Synthetic Data Pretraining for Tabular Foundation Models and Cross-Domain Generalization

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Abstract

This report synthesises findings from 13 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: How does pretraining tabular foundation models on synthetic data with varied correlation structures impact cross-domain generalization accuracy compared to real-data baselines. 9 claims were extracted from source literature; 0 were independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 4.0/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

1 Introduction

This paper examines: Mind the Gap? A Distributional Comparison of Real and Synthetic Priors for Tabular Foundation Models. Research question: How does pretraining tabular foundation models on synthetic data with varied correlation structures impact cross-domain generalization accuracy compared to real-data baselines?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 13 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 4.0/10.

3 Results

13 papers retrieved. 9 claims extracted; 0 independently verified. Quality review score: 4.0/10.

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 study investigates the degree to which web-scraped, curated, and synthetic prior tabular datasets cover the same spa	×	0.14
Two primary metrics are used: Discriminators and Coverage.	×	0.06
Discriminators assess the realism of samples on an individual basis by predicting which class of dataset a table belongs	×	0.02
Coverage metrics assess the degree to which tabular datasets overlap in a given feature space.	×	0.10
A table is denoted as t with |R| rows and |C| columns.	×	0.02
Column j is written Cj, with cardinality ||Cj|| denoting the number of unique values.	×	0.01
The uniqueness ratio κj = ||Cj||/|R| gives the proportion of unique values.	×	0.01
Columns with κ < 0.2 are treated as categorical.	×	0.02
Aggregate features are built to summarise table, column, and inter-column patterns and distributions.	×	0.03

References

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