

Appendix

A. Datasets

We evaluate SubGCache on three newly constructed datasets: Scene Graph, OAG and DBLP. Existing GraphQA benchmarks (He et al. 2024) typically associate each textual graph with a single query, overlooking the in-batch query setting. To bridge this gap, we adapt and construct datasets that support in-batch queries for graph-based RAG. Table 1 presents the textual graph details and showcases example queries with their answers from all datasets.

- **Scene Graph.** Based on the original Scene Graph dataset from (He et al. 2024), we select a graph with 22 nodes and 147 edges, representing objects, attributes, and relationships within an image. We manually construct 426 queries targeting specific entities or relations, with answers grounded in node or edge attributes. Many of these queries require multi-hop reasoning. The dataset is split into 113/113/200 queries for training, validation, and testing, respectively.
- **OAG.** The original OAG (Zhang et al. 2019; Zhu et al. 2025) is a textual graph with various types of nodes and edges. To adapt it to our setting, we construct a query set by sampling 3,434 link prediction queries, where each query involves predicting the relation type between two entities. The dataset is split into 1,617/1,617/200 for training, validation, and testing, respectively.
- **DBLP.** The original DBLP (Tang et al. 2008) dataset is also a textual graph containing 21,000 nodes and 22,718 edges. Following the same protocol as OAG, we generate a query set by sampling 1,840 link prediction instances, each requiring the model to infer the relation type between a given pair of entities. The set is divided into 552/552/736 queries for training, validation, and testing, respectively.

B. Setup

Baseline models and LLM backbones. We use G-Retriever (He et al. 2024) and GRAG (Hu et al. 2025) as our baselines, and evaluate SubGCache by integrating it as a plug-and-play module during inference, resulting in the variants G-Retriever+SubGCache and GRAG+SubGCache. We primarily adopt Llama-3.2-3B (Dubey et al. 2024) as the backbone LLM, and further test with Llama-2-7B (Touvron et al. 2023), Mistral-7B (Team et al. 2023), and Falcon-

7B (Penedo et al. 2023) to assess SubGCache’s scalability and robustness across larger LLMs.

Architecture and Configuration. For graph retrieval, we follow the default pipeline of the original baselines (He et al. 2024; Hu et al. 2025): SentenceBERT (Reimers and Gurevych 2019) is used to encode node and edge attributes, as well as queries, for both G-Retriever and GRAG. For G-Retriever and its SubGCache variant, we select the top- k nodes and edges with $k = 3$ and set the edge cost to 0.5. For GRAG and its SubGCache variant, we select the top- k sub-graphs with $k = 3$ and include the top-10 entities within two hops. For graph encoding, G-Retriever and its SubGCache variant use a Graph Transformer (Shi et al. 2021), while GRAG and GRAG+SubGCache adopt GAT (Veličković et al. 2018). Both encoders are configured with 4 layers, 4 attention heads per layer, and a hidden dimension aligned with the LLM backbone. The maximum input sequence length is set to 1024, and the number of generated tokens is capped at 32. For clustering, we adopt agglomerative hierarchical clustering with Euclidean distance and determine cluster assignments by cutting the dendrogram at a predefined number of clusters.

Training and Evaluation Protocol. All models are trained using the AdamW optimizer (Loshchilov and Hutter 2017) with a learning rate of $1e-5$ and weight decay of 0.05. Training runs for up to 10 epochs with early stopping: a patience of 2 is used for G-Retriever, and 5 for GRAG. Following both baselines (He et al. 2024; Hu et al. 2025), the LLM backbone remains frozen.

During inference, SubGCache is integrated in a plug-and-play manner without modifying any components of the original models. G-Retriever and G-Retriever+SubGCache share the same pretrained G-Retriever model; similarly, GRAG and GRAG+SubGCache share the same pretrained GRAG model. For the main evaluation, we randomly sample 100 test queries from each dataset. All experiments are conducted on two NVIDIA A100-SXM4-40GB GPUs.

C. Metrics

We evaluate all models in the in-batch query setting using four key metrics that jointly assess generation quality and inference efficiency:

- **Accuracy (ACC).** ACC measures the proportion of correctly answered queries, serving as the primary metric for

Dataset	Textual Graph	Question	Answer
Scene Graph	node id,node attr 0,"name: eye glasses; attribute: black; (x,y,w,h): (330, 125, 25, 7)" 1,"name: laptop; (x,y,w,h): (67, 170, 62, 60)" 2,"name: cords; attribute: blue; (x,y,w,h): (0, 182, 110, 109)" 3,"name: windows; (x,y,w,h): (395, 0, 105, 58)" 4,"name: man; (x,y,w,h): (447, 102, 52, 231)" 5,"name: woman; (x,y,w,h): (304, 109, 78, 224)" 6,"name: jeans; (x,y,w,h): (382, 265, 77, 68)" ... src,edge attr,dst 0,to the right of,21 0,to the left of,4 0,to the left of,8 0,to the right of,19 0,to the left of,18 0,to the left of,20 ...	What is the color of the cords?	blue
OAG	node id,node attr 0,"name: a dynamic environment for video surveillance" 1,"name: is the writing on the wall for tabletops" 2,"name: university of castilla la mancha" 3,"name: aalborg university copenhagen" 4,"name: queen mary university of london" 5,"name: panayiotis zaphiris" 6,"name: antonietta grasso" ... src,edge attr,dst 0,written by,963 0,focuses on,967 1,written by,942 1,focuses on,967 1,cites,455 2,has member,895 ...	How is "cross cultural understanding of content and interface in the context of e learning systems" connected to "computer science"?	focuses on
DBLP	node id,node attr 0,"name: Kernelized Non-Euclidean Relational c-Means Algorithms" 1,"name: Advances in Video-Based Biometrics" 2,"name: Deformation-based augmented reality for hepatic surgery" 3,"name: Immersed finite element method for eigenvalue problem" 4,"name: Efficient linear fusion of partial estimators" 5,"name: Irreducible elementary cellular automata found" ... src,edge attr,dst 0,written by,15549 0,written by,14200 1,cites,2583 1,written by,15168 1,published by,20000 2,written by,15047 ...	Describe how 'Machine scheduling with job delivery coordination' relates to 'Chung Yee Lee'.	written by

Table 1: Datasets.

generation quality.

- **Response Time (RT).** RT denotes the total end-to-end latency for each query, measured from the moment the query is submitted to the completion of the full model response. This includes subgraph retrieval, prompt construction, LLM prefill, and token generation.
- **Time to First Token (TTFT).** TTFT measures the time from query submission to the generation of the first output

token. It reflects the system’s responsiveness, which is especially important in latency-sensitive applications.

- **Prefill and First Token Time (PFTT).** PFTT isolates the portion of TTFT that corresponds to the LLM’s prefill computation and first-token generation. It directly reflects the effectiveness of KV cache and prompt reuse strategies.

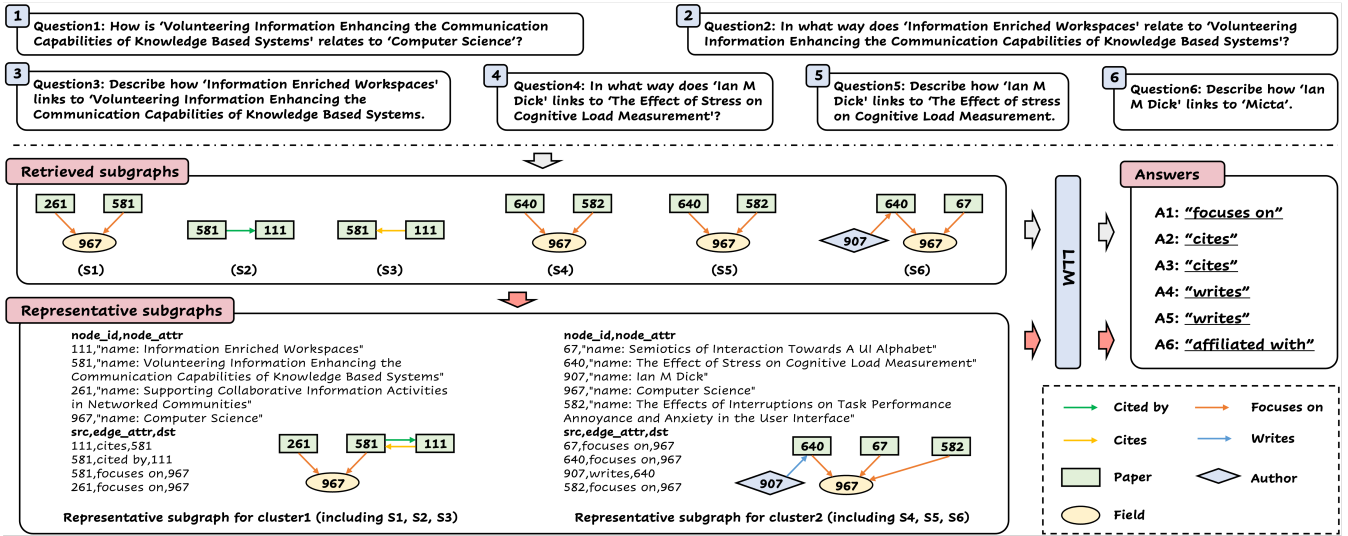


Figure 1: Case study.

Model	Scene Graph				OAG			
	ACC \uparrow	RT \downarrow	TTFT \downarrow	PFTT \downarrow	ACC \uparrow	RT \downarrow	TTFT \downarrow	PFTT \downarrow
50 in-batch queries								
G-Retriever	54.00	873.84	843.88	683.25	96.00	838.56	716.62	482.61
G-Retriever+SubGCache	64.00	180.98	154.04	45.95	96.00	750.40	677.68	61.64
$\Delta_{G-Retriever}$	$\uparrow 10.00$	$\uparrow 4.83\times$	$\uparrow 5.48\times$	$\uparrow 14.87\times$	0.00	$\uparrow 1.12\times$	$\uparrow 1.12\times$	$\uparrow 7.83\times$
GRAG	54.00	1073.04	1041.12	923.91	100.00	400.52	327.40	222.16
GRAG+SubGCache	54.00	257.84	223.90	50.44	98.00	225.40	187.42	59.22
Δ_{GRAG}	0.00	$\uparrow 4.16\times$	$\uparrow 4.65\times$	$\uparrow 18.32\times$	$\downarrow 2.00$	$\uparrow 1.57\times$	$\uparrow 1.75\times$	$\uparrow 3.75\times$
150 in-batch queries								
G-Retriever	57.33	1345.37	1301.90	694.75	95.33	773.88	702.56	477.40
G-Retriever+SubGCache	64.00	170.97	142.93	44.62	95.33	641.43	573.56	65.05
$\Delta_{G-Retriever}$	$\uparrow 6.67$	$\uparrow 7.87\times$	$\uparrow 9.11\times$	$\uparrow 15.57\times$	0.00	$\uparrow 1.21\times$	$\uparrow 1.22\times$	$\uparrow 7.34\times$
GRAG	54.00	1199.54	1744.63	923.17	98.67	439.55	374.89	211.83
GRAG+SubGCache	55.33	219.27	281.54	51.63	99.33	247.41	181.47	61.83
Δ_{GRAG}	$\uparrow 1.33$	$\uparrow 5.47\times$	$\uparrow 6.20\times$	$\uparrow 17.88\times$	$\uparrow 0.66$	$\uparrow 1.78\times$	$\uparrow 2.07\times$	$\uparrow 3.43\times$
200 in-batch queries								
G-Retriever	58.50	827.87	796.95	676.80	96.50	699.36	629.36	462.83
G-Retriever+SubGCache	66.00	171.57	144.15	46.00	94.50	631.47	562.98	62.29
$\Delta_{G-Retriever}$	$\uparrow 7.50$	$\uparrow 4.83\times$	$\uparrow 5.53\times$	$\uparrow 14.71\times$	$\downarrow 2.00$	$\uparrow 1.11\times$	$\uparrow 1.12\times$	$\uparrow 7.43\times$
GRAG	54.50	1118.74	1085.86	924.04	99.00	420.10	353.33	208.07
GRAG+SubGCache	54.50	216.18	182.19	51.20	99.50	240.28	172.20	61.57
Δ_{GRAG}	0.00	$\uparrow 5.18\times$	$\uparrow 5.96\times$	$\uparrow 18.05\times$	$\uparrow 0.50$	$\uparrow 1.76\times$	$\uparrow 2.05\times$	$\uparrow 3.38\times$

Table 2: Effect of different in-batch query size on the Scene Graph and DBLP datasets (Backbone: Llama-2-7B).

D. Case Study

Figure 1 compares how a batch of example queries is processed with and without SubGCache. Without SubGCache, each query is processed separately using its own retrieved subgraph. In contrast, SubGCache clusters similar queries (i.e., q_1-q_3 and q_4-q_6) and constructs a representative subgraph for each cluster, enabling shared KV cache reuse. These

representative subgraphs retain all relevant nodes and relations. Both methods generate correct answers, showing that SubGCache significantly accelerates inference without compromising generation quality.

Model	Scene Graph				OAG			
	ACC \uparrow	RT \downarrow	TTFT \downarrow	PFTT \downarrow	ACC \uparrow	RT \downarrow	TTFT \downarrow	PFTT \downarrow
50 in-batch queries								
G-Retriever	66.00	838.20	807.58	716.72	100.00	729.71	646.97	511.57
G-Retriever+SubGCache	66.00	210.76	181.06	49.38	100.00	317.86	229.59	62.46
$\Delta_{G-Retriever}$	0.00	$\uparrow 3.98\times$	$\uparrow 4.46\times$	$\uparrow 14.51\times$	0.00	$\uparrow 2.30\times$	$\uparrow 2.82\times$	$\uparrow 8.19\times$
GRAG	58.00	1113.50	1082.32	967.28	100.00	440.92	358.78	248.16
GRAG+SubGCache	62.00	227.32	195.08	18.80	100.00	237.78	159.26	60.43
Δ_{GRAG}	$\uparrow 4.00$	$\uparrow 4.90\times$	$\uparrow 5.55\times$	$\uparrow 18.80\times$	0.00	$\uparrow 1.85\times$	$\uparrow 2.25\times$	$4.11\times$
150 in-batch queries								
G-Retriever	68.00	1336.57	1290.55	729.47	99.33	755.09	677.22	503.59
G-Retriever+SubGCache	68.00	414.58	384.83	50.00	99.33	303.50	228.99	64.13
$\Delta_{G-Retriever}$	0.00	$\uparrow 3.22\times$	$\uparrow 3.35\times$	$\uparrow 14.59\times$	0.00	$\uparrow 2.49\times$	$\uparrow 2.96\times$	$\uparrow 7.85\times$
GRAG	57.33	1114.03	1623.39	966.18	99.33	456.81	379.37	233.84
GRAG+SubGCache	65.33	193.37	243.95	52.84	99.33	241.03	165.21	65.43
Δ_{GRAG}	$\uparrow 8.00$	$\uparrow 5.76\times$	$\uparrow 6.65\times$	$\uparrow 18.29\times$	0.00	$\uparrow 1.90\times$	$\uparrow 2.30\times$	$3.57\times$
200 in-batch queries								
G-Retriever	68.00	865.71	834.86	712.71	99.50	722.10	644.00	489.87
G-Retriever+SubGCache	67.00	350.64	321.06	49.57	99.50	288.64	212.21	63.24
$\Delta_{G-Retriever}$	$\downarrow 1.00$	$\uparrow 2.47\times$	$\uparrow .60\times$	$\uparrow 4.38\times$	0.00	$\uparrow 2.50\times$	$\uparrow 3.03\times$	$\uparrow 7.75\times$
GRAG	54.50	1113.72	1081.63	966.82	99.50	442.55	361.28	232.05
GRAG+SubGCache	65.00	199.61	169.05	18.52	99.50	244.99	167.18	63.28
Δ_{GRAG}	$\uparrow 10.50$	$\uparrow 5.58\times$	$\uparrow 6.40\times$	$\uparrow 18.52\times$	0.00	$\uparrow 1.81\times$	$\uparrow 2.16\times$	$3.67\times$

Table 3: Effect of different in-batch query size on the Scene Graph and DBLP datasets (Backbone: Mistral-7B).

E. Evaluation Across Different In-batch Query Sizes with Other LLM Backbones

To further assess the scalability of SubGCache across different LLM backbones, we conduct additional experiments using Llama-2-7B, Mistral-7B, and Falcon-7B. Following the same setup as in Table 2 in the main body, we test SubGCache with 50, 100 (from Table 1 in the main body), 150 and 200 in-batch queries on both datasets. The results are presented in Table 2, Table 3 and Table 4, respectively. Consistent trends are observed across different models and in-batch sizes: SubGCache significantly reduces inference latency while maintaining or even improving generation quality. These observations further validate its generalizability and effectiveness across different LLM backbones and in-batch settings, consistent with the findings discussed in the main body.

F. Choice of Linkage Strategy

To assess the sensitivity of SubGCache to clustering choices, we test five standard linkage strategies: Ward, Single, Average, Complete, and Centroid. As shown in Table 5, SubGCache consistently achieves substantial latency reduction in RT, TTFT, and PFTT, while maintaining comparable accuracy across all strategies. This confirms that SubGCache is robust and flexible to the clustering methods and performs reliably across diverse linkage strategies.

G. Evaluation on DBLP Dataset

Table 6 reports the results on the DBLP dataset using four different LLM backbones with a batch size of 100, following the same experimental setup as the main results on the Scene Graph and OAG datasets in the main body. Across all backbones, we observe consistent trends: SubGCache substantially reduces latency while maintaining comparable generation quality, regardless of the architectural type or model scales. Specifically, for G-Retriever, SubGCache achieves up to $4.84\times$ reduction in RT, $6.07\times$ speedup in TTFT, and $11.33\times$ reduction in PFTT on the DBLP dataset. For GRAG, it yields $2.56\times$ reduction in RT, $3.00\times$ speedup in TTFT, and $3.92\times$ reduction in PFTT. These observations demonstrate the robustness and generalizability of SubGCache as a plug-and-play framework.

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Model	Scene Graph				OAG			
	ACC \uparrow	RT \downarrow	TTFT \downarrow	PFTT \downarrow	ACC \uparrow	RT \downarrow	TTFT \downarrow	PFTT \downarrow
50 in-batch queries								
G-Retriever	62.00	913.80	879.24	672.87	100.00	709.12	628.12	471.46
G-Retriever+SubGCache	62.00	289.08	253.38	53.47	100.00	258.96	176.90	56.43
$\Delta_{G-Retriever}$	0.00	$\uparrow 3.16\times$	$\uparrow 3.47\times$	$\uparrow 12.58\times$	0.00	$\uparrow 2.74\times$	$\uparrow 3.55\times$	$\uparrow 8.35\times$
GRAG	56.00	1101.98	1065.00	953.93	100.00	433.24	346.60	201.20
GRAG+SubGCache	56.00	243.54	209.48	54.06	100.00	273.54	191.42	57.75
Δ_{GRAG}	0.00	$\uparrow 4.52\times$	$\uparrow 5.08\times$	$\uparrow 17.65\times$	0.00	$\uparrow 1.58\times$	$\uparrow 1.81\times$	$3.48\times$
150 in-batch queries								
G-Retriever	65.33	1027.01	1311.02	684.68	98.00	710.75	633.24	472.24
G-Retriever+SubGCache	69.33	208.33	174.15	51.03	97.33	253.10	173.18	59.34
$\Delta_{G-Retriever}$	$\uparrow 4.00$	$\uparrow 4.93\times$	$\uparrow 7.53\times$	$\uparrow 13.42\times$	$\downarrow 0.67$	$\uparrow 2.81\times$	$\uparrow 3.66\times$	$\uparrow 7.96\times$
GRAG	56.67	1122.63	1628.99	956.46	97.33	473.41	391.93	193.60
GRAG+SubGCache	60.00	250.13	324.87	52.19	97.33	258.30	179.96	60.87
Δ_{GRAG}	$\uparrow 3.33$	$\uparrow 4.49\times$	$\uparrow 5.01\times$	$\uparrow 18.33\times$	0.00	$\uparrow 1.83\times$	$\uparrow 2.18\times$	$3.18\times$
200 in-batch queries								
G-Retriever	65.50	825.75	789.16	669.30	98.50	687.32	607.52	459.11
G-Retriever+SubGCache	68.50	186.71	153.70	49.89	98.50	626.26	544.64	61.53
$\Delta_{G-Retriever}$	$\uparrow 3.00$	$\uparrow 4.42\times$	$\uparrow 5.13\times$	$\uparrow 13.42\times$	0.00	$\uparrow 1.10\times$	$\uparrow 1.12\times$	$\uparrow 7.46\times$
GRAG	57.50	1121.91	1082.84	958.31	98.00	454.89	371.87	192.12
GRAG+SubGCache	59.50	226.08	192.64	53.22	98.00	235.13	155.99	56.96
Δ_{GRAG}	$\uparrow 2.00$	$\uparrow 4.96\times$	$\uparrow 5.62\times$	$\uparrow 18.01\times$	0.00	$\uparrow 1.93\times$	$\uparrow 2.38\times$	$3.37\times$

Table 4: Effect of different in-batch query size on the Scene Graph and DBLP datasets (Backbone: Falcon-7B).

	Strategies	Scene Graph				OAG			
		Δ ACC	Δ RT	Δ TTFT	Δ PFTT	Δ ACC	Δ RT	Δ TTFT	Δ PFTT
$\Delta_{G-Retriever}$	Ward	$\uparrow 2.00$	$\uparrow 5.00\times$	$\uparrow 5.69\times$	$\uparrow 11.93\times$	$\uparrow 1.00$	$\uparrow 5.11\times$	$\uparrow 6.52\times$	$\uparrow 8.19\times$
	Single	$\uparrow 2.00$	$\uparrow 4.82\times$	$\uparrow 5.55\times$	$\uparrow 12.33\times$	$\uparrow 1.00$	$\uparrow 3.55\times$	$\uparrow 4.12\times$	$\uparrow 8.07\times$
	Average	$\uparrow 2.00$	$\uparrow 4.86\times$	$\uparrow 5.60\times$	$\uparrow 12.56\times$	$\uparrow 2.00$	$\uparrow 4.48\times$	$\uparrow 5.71\times$	$\uparrow 8.12\times$
	Complete	$\uparrow 2.00$	$\uparrow 4.85\times$	$\uparrow 5.59\times$	$\uparrow 12.30\times$	$\downarrow 1.00$	$\uparrow 2.64\times$	$\uparrow 2.88\times$	$\uparrow 7.29\times$
	Centroid	$\uparrow 2.00$	$\uparrow 4.73\times$	$\uparrow 5.38\times$	$\uparrow 12.93\times$	$\uparrow 1.00$	$\uparrow 2.81\times$	$\uparrow 3.12\times$	$\uparrow 7.11\times$
Δ_{GRAG}	Ward	$\uparrow 1.00$	$\uparrow 3.37\times$	$\uparrow 3.84\times$	$\uparrow 13.77\times$	$\downarrow 1.00$	$\uparrow 1.39\times$	$\uparrow 1.50\times$	$\uparrow 2.78\times$
	Single	$\uparrow 1.00$	$\uparrow 3.51\times$	$\uparrow 3.98\times$	$\uparrow 14.00\times$	$\downarrow 2.00$	$\uparrow 1.30\times$	$\uparrow 1.39\times$	$\uparrow 2.85\times$
	Average	$\uparrow 1.00$	$\uparrow 3.61\times$	$\uparrow 4.08\times$	$\uparrow 19.77\times$	$\downarrow 4.00$	$\uparrow 1.32\times$	$\uparrow 1.43\times$	$\uparrow 2.78\times$
	Complete	$\uparrow 1.00$	$\uparrow 3.60\times$	$\uparrow 4.08\times$	$\uparrow 13.41\times$	$\downarrow 1.00$	$\uparrow 1.36\times$	$\uparrow 1.45\times$	$\uparrow 2.79\times$
	Centroid	$\uparrow 1.00$	$\uparrow 3.64\times$	$\uparrow 3.62\times$	$\uparrow 14.18\times$	$\downarrow 1.00$	$\uparrow 1.29\times$	$\uparrow 1.39\times$	$\uparrow 2.78\times$

Table 5: Impact of different linkage strategies.

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Model	ACC↑	RT↓	TTFT↓	PFTT↓
Backbone: Llama-3.2-3B				
G-Retriever	48.00	490.63	455.77	339.05
G-Retriever+SubGCache	51.00	170.03	131.58	38.73
$\Delta_{G-Retriever}$	↑ 3.00	↑ 2.89×	↑ 3.46×	↑ 8.75×
GRAG	53.00	321.44	285.21	101.64
GRAG+SubGCache	58.00	165.31	132.71	34.26
Δ_{GRAG}	↑ 5.00	↑ 1.94×	↑ 2.15×	↑ 2.97×
Backbone: Llama-2-7B				
G-Retriever	45.00	1113.59	1049.74	928.49
G-Retriever+SubGCache	46.00	227.70	210.28	81.93
$\Delta_{G-Retriever}$	↑ 1.00	↑ 4.01×	↑ 4.99×	↑ 11.33×
GRAG	48.00	491.43	433.79	280.51
GRAG+SubGCache	52.00	212.31	167.49	71.53
Δ_{GRAG}	↑ 4.00	↑ 2.31×	↑ 2.59×	↑ 3.92×
Backbone: Mistral-7B				
G-Retriever	44.00	1178.76	1117.27	966.68
G-Retriever+SubGCache	44.00	243.74	184.20	87.47
$\Delta_{G-Retriever}$	0.00	↑ 4.84×	↑ 6.07×	↑ 11.05×
GRAG	54.00	475.69	407.32	300.72
GRAG+SubGCache	55.00	255.47	188.06	81.70
Δ_{GRAG}	↑ 1.00	↑ 1.86×	↑ 2.17×	↑ 3.68×
Backbone: Falcon-7B				
G-Retriever	58.00	1039.58	971.84	817.97
G-Retriever+SubGCache	57.00	499.12	433.48	80.50
$\Delta_{G-Retriever}$	↓ 1.00	↑ 2.08×	↑ 2.24×	↑ 10.16×
GRAG	44.00	564.37	501.86	240.75
GRAG+SubGCache	43.00	220.72	167.27	71.85
Δ_{GRAG}	↓ 1.00	↑ 2.56×	↑ 3.00×	↑ 3.35×

Table 6: Evaluation on the DBLP dataset. The best results are highlighted in bold.

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