Contrastive Learning Enhances Dense Retriever Precision in Multi-Hop QA with Adversarial Distractors

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Abstract

This report synthesises findings from 10 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: How does the integration of contrastive learning in dense retrievers improve retrieval precision in RAG systems on adversarial distractors in multi-hop QA benchmarks like HotPotQA compared to. 15 claims were extracted from source literature; 0 were independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 2.7/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

1 Introduction

This paper examines: RAG over Tables: Hierarchical Memory Index, Multi-Stage Retrieval, and Benchmarking. Research question: How does the integration of contrastive learning in dense retrievers improve retrieval precision in RAG systems on adversarial distractors in multi-hop QA benchmarks like HotPotQA compared to traditional dense retrievers?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 10 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 2.7/10.

3 Results

10 papers retrieved. 15 claims extracted; 0 independently verified. Quality review score: 2.7/10.

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
T-RAG achieves accuracy improvements ranging from 1.2% to 11.4% and recall gains from 1.5% to 12.5% when compared to tab	×	0.07
T-RAG achieves improvements of up to 9.4% in recall@50 on TFV and 8.2% in recall@10 on Multi-hop TQA.	×	0.05
T-RAG consistently improves cross-table question answering performance, yielding an average gain of 11.2% compared to th	×	0.08
T-RAG achieves a latency of 133.1 minutes for TFV, 78.8 minutes for Single-hop TQA, and 34.6 minutes for Multi-hop TQA.	×	0.04
T-RAG reduces the number of tables from 34,351 to 10 (99.9% reduction) for TFV, from 17,229 to 10 (99.9% reduction) for	×	0.03
DTR achieves an accuracy of 21.1% and recall of 36.4% at k=10 for TFV.	×	0.02
Table-Contriever achieves an accuracy of 23.4% and recall of 40.5% at k=10 for TFV.	×	0.05
Table-E5 achieves an accuracy of 23.4% and recall of 42.2% at k=10 for TFV.	×	0.05
Table-LLaMA achieves an accuracy of 34.9% and recall of 53.5% at k=10 for TFV.	×	0.04
RALM achieves an accuracy of 6.4% and recall of 8.2% at k=10 for TFV.	×	0.04
Phi-3.5-mini achieves an EM@10 of 22.3% and F1@10 of 26.2% for Multi-hop TQA.	×	0.03
LLaMA-3.2-3B achieves an EM@10 of 41.6% and F1@10 of 28.5% for Multi-hop TQA.	×	0.03
Qwen-2.5-7B achieves an EM@10 of 47.2% and F1@10 of 31.2% for Multi-hop TQA.	×	0.03
LLaMA-3.1-8B achieves an EM@10 of 48.1% and F1@10 of 33.2% for Multi-hop TQA.	×	0.03
LLaMA-3.1-70B achieves an EM@10 of 51.2% and F1@10 of 42.8% for Multi-hop TQA.	×	0.04

References

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