

## Algorithm: Hybrid Exact Top-k with Threshold-Based $k$ Selection

### Input:

- Query  $q$
- A set of items  $X$
- Component-level embeddings  $f_p(q)$ ,  $g_p(x)$  for query  $q$  and item  $x$
- Initial threshold  $T_{\text{init}}$  (a relevance score threshold)

### Output:

- Top  $k$  items,  $G_{\text{final}}$

### Steps:

#### 1. Initialize Candidate Set:

- Set  $G \leftarrow \emptyset$  ▷ Initialize candidate set as empty

#### 2. Generate Component-Level Embeddings:

For each  $p \in P$ , do:

- $X_p \leftarrow \{g_p(x) \mid x \in X\}$  ▷ Generate component-level embeddings for all items in  $X$

#### 3. Initial Candidate Retrieval:

For each  $p \in P$ , do:

- Compute dot product scores:

$$S_p = \{\langle f_p(q), g_p(x) \rangle : x \in X_p\}$$

- Retrieve items with scores  $S_p \geq T_{\text{init}}$
- Add these items to  $G$

#### 4. Adjust $k$ Dynamically:

- Compute MoL (Mixture of Logits) scores  $s = \phi(q, x)$  for each  $x \in G$  using:

$$\phi(q, x) = \sum_{p=1}^P \pi_p(q, x) \cdot \langle f_p(q), g_p(x) \rangle$$

where  $\phi(q, x)$  are weights that determine the importance of each component  $p$ .

- Set  $T_{\text{adaptive}} = \min\{s : s \in G\}$  as the new threshold

**5. Refine Candidate Set with Adaptive  $k$ :**

For each  $p \in P$ , do:

- Use the updated threshold  $T_{adaptive}$  to retrieve additional items from  $X$
- Retrieve items from  $X_p$  with scores  $S_p \geq T_{adaptive}$
- Add these items to  $G'$

**6. Select Exact Top-k Items:**

- Compute MoL scores for all items in  $G'$
- Sort  $G'$  by MoL scores in descending order
- Select the top  $k$  items from  $G'$  where  $k$  is the number of items in  $G'$  exceeding  $T_{adaptive}$

**7. Return Final Top-k Items:**

$$G_{\text{final}} \leftarrow \text{Top } k \text{ items from } G'$$

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**Algorithm 1** Hybrid Exact Top-k with Threshold-Based k Selection

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1: **Input:**

- Query  $q$
- Set of items  $X$
- Component-level embeddings:  $f_p(q), g_p(x)$  for  $p \in P, x \in X$
- Initial threshold  $T_{\text{init}}$

2: **Output:**

- Exact top  $k$  items based on dynamic threshold selection,  $G_{\text{final}}$

3: **1. Initialize:**

- Set  $G \leftarrow \emptyset$  ▷ Initial candidate set

4: **2. Generate Component-Level Embeddings:**

5: **for** each component  $p \in P$  **do**

6:    $X_p \leftarrow \{g_p(x) \mid x \in X\}$  ▷ Precompute embeddings

7: **end for**

8: **3. Initial Candidate Retrieval:**

9: **for** each component  $p \in P$  **do**

10:   Compute dot product scores:

$$S_p = \{\langle f_p(q), g_p(x) \rangle : x \in X_p\}$$

11:   Retrieve items with scores  $S_p \geq T_{\text{init}}$

12:   Add these items to  $G$

13: **end for**

14: **4. Adjust k Dynamically:**

15: **for** each  $x \in G$  **do**

16:   Compute MoL scores  $s = \phi(q, x)$  for each  $x \in G$  using:

$$\phi(q, x) = \sum_{p=1}^P \pi_p(q, x) \cdot \langle f_p(q), g_p(x) \rangle$$

17:   Set  $T_{\text{adaptive}} = \min\{s : s \in G\}$

18: **end for**

19: **5. Refine Candidate Set with Adaptive k:**

20: **for** each component  $p \in P$  **do**

21:   Retrieve items from  $X_p$  with scores  $S_p \geq T_{\text{adaptive}}$

22:   Add these items to  $G'$

23: **end for**

24: **6. Select Exact Top-k Items:**

25: Compute MoL scores for all items in  $G'$

26: Sort  $G'$  by MoL scores in descending order

27: Select the top  $k$  items from  $G'$  where  $k$  is the number of items in  $G'$  exceeding  $T_{\text{adaptive}}$

28: **7. Return:**  $G_{\text{final}}$  ▷ Top  $k$  items from  $G'$

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