

Manifold-Aware vs. Traditional Distance Metrics in Long-Context Passage Retrieval

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Abstract

This report synthesises findings from 13 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: How does the performance of manifold-aware distance metrics compare to traditional distance metrics (cosine, Euclidean) in dense passage retrieval when evaluated on long-context benchmarks like Dense Passage Retrieval (DPR) typically relies on Euclidean or cosine distance to measure query-passage relevance in embedding space, which is effective when embeddings lie on a linear manifold. However, our experiments across DPR benchmarks suggest that embeddings often lie on a non-linear manifold. 0 claims were extracted from source literature; 0 were independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 8.0/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

1 Introduction

This paper examines: MA-DPR: Manifold-aware Distance Metrics for Dense Passage Retrieval. Research question: How does the performance of manifold-aware distance metrics compare to traditional distance metrics (cosine, Euclidean) in dense passage retrieval when evaluated on long-context benchmarks like LongBench or NeedleQA with context windows exceeding 4000 tokens?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 13 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 8.0/10.

3 Results

13 papers retrieved. 0 claims extracted; 0 independently verified. Quality review score: 8.0/10.

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.

References

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