

RAGAS: Context Recall Metric

What is it?

Measures if the retriever fetched ALL the relevant documents needed to answer the question.
Score: 0-1 (higher = more complete retrieval)

How it Works

1. Breaks reference answer into individual claims
2. Checks if each claim is supported by retrieved contexts
3. Score = (supported claims) / (total claims in reference)

What You Provide

retrieved_contexts: Documents returned by retriever

reference: Ground truth answer (required!)

Step 1: Capture Data from Your RAG Pipeline

```
# In your RAG chatbot code
docs = vector_db.similarity_search(query)
retrieved_contexts = [doc.page_content for doc in docs]

# Save to logs with ground truth
save_to_logs({
    "question": query,
    "retrieved_contexts": retrieved_contexts,
    "reference": "The correct answer for this question"
})
```

Step 2: Test with RAGAS

```
from ragas.metrics import LLMContextRecall
from ragas.llms import llm_factory
from openai import AsyncOpenAI

client = AsyncOpenAI()
llm = llm_factory("gpt-4o-mini", client=client)
scorer = LLMContextRecall(llm=llm)

test_case = get_from_logs()

result = await scorer.ascore(
    retrieved_contexts=test_case["retrieved_contexts"],
    reference=test_case["reference"]
)
print(result)
```

Example 1: HIGH Score (Complete Retrieval)

Reference: Cancel within 24hrs for free. After that, fees apply.

Retrieved Docs: Contains both cancellation window AND fee info

Claims: '24hr free cancel' supported, 'fees apply' supported

Result: 2/2 claims found → Score: 1.0 (HIGH)

Example 2: LOW Score (Incomplete Retrieval)

Reference: Cancel within 24hrs for free. After that, fees apply.

Retrieved Docs: Only contains cancellation window info

Claims: '24hr free cancel' supported, 'fees apply' NOT found

Result: 1/2 claims found → Score: 0.5 (LOW)

Context Precision vs Context Recall

Precision: Are relevant docs ranked at the TOP?

Recall: Did we retrieve ALL relevant docs?

Precision = ranking quality | Recall = completeness

Key Insight

Context Recall catches missing information. If your retriever doesn't fetch all necessary docs, the LLM won't have enough context to answer completely. Requires ground truth reference!

Reference

https://docs.ragas.io/en/stable/concepts/metrics/available_metrics/context_recall/