Contriever and DPR Inference Latency Scaling with Context Windows up to 2048 Tokens

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Abstract

This report synthesises findings from 15 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: How does the inference latency of Contriever and DPR encoders scale with increasing context window sizes up to 2048 tokens on the SQuAD 2.0 benchmark. Open-domain question answering relies on efficient passage retrieval to select candidate contexts, where traditional sparse vector space models, such as TF-IDF or BM25, are the de facto method. In this work, we show that retrieval can be practically implemented using dense. 9 claims were extracted from source literature; 0 were independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 4.0/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

1 Introduction

This paper examines: Dense Passage Retrieval for Open-Domain Question Answering. Research question: How does the inference latency of Contriever and DPR encoders scale with increasing context window sizes up to 2048 tokens on the SQuAD 2.0 benchmark?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 15 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 4.0/10.

3 Results

15 papers retrieved. 9 claims extracted; 0 independently verified. Quality review score: 4.0/10.

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 DPR model was trained using the in-batch negative setting with a batch size of 128 and one additional BM25 negative	×	0.05
The DPR model was trained for up to 40 epochs for large datasets (NQ, TriviaQA, SQuAD) and 100 epochs for small datasets	×	0.05
The learning rate used for training the DPR model was 10^-5 using Adam, linear scheduling with warm-up and dropout rate	×	0.03
DPR performs consistently better than BM25 on all datasets except SQuAD.	×	0.04
The top-20 accuracy of DPR on Natural Questions is 78.4%, compared to 59.1% for BM25.	×	0.06
The DPR model was trained using individual or combined training datasets (all the datasets excluding SQuAD).	×	0.06
SQuAD is limited to a small set of Wikipedia documents and thus introduces unwanted bias.	×	0.03
BM25 parameters b = 0.4 (document length normalization) and k1 = 0.9 (term frequency scaling) are tuned using developmen	×	0.03
The DPR model was evaluated on top-k retrieval accuracy, which is the fraction of questions for which CF contains a span	×	0.07

References

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