live in prides*
- Saliency: is the property such that most people would spontaneously list it for the concept? *Lions hunt in packs*



Remarkability

Y

Image Source: cicig.co

#### Dice Intrinsic Evaluation: Examples

DICE About Dialogues Browse full collection

#### subject: band

#### Related concepts

Parents project, act, scene, musician

Siblings orchestra, rubber band, ozzy osbourne, guitarist, queen

#### Facts about 'band'

Click on a property for more details on the statement. Click on a column header to use it as a sorting key.

Show scores as:	absolute	р	ercentiles	
Filter by source:	ConceptNe	et	Quasimodo	Clear filter

Input Score	Plausible	Typical	Remarkable	Salient	Source
0.46	0.09	0.37	0.13	0.21	ConceptNet
0.46	0.36	0.16	0.88	0.43	ConceptNet
0.46	0.22	0.10	0.88	0.35	ConceptNet
0.67	0.38	0.14	0.25	0.58	ConceptNet
0.46	0.64	0.51	0.25	0.23	ConceptNet
0.46	0.21	0.80	0.09	0.06	ConceptNet
0.46	0.03	0.36	0.97	0.50	ConceptNet
0.46	0.61	0.56	0.21	0.17	ConceptNet
0.46	0.44	0.23	0.55	0.69	ConceptNet
0.46	0.14	0.46	0.27	0.48	ConceptNet
1.00	0.78	0.04	0.97	0.79	ConceptNet
	Input        Score        0.46	Input Score      Plausible        0.46      0.09        0.46      0.36        0.46      0.22        0.67      0.38        0.46      0.64        0.46      0.64        0.46      0.64        0.46      0.61        0.46      0.41        0.46      0.14        0.46      0.14	Input Score      Plausible      Typical        0.46      0.09      0.37        0.46      0.36      0.16        0.46      0.22      0.10        0.46      0.22      0.10        0.46      0.22      0.10        0.46      0.46      0.51        0.46      0.64      0.51        0.46      0.21      0.80        0.46      0.61      0.56        0.46      0.44      0.23        0.46      0.14      0.46	Input Score      Plausible      Typical      Remarkable        0.46      0.09      0.37      0.13        0.46      0.36      0.16      0.88        0.46      0.22      0.10      0.88        0.46      0.22      0.10      0.88        0.67      0.38      0.14      0.25        0.46      0.64      0.51      0.25        0.46      0.21      0.80      0.09        0.46      0.61      0.56      0.21        0.46      0.61      0.56      0.21        0.46      0.61      0.56      0.21        0.46      0.61      0.56      0.21        0.46      0.61      0.56      0.21        0.46      0.44      0.23      0.55        0.46      0.14      0.46      0.27        1.00      0.78      0.04      0.97	Input ScorePlausibleTypicalRemarkableSalient0.460.090.370.130.210.460.360.160.880.430.460.220.100.880.350.460.220.100.880.350.670.380.140.250.580.460.640.510.250.230.460.210.800.090.060.460.610.560.210.170.460.440.230.550.690.460.140.460.270.481.000.780.040.970.79



Image Source: Businessinsider.com

#### subject: polar bear

#### **Related concepts**

- Parents bear, brown bear, mammal, wild animal, predator
- Siblings arctic fox, black bear, grizzly bear, panda bear, moose

#### Facts about 'polar bear'

Click on a property for more details on the statement. Click on a column header to use it as a sorting key.

Show scores as:	absolute	[ pe	ercentiles
Filter by source:	ConceptNe	et	Quasimodo

Property	Score	Plausible	Typical	Remarkable	Salient	Source	
adapt in summer	0.83	0.19	0.54	0.15	0.15	Quasimodo	
adapt to environment	0.83	0.52	0.38	0.93	0.76	Quasimodo	
adapt to tundra	0.83	0.10	0.40	0.14	0.10	Quasimodo	
be at in arctic	0.67	0.17	0.29	0.93	0.18	ConceptNet	
be at risk	0.83	0.62	0.54	0.88	0.80	Quasimodo	
be at zoo	0.75	0.10	0.03	0.39	0.37	ConceptNet	Image Source
be found in arctic	0.91	0.34	0.44	0.51	0.32	Quasimodo	polarbearinternational.or
be important to canada	0.92	0.43	0.70	0.27	0.29	Quasimodo	
be in danger	0.82	0.91	0.93	0.77	0.97	Quasimodo	
be under threat	0.83	0.83	0.80	0.85	0.95	Quasimodo	
be used to snow	0.46	0.20	0.51	0.17	0.19	ConceptNet	
be white	0.46	0.07	0.68	0.16	0.13	ConceptNet	



#### https://dice.mpi-inf.mpg.de/subject/polar-bear

### Dice Intrinsic Evaluation: Summary

#### Crowd task:

Which of the following is more **typical**?

- 1. Lion roars.
- 2. Lion kills human.

Dimension	Dandom	ConceptNet		Tuple	KB	Quasimodo	
Dimension	Kandom	Baseline	DICE	Baseline	DICE	Baseline	DICE
Plausible	0.5	0.52	0.62	0.53	0.57	0.57	0.59
Typical	0.5	0.39	0.65	0.37	0.59	0.52	0.64
Remarkable	0.5	0.52	0.69	0.50	0.54	0.56	0.56
Salient	0.5	0.54	0.65	0.59	0.61	0.53	0.63
Avg.	0.5	0.50	0.66	0.50	0.58	0.54	0.61

Precision of pairwise preference (ppref) Baseline = existing single score in CSKB

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Quasimodo	Y	Y		Υ		Y	Y
DoQ	Y	Y		Υ			
Dice			Y	Y	Y	Y	

- Precision is a common metric, but not best way to evaluate CSK...
- CSK has subjectivity: metrics such as plausibility important!
- Coverage is hard to evaluate: measure recall w.r.t. human annotators or annotated documents / #instances

# Is the Acquired Knowledge Useful: Extrinsic Evaluation

- Utility of the knowledge
- Comprehension benchmarks & applications with extrinsic use cases to test CSK systems

#### Linguistic reasoning commonsense (text)

WinoGrande: Large scale dataset as commonsense reasoning benchmark in language [arXiv 2019] DoQA: Domain-specific conversational QA for FAQs [ACL 2020] Arc: Ai2 Reasoning Challenge [arXiv 2018]



Image Sources: businessjournalism.org health.harvard.edu

#### Spatial commonsense (images)

CSK-SNIFFER: Generating adversarial images for object detection using spatial commonsense [AAAI 2020] Conceptual Captions: Cleaned, hypernymed image alt-text data for automatic image captions [ACL 2018] VISIR: Visual and Semantic Image Label Refinement [WSDM 2018]



#### Criteria for Extrinsic Evaluation

- Adversarial testing data?
- Test background knowledge?

	Adversarial testing data	Test background knowledge
CSK-SNIFFER	Y	
<b>Conceptual Captions</b>		Y
VISIR		Y
WinoGrande	Y	
DoQA		У
Arc	У	

#### CSK-SNIFFER

Y

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- E.g. Model with YOLO (You Only Look Once) [Redmon et al. 2016] is executed on MSCOCO images
- Gives approximately 37.5% errors on Smart Mobility domain
- Odd as per spatial commonsense on relative locations of objects
- CSK-SNIFFER [Garg et al. AAAI 2020] automatically "sniffs" object detection errors



Model incorrectly predicts a person in bounding box



Surfboard cannot be on road in position here [Source: Pandey et al. ICTAI 2018]

### **MSCOCO:** Image Collection

- Iconic object images usually have one large object in a canonical perspective centered
- Iconic scene images are shot from canonical viewpoints and usually lack people
- MSCOCO collects a dataset such that a majority of images are non-iconic



(a) Iconic object images

### MSCOCO: Evaluation Benchmarks

- MSCOCO can provide benchmarks for object detection in systems
- Example: a good CSK-enabled system should be able to detect a bike(s) from the RHS images as well (not just the LHS images) which is not always achieved





#### MSCOCO: Sample Annotated Images



### CSK-SNIFFER: Process

#### Input:

- Object detection model M trained on source domain S
- Typical objects, actions in target domain T: vocab(T)
- Image search engine to query entries in vocab(T) to compile image set X<sub>T</sub>

#### Output:

 Subset of images X<sup>'</sup><sub>T</sub> on which model M is likely to predict wrong bounding boxes



CSK-SNIFFER, verifies predicted bounding boxes of objects, finding whether their relative locations are as per commonsense knowledge

### CSK-SNIFFER: Experiments

- □ Source Domain S = MSCOCO
- □ Target Domain T = Smart Mobility
- □ Vocab(T) comprises 200+ entries on Smart Mobility
- □ X<sub>T</sub> comprises 14977 images (top-75 per vocab(T) entry)
- $\Box$  The output (adversarial) dataset X<sup>'</sup><sub>T</sub> comprises 4872 images



### Conceptual Captions



- Conceptual Captions is a cleaned, hypernymed dataset of 3.3M+ images with automatic English captioning [Sharma et al., ACL 2018]
- Generated by web-crawling via extracting images & deriving captions from alt-text of HTML pages



<img src="pancakes.png" alt="Stack of blueberry pancakes with powdered sugar">

#### Conceptual Captions: Example

- Start from existing alt-text descriptions, automatically processes them into Conceptual Captions
- Clean, informative, fluent & learnable



Alt-text: Musician Justin Timberlake performs at the 2017 Pilgrimage Music & Cultural Festival on September 23, 2017 in Franklin, Tennessee.

**Conceptual Captions**: pop artist performs at the festival in a city.

# VISIR: Visual and Semantic Image Label Refinement

VISIR

Test background knowledge

- CBIR: Content-based image retrieval
  - Uses visual features, e.g. LSDA
    ✓ Semantic expressiveness by deep-learning
    ⊗ Noisy, lack generalization & abstraction
- TBIR: Tag-based image retrieval
  - Based on user tagging, e.g. Flickr
    ✓ Benefits from query-and-click logs
    ☺ Incomplete: limited to tags & clicks
- VISIR [Nag Chowdhury et al. WSDM 2018]: semantically refines labels in learning-based object detection



LSDA Noisy Labels: dog, Browning machine gun, greater kudu, bird



Flickr Incomplete Labels: happiness

# **VISIR:** Process

- Considers semantic coherence between labels for different objects
- Leverages lexical and commonsense knowledge
- Treats label assignment as constrained optimization problem solved by Integer Linear Programming
- VISIR improves quality of visual labeling tools

e.g. LSDA (Large Scale Detection through Adaptation) [Hoffman et al. NIPS 2014]

	LSDA Labels	VISIR labels
Carl	allosaurus loggerhead turtle person bird	person guitar stringed instrument self-expression
	bone china stove WC, loo cup or mug	food processor bowl cup or mug <i>utensil</i>
	cucumber snake green mamba	snake reptile slithery poisonous
	racket person bathing cap tennis ball head cabbage	tennis bat <i>individual</i> <i>play tennis</i> tennis ball

### VISIR: Steps & Data

- Visual Tag Refinement sub-tasks
  - Eliminate incoherent tags in initial visual labels
  - Add visually similar tags missed by object detectors
  - Add candidate tags for generalization, abstraction
  - Joint inference on tag space by ILP
- VISIR uses data sources
  - ImageNet object classes with LSDA
  - WordNet hypernyms: generalization
  - CSK assertions from ConceptNet: for abstraction
  - Visual similarity: mining MSCOCO etc.
  - Spatial collocations: ground truth of detection challenge (DET) in ImageNet



LSDA: monkey, tennis ball YOLO: bird, dog VISIR: primate, monkey, orangutan, ape, simian, furry

Label	Label frequency	Precision
individual	46	0.59
man or woman	44	0.64
animal	31	0.94
human	20	0.95
canine	18	0.94
furniture	12	0.83
barking animal	11	1.00

New labels suggested by VISIR for at least 10 images

### WinoGrande



- Original Winograd Schema Challenge (WSC) [Levesque, et al. 2011]: alternative to Turing Test
- Benchmark to evaluate commonsense reasoning
  Advances in neural language models give 90% accuracy on WSC variant
- WinoGrande [Sakaguchi et al. AAAI 2020]: dataset with 44k problems inspired by WSC, altered to enhance scale & hardness to serve as a tougher benchmark for commonsense reasoning
- WinoGrande also provides transfer learning to other WSC and related benchmarks

# WinoGrande: Steps

- 1. Crowdsourcing task using AMT
  - Workers write twin sentences
    - Pick anchor word(s) from WikiHow
    - Make twin sentences using them
  - Collect twins in 2 domains
    - Social CSK: Same gender people, different social roles etc...
    - Physical CSK: Obj. of diff. properties...
- 2. Algorithm AfLite to generalize:
  - Human-detectable biases
  - Machine-detectable biases

![](_page_38_Picture_11.jpeg)

#### The <u>guitar</u> does not <u>fit</u> in the <u>bag</u> since <u>it</u> is too <u>small</u> it ??

![](_page_38_Picture_13.jpeg)

### WinoGrande: Examples

![](_page_39_Picture_1.jpeg)

![](_page_39_Picture_2.jpeg)

Image Sources: YouTube, Target

	Twin sentences	Options (answer)
×	The monkey loved to play with the balls but ignored the blocks because he found them <i>exciting</i> .	balls / blocks
	The monkey loved to play with the balls but ignored the blocks because he found them dull.	balls / blocks
×	William could only climb begginner walls while Jason climbed advanced ones because he was very weak.	William / Jason
	William could only climb begginner walls while Jason climbed advanced ones because he was very strong.	William / Jason
1	Robert woke up at 9:00am while Samuel woke up at 6:00am, so he had <i>less</i> time to get ready for school.	Robert / Samuel
	Robert woke up at 9:00am while Samuel woke up at 6:00am, so he had more time to get ready for school.	Robert / Samuel
1	The child was screaming after the baby bottle and toy fell. Since the child was hungry, it stopped his crying.	baby bottle / toy
	The child was screaming after the baby bottle and toy fell. Since the child was <i>full</i> , it stopped his crying.	baby bottle / toy

Examples that have *dataset-specific* bias detected by AFLITE (marked with  $\checkmark$ ). The words that include (dataset-specific) polarity bias are highlighted (positive and negative). For comparison, we show examples selected from WINOGRANDE<sub>debiased</sub> (marked with  $\checkmark$ ).

### DoQA

- DoQA: Dataset for accessing Domain specific FAQs via conversational QA [Campos et al. ACL 2020]
- Has 1,637 information-seeking dialogues on cooking
- Created by crowd workers in 2 roles:
  - User: asks Qs about a cooking topic in Stack Exchange
  - Domain expert: answers Qs as short text from long textual reply in original post
- ✓ Access domain-specific FAQs: high quality by conversational QA w. little training data due to transfer learning
- ✓ CSK automatically captured due to crowdsourcing task

![](_page_40_Picture_8.jpeg)

![](_page_40_Picture_9.jpeg)

Image Source: seriouseats.com

## DoQA: Example QA Dialog

#### How can I store chopped onions in the fridge without the smell?

I regularly store chopped onion in my refrigerator (or at least halves & quarters).

Asked 8 years, 11 months ago Active 2 years, 6 months ago Viewed 119k times

![](_page_41_Picture_3.jpeg)

I either use tight-sealing plastic containers or zip-top bags. You may want to double-bag

![](_page_41_Picture_5.jpeg)

in zip-tops to be sure to avoid a smell.

![](_page_41_Picture_7.jpeg)

One problem you may be having is onion-ness getting on the outside of the container. Be sure the outside is all clean and dry - no point in having a nicely sealed packet of onion when the outside can get all stinky anyway.

USER: How can I store chopped onions in the fridge without the smell? You may want to double-bag in zip-tops to be sure to avoid a smell. EXPERT:

I used a plastic container the last time and the whole fridge smelled of onion, why is USER: that? One problem you may be having is onion-ness getting on the outside of the container. EXPERT:

Have you had good experience with using a double bag like you suggested? USER: Yes, I regularly store chopped onion in my refrigerator (or at least halves & quarters). EXPERT:

USER: I will be chopping 4-6 onions because I'm serving a large crowd, do you still think that will be okay? EXPERT: I don't know sorry.

#### CSK-enabled QA: if this applies to onions, it should apply to garlic, reply should be given accordingly

![](_page_41_Picture_14.jpeg)

![](_page_41_Picture_15.jpeg)

Image Sources - cookidoo.thermomix.com. Pinterest.com, YouTube

#### DoQA: Excerpt from Dataset

• Most frequent initial words & phrases of DoQA questions

Bigram	prefix	%	Example
What		16.6	
	is	30.8	What is the purpose of adding water to an egg wash?
	are	8.0	What are other methods to sharpen a knife?
How		15.1	
	do	24.0	How do you properly defrost frozen fish?
	long	21.9	How long should I cook it in the microwave?
Is		10.5	
	there	52.8	Is there a special tool available for cracking open a pistachio?
	it	19.8	Is it safe to cook with rainwater?
Do		7.6	
	you	70.7	Do you have any advice for storing green onions?
	Ī	16.1	Do I have to peel the apples?
Can		5.5	
	Ι	52.8	Can I put them back in the oven to reheat?
	you	25.3	Can you explain the science behind this cooking procedure?

# Arc

- Arc: Ai2 Reasoning Challenge [Clark et al. 2018]
- ARC question set: Natural, grade-school science Qs
  - Largest public-domain set of this kind (7,787 questions)
  - Has Challenge Set and Easy Set

Arc

- Challenge Set: Qs answered incorrectly by retrieval-based algorithm & word co-occurrence algorithm
- ARC Corpus: 14M science sentences relevant to the task, implementations of neural baseline models

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Image sources: emvironmentalscience.org/physics, schoolsweek.co.uk, biomed central

**Adversarial testing** 

data

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### Arc: Types of Knowledge

Knowledge Type	Example
Definition	What is a worldwide increase in temperature called? (A) greenhouse effect (B) global warming (C) ozone depletion (D) solar heating
Basic Facts & Properties	Which element makes up most of the air we breathe? (A) carbon (B) nitrogen (C) oxygen (D) argon
Structure	The crust, the mantle, and the core are structures of Earth. Which description is a feature of Earth's mantle? (A) contains fossil remains (B) consists of tectonic plates (C) is located at the center of Earth (D) has properties of both liquids and solids
Processes & Causal	What is the first step of the process in the formation of sedimentary rocks? (A) erosion (B) deposition (C) compaction (D) cementation
Teleology / Purpose	What is the main function of the circulatory system? (1) secrete enzymes (2) digest proteins (3) produce hormones (4) transport materials
Algebraic	If a red flowered plant (RR) is crossed with a white flowered plant (rr), what color will the offspring be? (A) 100% pink (B) 100% red (C) 50% white, 50% red (D) 100% white
Experiments	Scientists perform experiments to test hypotheses. How do scientists try to remain objective during experiments? (A) Scientists analyze all results. (B) Scientists use safety precautions. (C) Scientists conduct experiments once. (D) Scientists change at least two variables.
Spatial / Kinematic	In studying layers of rock sediment, a geologist found an area where older rock was layered on top of younger rock. Which best explains how this occurred? (A) Earthquake activity folded the rock layers

### Arc: Types of Reasoning

Reasoning Type	Example
Question logic	Which item below is <b>not</b> made from a material grown in nature? (A) a cotton shirt (B) a wooden chair (C) a plastic spoon (D) a grass basket
Linguistic Matching	Which of the following best describes a mineral? (A) the main nutrient in all foods (B) a type of grain found in cereals (C) a natural substance that makes up rocks (D) the decomposed plant matter found in soil
Multihop Reasoning	Which property of a mineral can be determined just by looking at it? (A) luster (B) mass (C) weight (D) hardness
Comparison	Compared to the Sun, a red star most likely has a greater (A) volume. (B) rate of rotation. (C) surface temperature. (D) number of orbiting planets
Algebraic	If a heterozygous smooth pea plant (Ss) is crossed with a homozygous smooth pea plant (SS), which are the possible genotypes the offspring could have? (A) only SS (B) only Ss (C) Ss or SS (D) ss or SS
Hypothetical / Counterfactual	If the Sun were larger, what would most likely also have to be true for Earth to sustain life? (A) Earth would have to be further from the Sun. (B) Earth would have to be closer to the Sun. (C) Earth would have to be smaller. (D) Earth would have to be larger.
Explanation / Meta-reasoning	Why can steam be used to cook food? (A) Steam does work on objects. (B) Steam is a form of water. (C) Steam can transfer heat to cooler objects. (D) Steam is able to move through small spaces.
Spatial / Kinematic	Where will a sidewalk feel hottest on a warm, clear day? (A) Under a picnic table (B) In direct sunlight (C) Under a puddle (D) In the shade
Analogy	Inside cells, special molecules carry messages from the membrane to the nucleus. Which body system uses a similar process? (A) endocrine system (B) lymphatic system (C) excretory system (D) integumentary system

### Arc: Example

- Scientists launch a rocket into space for a mission. Once the rocket escapes the gravitational pull of the Earth, how will the mass & weight of the rocket be affected?
  - (A) The mass and weight will change
  - (B) The mass and weight will stay the same

#### (C) The mass will stay the same, but weight will change $\checkmark$

(D) The mass will change, but the weight will stay the same

- Scenario not in ARC Corpus, relevant statements exist:
  - E.g. "The main difference is that if you were to leave the Earth and go to the Moon, your weight would change but your mass would remain constant"
- Many baselines tested, none significantly outperform random guessing baseline for Challenge Set
- Can a good CSK-enabled system perform QA on the Challenge set using the ARC corpus & do better?

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Image Source nasa.gov

#### Commonsense Benchmarks...

• ACL 2020 tutorial: Commonsense Reasoning for Natural Language Processing [Sap et al. 2020]

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# Is the Acquired Knowledge Useful: Counterexamples

- Watson Jeopardy Final question goof-up!
- IBM's Watson played Jeopardy champions Ken Jennings & Brad Rutter
- Final Jeopardy: "Which US city airport is named after a war general?"
- Watson answered "Toronto" ... which is not even a US city!

![](_page_48_Picture_5.jpeg)

Image Source: nytimes.com

### Is the Acquired Knowledge Useful: Counterexamples

- Tesla semiautomated vehicle accident 2016
- Serious fatal mishap!
- Vehicle mistook trailer for overpass & collided with it
- A human driver with CSK would easily distinguish trailer from overpass

Image Source: nytimes.com

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The Tesla Model S crashed in northern Florida into a truck that was turning left in front of it. The Tesla then ran off the road, hitting a fence and a power pole before coming to a stop.

#### CSK and COVID-19

- Advice on COVID: CSK facts from doctors
  - Protect equipment, clean scrubs ASAP...
- Dr. Anthony Fauci's tips to avoid COVID:
  - Wear a mask consistently & correctly
  - Avoid crowds
  - Stay 6 feet apart
  - Opt for the outdoors
  - Wash your hands
  - New knowledge, new reasons to mask up
- Some COVID-related practices may be the new normal: common sense!
  - Wash hands often, wear masks in transit...
- Apps are being used for contact tracing
  - COVID-Alert-NY, Aarogya Setu etc.
- KBs can be designed for web search, app development etc. with CSK

![](_page_50_Picture_15.jpeg)

#### Hear Fauci's advice on how to avoid getting Covid variant

#### Cuomo Prime Time

Dr. Anthony Fauci tells CNN's Chris Cuomo about the importance of receiving the coronavirus vaccine, and how it can be helpful amid news of more variants spreading across the US. Source: CNN

![](_page_50_Figure_19.jpeg)

Image Sources: cnn.com newyork.cbslocal.com, ncpi.org.in

# CSK and COVID-19

- COVID-related datasets publicly available for analysis, e.g.
  - <u>https://allenai.org/data/cord-19</u>
- Deep learning and transfer learning used for COVID-19 detection, e.g.
  - Chest Xray analysis to help COVID diagnosis [Karthikeyan et al. IEEE Big Data 2020]
- Use of cyberspace & robots rising during pandemic...
- This calls for more research, e.g.
  - Make cyber-interaction more human-like
  - Make robots more humanoid
- CSK can play a significant role in such endeavors with more advances

![](_page_51_Picture_10.jpeg)

![](_page_51_Picture_11.jpeg)

CORD-19 A freely available resource of scientific articles about COVID-19 to accelerate new research insights into this infectious disease.

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# **Further Research**

- Design novel evaluation measures & architectures to sufficiently address complexity of vision, language as stated in a recent survey [Mogadala et al. arXiv 2019] & use them in CSK-enabled systems
- Propose trade-off methods that know how much data is enough to adequately perform tasks by leveraging neuro-symbolic reasoning systems [Yi et al. NIPS 2018] along with CSK
- Incorporate CSK in multilingual captions generation for images, videos building upon some research [Yoshikawa et al. ACL 2017]
- Address spatial CSK with potentially noisy, incomplete KBs to generate adversarial datasets as in recent work [Garg et al. AAAI 2020]
- Consider multiple senses of verbs & other POS in machine translation guided by CSK furthering the literature [Elliott et al. ACL 2016]
- Extract **CSK from images, videos, text seamlessly** in synchronous & synergistic manner as they encode different aspects of the world implicitly [Mogadala et al. arXiv 2019]

#### Further Research

- Consider CSK in conjunction with robotics applications [Suchan et al. ICCV 2017] & imbibe existing systems with more CSK, e.g. medical & surgical robots, domestic robots
- Leverage **CSK in the context of human-robot collaboration**, e.g. in robot action planning & task optimization analogous to some recent works [Conti et al. IEEE Big Data 2020]
- Incorporate CSK in smart manufacturing based on further work considering existing research [Thoben et al. Journal of Automation Technology 2018] incorporating human comfort, safety etc.
- Take into account issues such as **trust based on CSK** when humans & AI systems are interacting with each other, consider levels of trust as mentioned in some works [Chen et al. ACM/IEEE HRI 2018]
- Build **KBs incorporating CSK with medical facts** to deal with COVID & other pandemics, consider their usefulness in apps and propose enhancements beyond the literature [Blasimme et al. 2020]

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