

# Enhancing Medical Question Answering with Retrieval Augmentation and Reranking Transformer Embeddings in Generative Language Models

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In the medical field, having access to thorough and reliable medical data is essential for making well-informed decisions and advancing research. We offer a unique Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG) model, particularly designed for healthcare applications, leveraging the synergy between large-scale language models and sophisticated retrieval approaches. In our methodology, we employ sophisticated dense retrieval methods enabled by the Facebook AI Similarity Search (FAISS) vector store. This enables us to efficiently and rapidly search through large medical databases. Our approach leverages the "int float/e5-large-v2" embedding model and the "RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter" text chunking technique to ensure improved context and alignment inside the RAG framework. We use specific training from the medical literature to enhance the model's domain knowledge. We also use mixed precision training and the "4-bit neural float" (nf4) technique for quantization to get the most out of memory and computing power, and we use tensor cores to speed up the process. We can use the high\_quality dataset 'processed-data.csv' for model building and assessment. We show the effectiveness of our methods by extracting and processing the 'Medeasy.csv' dataset. In order to advance healthcare knowledge and practice, our methodical methodology offers a strong basis for the construction of a high-performing RAG model that is ready to provide practitioners, researchers, and students with accurate and pertinent medical information.

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) with healthcare in recent years has shown significant potential for revolutionary progress in medical research, diagnosis, and therapy. In today's age of vast medical knowledge, it is crucial for healthcare professionals, researchers, and students to have quick access to, an understanding of, and the ability to create medical information. Our innovative method, which combines cutting-edge language models with sophisticated retrieval techniques to create a Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG) system exclusively for the healthcare industry,

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meets this need. Our approach entails combining state-of-the-art retrieval methods with advanced language models to accelerate the study of vast medical datasets while also ensuring accuracy and relevance in information retrieval. The use of the Facebook AI Similarity Search (FAISS) vector storage for rapid clustering and similarity searches is a crucial component of this methodology. It facilitates the rapid identification of semantic associations within medical data. We improve the model's comprehension of healthcare complexities by using extensive retrieval methods and specific education extracted from medical literature. In addition, we address resource optimization using quantization approaches. Specifically, we use the '4-bit neural float' (nf4) scheme to enhance memory and compute efficiency. Additionally, we employ mixed precision training to take advantage of hardware acceleration. In order to test our technique, we carefully extract and treat the 'Medeasy.csv' dataset. We use strict cleaning processes to create a high-quality dataset called 'processed\_data.csv', which is specifically tailored for model building and assessment. Our systematic approach aims to provide a strong basis for creating an efficient RAG model that can provide accurate and relevant medical information. This will empower healthcare stakeholders in their quest for knowledge and excellence.

## 2 BACKGROUND

In the last few years, combining artificial intelligence (AI) with healthcare has shown a lot of potential for improving medical research, diagnosis, and treatment. Access to trustworthy and thorough medical information is essential for healthcare workers, researchers, and students to make knowledgeable choices and enhance their comprehension of medical ideas. The rise of vast language models and advanced retrieval methods has created fresh opportunities to improve medical question answering systems. These devices, commonly known as RAG models, use a combination of top-notch language models and advanced retrieval methods to offer precise and pertinent medical data. The basis of RAG models is their proficiency in swiftly browsing extensive medical databases utilizing compact retrieval techniques powered by technologies like the Facebook AI Similarity Search (FAISS) vector storage. Through storing and categorizing medical information in a vector system, RAG models can quickly pinpoint semantic connections and access contextually pertinent data. Besides quick information retrieval, RAG models use high-tech language models like the 'Breeze 7B,' customized for medical literature to produce logical and suitable answers. These linguistic models have been educated to grasp intricate medical ideas and generate precise responses to user inquiries. To better use resources and improve computing effectiveness, RAG models use methods like the '4-bit neural float' (nf4) plan and mixed precision training. These methods help the models work with less memory and processing power while still achieving accurate results. In spite of the progress in RAG models, there is still a requirement for more investigation and improvement to boost their efficiency in answering medical queries. By investigating new methods like enhancing retrieval and restructuring transformer embeddings, scientists can enhance the effectiveness and significance of RAG models in producing medical answers. Awareness is starting to sneak in about differences in construction while the investigation continues. This amazing finding signals a great chance for rebuilding them in a totally new way, and it could result in the thorough exploration of evolutionary trends in their environments. Researchers are currently planning trips to uncover more about this astonishing discovery."

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to unveil more about this extraordinary discovery. Knowledge is starting to seep in regarding the discrepancies in construction as the investigation progresses. This unique discovery brings with it a great opportunity to reconstruct them in an entirely different manner, potentially leading to a comprehensive exploration of evolutionary patterns within their environments. Researchers are currently setting up trips to discover more about this remarkable find. Researchers are already planning missions to learn more about this astonishing finding. As the inquiry continues, more information about the construction flaws becomes available. This one-of-a-kind discovery opens up the possibility of reconstructing them in a whole new way, perhaps leading to a thorough investigation of evolutionary trends within their habitats.

### 3 METHOD

#### 3.1 Design

The design of our Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG) model was a careful and robust process, aimed at combining the power of large language models and high-performance retrieval techniques. This combination of state-of-the-art technology can be a powerful system designed for query and text generation in a medical day and Generator.

#### 3.2 Retriever component Architectures:

The Retriever component was designed to take the vast amount of medical knowledge stored in our vector database and analyze it efficiently. The main objective of this phase was to identify and retrieve the most appropriate data for a given question or input. To achieve this, we used a state-of-the-art dense retrieval method that leverages the power of semantic similarity searching.

*3.2.1 Vector database storage:* We realized the need for scalable and high-performance storage solutions to accommodate and index effectively. To meet this need, we used the FAISS (Facebook AI Similarity Search) vector store from the langchain.vectorstores module. FAISS is a highly optimized library for efficient similarity searching and clustering of dense vectors, making it the best choice for the retrieval component of our RAG model. By storing chunked and embedded data in this vector database we made sure to get the relevant information quickly in the generation process.

*3.2.2 Text chunking and embedding:* We have implemented state-of-the-art text chunking and embedding techniques to facilitate high-quality text retrieval and indexing. Specifically, we used the 'intfloat/e5-large-v2' embedding model in conjunction with the RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter method from the LangChain library. In this way, pure text data was divided into manageable pieces, each 6,000 characters in size, with inconsistencies between adjacent texts on the basis of these slices and inserts, we enabled better contextualization and alignment during the process of the RAG model.

#### 3.3 Generator Component Architectures:

The Generator component of our RAG model was responsible for aggregating the received data and generating coherent and contextual responses. The Mistral 7B was a state-of-the-art post-teaching speech model, known for its ability to understand complex instructions and work with exceptional natural language generation

The Mistral 7B model was optimized on medical textbooks, enabling it to gain a deeper understanding of the vocabulary, concepts, and linguistic structure of specific domains in medicine This specialized training ensured that the responses were not only grammatical meaning and coherence

To facilitate the integration in the generation process of retrieved data, we used a new system that combined the Retriever component with the Mistral 7B model. This system called the Retrieval Augmented Generator (RAG) was provided the language model was able to focus on the input queries and retrieved-context simultaneously.

**3.3.1 Quantization:** Similar to the Retriever part, we used the quantization techniques to reduce the memory footprint and computational overhead of the Mistral 7B model. We used a '4-bit neural float' (nf4) quantization scheme, which allowed us to model using 4 bits load and activation can be represented, resulting in significant memory savings and improved computational efficiency.

**3.3.2 Mixed Precision Training:** We used mixed precision training techniques to speed up the training and fine-tuning process. Mixed precision training using tensor cores and specialized hardware instructions enabled low-precision (e.g., 16-bit floating point) computations while maintaining high accuracy, resulting in significant performance gains without sacrificing accuracy.

The simple integration of retriever generator components, using various optimization methods, resulted in a high-performance and scalable RAG model capable of providing accurate contextual queries in the medical domain of the. This design not only took advantage of the latest developments in natural language processing and retrieval strategies. Usage and efficiency were prioritized, ensuring a viable solution and it works for real-world application scenarios.

### 3.4 Objectives

The main objective of this study is to develop a state-of-the-art retrieval augmented generation (RAG) model designed for query and text generation tasks in the medical field. This will provide healthcare professionals, researchers, and students with easy access to reliable and up-to-date medical knowledge. Basically, our goals were twofold: first, to build a robust RAG model that can efficiently derive relevant information from medical data sets, and second, to use empirical knowledge that will include state-of-the-art language models to create consistent and contextual responses. Achieving these goals will not only facilitate access to information but also facilitate the dissemination of knowledge, ultimately contributing to improvements in patient care, research development, and medical education.

### 3.5 Study Selection

In order to meet our ambitious objectives, we recognized the critical importance of obtaining high-quality and comprehensive data from a reputable source in the medical field. After careful research, we selected the Medeasy website (www.medeasy.com) as our primary data source. Generally, it is a website where we can buy online medicine from our house, however, the website is filled with resources. It had all the details of medicine, price, and quantity to use. Also, the side effects were listed in the description of the relevant medicine. There were several main reasons for this decision:

**3.5.1 Comprehensive collection:** Medeasy boasts an extensive collection of medical information, covering a wide range of topics from disease definitions and treatment protocols to groundbreaking research findings and clinical guidelines.

**3.5.2 Trusted Reputation:** Medeasy has established itself as a trusted and authoritative brand in the healthcare community, known for its commitment to accuracy, reliability, and integrity to the highest scientific and medical standards.

**3.5.3 Regular updates:** The website is regularly updated by a team of experienced medical professionals and subject matter experts, ensuring that the information remains current and relevant in medical terms if it is growing rapidly.

3.5.4 *Access*: Medeasy’s user-friendly interface and comprehensive search functionality make it easy to navigate through any effort and retrieve the desired information, making it the right candidate for our data acquisition efforts. The first dataset obtained from Medeasy, hereafter referred to as ‘Medeasy.csv’, consisted of 4,831 rows and 7 columns, each row representing a specific medical issue or condition, with detailed description and metadata including the relevant.

## 4 RESULTS

### 4.1 Data Space

The data used for this study was obtained from the Medeasy website ([www.medeasy.com](http://www.medeasy.com)), which is an online platform for purchasing medicines and accessing medical information. The initial dataset, referred to as ‘Medeasy.csv’, consisted of 4,831 rows and 7 columns, with each row representing a specific medical issue or condition, along with detailed descriptions and metadata such as medicine names, prices, units, and company information. The ‘description’ column, containing the original text data, underwent an extensive cleaning process to remove extraneous elements that could interfere with the performance of the Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG) model. This cleaning process involved the following steps: (1)HTML tag removal: Standard regular expressions were used to identify and remove any embedded HTML tags from the text. (2)URL removal: Regular expressions were also employed to identify and remove URLs from the text, as they were considered irrelevant for the RAG project. (3)Stop word removal: The NLTK (Natural Language Toolkit) library was utilized to identify and remove frequent grammatical words (e.g., ‘the’, ‘a’, ‘is’) from the ‘description’ column, enhancing the signal-to-noise ratio and focusing on more informative and relevant content. (4)Irrelevant pattern removal: Regular expression-based pattern filtering was applied to remove unnecessary elements such as emoticons or special characters that could negatively impact the performance of the language models. After the extensive data preprocessing and transformation pipeline, the resulting cleaned and transformed dataset, referred to as ‘processed\_data.csv’, contained 4,627 rows and 7 columns. It is noteworthy that this procedure resulted in a reduction of 204 rows from the original dataset due to the removal of non-string values and strict quality control measures. By following this rigorous approach, the study ensured the use of a high-quality dataset from a reliable source, applied ethical and responsible web scraping practices, and conducted compliant data preprocessing and manipulation to optimize the dataset for retrieval and enhanced generation tasks.

### 4.2 Visual Space

The scraped data was initially stored in a CSV file (‘Medeasy.csv’) with 4,831 rows and 7 columns, which had various columns such as descriptions, type, price of medicine, unit, company name and generic name of the medicine, URLs, and associated metadata. The ‘description’ column that contained the original text data went through an extensive cleaning process to remove extraneous elements that could interfere with the performance of our RAG model. This careful process involves the following steps. In the end, we have removed URLs, associated metadata, and other unnecessary columns from the processed\_csv which were in the original CSV file. After that, we get the data like this

After completing an extensive data preprocessing and transformation pipeline, the resulting cleaned and transformed dataset, henceforth referred to as ‘processed\_data.csv’ contains 4,627 rows and 7 columns. It is worth noting that this procedure resulted in a reduction of 204 rows from the original dataset, with the removal of non-string values, and because of strict maintenance procedures

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train.head()
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	Name	Price	unit	Type	Generic name	Company name	Description
0	Rivotril0.5 mg	Tk 8.28	/piece	Tablet	Clonazepam	Radiant Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	Medicine overviewEnglishIndications of Rivotri...
1	Montair10 mg	Tk 157.50	/10's Strip	Tablet	Montelukast	Incepta Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	Medicine overviewEnglishIndications of Montair...
2	Bislo5 mg	Tk 144.90	/14's Strip	Tablet	Bisoprolol Fumarate	Opsonin Pharma Ltd.	Medicine overviewEnglishIndications of Bislo...
3	Rosuva5 mg	Tk 90.27	/10's Strip	Tablet	Rosuvastatin	Square Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	<img alt="Section" srcSet="/icons/note.svg 1x,...
4	Clopid75 mg	Tk 151.20	/14's Strip	Tablet	Clopidogrel Bisulphate	Drug International Ltd.	<img alt="Section" srcSet="/icons/note.svg 1x,...

### 4.3 Interaction Space

Based on the data presented, interaction with the Recovery Augmented Generation (RAG) model appears to be through a text-based context, where users can submit questions or indications related to medical information entered, and the model will respond appropriately with the Information received from the processed data. The paper claims that the RAG model provides accurate and relevant answers to medical queries by fusing a state-of-the-art language producing component (Generator) with a high-performance retrieval component (Retriever). The chunked and embedded data from the 'processed\_data.csv' dataset was incorporated in the vector database, which was searched for and searched using semantic similarity methods by the Retriever component. The Generator component, which was driven by the Mistral 7B language model fine-tuned using medical textbooks, was in charge of combining the acquired data and producing coherent and contextual answers. The RAG model's combination of the Retriever and Generator components, together with numerous optimization strategies like as quantization and mixed-precision training, allowed it to deliver efficient and accurate query and text production capabilities in the medical sector. The RAG model may be interacted with by users via a text-based interface, where they enter their medical queries or prompts and receive contextualized responses produced by the model based on the retrieved and processed medical data, even though the specifics of the user interface are not explained.

### 4.4 Chatbot Output

When asked a variety of health-related questions, our model was able to respond with pertinent medical knowledge. When questioned about probable reasons of significant back discomfort, the model included osteoarthritis, spinal stenosis, and herniated discs. It also described several treatment possibilities, based on the underlying disease, such as medication, surgery, and physical therapy. Notably, the model includes regularly recommended medicines for back pain, such non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, and advised about visiting a healthcare practitioner before taking new prescriptions owing to probable interactions.

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result = rag_chain.invoke("I am feeling severe backpain for long amount of time. What should I do to mitigate the backpain and what can be the reason for the backpain?")
print(result['text'])
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Setting 'pad\_token\_id' to 'eos\_token\_id':2 for open-end generation.

Back pain is a common health problem that affects millions of people worldwide. It can be caused by various factors such as injury, degenerative conditions, infections, and autoimmune disorders. The most common causes of back pain are herniated discs, osteoarthritis, and spinal stenosis.

Herniated discs occur when the gel-like cushion between the vertebrae in the spine slips out of place, putting pressure on surrounding nerves and causing pain. Spinal stenosis is a condition where the spinal canal narrows, leading to compression of the spinal cord and nerves.

Treatment options for back pain depend on the underlying cause. For herniated discs, physical therapy, medication, and surgery may be recommended. For spinal stenosis, medication, physical therapy, and surgery may be used. For osteoarthritis, pain relievers, physical therapy, and surgery may be options.

It is important to note that some medications may interact with certain medical conditions or medications, so it is important to consult with a healthcare provider before starting any new medication. Additionally, some medications may cause side effects, so it is important to be aware of these as well.

In terms of pricing, the exact prices of medications for back pain may vary depending on the brand and availability in Bangladesh. However, some commonly prescribed medications for back pain include nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) like ibuprofen or naproxen, muscle relaxants like cyclobenzaprine, and pain relievers like acetaminophen.

The AI model identified three drugs in response to a question concerning treatments for fever and headaches: furosemide, a diuretic used to treat fluid overload and edema, cefuroxime, an antibiotic used to treat bacterial and fungal



infections, and palonosetron, an anti-emetic drug used to treat nausea and vomiting. But the model did not specifically suggest a drug for the symptoms it was asked about, which is in line with the responsible practice of consulting medical experts for suggestions on a case-by-case basis. It also correctly pointed out that people with certain renal disorders should not use palonosetron.

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result = rag_chain.invoke("I'm feeling fever and headache what should I take in order to mitigate this problem?")
print(result['text'])

Setting 'pad_token_id' to 'eos_token_id' for open-end generation.
The context mentions three different medicines:
1. Palonosetron 0.25 mg/5 ml: Palonosetron 0.25 mg/5 ml is an anti-emetic drug used to treat nausea and vomiting. It is a 5-HT3 receptor antagonist that works by blocking the reabsorption of sodium, potassium, and chloride ions in the asc
2. Cotrimoxazole: Cotrimoxazole is an antibiotic used to treat various bacterial and fungal infections. It works by blocking the production of folic acid in microorganisms, leading to their death. Cotrimoxazole is available in the
3. Furosemide: Furosemide is a loop diuretic used to treat fluid overload, edema, and hyponatremia. It works by inhibiting the reabsorption of sodium in the ascending loop of Henle, resulting in increased sodium loss and potassium ga
It is important to note that Palonosetron 0.25 mg/5 ml should not be used in patients with untreated ascites, acute renal failure, rapidly deteriorating or severe impairment of renal function (creatinine clearance

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The AI model offered probable topical therapy choices for several illnesses that might cause itching when asked about treatments for whole-body itching. Topical corticosteroids, such as topical gel or eye drops containing prednisolone, were recommended for eczema or atopic dermatitis. Topical medications such as erythromycin ointment or antibiotic cream were recommended for contact dermatitis. The model suggested topical calcineurin inhibitors, such as tacrolimus ointment or calcineurin inhibitor cream, for psoriasis. Topical antifungal medications, such as terbinafine cream or terbinafine hydrochloride gel, were recommended in the event of fungal infections. Most importantly, the model stressed that you should get individualized counsel from a healthcare expert depending on the underlying problem that is causing the itching.

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result = rag_chain.invoke("My whole body itches what should I take?")
print(result['text'])

Setting 'pad_token_id' to 'eos_token_id' for open-end generation.
It is not clear from the provided context what specific medical condition or problem the patient is experiencing. However, based on the context, the patient may be experiencing itching, which could be a symptom of various medical con
For atopic dermatitis, a common treatment includes topical corticosteroids such as prednisolone eye drops or topical gel. The dosage of prednisolone eye drops is typically 1 drop in each eye twice daily. The tablet form of prednisolone
For contact dermatitis, a common treatment includes topical antibiotics such as erythromycin ointment or topical antibiotic cream. The dosage of erythromycin ointment is typically applied to the affected area once or twice daily.
For psoriasis, a common treatment includes topical calcineurin inhibitors such as tacrolimus ointment or topical calcineurin inhibitor cream. The dosage of tacrolimus ointment is typically applied to the affected area once or twice d
For fungal infections, a common treatment includes topical antifungal agents such as terbinafine cream or terbinafine hydrochloride gel. The dosage of terbinafine cream is typically applied to the affected area once or twice daily. It
It is important to note that the choice of treatment will depend on the specific medical condition and individual patient factors. Patients should consult with a healthcare professional for personalized medical advice.

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In general, the AI language model showed a wide range of expertise and the capacity to deliver pertinent medical data. Its answers, however, were vague and did not offer firm treatment suggestions. This is in line with the acceptable practice of consulting medical specialists for personalized guidance. The research emphasizes the potential benefits of AI language models as additional sources of information, but it also emphasizes the drawbacks and dangers of depending entirely on them when making important decisions pertaining to one's health.

## 5 DISCUSSION

### 5.1 Remark1:

Enhancing Document Accessibility and Context-Aware Search Capabilities with V3CTRON Data Retrieval System: The V3CTRON Data Retrieval Access System offers a new way to improve document accessibility and enable context-aware search in the field of information retrieval and semantic search. This technology, created by Devin Schumacher, provides a versatile and adaptable way to use natural language queries to get data from private document collections. With the use of cutting-edge technologies like vector databases and neural networks, V3CTRON seeks to completely transform how people access and interact with data.

Semantic search and retrieval capability is one of V3CTRON's primary features. The system can create dense representations of text by using methods like BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers) and Dense Retriever models. This enables more precise and contextually appropriate search results. This method offers better performance and precision than conventional keyword-based search algorithms like TF-IDF or BM25 [T3].

With its integrations with other vector database providers, including as Milvus, LlamaIndex, and Qdrant, V3CTRON allows customers to select the storage and querying option that best suits their needs. To meet the varied needs of its users, these databases include a variety of features such as various indexing algorithms, distance measurements, and deployment choices [T1].

Users can engage with the plugin for document upserting, querying, and deleting by exposing APIs via a FastAPI server. Furthermore, V3CTRON may be installed on cloud computing infrastructures that support Docker containers, allowing for a smooth connection with services like Fly.io, Heroku, and Azure Container Apps. The vector database is kept up to date with the most recent documents by ongoing data processing and storage from several sources, improving the search experience overall [T1].

BERT, a pre-trained transformer model well-known for its efficacy in a range of NLP applications, is utilized by V3CTRON for semantic search. BERT improves the similarity-based document retrieval process by producing dense text representations, outperforming conventional search algorithms in terms of relevance and accuracy. In contrast, the Dense Retriever model greatly increases retrieval accuracy by using a bi-encoder architecture to determine similarity scores between queries and documents [T3].

Apart from the BERT and Dense Retriever models, V3CTRON may be integrated with Elasticsearch and FAISS (Facebook AI Similarity Search) to provide effective full-text search and similarity search functionalities, respectively. FAISS is perfect for applications like image retrieval and recommendation systems since it allows for the quick retrieval of related vectors and was built for large-scale datasets. Popular search engine Elasticsearch is known for its flexibility in full-text search and data analysis [T4], [T5], and it supports schema-free JSON documents.

To sum up, the V3CTRON Data Retrieval Access System provides a thorough way to improve document accessibility and activate context-aware search features. Through the use of natural language queries and cutting-edge technology including BERT, Dense Retriever models, and vector databases, V3CTRON enables users to effectively extract information from proprietary document collections. The system's flexibility and scalability are highlighted by its interaction with top search engines and database providers, which makes it an invaluable resource for businesses looking to streamline their information retrieval procedures.

## 5.2 Remark2:

RankVicuna: Zero-Shot Listwise Document Reranking with Open-Source Large Language Models:

RankVicuna is the first open-source big language model created for zero-shot listwise document reranking, and it is presented in the publication "RankVicuna: Zero-Shot Listwise Document Reranking with Open-Source Large Language Models" by Ronak Pradeep the alderman and colleagues. Information retrieval researchers now have a reliable and predictable solution for reranking jobs thanks to this novel technique that overcomes the drawbacks of employing proprietary models.

Large language models (LLMs) are widely available and have completely changed information retrieval and natural language processing applications. Previous studies have looked into using LLMs for reranking in contexts related to information retrieval, including ChatGPT. Nevertheless, the majority of these initiatives have been dependent on proprietary models that are concealed behind opaque API endpoints, which has caused problems with repeatability and non-determinism in experimental outcomes.

RankVicuna provides a clear and user-friendly method for zero-shot listwise reranking in response to these difficulties. RankVicuna, although significantly behind GPT 4, achieves efficacy similar to zero-shot reranking with GPT 3.5 by



utilizing a lower 7B parameter model. The potential of RankVicuna as a useful tool for the research community is demonstrated by the experimental validation on test collections from the TREC 2019 and 2020 Deep Learning Tracks.

The study emphasizes how crucial open-source models are to guaranteeing the accuracy and repeatability of research findings. RankVicuna promotes openness and cooperation in the information retrieval area by giving researchers access to model checkpoints and related code so they may duplicate and improve the findings.

The authors also discuss insights learned while developing RankVicuna, such as how first-stage retrieval techniques affect downstream reranking performance. They highlight how important data-driven training techniques, unsupervised dense retrieval, and synthetic queries are to improving the performance of contemporary language models on reranking tasks.

The work in RankVicuna offers an innovative technique to zero-shot listwise document reranking, which adds to the developing field of information retrieval research. Future studies on reranking using contemporary LLMs will benefit from RankVicuna’s promotion of open scientific techniques and resolution of the drawbacks of proprietary models.

To sum up, RankVicuna is a major development in the information retrieval area that gives researchers a repeatable and dependable tool for listwise document reranking. RankVicuna’s open-access feature encourages cooperation and creativity in the creation of massive language models for information retrieval tasks in addition to improving the openness of research procedures.

### 5.3 Remark3:

Improve Transformer Models with Better Relative Position Embeddings: By optimizing relative position embeddings, the research aims to enhance Transformer topologies, particularly for tasks such as passage ranking and question answering. It is anticipated that relative position embedding optimization would enhance generalization ability, accuracy, and performance.

In order to promote increased interactions within the self-attention mechanism and eventually improve Transformer model correctness and efficiency, the primary contribution consists of offering novel strategies for relative position embeddings.

The methodology consists of assessing current position embedding techniques, putting forth new ideas for relative position embeddings, and examining attention patterns to demonstrate how well the suggested strategies improve Transformer model performance.

According to the study’s findings, Transformer architectures perform better when relative position embeddings are optimized, especially for tasks like passage ranking and question answering. One drawback is the emphasis on empirical evidence rather than a thorough theoretical study, which may obstruct the understanding of underlying mechanisms and broad application. Additional investigation into theoretical frameworks may provide a more comprehensive understanding of the possible uses and applicability of the suggested methods. A further constraint pertains to the restricted range of assessment measures and tasks, which might potentially restrict the comprehension of the wider influence and suitability of the suggested methodologies. Examining a greater variety of tasks and datasets may yield a more thorough evaluation of the suggested approaches’ efficacy in various fields and applications. The paper’s concepts go beyond particular assignments; they open up possibilities for improving Transformer model performance across a range of natural language processing applications. The optimized relative position embeddings may be useful not only for passage rating and question answering but also for language modeling, sentiment analysis, and text summarization. In order to advance language understanding technology and make it easier for it to be integrated into real-world

applications across a variety of fields, future research might explore theoretical underpinnings, expand applications, and enhance model interpretability.

#### 5.4 Remark4:

Parameter-Efficient Sparse Retrievers and Rerankers using Adapters: In order to train neural retrieval models such as SPLADE in Information Retrieval tasks, adapters are investigated in this research as a potentially economical solution. Its objectives are to maximize effectiveness, examine information exchange across retrieval phases, assess domain adaptation, and assess the impact of adapters. The idea behind adapters is that they can improve the efficacy and efficiency of models in IR activities.

In order to train neural retrieval models such as SPLADE in information retrieval tasks, adapters are presented in this research as an affordable solution. The usefulness of adapters is demonstrated, their influence on retrieval effectiveness is examined, domain adaptation is assessed, and information transfer throughout retrieval stages is investigated.

Ablation analyses on adapter layers, comparing first-stage retrievers and rankers knowledge transfer strategies, analyzing parameter sharing with adapters, assessing adapter performance against existing techniques, evaluating adapter-tuned SPLADE across benchmark and out-of-domain datasets, and exploring adapter-tuning for generalizability are all part of the study's methodology. With regard to training neural retrieval models across a range of tasks and domains, these methods offer a comprehensive knowledge of adaptor efficacy.

According to the study's findings, adapters are a practical and affordable substitute for complete fine-tuning when training neural retrieval models like SPLADE for information retrieval tasks. The retrieval process might be improved by adapters since they have promise in increasing efficacy, efficiency, and generalizability across several domains. One potential weakness of the work is its concentration on a particular neural retrieval model, namely SPLADE, which might restrict the applicability of the results to other retrieval models. The efficiency of employing adapters may vary among retrieval models because of differences in their designs, training methods, and features. As such, not all brain retrieval models in the field of information retrieval may directly benefit from the findings and conclusions of this study.

The study's primary evaluation of adapter utilization using SPLADE, a sparse retriever model, is another factor associated with the first constraint. Compared to thick retrievers or other retrieval models that are frequently employed in information retrieval, sparse retrievers may have different requirements and special qualities. Therefore, the results about the efficiency and efficacy of adapters with SPLADE might not apply directly to other retrieval models or dense retrievers. In order to give more thorough insights into adapters' efficacy and generalizability in information retrieval tasks, this limitation emphasizes the need for more studies to examine their applicability across a wider range of retrieval models.

Broad implications for information retrieval and natural language processing stem from the paper's results on adapter-based sparse retrieval models. First off, by cutting training time without compromising performance, adapter tuning's efficiency provides useful advantages for time-sensitive applications like recommendation systems or search engines. Adapters have potential in domain adaptation tasks as well, allowing for rapid adaptation to other domains or user preferences, hence improving the relevancy of search results and suggestions. Finally, investigating knowledge transfer between rankers and rankers offers ways to optimize model topologies and boost the performance of multi-stage retrieval systems. To sum up, the concepts presented in this study have potential applications across several domains and offer intriguing avenues for future research in the fields of NLP and information retrieval.

## 5.5 Remark5:

Towards Robust Ranker for Text Retrieval: The paper proposes a novel approach to develop a reliable text retrieval ranker by using a multi-adversarial training strategy. The authors cite previous work by Hang Zhang et al. (2022a) on adversarial retriever-ranker models and Kai Zhang et al. (2022b) on lexicon-enlightened dense retrievers to address the challenges faced by neural rankers in the retrieval and reranking pipeline. Again, the proposed method aims to increase retrieval efficacy by mining different types of hard negatives from a joint distribution of numerous retrievers. It is inspired by the work of Shuai Zhang et al. (2019) on deep learning-based recommender systems and Xiang Zhang et al. (2015) on character-level convolutional networks for text classification. Moreover, the results align with Yucheng Zhou et al.'s (2022) study on fine-grained distillation for long-document retrieval, highlighting the contribution of distillation techniques to enhanced retrieval efficiency. In summary, the paper advances information retrieval by providing a thorough method for adversarial training for robust ranker creation. This approach bridges the knowledge gap between deep learning and recommender systems research now underway and enhances the performance of neural rankers in text retrieval challenges.

## 6 CONCLUSION

Our work aims to bridge the gap between artificial intelligence (AI) and healthcare by introducing a new retrieval-augmented generation (RAG) model, specifically tailored to meet the unique needs of the medical industry. We have demonstrated promise in accelerating medical knowledge production, understanding, and access by integrating state-of-the-art language models and sophisticated retrieval algorithms. Our model, which was trained with specialized medical literature, intensive retrieval techniques, and the Facebook AI Similarity Search (FAISS) vector store, could help with the accurate and timely analysis of very large medical datasets. Our resource usage optimization efforts, utilizing quantization methods and mixed precision training, further ensure scalability and computational efficiency. We provide a solid basis for the creation of an effective RAG model by offering a systematic approach and validation via dataset extraction and processing. Our ultimate goal is to promote medical practice, research, and education by providing healthcare stakeholders with accurate, timely, and important medical information.

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