Empowering Language Model with Guided Knowledge Fusion for Biomedical Document Re-ranking

Appendix

A Related Work

Document re-ranking is one of the fundamental tasks of information retrieval that aims to rerank the document with respect to a query. We categorized the existing literature as follows:

A.1 Open-domain document re-ranking

Neural re-ranking methods take the output of a first-stage retrieval system, such as BM25, and reorder the retrieved documents to create a more accurate comparison. Currently, most of the neural methods for re-ranking follow the encoderonly or encoder-decoder paradigm, where the interactions between the query and the documents are modeled using the attention mechanism of the encoder. In order to better capture interactions between query and document terms, few of the existing works (6, 20, 3) use cross-attention models, combining the query and candidate document into a single string before feeding it to the model. However, deploying these models to large collections of documents is computationally expensive (7). To minimize huge computational burden, (7) designed a new objective function, combining a query generation loss with a cross-entropy loss on a specific token, which can achieve comparable performance to cross-attention models. (24) introduced a benchmark setup for information retrieval and shows BM25 still remains a strong baseline method and demonstrates the capability of the re-ranking method on multiple datasets from diverse domains. In a similar line, (8) trained the network with query generation as an auxiliary task and obtained a significant performance improvement. A few other prominent works include (22; 16) that have improved the passage retrieval task using a zero-shot question generation approach.

A.2 Biomedical domain document retrieval and reranking

The BioASQ (Large-scale biomedical semantic indexing and question answering) shared task challenge has spurred research in biomedical document retrieval (25). However, most of the systems proposed for the biomedical document retrieval task have primarily relied upon term-matching algorithms (such as TF-IDF and BM25). Some of the recent systems have made progress by leveraging neural

re-ranking of retrieved candidates (21; 1). For example, the best system (2) at BioASQ 6 challenge used a variation of DRMM (17) to re-rank the top 100 documents retrieved using the BM25. (14) employed language models pretrained on PubMed articles. Specifically, they propose a hybrid model for the retrieval stage that combines BM25 and a dual encoder model. In the re-ranking phase, they use a cross-attention model with ranking loss. Recently, (15) proposed Poly-DPR, TempQG, a template-based question generation method, and two new pre-training tasks designed for biomedical documents to overcome the drawbacks of traditional neural retrieval models.

B Methodology

B.1 Graph Representation:

Given the query-document pair sub-graph $\mathcal{G}_{q,d} = (\mathcal{V}_{q,d}, \mathcal{E}_{q,d})$ with nodes $\{n_{int}, n_1, n_2, \ldots, n_M\}$, we first compute the node embeddings $U^1 = \{u^1_{int}, u^1_1, u^1_2, \ldots, u^1_M\} \in \mathcal{R}^{(M+1) \times d_g}$ using the pre-trained knowledge graph embeddings (cf. Section C.2). We utilized the graph attention network (27) to compute the node representation by propagating the information across the nodes in the subgraph $\mathcal{G}_{q,d}$. The subgraph node representation U^l at l^{th} layer of GNN is passed to the $(l+1)^{th}$ layer of GNN to encode and obtain the representation U^{l+1} . Following this, we extracted the representation from GNN for $l=1,2,\ldots,S$:

$$u_{int}^{l+1}, u_1^{l+1}, \dots, u_M^{l+1} = \text{GNN}(u_{int}^l, u_1^l, \dots, u_M^l)$$
 (1)

Formally, at a given layer, l+1 GNN computes the node representation $u_k \in \{u_{int}^{l+1}, u_1^{l+1}, \ldots, u_M^{l+1}\}$ through the exchange of messages among neighboring nodes in the graph.

$$u_k^{l+1} = f\left(\sum_{u_n \in N_{n_l} \cup u_k} \beta_{n_k} m_{n_k}\right) + u_k^l \tag{2}$$

where f denotes the two-layer feed-forward network, u_n is the neighboring node representation of the node u_k , N_{u_k} is the list of all neighbors of the node u_k . m_{nk} is the message which neighbor u_n passes to u_k , and β_{nk} denotes the attention weight for message m_{nk} , which signifies the contribution of each neighbor's message by its importance. To compute the β_{nk} and m_{nk} , we first compute the node-relation joint embedding j_{nk} of the node n and k and the relation between them. Particularly, we concatenate the node embeddings (e_n, e_k) and relation embedding e_{nk} and pass them from a 2-layer feed-forward neural network to obtain j_{nk} . Thereafter, we compute message m_{nk} as follows:

$$m_{nk} = W(U(u_k^l \oplus e_n \oplus j_{nk}) + b_1) + b_2 \tag{3}$$

To compute the importance weight β_{nk} , we first compute the query vector $a_n = \mathsf{FFN}(e_n \oplus u_n^l)$ and key vector $b_k^n = \mathsf{FFN}(e_k \oplus u_k^l \oplus j_{nk})$, thereafter, importance weight is computed as follows:

$$\beta_{nk} = \frac{\exp(a_n^T b_k^n / \sqrt{d})}{\sum_{u_m \in N_{u_k} \cup u_k} \exp(a_m^T b_k^m / \sqrt{d})}$$
(4)

where d is the dimension of the node representation.

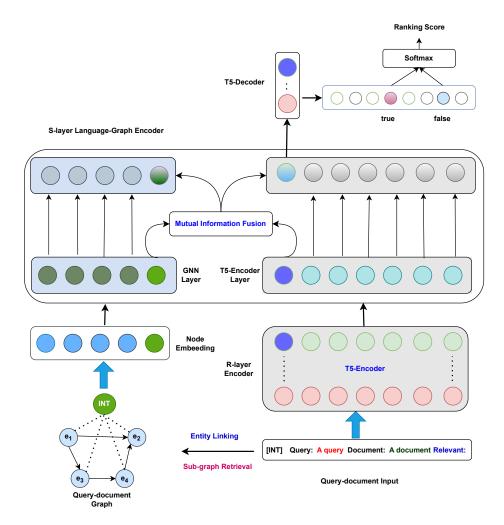


Fig. 1: Illustration of the proposed GraphMonoT5 model.

B.2 Language-graph Interaction:

On a given layer $l \in S$, we aim to effectively fuse the modalities by using the interaction token representation h^l_{int} and interaction node representation u^l_{int} . Towards this, first, we obtained the fused representation $x^l = f(h^l_{int} \oplus u^l_{int})$ with a two-layer feed-forward network f. The fused representation x^l may contain redundant information. To overcome this issue, we introduce mutual information

(MI) based feature fusion which aims to minimize the MI $\mathcal{I}(x^l;z^l)$ between the compressed encoded representation z^l and the concatenated representation x^l . Formally given two random variables x^1 and z, their MI is defined as follows:

$$\mathcal{I}(x;z) = D_{KL}(p(x,z)||p(x)p(z))$$

$$= \int p(x,z) \log \frac{p(x,z)}{p(x)p(z)} dxdz$$

$$= \int p(x,z) \log \frac{p(z|x)}{p(z)} dxdz$$

$$= \int p(x,z) \log p(z|x) dxdz - \int p(z) \log p(z)dz$$
(5)

We know that KL divergence follows the property that $D_{KL}(p(z)||q(z)) \geq 0$; where q(z) is a variational approximation to the distribution p(z), therefore, $\int p(z) \log p(z) dz \geq \int p(z) \log q(z) dz$. Following this, we can rewrite Eq. 5 as follows:

$$\mathcal{I}(x;z) = \int p(x,z) \log p(z|x) dx dz - \int p(z) \log p(z) dz$$

$$\leq \int p(x,z) \log p(z|x) dx dz - \int p(z) \log q(z) dz$$

$$\leq \int p(x) p(z|x) \log \frac{p(z|x)}{q(z)} dx dz$$

$$\leq \alpha \mathbb{E}_{z \sim p(z|x)} [D_{KL}(p(z|x)||q(z))]$$

$$\leq \alpha M(x;z)$$
(6)

With the assumption that both the prior $q(z) = \mathcal{N}(0, I)$ and the posterior approximation $p(z|x) = \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ are Gaussian. The approximated value (10) of the mutual information M(x; z) is calculated using the Monte Carlo sampling (23) as follows:

$$M(x;z) = -\frac{1}{2|B|} \sum_{i=1}^{|B|} \left(1 + 2\log\sigma - \mu^2 - \sigma^2 \right)$$
 (7)

where |B| denotes the sample size (batch size), μ and σ are the mean and standard deviation of the Gaussian representing p(z|x). Following Eq. 6, the fused representation x^l and encoded representation z^l on a given layer l, their MI is defined as follows:

$$\mathcal{I}(x^{l}; z^{l}) = D_{KL}(p(x^{l}, z^{l})||p(x^{l})p(z^{l}))$$

$$\leq \alpha \mathbb{E}_{z^{l} \sim p(z^{l}|x^{l})}[D_{KL}(p(z^{l}|x^{l})||q(z^{l}))]$$

$$\leq \alpha M(x^{l}; z^{l})$$
(8)

where, α is a constant and D_{KL} denotes the KL divergence. We model the $p(z^l|x^l)$ using a parameterized Gaussian distribution $\mathcal{N}(\mu_z^l, \Sigma_z^l)$ with mean μ_z^l

For brevity, we drop superscript l from x and z.

and variance Σ_z^l which are learned during the network training. To compute the gradients through random variables, we follow the reparametrization trick (10) with standard normal distribution $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0,I)$ to calculate $z^l = \mu_z^l + \Sigma_z^l \epsilon$. Later, we split z^l into the \tilde{h}_{int}^l and \tilde{u}_{int}^l for further computation of the token and node, respectively. With the virtue of Transformer network (26) and GNN, the fused representation is mixed with the remaining tokens and nodes of the subgraph.

C Experimental Setups

C.1 Entity Extraction and Linking

We followed the work of (30) to extract the entities and link them to the knowledge-graph nodes. Particularly for biomedical datasets, we used the scispacy (19) model (en_core_sci_md) to extract the entities and later used the scispacy entity linker (with default parameters, except threshold=0.9) to link the entity to the UMLS concept, which is also the node in the biomedical knowledge graph used in this study. The performance of the entity extraction was 83.92% F1 on the BC5CDR (11) dataset, and entity linking was 88% recall@100 on the MedMentions dataset (18). For the open-domain dataset, we used the spacy model (en_core_web_sm) to extract the entities and later used the concept recognizer (12) to link the entity to the ConceptNet knowledge graph. The performance of the entity extraction was 85.00% F1 on the OntoNotes5 (28) dataset.

C.2 Node Embedding

Following (31), we initialize the node embedding for the KG derived from UMLS and DrugBank using the pooled token representation of the node entity obtained from the SapBERT (13). To initialize the node embedding for the *ConceptNet* KG, we utilized the approach proposed by (5), which converts each KG triplets into sentences that passed to the BERT-Large (4) model to obtain the entity representation by applying the mean-pooling on entity mentions in the sentence.

C.3 Implementation & Training Details

We utilized the pre-trained T5-base model from HuggingFace² (29) to fine-tune it according to MonoT5 setup (20) where we consider the query and gold document as a positive question-document pair and randomly taken the two other document from corpus which are not part of the query's gold document to form the negative question-document pairs. We use Elasticsearch BM25 to report the lexical retrieval performance on all the datasets. In all our experiments, we rerank the top 100 documents retrieved using BM25. For the BioASQ8B dataset, we use the S=3 and R=9, and the number of nodes in the subgraph is 10. For

² https://huggingface.co/t5-base

the HotPotQA dataset, we use the S=5 and R=7, and the number of nodes in the subgraph is 15. For both datasets, we find the optimal value of GNN hidden state representation size=200, the value of $\alpha = 0.01$, and the projection dimension of the feed-forward network is 100. The MonoT5 model is trained with batch size 16, and GraphMonoT5 is trained with batch size 8. We fine-tuned each model for 3 epochs on BioASQ8B and HotPotQA datasets. The maximum token length of the concatenated query and document is set to 512 for all the experiments. The model parameters are updated using Adam (9) optimization algorithm with the learning rate of 3e-4 in all the experiments. We obtained the value of the optimal hyperparameters based on the respective development dataset performance in terms of the nDCG@10 score. We also computed the train/test(reranking) times on respective datasets. For the BioASQ8B and Hot-PotQA datasets, we reported the per epoch training time as 5.5 hrs and 11 hrs, respectively. Please note that the test dataset of TREC-COVID is evaluated in a zero-shot setting where we use the model trained on the BioASQ dataset to evaluate the performance. For the HotPotQA and HotPotQA datasets, we computed the per query reranking time as 840ms, 950ms, and 280ms, respectively, with 100 retrieved documents from the retrieval stage. We performed all the experiments on a single NVIDIA Tesla V100x GPU having 32GB memory.

D Analysis

We have provided the query-documents examples comparing MonoT5 and Graph-MonoT5 in Table 2.

Table 1: Sample queries and gold document from the BioASQ dataset along with the top retrieved documents using BM25 and MonoT5 methods. Lexical and semantic matches considering context are shown in blue and pink, respectively. The highlighted texts in green represent the requirements of domain knowledge to retrieve the correct document.

Query	Top Retrieved Document (BM25)	Top Retrieved Document (MonoT5)	Gold Document
Ex1: Which algorithms have been developed for analysing CRISPR/Cas9 knockout screens data?	CRISPR/Cas9, an RNA guided endonuclease system is the most recent technology for this work. Here, we have discussed the major considerations involved in designing a CRISPR/Cas9 based screening experiment for identification of synthetic lethal targets.	scalable method for CRISPIR-Cas9-mediated gene knockout and tagging in Leishmania. This method details how to use simple PCR to generate (1) templates for single guide RNA (sgRNA) transcription in cells expressing Cas9 and T7	We propose the Model-based Analysis of Genome-wide CRISPR/Cas9 Knockout (MAGeCK) method for prioritizing single-guide RNAs, genes and pathways in genome-scale CRISPR/Cas9 knockout screens.
mutation in the GPC6 gene on	We report the construction of a high-resolution 4 Mb sequence-ready BAC/PAC contig of the GPC5/GPC6 gene cluster on chromosome region 13q32.	mapped to chromosome 13q12, and deletions that after its reading frame were identified in three families and one of four sporadic cases of SCARMD	The proband had normal molecular analysis of the glypican 6 gene (GPC6), which was recently reported as a candidate for autosomal recessive omodysplasia. Mild rhizomelic shortening of the lower extremities has not been previously reported

Table 2: Sample queries and top retrieved documents using MonoT5 and proposed GraphMonoT5 methods. For each query, the proposed model retrieved the relevant document while MonoT5 did not.

	relevant document while MonoT5 did not. Top Retrieved Document Top Retrieved Document				
	Query	(MonoT5)	Top Retrieved Document (GraphMonoT5)		
(1)		,	, , ,		
(1)	mutated	(RACLO) to study glucose metabolism and dopamine D2 receptor binding in the caudate nucleus and putamen of 18 car- riers of the Huntington's disease gene mutation (10 asymptomatic subjects and eight untreated	spinocerebellar ataxias, commonly referred to as SCAs, are clinically and genetically heterogeneous neurodegenerative disorders In some cases the clinical phenotype of SCA17 overlaps that of Huntington's disease (HD), hence the use of the term Huntington's disease-like. We screened 89 patients with a Hunt-		
(2)	tations	paraneoplastic entities, isolated or manifested as syndromes, but nei- ther Saint's triad or Heyde syn-	Yamanaka et al. described two case studies involving coexistent cholelithiasis, hiatal hernia, and umbilical hernias, and discussed clinical similarities with the classical features of the Saint's triad		
(3)	symp-	Shah-Waardenburg syndrome is a rare congenital disorder with variable clinical expression, characterised by aganglionosis of the rectosigmo?d (Hirschsprung disease), and abnormal melanocyte migration, resulting in pigmentary abnormalities and sensorineural deafness (Waardenburg syndrome). Mutations in the EDN, EDNRB and SOX10 genes can be found in patients with this syndrome.	(WS1) is a rare autosomal dominant genetic disorder of neural crest cells (NCC) characterized by congenital sensorineural hearing loss, dystopia canthorum, and abnormal iris pigmentation. WS1 is due to loss-of-function mutations in paired box gene 3 (PAX3). Here, we identified a novel PAX3 mutation (c.808C;G, p.R270G) in a three-generation Chinese family with WS1, and then analyzed its		

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