MTA4DPR: Multi-Teaching-Assistants Based Iterative Knowledge Distillation for Dense Passage Retrieval

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A Algorithm 1

Algorithm 1 MTA4DPR Training Process

Require: T: the teacher model; TA: the assistant models; M_θ: the student model; Q: the query set; P: the passage set; max_iter: maximum number of training iterations; max_steps: maximum number of training steps; η: Learning rate;

Ensure: M_θ

$i \leftarrow 0$
while $i < max\_iter$ **do**
  $D_{train}, D_{eval} \leftarrow GenDataset(T, TA, Q, P)$
  repeat
    $id_{bestTA} \leftarrow TASelect(D_{train})$
    $\theta \leftarrow \theta - \eta \nabla_\theta \mathcal{L}_{total}(D_{train}, M_\theta, id_{bestTA})$
  until max_steps reached
  $outperformed\_TA \leftarrow Compare(M_\theta, TA, D_{eval})$
  if $outperformed\_TA$ **then**
    remove $Worst(TA)$
    add M_θ into TA
  end if
  $i \leftarrow i + 1$
end while