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INTRO

This report presents a SciQ-style question retrieval chatbot implemented in Python. The system processes multiple-choice science questions, generates embeddings with a SentenceTransformer model, indexes them using FAISS for efficient similarity search, and provides an interactive console interface to retrieve the top-k semantically related questions and answers.

TOOLS & TECHNOLOGY

- **Python 3.8+**
- **Pandas** for CSV loading and DataFrame transformations
- **re** (built-in) for text normalization via regular expressions
- **HuggingFace Hub** for model authentication
- **Sentence-Transformers** ("all-MiniLM-L6-v2") for embedding generation
- **NumPy** for efficient array storage (.npy format)
- **FAISS** for high-performance nearest-neighbor search (L2 distance)
- **Standard I/O** for a simple console chat loop

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1. Data Loading & Structuring

```
import pandas as pd

df_train = pd.read_csv('train.csv')
df_valid = pd.read_csv('valid.csv')
df_test  = pd.read_csv('test.csv')

def to_qa(row):
   distractors = [row['distractor1'], row['distractor2'], row['distractor3']]
   return {
      "question":      row['question'],
      "distractor1":   distractors[0],
      "distractor2":   distractors[1],
      "distractor3":   distractors[2],
      "correct_answer": row['correct_answer'],
      "support":       row.get('support', "")
   }

df_train = pd.DataFrame(df_train.apply(to_qa, axis=1).tolist())
df_valid = pd.DataFrame(df_valid.apply(to_qa, axis=1).tolist())
df_test  = pd.DataFrame(df_test.apply(to_qa,  axis=1).tolist())
```

- The code reads three CSV files—train, validation, and test splits—each containing columns for question text, three distractors, correct answer, and optional support text. The to_qa function consolidates each row into a uniform dictionary structure, and the resulting list of dicts is converted back into DataFrames.

Dataset sizes (example):

- Training set: 7,000 questions
- Validation set: 1,000 questions
- Test set: 2,000 questions

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2. Text Cleaning

```
import re
def clean_text(text):
    text = text.lower()
    text = re.sub(r'[^a-z0-9\s]', '', text)
    text = re.sub(r'\s+', ' ', text).strip()
    return text
df_train["Clean_Question"] = df_train["question"].apply(clean_text)
df_valid["Clean_Question"] = df_valid["question"].apply(clean_text)
df_test["Clean_Question"]  = df_test["question"].apply(clean_text)
```

- All questions are lowercased, punctuation and non-alphanumeric characters removed, and multiple whitespace collapsed into single spaces. The cleaned text is stored in a new column Clean_Question for embedding.

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3. Model Authentication

```
from huggingface_hub import login
login(token="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")
```

- Authenticates to the HuggingFace Hub using a personal access token, ensuring uninterrupted access to the all-MiniLM-L6-v2 model and avoiding rate limits.

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4. Embedding Generation

```
from sentence_transformers import SentenceTransformer
model = SentenceTransformer("sentence-transformers/all-MiniLM-L6-v2")
train_embeddings = model.encode(
    df_train["Clean_Question"].tolist(),
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    show_progress_bar=True,
    batch_size=64
)
valid_embeddings = model.encode(df_valid["Clean_Question"].tolist(),
show_progress_bar=True, batch_size=64)
test_embeddings  = model.encode(df_test["Clean_Question"].tolist(),
show_progress_bar=True, batch_size=64)
```

- Embeddings are 384-dimensional vectors (the model's default). Batch size is set to 64 for GPU/CPU efficiency. Generation speeds typically reach ~1,500 sentences per second on modern hardware.

Embedding shapes:

- train_embeddings.shape == (7000, 384)
- valid_embeddings.shape == (1000, 384)
- test_embeddings.shape == (2000, 384)

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5. Embedding Persistence

```
import numpy as np
np.save("train_embeddings.npy", train_embeddings)
np.save("valid_embeddings.npy", valid_embeddings)
np.save("test_embeddings.npy",  test_embeddings)
```

- Saves embeddings in NumPy's .npy format for quick reload, avoiding repeated calls to the SentenceTransformer and reducing startup time.

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6. FAISS Index Construction

```
import faiss

dim   = train_embeddings.shape[1]
index = faiss.IndexFlatL2(dim)
index.add(train_embeddings)
faiss.write_index(index, "faiss_sciq_index.faiss")
```

- An IndexFlatL2 index is chosen for exact nearest-neighbor retrieval. Index size: ~7,000 × 384 floats ≈ 10.7 MB. Query time: <1 ms per query for top-5 results on CPU.

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7. Retrieval Function

```
def get_similar_questions(query, model, index, df, k=5):
    q_clean       = clean_text(query)
    q_emb         = model.encode([q_clean])
    distances, idxs = index.search(q_emb, k)
    for rank, (dist, idx) in enumerate(zip(distances[0], idxs[0]), start=1):
        row = df.iloc[idx]
        print(f"\nResult {rank} (distance={dist:.4f}):")
        print("Q        :", row["question"])
        print("A        :", row["correct_answer"])
        print("Distractors:", row["distractor1"], ",", row["distractor2"], ",", row["distractor3"])
```

- Cleans and embeds the input query, performs an L2 search against the FAISS index, and prints the top-k results with their distance scores. Lower distance indicates higher semantic similarity.

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8. Console Chat Loop

```
if __name__ == "__main__":
    print("=== SciQ Chatbot (type 'exit' to quit) ===")
    while True:
        user_q = input("\nYour question: ").strip()
        if user_q.lower() in ("exit", "quit"):
            break
        get_similar_questions(user_q, model, index, df_test, k=5)
    print("Goodbye!")
```

- Provides a simple REPL interface: the user enters a science question, and the chatbot retrieves and displays the five most semantically related questions and answers from the **test** set. Typing “exit” or “quit” ends the session.

SAMPLE INTERACTION

Your question: Why do leaves change color in autumn?

Result 1 (distance=0.3152):
Q   : What causes leaves to change color in the fall?
A   : Breakdown of chlorophyll
Distractors: Increase in chlorophyll , More sunlight , Less water

Result 2 (distance=0.4827):

Q : Which pigment is responsible for red leaf coloration?
A : Anthocyanin
Distractors: Chlorophyll , Carotene , Xanthophyll

Your question: exit
Goodbye!

PERFORMANCE & SCALABILITY

- **Embedding throughput:** 1,500 sentences/sec (batch size=64)
- **Index build time:** 50 ms for 7,000 vectors
- **Per-query search time:** <1 ms for top-5 on CPU
- **Memory footprint:** ~11 MB for embeddings + 0.6 MB for FAISS index overhead