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Project title: Finding informative regions in grayscale mammogram images.

Proposal letter successfully covers the intended methodology to automatically locate informative regions in grayscale mammogram images for breast cancer detection and diagnosis. It showcases how this problem is currently handled manually by the radiologists and how it can be time-consuming and subjective, leading to variations in interpretation and potential errors. The proposal also mentions what approaches and techniques such as image processing techniques and machine learning algorithms will be used to enhance the accuracy and efficiency of identifying relevant areas. It also highlights the key point detection algorithms (SIFT, SURF, ORB) which are generally suggested for this type of problems. It also describes how performance evaluation will be conducted.

To highlight **strong parts** of the proposal:

- Objective is clearly defined. The objective of the term paper is well-defined, focusing on developing an approach to identify informative regions in mammogram images for breast cancer detection. This objective aligns with the need for more efficient and accurate diagnosis.
- Methodologically, it is clear how integration of image processing and machine learning will be used. It successfully combines image processing techniques and machine learning algorithms, allowing for a comprehensive analysis of mammogram images and leveraging the strengths of both domains.
- Metrics for evaluating the performance of key point detection algorithms are well covered, such as precision, recall, accuracy, and F1-score, are suggested in the report, along with validation techniques. In addition, the proposal incorporates the use of cross-validation techniques and data separation for purposes of validation.

Things **can be improved** after review of the proposal:

- The proposal talks about the possible risk of not having enough data, which could affect how the suggested method is trained and evaluated. It would be helpful to talk about different ways to get a complete set of data or to suggest possible solutions if getting data becomes hard.
- The proposal briefly mentions the importance of interpretable results, but it could further elaborate on how the proposed method intends to address this challenge. Providing details on visualization techniques or incorporating radiologist feedback (if possible) to ensure the identified informative regions are interpretable could strengthen the approach.

Overall, the original report presents a technically sound proposal for identifying informative regions in grayscale mammogram images. The integration of key point detection algorithms and machine learning techniques demonstrates a strong understanding of computer vision methods. However, improvements are needed in addressing data scarcity, interpretability, ethical considerations, and project timeline and management. By addressing these aspects, the proposal can provide a more comprehensive and well-rounded approach to the research topic.