Hybrid Batch Size Variations and Monolingual-Cross-Lingual Retrieval Alignment in Multilingual Fine-Tuning

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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: What is the impact of varying hybrid batch sizes on the alignment between monolingual and cross-lingual retrieval performances in models fine-tuned on multilingual datasets like CC100 or mC4?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 12 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

12 papers retrieved. 13 claims extracted; 12 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 pair b	✓	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 since the metric considers the retrieval quality when	✓	0.27
The evaluation of the models is conducted on datasets that are completely separate and distinct from the ones used for t	✓	0.23
X-X and X-Y sampling only perform well in monolingual and cross-lingual retrieval settings, respectively.	✓	0.22
Hybrid batch sampling achieves the best performance in multilingual retrieval settings.	✓	0.29
Hybrid batch sampling is better than the other two baseline batch sampling methods when using XLM-R and LaBSE as initial	✓	0.25
Hybrid batch training substantially reduces language bias in multilingual retrieval compared to monolingual training.	✓	0.36
The proposed approach enables strong zero-shot retrieval performance across diverse languages.	✓	0.27
The hybrid batch training strategy simultaneously optimizes retrieval performance across monolingual, cross-lingual, and	✓	0.29
The approach uses a balanced mix of monolingual and cross-lingual question-answer pair batches.	✓	0.19
The approach collects a diverse set of English question-answer datasets and uses machine translation to generate paralle	✓	0.23

References

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