

Attention-Augmented Diffusion Models for Imbalanced Tabular Data Synthesis

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Abstract

This report synthesises findings from 8 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: What is the impact of incorporating attention mechanisms into diffusion models for tabular data generation on the synthesis quality for datasets with imbalanced categorical attributes, as measured by. 14 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: Diffusion and Flow Matching Models for Tabular Data: A Survey. Research question: What is the impact of incorporating attention mechanisms into diffusion models for tabular data generation on the synthesis quality for datasets with imbalanced categorical attributes, as measured by F1 scores on the Credit Default benchmark?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 8 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

8 papers retrieved. 14 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
Future benchmarks should include missing-data settings, imbalanced classes, high-cardinality categorical features, relat	×	0.06
Formal differential privacy has begun to appear in tabular diffusion models.	×	0.07
Recent memorization studies indicate that a small subset of records may dominate memorized generations.	×	0.01
Anomaly detection methods such as TCCM show that feature-level residuals can support interpretability.	×	0.05
Real data-engineering systems often mix static tables, event sequences, text, images, and time-series measurements.	×	0.04
Several recent methods combine diffusion or flow matching with autoencoders, transformers, tree models, or feature-token	×	0.15
Data augmentation for tabular data can be divided into two different tasks: data synthesis and over-sampling.	×	0.13
Over-sampling can be considered as a special case of single table synthesis where we only generate a part of the table.	×	0.02
Diffusion SOS [64] 2022 KDD Synthesis (single, generic) uses SDEs and evaluates Utility.	×	0.02
STaSy [32] 2023 ICLR Synthesis (single, generic) uses SDEs and evaluates Fidelity, Utility, Diversity.	×	0.03
TabDDPM [8] 2023 ICML Synthesis (single, generic) uses DDPM+MLD and evaluates Fidelity, Utility, Privacy.	×	0.03
CoDi [34] 2023 ICML Synthesis (single, generic) uses DDPM+MLD and evaluates Utility, Diversity.	×	0.02
AutoDiff [33] 2023 NeurIPSW Synthesis (single, generic) uses Any and evaluates Fidelity, Utility, Privacy.	×	0.03
MissDiff [76] 2023 ICMLW Synthesis (single, generic) uses SDEs and evaluates Fidelity.	×	0.01

References

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- <http://arxiv.org/abs/2312.01688v1>
- <http://arxiv.org/abs/2502.17119v2>