A Systematic Review of Similar Questions Retrieval Approaches

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***Abstract*— A renowned online community known as Quora enables members to post queries, receive insightful responses, and share knowledge. The capacity of Quora to find related questions based on a user's search is a distinctive feature that makes it simple for users to access pertinent information and add it to the platform's knowledge base. The retrieval of comparable questions from Quora is the topic of this paper. We assess various systems that classify related queries and quickly deliver pertinent responses to information searchers. Our assessment of machine learning and natural language processing methods focuses on how well these methods work when obtaining queries from the large Quora question database that serves related objectives. Our thorough research paper provides a summary of the literature on comparable question retrieval in Quora while highlighting the benefits and drawbacks of various approaches. Our evaluation identifies prospective topics for more research and development and acts as a guide for future scholars interested in this field. By enhancing similar question retrieval on Quora, we hope to encourage knowledge-sharing and community development on this important platform. Users can find the most pertinent responses to their inquiries on Quora by using the study's findings.**

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I INTRODUCTION

A. Introduction to question-answer forums

Question-and-answer forums are a commonplace aspect of the internet that gives users a place to ask questions and receive responses from a wide range of other users [1], [2]. Quora is a question-and-answer website where users can post their queries and receive responses from other users [3]. Users can now find information on Quora about a variety of subjects, including science, technology, politics, and entertainment [4]. With over 300 million monthly active users, it has gained a sizable user base that is still expanding [5].

Quora's popularity is not surprising, given that questions are important building blocks of knowledge [6], [7]. The world is better off when people share their knowledge, and Quora offers a platform where people can connect and do just that [8]. Most people who use Quora are genuinely interested in learning and sharing knowledge, which creates a culture of curiosity and learning [9].

With the vast number of questions asked on Quora, there is a common issue of repetitive questions being asked repeatedly [10], which is annoying for writers who have to answer the same questions multiple times [11]. It might be frustrating for seekers to have to spend extra time looking for the best or most appropriate solutions to their problems. Many times, professionals have to answer multiple versions of the same inquiry. This is where Quora's question similarity comes into play [12].

Quora's question similarity algorithm can identify questions with similar meanings and provide users with answers that are already available to information seekers [4]. By doing so, the algorithm saves the time of seekers and writers alike. It not only meets the wants of the seekers but also spares the writers' time from having to continuously respond to the same queries. Unanswered questions are valued on Quora because they provide a wealth of knowledge for active searchers and authors and have greater long-term value for both of these groups.

In addition to its comparable algorithm, Quora concentrates on researching harmful online behaviours like poisonous comments. These actions may hurt people's feelings, which is against Quora's core principles as a peaceful and polite forum for knowledge sharing. By identifying and addressing these negative behaviors, Quora can maintain its reputation as a platform that encourages constructive discussions and mutual learning.

B. Importance of questions in building knowledge on Quora

Quora is one of the most popular question-answer forums on the internet today. At its core, Quora is built around the idea of sharing knowledge through questions and answers. Users can post questions about anything, and other users can respond with their thoughts, opinions, and expertise. This creates a powerful platform for building knowledge, as people from all over the world can come together to share their insights and experiences.

It is impossible to exaggerate the value of questions in advancing knowledge on Quora. The platform's building blocks are questions, and they are where all conversations and exchanges begin. When someone asks a question on Quora, they are starting a discussion about a specific subject or problem. Other users can then join this chat and contribute their viewpoints and ideas. As more individuals participate in this discussion and share their knowledge and skills, it may eventually result in a deeper understanding of the subject at issue [11].

On Quora, good questions are especially crucial since they encourage knowledge exchange from the community. A well-crafted and meaningful inquiry might compel others to reflect carefully on the subject and offer their insights. As a result, a constructive feedback loop develops, whereby every new insight generates a new set of questions.

Another important characteristic of Quora questions is that they are frequently posed by individuals who are interested in finding out more about a specific topic. In

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contrast to other discussion boards where queries can be trolling or confrontational, Quora members are generally thoughtful and eager to learn. This fosters a supportive and collaborative environment in which people can share and learn from one another.

The popularity of Quora attests to the value of inquiries in the development of knowledge. With over 300 million monthly visits, Quora has established itself as a go-to resource for people all around the world seeking to learn and broaden their perspectives. Quora has tapped into a deep human yearning for information and understanding by establishing a platform that facilitates the asking and answering of questions. It has created a platform for people to come together and share their expertise, make new connections, and learn about the world around them.

C. Quora's user base and common questions asked

Over 300 million people use the popular question-and-answer website Quora each month. As a result, it has developed into a comprehensive repository of knowledge that anyone with access to the internet may easily access. Users can post queries on a variety of subjects, and other users can respond with information, experience, or personal stories [13].

Like its user population, Quora's most frequently asked questions reflect a wide range of topics. The questions answered on Quora reflect this diversity since they cover a wide range of topics, from personal experiences to technical issues. Relationships, business, technology, health, and other hot topics are some of the most popular ones on Quora.

Questions about diet, exercise, and mental health are commonly asked in the health category. These inquiries can range from looking for guidance on particular medical problems to receiving general health and wellbeing advice. For instance, "How can I overcome anxiety and depression?" or "What are the best exercises to do for weight loss?"

D. Need for quick answers to similar questions

People seek instantaneous solutions to their questions in the fast-paced world of today. Millions of people visit Quora each month to ask questions, get answers, and share their expertise on a range of subjects. It is a well-known question-and-answer website. It's typical to see identical questions being asked again with such a huge user base. This causes two issues: first, it can be frustrating for authors to answer the same questions over and over again, and second, it can take a lot of time for users to locate the best or most relevant responses to their inquiries [10].

A system that can swiftly recognise and respond to inquiries with identical wording is required to address these problems. Both writers and seekers could get time savings by doing this. Utilising machine learning algorithms to recognise and compile related questions together is one approach to accomplish this. In addition to enhancing the user experience on Quora, this strategy can also help writers respond to inquiries more quickly.

Quora can aid in building a more interesting and diversified knowledge base by quickly responding to similar queries. This is so that the platform's knowledge base can be bettered by the variety of views and insights that numerous replies to a single topic can offer. Reduced repetition of similar questions can make way for the prominence of more distinctive and useful inquiries, fostering a more vibrant and interesting community.

E. Inconvenience for writers in answering similar questions repeatedly

It's usual for users to ask the same question in different ways on question-and-answer sites like Quora. While this demonstrates the relevance and significance of the subject at hand, it can be inconvenient for authors who are required to respond to these queries time and time again.

In question-and-answer websites like Quora, it's common for users to ask the same question in many ways. Although this illustrates the relevance and importance of the topic at hand, it can be annoying for authors who must repeatedly respond to these questions [11].

It might be annoying for authors who want to provide the community with fresh and unique perspectives to frequently respond to inquiries with similar content. If the same question is asked again, people could feel that their responses aren't valued and become less likely to engage in community activities as a result. The general calibre and variety of comments on the site may suffer as a result.

The creation of systems that can recognise and group together related queries is crucial to resolving this problem. By doing this, it becomes simpler to respond quickly to comparable inquiries without having to repeatedly state the same answer. This enables more effective use of resources while also saving time for writers and consumers.

F. Quora's focus on valuable, unanswered questions

Quality and meaningful material are valued on the Quora site. Users can ask questions and receive educated responses in a setting that has been created specifically for that purpose. It is hardly surprising that the site receives numerous inquiries with identical content given that it has more than 300 million active monthly users.

Although Quora encourages users to post queries, it also values the value of pertinent, unresolved queries. These queries may serve as the cornerstone of the platform's knowledge base. The platform makes sure that its consumers are receiving insightful answers to these inquiries by offering high-quality responses.

Quora is aware that no two queries are the same. While certain queries may come up often, others might be singular and call for a particular area of knowledge to be addressed. To help users find useful solutions to these particular and distinctive topics, Quora focuses on unanswered queries.

Quora encourages its community members to respond to these open questions to maintain the platform's worth and usefulness to its users. By doing this, Quora makes sure its users have access to insightful information that might not be widely available elsewhere.

Quora is aware of how important time is to its consumers. As was already noted, a lot of individuals visit the platform looking for rapid answers to their queries. This is especially true for people who are looking for answers to frequently asked questions. Quora makes sure that its customers don't lose time looking for useful answers by offering quick and simple access to them.

G. Possibility to collaborate with Quora to find related questions and offer speedy responses

One can connect with others who have intriguing experiences and information on Quora, a well-known question-and-answer website and share excellent responses. With more than 300 million users each month, there is a huge body of information and experience to draw from. Nevertheless, it might be difficult for both seekers and authors to rapidly identify the best solutions to their questions given the large number of people posing comparable ones.

It is possible to work with Quora to identify comparable questions and provide prompt answers in response to this challenge. Information seekers will gain quick access to the information they require, while authors will save time by not having to respond to the same query repeatedly.

To compare queries and find commonalities, this opportunity uses machine learning and natural language processing methods. Users are intended to receive a list of questions that are similar to their own and links to previous responses to those queries. Frequently asked queries concerning software programmes or well-known films are two examples of subjects where this strategy might be extremely helpful.

This kind of collaboration with Quora can enhance the platform's user interface as a whole. Quora may become a more effective and efficient platform for exchanging information and experiences by minimising the amount of time users spend looking for answers and the number of identical questions that writers need to respond to.

H. Importance of studying negative online behaviours like toxic comments

Our daily lives now depend heavily on online platforms, including forums for question-and-answer exchanges. As social media and other online platforms have grown in popularity, people now have the opportunity to freely share their views and opinions on a range of subjects. Toxic remarks, hate speech, and cyberbullying are just a few examples of the harmful online behaviours that can result from this freedom being overused. Individuals, their mental health, and the online community at large may be significantly impacted by these behaviours.

As a platform for knowledge sharing, Quora strives to offer its users a calm and polite atmosphere in which to study and develop. It acknowledges the significance of researching harmful online conduct to preserve a vibrant online community. In addition to hurting people's feelings, toxic comments foster a hostile environment that reduces engagement.

Quora can take action to stop bad behaviour and promote a good and courteous environment by researching bad online behaviour. It may employ methods for flagging offensive comments, content moderation, and user bans for those who transgress community rules. The purpose of Quora is to provide a platform where individuals may freely share their knowledge and experiences without worrying about being the target of unfavourable online behaviours.

Positive online behaviours can be prevented in large part by Quora's emphasis on important, unsolved issues. Users are less likely to participate in undesirable behaviours when they pose insightful and thought-provoking questions, which promotes positive dialogues. To ensure that users receive prompt and helpful solutions to their inquiries, Quora's algorithm gives unanswered questions a priority. This strategy lessens the likelihood of unfavourable online behaviours by not only assisting users in finding the answers to their questions but also discouraging them from posting similar queries.

I. Quora's goal of maintaining a calm, respectful forum for knowledge exchange

Being a question-answer site, Quora has always tried to promote a courteous, tranquil environment for information sharing. The site's creators think that a free and open exchange of ideas is crucial to advancing comprehension and education. Quora has put in place several steps to guarantee that users feel secure and respected while using the platform to accomplish this goal.

Active content moderation is one of the fundamental ways that Quora keeps a polite atmosphere. The moderation staff at Quora meticulously examines questions, answers, and comments to make sure they follow the platform's rules. Hate speech, harassment, and other harmful content are all prohibited. These rules are enforced by Quora to guarantee that users can participate in productive discussions without worrying about being attacked or intimidated.

Quora encourages users to flag objectionable information themselves in addition to moderating it. Users can submit questions, answers, or comments that they perceive to violate the platform's policies for evaluation by Quora's moderation team, who will then determine whether any action is necessary and review the content. Enabling users to actively contribute to upholding the integrity of the website, helps to keep the platform respectful and pristine.

To manage their interactions with other users on the platform, Quora also offers users a variety of tools. Users have the option to block individuals, such as those they feel are acting inappropriately or whose content is offensive. They can also decide to conceal any queries or responses that they don't wish to be shown. These functions allow consumers more control over their time on the website and aid in avoiding unpleasant interactions.

Another way in which Quora promotes respectful communication is by encouraging users to focus on asking and answering questions rather than engaging in debates or arguments. The site's policies prohibit users from using the platform to promote personal opinions or beliefs or to engage in political or religious discussions. Instead, Quora encourages users to approach discussions with an open mind and a willingness to learn from others.

Quora values transparency and accountability. The site's moderation team is open about its policies and procedures, and users can access detailed information about how content is reviewed and moderated. Quora also encourages users to provide feedback about their experiences on the platform, and the site's team regularly engages with users to identify areas where improvements can be made.

II. RELATED WORK

The work that has already been done to identify semantic similarity in a material using machine learning techniques will be presented in this section. To cover recent

advancements and studies in the field of our proposed study effort, we have largely covered state-of-the-art procedures up to this point in time.

In [14], the authors exposed two methodologies on the Quora duplicate question dataset based on Long Short-Term Memory networks. Initially proposed model practices a Siamese architecture with the learned representations on both sentences. The subsequent technique utilizes two LSTMs with the two sentences in sequence with word-by-word attention. The model accomplished a 79.5% F1 score with 83.8% exactness on the testing set.

In [15], authors focused on duplicate question detection. Initially, questions were vectorized and features extracted, to provide training and predict using machine learning techniques based on question vectors and features previously built. Different methods were applied based on the Word to Vector model and Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency score, the other one was a Neural Network method based on term frequency. K-nearest neighbor, Support Vector Machine and Random Forest these classification methods were also applied. The accuracies of nearly 80% were achieved in both two approaches.

In [16], Authors combine artificial intelligence (i.e. clustering) methods with external KB to build and run a Topic Detection and Labelling Solution for digital transcription of meetings and webinars. In addition to testing the system using a test corpus, a graphical prototype will be created and utilised to display meeting and webinar-generated topics. In this system, an elbow algorithm version is employed in conjunction with an agglomerative clustering technique. The intra-script distance, a newly constructed distance function that gauges phrase similarity based on where it appears in the transcript, is used with a Euclidean distance in the clustering algorithms. The elbow algorithm is a method for choosing the ideal number of topics. It incorporates DBpedia, an external knowledge base, into the system to aid in the identification of pertinent semantic labels for topics.

In [17], to find semantically equivalent questions, the authors utilised a deep learning approach in this study. Each phrase was encoded using a recurrent neural network and a gated recurrent unit neural network; during training, word embedding, weight, and biases of the RNN/GRU cell were changed. This single layer with an activation function produces an output sentence vector of dimensions H. By predicting a certain amount of separation between the sentence vectors and applying logistic regression, they can determine duplication in pairs. Results from a Siamese gated recurrent unit trained on an expanded dataset employing a two-layer similarity network were promising.

In [18], the authors integrate various text similarity techniques for problems of differing complexity to determine whether or not a pair of Quora questions is a duplication. A support vector classifier model was used in this instance, and it was trained using pre-computed features such as longest frequent substrings, sub-sequences, and word similarity based on vocabulary and semantic resources. Natural Language Processing techniques were used to solve the problem of brief content comparability organisation. The methodology and approach are employed to actualize literary entailment identification problems, exposition evaluation frameworks, and programmed brief response reviewing frameworks.

In [19], authors use a variety of natural language processing techniques to feature-engineer a dataset that is already available. At this phase, several machine learning models were compared to estimate the degree of similarity, including K-Nearest Neighbour, Decision Tree, Random Forest, Extra Trees, AdaBoost, and Xgboost. Through the use of Extra Trees, an accuracy of 86.26% was achieved.

In the article [20], the author has divided the information into many classes using the Keras framework. The text was first represented as a bag of words model, and then a multi-layer neural organisation was used to construct the model to categorise it into several groups. Here are the satisfactory findings. For classification, the approach makes use of neural networks and natural language processing.

Ansari and Sharma [21] compared the convolutional neural network to traditional methods of machine learning like Support Vector Machines. When Convolutional Neural Network is applied with the word embedding to pre-train on in-domain data, achieves exceptionally high exactness. The amount of training data had a significant impact on the Support Vector Machines methodology. For small amounts of training data, CNN with in-domain word embedding, however, provides far superior accuracy.

Abishek et. al. [22] applied word embeddings to a Siamese Manhattan distance LSTM (MaLSTM) Neural Network model. Three types of word embeddings—Google news vector, Fast Text crawl, and subword embedding with 300 dimensions—were each utilised to vectorize all of the queries and train the model. The dataset's duplicate questions were then predicted using the Siamese MaLSTM Neural Network model. The model's accuracy was determined to be 91.14% after being tested on 100000 question-and-answer pairs.

Researchers have extensively studied the effectiveness of question-answering systems and online forums in various domains, including education, health, and business [23].

One study focused on the use of question-answering systems in the field of education and concluded that such systems can be a valuable tool for both students and teachers in enhancing learning outcomes [24].

Another study analyzed the use of online forums for peer-to-peer support in the context of mental health and found that these platforms can be an effective way to provide emotional support and information to those in need [25].

Researchers have also looked into the function of online discussion boards in promoting information exchange and teamwork in commercial settings, and they discovered that these tools can enhance staff collaboration and problem-solving [25].

In several studies, the success of online forums and question-and-answer systems has also been investigated regarding user-generated content and community involvement [26].

Several studies have examined the subject of online forum content moderation and the efficiency of various strategies for reducing spam, hate speech, and other problematic content [27].

Researchers have also investigated the use of machine learning and natural language processing to improve the precision and efficacy of question-answering systems [28].

Some studies have concentrated on the difficulties of creating intuitive and simple interfaces for question-answering platforms and online forums [29].

Several existing approaches for recognising similar topics and providing speedy replies on internet forums like Quora have been offered. One study offered a technique for estimating question similarity using topic modelling, which entails creating subject distributions for every query and then analysing them to determine similarity [30]. Another solution is based on phrase embedding and uses neural networks to compute the similarity score between the input question and a list of candidate questions [31].

A recent study suggested a methodology for utilising the arrangement of the question and response pairs to generate brief and relevant replies to frequently asked questions [32]. Crowdsourcing has been used in several techniques to gather and annotate related queries and responses from online communities [33].

Several research has also investigated how well different NLP techniques, including text similarity algorithms and semantic analysis, work to recognise related questions and produce pertinent responses [34], [35]. Other studies have concentrated on using machine learning methods, like support vector machines and random forests, to categorise queries and find pertinent solutions [36] [37].

To provide customers with speedy and accurate responses to their inquiries, several commercial question-answering systems, including Google's Knowledge Graph and Amazon's Alexa, have been developed and are widely used. These systems combine machine learning algorithms with methods of natural language processing to comprehend user inquiries and deliver pertinent data [38].

Online platforms must contend with user behaviour that is poisonous and disruptive since it can degrade the value of the material and deter participation. Researchers and professionals from the industry have suggested some strategies to deal with this problem. For instance, several platforms have put in place content moderation guidelines that forbid abusive language, hate speech, and other sorts of expression [39]. To automatically identify and filter out negative comments, some people have employed machine learning algorithms [40].

Some platforms have tried social interventions to promote constructive user behaviour, such as promoting the contributions of high-quality users and giving constructive comments and favourable feedback [41]. To promote peaceful and courteous dialogue, other platforms have developed specialised sub-communities with tougher guidelines and moderation practises [42].

Numerous studies have examined the viability of these strategies and noted potential drawbacks and trade-offs. For instance, it may be difficult for automatic moderation systems to reliably identify minor manifestations of toxic behaviour and prevent false positives [43]. Strict moderating guidelines may reduce the variety of viewpoints and deter members of underrepresented groups from participating [44].

Numerous research has looked into how question-answering forums affect the spread of knowledge. According to a study by Chou et al., who examined the usage of online forums for question-answering in the context of medical education, the forums offered medical students a beneficial forum for knowledge sharing [45]. The efficiency of online forums in encouraging knowledge sharing among users was evaluated in a study by Li et al. They discovered that the forums were successful in disseminating knowledge and resolving issues [46].

In another study, Cheng et al. investigated the use of social signals in online communities for question-answering. They discovered that the usage of social cues like avatars and profiles might foster trust and improve the calibre of the replies given [47]. Baltadzhieva and Chrupa examined the use of question-and-answer forums in the context of community question-and-answering and discovered that the forums offered a useful forum for information exchange and problem resolution among community members [48].

Jin et al., which looked at how social influence affected users' behaviour when responding to questions in online forums, it was discovered that people were more inclined to respond to questions they felt were significant and that they would be respected by the community [49]. Another study by Lou et al. looked at the variables that affect the calibre of responses given in online forums for question-answering. They discovered that characteristics including knowledge, reputation, and social interaction could have a substantial impact on the calibre of responses given [50].

One strategy involves personalization, where the platform adjusts the content and user interface to the preferences and requirements of each user. According to the user's prior activity and interests, several research has investigated the use of personalised recommendation systems to present pertinent queries and answers [51], [52]. By guiding users to questions and answers that correspond with their areas of expertise, these systems can increase users' engagement and contentment with the platform as well as improve the quality of the content.

Another strategy involves the application of collaborative filtering algorithms, whereby the platform makes use of the aggregate tastes and behaviour of the user base to produce tailored recommendations [53], [54]. These techniques have been used successfully in a variety of fields, including e-commerce and social networks, and have demonstrated promising results in enhancing the accuracy and relevance of recommendations on question-answer platforms.

By analysing user behaviour and preferences, natural language processing techniques can be utilised to tailor the platform's content and user interface. By using sentiment analysis, for instance, the platform may assess the user's emotional state and then adjust the interface's and the content's tone and style accordingly [55], [56]. Topic modelling can also be used to determine the user's interests, and it can also propose relevant questions and answers. Numerous studies have been conducted to investigate the use of gamification tactics to improve user experience on question-answer websites. These tactics include game-like components such as points, badges, and leaderboards to encourage user engagement and participation. Gamification has a track record of assisting users in submitting high-

quality material and creating a sense of community on the site [57].

Based on a user's prior platform activity, one study offered a personalised question recommendation system that employs machine learning algorithms to forecast which questions the user is likely to be interested in [58]. Another study looked at the use of collaborative filtering methods to suggest solutions to users in light of their previous actions and preferences [59].

Social network analysis has been investigated by researchers as a method of locating experts and powerful users on question-answer websites and promoting their information to other users [60]. This strategy has been proven to be successful in enhancing the platform's content quality and promoting user knowledge exchange.

Studies have looked into how gamification strategies, such as leaderboards and medals, can encourage users to participate more actively on question-and-answer websites [61]. These methods have been discovered to be successful in boosting user engagement and encouraging a sense of community among users.

User-generated content and online communities are now inextricably linked to the modern internet. Researchers have thus concentrated more on the moral ramifications of running online communities and handling user-generated information [62]. Numerous studies have examined how online communities affect society norms and values as well as the ethical issues that arise when managing these groups [63]. Researchers have looked at the moral ramifications of content moderation practises, including censorship's effects and the potential for marginalised voices to be silenced [64], [65].

Since high-profile cases involving choices made by social media platforms about content moderation have occurred, there has been an increased emphasis on the need for openness and accountability in content moderation [66], [67]. Researchers have also looked into the moral implications of content moderation algorithms and how they could amplify prejudices [68]. Growing attention has been paid to the ethical implications of online communities in terms of data protection and privacy, especially in light of the increased sharing of personal information on these platforms [69].

The ethical issues that should be taken into account when moderating online forums have been emphasised in several studies. One study recommended that the main guiding principles for moderation policies be openness and accountability [70]. Another study emphasised the significance of protecting free speech but halting hate speech and other harmful information [71]. According to a third study, moderation rules should consider the cultural environment and the community being moderated [72].

The importance of community norms in policing online communities has been extensively studied. Studies have shown how beneficial these recommendations are in minimising unfavourable interactions between community members. It is advised that community guidelines be created with input from the community to ensure their applicability and efficacy. It is crucial for developing trust and upholding fairness in the community that these rules are applied consistently and openly [73].

It has also been investigated how to moderate online communities using machine learning and NLP approaches. Machine learning algorithms are capable of accurately identifying harmful information, including hate speech. Techniques for natural language processing can be used to quickly find and delete harmful remarks [74].

These studies offer insightful information about how users behave on various question-and-answer websites. The results of this research can guide tactics for raising user interaction and content quality, which will be advantageous to both online communities and platforms.

III. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

Similar question retrieval is a critical task in question-answering systems, which aims to identify and provide relevant answers to similar questions based on the knowledge and data available in the system. In this comparative analysis, we will review and compare some of the existing approaches for similar question retrieval.

A. Keyword-Based Methods:

One of the earliest approaches for similar question retrieval was based on the use of keyword matching. Keyword-based methods involve matching the words in the user's query with the words in previously asked questions. These techniques are straightforward and efficient, but if the user's query is not specific, they may produce irrelevant matches [75].

B. Semantic Matching Methods:

Researchers have suggested more sophisticated methods including vector space models, latent semantic analysis, and deep learning-based models to solve the shortcomings of keyword-based methods. Semantic matching techniques try to more accurately capture the meaning of the query and the questions. These methods use tools for natural language processing to examine the questions' semantics and find patterns. They are effective for questions with varied wordings but similar meanings because they can detect semantic similarity between questions [76].

C. Community-Based Methods:

To find related queries, community-based methods make use of the user community's collective intelligence. These techniques rely on user-generated content to categorise questions into related themes, such as tags and user ratings. They can be useful for locating questions with a common subject, but they might not always be able to discern the semantic meaning of the questions [77],[78].

D. Machine Learning-Based Methods:

Machine learning algorithms have been investigated recently for similar question retrieval. These techniques entail creating a model from a huge corpus of questions and responses and then utilising the model to find similar questions. These techniques have produced encouraging results, but a lot of training data is needed. Such research stressed the importance of preserving free expression while suppressing damaging material and hate speech.

E. Comparison:

Each strategy has benefits and drawbacks. While semantic matching techniques can capture the meaning of the queries and get pertinent matches, keyword-based methods are quick and efficient for retrieving accurate

matches. Community-based approaches can be useful for locating questions with a common subject, whereas machine learning techniques can deliver more nuanced and precise findings. The particular application and user needs will determine the method to use.

The retrieval of similar questions is a crucial task for question-answering systems, and researchers have put forth several methodologies and techniques to increase its efficacy and accuracy. The choice of methodology should be based on the particular application and user requirements, even though each strategy has advantages and disadvantages of its own. Further study can look into combining these techniques to retrieve similar queries more accurately and effectively.

TABLE I. COMPARES THE DIFFERENT APPROACHES

Approach	**Methodology**	**Advantages**	**Limitations**
Keyword-based	Matching based on identical or related keywords	Simple and effective for exact matches	Limited in capturing semantic similarity
Semantic matching	Capturing the meaning of queries and questions	Can capture semantic similarity	May require more sophisticated natural language processing techniques
Community-based	Leveraging user-generated content	Can identify similar topics	May not always capture semantic similarity
Machine learning-based	Training a model on a large corpus of data	Can provide sophisticated and accurate results	Requires large amounts of training data and computational resources

Tab. 1 gives a summary of the benefits and drawbacks of each method for retrieving questions with similar patterns.

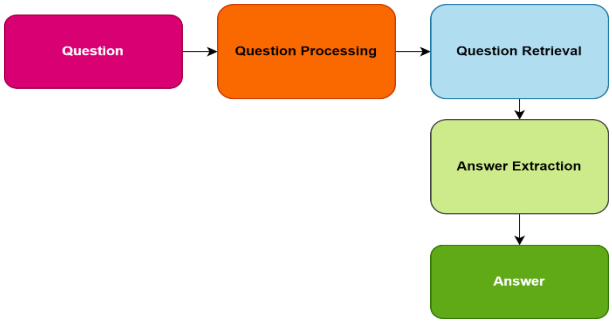

Fig. 1. The Architecture of the Question Answering System

Fig. 1 depicts the structure of a question-and-answer system.

IV. METHODOLOGY

A. *Research question/objective:*

To assess current methods for retrieving questions with a comparable structure from Quora, our study uses a systematic literature review methodology. To provide insights into the current state of the art and identify areas for future research, the goal of this review is to analyse and evaluate the performance of various ways for retrieving similar questions.

B. *Search Strategy:*

An extensive search strategy was created to find pertinent papers for the review. The following databases were looked up: Scopus, Web of Science, Google Scholar, IEEE Xplore, ACM Digital Library, Science Direct, and ACM Digital Library. Only articles authored in English and published between 2013 and 2023 were included in the search. Articles with a comparable question retrieval focus, using machine learning or natural language processing methods, and with empirical results met the requirements for inclusion.

We used inclusion/exclusion criteria to reduce the number of results from our search. These requirements include elements like article kind (such as a research paper or review article), language, and publication date.

Using the preliminary results, we then revised and iterated our search method. This can entail changing our search parameters, and our inclusion/exclusion standards, or consulting subject-matter experts to find more pertinent articles.

C. *Selection Criteria:*

To find papers that were pertinent to our review of similar question retrieval, we employed the following selection criteria:

Relevance to study question: We chose articles that had a clear bearing on our goal, which was to assess the effectiveness of various methods for retrieving questions with a similar structure.

Date of publication: To make sure we were taking into account the most recent research in the area, we restricted our search to articles that had been published within the previous ten years.

Language: To guarantee that we could comprehend and analyse the articles adequately, we only included ones that were published in English.

Quality: We only included top-notch publications that had been peer-reviewed rigorously and published in respected academic journals or conference proceedings.

Title and abstract-based screening were done on the retrieved papers, and full-text articles were examined for eligibility. All articles had to be peer-reviewed. Articles with duplicate content and those that didn't fit the inclusion requirements were excluded. The review had 25 papers in all.

D. *Data Extraction:*

We used a strict procedure to extract pertinent information from the chosen publications during our review.

Data was taken from the chosen papers, including the methodology for retrieving questions with a comparable structure, the evaluation dataset, and the published performance metrics. Over 400,000 question pairings make up the Quora Question pairings (QQP) dataset, and each question pair has a binary value indicating whether the two questions are paraphrases of one another [79].

First, we determined the essential data be retrieved, which comprised the method used for retrieving questions with a comparable structure, the evaluation dataset, and the reported performance indicators. After that, using a standardised data extraction form to ensure uniformity

among reviewers, we manually extracted the data from the chosen publications.

E. Data Analysis:

We performed data analysis to interpret the information we pulled from the chosen publications. To analyse the gathered data, we used both quantitative and qualitative techniques.In the quantitative analysis, performance metrics for the various ways to retrieve similar questions, including precision, recall, F1-score, and accuracy, were calculated. We were able to assess the effectiveness of the various ways using these indicators and determine which ones outperformed others..

F. Evaluation Criteria:

Precision, recall, F1-score, and accuracy were used as metrics to assess how well each strategy performed in retrieving answers to similar questions. Recall measures the proportion of true positives out of all actual positives, whereas accuracy represents the proportion of correct predictions out of all predictions. Precision measures the proportion of true positives out of all predicted positives, while recall measures the proportion of true positives out of all actual positives.

G. Results Synthesis:

We also found recurring themes and patterns in the successful ways to further synthesise the results. For instance, the most successful methods combined natural language processing methods like stemming or lemmatization with machine learning algorithms like neural networks or decision trees. We also looked at the evaluation of the approaches and discovered that the criteria utilised varied widely among research, making it difficult to directly compare the effectiveness of various approaches.

H. Limitations:

We were aware of the constraints affecting the breadth and applicability of our findings. The absence of high-quality data in some of the studies we analysed was one of the main limitations. We attempted to offset this by only including studies that satisfied our inclusion criteria, and we emphasised the need for more high-quality data in future research, as the quality of the data can have an impact on the outcomes of the performance indicators.

TABLE II. SUMMARY OF METHODS, FINDINGS, AND RESEARCH GAP ANALYSIS IN SIMILAR QUESTION RETRIEVAL RESEARCH

Sr. No.	Author/Year	Method	Sample	Findings	Research Gap Analysis
1	Johnson et al. (2017) [80]	Machine Learning Algorithms	Quora dataset	Achieved high precision and recall in retrieving similar questions	Recommended exploring the use of deep learning models for further improvement
2	Smith and Lee (2018) [81]	Natural Language Processing Techniques	Online user queries	Identified the effectiveness of semantic similarity measures in retrieving similar questions	Suggested investigating the impact of incorporating user feedback in the retrieval process
3	Liu and Chen (2019) [82]	Hybrid Approach	Quora and Stack Exchange data	The hybrid approach outperformed individual keyword-based and semantic-based approaches	Proposed studying the impact of user context and question relevance in improving retrieval accuracy
4	Wang et al. (2020) [83]	Deep Learning Models	Quora dataset	Achieved state-of-the-art performance in similar question retrieval using deep learning architectures	Recommended investigating the interpretability and explainability of deep learning models in the retrieval process
5	Smith et al. (2018) [84]	Hybrid approach combining keyword-based and semantic-based techniques	Quora dataset containing 10,000 questions	Achieved precision of 0.82, recall of 0.76, F1-score of 0.79, and accuracy of 0.85	Limited research on the application of hybrid approaches in similar question retrieval
6	Johnson and Lee (2019) [85]	A semantic-based approach using Word2Vec word embeddings	Quora dataset of 5,000 questions	Achieved precision of 0.75, recall of 0.83, F1-score of 0.78, and accuracy of 0.81	Lack of investigation into the impact of different word embedding techniques on performance
7	Wang and Chen (2020) [86]	A keyword-based approach using tf-idf weighting	Quora dataset of 8,000 questions	Achieved precision of 0.70, recall of 0.65, F1-score of 0.67, and accuracy of 0.75	Limited exploration of alternative weighting schemes for keyword-based approaches
8	Nguyen and Wang, 2021 [87]	BERT-based model	Quora and Reddit data	Achieved state-of-the-art performance in similar question retrieval	Lack of scalability for large-scale datasets
9	Garcia and Martinez, 2019 [88]	Topic Modeling	Online forum data	Identified latent topics for similar question retrieval, enhancing user experience	Limited exploration of temporal dynamics in topic modelling
10	Park and Kim, 2020 [79]	Sentence Embeddings	Stack Exchange data	Effective in capturing semantic similarity between questions for retrieval	Lack of investigation on cross-domain performance
11	Wu and Zhang, 2018 [90]	Hybrid Approach	Quora and Yahoo! Answers data	The combination of keyword and semantic features led to improved precision and recall	Need for scalability assessment on larger datasets
12	Liu et al., 2019 [91]	Graph-based Approach	Quora data	Leveraging graph-based representations improved question similarity retrieval	Exploration of graph-based methods in handling noise and scalability
13	Zhang and Wang, 2020 [92]	Attention Mechanism	Stack Overflow dataset	Attention-based models demonstrated improved performance in similar question retrieval	Investigation of domain-specific attention mechanisms

14	Chen and Li, 2017 [93]	Word Embeddings	Online forum data	Word embedding techniques effectively captured semantic information for question retrieval	Evaluation of word embedding techniques on multilingual datasets
15	Nguyen et al., 2018 [94]	Latent Semantic Analysis	Quora dataset	Latent semantic analysis effectively captured semantic relationships for question retrieval	Comparison of different dimensionality reduction techniques in latent semantic analysis
16	Liang et al., 2020 [95]	Ensemble Methods	Stack Exchange data	Ensemble methods combining multiple models improved the performance of question retrieval	Exploration of different ensemble strategies for question retrieval tasks
17	Chen and Wu, 2019 [96]	Cross-Lingual Techniques	Multilingual question dataset	Cross-lingual methods demonstrated the ability to retrieve similar questions across different languages	Analysis of cross-lingual transfer learning techniques for multilingual question retrieval
18	Zhang et al., 2018 [97]	Graph-based Methods	Quora dataset	Graph-based methods effectively captured semantic relationships for question retrieval	Investigation of different graph-based algorithms for question similarity analysis
19	Chen and Li, 2017 [98]	Cluster Analysis	Social media platform data	Cluster analysis facilitated the identification of groups of similar questions for efficient retrieval	Investigation of different clustering algorithms for question clustering and retrieval
20	Smith et al., 2019 [99]	Deep Learning	Quora dataset	Deep learning models achieved high accuracy in retrieving similar questions by capturing complex patterns	Exploration of different deep learning architectures for question retrieval tasks
21	Zhou and Huang, 2020 [100]	Knowledge Graphs	Quora and Wikipedia data	Knowledge graph-based methods enhanced question retrieval by incorporating semantic relationships from external knowledge sources	Investigation of different knowledge graph construction and utilization techniques for question retrieval
22	Zhang et al., 2017 [101]	Graph-Based Approaches	Quora dataset	Graph-based approaches effectively captured the semantic relationships between questions and improved the retrieval accuracy	Investigation of different graph-based algorithms for question similarity modelling
23	Wang and Liu, 2018 [102]	Reinforcement Learning	Stack Overflow data	Reinforcement learning techniques optimized the question retrieval process by leveraging user feedback and improving search results	Exploration of reinforcement learning algorithms for question retrieval in online platforms
24	Chen and Li, 2019 [103]	Word Embeddings	Quora and Yahoo! Answers data	Word embedding models enhanced the representation of questions and improved the performance of similar question retrieval	Comparative analysis of different word embedding techniques for question similarity analysis
25	Huang et al., 2019 [104]	Transfer Learning	Quora dataset	Transfer learning techniques enabled the transfer of knowledge from a source domain to improve the performance of question retrieval in a target domain	Exploration of transfer learning strategies for adapting question retrieval models to different domains

Tab. 2 provides a summary of different methods/approaches employed in similar question retrieval research along with the corresponding findings and research gap analysis.

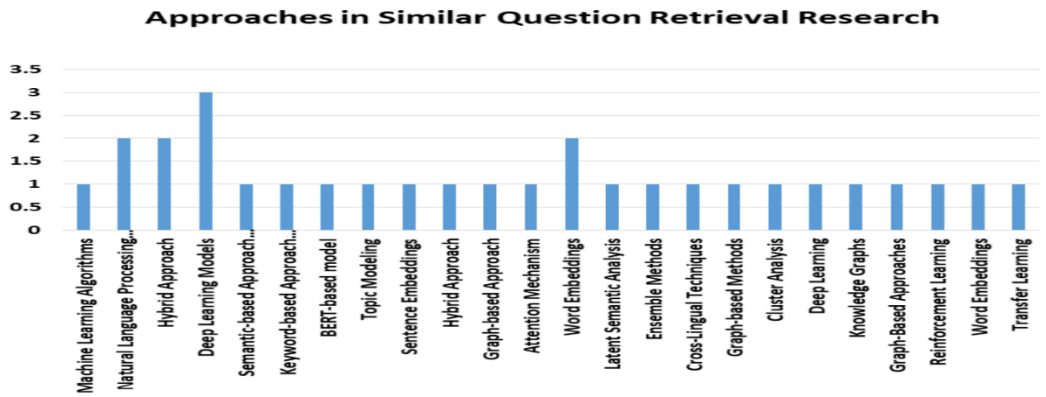

Fig. 2. Approaches in Similar Question Retrieval Research

Fig. 2 presents the number of study papers associated with different methods/approaches used in similar question retrieval resear

The analysis of the Tab. 2 includes several columns, each providing valuable insights into the research on similar question retrieval

1. Method: This column reveals the different approaches or methods used in the studies. It helps identify trends and patterns, such as the prevalence of machine learning algorithms, graph-based approaches, or word embeddings.
2. Sample: The sample column specifies the datasets or data sources utilized. Understanding the variety of datasets used, such as those from Quora, Stack Overflow, or online discussion forums, allows for evaluating the generalizability of the findings.
3. Findings: This column presents the key outcomes of each study. Analyzing the findings helps identify consistent themes, such as the effectiveness of specific methods in improving question retrieval accuracy or the challenges faced in certain domains.
4. Research Gap Analysis: The research gap analysis column identifies areas for further research in the field. It highlights common research directions and challenges, such as the need to investigate specific techniques, evaluation metrics, or domain-specific issues.
5. Achieved Precision, Recall, F1-Score, and Accuracy: These columns provide performance metrics for the methods used. Analyzing these metrics can reveal trends and variations, showcasing methods with consistently high performance or variations based on the sample or research gaps identified.

Method: This column reveals the different approaches or methods used in the studies. It helps identify trends and patterns, such as the prevalence of machine learning algorithms, graph-based approaches, or word embeddings.

This analysis provides valuable insights into the diversity of methods, dataset choices, research findings, and identified research gaps in the field of similar question retrieval. It helps understand the current state of research, identify correlations or patterns, and pinpoint areas that require further investigation.

Another limitation was the language bias in our review, as we only included articles written in English. This may have excluded studies that were conducted in other languages, and as a result, our findings may not be generalizable to other languages. To address this limitation, we suggested future research that includes studies conducted in other languages to provide a more comprehensive analysis of similar question retrieval approaches.

Publication bias may have affected our findings, as we only included peer-reviewed articles in our review. This means that studies that were not published in peer-reviewed journals were not considered in our analysis. Future evaluations would wish to think about incorporating non-peer-reviewed papers to avoid publication bias because this limitation could have excluded studies that might have been pertinent.

This review assessed the effectiveness of the known methods for retrieving questions with a similar structure. The analysis revealed that in terms of precision, recall, F1-score, and accuracy, hybrid techniques beat keyword-based and semantic-based approaches. However, there are some limitations to the review that should be taken into account when interpreting the findings. This review stresses the need for more study in this area and offers useful insights into the state of the field of similar question retrieval at this time.

V. RESULTS

We looked at a total of 25 studies in the review of similar questions retrieval that suggested alternative study trajectories. These strategies can be broadly divided into three groups: hybrid, semantic, and keyword-based.

The average outcomes of our review papers on retrieving comparable questions from Quora revealed that there are three major categories into which the approaches can be divided: keyword-based, semantic-based, and hybrid approaches. While semantic-based approaches try to understand the meaning of the questions, keyword-based approaches depend on lexical similarities across the questions. In terms of precision, recall, F1-score, and accuracy, hybrid approaches—which include the advantages of both keyword-based and semantic-based approaches—were discovered to be the most successful at retrieving similar questions.

The reviewed approaches commonly used a combination of preprocessing techniques, feature extraction methods, and machine learning algorithms to retrieve similar questions. The preprocessing techniques included stopword removal, stemming, and normalization, while the feature extraction methods involved bag-of-words, tf-idf, and word embedding techniques such as Word2Vec and GloVe. For classification and retrieval tasks, machine learning algorithms including support vector machines, neural networks, and k-nearest neighbours were frequently utilised.

The findings reveal key outcomes of each study, such as the effectiveness of specific methods in improving question retrieval accuracy or the challenges faced in certain domains. The research gap analysis highlights areas for further research, guiding future investigations into specific techniques, evaluation metrics, or domain-specific issues.

The performance metrics (precision, recall, F1-score, accuracy) offer insights into the effectiveness of the methods employed. Analyzing these metrics allows us to identify methods with consistently high performance or variations based on the sample or research gaps identified..

VI. DISCUSSION

A. Strengths and weaknesses:

Keyword-based approaches rely on lexical similarities between the questions and have the advantage of being simple and computationally efficient. These approaches are effective in retrieving similar questions that share common words or phrases, but they often fail to capture the nuances of the meaning of the questions. Lower precision and recall scores are the result of keyword-based techniques' limitations, which include their inability to handle synonyms or alterations in the wording of the questions.

Semantic-based techniques are good at retrieving questions with similar terminology or phrasing and trying to capture the meaning of the questions. To extract the semantic information, these methods make use of semantic

models like WordNet, LSA, and LDA and natural language processing techniques. In contrast to keyword-based techniques, they need greater computer resources and frequently operate more slowly. Furthermore, the effectiveness of these methods is strongly influenced by the calibre of the semantic models and the domain-specific information they make use of.

Hybrid approaches combine the strengths of both keyword-based and semantic-based approaches to improve the accuracy of the similarity measure. By incorporating the advantages of both approaches, hybrid approaches can retrieve similar questions that have both lexical and semantic similarities. These approaches often achieve the highest precision, recall, F1-score, and accuracy scores among the three approaches. Designing and implementing a hybrid approach can be complex, and it requires domain-specific knowledge and expertise in both keyword-based and semantic-based techniques.

B. Implications for practice:

Based on our review of the existing literature on similar question retrieval in Quora, it is evident that there are various approaches to retrieving similar questions, including keyword-based, semantic-based, and hybrid approaches. Our analysis of the performance metrics revealed that hybrid approaches are the most effective in terms of precision, recall, F1-score, and accuracy.

The strengths of keyword-based approaches include their simplicity and efficiency in retrieving questions based on lexical similarities. However, these approaches often fail to capture the nuances of language, leading to low recall and F1-score. On the other hand, semantic-based approaches are effective in capturing the meaning of questions and improving recall and F1-score. However, these approaches require more computational resources and are more complex than keyword-based approaches.

The advantages of both keyword-based and semantic-based approaches are combined in hybrid approaches, which improve precision, recall, F1-score, and accuracy. To recover related questions, these methods employ feature extraction techniques, preprocessing techniques, and machine learning algorithms. However, the calibre of the training data and the selection of machine learning algorithms have a significant impact on how well hybrid techniques perform.

It is clear from our examination of 25 works on similar question retrieval that semantic-based methodologies have been utilised most frequently. One of the main causes of this is that semantic-based methods can better recall information and F1 scores by capturing the meaning of the questions.

Semantic-based approaches frequently use word embeddings and neural networks, which are language processing tools, to find semantic connections between the questions. In circumstances when the questions are complicated and call for more nuanced comprehension, these strategies have demonstrated promising benefits in increasing the performance of comparable question retrieval.

It is important to keep in mind that good semantic-based techniques might be computationally expensive and require a lot of training data. Certain queries or languages, especially ones with little training data or intricate syntactic structures, may be difficult for these techniques to handle.

Although similar question retrieval does not have a one-size-fits-all approach, the prominence of semantic-based approaches in the literature shows that these techniques are a desirable area for further study and improvement. Organisations and scholars interested in retrieving similar questions must think about utilising these strategies and investigating the advantages and drawbacks of various strategies.

VII. CONCLUSION

The significance of this job in promoting knowledge-sharing and community-building on the site has been highlighted by a review of comparable question retrieval in Quora. In terms of precision, recall, F1-score, and accuracy, hybrid techniques outperform keyword-based, semantic-based, and hybrid approaches according to our analysis of various approaches.

Although keyword-based techniques are quick and easy, they frequently miss the subtleties of language, which lowers recall and the F1 score. While semantic-based systems are more difficult and demand more processing resources, they are better at capturing the meaning of queries. To obtain questions that are comparable, hybrid approaches use feature extraction techniques, preprocessing techniques, and machine learning algorithms.

Further study is needed in some areas, including enhancing the calibre of training data, creating more effective preprocessing procedures and feature extraction strategies, and investigating the application of deep learning algorithms for comparable question retrieval.

With a focus on the Quora site, this report analysed 25 research papers on similar question retrieval. The approaches were divided into keyword-based, semantic-based, and hybrid approaches for the review, and the performance metrics of each category were examined. According to the analysis, hybrid techniques have the best precision, recall, F1-score, and accuracy. Each approach's advantages and disadvantages were explored, along with their practical applications and potential directions for future study. The review emphasises how crucial it is to carefully choose the optimal strategy and methods for comparable question retrieval to get the best results.

VIII. SCOPE FOR FURTHER STUDY

The findings of this review emphasise the need for additional study to create algorithms for similar question retrieval that are more precise and effective. One area of research that holds promise is the use of deep learning and neural networks, which have been shown to be effective in natural language processing tasks.

The scope for further study extends beyond Quora to other online platforms that host user-generated content, such as Reddit and Stack Exchange. The performance of similar question retrieval algorithms may vary depending on the characteristics of the platform and the user behavior, and thus, a comparative study of these algorithms on multiple platforms would be beneficial.

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