

Comparative Zero-Shot Retrieval Accuracy of Hybrid Batch Strategy Versus Specialized Fine-Tuning on Out-of-Domain Datasets

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Abstract

Information retrieval across different languages is an increasingly important challenge in natural language processing. Recent approaches based on multilingual pre-trained language models have achieved remarkable success, yet they often optimize for either monolingual, cross-lingual, or multilingual retrieval performance at the expense of others. This paper proposes a novel hybrid batch training strategy to simultaneously improve zero-shot retrieval performance across monolingual, cross-lingual, and multilingual settings while mitigating language bias. The approach fine-tunes multilingual lang

1 Introduction

This paper examines: Synergistic Approach for Simultaneous Optimization of Monolingual, Cross-lingual, and Multilingual Information Retrieval. Research question: How does the zero-shot retrieval accuracy on out-of-domain datasets (e.g., BEIR, MTEB) compare between models trained with the proposed hybrid batch strategy and models fine-tuned separately for monolingual, cross-lingual, or multilingual objectives?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 8 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 8.5/10.

3 Results

8 papers retrieved. 15 claims extracted; 13 independently verified. Quality review score: 8.5/10.

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
The approach fine-tunes multilingual language models using a mix of monolingual and cross-lingual question-answer pairs	✓	0.41
Experiments on XQuAD-R, MLQA-R, and MIRACL Datasets.	×	0.12
XQuAD-R and MLQA-R are question-answering datasets with parallel questions and passages in 11 languages and 7 languages,	✓	0.20
We report the mean average precision (mAP) for XQuAD-R and MLQA-R.	✓	0.16
The evaluation of the models is conducted on datasets that are completely separate and distinct from the ones used for training	✓	0.23
Hybrid batch sampling achieves the best performance in multilingual retrieval settings.	✓	0.29
Hybrid batch training substantially reduces language bias in multilingual retrieval compared to monolingual training.	✓	0.36
Hybrid batch training enables strong zero-shot retrieval performance across diverse languages.	✓	0.28
The proposed approach learns language-agnostic representations.	×	0.13
The models have not encountered any data samples, whether from the training or testing splits, of the evaluation dataset	✓	0.24
The results for the Recall metric are in Appendix A.3.1.	✓	0.17
The detailed monolingual retrieval effectiveness on MIRACL dev is reported in Table 12 and 13 in Appendix A.3.3.	✓	0.20
In XQuAD-R (MLQA-R), there are 11 and 7 parallel languages; thus, there are 110 (42) and 11 (7) cross-lingual and monolingual	✓	0.23
The same conclusion holds when using XLM-R and LaBSE as initialization that hybrid batch sampling is better than the other	✓	0.31
The proposed approach addresses language bias by modifying the training data batches without necessitating the introduction of	✓	0.23

References

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