Multilingual Contrastive Learning for Efficient Zero-Shot Cross-Lingual Retrieval

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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 integration of multilingual contrastive learning objectives in hybrid batch training affect the efficiency (inference latency and memory usage) of zero-shot cross-lingual retrieval on the BEIR benchmark when compared to standard monolingual and cross-lingual baselines?.

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 8.0/10.

3 Results

11 papers retrieved. 11 claims extracted; 9 independently verified. Quality review score: 8.0/10.

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	✓	0.42
Experiments are conducted on XQuAD-R, MLQA-R, and MIRACL Datasets.	×	0.08
XQuAD-R and MLQA-R are question-answering datasets with parallel questions and passages in 11 languages and 7 languages,	✓	0.20
The evaluation of the models is conducted on datasets that are completely separate and distinct from the ones used for t	✓	0.23
The models have not encountered any data samples, whether from the training or testing splits, of the evaluation dataset	✓	0.23
The mean average precision (mAP) is reported for XQuAD-R and MLQA-R.	×	0.11
For XQuAD-R (MLQA-R), there are 11 and 7 parallel languages; thus, there are 110 (42) and 11 (7) cross-lingual and monol	✓	0.23
Hybrid batch sampling achieves the best performance in multilingual retrieval settings.	✓	0.28
Hybrid batch sampling is better than the other two baseline batch sampling strategies when using XLM-R and LaBSE as init	✓	0.28
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

References

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