

# MINI PROJECT DEEP LEARNING FOR ELECTRICAL & COMPUTER ENGINEERS EC9170

# Plant Disease Detection using Deep Learning

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# **INTRODUCTION**

In this report, we explore the application of deep learning models to detect plant diseases using RGB photos of leaves. The dataset comprises two categories: Healthy and Diseased leaves, where Diseased leaves are affected by Apple Scab, Black Rot, or Cedar Apple Rust. Our goal is to develop a model that can accurately classify these images to assist in early disease detection and improve crop management.

We propose and compare two pre-trained deep learning models: VGG16 and ResNet50. By evaluating the performance of these models on a test dataset, we aim to determine the most effective model for this classification task. Our report includes training and validation accuracy over 20 epochs, average accuracies, and test accuracy to provide a comprehensive assessment of each model's performance.

#### **Dataset**

The dataset used in this project consists of RGB photos of leaves categorized into two main folders: Healthy and Diseased. The Diseased folder contains images of leaves affected by three specific diseases: Apple Scab, Black Rot, and Cedar Apple Rust. The Healthy folder contains images of green, healthy leaves. This dataset provides a diverse set of examples for both healthy and diseased leaves, which helps in training and evaluating our deep learning models to accurately classify and detect plant diseases.

#### **Dataset Structure**

The dataset is structured in directories to facilitate easy access and management. The main directory, 'plant\_disease\_detection', contains three subdirectories: train, validation, and test. Each of these subdirectories is further divided into Healthy and Diseased folders. The train folder contains images used for training the models, the validation folder contains images used for tuning model parameters, and the test folder contains images used to evaluate the final model performance. This directory structure helps in systematically organizing the data for effective model training and evaluation.

# **Image Preprocessing**

Image preprocessing is accomplished using the 'ImageDataGenerator' class from TensorFlow's Keras API. This class rescales the pixel values of your images by dividing them by 255 to normalize them to a range of 0 to 1. Additionally, the images are resized to a consistent size of 224x224 pixels, which is the input size required by the VGG16 and ResNet50 models. This preprocessing step ensures that all images fed into the models have a uniform format.

# **METHODOLOGY**

Proposed Models: VGG16, ResNet50

MODEL 1: VGG16

#### **Model Architecture:**

#### 1. Input Layer

The input layer expects images of shape (224, 224, 3), which corresponds to 224x224 pixels with 3 color channels (RGB).

# 2. Convolutional layers

The VGG16 architecture consists of multiple convolutional layers with 3x3 filters and ReLU activation functions. These layers are pre-trained on the ImageNet dataset, and in this project, they are not trainable to leverage the learned features from ImageNet

### 3. Flatten layer

After the convolutional layers, the output is flattened into a one-dimensional vector. This transformation is necessary to connect the convolutional part of the network to the fully connected layers that follow.

#### 4. Fully connected layers

A Dense layer with 256 units and ReLU activation is added. This layer learns high-level features from the flattened output of the convolutional layers, enabling the model to make more accurate predictions.

#### Output layer

The final layer is a Dense layer with one unit and a sigmoid activation function. This layer is responsible for binary classification, predicting whether a leaf is diseased or healthy.

# **Training and Evaluation:**

The model is compiled with the Adam optimizer (learning rate of 0.0001) and binary cross-entropy loss, suitable for binary classification. Accuracy is used to evaluate performance during training. The 'ImageDataGenerator' class rescales pixel values and splits the dataset into training and validation sets, ensuring appropriately scaled and augmented data. The model is trained for 20 epochs with validation to monitor performance. Post-training, the model's accuracy is evaluated on a separate test dataset to assess its generalization to new data.

#### **MODEL 2: ResNet50**

#### **Model Architecture:**

#### 1. Input layer

The ResNet50 model is designed to accept input images of shape (224, 224, 3), which represents 224x224 pixels with three color channels (RGB). This standard input size is required for the pre-trained model.

#### 2. Convolutional layers

ResNet50 includes multiple convolutional layers organized into residual blocks. These layers are pre-trained on the ImageNet dataset.

#### 3. Flatten layers

The output from the convolutional layers is flattened into a one-dimensional vector. This flattening step is necessary to connect the convolutional output to the fully connected layers that follow.

#### 4. Fully connected layer

A Dense layer with 256 units and ReLU activation is added to the model. This fully connected layer processes the high-level features extracted by the convolutional layers, enabling more accurate predictions.

#### Output layers

The final layer is a Dense layer with one unit and a sigmoid activation function. This layer is responsible for binary classification, predicting whether a leaf is diseased or healthy.

#### **Training and Evaluation:**

The model is trained for 20 epochs using the training data generator. Validation is performed on the validation data generator to monitor the model's performance on unseen data. After training, the model's accuracy is evaluated using a test data generator to assess its performance on a separate test dataset. This evaluation step ensures that the model generalizes well to new, unseen data.

# **CODES AND OUTPUTS**

#### 1. Mounting google drive and splitting data

```
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[2] from google.colab import drive
         drive.mount('/content/drive')
    Mounted at /content/drive
[3] import os
         import shutil
         from sklearn.model selection import train test split

'
    [4] dataset_path = '/content/drive/MyDrive/plant_disease_detection'

         diseased_path = os.path.join(dataset_path, 'diseased')
         healthy_path = os.path.join(dataset_path, 'healthy')
[5] base_dir = '/content/drive/MyDrive/plant_disease_detection'
         train_dir = os.path.join(base_dir, 'train')
         val_dir = os.path.join(base_dir, 'val')
         test_dir = os.path.join(base_dir, 'test')
         for dir in [train_dir, val_dir, test_dir]:
              os.makedirs(os.path.join(dir, 'diseased'), exist_ok=True) os.makedirs(os.path.join(dir, 'healthy'), exist_ok=True)
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     + Code + Text
      [6] # Function to split and move files
           def split_and_move_files(src_dir, train_dir, val_dir, test_dir, class_name):
               files = os.listdir(src_dir)
               train_files, test_files = train_test_split(files, test_size=0.1, random_state=42)
               train_files, val_files = train_test_split(train_files, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
               for file in train_files:
                   shutil.move(os.path.join(src_dir, file), os.path.join(train_dir, class_name, file))
               for file in val_files:
                   shutil.move(os.path.join(src_dir, file), os.path.join(val_dir, class_name, file))
                   shutil.move(os.path.join(src_dir, file), os.path.join(test_dir, class_name, file))
      split and move images to train, valisation and test folders
    [7] split_and_move_files(diseased_path, train_dir, val_dir, test_dir, 'diseased')
           split_and_move_files(healthy_path, train_dir, val_dir, test_dir, 'healthy')
    (8) import tensorflow as tf
           from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.image import ImageDataGenerator
           from tensorflow.keras.applications import VGG16
           from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
           from tensorflow, keras, layers import Dense, Flatten
           from tensorflow.keras.optimizers import Adam
```

#### 2. First model - VGG16

Found 236 images belonging to 2 classes. Found 14 images belonging to 2 classes.

#### Training the model – VGG16

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      # Train the model
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       history_vgg16 = model.fit(train_generator, epochs=20, validation_data=validation_generator)

→ Epoch 1/20
                           ========] - 142s 18s/step - loss: 0.4876 - accuracy: 0.7797 - val loss: 0.2595 - val accuracy: 0.9286
       8/8 [==
       Epoch 2/20
                                  8/8 [=====
Epoch 3/20
       8/8 [=
                                        =] - 141s 18s/step - loss: 0.0657 - accuracy: 0.9831 - val_loss: 1.0709 - val_accuracy: 0.4286
       Epoch 4/20
       8/8 [=====
Epoch 5/20
                                          - 139s 17s/step - loss: 0.0387 - accuracy: 0.9915 - val_loss: 0.9801 - val_accuracy: 0.5000
       8/8 [=====
Epoch 6/20
                                          - 139s 17s/step - loss: 0.0258 - accuracy: 0.9958 - val_loss: 1.2705 - val_accuracy: 0.3571
       8/8 [====
Epoch 7/20
                              =======] - 141s 18s/step - loss: 0.0187 - accuracy: 0.9958 - val_loss: 1.4131 - val_accuracy: 0.3571
                                :=======] - 139s 17s/step - loss: 0.0135 - accuracy: 1.0000 - val_loss: 1.1732 - val_accuracy: 0.5000
       Epoch 8/20
       8/8 [=====
Epoch 9/20
                                ======] - 138s 17s/step - loss: 0.0101 - accuracy: 1.0000 - val loss: 1.3087 - val accuracy: 0.3571
                                     ===] - 139s 17s/step - loss: 0.0078 - accuracy: 1.0000 - val loss: 1.3774 - val accuracy: 0.3571
       8/8 [===
       Epoch 10/20
                           ========] - 139s 17s/step - loss: 0.0068 - accuracy: 1.0000 - val_loss: 1.3381 - val_accuracy: 0.3571
       8/8 [==:
       Fnoch 11/20
                              :=======] - 140s 17s/step - loss: 0.0055 - accuracy: 1.0000 - val_loss: 1.6184 - val_accuracy: 0.3571
       Epoch 12/20
                               Epoch 13/20
       8/8 [=====
Epoch 14/20
                                =======] - 140s 17s/step - loss: 0.0044 - accuracy: 1.0000 - val_loss: 1.2823 - val_accuracy: 0.4286
       8/8 [==
                              =======] - 139s 17s/step - loss: 0.0039 - accuracy: 1.0000 - val_loss: 1.3502 - val_accuracy: 0.3571
                             ========] - 139s 17s/step - loss: 0.0034 - accuracy: 1.0000 - val loss: 1.6170 - val accuracy: 0.3571
       8/8 [==
       Epoch 16/20
       8/8 [===
                              ========] - 139s 17s/step - loss: 0.0034 - accuracy: 1.0000 - val_loss: 1.6170 - val_accuracy: ( 🔨 🔾
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       Epoch 16/20
       8/8 [=====
Epoch 17/20
   ======] - 143s 18s/step - loss: 0.0030 - accuracy: 1.0000 - val_loss: 1.5918 - val_accuracy: 0.3571
                               =======] - 140s 17s/step - loss: 0.0027 - accuracy: 1.0000 - val_loss: 1.5414 - val_accuracy: 0.3571
       Epoch 18/20
       8/8 [=
                                  ======] - 143s 18s/step - loss: 0.0024 - accuracy: 1.0000 - val_loss: 1.5761 - val_accuracy: 0.3571
        Epoch 19/20
                                  ====== - 142s 18s/step - loss: 0.0022 - accuracy: 1.0000 - val loss: 1.6158 - val accuracy: 0.3571
       8/8 [===
        Epoch 20/20
                                      ===] - 140s 17s/step - loss: 0.0021 - accuracy: 1.0000 - val_loss: 1.6861 - val_accuracy: 0.3571
```

#### Saving the model – VGG16

#### 3. Second model – ResNet50

```
_{\text{Os}}^{\checkmark} [13] import tensorflow as tf
         from \ \ tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.image \ import \ ImageDataGenerator
         from tensorflow.keras.applications import ResNet50
         from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
         from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dense, Flatten
         from tensorflow.keras.optimizers import Adam
    Second model - ResNet50
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5s [14] #ResNet50
         base_model = ResNet50(weights='imagenet', include_top=False, input_shape=(224, 224, 3))
         for layer in base model.layers:
             layer.trainable = False
         model = Sequential([
              base model,
              Flatten(),
              Dense(256, activation='relu'),
              Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')
         1)
         model.compile(optimizer=Adam(learning_rate=0.0001), loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])
    Townloading data from <a href="https://storage.googleapis.com/tensorflow/keras-applications/resnet/resnet50_weights_tf_dim_ordering_tf_kernels_notop.h5">https://storage.googleapis.com/tensorflow/keras-applications/resnet/resnet50_weights_tf_dim_ordering_tf_kernels_notop.h5</a>
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```

Found 236 images belonging to 2 classes. Found 14 images belonging to 2 classes.

#### Training the model – ResNet50

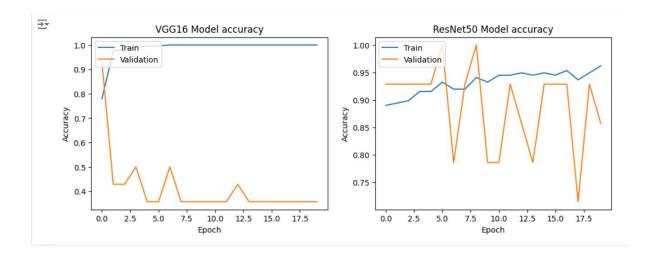
```
1
      #Train the model - Resnet50
       history_resnet50 = model.fit(train_generator, epochs=20, validation_data=validation_generator)
   8/8 [=====
Epoch 2/20
                                     ====] - 56s 6s/step - loss: 1.1557 - accuracy: 0.8898 - val_loss: 0.2902 - val_accuracy: 0.9286
       8/8 [=====
Epoch 3/20
                           ========] - 48s 6s/step - loss: 0.3674 - accuracy: 0.8941 - val_loss: 0.2452 - val_accuracy: 0.9286
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                                         - 51s 6s/step - loss: 0.3250 - accuracy: 0.8983 - val_loss: 0.4209 - val_accuracy: 0.9286
       Epoch 4/20
       8/8 [====
Epoch 5/20
                                         - 49s 6s/step - loss: 0.2690 - accuracy: 0.9153 - val_loss: 0.1984 - val_accuracy: 0.9286
                                         - 48s 6s/step - loss: 0.2144 - accuracy: 0.9153 - val_loss: 0.3182 - val_accuracy: 0.9286
       8/8 [==
       Epoch 6/20
                                     ===] - 52s 6s/step - loss: 0.1987 - accuracy: 0.9322 - val_loss: 0.2101 - val_accuracy: 1.0000
       8/8 [=
       Epoch 7/20
                               ========] - 49s 6s/step - loss: 0.1910 - accuracy: 0.9195 - val loss: 0.3929 - val accuracy: 0.7857
       8/8 [==
       Epoch 8/20
                                         - 50s 6s/step - loss: 0.1887 - accuracy: 0.9195 - val_loss: 0.2596 - val_accuracy: 0.9286
       8/8 [=
       Epoch 9/20
                                      ===] - 51s 6s/step - loss: 0.1678 - accuracy: 0.9407 - val loss: 0.1857 - val accuracy: 1.0000
       Epoch 10/20
                                         - 49s 7s/step - loss: 0.1834 - accuracy: 0.9322 - val loss: 0.3296 - val accuracy: 0.7857
       8/8 [=
       Epoch 11/20
                            =======] - 51s 6s/step - loss: 0.1592 - accuracy: 0.9449 - val_loss: 0.3368 - val_accuracy: 0.7857
       Epoch 12/20
                                         - 49s 6s/step - loss: 0.1523 - accuracy: 0.9449 - val_loss: 0.2122 - val_accuracy: 0.9286
       8/8 [=
       Epoch 13/20
                             ========] - 50s 6s/step - loss: 0.1450 - accuracy: 0.9492 - val_loss: 0.3131 - val_accuracy: 0.8571
       Epoch 14/20
                                         - 52s 6s/step - loss: 0.1362 - accuracy: 0.9449 - val_loss: 0.3262 - val_accuracy: 0.7857
       Epoch 15/20
                            8/8 [======
Epoch 16/20
                                     ===] - 48s 6s/step - loss: 0.1306 - accuracy: 0.9449 - val_loss: 0.2578 - val_accuracy: 0.9286
                           :=======] - 49s 6s/step - loss: 0.1490 - accuracy: 0.9492 - val_loss: 0.1923 - val_accuracy: ( 🔨 👃
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       Epoch 16/20
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       Epoch 17/20
                                   ====] - 49s 6s/step - loss: 0.1242 - accuracy: 0.9534 - val loss: 0.1776 - val accuracy: 0.9286
       8/8 [===
       Epoch 18/20
                            =========] - 54s 7s/step - loss: 0.1279 - accuracy: 0.9364 - val loss: 0.5170 - val accuracy: 0.7143
       8/8 [=====
       Epoch 19/20
                                      ==] - 49s 6s/step - loss: 0.1239 - accuracy: 0.9492 - val_loss: 0.2319 - val_accuracy: 0.9286
       8/8 [=
       Epoch 20/20
       8/8 [=====
                            ========] - 51s 6s/step - loss: 0.1080 - accuracy: 0.9619 - val_loss: 0.2636 - val_accuracy: 0.8571
```

# Saving the model – ResNet50

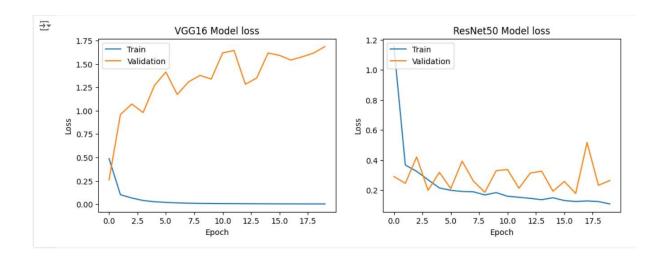
```
#save model - ResNet50
model.save('/content/drive/MyDrive/plant_disease_detection/resnet50_model.h5')
```

# **4.** Evaluation and comparison between two models.

```
Evaluating both models
[18] import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
     #accuracy
      plt.figure(figsize=(12, 4))
      plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
      plt.plot(history_vgg16.history['accuracy'])
      plt.plot(history_vgg16.history['val_accuracy'])
      plt.title('VGG16 Model accuracy')
      plt.ylabel('Accuracy')
      plt.xlabel('Epoch')
      plt.legend(['Train', 'Validation'], loc='upper left')
      plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
      plt.plot(history_resnet50.history['accuracy'])
      plt.plot(history_resnet50.history['val_accuracy'])
      plt.title('ResNet50 Model accuracy')
      plt.ylabel('Accuracy')
      plt.xlabel('Epoch')
      plt.legend(['Train', 'Validation'], loc='upper left')
      plt.show()
```



```
#loss values
    plt.figure(figsize=(12, 4))
    plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
    plt.plot(history_vgg16.history['loss'])
    plt.plot(history vgg16.history['val loss'])
    plt.title('VGG16 Model loss')
    plt.ylabel('Loss')
    plt.xlabel('Epoch')
    plt.legend(['Train', 'Validation'], loc='upper left')
    plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
    plt.plot(history_resnet50.history['loss'])
    plt.plot(history_resnet50.history['val_loss'])
    plt.title('ResNet50 Model loss')
    plt.ylabel('Loss')
    plt.xlabel('Epoch')
    plt.legend(['Train', 'Validation'], loc='upper left')
    plt.show()
```



```
[23] import os
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from tensorflow.keras.models import load_model
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing import image

[24] #loading models
vgg16_model = load_model('/content/drive/MyDrive/plant_disease_detection/vgg16_model.h5')
resnet50_model = load_model('/content/drive/MyDrive/plant_disease_detection/resnet50_model.h5')
```

```
test_datagen = ImageDataGenerator(rescale=1./255)
     test_generator = test_datagen.flow_from_directory(
        test_dir,
        target_size=(224, 224),
        batch_size=32,
        class_mode='binary'
    # Evaluate models on the test set
    loss_vgg16, accuracy_vgg16 = vgg16_model.evaluate(test_generator)
    loss_resnet50, accuracy_resnet50 = resnet50_model.evaluate(test_generator)
    # Calculate average accuracies over 20 epochs
    vgg16_avg_train_accuracy = np.mean(history_vgg16.history['accuracy'])
    vgg16_avg_val_accuracy = np.mean(history_vgg16.history['val_accuracy'])
    resnet50_avg_train_accuracy = np.mean(history_resnet50.history['accuracy'])
    resnet50_avg_val_accuracy = np.mean(history_resnet50.history['val_accuracy'])
    # Print the results
    print(f"VGG16 Model - Average Training Accuracy (20 Epochs): {vgg16_avg_train_accuracy}")
    print(f"VGG16 Model - Average Validation Accuracy (20 Epochs): {vgg16_avg_val_accuracy}")
    print(f"VGG16 Model - Test Accuracy: {accuracy_vgg16}")
    print(f"ResNet50 Model - Average Training Accuracy (20 Epochs): {resnet50_avg_train_accuracy}")
    print(f"ResNet50 Model - Average Validation Accuracy (20 Epochs): {resnet50_avg_val_accuracy}")
     print(f"ResNet50 Model - Test Accuracy: {accuracy_resnet50}")
```

```
Found 41 images belonging to 2 classes.

2/2 [========] - 22s 5s/step - loss: 0.3225 - accuracy: 0.8293

2/2 [=======] - 8s 2s/step - loss: 0.2465 - accuracy: 0.9024

VGG16 Model - Average Training Accuracy (20 Epochs): 0.9860169470310212

VGG16 Model - Average Validation Accuracy (20 Epochs): 0.410714291036129

VGG16 Model - Test Accuracy: 0.8292682766914368

ResNet50 Model - Average Training Accuracy (20 Epochs): 0.931779658794403

ResNet50 Model - Average Validation Accuracy (20 Epochs): 0.8892856985330582

ResNet50 Model - Test Accuracy: 0.9024389982223511
```

```
#summarize - VGG16
   print("VGG16 Model Summary:")
   vgg16 model.summary()
→ VGG16 Model Summary:
   Model: "sequential"
   Layer (type)
                         Output Shape
                                             Param #
   ______
   vgg16 (Functional)
                         (None, 7, 7, 512)
                                            14714688
   flatten (Flatten)
                         (None, 25088)
    dense (Dense)
                         (None, 256)
                                             6422784
    dense_1 (Dense)
                         (None, 1)
   ______
   Total params: 21137729 (80.63 MB)
   Trainable params: 6423041 (24.50 MB)
   Non-trainable params: 14714688 (56.13 MB)
```

```
#summarize - ResNet50
   print("\nResNet50 Model Summary:")
   resnet50_model.summary()
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   ResNet50 Model Summary:
   Model: "sequential_1"
   Layer (type)
                       Output Shape
                                            Param #
   _____
    resnet50 (Functional)
                       (None, 7, 7, 2048)
                                             23587712
    flatten_1 (Flatten)
                        (None, 100352)
    dense_2 (Dense)
                         (None, 256)
                                             25690368
    dense_3 (Dense)
                         (None, 1)
                                             257
   ______
   Total params: 49278337 (187.98 MB)
   Trainable params: 25690625 (98.00 MB)
   Non-trainable params: 23587712 (89.98 MB)
```

# 5. Testing the model

```
√ [♠] #test image
       test_image_path = '/content/drive/MyDrive/plant_disease_detection/test/diseased/3017.jpg.jpeg
       test_image, test_image_array = load_and_preprocess_image(test_image_path)
/ [55] #VGG16
       vgg16_prediction = predict_disease(vgg16_model, test_image_array)
       resnet50_prediction = predict_disease(resnet50_model, test_image_array)
   → 1/1 [=======] - 0s 478ms/step
       1/1 [======] - 0s 187ms/step
   plt.figure(figsize=(2, 2))
       plt.imshow(test_image)
       plt.title(f'VGG16 Prediction: {vgg16_prediction}\nResNet50 Prediction: {resnet50_prediction}')
       plt.axis('off')
       plt.show()
   ₹
         VGG16 Prediction: Diseased
        ResNet50 Prediction: Diseased
os [60] #test image
       test_image_path = '/content/drive/MyDrive/plant_disease_detection/test/healthy/1046.JPG.jpeg'
       test_image, test_image_array = load_and_preprocess_image(test_image_path)
/ [61] #VGG16
       vgg16_prediction = predict_disease(vgg16_model, test_image_array)
       resnet50_prediction = predict_disease(resnet50_model, test_image_array)
   → 1/1 [==========] - 0s 483ms/step
       1/1 [======] - 0s 184ms/step
   plt.figure(figsize=(2, 2))
       plt.imshow(test_image)
       plt.title(f'VGG16 Prediction: {vgg16_prediction}\nResNet50 Prediction: {resnet50_prediction}')
       plt.axis('off')
       plt.show()
   ₹
         VGG16 Prediction: Healthy
        ResNet50 Prediction: Healthy
```

# **COMPARISON BETWEEN TWO MODELS**

Metric	VGG16	ResNet50
Average Training Accuracy (20 Epochs)	98.61%	93.18%
Average Validation Accuracy (20 Epochs)	41.07%	88.93%
Test Accuracy	82.93%	90.24%
Training Time	Longer	Shorter
<b>Model Complexity</b>	Simpler	More Complex
Resource Requirements	Lower	Higher

# 1. Training Accuracy:

The VGG16 model achieves a very high average training accuracy of 98.61%, indicating that it performs exceptionally well on the training data.

The ResNet50 model also shows strong performance on the training data with an average accuracy of 93.18%, although slightly lower than VGG16.

#### 2. Validation Accuracy:

There is a significant drop in the VGG16 model's validation accuracy, averaging 41.07%, which suggests overfitting. The model performs well on training data but poorly on validation data.

The ResNet50 model maintains a high average validation accuracy of 88.93%, indicating better generalization to unseen data compared to VGG16.

#### 3. Test Accuracy:

The VGG16 model achieves a test accuracy of 82.93%, which is higher than its validation accuracy but still lower than the ResNet50's test accuracy.

The ResNet50 model achieves a test accuracy of 90.24%, confirming its robustness and better generalization capability compared to the VGG16 model.

#### 4. Training Time:

VGG16 takes longer per training step compared to ResNet50.

5. Model Complexit	γ:
VGG16 is simpler with a architecture.	fewer layers, while ResNet50 is more complex with a deeper
6. Resource Requir	rements:
	computational resources, whereas ResNet50 demands more mber of layers and complexity.

# PROPOSAL OF THE BEST MODEL

Best model – ResNet50

Overfitting in VGG16:

The VGG16 model shows signs of overfitting, as evidenced by the large discrepancy between training and validation accuracies. Despite its high training accuracy, the model struggles to generalize to validation and test datasets.

Better Generalization in ResNet50:

The ResNet50 model exhibits better generalization with consistent performance across training, validation, and test datasets. This model is more reliable for real-world applications due to its higher test accuracy and balanced performance.

From the evaluation and comparison, we propose that **ResNet50** would be the best choice for plant disease detection.

# **CONCLUSION**

**ResNet50** is proposed as the best model for plant disease detection. Its balanced performance, resource efficiency, and better generalization make it a more suitable and practical choice for real-world applications. While the VGG16 model leveraged pre-trained knowledge, its inability to generalize well to validation and test sets limits its practical utility in this specific task.