

QNorm and DNorm Robustness to Domain Shifts in Retrieval Across LLM Encoders

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Abstract

This report synthesises findings from 6 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: How robust are QNorm and DNorm distance metrics to domain shifts in retrieval tasks when evaluated on a diverse set of LLM-based encoders (e.g., BERT, RoBERTa, T5) across BEIR benchmarks. 8 claims were extracted from source literature; 8 were independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 9.0/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

1 Introduction

This paper examines: MTEB: Massive Text Embedding Benchmark. Research question: How robust are QNorm and DNorm distance metrics to domain shifts in retrieval tasks when evaluated on a diverse set of LLM-based encoders (e.g., BERT, RoBERTa, T5) across BEIR benchmarks?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 6 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 9.0/10.

3 Results

6 papers retrieved. 8 claims extracted; 8 independently verified. Quality review score: 9.0/10.

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
Text embeddings are commonly evaluated on a small set of datasets from a single task not covering their possible applica	✓	0.38
It is unclear whether state-of-the-art embeddings on semantic textual similarity (STS) can be equally well applied to ot	✓	0.36
This makes progress in the field difficult to track, as various models are constantly being proposed without proper eval	✓	0.32
MTEB spans 8 embedding tasks covering a total of 58 datasets and 112 languages.	✓	0.35
Through the benchmarking of 33 models on MTEB, we establish the most comprehensive benchmark of text embeddings to date.	✓	0.33
We find that no particular text embedding method dominates across all tasks.	✓	0.31
This suggests that the field has yet to converge on a universal text embedding method and scale it up sufficiently to pr	✓	0.41
MTEB comes with open-source code and a public leaderboard at https://github.com/embeddings-benchmark/mteb .	✓	0.38

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