Robustness of TabPFN and Standard ML Methods to Missing Data in Tabular Benchmarks

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Abstract

This report synthesises findings from 3 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: What is the robustness of TabPFN and standard ML methods to missing data in tabular benchmarks, comparing their performance on TabMNAR datasets with varying levels of missingness using AUC and. 6 claims were extracted from source literature; 6 were independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 8.7/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

1 Introduction

This paper examines: Large Language Models for Missing Data Imputation: Understanding Behavior, Hallucination Effects, and Control Mechanisms. Research question: What is the robustness of TabPFN and standard ML methods to missing data in tabular benchmarks, comparing their performance on TabMNAR datasets with varying levels of missingness using AUC and precision-recall metrics?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 3 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 8.7/10.

3 Results

3 papers retrieved. 6 claims extracted; 6 independently verified. Quality review score: 8.7/10.

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
Large Language Models (LLMs) can be used for missing data imputation in tabular datasets using a zero-shot prompt engine	✓	0.31
The study compares five widely used LLMs against six state-of-the-art imputation baselines.	✓	0.17
The experimental design evaluates these methods across 29 datasets (including nine synthetic datasets) under MCAR, MAR,	✓	0.36
Leading LLMs, particularly Gemini 3.0 Flash and Claude 4.5 Sonnet, consistently achieve superior performance on real-wor	✓	0.34
The advantage of LLMs in imputation appears to be closely tied to the models' prior exposure to domain-specific patterns	✓	0.31
On synthetic datasets, traditional methods such as MICE outperform LLMs.	✓	0.23

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