Robustness of Retrieval-Augmented Generation Models Across Corpus Sizes on NaturalQuestions

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Abstract

This report synthesises findings from 12 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: What is the impact of varying the size of the document corpus on the robustness of Retrieval-Augmented Generation models on the NaturalQuestions benchmark when evaluated using F1 score. 14 claims were extracted from source literature; 12 were independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 8.5/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

1 Introduction

This paper examines: PaLM 2 Technical Report. Research question: What is the impact of varying the size of the document corpus on the robustness of Retrieval-Augmented Generation models on the NaturalQuestions benchmark when evaluated using F1 score?.

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. 14 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
PaLM 2 is a Transformer-based model trained using a mixture of objectives.	✓	0.24
PaLM 2 has better multilingual capabilities than its predecessor PaLM.	✓	0.15
PaLM 2 has better reasoning capabilities than its predecessor PaLM.	✓	0.16
PaLM 2 is more compute-efficient than PaLM.	×	0.11
PaLM 2 demonstrates significantly improved quality on downstream tasks across different model sizes compared to PaLM.	✓	0.27
PaLM 2 exhibits faster inference compared to PaLM.	✓	0.15
PaLM 2 exhibits more efficient inference compared to PaLM.	✓	0.17
PaLM 2 shows large improvements over PaLM on BIG-Bench.	×	0.15
PaLM 2 shows large improvements over PaLM on other reasoning tasks.	✓	0.16
PaLM 2 exhibits stable performance on a suite of responsible AI evaluations.	✓	0.23
PaLM 2 enables inference-time control over toxicity without additional overhead.	✓	0.23
PaLM 2 enables inference-time control over toxicity without impact on other capabilities.	✓	0.20
PaLM 2 achieves state-of-the-art performance across a diverse set of tasks and capabilities.	✓	0.27
User-facing products using PaLM 2 typically include additional pre- and post-processing steps beyond the underlying mode	✓	0.29

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