

HelpMate AI Project_V2

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[1]: !pip install sentence-transformers transformers torch diskcache pypdf ↵  
      ↪scikit-learn
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import os, re, hashlib, warnings  
from typing import List, Tuple, Dict  
from pypdf import PdfReader  
from sentence_transformers import SentenceTransformer, CrossEncoder  
from transformers import pipeline  
from diskcache import Cache  
from sklearn.metrics.pairwise import cosine_similarity  
import numpy as np
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1 New Section

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[13]: # ----- CONFIG -----
PDF_PATH = "/content/sample_data/Principal-Sample-Life-Insurance-Policy.pdf"
CACHE_DIR = "/content/sample_data/cache"
EMBED_MODEL = "all-MiniLM-L6-v2"
RERANK_MODEL = "cross-encoder/ms-marco-MiniLM-L-6-v2"
LLM_MODEL = "google/flan-t5-base" # lightweight; replace with "gpt2" or
↳ OpenAI API

TOPK_RETRIEVE = 15 # recall first
TOPK_RERANK = 3 # precision later
CHUNK_WORDS = 180
CHUNK_OVERLAP = 40

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RERANK_CLIP_WORDS = 100 # Reduced from 180
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warnings.filterwarnings("ignore", category=UserWarning)
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[3]: # ----- HELPERS -----  
def clean_text(text: str) -> str:  
    return re.sub(r'\s+', ' ', (text or "")).strip()  
  
def sentence_split(text: str) -> List[str]:  
    # Simple sentence split; robust enough for policy docs  
    parts = re.split(r'(?<=[\.\?!\])\s+', text)  
    return [s.strip() for s in parts if s.strip()]  
  
def chunk_page_sentences(sentences: List[str], max_words=CHUNK_WORDS,  
    overlap=CHUNK_OVERLAP) -> List[str]:  
    chunks = []  
    curr, count = [], 0  
    for sent in sentences:  
        w = len(sent.split())  
        if count + w > max_words and curr:  
            chunks.append(" ".join(curr))  
            # create overlap  
            if overlap > 0:  
                back = []  
                words_kept = 0  
                for s in reversed(curr):  
                    sw = len(s.split())  
                    if words_kept + sw >= overlap:  
                        back.insert(0, s)  
                        break  
                words_kept += sw  
                back.insert(0, s)  
            curr = back  
            count = sum(len(s.split()) for s in curr)  
        else:  
            curr, count = [], 0  
        curr.append(sent)  
        count += w  
    if curr:  
        chunks.append(" ".join(curr))  
    return chunks  
  
def load_pdf_chunks(pdf_path: str, max_words=CHUNK_WORDS,  
    overlap=CHUNK_OVERLAP) -> Tuple[List[str], List[Dict]]:  
    reader = PdfReader(pdf_path)  
    chunks, metas = [], []  
    for i, page in enumerate(reader.pages):
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        text = clean_text(page.extract_text())
        if not text:
            continue
        sents = sentence_split(text)
        page_chunks = chunk_page_sentences(sents, max_words=max_words,
        ↪overlap=overlap)
        for j, ch in enumerate(page_chunks):
            chunks.append(ch)
            metas.append({"page": i + 1, "chunk_id": j})
    return chunks, metas

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[4]: # ----- EMBEDDING -----
class Embedder:
    def __init__(self, model_name=EMBED_MODEL):
        self.model = SentenceTransformer(model_name)
    def embed(self, texts):
        return self.model.encode(texts, convert_to_numpy=True)

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[5]: # ----- VECTOR SEARCH (SKLEARN) -----
def build_index(embeddings):
    return np.array(embeddings)

def search_index(query_vec, index, top_k):
    sims = cosine_similarity([query_vec], index)[0]
    top_ids = sims.argsort()[-top_k:][::-1]
    return top_ids.tolist()

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[10]: # ----- SEARCH + RERANK -----
cache = Cache(CACHE_DIR)
reranker = CrossEncoder(RERANK_MODEL)

def _pdf_signature(pdf_path: str) -> str:
    try:
        stat = os.stat(pdf_path)
        sig = f"{os.path.basename(pdf_path)}::{stat.st_mtime_ns}::{stat.
        ↪st_size}"
    except FileNotFoundError:
        sig = pdf_path
    return hashlib.md5(sig.encode()).hexdigest()

def clip_words(text: str, limit_words=RERANK_CLIP_WORDS) -> str:
    words = text.split()
    if len(words) <= limit_words:
        return text
    return " ".join(words[:limit_words])

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def retrieve(query: str, embedder: Embedder, index: np.ndarray, chunks: List[str], metas: List[Dict], top_k: int = TOPK_RETRIEVE, pdf_sig: str = "") -> List[int]:
    key = ("retr", query, top_k, pdf_sig, EMBED_MODEL)
    if key in cache:
        return cache[key]
    qvec = embedder.embed([query])[0]
    ids = search_index(qvec, index, top_k)
    cache[key] = ids
    return ids

def rerank_ids(query: str, ids: List[int], chunks: List[str], top_k: int = TOPK_RERANK) -> List[int]:
    # Shorten text to reduce truncation bias in cross-encoder
    pairs = [(query, clip_words(chunks[i])) for i in ids]
    scores = reranker.predict(pairs)
    ranked = sorted(zip(ids, scores), key=lambda x: x[1], reverse=True)
    return [i for i, _ in ranked[:top_k]]

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[12]: # ----- GENERATION -----
generator = pipeline("text2text-generation", model=LLM_MODEL, device=-1 )

def build_prompt(query: str, items: List[Tuple[str, Dict]]) -> str:
    # Compose a compact, citation-friendly context
    lines = []
    for t, m in items:
        p = m.get("page", "?")
        lines.append(f"[p.{p}] {t}")
    context = "\n".join(lines)
    prompt = (
        "You are a precise assistant that answers ONLY using the policy context below.\n"
        "Extract the exact answer in your own words and include the page number(s) as citations like [p.X].\n"
        "If the answer is not present, reply: Not found in policy.\n\n"
        f"Context:\n{context}\n\n"
        f"Question: {query}\n"
        "Answer:")
    return prompt

def generate_answer(query: str, chosen: List[int], chunks: List[str], metas: List[Dict]) -> str:
    items = [(chunks[i], metas[i]) for i in chosen]
    prompt = build_prompt(query, items)
    out = generator(prompt, max_new_tokens=180, do_sample=False)[0]["generated_text"]
    return out.strip()

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Device set to use cpu

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[8]: # ----- MAIN PIPELINE -----
def run_pipeline(pdf_path: str, queries: List[str]) -> None:
    pdf_sig = _pdf_signature(pdf_path)

    # Step 1: Ingest
    chunks, metas = load_pdf_chunks(pdf_path, CHUNK_WORDS, CHUNK_OVERLAP)
    print(f"Loaded {len(chunks)} chunks from PDF.")

    # Step 2: Embed + index
    embedder = Embedder()
    embeddings = embedder.embed(chunks)
    index = build_index(embeddings)

    # Step 3: Query loop
    for q in queries:
        # retrieve a wide set, then rerank down to the best
        cand_ids = retrieve(q, embedder, index, chunks, metas,
        ↪top_k=TOPK_RETRIEVE, pdf_sig=pdf_sig)
        best_ids = rerank_ids(q, cand_ids, chunks, top_k=TOPK_RERANK)

        # Pretty print top-3 with pages
        print("\n=====")
        print("Query:", q)
        print("\nTop Retrieved (after rerank):")
        for rank, i in enumerate(best_ids, 1):
            pg = metas[i]["page"]
            print(f"{rank}) [p.{pg}] {chunks[i][:220]}...")

        # Generate final answer
        answer = generate_answer(q, best_ids, chunks, metas)
        print("\nFinal Answer:")
        print(answer)
        print("=====")

[14]: # ----- RUN -----
if __name__ == "__main__":
    # Example queries - replace with your own
    queries = [
        "What is the grace period for premium payment?",
        "Who is eligible under this policy?",
        "List the major exclusions."
    ]
    if not os.path.exists(PDF_PATH) or os.path.isdir(PDF_PATH):
        print(" Please set PDF_PATH at the top of the script to your policy_
        ↪PDF file.")
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else:
    run_pipeline(PDF_PATH, queries)
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Loaded 160 chunks from PDF.

Token indices sequence length is longer than the specified maximum sequence length for this model (719 > 512). Running this sequence through the model will result in indexing errors

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Query: What is the grace period for premium payment?

Top Retrieved (after rerank):

- 1) [p.20] This policy has been updated effective January 1, 2014 PART II - POLICY ADMINISTRATION GC 6004 Section B - Premiums, Page 1 Section B - Premiums Article 1 - Payment Responsibility; Due Dates; Grace Period The Policyholde...
- 2) [p.20] "Grace Period" means the first 31- day period following a premium due date. The Group Policy will remain in fo rce until the end of the Grace Period, unless the Group Policy has been terminated by notice as described in ...
- 3) [p.23] This policy has been updated effective January 1, 2014 PART II - POLICY ADMINISTRATION GC 6005 Section C - Policy Termination, Page 1 Section C - Policy Termination Article 1 - Failure to Pay Premium This Group Policy wi...

Final Answer:

The first premium is due on the Date of Issue of this Group Policy. Each premium thereafter will be due on the first of each Insurance Month. Except for the first premium, a Grace Period of 31 days will be allowed for payment of premium. "Grace Period" means the first 31- day period following a premium due date. The Group Policy will remain in fo rce until the end of the Grace Period, unless the Group Policy has been terminated by notice as described in PART II, Section C. [p.20] "Grace Period" means the first 31- day period following a premium due date. The Group Policy will remain in fo rce until the end of the Grace Period, unless the Group Policy has been terminated by notice as described in PART II, Section C.

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Query: Who is eligible under this policy?

Top Retrieved (after rerank):

- 1) [p.27] This policy has been updated effective January 1, 2014 PART III - INDIVIDUAL REQUIREMENTS AND RIGHTS GC 6006 Section A - Eligibility, Page 2 If a Member's Dependent is employed and is covered under group term life covera...
- 2) [p.26] This policy has been updated effective January 1, 2014 PART III - INDIVIDUAL REQUIREMENTS AND RIGHTS GC 6006 Section A - Eligibility, Page 1 PART III - INDIVIDUAL REQUIREMENTS AND RIGHTS Section A - Eligibility Article 1...
- 3) [p.33] When insurance under this Group Policy replaces coverage under a Prior Policy, the Period of Limited Activity requirement may be waived for those

Dependent spouses' who: (1) are eligible and enrolled under this Group Pol...

Final Answer:

A person will be eligible for Member Life Insurance on the date the person completes 30 consecutive days of continuous Active Work with the Policyholder as a Member. In no circumstance will a person be eligible for Member Life Insurance under this Group Policy if the person is eligible under any other Group Term Life Insurance policy underwritten by The Principal. Article 1 - Member Life Insurance A person will be eligible for Member Life Insurance on the date the person completes 30 consecutive days of continuous Active Work with the Policyholder as a Member. In no circumstance will a person be eligible for Member Life Insurance under this Group Policy if the person is eligible under any other Group Term Life Insurance policy underwritten by The Principal. Article 2 - Member Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance A person will be eligible for Member Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance on the latest of:

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Query: List the major exclusions.

Top Retrieved (after rerank):

- 1) [p.17] if the Member is to contribute part of the premium, maintain the following participation percentages with respect to eligible employees and Dependents, excluding those for whom Proof of Good Health is not satisfactory to...
- 2) [p.14] Terminally Ill A Member will be considered Terminally Ill, for Accelerated Benefits, if he or she has experienced a Qualifying Event and is expected to die within 12 months of the date he or she requests payment of Accel...
- 3) [p.42] Purchase Qualification A Member will qualify for individual purchase if insurance under this Group Policy terminates and: (1) the Member's total Life Insurance, or any portion of it, terminates because he or she ends Ac...

Final Answer:

[p.15] Terminally Ill A Member will be considered Terminally Ill, for Accelerated Benefits, if he or she has experienced a Qualifying Event and is expected to die within 12 months of the date he or she requests payment of Accelerated Benefits. Total Disability; Totally Disabled A Member's inability, as determined by The Principal, due to sickness or injury, to perform the majority of the material duties of any occupation for which he or she is or may reasonably become qualified based on education, training or experience. Written or Writing [p.42] Purchase Qualification A Member will qualify for individual purchase if insurance under this Group Policy terminates and: (1) the Member's total Life Insurance, or any portion of it, terminates because he or she ends Active Work or

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