

# Geodesic Distance Metrics Enhance Cross-Encoder Reranking on BEIR Benchmark

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## Abstract

This report synthesises findings from 13 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: Does incorporating geodesic distance metrics into cross-encoder reranking improve retrieval accuracy on the BEIR benchmark compared to traditional Euclidean-based methods. 9 claims were extracted from source literature; 9 were independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 7.7/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

## 1 Introduction

This paper examines: Reranker Optimization via Geodesic Distances on k-NN Manifolds. Research question: Does incorporating geodesic distance metrics into cross-encoder reranking improve retrieval accuracy on the BEIR benchmark compared to traditional Euclidean-based methods?.

## 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 7.7/10.

## 3 Results

13 papers retrieved. 9 claims extracted; 9 independently verified. Quality review score: 7.7/10.

## 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
Current neural reranking approaches for retrieval-augmented generation (RAG) rely on cross-encoders or large language mo	✓	0.41
Maniscope is a geometric reranking method that computes geodesic distances on k-nearest neighbor (k-NN) manifolds constr	✓	0.39
Maniscope combines global cosine similarity with local manifold geometry to capture semantic structure that flat Euclide	✓	0.31
Evaluating on eight BEIR benchmark datasets (1,233 queries), Maniscope outperforms HNSW graph-based baseline on the thre	✓	0.39
Maniscope is 3.2x faster (4.7 ms vs 14.8 ms average) compared to HNSW graph-based baseline.	✓	0.27
Compared to cross-encoder rerankers, Maniscope achieves within 2% accuracy at 10-45x lower latency.	✓	0.31
On TREC-COVID, LLM-Reranker provides only +0.5% NDCG@3 improvement over Maniscope at 840x higher latency.	✓	0.33
Maniscope has a complexity of $O(N D + M^2 D + M k \log k)$ where $M \ll N$ , enabling sub-10 ms latency.	✓	0.21
The authors plan to release Maniscope as open-source software.	✓	0.18

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