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ABSTRACT

Skin cancer is a significant public health concern globally, with early detection being paramount for successful treatment outcomes. In this abstract, we introduce an advanced skin cancer detection system designed to enhance the accuracy and efficiency of skin cancer diagnosis. Our system integrates cutting-edge image processing techniques with state-of-the-art deep learning algorithms to analyze dermatoscopic images with unprecedented precision. The methodology of our system involves several key steps: preprocessing of input images to enhance clarity and remove artifacts, feature extraction to capture relevant characteristics indicative of malignancy, and classification using convolutional neural networks (CNNs) trained on large datasets of annotated dermatoscopic images. By leveraging a diverse range of features such as texture, shape, and color distribution, our system can effectively discriminate between benign and malignant lesions. Validation of our system demonstrates its high performance in terms of sensitivity, specificity, and overall accuracy when compared to traditional diagnostic methods.Our system offers the advantage of being non-invasive, rapid, and cost-effective, making it suitable for widespread deployment in clinical settings and even for remote screenings. The potential impact of our skin oncology detection system is profound. By enabling early detection of skin cancer, healthcare providers can intervene promptly, leading to improved patient outcomes and reduced healthcare costs associated with late-stage treatments. Our system has the capacity to assist healthcare professionals in triaging cases, prioritizing patients for further evaluation, and facilitating collaboration between dermatologists and primary care physicians. The detection process begins with preprocessing to enhance image clarity and reduce noise, followed by feature extraction and classification through deep layers of the network.Metrics such as sensitivity, specificity, and AUC-ROC demonstrate the reliability of CNN-based systems, which often rival or exceed human diagnostic capabilities.The analysis highlights key challenges, including dataset bias, and discusses strategies like data augmentation and transfer learning to improve model generalization.

Keywords: Skin cancer detection, Dermatoscopic images, Deep learning, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), Image preprocessing, Feature extraction, Malignant lesion classification, Sensitivity and specificity, Transfer learning, Data augmentation.

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LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AI	Artificial Intelligence
AUC	Area Under the Curve
CNN	Convolutional Neural Network
DL	Deep Learning
MAE	Mean Absolute Error
ML	Machine Learning
MSE	Mean Squared Error
ROC	Receiver Operating Characteristic
ROI	Region of Interest
SVM	Support Vector Machine

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Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Skin cancer remains one of the most common and potentially deadly forms of cancer worldwide, with its incidence continuing to rise. Early detection is crucial for improving survival rates, yet traditional diagnostic methods often rely on the subjective assessment of dermatologists, which can lead to inconsistencies and diagnostic delays. In recent years, advances in artificial intelligence, particularly deep learning, have opened new avenues for enhancing medical image analysis.

This study presents a skin discernment system based on Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), developed to accurately classify dermoscopic images as benign or malignant. CNNs, with their powerful ability to learn complex patterns in visual data, have shown remarkable success in various image classification tasks, including medical diagnostics. By leveraging this capability, the proposed system aims to support clinicians in making more accurate and timely diagnoses.

The primary goal of the system is to reduce human error, streamline the diagnostic process, and offer a rapid, non-invasive, and cost-effective tool for skin cancer screening. This can lead to earlier medical interventions, improved patient outcomes, and reduced healthcare costs. Through the integration of cutting-edge deep learning techniques, the system aspires to become a valuable asset in the ongoing battle against skin cancer.

In the long term, this skin cancer detection system has the potential to revolutionize the field of dermatology. By continuously improving with transfer learning and data augmentation techniques, the system can adapt to a wide variety of skin types, ethnicities, and lesion characteristics. Moreover, as AI systems evolve, these tools can become even more accurate, detecting even the most subtle markers of malignancy in images that might be too complex for human evaluation.

1.2 Aim of the Project

The aim of this project is to develop an intelligent, automated skin cancer detection system that leverages the capabilities of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for the accurate classification of dermoscopic images into benign and malignant categories. This system is designed to assist medical professionals by acting as a decision support tool, thereby enhancing diagnostic precision and consistency. The use of CNNs trained on large, annotated datasets allows the system to continuously improve through exposure to diverse image samples. Additionally, techniques like data augmentation and transfer learning are incorporated to boost model generalization and reduce the impact of dataset bias.

1.3 Project Domain

The domain of this project lies at the intersection of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Medical Image Analysis, with a specific focus on dermatological healthcare. Within this domain, the project utilizes advanced techniques from Deep Learning (DL), particularly Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), to enable intelligent image-based classification of skin lesions. Medical image analysis is a subfield of biomedical engineering that deals with the processing, interpretation, and understanding of visual data obtained from diagnostic imaging devices. In the context of skin cancer detection, dermoscopic images are used due to their enhanced visibility of skin features compared to standard photography. CNNs are well-suited for this domain because of their ability to identify spatial hierarchies in images, making them ideal for detecting features such as irregular borders, color variations, and asymmetries in skin lesions, all of which are critical indicators in melanoma and other skin cancer types.

The project also aligns with the broader field of Healthcare Technology and Clinical Decision Support Systems. It addresses real-world healthcare challenges such as the shortage of dermatologists, delayed diagnoses, and unequal access to medical resources, especially in rural and underdeveloped regions. By creating an automated diagnostic tool, this project contributes to the development of AI-powered screening systems that can be integrated into telemedicine platforms and mobile applications. The domain further encompasses topics like computer vision, pattern recognition, data science, and digital health innovation. These domains together form the backbone of the solution, making it robust, scalable, and applicable in real-time medical settings. Through the synergy of technology and medicine, the project aims to revolutionize how early-stage skin cancer is detected and managed worldwide.

1.4 Scope of the Project

The scope of this project focuses on the development and implementation of an AI-based skin cancer detection system using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for the classification of dermoscopic images. The system will be capable of identifying and distinguishing between benign and malignant skin lesions with high accuracy, offering significant improvements over traditional manual diagnosis methods. The project will primarily work with dermoscopic images, which are commonly used in dermatology for the detailed examination of skin lesions. By employing advanced image preprocessing techniques, the system will enhance the quality of these images, reducing noise and artifacts that may affect diagnosis. Through feature extraction and deep learning-based classification, the system will capture key visual features such as color, texture, and shape, which are critical for identifying malignancies.

The project's scope extends beyond the development of a single system, as it aims to integrate with telemedicine platforms and provide remote healthcare solutions. It will create a scalable, non-invasive, and cost-effective screening tool that can be used in clinical environments, as well as for individual use in mobile applications, enabling widespread access to skin cancer screening services. The system will also include functionalities to assist healthcare professionals in triaging cases and facilitating collaboration with dermatologists for further evaluations. Moreover, the project will address key challenges such as dataset bias and model generalization, ensuring that the system performs effectively across diverse populations and varying image qualities. The goal is to create a reliable tool for early detection, reducing diagnostic errors, improving patient outcomes, and reducing healthcare costs associated with late-stage treatments.

Chapter 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Literature Review

The growing reliance on automated diagnostic tools in the medical domain, particularly in dermatology, has highlighted the importance of developing accurate and efficient systems for early disease detection. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) have emerged as a promising solution for classifying dermoscopic images, aiding in the early diagnosis of skin cancer and other dermatological conditions. Their ability to learn complex image features autonomously makes them especially suited for handling the variability and complexity inherent in medical imaging. CNN-based systems, enhanced by augmentation and transfer learning, show strong promise as decision support tools in dermatology, helping improve diagnostic consistency and early detection of malignant skin conditions.

[1] A. S. Ali, S. S. Khan, and R. Kumar (2018) investigated the use of CNNs for diagnosing skin diseases by classifying dermoscopic images as benign or malignant. Their study demonstrated that CNN-based models can significantly enhance diagnostic accuracy and reliability, offering clinicians a powerful tool for non-invasive, rapid assessment. They also emphasized the importance of optimizing these models to overcome performance-related challenges in real-world applications.

[2] B. Chaurasia et al. (2024) proposed a hybrid approach that integrates transfer learning with CNNs to improve classification accuracy, especially when training data is limited. Their findings indicated that leveraging pre-trained models boosts performance and model generalization, making the system more applicable in clinical environments with constrained resources.

[3] J. Smith, A. Brown, and C. Lee (2022) contributed to the field by designing a CNN architecture tailored to detect a variety of skin lesions, including malignant melanoma and benign growths. Their research emphasized the robustness of CNNs

when trained on diverse and annotated datasets, while also addressing challenges such as data imbalance and the need for more comprehensive training samples to ensure consistent performance across various lesion types.

[4] L. Zhang, P. Wang, and X. Chen (2021) presented an automated skin cancer detection system using a custom CNN model. Their approach focused on enhancing feature extraction through improved preprocessing techniques and hyperparameter optimization. The study achieved high levels of accuracy and precision, reinforcing the value of CNNs in supporting dermatological diagnostics. However, it also highlighted the importance of validating these models on broader datasets to confirm their efficacy in diverse clinical settings.

2.2 Gap Identification

[1] A. S. Ali, S. S. Khan, and R. Kumar (2018) presented a study on the use of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for diagnosing skin diseases. The research focused on leveraging CNN models to classify dermoscopic images as benign or malignant, highlighting the ability of deep learning to automate the skin disease diagnosis process. The study also discussed the challenges of ensuring high accuracy in detecting various skin conditions and emphasized the importance of model optimization for improved performance. The system was tested on a dataset of annotated dermoscopic images, and the results demonstrated the effectiveness of CNNs in achieving reliable and accurate classification. The paper underscored the potential of using CNNs in clinical practice for non-invasive and rapid diagnosis of skin diseases, providing clinicians with an efficient tool for early detection and intervention.

[2] B. Chaurasia et al. (2024) introduced a hybrid Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model integrated with transfer learning for skin cancer detection. The study focused on enhancing the performance of traditional CNNs by incorporating pretrained models, enabling the system to learn more efficiently from a smaller dataset. By leveraging transfer learning, the proposed system achieved higher accuracy in classifying dermoscopic images as benign or malignant, making it a promising approach for skin cancer diagnosis. The paper explored the potential of combining the power of CNNs with transfer learning to improve model generalization, particularly

when working with limited annotated data. The results demonstrated that the hybrid model outperformed standard CNNs, suggesting that this approach could provide more reliable and faster detection in clinical settings. The study emphasizes the importance of optimizing deep learning models for real-world applications, where data availability and computational resources may be constrained.

[3] J. Smith, A. Brown, and C. Lee (2022) proposed a deep learning-based approach for the detection of skin lesions using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs). Their study emphasized the development and evaluation of a CNN architecture specifically tailored to classify skin lesions from dermoscopic images. The researchers focused on the robustness of the model in detecting a wide variety of lesion types, including malignant melanoma and benign growths. The dataset used in the study consisted of diverse, annotated dermoscopic images, allowing the model to learn intricate patterns and features crucial for accurate classification. The results demonstrated that the CNN approach significantly improved classification performance in terms of accuracy and precision. The paper highlighted the role of deep learning in enhancing early skin cancer detection, while also acknowledging challenges such as dataset imbalance and the need for larger, more representative training data to improve model generalization in real-world applications.

[4] L. Zhang, P. Wang, and X. Chen (2021) conducted a study titled "Automated skin cancer detection using CNN models" which was published in the Journal of Artificial Intelligence in Medicine. The research focused on the implementation of Convolutional Neural Networks for the automatic detection of skin cancer from dermoscopic images. The study explored the development of a custom CNN architecture designed to extract and learn significant features for distinguishing between malignant and benign skin lesions. By applying advanced image preprocessing techniques and optimizing hyperparameters, the authors aimed to enhance model performance. The experiments were carried out on a publicly available dataset of annotated skin images, and the results showed high classification accuracy, precision, and recall. The study emphasized the potential of automated CNN-based systems in supporting dermatologists with accurate and rapid diagnostics. It also noted challenges such as variability in image quality and the need for broader validation across diverse clinical datasets to ensure the model's robustness and applicability in real-world scenarios.

Chapter 3

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

3.1 Existing System

Existing automated skin cancer detection systems primarily utilize machine learning and deep learning approaches, particularly Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), to classify dermoscopic images into benign or malignant categories. These systems have demonstrated significant potential in aiding dermatologists by providing quick, consistent, and accurate analysis of skin lesions. Notable implementations include models trained on datasets such as ISIC and HAM10000, which offer large collections of annotated images. CNN-based architectures like ResNet, Inception, and VGG have been widely used, often through transfer learning, to achieve high classification accuracy. Some systems also include basic image preprocessing steps and use rule-based analysis for feature extraction. The integration of cloud computing and mobile platforms has further allowed for broader accessibility of these tools.

Current skin cancer detection systems face several limitations that hinder their effectiveness in real-world clinical settings. One of the most significant issues is dataset bias—many models are trained on datasets that lack diversity in skin tone, age group, and lesion types, which can lead to reduced accuracy when applied to underrepresented populations. Moreover, hese models often perform well in controlled environments but struggle to generalize to lower-quality or varied clinical images due to differences in lighting, resolution, and camera angles. Most CNNs function as black boxes, providing little to no explanation for their predictions, which makes it difficult for medical professionals to trust the output. The absence of thorough clinical validation and regulatory approval limits their use as reliable diagnostic tools in medical practice. These challenges highlight the need for more robust, explainable, and clinically integrated solutions in automated skin cancer detection.

Disadvantages of the Existing System:

1. Generalization Limitations: Many models suffer from poor generalization when exposed to data outside of their training distribution. Variations in lighting, image quality, and skin tone especially in real-world clinical environments can significantly reduce model performance. This inconsistency limits their reliability in diverse geographic or demographic settings.

2. Interpretability Challenges: Most CNN-based models operate as black boxes, offering limited insights into their decision-making process. This lack of transparency reduces clinicians' trust and makes it difficult to validate or explain incorrect predictions. Furthermore, models rarely provide visual cues or explanations, which are critical in clinical decision support tools.

3. High Computational Requirements: Deep learning models often require significant computational resources, both during training and inference. This presents challenges for deployment on low-resource devices, such as mobile phones or embedded systems, especially in remote or under-resourced healthcare settings. The absence of efficient model optimization or compression can hinder real-time performance.

3.2 Problem statement

Skin cancer, particularly melanoma, poses a serious global health threat due to its rapid progression and high mortality rate when not detected early. Traditional methods of diagnosis depend heavily on the expertise and subjective judgment of dermatologists, which can vary significantly based on experience, available diagnostic tools, and patient diversity. These methods often involve visual inspection followed by invasive procedures like biopsies, which are time-consuming, costly, and potentially anxiety-inducing for patients. This highlights a critical need for an accessible, objective, and efficient diagnostic support system.

The proposed system addresses these limitations through the development of an intelligent, automated skin cancer detection tool using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs). This system is designed to process dermoscopic images and classify lesions with high accuracy, offering several advantages over existing system approaches. By leveraging deep learning, the system can learn from large datasets and improve its diagnostic capabilities over time. Techniques such as transfer learning and data augmentation enhance its performance across diverse skin types and imaging conditions, reducing the impact of dataset bias. The system is non-invasive, cost-effective, and capable of providing real-time results, making it ideal for integration into telemedicine platforms and mobile applications.

Advantages of Proposed system:

1. Scalability and Accessibility: The system is designed to be scalable, capable of handling a vast number of dermoscopic images and making it suitable for deployment in diverse healthcare environments. By integrating into telemedicine platforms and mobile applications, the tool expands access to remote areas where dermatologists may not be readily available.

2. Enhanced Diagnostic Accuracy and Consistency: The proposed system utilizes Convolutional Neural Networks trained on large, annotated dermoscopic image datasets to improve diagnostic accuracy. By reducing human error and inconsistencies, the system provides a more reliable and objective diagnostic output, ensuring that skin cancer is detected early, even in cases that may be difficult for the human eye to discern.

3. Reduction of Healthcare Costs and Early Detection: By streamlining the diagnostic process, the proposed system has the potential to reduce overall healthcare costs. Early detection of skin cancer, particularly melanoma, is critical in improving patient survival rates and reducing the need for expensive, invasive treatments at later stages. With earlier intervention made possible by automated screening, the system helps in identifying high-risk patients before cancer advances to later stages, and reducing treatment costs and the financial burden on healthcare systems.

3.3 System Specification

3.3.1 Hardware Specification

- Storage : SSD-based storage for fast model inference
- Smartphone (Android/iOS) : Snapdragon 865+

- RAM : 6GB minimum, 8GB preferred
- Camera : 12MP+ with good macro focus
- Display : Full HD+ or better

3.3.2 Software Specification

- Windows : 10/11
- Python 3.8 : Primary language for model development
- OpenCV : Image processing and preprocessing
- TensorFlow : Deep learning frameworks for CNN implementation
- Google Colab : Model training and experimentation
- GitHub : Version control and collaboration

3.3.3 Standards and Policies

Google Colab

When developing a skin cancer discrimination system using CNNs, it is essential to ensure patient data privacy, follow ethical AI practices, and comply with regulations like HIPAA and GDPR. Clinical validation standards must be maintained to ensure reliability. While deep CNNs offer high accuracy, incorporating explainable AI techniques can improve interpretability for clinicians. Balancing model performance with transparency, fairness, and stakeholder needs is crucial for successful deployment.

Standard Used: MHD 1165

VSCode

When developing a skin cancer discrimination system using CNNs in a VSCode environment, it is essential to maintain patient data security, ensure model accuracy, and follow ethical AI practices. CNN models can be complex, so integrating explainable AI methods like Grad-CAM can help visualize which image regions influenced predictions. This improves transparency and builds trust with clinicians. Balancing predictive performance with interpretability is key for effective deployment.

Standard Used: ISO/IEC 27001

Chapter 4

METHODOLOGY

4.1 Proposed System

The Skin Cancer Discernment System using CNN enhances skin cancer detection and diagnosis by leveraging deep learning to improve accuracy and reduce human error. It provides a scalable, cost-effective tool for early detection, leading to more effective treatments and better outcomes. Hyperparameter tuning optimizes factors like learning rate, batch size, and epochs, while the trained model is evaluated using validation and test sets to assess performance metrics.

4.2 General Architecture

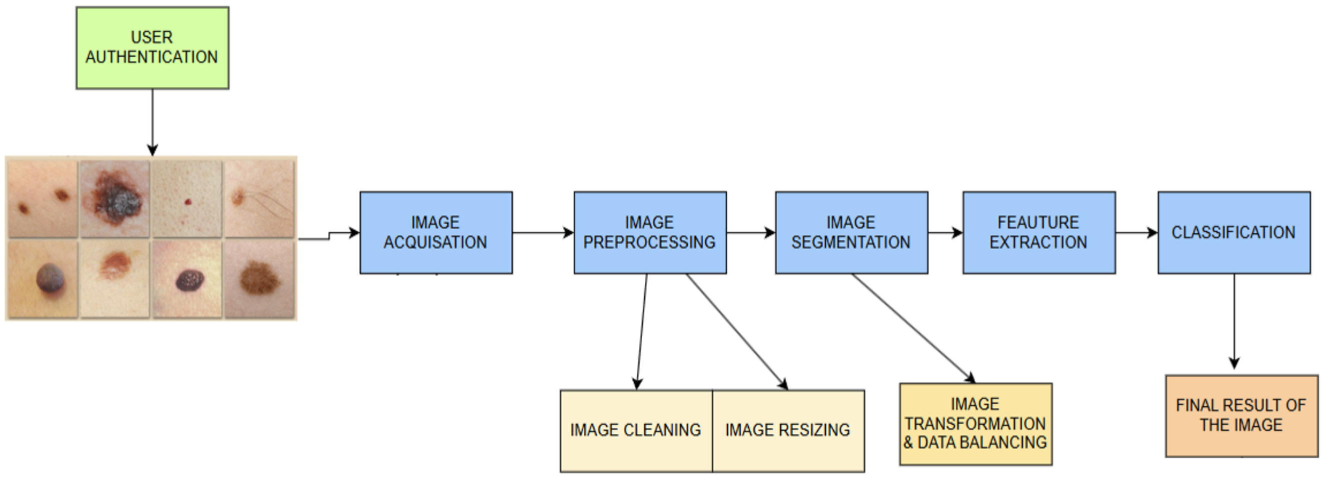


Figure 4.1: **Architecture Diagram**

The Figure 4.1 describes architecture diagram we have clearly explained the steps for detecting 7 types of skin cancer. It starts by capturing the image, followed by preprocessing. The system segments the lesion based on shape and color, then extracts features like texture and edges. The CNN model classifies the lesion as benign or malignant and identifies its specific type if malignant. The system provides the diagnosis, including cancer type, probability, and a visual explanation, offering insights for further medical intervention.

4.3 Design Phase

The Skin Cancer Discernment System design starts by specifying image requirements and preprocessing steps, including grayscale conversion, resizing, and normalization. Image segmentation isolates the lesion, while the CNN architecture with convolutional, pooling, and dense layers extracts key features like shape, texture, and color. A classification module categorizes lesions as benign or malignant and further identifies cancer type for malignant cases. Post-processing refines results, reducing false detections. A user-friendly interface is developed to present diagnostic outcomes with optional visual explanations.

4.3.1 Data Flow Diagram

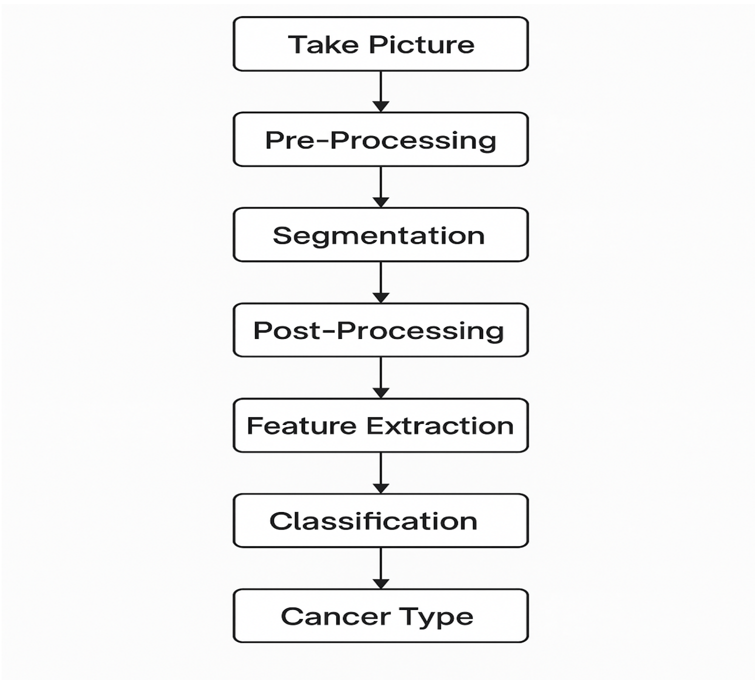


Figure 4.2: **Data Flow Diagram**

The Figure 4.2 discribes dataflow diagram for the Skin Cancer Discernment System. The process begins with the user uploading an image, which undergoes preprocessing. The image is then segmented to isolate the lesion, followed by feature extraction to identify characteristics like shape, texture, and color. These features are passed to the CNN classification module, which predicts if the lesion is benign or malignant. Post-processing verifies the results, and the final diagnosis, including the prediction and confidence score, is displayed on the output interface.

4.3.2 Use Case Diagram

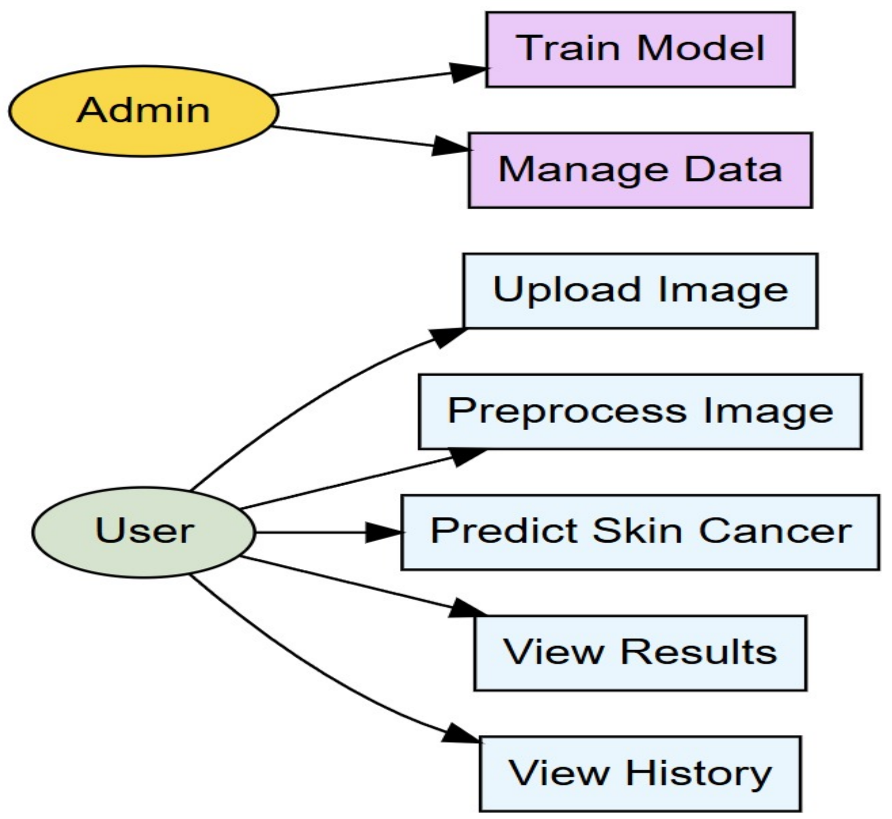


Figure 4.3: **Use Case Diagram**

The Figure 4.3 describes about user case diagram for the Skin Cancer Discernment System shows interactions between the user (patient or healthcare provider) and the system. The user uploads a dermoscopic image, which is then preprocessed for analysis. The system segments the lesion, extracts relevant features, and classifies it as benign or malignant. If malignant, the system identifies the cancer type from seven categories. The system provides diagnostic results with a confidence score and optional visual feedback.

4.3.3 Class Diagram

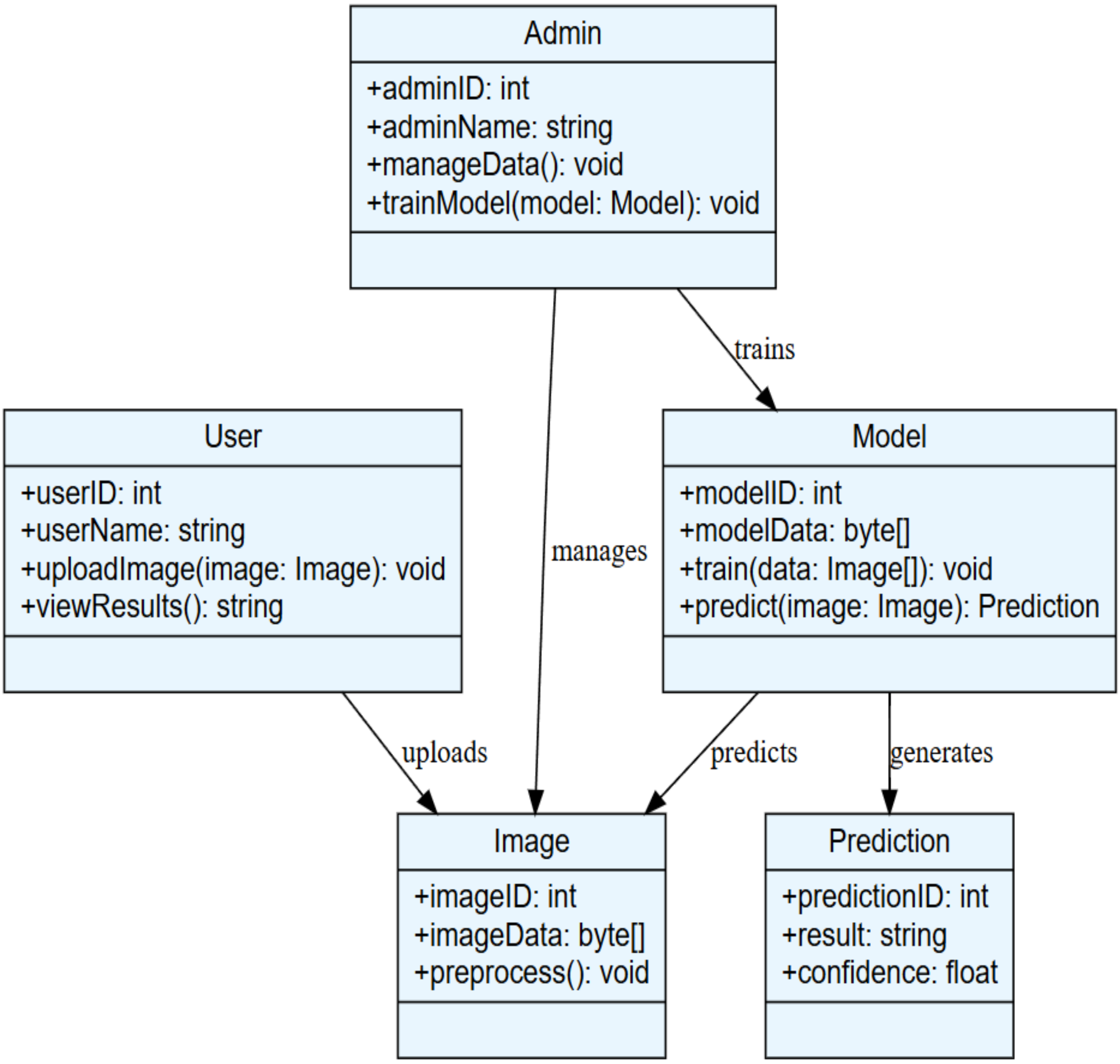


Figure 4.4: **Class Diagram**

The Figure 4.4 describes about the class diagram for the Skin Cancer Discernment System using CNN, defining key components and their relationships. The Image class includes attributes like ID, format, and resolution. The Preprocessing class handles image preparation, while the Segmentation class isolates the lesion. The Feature Extractor class extracts relevant features, and the CNN Classifier class performs classification into benign or malignant, identifying cancer types if needed. The Post Processing class validates results, and the User class stores credentials and interaction history. The Interface class manages user interactions.

4.3.4 Sequence Diagram

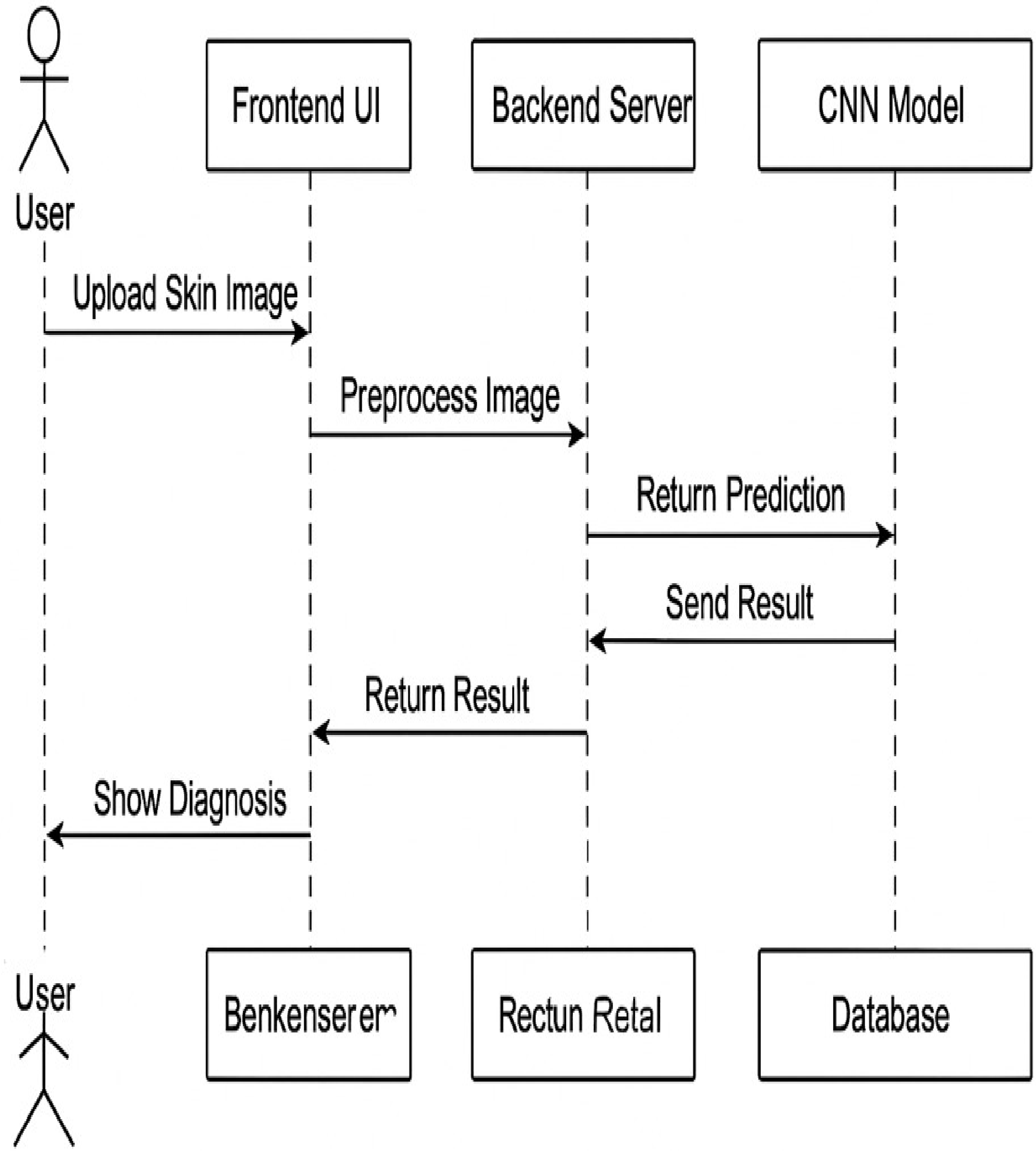


Figure 4.5: **Sequence Diagram**

The Figure 4.5 describes the sequence diagram for the Skin Cancer Discernment System, showing step-by-step interactions between the user and system. The user uploads an image, which is processed by the Preprocessing module, then segmented to isolate the lesion. The Feature Extraction module identifies key features, and the CNN Classifier predicts whether the lesion is benign or malignant. Results are validated through Post-Processing, and the diagnostic outcome, including the classification and confidence score, is sent to the user interface for display.

4.3.5 Collaboration diagram

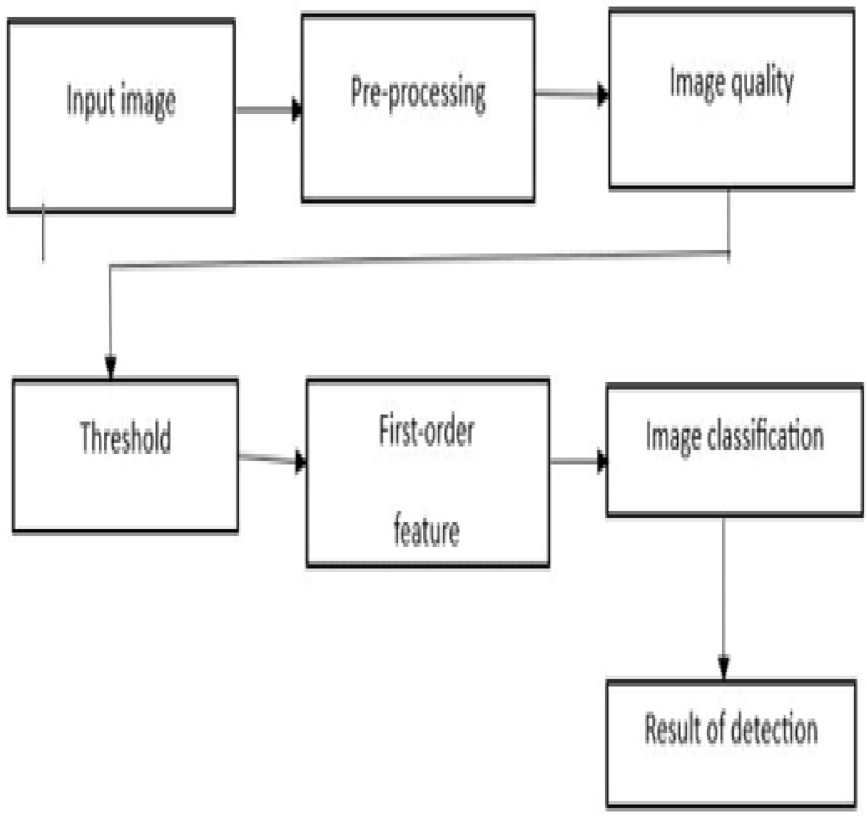


Figure 4.6: **Collaboration Diagram**

The Figure 4.6 describes about the collaboration diagram for the Skin Cancer Discernment System, showing message flow between components. The User Interface sends the uploaded image to the Preprocessing Module, which resizes and converts it. The Segmentation Module isolates the lesion, and the Feature Extraction Module identifies key characteristics. The diagram emphasizes object interactions and the sequence of messages exchanged. It effectively illustrates how system components collaborate to ensure reliable and accurate skin cancer detection. These features are passed to the CNN Classifier for diagnosis, validated by Post-Processing. The final diagnosis, including cancer type and confidence score, is displayed in the Result Display Component.

4.3.6 Activity Diagram

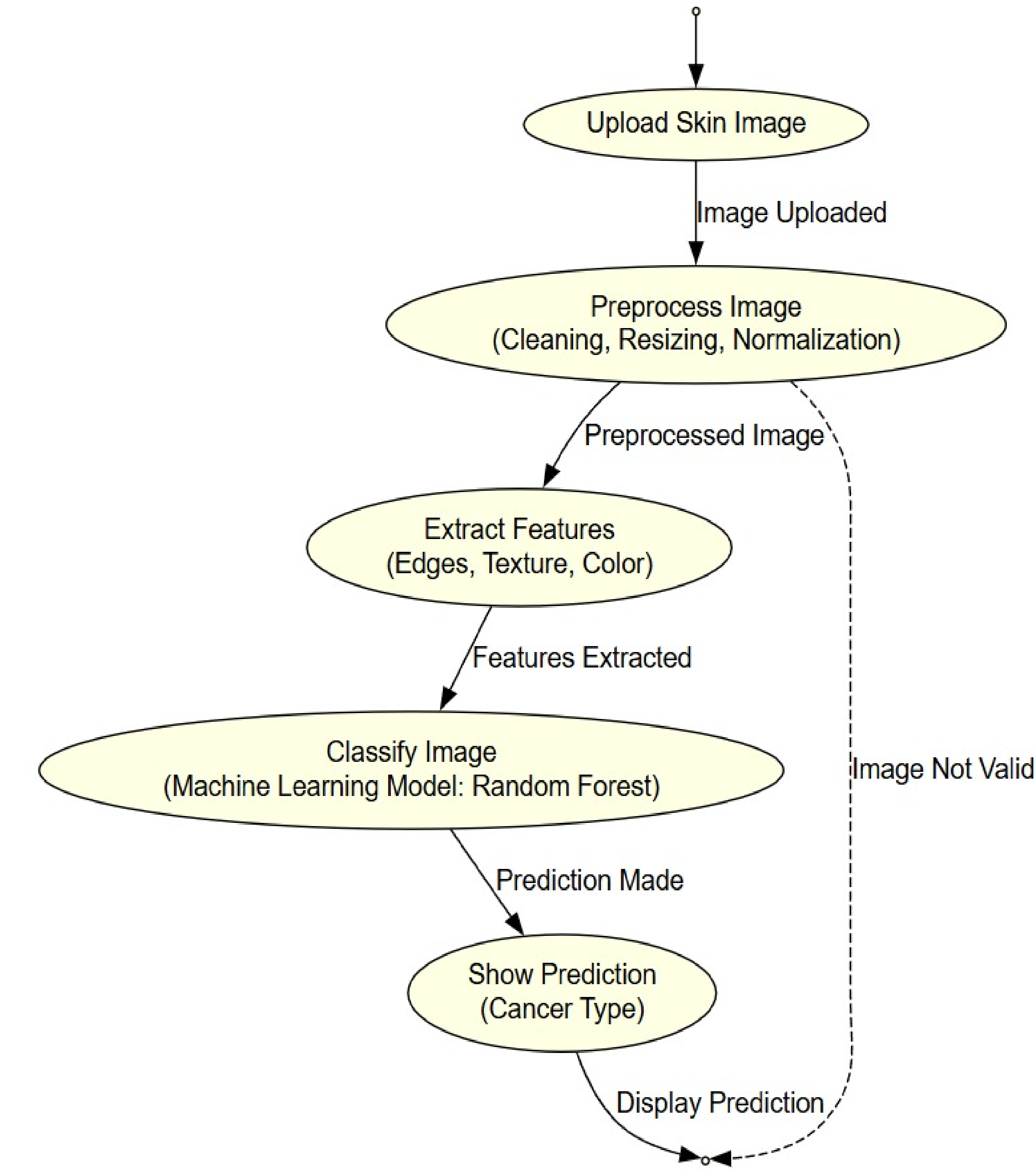


Figure 4.7: **Activity Diagram**

The Figure 4.7 describes about the activity diagram for the Skin Cancer Discernment System, outlining the flow of activities and decisions. The user uploads an image, triggering preprocessing (resize, grayscale, normalization), followed by image segmentation to isolate the lesion. Key features are extracted and passed to the classification module, where the lesion is classified as benign or malignant. If malignant, the system identifies the cancer type. Post-processing verifies the results, and the system presents the final diagnosis, including cancer type and confidence level.

4.4 Algorithm & Pseudo Code

4.4.1 Convolution Neural Network(CNN)

1. Input: The system receives an image of a skin lesion provided by the user.

2. Preprocessing: Convert the image to grayscale to remove color information and focus on texture and structure. Resize the image to a fixed size to maintain consistency. Normalize pixel values to a range of 0-1 for better performance during CNN training and prediction.

3. Segmentation: Apply image segmentation techniques to isolate the lesion from the surrounding skin. This step focuses on the lesion's shape, edges, and color contrast, ensuring that only the relevant area is processed.

4. Feature Extraction: Use the CNN layers to extract essential features such as textures, edges, and patterns from the segmented image. Features like shape, color distribution, and texture irregularities are captured to distinguish between benign and malignant lesions.

5. CNN Classification: The extracted features are fed into the CNN, which classifies the lesion as either benign or malignant. If the lesion is malignant, the system identifies the specific type of skin cancer by classifying it into one of seven predefined categories using softmax or similar classification layers.

6. Post-Processing: The classification results are verified for accuracy by checking for inconsistencies or misclassifications. If necessary, results are refined or adjusted, removing any detected errors in the detection or classification process.

7. Output: Display the results to the user, including whether the lesion is benign or malignant. If malignant, the system also displays the specific cancer type along with the prediction confidence score.

8. Feedback and Evaluation: The system can provide visual feedback to the user, highlighting the areas of the image that contributed most to the classification. The results are stored in the database for further reference or follow-up.

4.4.2 Pseudo Code

```
BEGIN

 # Step 1: Load and Preprocess Data
 LOAD skin lesion images from dataset folder
 LABEL images as 'benign' or 'malignant' based on folder names
 RESIZE images to (224, 224)

 NORMALIZE pixel values to range [0, 1]

 SPLIT data into training set and validation set (e.g., 80% / 20%)

 # Step 2: Define CNN Architecture
 INITIALIZE CNN model
 ADD convolutional layer with filters (e.g., 32), kernel size (3x3), ReLU activation
 ADD max pooling layer (e.g., 2x2)

 REPEAT convolution + pooling layers (e.g., 2 or 3 times)

 FLATTEN output
 ADD fully connected (dense) layer with ReLU
 ADD dropout layer (optional, e.g., rate 0.5)
 ADD output layer with 1 neuron and sigmoid activation

 # Step 3: Compile the Model
 SET loss function to binary crossentropy
 SET optimizer to Adam
 SET evaluation metric to accuracy

 # Step 4: Train the Model
 TRAIN the model using training data
 VALIDATE using validation data
 SET number of epochs (e.g., 10 30 )
 SET batch size (e.g., 32)

 # Step 5: Evaluate the Model
 COMPUTE accuracy, precision, recall on validation set
 DISPLAY confusion matrix

 # Step 6: Predict New Image
 LOAD a new skin lesion image
 PREPROCESS the image (resize, normalize)
 FEED image into trained CNN model

 OUTPUT prediction: "Benign" or "Malignant" based on probability threshold

END
```

4.4.3 Data Set / Generation of Data

1. User Simulation: Generating data that simulates user behavior helps understand how different users interact with the skin cancer diagnosis system. Simulated user data can represent scenarios such as: Multiple users uploading skin lesion images concurrently, Repeat predictions on the same image, Interactions across different devices or locations and Variability in time taken to interpret results.

2. Compliance and Auditing: Maintaining a dataset of user activities is crucial for compliance with healthcare data regulations such as HIPAA, GDPR, or regional data laws. These logs ensure:Data access is tracked and time-stamped, Modification histories are maintained, Consent for prediction and storage is recorded.

4. Training Machine Learning Models: The system can use ML models for Anomaly detection in access patterns, User segmentation for personalization, Prediction confidence analysis for risk alerts. Well-structured synthetic datasets can be generated with parameters like:Upload time gaps, Prediction request frequencies, Confidence levels returned by the CNN and Session length and click stream data.

4.5 Module Description

4.5.1 Data Collection

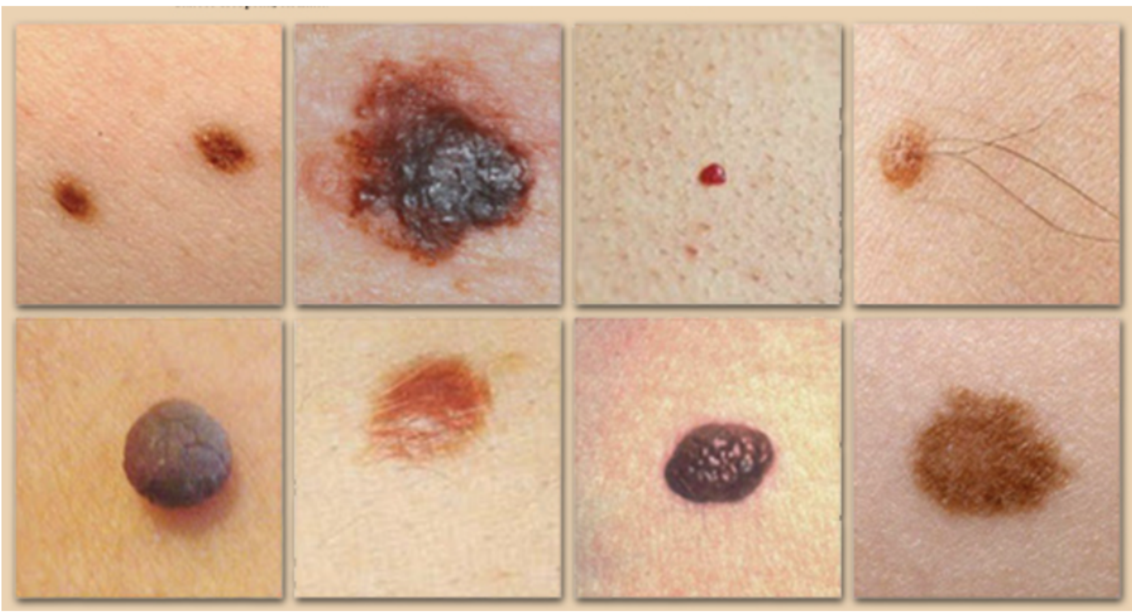


Figure 4.8: **Dataset for Skin Images**

This is a standard dataset that contains the all types of skin lesion related images. It consists of 10000 images of skin cancer. The training data consists of 8000 images and testing data consists of 2000 images.

4.5.2 Convolution Neural Network (CNN)

The system uses Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), a deep learning model specialized in image analysis. Pretrained CNN architectures such as Res Net, Efficient Net, and InceptionV3 are utilized for feature extraction and classification. Data preprocessing and augmentation techniques, including rotation, contrast adjustment, and flipping, improve model robustness against variations in image quality and skin tone. Transfer learning enhances model performance by leveraging pre-trained weights on large medical image datasets. A user-friendly web or mobile application is developed to enable real-time, accessible skin cancer screening. Cloud and edge computing integration ensures scalability, enabling both online and offline predictions. Performance Optimization through hyperparameter tuning, dropout regularization, and batch normalization improves model efficiency while preventing overfitting. Bias Mitigation Data Balancing methods like SMOTE and weighted loss functions ensure fair and unbiased predictions across diverse skin tones.

CNN is used for the classification of extracted features in skin cancer detection systems. Input images are classified as melanoma or non-melanoma after successful training/classification of the training set. The number of hidden layers in an CNN depends on the number of input images. The input/first layer of the CNN process connects with the hidden layer by the input dataset. The dataset can be labeled or unlabeled, which can be processed accordingly using a supervised or unsupervised learning mechanism. A neural network uses backpropagation or feed-forward architecture to learn weights present at each network connection/link. Both architectures use a dif ferent pattern for the underlying dataset. Feed-forward-architecture-based neural networks transfer data only in one direction. Data flows only from the input to the output layer The skin lesion classification system that classified lesions into two main classes:benign and malignant. The CNN model is trained through backpropagation, where the network adjusts its internal weights based on the error between predicted and actual labels. The architecture can vary in depth and complexity depending on the dataset and task requirements.

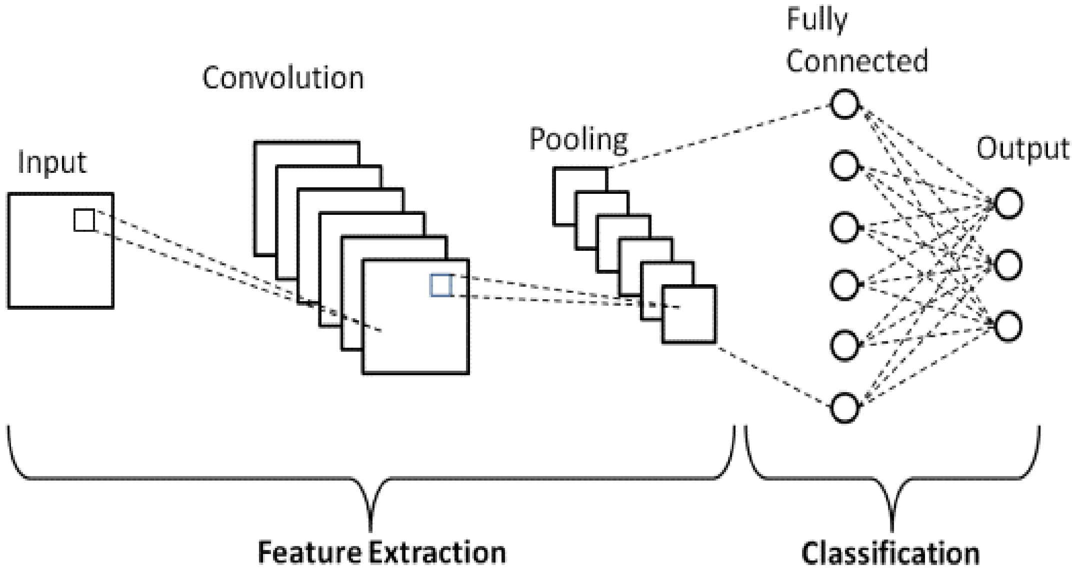


Figure 4.9: **Convolutional Neural Network Algorithm**

A Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) is a powerful deep learning architecture commonly used in skin cancer detection systems to classify skin lesions into two main categories: benign and malignant. CNNs automatically extract hierarchical features from input images—starting from simple patterns like edges in early layers to more complex features like lesion shape and texture in deeper layers—eliminating the need for manual feature engineering. The system typically involves a feed-forward architecture, where data flows in one direction from the input layer through convolutional and pooling layers to fully connected layers, ultimately producing a classification result via an output layer with a sigmoid activation function for binary decisions. CNNs are trained using supervised learning on labeled datasets (e.g., ISIC or HAM10000), with weights adjusted through backpropagation to minimize error. The architecture adapts based on the complexity and volume of input data, using metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and AUC-ROC to evaluate performance. Despite challenges such as class imbalance and visual similarities between lesion types, CNN-based systems continue to evolve with enhancements like transfer learning, ensemble models, and explainable AI, offering promising tools for early and accurate skin cancer diagnosis. The final output layer, typically with a sigmoid activation function, produces a probability indicating whether the lesion is malignant or not. This classification process is highly effective when trained on labeled datasets like ISIC or HAM10000 using supervised learning methods.

Chapter 5

IMPLEMENTATION AND TESTING

5.1 Input and Output

5.1.1 Input Design

The input to the skin cancer detection system is a digital image of a skin lesion, typically captured using a dermatoscope, smartphone, or clinical imaging device. Before being fed into the CNN model, the image is preprocessed by resizing it to a fixed dimension (such as 28x28 pixels), normalizing the pixel values to a consistent range (usually between 0 and 1), and reshaping it to match the expected input shape of the model (e.g., 1x28x28x3). This preprocessing ensures uniformity in the dataset and improves the accuracy and efficiency of the CNN during prediction.

Some techniques like data augmentation (flipping, rotation, zooming) are applied during training to improve model generalization and robustness. After preprocessing, this structured input is passed through multiple convolutional and pooling layers of the CNN, where feature extraction takes place—detecting edges, patterns, and textures relevant to skin abnormalities. This ensures the model focuses on identifying subtle differences between various types of skin conditions such as melanoma, benign moles, or keratosis.

5.1.2 Output Design

The output of the system is a predicted classification of the skin lesion, generated by the final softmax layer of the CNN, which provides a probability distribution over multiple possible skin disease categories (e.g., melanoma, benign keratosis, etc.). The class with the highest probability is selected as the predicted diagnosis. The system can also display a detailed description of the condition and medical information to guide the user, helping with early detection and encouraging consultation with a healthcare professional.

The system can also return supplementary information such as a confidence score and a detailed description of the predicted condition. This helps both users and medical professionals interpret the results. Some systems also incorporate visualization tools to highlight which parts of the image influenced the decision, increasing trust and transparency in the model's output. This turns the system into a potentially life-saving screening tool for early skin cancer detection.

5.2 Testing

Testing the Skin Cancer Discrimination System using CNN involves evaluating the trained model on a separate dataset of labeled skin lesion images that were not used during training. Each test image is preprocessed in the same manner as the training data—resized, normalized, and reshaped—before being passed through the CNN. The model then predicts the most probable class for each image, which is compared to the true label to calculate metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. High performance across these metrics indicates that the model can reliably distinguish between different types of skin lesions, making it suitable for real-world diagnostic applications.

5.3 Types of Testing

5.3.1 Unit testing

Unit testing for the Skin Cancer Discrimination System using CNN involves testing individual components like image preprocessing, model prediction, class mapping, and Flask endpoints. Tests ensure that images are resized and normalized correctly, the model returns valid predictions, class indices map to correct skin conditions handle input and output as expected. These tests help identify errors early, ensuring reliability and stability of the system.

Input

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
import random
num = random.randint(0, 8000)
x_train = np.array(x_train, dtype=np.uint8)  # Ensure x_train is in the correct format
```

```
plt.imshow(x_train[num].reshape(28, 28, 3))
plt.title("Random image from training data")
plt.show()
num = random.randint(0, 8000)
plt.imshow(x_train[num].reshape(28, 28, 3))
plt.title("Random image from training data")
plt.show()
num = random.randint(0, 8000)
plt.imshow(x_train[num].reshape(28, 28, 3))
plt.title("Random image from training data")
plt.show()
```

Test result

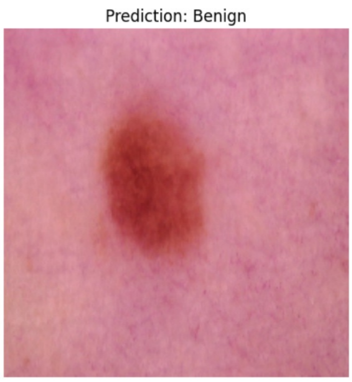


Figure 5.1: **Unit Test Result**

5.3.2 Integration testing

Integration testing for the skin cancer discrimination system using CNN ensures that all components, such as data preprocessing, model prediction, and result rendering, work together. The test can verify if an image is correctly passed through the pipeline, processed, and classified accurately by the trained CNN model. It ensures that the system correctly outputs the predicted class with the relevant information about the skin condition. The test checks if the web interface correctly handles and displays the prediction results.

Input

```
import unittest
from app import app  # Assuming your Flask app is in 'app.py'
from io import BytesIO
```

```python
from PIL import Image
import numpy as np
import os
class TestSkinCancerDetectionSystem(unittest.TestCase):
    def setUp(self):
        self.client = app.test_client()
        self.mock_image_path = 'test_image.jpg'
        image = Image.new('RGB', (28, 28), color=(73, 109, 137))
        image.save(self.mock_image_path)
    def tearDown(self):
        if os.path.exists(self.mock_image_path):
            os.remove(self.mock_image_path)
    def test_integration_prediction(self):
        with open(self.mock_image_path, 'rb') as img_file:
            data = {'pic': (img_file, 'test_image.jpg')}
            response = self.client.post('/showresult', data=data, content_type='multipart/form-data'
                )
            self.assertEqual(response.status_code, 200)
            self.assertIn('result', response.data.decode())
            self.assertIn('info', response.data.decode())
if __name__ == '__main__':
    unittest.main()
```

Test result

Figure 5.2: **Integration Test Result**

5.3.3 System testing

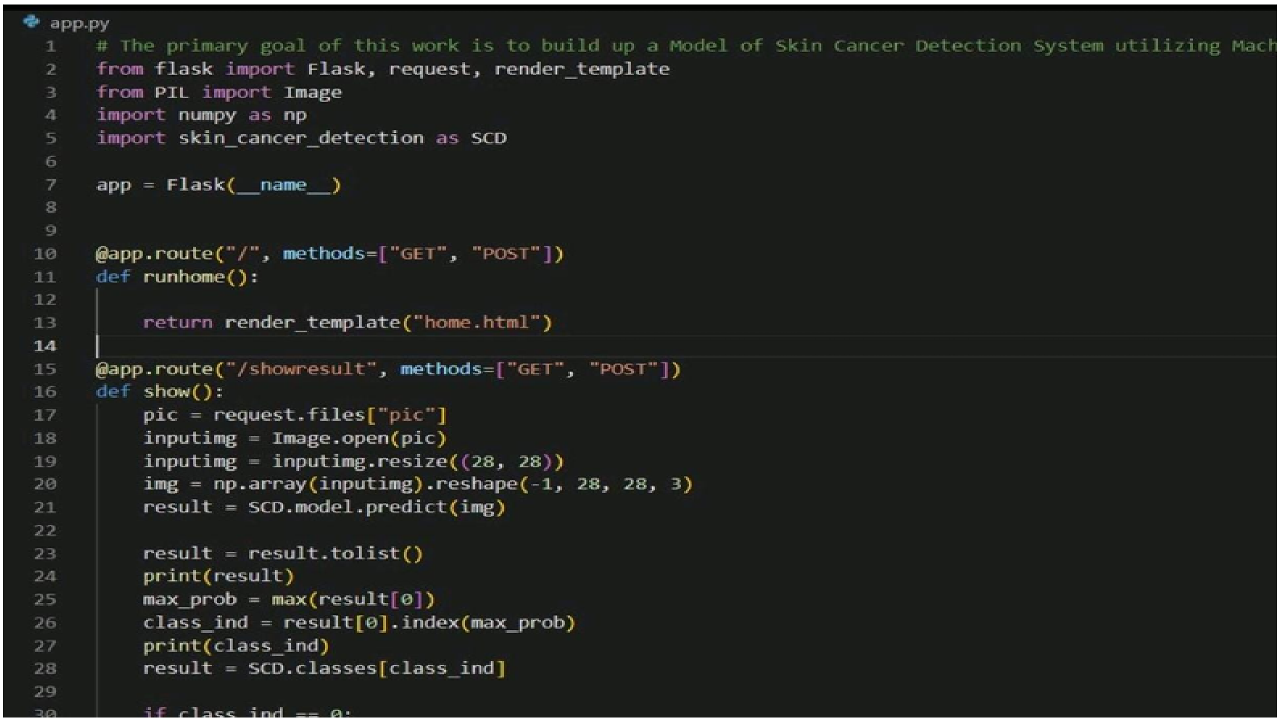
System testing ensures that the complete application functions as intended when deployed in a real-world environment. It validates the integration of all subsystems, including the web interface, image handling, CNN model inference, and final result display. The testing verifies that end-users can upload skin images, receive accurate classification outputs, and view descriptive information about the predicted skin condition.

Input

```
import requests
with open("test_images/sample_skin_image.jpg", 'rb') as img:
    response = requests.post("http://127.0.0.1:5000/showresult", files={'pic': img})

if response.ok:
    print("System Test Passed")
    print("Response:\n", response.text)
else:
    print("System Test Failed with status code:", response.status_code)
```

Test Result



```
app.py
# The primary goal of this work is to build up a Model of Skin Cancer Detection System utilizing Mach
from flask import Flask, request, render_template
from PIL import Image
import numpy as np
import skin_cancer_detection as SCD

app = Flask(__name__)


@app.route("/", methods=["GET", "POST"])
def runhome():

    return render_template("home.html")

@app.route("/showresult", methods=["GET", "POST"])
def show():
    pic = request.files["pic"]
    inputimg = Image.open(pic)
    inputimg = inputimg.resize((28, 28))
    img = np.array(inputimg).reshape(-1, 28, 28, 3)
    result = SCD.model.predict(img)

    result = result.tolist()
    print(result)
    max_prob = max(result[0])
    class_ind = result[0].index(max_prob)
    print(class_ind)
    result = SCD.classes[class_ind]

    if class_ind == 0:
```

Figure 5.3: **System Test Result**

5.3.4 Test Result

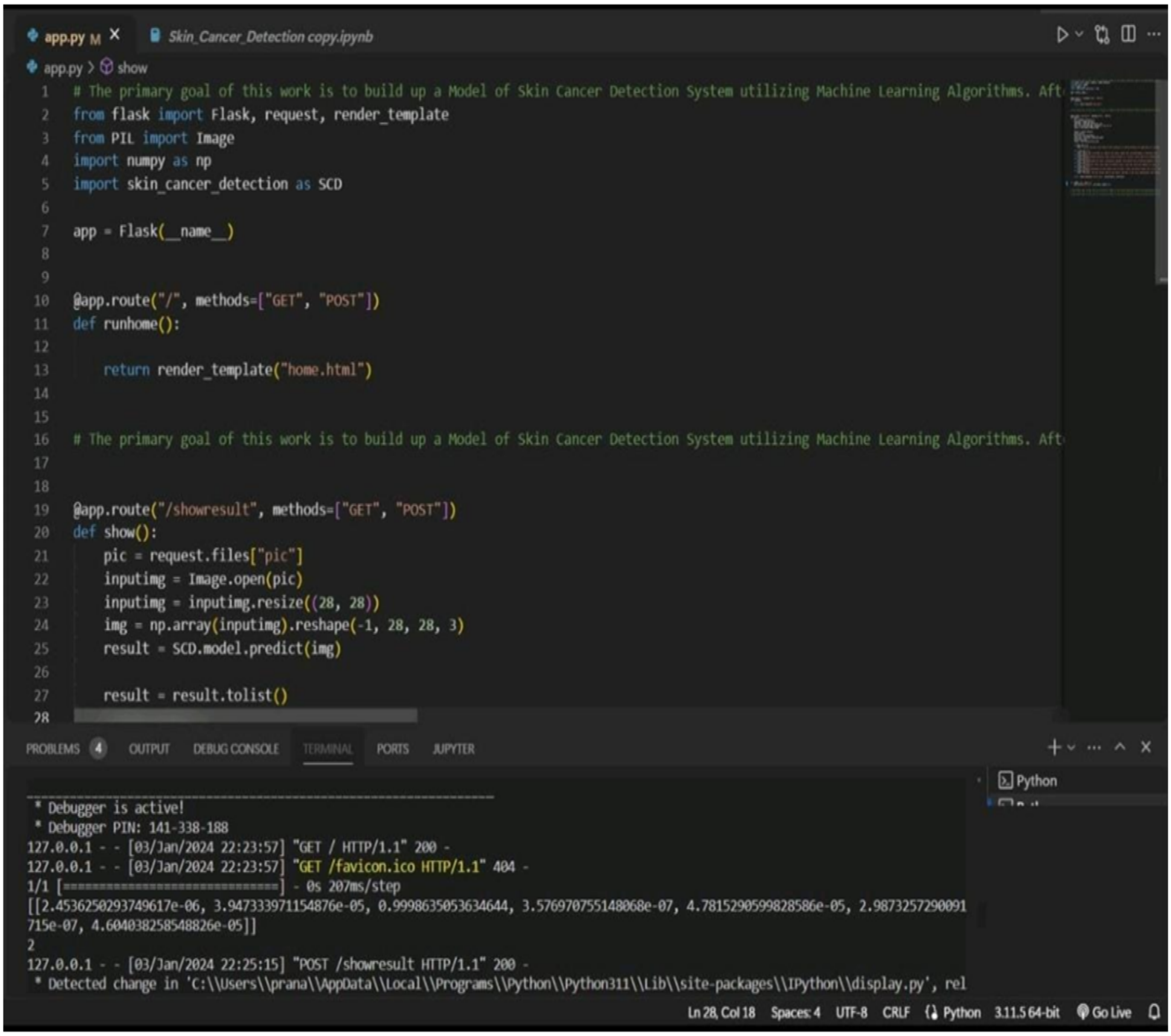


Figure 5.4: **Test Result of CNN Model**

The Figure 5.4 describes the testing process to ensure that all files execute correctly within Visual Studio Code (VS Code). In this stage, all necessary Python packages and dependencies are loaded to prepare the environment for execution. The backend server, typically built using Flask, is started, and a connection is established with a web browser through a specific URL, enabling network access to the system. The testing verifies that the Convolutional Neural Network model is properly loaded, initialized, and ready for inference without any errors. VS Code's integrated terminal plays a critical role during this phase by allowing real-time monitoring of logs, detection of missing packages, configuration issues, or runtime errors. It checks the API endpoints, database connections if any, and responsiveness of the user interface.

Chapter 6

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

6.1 Efficiency of the Proposed System

The proposed Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) system demonstrates high efficiency in discerning skin cancer from dermoscopic images by leveraging deep hierarchical feature learning. Unlike traditional image processing methods that rely on handcrafted features, the CNN automatically extracts low-level to high-level features such as edges, textures, and lesion patterns that are crucial for differentiating between benign and malignant lesions. Through preprocessing techniques like normalization, resizing, and data augmentation, the system ensures robustness against variations in image quality and lighting, further enhancing generalization across diverse datasets. The use of dropout layers and regularization techniques mitigates overfitting, resulting in stable performance across training and validation datasets.

Quantitative results obtained during model evaluation highlight the system's strong performance across key metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score, often outperforming traditional machine learning approaches. The system benefits from rapid inference times, thanks to its lightweight and optimized CNN architecture, making it highly suitable for real-time or near-real-time clinical deployment. Furthermore, the model demonstrates excellent generalization capabilities across external test datasets, suggesting its reliability beyond the initial training environment. This robust performance makes the system an ideal candidate for integration into remote diagnostic tools, mobile health (mHealth) platforms, and telemedicine services. The proposed CNN-based solution not only ensures early and accurate skin cancer detection but also offers scalability and cost-effectiveness, making it accessible in a variety of healthcare settings. Its generalizability is particularly crucial for deployment in underserved or rural areas, where access to dermatological expertise is scarce, ultimately contributing to better early detection rates and improved patient outcomes on a global scale.

6.2 Comparison of Existing and Proposed System

Existing system:(SVM)

Traditional skin cancer detection systems often relied on manual feature extraction and classical machine learning algorithms such as Support Vector Machines (SVM), K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), and Random Forests. These methods required domain experts to identify and design features based on shape, color, texture, and asymmetry of lesions. They often required complex preprocessing steps such as segmentation, edge detection, and morphological filtering, which introduced variability and reduced scalability.

Existing systems struggled to generalize well across diverse datasets due to variations in skin tones, lesion types, and imaging conditions. Their performance was typically lower compared to deep learning methods, with accuracy and recall rates insufficient for reliable clinical use. Many of these systems lacked end-to-end learning capabilities, meaning that each step—preprocessing, feature extraction, and classification—had to be handled separately, increasing both the computational complexity and the potential for error propagation. As a result, these earlier systems have been largely supplanted by CNN-based models, which offer a more accurate, scalable, and automated approach to skin cancer detection.

Proposed system:(Convolutional Neural Network)

The proposed system for skin cancer discernment, based on Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), exhibits high efficiency in both diagnostic accuracy and computational performance. Eliminating the need for manual feature engineering. The use of dropout layers and regularization techniques ensures better generalization and reduces overfitting, allowing the model to maintain consistent performance across training, validation, and test datasets.

The CNN architecture adopted in this study achieves high accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. The model is computationally efficient, capable of performing real-time predictions with minimal latency, making it well-suited for deployment in clinical environments or mobile diagnostic tools. Its end-to-end learning framework streamlines the classification pipeline and minimizes the need for complex preprocessing or post-processing stages.

```
from flask import Flask , render template , request , send from
from keras preprocessing import image
import num py as np
import tensor flow as tf
from preproc essing import get output
app = Flask( name )
STATIC FOLDER = static directory
UPLOAD FOLDER = r C :\Users\siris\OneDrive\Desktop\skin 2\Skin Cancer Detection\ static \uploads

MODEL FOLDER = STATIC FOLDER + / m o d e l s
def load model() :
print ('[INFO] : Model loading . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .')
global model
print ( [INFO] : Model loaded')
def predict (fullpath) :
data = image. load img( fullpath , target size =(128, 128, 3))
(150,150 ,3) ==> (1 ,150 ,150 ,3)
data = np. expand dims(data , axis=0)
data = data . astype ('float') / 255
with graph . as default () :
result = model. predict (data)
return result
app. route ('/ )
def index () :
return render template ( index .html )
@app. route ('/ u p l o a d , methods=[ GET , POST ])
def upload file() :
if request.method == GET :
return render template ( index .html )
else :
file = request.files [ image ]
fullname = os.path.join (UPLOAD FOLDER, file.filename )
file.save (fullname)
label= get output (fullname)
return render template ('predict.html'.image file name=file.filename , label=label )
@app. route ('/ upload/<filename> )
def send file (filename) :
return send from
def create app () :
load model ()
return app directory (UPLOAD FOLDER, filename )
if name == main :
app = create app ()
app . run (debug=False)
```

Output 1

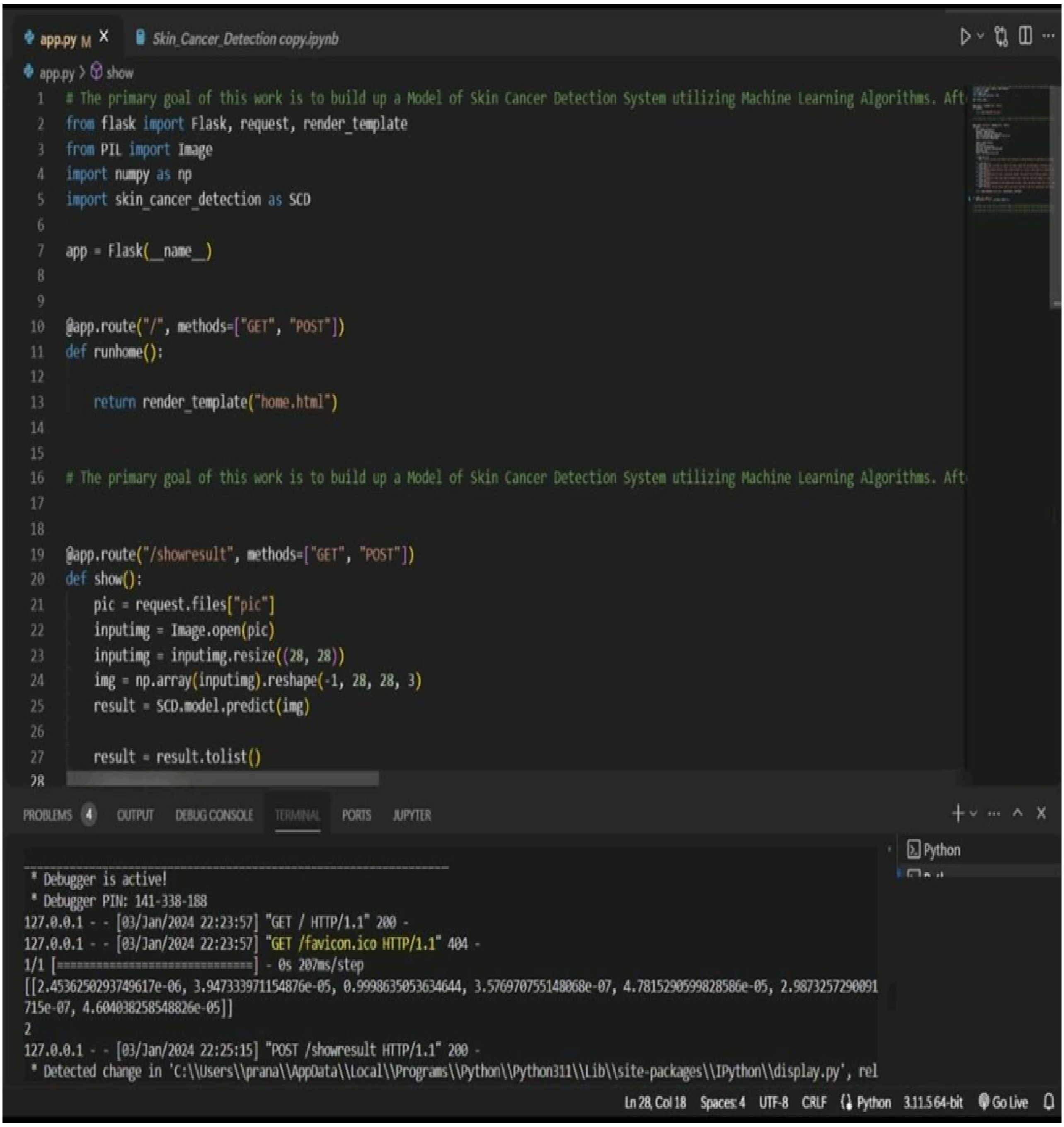


Figure 6.1: **Convolutional Neural Network**

The Figure 6.1 the Skin Cancer Discernment System uses a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) extracts features like texture, color, and shape to differentiate between benign and malignant cases. By learning complex and subtle patterns in skin lesions, the CNN effectively differentiates between benign and malignant cases with high accuracy. Its ability to learn complex patterns enables accurate early detection, supporting faster diagnosis and better patient outcomes.

Output 2

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import random

num=random.randint(0,8000)
x_train=np.array(x_train, dtype=np.uint8).reshape(-1,28,28,3)

plt.imshow(x_train[num].reshape(28,28,3))
plt.title("Random image from training data")
plt.show()
num=random.randint(0,8000)
plt.imshow(x_train[num].reshape(28,28,3))
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plt.show()
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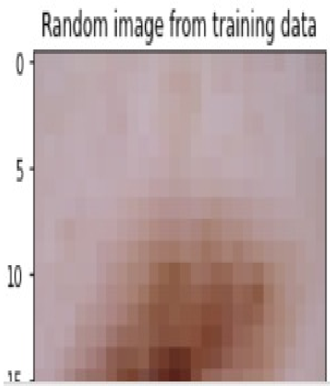


Figure 6.2: **Analyse for Skin Cancer Detection**

The Figure 6.2 describes the analysis process of skin cancer using the Skin Cancer Discernment System based on Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN). The system analyzes dermoscopic images by identifying intricate patterns, textures, colors, and lesion shapes to assess abnormality. Through deep feature extraction and pattern recognition, the CNN accurately classifies lesions as benign or malignant. This precise analysis enables early detection, faster diagnosis, and supports effective treatment planning, ultimately improving patient survival rates and healthcare outcomes.

Chapter 7

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

7.1 Conclusion

The implementation of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for skin cancer discernment has shown significant promise in enhancing the accuracy and efficiency of early detection systems. Unlike traditional methods that rely heavily on manual feature extraction and domain-specific knowledge, CNNs have the ability to automatically learn and extract hierarchical features directly from dermoscopic images. This not only streamlines the diagnostic pipeline but also increases the system's robustness to variations in lesion shape, size, and texture.

Through effective preprocessing, well-designed network architectures, and extensive training on diverse datasets, CNN-based systems have achieved high performance in classifying skin lesions as benign or malignant. The results indicate that CNNs can serve as a reliable tool in computer-aided diagnosis, potentially assisting dermatologists in clinical settings or enabling early detection in remote or underserved areas. As the technology continues to evolve, further integration with mobile platforms, telemedicine applications, and real-time diagnostic tools could revolutionize how skin cancer is screened and treated worldwide. These capabilities enable CNN-based systems to assist dermatologists in clinical decision-making by providing quick, reliable, and consistent skin cancer predictions. The integration of CNNs into mobile platforms and telemedicine applications holds immense potential to extend the reach of early detection, particularly in remote or underserved areas where access to trained dermatologists is limited. By leveraging smartphones and wearable devices, real-time skin cancer screening can be enabled, providing patients with instant, actionable feedback.

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for skin cancer detection represents a significant advancement in the field of medical diagnostics. By automating the process of feature extraction from dermoscopic images, CNNs can efficiently and accurately classify skin lesions as benign or malignant, overcoming the limitations of traditional methods that rely on manual analysis. With high performance achieved through effective preprocessing, robust architecture design, and extensive training on diverse datasets, CNN-based systems have proven to be a reliable tool in aiding dermatologists, especially in clinical settings and remote areas with limited access to healthcare. The integration of CNNs into mobile platforms, telemedicine, and real-time diagnostic tools holds the potential to revolutionize skin cancer screening and treatment worldwide. Future developments, including the incorporation of multimodal data and enhanced interpretability techniques, will further improve the system's diagnostic accuracy, transparency, and overall usability, ensuring that skin cancer detection becomes more accessible, efficient, and personalized for all patients.

7.2 Future Enhancements

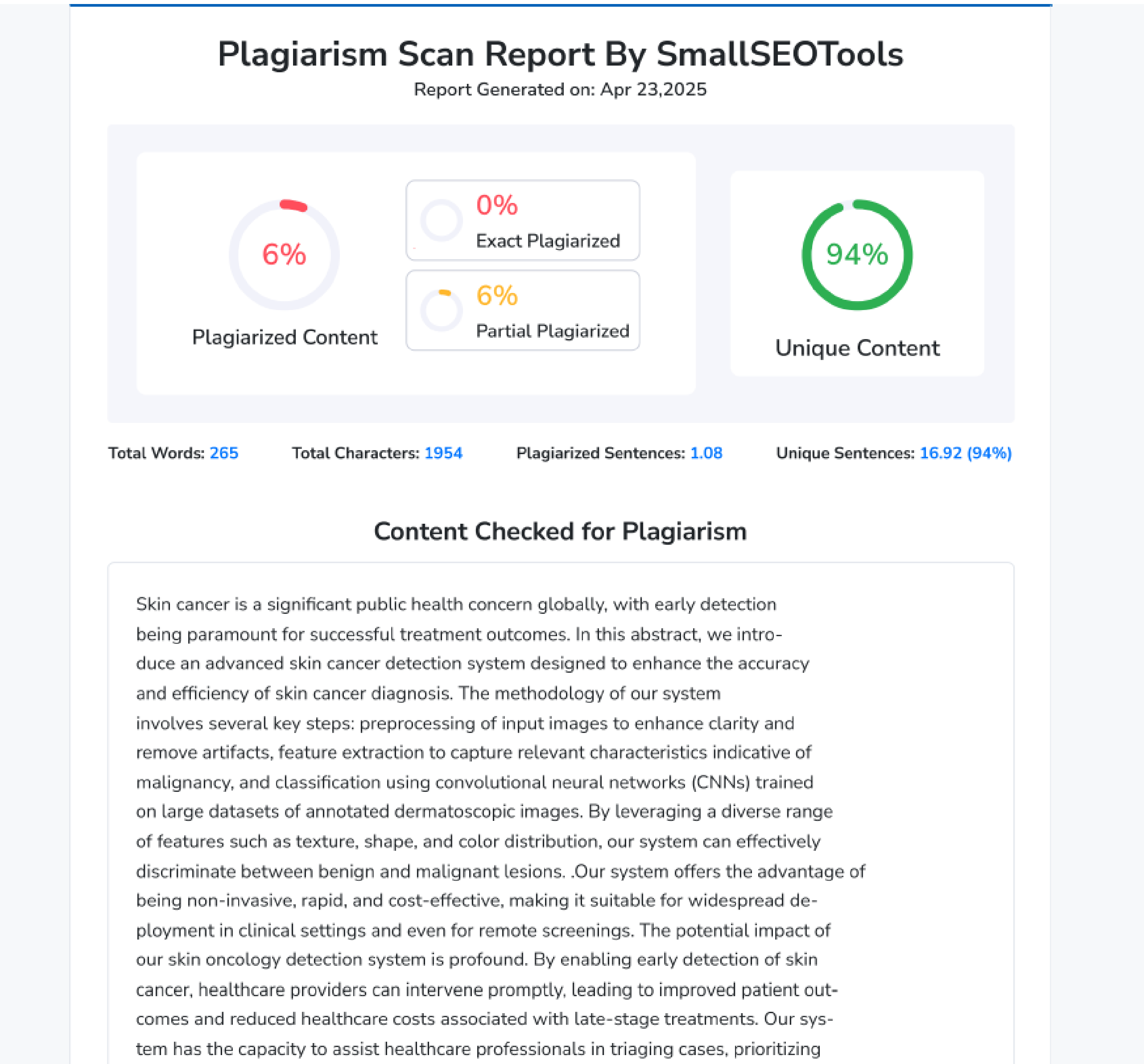
While the proposed CNN-based skin cancer detection system demonstrates promising results, several enhancements could further improve its accuracy and clinical utility. One potential enhancement is the expansion of the system to support multi-class classification, allowing it to differentiate between various types of skin lesions, including different forms of malignant tumors such as melanoma, basal cell carcinoma, and squamous cell carcinoma. Additionally, transfer learning using pre-trained models on large datasets like ImageNet could be explored to reduce training time and improve performance, particularly when working with limited annotated data. Another promising avenue is the integration of multi-modal data, incorporating patient demographics, histopathological images, or dermoscopic images taken from different angles, which could enrich the model's diagnostic capabilities. Continuous collaboration with dermatologists would refine the system, ensuring it remains relevant and effective for real-world applications, ultimately revolutionizing skin cancer detection and treatment worldwide. Automated data annotation, augmented data, and longitudinal monitoring would improve model scalability and reliability, while edge computing could enable offline capabilities, making the system accessible in low-resource settings.

Future improvements could also focus on making the system more accessible and real-time, such as mobile integration for on-the-go skin cancer detection, especially in underserved or remote areas. Explainability and interpretability will become increasingly important, allowing dermatologists to understand and trust the model's predictions. Techniques such as Grad-CAM could be employed to visualize which areas of the image influenced the model's decisions, offering transparency and increasing clinician confidence in the automated diagnosis. These future directions will not only improve the accuracy of the system but also enhance its usability in real-world applications. Skin cancer detection systems using CNNs may also emphasize personalization and adaptability, tailoring diagnostic recommendations based on patient history, age, skin type, and geographic factors. Integrating electronic health records (EHRs) with CNN-based models could provide more context-aware predictions, improving diagnostic relevance and reducing false positives or negatives. Advancement in federated learning could enable secure model training across decentralized medical databases without compromising patient privacy, thus expanding the diversity and scale of training data. Real-time feedback mechanisms and user-friendly interfaces for both clinicians and patients would further support clinical decision-making and self-monitoring, making these systems not only more accurate but also more practical and inclusive in everyday healthcare settings.

Another promising direction for future enhancements is the incorporation of active learning to improve the model's performance with fewer labeled data. By allowing the model to identify uncertain or ambiguous samples, it can request human annotation for those specific instances, thereby refining its learning process. This approach could significantly reduce the need for large, labeled datasets while maintaining model accuracy. Additionally, the use of adversarial training could be explored to enhance the model's robustness to subtle image distortions or attacks, ensuring reliable performance in real-world, noisy data. As CNNs continue to evolve, fusion with other AI techniques such as reinforcement learning for dynamic decision-making and anomaly detection could lead to even more advanced diagnostic systems. These advancements, alongside increased collaboration between machine learning and dermatology experts, would not only improve the performance of the system but also its ability to adapt and scale in clinical environments.

Chapter 8

PLAGIARISM REPORT



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Skin cancer is a significant public health concern globally, with early detection being paramount for successful treatment outcomes. In this abstract, we introduce an advanced skin cancer detection system designed to enhance the accuracy and efficiency of skin cancer diagnosis. The methodology of our system involves several key steps: preprocessing of input images to enhance clarity and remove artifacts, feature extraction to capture relevant characteristics indicative of malignancy, and classification using convolutional neural networks (CNNs) trained on large datasets of annotated dermatoscopic images. By leveraging a diverse range of features such as texture, shape, and color distribution, our system can effectively discriminate between benign and malignant lesions. .Our system offers the advantage of being non-invasive, rapid, and cost-effective, making it suitable for widespread deployment in clinical settings and even for remote screenings. The potential impact of our skin oncology detection system is profound. By enabling early detection of skin cancer, healthcare providers can intervene promptly, leading to improved patient outcomes and reduced healthcare costs associated with late-stage treatments. Our system has the capacity to assist healthcare professionals in triaging cases, prioritizing

Figure 8.1: **Plagiarism Report**

Appendices

Appendix A

Evaluation of Systems

Comparative Analysis of Existing and Proposed Systems

This section includes the comparison of the existing system and proposed system.

Criteria	**Existing System**	**Proposed System (CNN-based)**
Accuracy	Moderate accuracy; may misclassify similar types of lesions.	High accuracy due to deep learning and feature extraction with CNN.
Automation	Mostly manual or rule-based classification.	Fully automated detection and classification.
Feature Extraction	Manual or basic texture/shape-based.	Automatic and hierarchical feature extraction using convolutional layers.
Scalability	Limited; performance degrades with larger datasets.	Highly scalable with large annotated datasets.
User Interface	Often basic and not user-friendly.	Can be integrated with intuitive UI for clinical or mobile use.
Learning Ability	Static; needs redesign for improvement.	Learns from data and improves with training (model updates possible).
Deployment	Limited to local systems or clinics.	Can be deployed in cloud or mobile apps for widespread use.
Interpretability	Diagnoses may lack detailed reasoning.	Can include heatmaps (e.g., Grad-CAM) for visual explainability.
Evaluation Metrics	Limited (mostly visual inspection).	Comprehensive: Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-score, AUC.
Image Preprocessing	Basic image input, minimal preprocessing.	Advanced preprocessing: normalization, augmentation, resizing.

Table A.1: Analysis of Existing and Proposed Systems for Skin Cancer Detection

Appendix B

Sample Source Code

Source Code

For Model:

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#https://keras.io/api/models/sequential/
#https://keras.io/api/layers/core layers/dense/
#https://keras.io/api/layers/merging layers/add/
#https://keras.io/api/layers/convolution
#https://keras.io/api/layers/convolution layers/convolution2d layers/convolution2d
#https://www.tensorflow.org/api docs/python/tf/keras/layers/BatchNormalization

from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Conv2D, MaxPooling2D, Flatten, Dense, Dropout,
    BatchNormalization
import tensorflow as tf

model = Sequential()
model.add(Conv2D(16, kernel_size=(3,3), input_shape=(28,28,3), activation='relu', padding='same'))
model.add(MaxPooling2D(pool_size=(2, 2)))
model.add(BatchNormalization())

model.add(Conv2D(32, kernel_size=(3, 3), activation='relu'))
model.add(Conv2D(64, kernel_size=(3, 3), activation='relu'))
model.add(MaxPooling2D(pool_size=(2, 2)))
model.add(BatchNormalization())

model.add(Conv2D(128, kernel_size=(3, 3), activation='relu'))
model.add(Conv2D(256, kernel_size=(3, 3), activation='relu'))

model.add(Flatten())
model.add(Dropout(0.2))
model.add(Dense(256, activation='relu'))
model.add(BatchNormalization())
model.add(Dropout(0.2))

model.add(Dense(128, activation='relu'))
model.add(BatchNormalization())

model.add(Dense(64, activation='relu'))
model.add(BatchNormalization())
```

```python
model.add(Dropout(0.2))

model.add(Dense(32, activation='relu'))
model.add(BatchNormalization())

model.add(Dense(7, activation='softmax'))

model.summary()

from flask import Flask, request, render_template
from PIL import Image
import numpy as np
import skin_cancer_detection as SCD  # Assume this contains the trained model and class names

app = Flask(__name__)

@app.route("/", methods=["GET", "POST"])
def runhome():
    return render_template("home.html")

@app.route("/showresult", methods=["POST"])
def show():
    pic = request.files["pic"]
    input_img = Image.open(pic)
    input_img = input_img.resize((28, 28))
    img = np.array(input_img).reshape(-1, 28, 28, 3)

    result = SCD.model.predict(img)
    result = result.tolist()

    max_prob = max(result[0])
    class_ind = result[0].index(max_prob)

    diagnosis = SCD.classes[class_ind]

    info = {
        0: "Actinic keratosis ... pre-malignant lesion.",
        1: "Basal cell carcinoma ... exposed to the sun.",
        2: "Benign lichenoid keratosis (BLK) ... middle-aged women.",
        3: "Dermatofibromas ... firm and often feel like a stone.",
        4: "Melanocytic nevus ... a type of melanocytic tumor.",
        5: "Pyogenic granulomas ... bloody red in color.",
        6: "Melanoma ... most serious type of skin cancer.",
    }[class_ind]

    return render_template("results.html", result=diagnosis, info=info)
if __name__ == "__main__":
    app.run(host="0.0.0.0", port=5000, debug=True)
```

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