Automated Detection of Pneumonia Using Deep Learning on Chest X-Ray Images

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Executive Summary

Pneumonia is a significant health challenge globally, with high mortality rates,

particularly in resource-limited regions. This report explores the application of deep learning,

specifically Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), to automate pneumonia detection using chest X-ray images.

The study highlights key achievements, including 92% precision for detection, challenges such as dataset limitations,

and the potential for practical deployment through a web-based interface.

1. Introduction

Pneumonia causes millions of deaths annually, disproportionately impacting children and the elderly.

In many areas, limited access to skilled radiologists hinders early diagnosis. The adoption of CNN-based diagnostic tools

offers a transformative solution, providing automated, accurate, and rapid evaluations of chest X-rays.

2. Literature Review

The use of machine learning in medical imaging has gained traction over the past decade.

Previous studies, such as those by Rajpurkar et al. (2017) and Smith et al. (2019), have demonstrated the efficiency of CNN-based models.

However, challenges persist, including imbalanced datasets, high computational demands, and

limited explainability.

This report builds on these insights to develop an optimized model integrated with a practical deployment framework.

3. Methodology

Dataset and Preprocessing

- Dataset: 5,863 chest X-ray images (Normal: 1,583, Bacterial Pneumonia: 2,780, Viral Pneumonia: 1,500).
- Preprocessing: Images were resized, standardized, and augmented using methods like rotation, flipping, and zooming.

Model Design and Training

- Model: ResNet50 chosen for superior results compared to VGG16.
- Configuration: Adam optimizer, 0.001 learning rate, batch size of 32, and 50 epochs.

Training and Testing

- Data split: 70% training, 20% validation, 10% testing.
- Tools: Model training was performed using an NVIDIA GPU.

4. Results and Findings

The model achieved the following performance metrics:

- Accuracy: 92%
- Precision: 90%
- Recall: 94%

The performance of ResNet50 outperformed VGG16 significantly.

5. Discussion

Challenges

1. Dataset Limitations: Insufficient diversity in images, limiting generalization.
2. Technical Issues: Potential for overfitting and deployment challenges in resource-limited areas.
3. Ethical Concerns: Patient privacy and algorithmic biases must be addressed.

Use Cases

1. Mobile Diagnostics: Low-resource healthcare settings.
2. Telemedicine: Remote clinician support.
3. Expanded Applications: Diagnosing tuberculosis and other pulmonary diseases.

6. Recommendations

1. Expand datasets to include diverse populations.
2. Incorporate explainable AI to enhance model transparency.
3. Explore scalable deployment methods in clinical environments.

7. Conclusion

This study demonstrates the significant potential of deep learning for pneumonia detection.

By integrating ResNet50 with a web-based interface, the project showcases a scalable solution for resource-limited

healthcare environments. Future directions include enhancing dataset diversity and deploying explainable models for practical applications.

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