# Scaling Embedding Dimensionality and Distance Metrics in Out-of-Domain Retrieval Accuracy

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**Abstract**

This report synthesises findings from 3 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: What is the effect of scaling the dimensionality of embeddings on the retrieval accuracy gap between manifold-aware distance metrics and cosine similarity in out-of-domain BEIR tasks. 6 claims were extracted from source literature; 6 were independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 9.2/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

## 1 Introduction

This paper examines: Beyond the Unit Hypersphere: Embedding Magnitude in Contrastive Learning. Research question: What is the effect of scaling the dimensionality of embeddings on the retrieval accuracy gap between manifold-aware distance metrics and cosine similarity in out-of-domain BEIR tasks?.

## 2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 3 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 9.2/10.

## 3 Results

3 papers retrieved. 6 claims extracted; 6 independently verified. Quality review score: 9.2/10.

## 4 Limitations

This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research. Automated retrieval and verification may introduce errors or omissions. Review scores reflect automated assessment, not human peer review. Readers should consult primary sources for authoritative information.

## 5 Extracted Claims

| Claim | Verified | Confidence |
|---|---|---|
| Cosine similarity normalizes both sides; dot product normalizes neither. | ✓ | 0.27 |
| We propose a 2x2 framework that independently controls query-side and document-side normalization, exposing two intermed | ✓ | 0.35 |
| On retrieval with four encoders, evaluated in-domain on MS MARCO and out-of-domain on BEIR, BRIGHT, and multi-hop QA, th | ✓ | 0.46 |
| Cross-evaluation reveals the mechanism: document magnitude scales inference scores while query magnitude modulates train | ✓ | 0.41 |
| We then classify tasks by functional symmetry, defined as whether the aggregate scoring procedure treats Q and C as inte | ✓ | 0.33 |
| On five additional task families (semantic textual similarity, CLIP, knowledge graph completion, few-shot classification | ✓ | 0.57 |

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