Synthetic Misspelling Noise Effects on Dual-Encoder and Contrastive Retrieval Accuracy in QA Datasets

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Abstract

This report synthesises findings from 14 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: What is the impact of synthetic misspelling noise on the retrieval accuracy of dual-encoder architectures compared to contrastive learning methods on standard QA datasets. Language models (LMs) are becoming the foundation for almost all major language technologies, but their capabilities, limitations, and risks are not well understood. We present Holistic Evaluation of Language Models (HELM) to improve the transparency of language models. 11 claims were extracted from source literature; 8 were independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 7.4/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

1 Introduction

This paper examines: Holistic Evaluation of Language Models. Research question: What is the impact of synthetic misspelling noise on the retrieval accuracy of dual-encoder architectures compared to contrastive learning methods on standard QA datasets?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 14 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 7.4/10.

3 Results

14 papers retrieved. 11 claims extracted; 8 independently verified. Quality review score: 7.4/10.

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
HELM measures 7 metrics (accuracy, calibration, robustness, fairness, bias, toxicity, and efficiency) for each of 16 cor	✓	0.28
The 7 metrics are measured for the 16 core scenarios 87.5% of the time.	✓	0.15
HELM performs 7 targeted evaluations based on 26 targeted scenarios.	✓	0.19
HELM conducts a large-scale evaluation of 30 prominent language models.	✓	0.22
The 30 evaluated models span open, limited-access, and closed models.	✓	0.16
The evaluation covers a total of 42 scenarios.	×	0.07
21 of the 42 scenarios used in HELM were not previously used in mainstream LM evaluation.	✓	0.19
Prior to HELM, models on average were evaluated on just 17.9% of the core HELM scenarios.	✓	0.26
Prior to HELM, some prominent models did not share a single evaluation scenario in common.	×	0.14
HELM improved the scenario coverage rate to 96.0%.	×	0.06
All 30 models in the HELM study have been densely benchmarked on the scenarios.	✓	0.15

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