Diabetes Destroyers
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Project Proposal

Abstract:

Our team is conducting an analysis of multiple data preprocessing pipelines and image classification algorithms. The dataset we've chosen is a collection of high-resolution images of human retinas, many of which are classified as either healthy or one of four degrees of diabetic severity. The tools we're using include Scikit-learn, PySpark, and Tensorflow. Some techniques we are intending to utilize include batch PCA for dimensionality reduction, KNN, and convolutional neural networks (and possibly other types of neural networks). The tools we will be including in our algorithms are different ways to implement image recognition. Furthermore, using these three tools we can compare the methods and determine which one will give us an idea that best predicts the degree of diabetic severity based on the retina images we will be using in our dataset. Ultimately, we are going to expand upon existing solutions for this particular image classification task utilizing newer techniques and benchmarking their performance against the Kaggle solutions.

[Dataset](https://www.kaggle.com/c/diabetic-retinopathy-detection) (https://www.kaggle.com/c/diabetic-retinopathy-detection):
Images are of either the left or right eye -- there are 44,251 individuals represented.
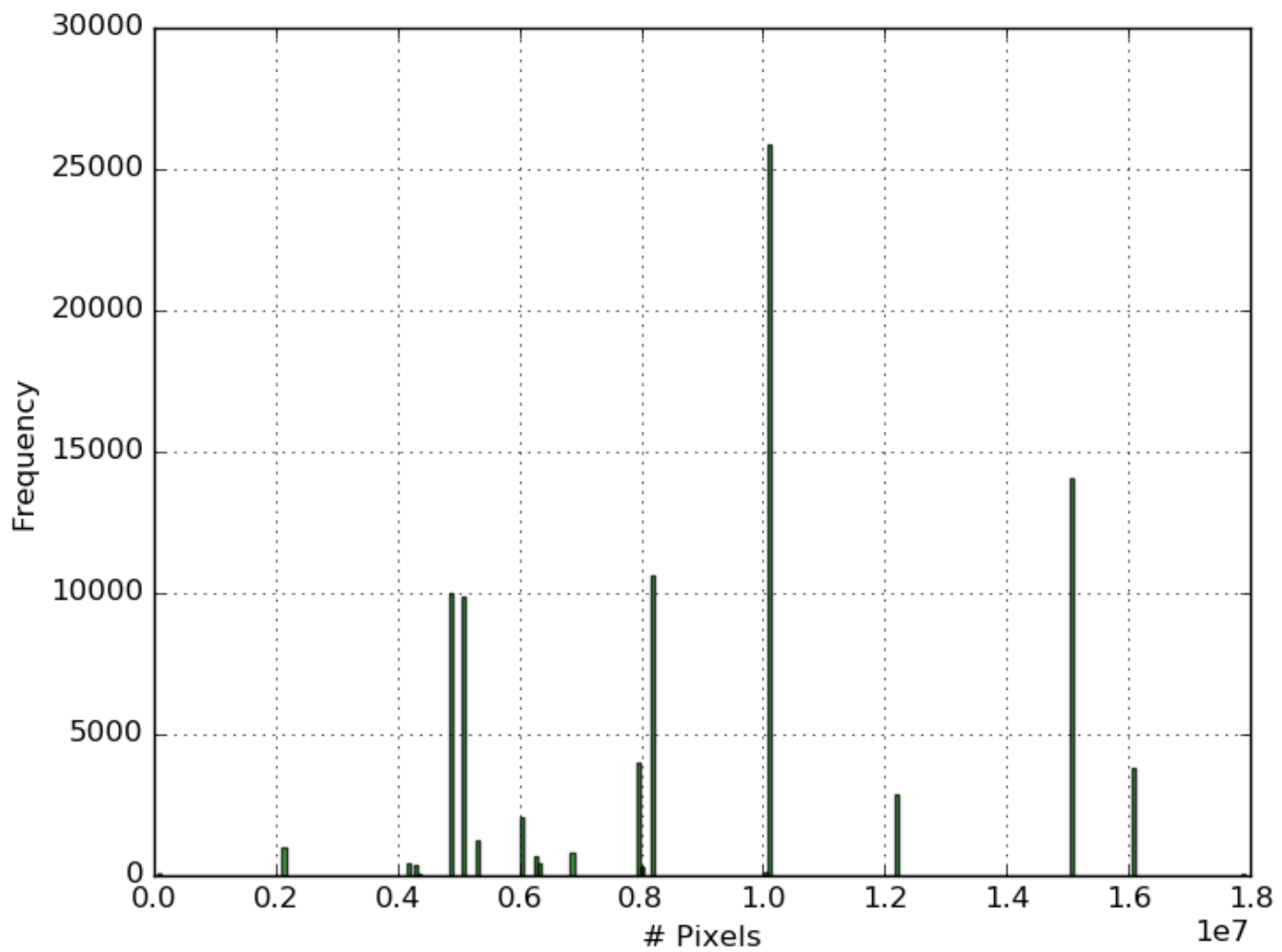
File Sizes / Counts:
Training image folder size: 37.9 GB
Testing image folder size: 57.8 GB
Number of training images: 35,126
Number of testing images: 53,576
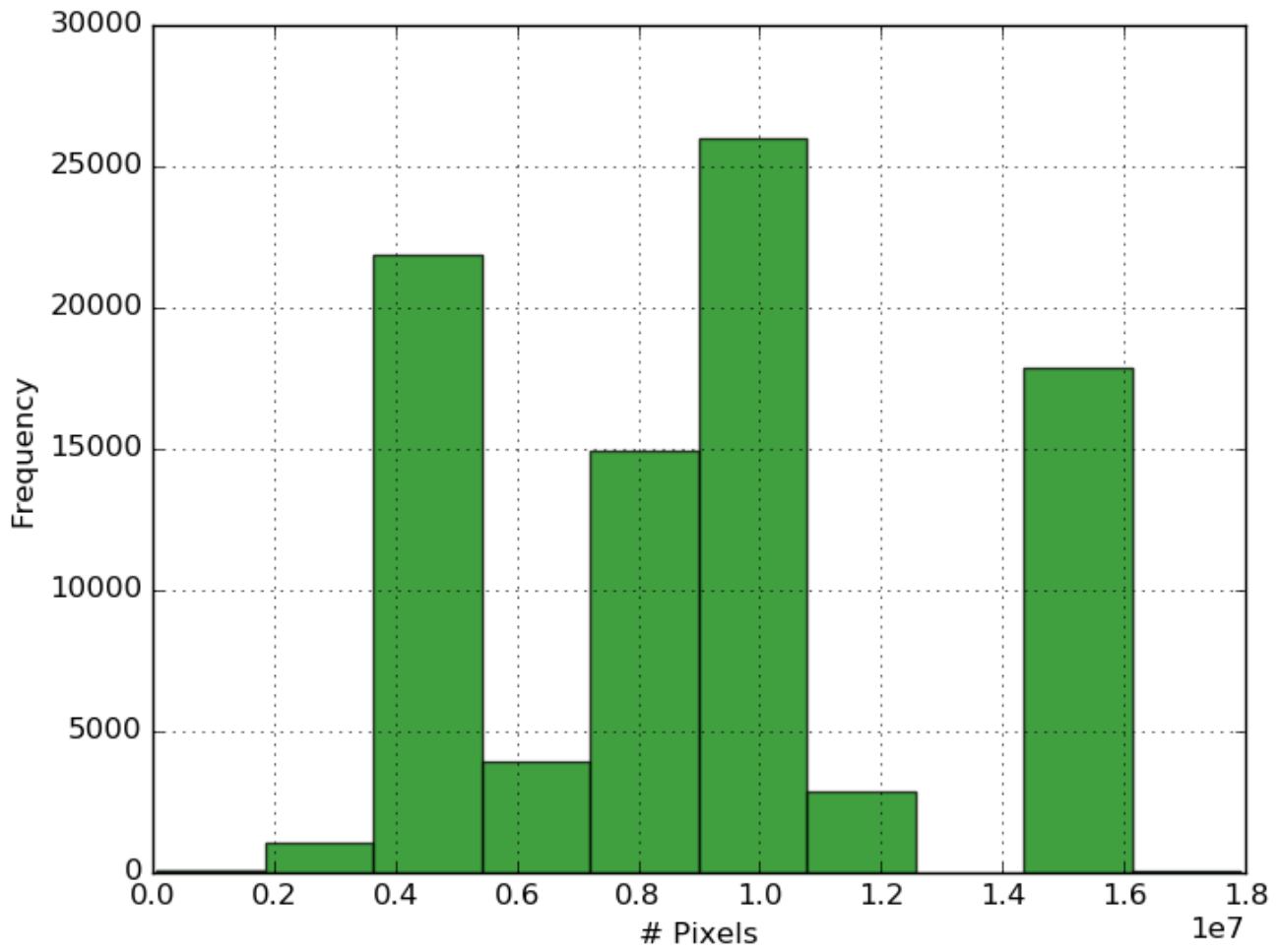Average jpeg image size: 1.0789 MB

Pixel Statistics:
Number of discrete pixel counts: 31
Minimum: 67,520
Maximum: 17,915,904
Median: 10,077,696
Average: 9,340,450

(Detailed statistical plots of the distribution of data features on the next three pages).

Pixel Dimension Frequencies with $\sqrt{\# images}$ **Bins**

Pixel Dimension Frequencies with 10 Bins

Frequency per Exact Pixel Count

# Pixels	Frequency
17915904	68
16084992	3804
15054336	14068
12212224	782
12166656	2118
10077696	25870
10036224	136
8185344	10622
7990272	282
7962624	4026
6867240	800
6348928	430
6291456	658
6016000	2058
5294080	1220
5038848	9866
4915200	9988
4366944	37
4314624	52
4297572	305
4165000	4
4153344	408
3145728	24
2339280	27
2121728	974
2085136	15
1945600	8
426400	4
126000	44
125137	2
67520	2