Neural temporal point process for modeling laboratory measurements in ICU

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***Abstract*— It is very well accepted that missingness in electronic health records (EHRs) are not at random which is regarded as informative missingness. The clinician's decision on when to observe lab tests over time can be modeled using point processes. We propose a novel framework based on neural point process to analyze laboratory tests of ICU patients. This framework can take into account additional information for better characterization of conditional intensity function (CIF) as well as better accuracy in prediction of future timestamp and labels.**

***Index Terms*— point process, Electronic Health Records (EHR),**

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Event sequence data consists of N sequences $\{\mathcal{S}_i\}_{i=1}^{N}$, where each sequence $\mathcal{S}_i$ is a series of L_i events $\{(t_j, e_j)\}_{j=1}^{L_i}$. Here, e_j represents events that could be independent our mutually exclusive occurring at t_i.

In addition to the event data, we might have additional information $\{\mathcal{D}_i\}_{i=1}^{N}$. Suppose that each state is represented as $\{(t_k, v_k, m_k)\}_{k=1}^{P_i}$, consisting of a time value $t_k \in \mathbb{R}^+$, an observed value $z_k \in \mathbb{R}$ and a modality indicator $m_k \in \{1, ..., M\}$.

A. Event Encoder

We use a similar transformer architecture [thp] for encoding events. The advantage of the attention mechanism is that it discards recurrent architecture. it is necessary to include temporal information. Similar to the original positional encoding [vaswani], we use a temporal encoding procedure:

$$[z(t_j)]_k = \begin{cases} \sin\left(\frac{t_j}{\mathcal{T}^{(k-1)/d_t}}\right) & \text{if } k \text{ is odd} \\ \sin\left(\frac{t_j}{\mathcal{T}^{k/d_t}}\right) & \text{if } k \text{ is even} \end{cases} \tag{1}$$

Here, $d_t \in \mathbb{N}$ is the dimensionality of encoded timestamp and $z \in \mathbb{R}^{d_t}$ is the embeding vector of timestamp.

Each event mark e_j is projected to a sparse binary vector representation. We add an embedding layer to achieve a more compact and efficient representation emb. Here, w and b are weights and biases of the embedding layer which can be learned during network training.

While previous works suggested adding temporal encoding to the embedded events, we propose to concatenate these two vectors. The effectiveness of this concatenation is further investigated in the results.

$$x_{emb} = [y(k_j), z(t_j)] \tag{2}$$

Now that the x_{emb} is ready for encoding, it is encoded through a standard transformer encoder with multiple layers and attention heads.

$$x_{enc} = TE(x_{emb}) \tag{3}$$

B. State Encoder

Here, we propose a method to incorporate additional information for a better representation. In healthcare, much data is available from different modalities such as vital signs and laboratory values.

Similar to [setF], we use an attention-based aggregation approach for encoding all additional information. Each side information (t_k, v_k, m_k) can be represented by $s_k = (z(t_k), v_k, m_k)$. we define attention $a(\mathcal{S}_k, s_k)$

We define $\mathcal{S}_p$ to be the set of the first p available information. The goal is to calculate $a(\mathcal{S}_p, s_k), k \leq p$ that is the relevance of k-th observation s_k to the first p observed values $\mathcal{S}_p$. This is achieved by computing an embedding of the set elements using a smaller set functions f', and projecting the concatenation of the set representation and the individual set element into d-dimensional space:

$$f'(a\mathcal{S}_p) = g'\left(\frac{1}{p}\sum_{s_k \in \mathcal{S}_p} h'_\theta(s_k)\right)$$
$$K_p = [f'(\mathcal{S}_p), s_p]^T W^K$$

Furthermore, we define a query vector $w^q \in \mathbb{R}^d$, which allow the model to summarize different aspects of the dataset via

$$e_p = \frac{K_p . w^q}{\sqrt{d}}$$

Now, the desired attention can be computed as follows:

$$a(\mathcal{S}_p, s_k) = \frac{\exp(e_p)}{\sum_{k \leq p} \exp(e_k)}$$

Finally, we compute a weighted aggregation of set elements:

$$f(\mathcal{S}_p) = g_\psi\left(\sum_{s_k \in \mathcal{S}_p} a(\mathcal{S}_p, s_k) h_\theta(s_k)\right)$$

All formulas are:

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$$\begin{cases} f'(\mathcal{S}_p) = g'\left(\frac{1}{p}\sum_{s_k\in\mathcal{S}_p} h'_\theta(s_k)\right) \\ K_p = [f'(\mathcal{S}_p), s_p]^T W^K \\ e_p = \frac{K_p . w^q}{\sqrt{d}} \\ a(\mathcal{S}_p, s_k) = \frac{\exp(e_p)}{\sum_{k\le p}\exp(e_k)} \\ f(\mathcal{S}_p) = \sum_{s_k\in\mathcal{S}_p} a(\mathcal{S}_p, s_k) h_\theta(s_k) \\ z_p = g_\psi\left(f(\mathcal{S}_p)\right) \end{cases}$$

V. Experiments

Datasets

Physionet 2019 Sepsis Early Prediction Challenge . This is a dataset contains clinical data of about 40k patients in ICU. Clinical data consist of demographics, vital signs and laboratory values as well as sepsis label in a one-hour time grid. Our objective is to predict the timestamp of next lab sampling events as well as measured variables (event marks) given the patient history. fsdfs.

Baselines

VI. Results and Discussion

VII. Conclusion

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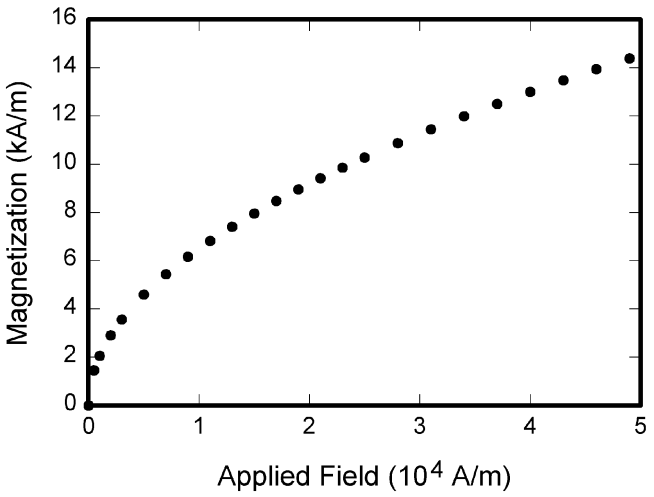

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TABLE I
Units for Magnetic Properties

Symbol	Quantity	Conversion from Gaussian and CGS EMU to SI [a]
Φ	magnetic flux	1 Mx $\rightarrow 10^{-8}$ Wb $= 10^{-8}$ V·s
B	magnetic flux density, magnetic induction	1 G $\rightarrow 10^{-4}$ T $= 10^{-4}$ Wb/m^2
H	magnetic field strength	1 Oe $\rightarrow 10^3/(4\pi)$ A/m
m	magnetic moment	1 erg/G $=$ 1 emu $\rightarrow 10^{-3}$ A·m$^2 = 10^{-3}$ J/T
M	magnetization	1 erg/(G·cm^3) $=$ 1 emu/cm^3 $\rightarrow 10^3$ A/m
$4\pi M$	magnetization	1 G $\rightarrow 10^3/(4\pi)$ A/m
σ	specific magnetization	1 erg/(G·g) $=$ 1 emu/g $\rightarrow$ 1 A·m^2/kg
j	magnetic dipole moment	1 erg/G $=$ 1 emu $\rightarrow 4\pi \times 10^{-10}$ Wb·m
J	magnetic polarization	1 erg/(G·cm^3) $=$ 1 emu/cm^3 $\rightarrow 4\pi \times 10^{-4}$ T
χ, κ	susceptibility	$1 \rightarrow 4\pi$
χ_ρ	mass susceptibility	1 cm^3/g $\rightarrow 4\pi \times 10^{-3}$ m^3/kg
μ	permeability	$1 \rightarrow 4\pi \times 10^{-7}$ H/m $= 4\pi \times 10^{-7}$ Wb/(A·m)
μ_r	relative permeability	$\mu \rightarrow \mu_r$
w, W	energy density	1 erg/cm^3 $\rightarrow 10^{-1}$ J/m^3
N, D	demagnetizing factor	$1 \rightarrow 1/(4\pi)$

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