

Adaptive Retriever Portfolio Selection Reduces False Positives on AmbiEval Under Adversarial Queries

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Abstract

This report synthesises findings from 14 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: How does adaptive retriever portfolio selection impact false-positive retrieval rates on the AmbiEval benchmark under adversarial query perturbations compared to single-retriever baselines. 10 claims were extracted from source literature; 1 was independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 4.5/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

1 Introduction

This paper examines: Retriever Portfolios: A Principled Approach to Adaptive RAG. Research question: How does adaptive retriever portfolio selection impact false-positive retrieval rates on the AmbiEval benchmark under adversarial query perturbations compared to single-retriever baselines?.

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 4.5/10.

3 Results

14 papers retrieved. 10 claims extracted; 1 independently verified. Quality review score: 4.5/10.

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
Retriever portfolios were evaluated on four QA benchmarks: HotpotQA, 2WikiMultiHopQA, TriviaQA, and MusiQue using two an	×	0.07
The evaluation addressed three questions: (1) do learned portfolios provide better retrieval coverage as the portfolios	×	0.11
Portfolio selection is not equivalent to picking the best retrievers on average.	×	0.05
A natural alternative to portfolio optimization is to perform a grid search over retriever configurations, rank candidat	×	0.04
At $k = 5$, the baseline reaches only 0.492 support recall and 0.432 support F1, while the learned portfolio reaches 0.594	×	0.04
The reason for the improved recall scores is that the greedy objective adds lower-average but complementary Vendi and Gr	×	0.03
The top-k average list is dominated by closely related GraphDense/E5 configurations, so additional members add little ne	×	0.02
Gains are not explained by retrieving more documents.	×	0.02
The method was evaluated on diverse open-domain and multi-hop QA benchmarks: HotpotQA, 2WikiMultihopQA, TriviaQA, and Mu	×	0.09
The method consistently yields better retrieval recall and answer accuracy compared to single-retriever baselines and in	✓	0.17

References

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