Implementation of convolutional neural networks to classify mammograms from a breast cancer cohort.

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***Abstract*—According to both NIH and Mayo Clinic, Breast Cancer (BC), is the most common type of cancer diagnosed to women in the United States. One of the methods currently used in radiology to diagnose BC, is the mammography screening, where an mammogram is taken from the patient and then a trained physician needs to look into patterns and check if the patient could be diseased. In order to reduce the costs of the mammography screening, it is of high interest use Deep Learning (DL) algorithms to aid the decision making. The following document serves as a report for the final assignment of the Data Science class, where we analyzed a dataset and implemented Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) to classify the mammograms into either Control, or diseased.**

***Index Terms*—Breast Cancer, Deep Learning, Convolutional Neural Networks, Data Analysis, Image Processing**

I. Introduction

The following document is a report for our final project during the Data Science class, delivered by Dr. Mary Baker at Texas Tech University. During the project, we joined a kaggle competition named *RSNA Screening Mammography Breast Cancer Detection*. During this competition, the Radiological Society of North America, provided a dataset of both control and BC patients with their mammograms to promote the research of DL techniques in their field.

Therefore, we did a brief data analysis, the implementation of data balancing techniques and several CNNs to perform the classification task. Therefore, the following document is divided as follows: first, we have a discussion about our data analysis and the data provided by RSNA. Second, we discuss the problems of data leakage and data imbalance, which are the most common problems in DL and the reproducibility of results. Third, we discuss the methods used for solving these problems and to train the neural networks. In chapter IV, we present our results and finally, we give a brief discussion in the conclusion.

II. RSNA Breast Cancer Dataset

The RSNA dataset is an anonymized dataset publicly released by RSNA as a designed experiment to aid the identification of cancer cases using mammogram screening. This dataset has both the metadata and the mammograms for each patient, in the metadata, we have access to the following information:

- Source hospital: it is an ID number to know where the images were taken.
- ID of the patient: each patient has an assigned number.
- ID of the image: as each patient has several images, it is necessary to know which image are we looking.
- Laterality: each patient has at least two images of the right breast, and two images of the left breast.
- Mammography view: all the patients have a least two views of each breast. In a usual screening, we take two classic types of images, the mediolateral oblique (MLO) view, and the craniocaudal view.
- Implant: we need to know if there are artifacts inside the images, this might be an issue for any implementation.
- Density: a phenotypic trait of the breast.
- Biopsy: some screenings lead to biopsy. In this column we have which one went for a biopsy.
- Invasive: a phenotypic trait of some of the tumors.
- BIRADS: a rating of how likely is for the patient have cancer. There are several NaNs in this column.
- Age: the age of the patient at the moment of the screening.
- Cancer: our target, this is a binary column where the ones are positive values, and the zeros are healthy controls.

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