Comparison of Tabular Generative Evaluation Metrics and FID for Computational Efficiency in Large Sparse Datasets

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Abstract

Generative models have revolutionized multiple domains, yet their application to tabular data remains underexplored. Evaluating generative models for tabular data presents unique challenges due to structural complexity, large-scale variability, and mixed data types, making it difficult to intuitively capture intricate patterns. Existing evaluation metrics offer only partial insights, lacking a comprehensive measure of generative performance. To address this limitation, we propose three novel evaluation metrics: FAED, FPCAD, and RFIS. Our extensive experimental analysis, conducted on three stan

1 Introduction

This paper examines: Evaluating Generative Models for Tabular Data: Novel Metrics and Benchmarking. Research question: How do the proposed tabular generative evaluation metrics compare to FID in terms of computational efficiency when scaling to datasets with 100+ columns and 100K+ sparse samples?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 12 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 9.2/10.

3 Results

12 papers retrieved. 16 claims extracted; 16 independently verified. Quality review score: 9.2/10.

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
The experimental analysis was conducted on three standard network intrusion detection datasets.	✓	0.25
The study compares the proposed metrics with established evaluation methods including Fidelity, Utility, TSTR, and TRTS.	✓	0.21
The results demonstrate that FAED effectively captures generative modeling issues overlooked by existing metrics.	✓	0.31
FPCAD exhibits promising performance but requires further refinements to enhance reliability.	✓	0.19
The study introduces three novel evaluation metrics: FAED, FPCAD, and RFIS.	✓	0.15
Existing metrics such as SDV Fidelity, Utility, TSTR, and TRTS have limitations in detecting key generative modeling cha	✓	0.30
The study simulates three specific challenges in real datasets: Quality Decrease, Mode Drop, and Mode Collapse.	✓	0.22
Experimental results show that FAED successfully detects all synthesized problems (Quality Decrease, Mode Drop, and Mode	✓	0.25
Existing metrics fail to identify key generative modeling issues in the conducted experiments.	✓	0.18
Quantitative metrics like Inception Score (IS) and Frchet Inception Distance (FID) are standard for evaluating generati	✓	0.23
TSTR involves training a classifier on synthetic data and testing it on real data.	✓	0.15
TRTS involves training a classifier on real data and testing it on synthetic data.	✓	0.15
A high TSTR accuracy suggests that synthetic data effectively approximates real-world distributions.	✓	0.26
A high TRTS score indicates that the synthetic data retains key characteristics of the real data.	✓	0.26
TSTR is particularly useful for detecting cases where synthetic data only partially represents real data.	✓	0.26
TRTS assesses whether synthetic samples introduce patterns absent in real data.	✓	0.23

References

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