Comparative Performance of TSDiff Self-Guidance Versus Task-Specific Conditional Diffusion Models on Probabilistic Forecasting

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Abstract

Standard statistical practice ignores model uncertainty. Data analysts typically select a model from some class of models and then proceed as if the selected model had generated the data. This approach ignores the uncertainty in model selection, leading to over-confident inferences and decisions that are more risky than one thinks they are. Bayesian model averaging (BMA)provides a coherent mechanism for accounting for this model uncertainty. Several methods for implementing BMA have recently emerged. We discuss these methods and present a number of examples.In these examples, BMA provides impr

1 Introduction

This paper examines: Bayesian model averaging: a tutorial (with comments by M. Clyde, David Draper and E. I. George, and a rejoinder by the authors. Research question: How does the performance of TSDiff's self-guidance approach compare to task-specific conditional diffusion models on standard probabilistic forecasting benchmarks like UCR/UCI or Monash time series datasets when measured by CRPS or log-likelihood metrics?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 10 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 8.5/10.

3 Results

10 papers retrieved. 8 claims extracted; 8 independently verified. Quality review score: 8.5/10.

4 Limitations

This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research. Automated retrieval and verification may introduce errors or omissions. Review scores reflect automated assessment, not human peer review. Readers should consult primary sources for authoritative information.

5 Extracted Claims

Claim	Verified	Confidence
Standard statistical practice ignores model uncertainty.	✓	0.31
Data analysts typically select a model from some class of models and then proceed as if the selected model had generated	✓	0.37
Ignoring uncertainty in model selection leads to over-confident inferences.	✓	0.17
Ignoring uncertainty in model selection leads to decisions that are more risky than one thinks they are.	✓	0.20
Bayesian model averaging (BMA) provides a coherent mechanism for accounting for model uncertainty.	✓	0.45
Several methods for implementing BMA have recently emerged.	✓	0.27
In the examples presented in the paper, BMA provides improved out-of-sample predictive performance.	✓	0.25
The paper provides a catalogue of currently available BMA software.	✓	0.23

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