1. Case study using CNN **for implementing ML Application**

A case study on **CNN-Based Classification of Almond Varieties**

1.1 INTRODUCTION

1.1.1 Problem Statement

Accurate identification of almond varieties is crucial for quality control, pricing, and export in the food industry. Traditionally, this classification is done manually, which is time-consuming, error-prone, and inconsistent due to human judgment.

To overcome these issues, this project aims to build an automated almond variety classifier using **Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)**. The model processes almond images and predicts the correct variety, improving efficiency and reducing human error in classification.

1.1.2 Motivation

The motivation for this project arises from the limitations of existing Speech The need for automation in agriculture is increasing with the growing demand for faster and more accurate processing. Deep learning offers powerful tools for visual classification tasks, and CNNs are particularly effective in capturing subtle image features.

By using techniques like **image preprocessing, data augmentation**, and a **Streamlit-based web interface**, this project provides a scalable and easy-to-use solution for almond classification. It has potential applications in **agriculture, food processing, and export industries**, helping improve productivity and consistency.

1.2 PROPOSED MODEL

1.2.1 Algorithm

The proposed system uses a **Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)** for classifying almond varieties based on their image features. CNNs are highly effective for image recognition tasks due to their ability to automatically learn spatial hierarchies of features.

Steps Involved in the Algorithm:-

Step 1: **Data Collection**

- Almond images are collected and organized into folders by variety (AK, KAPADOKYA, NURLU, SIRA).
- The dataset is stored in a directory structure suitable for ImageDataGenerator loading.

Step 2: **Preprocessing**

- **Resizing**: All images are resized to **128×128×3** dimensions.
- **Rescaling**: Pixel values are normalized from [0–255] to [0–1] for stable training.
- **Splitting**: Dataset is split into training and validation sets (typically 80:20).

Step 3: **Data Augmentation**

- To improve generalization and prevent overfitting:
- Horizontal Flipping
- Zooming
- Rotation

- Shifting

Step 4:**CNN Architecture**

The CNN model is defined as:

- **Conv2D Layer 1**: 32 filters, 3×3 kernel, ReLU activation
- **MaxPooling2D**: Downsamples features
- **Conv2D Layer 2**: 64 filters, 3×3 kernel, ReLU activation
- MaxPooling2D
- Flatten
- **Dense**: 128 neurons, ReLU
- **Dense**: Output layer with **Softmax** for multi-class prediction Step 5:

Compilation and Training

- **Loss Function**: Categorical Crossentropy
- **Optimizer**: Adam (adaptive learning rate)
- **Metric**: Accuracy
- **Epochs**: Typically trained over 10–20 epochs

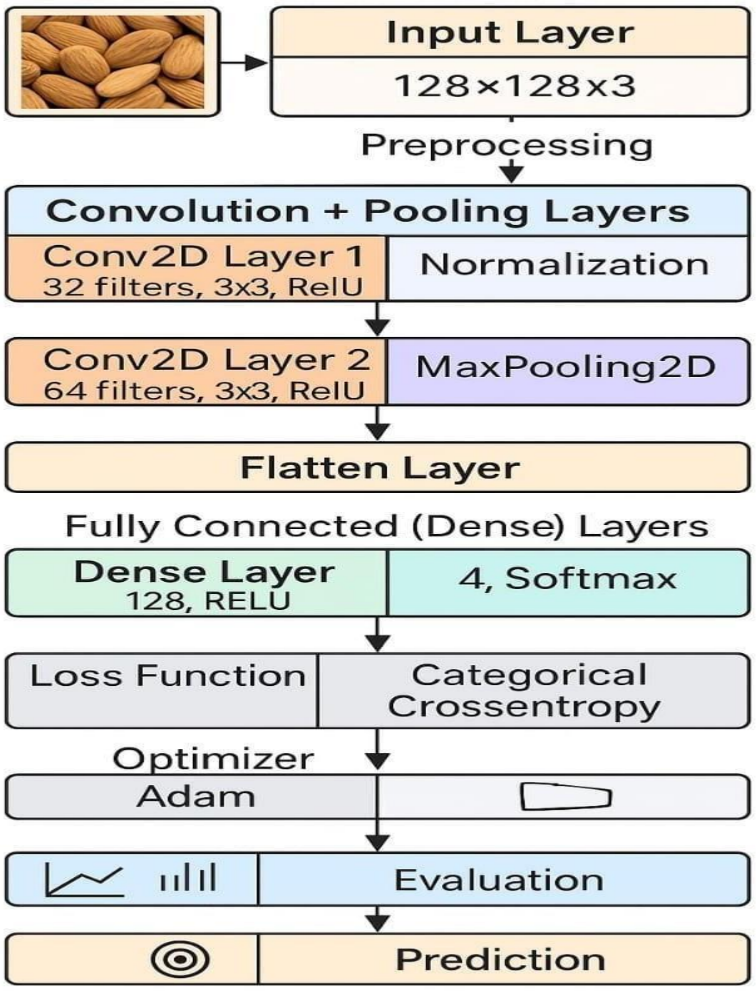
Step 6: Model Evaluation

- Evaluated using metrics like **Accuracy, Precision, Recall, Confusion Matrix**
- A separate script (evaluate.py) is used to assess model performance on the test set

Step 7: Deployment

- The trained model is deployed via **Streamlit** for real-time predictions.
- Users can upload an image and receive the predicted almond variety instantly.

1.2.2 Architecture



1.3 REQUIREMENTS

1.3.1 Software Requirements

Component	Version/Tool
Operating System	Windows 10 / 11 / Linux
Python	3.8+
TensorFlow / Keras	2.8.0+
Streamlit	For building the Web UI
NumPy, Pandas	Latest versions
Matplotlib / Seaborn	For evaluation plots (optional)
Pillow	For image processing
VS Code	For development environment

1.3.2 Hardware Requirements

Processor:Intel i5 or higher / AMD equivalent

RAM: Minimum 8 GB (16 GB recommended for training)

Storage: At least 10 GB of free space

Optional: NVIDIA GPU with CUDA support (for faster model training)

1.3.3 Datasets

Your dataset contains **images of four almond varieties**, organized in subfolders for supervised learning. It was manually curated or obtained from a research/experimental dataset.

Almond Varieties:

- **AK**
- **KAPADOKYA**
- **NURLU**
- **SIRA**

The dataset was structured as:

```
dataset/
├── AK/
├── KAPADOKYA/
├── NURLU/
└── SIRA/
```

- Total Images: ~1550 (approx.)
- Data Split: 80% training, 20% validation

1.4 IMPLEMENTATION

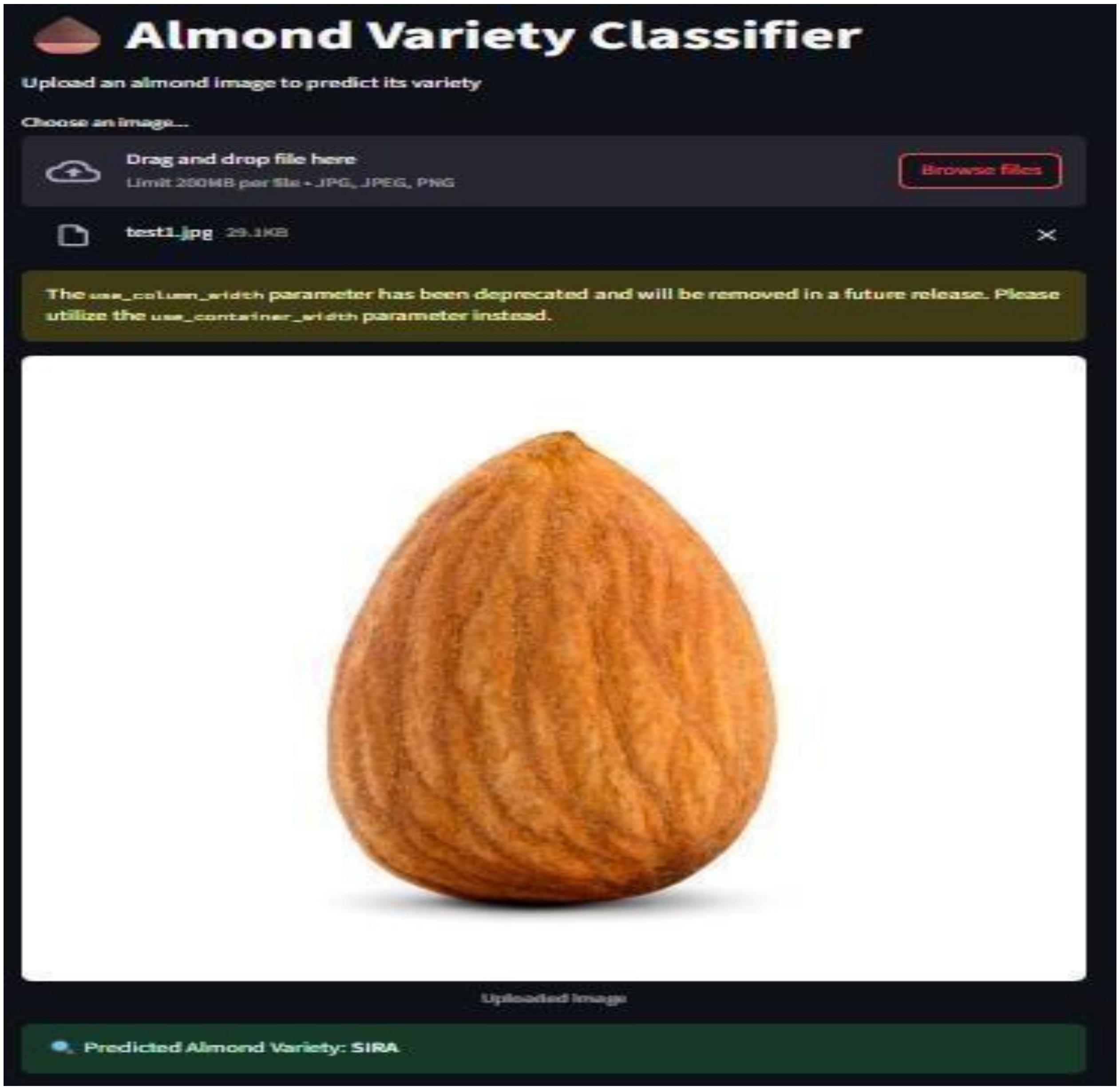
- Imported essential libraries: TensorFlow, Keras, NumPy, Streamlit, PIL, and ImageDataGenerator.
- Loaded almond image dataset with 4 classes: **AK**, **KAPADOKYA**, **NURLU**, **SIRA**.
- Applied preprocessing:
  - Resized images to **128×128**
  - Normalized pixel values from **[0, 255] → [0, 1]**
- Performed **data splitting**:
  - 80% for training
  - 20% for validation using ImageDataGenerator
- Built a **CNN Model** using:
  - Conv2D, MaxPooling2D, Flatten, and Dense layers
- Compiled the model:
  - Optimizer: **Adam**
  - Loss function: **Categorical Crossentropy**
- Trained the model for **10 epochs**
- Saved the trained model as **almond_model.h5**
- Developed a **Streamlit Web App** for real-time almond variety prediction

- Evaluated with: **Accuracy Score,Classification Report** using evaluate.py

1.4.1 Code

```
import os
import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.image import ImageDataGenerator
from tensorflow.keras import layers, models

# Paths
data_dir = "C:/Users/sigal/OneDrive/Desktop/almondclassifier/dataset"
model_save_path = "C:/Users/sigal/OneDrive/Desktop/almondclassifier/models/almond_model.h5"

# Image parameters
IMG_HEIGHT = 128
IMG_WIDTH = 128
BATCH_SIZE = 16
EPOCHS = 10

# Data generator
datagen = ImageDataGenerator(rescale=1./255, validation_split=0.2)

train_data = datagen.flow_from_directory(
    data_dir,
    target_size=(IMG_HEIGHT, IMG_WIDTH),
    batch_size=BATCH_SIZE,
    class_mode='categorical',
    subset='training'
)

val_data = datagen.flow_from_directory(
    data_dir,
    target_size=(IMG_HEIGHT, IMG_WIDTH),
    batch_size=BATCH_SIZE,
    class_mode='categorical',
    subset='validation'
)

# Class names (optional to use later)
class_names = list(train_data.class_indices.keys())
print("Classes:", class_names)

# CNN Model
model = models.Sequential([
    layers.Conv2D(32, (3, 3), activation='relu', input_shape=(IMG_HEIGHT, IMG_WIDTH, 3)),
    layers.MaxPooling2D(2, 2),
    layers.Conv2D(64, (3, 3), activation='relu'),
    layers.MaxPooling2D(2, 2),
    layers.Flatten(),
    layers.Dense(128, activation='relu'),
    layers.Dense(train_data.num_classes, activation='softmax')
])

# Compile
model.compile(optimizer='adam',
              loss='categorical_crossentropy',
              metrics=['accuracy'])

# Train
model.fit(train_data, validation_data=val_data, epochs=EPOCHS)

# Save model
model.save(model_save_path)
print(f"✅Model saved to: {model_save_path}")
```

1.5 OUTPUT SCREENSHOTS



Almond Variety Classifier

Upload an almond image to predict its variety

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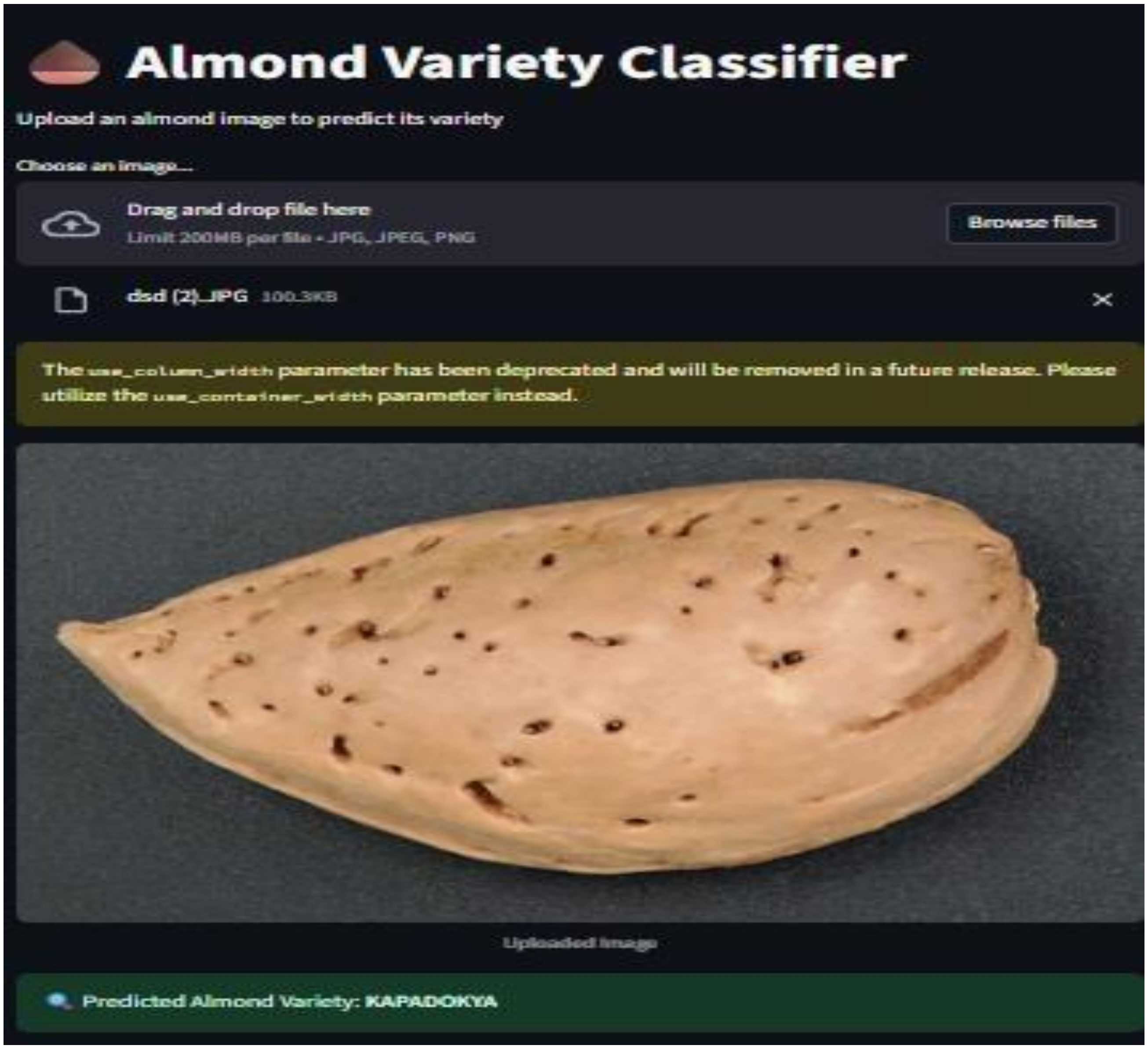
Predicted Almond Variety: SIRA



Almond Variety Classifier

Upload an almond image to predict its variety

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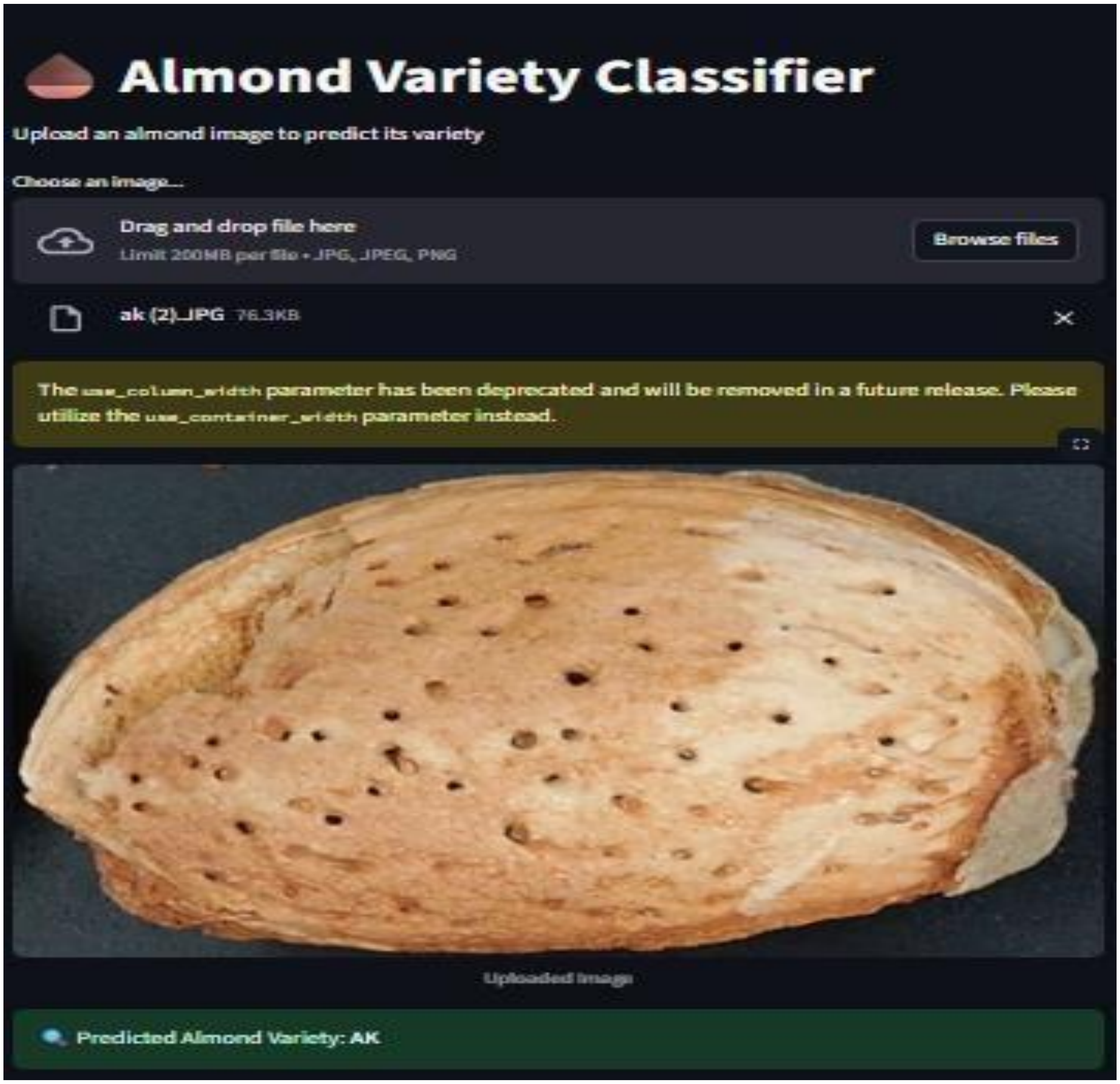
Uploaded Image

Predicted Almond Variety: **KAPADOKYA**



Almond Variety Classifier

Upload an almond image to predict its variety

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Uploaded Image

Predicted Almond Variety: AK

1.6 ADVANTAGES

- High Accuracy in Classification
- Automation & Time Efficiency
- Scalability
- Real-Time Prediction using Streamlit
- Generalization through Augmentation
- Helps in Quality Control

1.6.1 DISADVANTAGES

- Difficult to handle variations like damaged or partially visible almonds
- Performance depends heavily on dataset quality and balance
- Requires a large number of labeled images for effective training
- May not generalize well to unseen environments
- Retraining Needed for New Varieties
- Model Size and Inference Time

1.7 USE OF PROJECT

This project is centered on Almond Variety Classification using deep learning, with a focus on identifying almond types—AK, KAPADOKYA, NURLU, and SIRA—from raw image inputs. A Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model is utilized to automatically learn and extract visual features such as shape, texture, and edge patterns that distinguish one variety from another.

To ensure robustness and better generalization, the image dataset is processed using image augmentation techniques including resizing, rescaling, and validation splitting through Keras' ImageDataGenerator. This not only prevents overfitting but also allows the model to perform well under varied real-world conditions such as lighting or angle variations.

The pipeline includes feature normalization, softmax classification, and Adam optimization to enhance training efficiency. The trained model is deployed using Streamlit, enabling a web-based interface for real-time prediction. Users can upload an almond image and instantly receive the predicted variety, making it easy to integrate into agricultural workflows or quality control systems.

This system has practical applications in:

- Agro-tech industries for automated sorting and grading of almonds.
- Food quality inspection to ensure consistency in packaging and processing.
- Supply chain management for tracking product type and variety.
- Educational and research purposes for demonstrating applied AI in agriculture.

By addressing challenges such as dataset imbalance, feature variability, and scalability, this project provides a reliable and interactive solution that reduces manual error, saves time, and supports automation in food processing environments. It showcases how AI and computer vision can revolutionize traditional agricultural practices.

1.8 CONCLUSION

Almond Variety Classification Using Deep Learning provides an accurate, efficient, and scalable solution for automating the identification of almond types using only basic image inputs. By leveraging TensorFlow's CNN architecture and training it on a well-structured image dataset, the system achieves promising classification performance while maintaining low computational overhead— suitable for deployment even on standard CPU-powered machines.

Using techniques such as image normalization, data augmentation, and softmax- based multi-class classification, the model generalizes well across different almond images with varied lighting and positioning. The integration of Streamlit further enhances usability by enabling real-time predictions through an intuitive, web- based interface—eliminating the need for complex installations or technical expertise.

This end-to-end system demonstrates consistent prediction results, supporting use cases in agricultural automation, food processing, quality control, and supply chain management. It significantly reduces human error, increases processing speed, and promotes standardization in almond classification tasks.

Ultimately, this project showcases how AI and computer vision can transform traditional agricultural processes into intelligent, automated workflows. Future enhancements could include deployment on mobile devices, support for more almond varieties, and integration with edge computing for real-time field usage.

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