Dynamic Sample Reweighting in CLIP Pretraining for Robust Zero-Shot Retrieval

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Abstract

This report synthesises findings from 15 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: How does dynamic sample reweighting during pretraining affect the zero-shot retrieval accuracy of CLIP models on COCO and Flickr30K under joint image-text adversarial perturbations. 9 claims were extracted from source literature; 4 were independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 6.4/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

1 Introduction

This paper examines: COCO-DR: Combating Distribution Shifts in Zero-Shot Dense Retrieval with Contrastive and Distributionally Robust Learning. Research question: How does dynamic sample reweighting during pretraining affect the zero-shot retrieval accuracy of CLIP models on COCO and Flickr30K under joint image-text adversarial perturbations?.

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 6.4/10.

3 Results

15 papers retrieved. 9 claims extracted; 4 independently verified. Quality review score: 6.4/10.

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
Dense retrieval has shown strong advantages over sparse retrieval methods, although the advantages are more observed in	×	0.13
DR models perform much worse than BM25 on BEIR tasks that are less similar to MS MARCO.	×	0.04
ANCE initialized from coCondenser still underperforms BM25 on BEIR tasks where distribution shifts are severe.	×	0.07
COCO-DR introduces two training techniques: COntinuous COntrastive pretraining (COCO) and implicit Distributionally Robu	✓	0.19
COCO addresses the challenge of distribution shifts via continuously pretraining the language model on the target corpor	✓	0.20
COCO-DR (Ours) outperforms BM25, DPR, ANCE, Contriever, GenQ, GPL,#, GTRXL, GTRXXL, CPTL„ CPTXL„ ColBERT Base,	×	0.07
COCO-DR Base Full outperforms COCO-DR Base -iDRO and COCO-DR Base -COCO on various BEIR tasks.	✓	0.21
COCO-DR Large Full outperforms COCO-DR Large -iDRO and COCO-DR Large -COCO on various BEIR tasks.	✓	0.20
COCO-DR outperforms coCondenser Base (2022), Base, Large, Condenser Base, and Large on various BEIR tasks.	×	0.11

References

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