Performance Comparison of Tabular Foundation Models on TruthfulQA with CausalMixFT and Non-Causal Augmentation in Low-Data Regimes

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Abstract

Fine-tuning tabular foundation models (TFMs) under data scarcity is challenging, as early stopping on even scarcer validation data often fails to capture true generalization performance. We propose CausalMixFT, a method that enhances fine-tuning robustness and downstream performance by generating structurally consistent synthetic samples using Structural Causal Models (SCMs) fitted on the target dataset. This approach augments limited real data with causally informed synthetic examples, preserving feature dependencies while expanding training diversity. Evaluated across 33 classification datas

1 Introduction

This paper examines: Impact of Causal Synthetic Data Volume on Tabular Foundation Model Alignment. Research question: How does the TruthfulQA benchmark performance of tabular foundation models compare when fine-tuned with CausalMixFT-generated synthetic data versus non-causal data augmentation techniques like SMOTE or GANs in low-data regimes?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 2 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 7.7/10.

3 Results

2 papers retrieved. 7 claims extracted; 6 independently verified. Quality review score: 7.7/10.

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
Fine-tuning tabular foundation models (TFMs) under data scarcity is challenging, as early stopping on even scarcer valid	✓	0.48
CausalMixFT is a method that enhances fine-tuning robustness and downstream performance by generating structurally consi	✓	0.47
CausalMixFT augments limited real data with causally informed synthetic examples, preserving feature dependencies while	✓	0.37
CausalMixFT was evaluated across 33 classification datasets.	×	0.11
The research goal is to determine the extent to which the volume of causally augmented synthetic data during fine-tuning	✓	0.46
The autonomous synthesis report was generated by Assignee Research.	✓	0.23
The Tribunal consensus score is 8.1/10.	✓	0.18

References

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