Are Transformers Effective for Time Series Forecasting?

Введение: о чем вообще статья

- О том как предсказывают временные ряды
- Какую роль играют здесь трансформеры
- Насколько они эффективны
- Сравнение их с новым методом
- Ответ на вопрос "Эффективны ли трансформеры для временных рядов?"

План доклада

- Какие есть способы предсказания временных рядов
- Проблемы трансформеров для временных рядов
- Как сейчас трансформеры работают с временными рядами
- Новой подход от авторов статьи
- Эксперименты
- Выводы

Как предсказывают временные ряды:

- Статистические методы
- Классический ML
- Трансформеры

Трансформеры: сила и слабость

Механизм внимания:

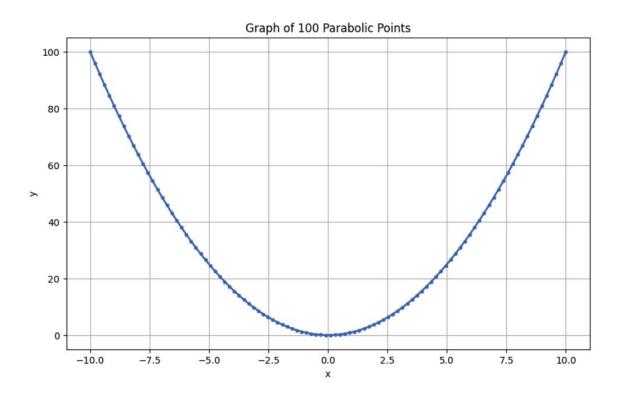
Отличные результаты в NLP и CV

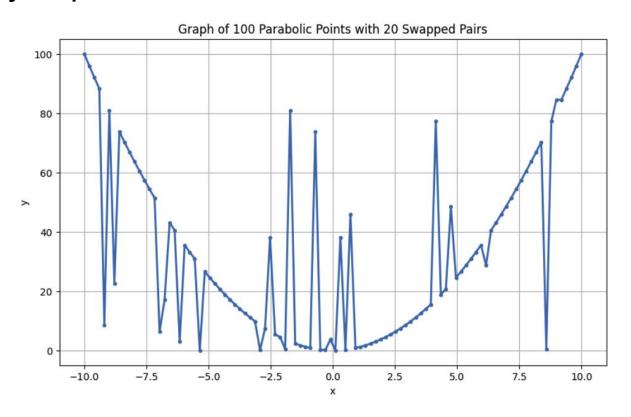
- Инвариантность к перестановкам

С этим пытаются бороться через positional encoding Но все равно часть информации теряется



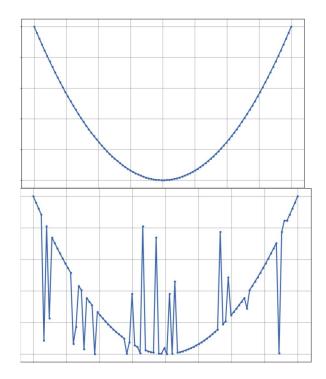










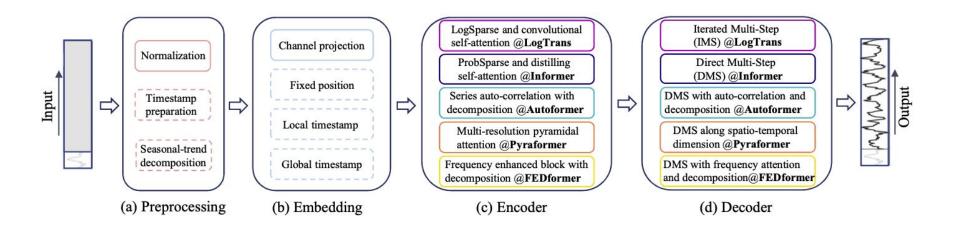


К чему пришли

Трансформеры хоть и крутые, но не учитывают порядок

А порядок нам важен

Существующие методы трансформеров для ВР



LTSF linear

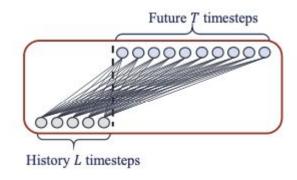


Figure 2. Illustration of the basic linear model.

$$\hat{X}_i = WX_i$$
, where $W \in \mathbb{R}^{T imes L}$

- DLinear

С декомпозицей на тренд и сезонность в начале

- NLinear

С нормализацией в начале

9 датасетов

- Транспорт
- Электричество
- Погода
- Финансы и другие

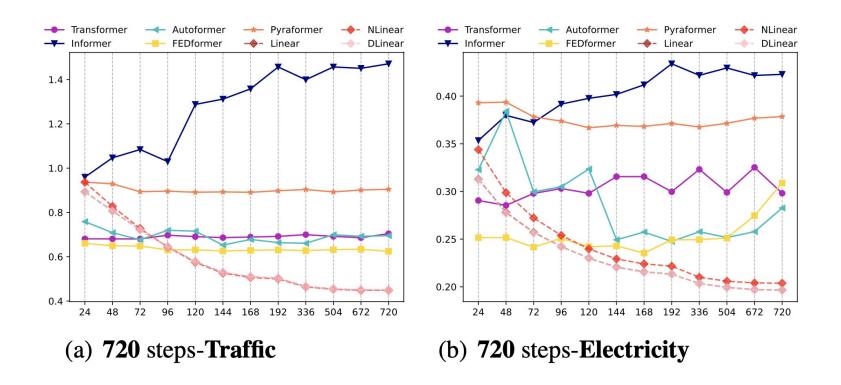
Метрики: MAE и MSE

Сравниваемые модели

- FEDformer
- Autoformer
- Informer
- Pyraformer
- LogTrans
- Closet Repeat
- DLinear
- NLinear

| Met | hods | IMP. | Lin | ear* | NLin | ear* | DLir | near* | FED | former | Autof | ormer | Info | rmer | Pyrafo | rmer* | Log | Trans | Rep | eat* |
|-------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Me | etric | MSE | MSE | MAE | MSE | MAE | MSE | MAE | MSE | MAE | MSE | MAE | MSE | MAE | MSE | MAE | MSE | MAE | MSE | MAE |
| È | 96 | 27.40% | 0.140 | 0.237 | 0.141 | 0.237 | 0.140 | 0.237 | 0.193 | 0.308 | 0.201 | 0.317 | 0.274 | 0.368 | 0.386 | 0.449 | 0.258 | 0.357 | 1.588 | 0.946 |
| Electricity | 192 | 23.88% | 0.153 | 0.250 | 0.154 | 0.248 | 0.153 | 0.249 | 0.201 | 0.315 | 0.222 | 0.334 | 0.296 | 0.386 | 0.386 | 0.443 | 0.266 | 0.368 | 1.595 | 0.950 |
| SC. | 336 | 21.02% | 0.169 | 0.268 | 0.171 | 0.265 | 0.169 | 0.267 | 0.214 | 0.329 | 0.231 | 0.338 | 0.300 | 0.394 | 0.378 | 0.443 | 0.280 | 0.380 | 1.617 | 0.961 |
| 面 | 720 | 17.47% | 0.203 | 0.301 | 0.210 | 0.297 | 0.203 | 0.301 | 0.246 | 0.355 | 0.254 | 0.361 | 0.373 | 0.439 | 0.376 | 0.445 | 0.283 | 0.376 | 1.647 | 0.975 |
| - se | 96 | 45.27% | 0.082 | 0.207 | 0.089 | 0.208 | 0.081 | 0.203 | 0.148 | 0.278 | 0.197 | 0.323 | 0.847 | 0.752 | 0.376 | 1.105 | 0.968 | 0.812 | 0.081 | 0.196 |
| æ | 192 | 42.06% | 0.167 | 0.304 | 0.180 | 0.300 | 0.157 | 0.293 | 0.271 | 0.380 | 0.300 | 0.369 | 1.204 | 0.895 | 1.748 | 1.151 | 1.040 | 0.851 | 0.167 | 0.289 |
| Exchange | 336 | 33.69% | 0.328 | 0.432 | 0.331 | 0.415 | 0.305 | 0.414 | 0.460 | 0.500 | 0.509 | 0.524 | 1.672 | 1.036 | 1.874 | 1.172 | 1.659 | 1.081 | 0.305 | 0.396 |
| 田 | 720 | 46.19% | 0.964 | 0.750 | 1.033 | 0.780 | 0.643 | 0.601 | 1.195 | 0.841 | 1.447 | 0.941 | 2.478 | 1.310 | 1.943 | 1.206 | 1.941 | 1.127 | 0.823 | 0.681 |
| | 96 | 30.15% | 0.410 | 0.282 | 0.410 | 0.279 | 0.410 | 0.282 | 0.587 | 0.366 | 0.613 | 0.388 | 0.719 | 0.391 | 2.085 | 0.468 | 0.684 | 0.384 | 2.723 | 1.079 |
| ξĘ | 192 | 29.96% | 0.423 | 0.287 | 0.423 | 0.284 | 0.423 | 0.287 | 0.604 | 0.373 | 0.616 | 0.382 | 0.696 | 0.379 | 0.867 | 0.467 | 0.685 | 0.390 | 2.756 | 1.087 |
| Traffic | 336 | 29.95% | 0.436 | 0.295 | 0.435 | 0.290 | 0.436 | 0.296 | 0.621 | 0.383 | 0.622 | 0.337 | 0.777 | 0.420 | 0.869 | 0.469 | 0.734 | 0.408 | 2.791 | 1.095 |
| | 720 | 25.87% | 0.466 | 0.315 | 0.464 | 0.307 | 0.466 | 0.315 | 0.626 | 0.382 | 0.660 | 0.408 | 0.864 | 0.472 | 0.881 | 0.473 | 0.717 | 0.396 | 2.811 | 1.097 |
| н. | 96 | 18.89% | 0.176 | 0.236 | 0.182 | 0.232 | 0.176 | 0.237 | 0.217 | 0.296 | 0.266 | 0.336 | 0.300 | 0.384 | 0.896 | 0.556 | 0.458 | 0.490 | 0.259 | 0.254 |
| the | 192 | 21.01% | 0.218 | 0.276 | 0.225 | 0.269 | 0.220 | 0.282 | 0.276 | 0.336 | 0.307 | 0.367 | 0.598 | 0.544 | 0.622 | 0.624 | 0.658 | 0.589 | 0.309 | 0.292 |
| Weather | 336 | 22.71% | 0.262 | 0.312 | 0.271 | 0.301 | 0.265 | 0.319 | 0.339 | 0.380 | 0.359 | 0.395 | 0.578 | 0.523 | 0.739 | 0.753 | 0.797 | 0.652 | 0.377 | 0.338 |
| | 720 | 19.85% | 0.326 | 0.365 | 0.338 | 0.348 | 0.323 | 0.362 | 0.403 | 0.428 | 0.419 | 0.428 | 1.059 | 0.741 | 1.004 | 0.934 | 0.869 | 0.675 | 0.465 | 0.394 |
| | 24 | 47.86% | 1.947 | 0.985 | 1.683 | 0.858 | 2.215 | 1.081 | 3.228 | 1.260 | 3.483 | 1.287 | 5.764 | 1.677 | 1.420 | 2.012 | 4.480 | 1.444 | 6.587 | 1.701 |
| Ξ | 36 | 36.43% | 2.182 | 1.036 | 1.703 | 0.859 | 1.963 | 0.963 | 2.679 | 1.080 | 3.103 | 1.148 | 4.755 | 1.467 | 7.394 | 2.031 | 4.799 | 1.467 | 7.130 | 1.884 |
| н | 48 | 34.43% | 2.256 | 1.060 | 1.719 | 0.884 | 2.130 | 1.024 | 2.622 | 1.078 | 2.669 | 1.085 | 4.763 | 1.469 | 7.551 | 2.057 | 4.800 | 1.468 | 6.575 | 1.798 |
| | 60 | 34.33% | 2.390 | 1.104 | 1.819 | 0.917 | 2.368 | 1.096 | 2.857 | 1.157 | 2.770 | 1.125 | 5.264 | 1.564 | 7.662 | 2.100 | 5.278 | 1.560 | 5.893 | 1.677 |
| _ | 96 | 0.80% | 0.375 | 0.397 | 0.374 | 0.394 | 0.375 | 0.399 | 0.376 | 0.419 | 0.449 | 0.459 | 0.865 | 0.713 | 0.664 | 0.612 | 0.878 | 0.740 | 1.295 | 0.713 |
| ETTh1 | 192 | 3.57% | 0.418 | 0.429 | 0.408 | 0.415 | 0.405 | 0.416 | 0.420 | 0.448 | 0.500 | 0.482 | 1.008 | 0.792 | 0.790 | 0.681 | 1.037 | 0.824 | 1.325 | 0.733 |
| E | 336 | 6.54% | 0.479 | 0.476 | 0.429 | 0.427 | 0.439 | 0.443 | 0.459 | 0.465 | 0.521 | 0.496 | 1.107 | 0.809 | 0.891 | 0.738 | 1.238 | 0.932 | 1.323 | 0.744 |
| 1000 | 720 | 13.04% | 0.624 | 0.592 | 0.440 | 0.453 | 0.472 | 0.490 | 0.506 | 0.507 | 0.514 | 0.512 | 1.181 | 0.865 | 0.963 | 0.782 | 1.135 | 0.852 | 1.339 | 0.756 |
| 2 | 96 | 19.94% | 0.288 | 0.352 | 0.277 | 0.338 | 0.289 | 0.353 | 0.346 | 0.388 | 0.358 | 0.397 | 3.755 | 1.525 | 0.645 | 0.597 | 2.116 | 1.197 | 0.432 | 0.422 |
| ETTh2 | 192 | 19.81% | 0.377 | 0.413 | 0.344 | 0.381 | 0.383 | 0.418 | 0.429 | 0.439 | 0.456 | 0.452 | 5.602 | 1.931 | 0.788 | 0.683 | 4.315 | 1.635 | 0.534 | 0.473 |
| H | 336 | 25.93% | 0.452 | 0.461 | 0.357 | 0.400 | 0.448 | 0.465 | 0.496 | 0.487 | 0.482 | 0.486 | 4.721 | 1.835 | 0.907 | 0.747 | 1.124 | 1.604 | 0.591 | 0.508 |
| 2 | 720 | 14.25% | 0.698 | 0.595 | 0.394 | 0.436 | 0.605 | 0.551 | 0.463 | 0.474 | 0.515 | 0.511 | 3.647 | 1.625 | 0.963 | 0.783 | 3.188 | 1.540 | 0.588 | 0.517 |
| - | 96 | 21.10% | 0.308 | 0.352 | 0.306 | 0.348 | 0.299 | 0.343 | 0.379 | 0.419 | 0.505 | 0.475 | 0.672 | 0.571 | 0.543 | 0.510 | 0.600 | 0.546 | 1.214 | 0.665 |
| ETTm1 | 192 | 21.36% | 0.340 | 0.369 | 0.349 | 0.375 | 0.335 | 0.365 | 0.426 | 0.441 | 0.553 | 0.496 | 0.795 | 0.669 | 0.557 | 0.537 | 0.837 | 0.700 | 1.261 | 0.690 |
| H | 336 | 17.07% | 0.376 | 0.393 | 0.375 | 0.388 | 0.369 | 0.386 | 0.445 | 0.459 | 0.621 | 0.537 | 1.212 | 0.871 | 0.754 | 0.655 | 1.124 | 0.832 | 1.283 | 0.707 |
| | 720 | 21.73% | 0.440 | 0.435 | 0.433 | 0.422 | 0.425 | 0.421 | 0.543 | 0.490 | 0.671 | 0.561 | 1.166 | 0.823 | 0.908 | 0.724 | 1.153 | 0.820 | 1.319 | 0.729 |
| 2 | 96 | 17.73% | 0.168 | 0.262 | 0.167 | 0.255 | 0.167 | 0.260 | 0.203 | 0.287 | 0.255 | 0.339 | 0.365 | 0.453 | 0.435 | 0.507 | 0.768 | 0.642 | 0.266 | 0.328 |
| ETTm2 | 192 | 17.84% | 0.232 | 0.308 | 0.221 | 0.293 | 0.224 | 0.303 | 0.269 | 0.328 | 0.281 | 0.340 | 0.533 | 0.563 | 0.730 | 0.673 | 0.989 | 0.757 | 0.340 | 0.371 |
| ET | 336 | 15.69% | 0.320 | 0.373 | 0.274 | 0.327 | 0.281 | 0.342 | 0.325 | 0.366 | 0.339 | 0.372 | 1.363 | 0.887 | 1.201 | 0.845 | 1.334 | 0.872 | 0.412 | 0.410 |
| 62.0 | 720 | 12.58% | 0.413 | 0.435 | 0.368 | 0.384 | 0.397 | 0.421 | 0.421 | 0.415 | 0.433 | 0.432 | 3.379 | 1.338 | 3.625 | 1.451 | 3.048 | 1.328 | 0.521 | 0.465 |

| Me | thods | IMP. | Lin | ear* | NLir | near* | DLi | near* | FED | former | Autof | ormer | Info | rmer | Pyrafo | ormer* | Log | Trans | Rep | eat* |
|-------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| M | etric | MSE | MSE | MAE | MSE | MAE | MSE | MAE | MSE | MAE | MSE | MAE | MSE | MAE | MSE | MAE | MSE | MAE | MSE | MAE |
| -5 | 96 | 27.40% | 0.140 | 0.237 | 0.141 | 0.237 | 0.140 | 0.237 | 0.193 | 0.308 | 0.201 | 0.317 | 0.274 | 0.368 | 0.386 | 0.449 | 0.258 | 0.357 | 1.588 | 0.946 |
| Electricity | 192 | 23.88% | 0.153 | 0.250 | 0.154 | 0.248 | 0.153 | 0.249 | 0.201 | 0.315 | 0.222 | 0.334 | 0.296 | 0.386 | 0.386 | 0.443 | 0.266 | 0.368 | 1.595 | 0.950 |
| cc | 336 | 21.02% | 0.169 | 0.268 | 0.171 | 0.265 | 0.169 | 0.267 | 0.214 | 0.329 | 0.231 | 0.338 | 0.300 | 0.394 | 0.378 | 0.443 | 0.280 | 0.380 | 1.617 | 0.961 |
| Ξ | 720 | 17.47% | 0.203 | 0.301 | 0.210 | 0.297 | 0.203 | 0.301 | 0.246 | 0.355 | 0.254 | 0.361 | 0.373 | 0.439 | 0.376 | 0.445 | 0.283 | 0.376 | 1.647 | 0.975 |
| - Se | 96 | 45.27% | 0.082 | 0.207 | 0.089 | 0.208 | 0.081 | 0.203 | 0.148 | 0.278 | 0.197 | 0.323 | 0.847 | 0.752 | 0.376 | 1.105 | 0.968 | 0.812 | 0.081 | 0.196 |
| ang | 192 | 42.06% | 0.167 | 0.304 | 0.180 | 0.300 | 0.157 | 0.293 | 0.271 | 0.380 | 0.300 | 0.369 | 1.204 | 0.895 | 1.748 | 1.151 | 1.040 | 0.851 | 0.167 | 0.289 |
| Exchange | 336 | 33.69% | 0.328 | 0.432 | 0.331 | 0.415 | 0.305 | 0.414 | 0.460 | 0.500 | 0.509 | 0.524 | 1.672 | 1.036 | 1.874 | 1.172 | 1.659 | 1.081 | 0.305 | 0.396 |
| Щ | 720 | 46.19% | 0.964 | 0.750 | 1.033 | 0.780 | 0.643 | 0.601 | 1.195 | 0.841 | 1.447 | 0.941 | 2.478 | 1.310 | 1.943 | 1.206 | 1.941 | 1.127 | 0.823 | 0.681 |
| | 96 | 30.15% | 0.410 | 0.282 | 0.410 | 0.279 | 0.410 | 0.282 | 0.587 | 0.366 | 0.613 | 0.388 | 0.719 | 0.391 | 2.085 | 0.468 | 0.684 | 0.384 | 2.723 | 1.079 |
| Traffic | 192 | 29.96% | 0.423 | 0.287 | 0.423 | 0.284 | 0.423 | 0.287 | 0.604 | 0.373 | 0.616 | 0.382 | 0.696 | 0.379 | 0.867 | 0.467 | 0.685 | 0.390 | 2.756 | 1.087 |
| Tra | 336 | 29.95% | 0.436 | 0.295 | 0.435 | 0.290 | 0.436 | 0.296 | 0.621 | 0.383 | 0.622 | 0.337 | 0.777 | 0.420 | 0.869 | 0.469 | 0.734 | 0.408 | 2.791 | 1.095 |
| | 720 | 25.87% | 0.466 | 0.315 | 0.464 | 0.307 | 0.466 | 0.315 | 0.626 | 0.382 | 0.660 | 0.408 | 0.864 | 0.472 | 0.881 | 0.473 | 0.717 | 0.396 | 2.811 | 1.097 |
| 7 | 96 | 18.89% | 0.176 | 0.236 | 0.182 | 0.232 | 0.176 | 0.237 | 0.217 | 0.296 | 0.266 | 0.336 | 0.300 | 0.384 | 0.896 | 0.556 | 0.458 | 0.490 | 0.259 | 0.254 |
| Weather | 192 | 21.01% | 0.218 | 0.276 | 0.225 | 0.269 | 0.220 | 0.282 | 0.276 | 0.336 | 0.307 | 0.367 | 0.598 | 0.544 | 0.622 | 0.624 | 0.658 | 0.589 | 0.309 | 0.292 |
| Š | 336 | 22.71% | 0.262 | 0.312 | 0.271 | 0.301 | 0.265 | 0.319 | 0.339 | 0.380 | 0.359 | 0.395 | 0.578 | 0.523 | 0.739 | 0.753 | 0.797 | 0.652 | 0.377 | 0.338 |
| | 720 | 19.85% | 0.326 | 0.365 | 0.338 | 0.348 | 0.323 | 0.362 | 0.403 | 0.428 | 0.419 | 0.428 | 1.059 | 0.741 | 1.004 | 0.934 | 0.869 | 0.675 | 0.465 | 0.394 |
| | 24 | 47.86% | 1.947 | 0.985 | 1.683 | 0.858 | 2.215 | 1.081 | 3.228 | 1.260 | 3.483 | 1.287 | 5.764 | 1.677 | 1.420 | 2.012 | 4.480 | 1.444 | 6.587 | 1.701 |
| ILI | 36 | 36.43% | 2.182 | 1.036 | 1.703 | 0.859 | 1.963 | 0.963 | 2.679 | 1.080 | 3.103 | 1.148 | 4.755 | 1.467 | 7.394 | 2.031 | 4.799 | 1.467 | 7.130 | 1.884 |
| _ | 48 | 34.43% | 2.256 | 1.060 | 1.719 | 0.884 | 2.130 | 1.024 | 2.622 | 1.078 | 2.669 | 1.085 | 4.763 | 1.469 | 7.551 | 2.057 | 4.800 | 1.468 | 6.575 | 1.798 |
| | 60 | 34.33% | 2.390 | 1.104 | 1.819 | 0.917 | 2.368 | 1.096 | 2.857 | 1.157 | 2.770 | 1.125 | 5.264 | 1.564 | 7.662 | 2.100 | 5.278 | 1.560 | 5.893 | 1.677 |
| _ | 96 | 0.80% | 0.375 | 0.397 | 0.374 | 0.394 | 0.375 | 0.399 | 0.376 | 0.419 | 0.449 | 0.459 | 0.865 | 0.713 | 0.664 | 0.612 | 0.878 | 0.740 | 1.295 | 0.713 |
| ETTh1 | 192 | 3.57% | 0.418 | 0.429 | 0.408 | 0.415 | 0.405 | 0.416 | 0.420 | 0.448 | 0.500 | 0.482 | 1.008 | 0.792 | 0.790 | 0.681 | 1.037 | 0.824 | 1.325 | 0.733 |
| EI | 336 | 6.54% | 0.479 | 0.476 | 0.429 | 0.427 | 0.439 | 0.443 | 0.459 | 0.465 | 0.521 | 0.496 | 1.107 | 0.809 | 0.891 | 0.738 | 1.238 | 0.932 | 1.323 | 0.744 |
| 100000 | 720 | 13.04% | 0.624 | 0.592 | 0.440 | 0.453 | 0.472 | 0.490 | 0.506 | 0.507 | 0.514 | 0.512 | 1.181 | 0.865 | 0.963 | 0.782 | 1.135 | 0.852 | 1.339 | 0.756 |
| 7 | 96 | 19.94% | 0.288 | 0.352 | 0.277 | 0.338 | 0.289 | 0.353 | 0.346 | 0.388 | 0.358 | 0.397 | 3.755 | 1.525 | 0.645 | 0.597 | 2.116 | 1.197 | 0.432 | 0.422 |
| ETTh2 | 192 | 19.81% | 0.377 | 0.413 | 0.344 | 0.381 | 0.383 | 0.418 | 0.429 | 0.439 | 0.456 | 0.452 | 5.602 | 1.931 | 0.788 | 0.683 | 4.315 | 1.635 | 0.534 | 0.473 |
| Ξ | 336 | 25.93% | 0.452 | 0.461 | 0.357 | 0.400 | 0.448 | 0.465 | 0.496 | 0.487 | 0.482 | 0.486 | 4.721 | 1.835 | 0.907 | 0.747 | 1.124 | 1.604 | 0.591 | 0.508 |
| | 720 | 14.25% | 0.698 | 0.595 | 0.394 | 0.436 | 0.605 | 0.551 | 0.463 | 0.474 | 0.515 | 0.511 | 3.647 | 1.625 | 0.963 | 0.783 | 3.188 | 1.540 | 0.588 | 0.517 |
| = | 96 | 21.10% | 0.308 | 0.352 | 0.306 | 0.348 | 0.299 | 0.343 | 0.379 | 0.419 | 0.505 | 0.475 | 0.672 | 0.571 | 0.543 | 0.510 | 0.600 | 0.546 | 1.214 | 0.665 |
| ETTm1 | 192 | 21.36% | 0.340 | 0.369 | 0.349 | 0.375 | 0.335 | 0.365 | 0.426 | 0.441 | 0.553 | 0.496 | 0.795 | 0.669 | 0.557 | 0.537 | 0.837 | 0.700 | 1.261 | 0.690 |
| ET | 336 | 17.07% | 0.376 | 0.393 | 0.375 | 0.388 | 0.369 | 0.386 | 0.445 | 0.459 | 0.621 | 0.537 | 1.212 | 0.871 | 0.754 | 0.655 | 1.124 | 0.832 | 1.283 | 0.707 |
| - | 720 | 21.73% | 0.440 | 0.435 | 0.433 | 0.422 | 0.425 | 0.421 | 0.543 | 0.490 | 0.671 | 0.561 | 1.166 | 0.823 | 0.908 | 0.724 | 1.153 | 0.820 | 1.319 | 0.729 |
| 12 | 96 | 17.73% | 0.168 | 0.262 | 0.167 | 0.255 | 0.167 | 0.260 | 0.203 | 0.287 | 0.255 | 0.339 | 0.365 | 0.453 | 0.435 | 0.507 | 0.768 | 0.642 | 0.266 | 0.328 |
| ETTm2 | 192 | 17.84% | 0.232 | 0.308 | 0.221 | 0.293 | 0.224 | 0.303 | 0.269 | 0.328 | 0.281 | 0.340 | 0.533 | 0.563 | 0.730 | 0.673 | 0.989 | 0.757 | 0.340 | 0.371 |
| ET | 336 | 15.69% | 0.320 | 0.373 | 0.274 | 0.327 | 0.281 | 0.342 | 0.325 | 0.366 | 0.339 | 0.372 | 1.363 | 0.887 | 1.201 | 0.845 | 1.334 | 0.872 | 0.412 | 0.410 |
| _ | 720 | 12.58% | 0.413 | 0.435 | 0.368 | 0.384 | 0.397 | 0.421 | 0.421 | 0.415 | 0.433 | 0.432 | 3.379 | 1.338 | 3.625 | 1.451 | 3.048 | 1.328 | 0.521 | 0.465 |



К чему пришли

Простые линейные методы во многих случая достаточно хорошо обыгрывают трансформеры

Почему так происходит

Дальше попытаемся понять почему трансформеры проигрывает и что на это влияет

Обсудим

- Attention
- Порядок переменных во входных данных
- Насколько эффективны различные embeddings
- Может дело в малом количестве данных

Эксперименты с вниманием

| Met | thods | Informer | AttLinear | Embed + Linear | Linear |
|----------|-------|----------|-----------|----------------|--------|
| ge | 96 | 0.847 | 1.003 | 0.173 | 0.084 |
| lan | 192 | 1.204 | 0.979 | 0.443 | 0.155 |
| Exchange | 336 | 1.672 | 1.498 | 1.288 | 0.301 |
| 田 | 720 | 2.478 | 2.102 | 2.026 | 0.763 |
| | 96 | 0.865 | 0.613 | 0.454 | 0.400 |
| ľĥ | 192 | 1.008 | 0.759 | 0.686 | 0.438 |
| ET | 336 | 1.107 | 0.921 | 0.821 | 0.479 |
| | 720 | 1.181 | 0.902 | 1.051 | 0.515 |

Table 4. The MSE comparisons of gradually transforming Informer to a Linear from the left to right columns. *Att.-Linear* is a structure that replaces each attention layer with a linear layer. *Embed* + *Linear* is to drop other designs and only keeps embedding layers and a linear layer. The look-back window size is 96.

Эксперименты с перемешиванием

| 8 | Methods | | Linear | | | FEDformer | | | Autoform | er | Informer | | |
|---------|----------------|-------|--------|----------|-------|-----------|----------|-------|----------|----------|----------|--------|----------|
| P | Predict Length | | Shuf. | Half-Ex. | Ori. | Shuf. | Half-Ex. | Ori. | Shuf. | Half-Ex. | Ori. | Shuf. | Half-Ex. |
| ge | 96 | 0.080 | 0.133 | 0.169 | 0.161 | 0.160 | 0.162 | 0.152 | 0.158 | 0.160 | 0.952 | 1.004 | 0.959 |
| xchange | 192 | 0.162 | 0.208 | 0.243 | 0.274 | 0.275 | 0.275 | 0.278 | 0.271 | 0.277 | 1.012 | 1.023 | 1.014 |
| xch | 336 | 0.286 | 0.320 | 0.345 | 0.439 | 0.439 | 0.439 | 0.435 | 0.430 | 0.435 | 1.177 | 1.181 | 1.177 |
| 田 | 720 | 0.806 | 0.819 | 0.836 | 1.122 | 1.122 | 1.122 | 1.113 | 1.113 | 1.113 | 1.198 | 1.210 | 1.196 |
| | Average Drop | N/A | 27.26% | 46.81% | N/A | -0.09% | 0.20% | N/A | 0.09% | 1.12% | N/A | -0.12% | -0.18% |
| | 96 | 0.395 | 0.824 | 0.431 | 0.376 | 0.753 | 0.405 | 0.455 | 0.838 | 0.458 | 0.974 | 0.971 | 0.971 |
| Th1 | 192 | 0.447 | 0.824 | 0.471 | 0.419 | 0.730 | 0.436 | 0.486 | 0.774 | 0.491 | 1.233 | 1.232 | 1.231 |
| EŢ | 336 | 0.490 | 0.825 | 0.505 | 0.447 | 0.736 | 0.453 | 0.496 | 0.752 | 0.497 | 1.693 | 1.693 | 1.691 |
| | 720 | 0.520 | 0.846 | 0.528 | 0.468 | 0.720 | 0.470 | 0.525 | 0.696 | 0.524 | 2.720 | 2.716 | 2.715 |
| | Average Drop | N/A | 81.06% | 4.78% | N/A | 73.28% | 3.44% | N/A | 56.91% | 0.46% | N/A | 1.98% | 0.18% |

Table 5. The MSE comparisons of models when shuffling the raw input sequence. *Shuf.* randomly shuffles the input sequence. *Half-EX*. randomly exchanges the first half of the input sequences with the second half. Average Drop is the average performance drop under all forecasting lengths after shuffling. All results are the average test MSE of five runs.

Эксперименты с embeddings

| Methods | Embaddina | Traffic | | | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|
| Methods | Embedding | 96 | 192 | 336 | 720 | | | |
| J | All | 0.597 | 0.606 | 0.627 | 0.649 | | | |
| FEDformer | wo/Pos. | 0.587 | 0.604 | 0.621 | 0.626 | | | |
| reprofile | wo/Temp. | 0.613 | 0.623 | 0.650 | 0.677 | | | |
| | wo/PosTemp. | 0.613 | 0.622 | 0.648 | 0.663 | | | |
| | All | 0.629 | 0.647 | 0.676 | 0.638 | | | |
| Autoformer | wo/Pos. | 0.613 | 0.616 | 0.622 | 0.660 | | | |
| Autorornier | wo/Temp. | 0.681 | 0.665 | 0.908 | 0.769 | | | |
| | wo/PosTemp. | 0.672 | 0.811 | 1.133 | 1.300 | | | |
| | All | 0.719 | 0.696 | 0.777 | 0.864 | | | |
| Informer | wo/Pos. | 1.035 | 1.186 | 1.307 | 1.472 | | | |
| momen | wo/Temp. | 0.754 | 0.780 | 0.903 | 1.259 | | | |
| | wo/PosTemp. | 1.038 | 1.351 | 1.491 | 1.512 | | | |

Table 6. The MSE comparisons of different embedding strategies on Transformer-based methods with look-back window size 96 and forecasting lengths {96, 192, 336, 720}.

Эксперименты с количеством данных

| Methods | FEDf | ormer | Autoformer | | | |
|---------|-------|-------|------------|-------|--|--|
| Dataset | Ori. | Short | Ori. | Short | | |
| 96 | 0.587 | 0.568 | 0.613 | 0.594 | | |
| 192 | 0.604 | 0.584 | 0.616 | 0.621 | | |
| 336 | 0.621 | 0.601 | 0.622 | 0.621 | | |
| 720 | 0.626 | 0.608 | 0.660 | 0.650 | | |

Table 7. The MSE comparison of two training data sizes.

Выводы

- Механизм внимания мало полезен в данной задаче
- Трансформеры действительно не учитывают порядок
- Эмбэдинги не помогают решить это
- Количество данных не является ограничивающим фактором

Что сегодня обсудили

- Почему важен порядок элементов и посмотрели на енота
- Как трансформеры работают с временными рядами
- Новый линейный метод предсказания
- Сравнили его с трансформерами
- Сложный механизм внимания только мешает в этой задче
- Посмотрели, что трансформеры действительно не учитывают порядок
- Эмбэдинги не помогают с этим
- Количество данных не является основной причиной

Выводы

Главная цель стать не в новом методе, а том чтобы показать что трансформеры неэффективны для предсказания временных рядов

Выводы

Ответ на вопрос

"Are Transformers Effective for Time Series Forecasting?"

Не очень, так как они

- Не учитывают порядок в данных и это нельзя исправить
- Они слишком сложные