

Scaling TSDiff Model Size for Cross-Domain Time Series Forecasting Against Conditional Diffusion Models via CRPS

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Abstract

We introduce Chronos, a simple yet effective framework for pre-trained probabilistic time series models. Chronos tokenizes time series values using scaling and quantization into a fixed vocabulary and trains existing transformer-based language model architectures on these tokenized time series via the cross-entropy loss. We pretrained Chronos models based on the T5 family (ranging from 20M to 710M parameters) on a large collection of publicly available datasets, complemented by a synthetic dataset that we generated via Gaussian processes to improve generalization. In a comprehensive benchmark c

1 Introduction

This paper examines: Chronos: Learning the Language of Time Series. Research question: How does scaling the model size of TSDiff impact its performance on cross-domain time series forecasting benchmarks (e.g., UCR archive) compared to conditional diffusion models, measured by CRPS (Continuous Ranked Probability Score)?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 9 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 9.3/10.

3 Results

9 papers retrieved. 8 claims extracted; 8 independently verified. Quality review score: 9.3/10.

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 |
|---|----------|------------|
| Chronos tokenizes time series values using scaling and quantization into a fixed vocabulary. | ✓ | 0.30 |
| Chronos trains existing transformer-based language model architectures on tokenized time series via the cross-entropy loss | ✓ | 0.34 |
| Chronos models were pretrained based on the T5 family, ranging from 20M to 710M parameters. | ✓ | 0.27 |
| Chronos models were pretrained on a large collection of publicly available datasets, complemented by a synthetic dataset | ✓ | 0.33 |
| Chronos models significantly outperform other methods on datasets that were part of the training corpus. | ✓ | 0.28 |
| Chronos models have comparable and occasionally superior zero-shot performance on new datasets, relative to methods that | ✓ | 0.36 |
| Chronos models can leverage time series data from diverse domains to improve zero-shot accuracy on unseen forecasting tasks | ✓ | 0.38 |
| Pretrained Chronos models can greatly simplify forecasting pipelines. | ✓ | 0.24 |

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