

# Project Proposal

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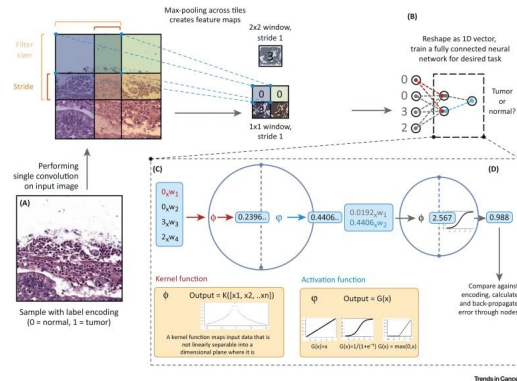
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# Problem or Situation

The most common breast cancer is called Invasive Ductal Carcinoma (IDC). Assigning an aggressiveness grade to a whole mount sample, pathologists normally focus on the areas which contain the IDC. This results in a common pre-processing step that aim for an automatic aggressiveness grading by delineate the exact regions of IDC inside of a whole mount slide.



# Research Question

Can a Deep Learning classifier model help increase the accuracy and reduce time in determining whether a histology image is benign or malignant for potential Breast Cancer patients?



# The Dataset

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Schematic Diagram of a **Dataset** in Dataverse 4.0



Container for your data, documentation, and code.

Data used: [Kaggle-Breast Cancer Prediction Dataset](#)

We will be using the IDC\_regular dataset (breast cancer histology image dataset) from Kaggle. There is approximately 277,524 patches that are the size of 50x50 extracted from 162 whole mount slide images of breast cancer specimens that are scanned at 40x. The data holds 198,738 test negative and 78,786 test positive with IDC. The dataset is available for the public and can download it here. The size of the data is a minimum of 3.02GB of disk space for this project.

Filenames in this dataset look like this:

**8863\_idx5\_x451\_y1451\_class0**

Here, 8863\_idx5 is the patient ID, 451 and 1451 are the x- and y- coordinates of the crop, and 0 is the class label (0 denotes absence of IDC).

## Methodology

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This project will include the use of Keras that will define a CNN (Convolutional Neural Network) to train it on our images. There will be a directory for each patient ID that holds 0 and 1 directories for images. This will be used to split our dataset into training, validation, and testing sets in an 80% for training with 10% of that reserved for validation, and 20% for testing. Using tuples (Python list that can hold a sequence of items) for information about the training, validation, and testing sets.

# Project Timeline

