Retrieval-Augmented Gemini 1.5 Pro and Llama3-70B Performance on CodeXGLUE Security Subset

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Abstract

This report synthesises findings from 11 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: How does the performance of retrieval-augmented Gemini 1.5 Pro and Llama3-70B compare on the CodeXGLUE security subset when evaluated with few-shot versus zero-shot learning across different. Few-shot prompting has emerged as a practical alternative to fine-tuning for leveraging the capabilities of large language models (LLMs) in specialized tasks. However, its effectiveness depends heavily on the selection and quality of in-context examples, particularly in complex. 9 claims were extracted from source literature; 7 were independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 7.5/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

1 Introduction

This paper examines: Retrieval-Augmented Few-Shot Prompting Versus Fine-Tuning for Code Vulnerability Detection. Research question: How does the performance of retrieval-augmented Gemini 1.5 Pro and Llama3-70B compare on the CodeXGLUE security subset when evaluated with few-shot versus zero-shot learning across different programming languages (Python vs. Java vs. C++)?.

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 7.5/10.

3 Results

11 papers retrieved. 9 claims extracted; 7 independently verified. Quality review score: 7.5/10.

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
Retrieval-augmented prompting with 20 shots achieves an F1 score of 74.05% on a multi-label code vulnerability detection	✓	0.33
Retrieval-augmented prompting with 20 shots achieves a partial match accuracy of 83.90% on a multi-label code vulnerabil	✓	0.35
Fine-tuning the Gemini-1.5-Flash model using Vertex AI on Google Cloud results in an F1 score of 59.31%.	✓	0.18
Fine-tuning the Gemini-1.5-Flash model using Vertex AI on Google Cloud results in a partial match accuracy of 53.10%.	✓	0.22
Retrieval-augmented prompting consistently outperforms random few-shot prompting and retrieval-based labeling strategies	✓	0.26
Retrieval-augmented prompting surpasses the performance of fine-tuned Gemini-1.5-Flash without any training overhead.	✓	0.20
The study evaluates DistilBERT and DistilGPT2 as part of the fine-tuning comparison with smaller open-source models.	✓	0.15
Fine-tuning large language models is resource intensive, may require access to model weights, and entails non-trivial tr	×	0.07
Few-shot prompting suffers from high variance depending on the quality and relevance of in-context examples.	×	0.11

References

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