

Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

Early and accurate detection of diseases is critical for effective treatment planning and saving lives. Tuberculosis (TB) is a chronic and contagious disease caused by the bacteria *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, prevalent in both underdeveloped and developing regions. Each year, TB infects 10 million people. Despite being preventable and curable, it claims 1.5 million lives annually. The onset and risk of developing TB vary from person to person, with those having weak immune systems and children being more susceptible. The disease may manifest soon after exposure or remain latent for years. Initially, symptoms are mild and gradually worsen, leading many individuals to delay seeking medical attention.

In clinical practice, chest radiographs are analyzed by skilled physicians to identify TB, but this process is timeconsuming and subjective, often leading to variations in diagnosis. Additionally, TB chest Xrays can be misclassified as other diseases with similar radiologic features, potentially resulting in incorrect treatment and deteriorating health. In resourcelimited settings, particularly rural areas, there is a shortage of qualified radiologists. Consequently, computeraided diagnostic systems that analyze chest Xray images could play a crucial role in broad TB screening.

To address this need, accurate TB detection techniques must be developed to facilitate early diagnosis and proper treatment planning. Initially, several conventional machine learningbased TB detection methods were proposed, involving preprocessing, segmentation, feature extraction, feature reduction, and classification. These traditional approaches often rely on handcrafted features for classification. To overcome these limitations, deep learning techniques have been introduced, which can directly extract effective features from input images.

Deep learning methods, especially Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), have become prominent in computer vision and medical applications. These networks are extensively used for TB detection, leveraging their capability to automatically learn important features from images and provide efficient predictions. Deep learning addresses the challenges of traditional machine learning, such as dependency on segmentation and handcrafted feature extraction.

Several researchers have proposed various deep learningbased TB detection approaches. Ahsan et al. developed a global pretrained CNN model for TB detection, achieving an accuracy of 81.25%. Yadav et al. introduced a deep learningbased TB identification method with 94.89% accuracy. Muljo et al. employed four different CNN models for classifying TB using chest Xray images. Koti and Thirunavukarasu proposed an effective ensemble approach for TB

detection and reviewed deep learningbased TB detection techniques. They also suggested a model for detecting both TB and breast cancer. Rahman et al. introduced a Netbased TB detection method with 96.47% accuracy, 96.62% precision, and 96.47% sensitivity.

Despite the promising performance of these deep learning techniques, there is still a need for further improvement, particularly in the classification stage, to enhance TB detection accuracy.

1.1 Overview of the Project:

The detection of tuberculosis (TB) using chest Xrays has advanced considerably, particularly with the introduction of deep learning techniques. Historically, TB diagnosis depended on clinical symptoms, sputum smear microscopy, culture tests, and manual examination of chest Xrays by radiologists, who identified signs such as lung infiltrates and cavitations. In the late 20th century, ComputerAided Detection (CAD) systems were developed to assist radiologists, employing handcrafted features and classical image processing methods, though these were limited in accuracy. The 2010s marked a shift towards machine learning models like Support Vector Machines and Random Forests, which improved performance but still necessitated extensive feature engineering.

The major breakthrough came with the emergence of deep learning in 2012, particularly Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), which revolutionized image analysis. Researchers began applying CNNs to medical imaging, including TB detection from chest Xrays, allowing for automatic learning of features directly from raw images and significantly enhancing detection accuracy. Notable advancements included the development of advanced architectures such as VGG Net, Res Net, and Inception, as well as the availability of large datasets like the NIH Chest Xray dataset, which facilitated the training of these models. By 20172018, studies demonstrated that deep learning models could match or even exceed the performance of radiologists in detecting TB from chest Xrays, addressing challenges such as varying image qualities and patient demographics.

In recent years, deep learningbased TB detection systems have continued to improve and have been deployed in lowresource settings, providing quick and reliable screening where access to experienced radiologists is limited. Future research aims to integrate these models into clinical

workflows, enhance their interpretability, and ensure they can offer explanations for their predictions to gain the trust of healthcare providers. Ultimately, the goal is to leverage deep learning to reduce the global TB burden, particularly in regions with high incidence rates and limited healthcare infrastructure, showcasing the transformative impact of AI in improving TB diagnostics and global health outcomes.

1.2 Existing System:

The existing systems for leveraging deep learning for chest X-ray tuberculosis detection represent a significant advancement in medical imaging technology. These systems utilize convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and other deep learning architectures to automatically analyze chest X-ray images and detect signs of tuberculosis (TB) with high accuracy and efficiency.

1.3 Problem definition:

Develop an automated deep learningbased system for detecting tuberculosis (TB) from chest Xrays to enhance diagnostic accuracy, minimize reliance on radiologist expertise, and increase accessibility to TB screening, particularly in lowresource environments.

1.4 Objectives of the project:

The main goal of this project is to create a deep learning model that can accurately detect TB from chest Xray images by utilizing convolutional neural networks (CNNs).

CHAPTER 2

REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

2.1 Software Requirements:

Software requirements for tuberculosis (TB) detection using deep learning include various components essential for model development, training, inference, and deployment. The key software requirements are:

Python Programming Language: Python is the preferred language for deep learning due to its simplicity, versatility, and extensive ecosystem of libraries and tools. Ensure the chosen Python version is compatible with the selected deep learning framework and other dependencies.

Development Environment: Establish a development environment with integrated development environments (IDEs) or text editors suitable for deep learning development. Popular options include PyCharm, Jupyter Notebook, Visual Studio Code, and Google Colab.

Data Management Tools: Utilize data management tools for organizing, preprocessing, and augmenting TB image datasets. Tools such as Pandas, NumPy, and scikitlearn are commonly used for data manipulation, analysis, and feature extraction.

Model Interpretation and Visualization Tools: Use tools for interpreting and visualizing deep learning model outputs, like saliency maps, heatmaps, and activation maximization. Libraries such as Matplotlib, Seaborn, and TensorBoard offer visualization capabilities for analyzing model performance and debugging.

2.2 Hardware Requirements:

Developing a deep learning model for TB detection from chest Xrays requires specific hardware to ensure efficient processing, training, and deployment. The key hardware requirements are:

1. HighPerformance GPU:

- **NVIDIA GPUs:** Models such as the NVIDIA RTX 3090, Titan V, or Tesla V100 are recommended for their high CUDA core count and large memory, which are essential for training complex deep learning models.
- **CUDA and cuDNN:** Ensure that the GPU is compatible with CUDA and cuDNN libraries for optimal performance with deep learning frameworks like TensorFlow and PyTorch.

2. CPU:

- **MultiCore Processor:** A highperformance multicore processor (e.g., Intel i9, AMD Ryzen 9) is essential for handling data preprocessing and other computational tasks that aren't GPUaccelerated.
- **High Clock Speed:** A higher clock speed improves the overall performance of the CPU, aiding in faster data processing and model training tasks.

3. RAM:

- **Minimum 32GB:** For handling large datasets and running multiple processes concurrently, at least 32GB of RAM is recommended.
- **Preferably 64GB or More:** For more extensive datasets and complex model architectures, 64GB or more can significantly improve performance and reduce bottlenecks.

4. Storage:

- **Solid State Drive (SSD):** An SSD with a minimum of 1TB storage is recommended for fast read/write speeds, which are crucial for handling large datasets and model checkpoints.

CHAPTER 3

DESIGN

Data Collection and Preprocessing:

- Gather a diverse collection of chest Xray images, comprising both TBpositive and TBnegative cases.
- Enhance the model's robustness and generalization by performing data preprocessing steps such as resizing, standardization, and augmentation.

Model Architecture:

- Design and implement a deep CNN architecture specifically for TB detection.
- Experiment with various network architectures, including different versions of wellknown models such as ResNet, DenseNet, and VGG.

Training and Evaluation:

- Employ transfer learning techniques to leverage pretrained models for training the deep learning model using a meticulously selected dataset.
- Evaluate the model's performance using standard metrics such as accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, and area under the receiver operating characteristic curve (AUCROC).
- Validate the model on independent test datasets to assess its generalization and realworld applicability.

Interpretability and Expandability:

- Explore methods to interpret the model's decisions to gain insights into the features contributing to tuberculosis identification.
- Investigate techniques for explaining the model's predictions, enhancing confidence and understanding among medical practitioners.

3.1 Block Diagram:

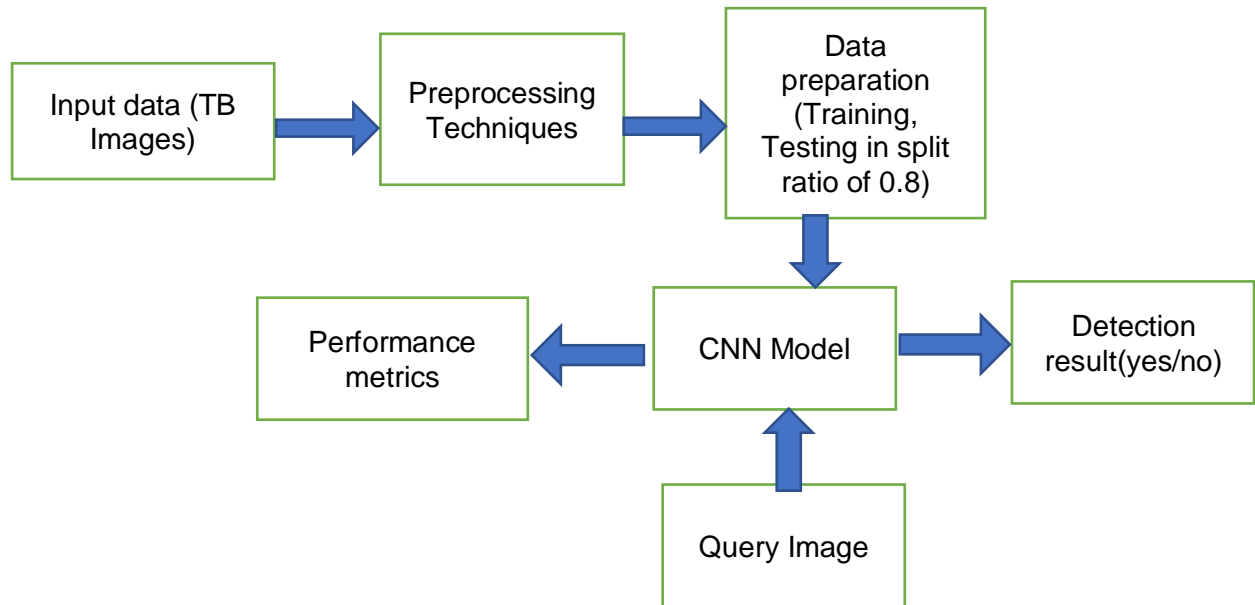


Fig 3.1 Block Diagram Deep Learning Techniques for TB Detection.

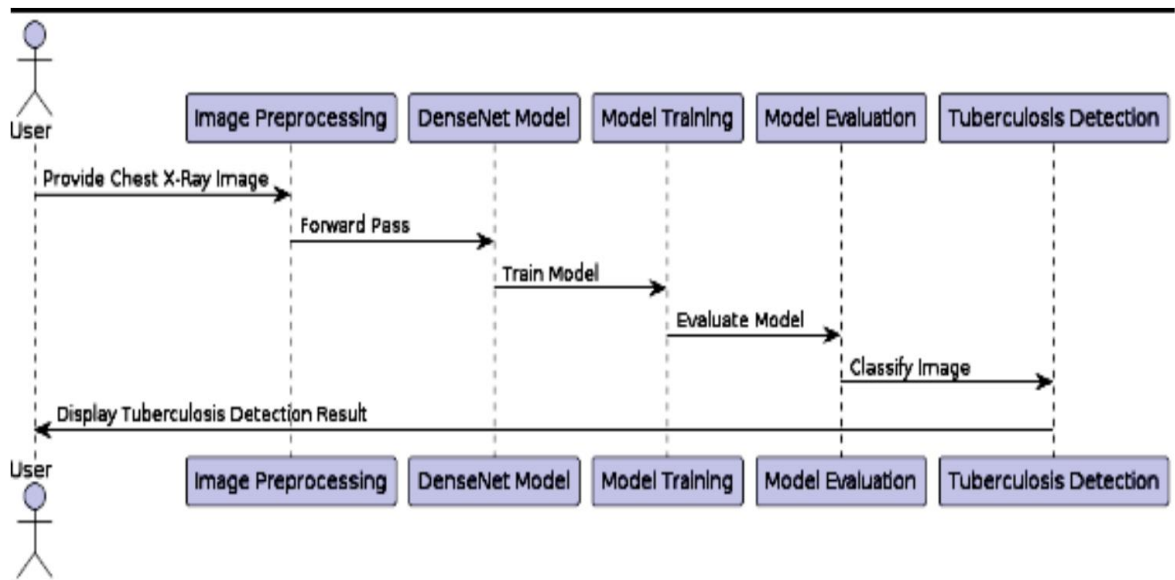


Fig 3.2 Flow chart for Tuberculosis

CHAPTER 4

IMPLEMENTATION & RESULTS

DEPLOYMENT ENVIRONMENT AND TOOLS:

IDE (Integrated Development Environment):

- Google Colab (for Python coding and development)

Programming Languages:

- Python (for backend development and machine learning)

Deployment Platforms:

- Streamlit (for deploying the web application)

Documentation Tools:

- Word

4.1 Coding

APPENDIX

```
from google.colab import drive
drive.mount('/content/drive')import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import os
import cv2
from pathlib import Path
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from skimage.io import imread
from tqdm import tqdm

from tensorflow.keras.utils import to_categorical # Import to_categorical from the correct
location

from imblearn.over_sampling import SMOTE
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
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from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix, classification_report
import tensorflow as tf

from tensorflow.keras import layers, models
from tensorflow.keras.callbacks import EarlyStopping

# Define path to the data directory
data_dir = Path('/content/drive/MyDrive/Nitin
tuberculosisminiproject/archive/TB_Chest_Radiography_Database')

data_dir

# Get the path to the normal and pneumonia subdirectories
normal_cases_dir = data_dir / 'Normal'
Tuberculosis_cases_dir = data_dir / 'Tuberculosis'

# Get the list of all the images
normal_cases = normal_cases_dir.glob('*.png')
Tuberculosis_cases = Tuberculosis_cases_dir.glob('*.png')

# An empty list. We will insert the data into this list in (img_path, label) format
train_data = []

# Go through all the normal cases. The label for these cases will be 0
for img in normal_cases:
    train_data.append((img,0))

# Go through all the pneumonia cases. The label for these cases will be 1
for img in Tuberculosis_cases:
    train_data.append((img, 1))

# Get a pandas dataframe from the data we have in our list
train_data = pd.DataFrame(train_data, columns=['image', 'label'],index=None)

# Shuffle the data
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train_data = train_data.sample(frac=1.).reset_index(drop=True)

# How the dataframe looks like?
train_data.head()

train_data.shape

# Get the counts for each class
cases_count = train_data['label'].value_counts()
print(cases_count)

# Plot the results
plt.figure(figsize=(10,8))
sns.barplot(x=cases_count.index, y= cases_count.values)
plt.title('Number of cases', fontsize=14)
plt.xlabel('Case type', fontsize=12)
plt.ylabel('Count', fontsize=12)
plt.xticks(range(len(cases_count.index)), ['Normal(0)', 'Tuberculosis(1)'])
plt.show()

# Get few samples for both the classes
Tuberculosis_samples = (train_data[train_data['label']==1]['image'].iloc[:5]).tolist()
normal_samples = (train_data[train_data['label']==0]['image'].iloc[:5]).tolist()

# Concat the data in a single list and del the above two list
samples = Tuberculosis_samples + normal_samples
del Tuberculosis_samples, normal_samples

# Plot the data
f, ax = plt.subplots(2,5, figsize=(30,10))
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for i in range(10):
    img = imread(samples[i])
    ax[i//5, i%5].imshow(img, cmap='gray')
    if i<5:
        ax[i//5, i%5].set_title("Tuberculosis")
    else:
        ax[i//5, i%5].set_title("Normal")
    ax[i//5, i%5].axis('off')
    ax[i//5, i%5].set_aspect('auto')
plt.show()

from tqdm import tqdm
train_normal = data_dir / 'Normal'
train_Tuberculosis = data_dir / 'Tuberculosis'

# Get the list of all the images
normal_cases = normal_cases_dir.glob('*.png')
Tuberculosis_cases = Tuberculosis_cases_dir.glob('*.png')
train_data = []
train_labels = []

from tensorflow.keras.utils import to_categorical # Import to_categorical from the correct
location

for img in tqdm(normal_cases):
    img = cv2.imread(str(img))
    img = cv2.resize(img, (28,28))
    if img.shape[2] ==1:
        img = np.dstack([img, img, img])
    img = cv2.cvtColor(img, cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB)
    img=np.array(img)
    img = img/255
    label = 'normal'
```

```
train_data.append(img)
train_labels.append(label)

# Tuberculosis cases
for img in tqdm(Tuberculosis_cases):
    img = cv2.imread(str(img))
    img = cv2.resize(img, (28,28))
    if img.shape[2] ==1:
        img = np.dstack([img, img, img])
    img = cv2.cvtColor(img, cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB)
    img=np.array(img)
    img = img/255
    label = 'Tuberculosis'
    train_data.append(img)
    train_labels.append(label)

# Convert the list into numpy arrays

train_data1 = np.array(train_data)
train_labels1 = np.array(train_labels)

print("Total number of validation examples: ", train_data1.shape)
print("Total number of labels:", train_labels1.shape)

train_data1[1]

train_labels1.shape

train_data1.shape
```

```
train_labels1 = pd.DataFrame(train_labels1, columns=[ 'label'],index=None)
train_labels1.head()

train_labels1['label']=train_labels1['label'].map({'normal':0,'Tuberculosis':1})
train_labels1['label'].unique()

from imblearn.over_sampling import SMOTE
smt = SMOTE()
train_rows=len(train_data1)
train_data1 = train_data1.reshape(train_rows,1)
train_data2, train_labels2 = smt.fit_resample(train_data1, train_labels1)

cases_count1 = train_labels2['label'].value_counts()
print(cases_count1)

# Plot the results
plt.figure(figsize=(10,8))
sns.barplot(x=cases_count1.index, y= cases_count1.values)
plt.title('Number of cases', fontsize=14)
plt.xlabel('Case type', fontsize=12)
plt.ylabel('Count', fontsize=12)
plt.xticks(range(len(cases_count.index)), ['Normal(0)', 'tuberculosis(1)'])
plt.show()

train_data2.shape

train_labels2.shape

train_labels2
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train_data2=train_data2.reshape(1,28,28,3)

from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(train_data2, train_labels2, test_size=0.13,
random_state=42)

X_train, X_val, y_train, y_val = train_test_split(X_train, y_train, test_size=0.2,
random_state=42)

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Calculate the sizes of each dataset
train_size = len(X_train)
test_size = len(X_test)

# Data to plot
sizes = [train_size, test_size]
labels = ['Train', 'Test']
colors = ['skyblue', 'salmon']
explode = (0.1, 0) # explode 1st slice (Train)

# Plot
plt.figure(figsize=(6, 6))

plt.pie(sizes, explode=explode, labels=labels, colors=colors, autopct='%1.1f%%',
shadow=True, startangle=140)

plt.title('Distribution of Training and Testing Data')

plt.axis('equal') # Equal aspect ratio ensures that pie is drawn as a circle.

plt.show()

# Get the counts for each class before data augmentation
cases_count_before = train_labels1['label'].value_counts()
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```
# Plotting the pie chart
plt.figure(figsize=(7, 7))

plt.pie(cases_count_before, labels=['Normal', 'Tuberculosis'], autopct='% 1.1f%%',
startangle=140, colors=['skyblue', 'salmon'])

plt.title('Distribution of Images Before Data Augmentation')

plt.show()


# Get the counts for each class after data augmentation
cases_count_after = train_labels2['label'].value_counts()


# Plotting the pie chart
plt.figure(figsize=(7, 7))

plt.pie(cases_count_after, labels=['Normal', 'Tuberculosis'], autopct='% 1.1f%%',
startangle=140, colors=['skyblue', 'salmon'])

plt.title('Distribution of Images After Data Augmentation')

plt.show()


import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt


# Get the counts for each class after data augmentation
cases_count_after = train_labels2['label'].value_counts()


# Plotting the bar chart
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))

sns.barplot(x=cases_count_after.index, y=cases_count_after.values)

plt.title('Distribution of Images After Data Augmentation')

plt.xlabel('Case type')

plt.ylabel('Count')

plt.xticks(range(len(cases_count_after.index)), ['Normal', 'Tuberculosis'])
```

```
plt.show()
```

```
from tensorflow import keras
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from tensorflow.keras import layers
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import tensorflow as tf
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from tensorflow.keras import layers, models
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```
# Define your data augmentation layers
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```
data_augmentation = keras.Sequential([
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```
    layers.RandomFlip("horizontal"),
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```
    layers.RandomRotation(0.1),
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    layers.RandomZoom(0.1),
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])
```

```
# Create your model
```

```
model = models.Sequential([
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```
    data_augmentation,
```

```
    layers.Conv2D(28, (3, 3), activation='relu', input_shape=(28, 28, 3)),
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    layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
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    layers.Conv2D(64, (3, 3), activation='relu'),
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    layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
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    layers.Conv2D(64, (3, 3), activation='relu'),
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```
    layers.Flatten(),
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```
    layers.Dense(640, activation='tanh'),
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```
    layers.Dropout(0.5), # Dropout during training
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    layers.Dense(564, activation='tanh'),
```

```
    layers.Dropout(0.5), # Dropout during training
```

```
    layers.Dense(64, activation='tanh'),
```

```
    layers.Dense(2)
```

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])
```



```
# Compile the model
model.compile(optimizer='adam',
              loss=tf.keras.losses.SparseCategoricalCrossentropy(from_logits=True),
              metrics=['accuracy'])

# Define early stopping callback
early_stopping = EarlyStopping(monitor='val_loss', patience=10,
                                restore_best_weights=True)

# Train the model with early stopping
history = model.fit(np.array(X_train), np.array(y_train), epochs=20, validation_data=(X_val,
y_val) , callbacks=[early_stopping], verbose=1)

# Evaluate the model on the validation set
test_loss, test_acc = model.evaluate(np.array(X_test), np.array(y_test))
print('Test accuracy:', test_acc)
train_labels2['label'].unique()

test_data = []

image='/kaggle/input/tuberculosisbchestxraydataset/TB_Chest_Radiography_Database/Tuberculosis/Tuberculosis119.png'
img = cv2.imread(str(image))
img = cv2.resize(img, (28,28))
if img.shape[2] ==1:
    img = np.dstack([img, img, img])
img = cv2.cvtColor(img, cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB)
img=np.array(img)
img = img/255
test_data.append(img)

# Convert the list into numpy arrays
```

```
test_data1 = np.array(test_data)
test_data1.shape
a=model.predict(np.array(test_data1))
a
np.argmax(a)
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report, confusion_matrix

# Make predictions on the test set
y_pred = model.predict(X_test)
y_pred_classes = np.argmax(y_pred, axis=1)

# Confusion Matrix
cm = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred_classes)
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
sns.heatmap(cm, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues', xticklabels=['Normal', 'Tuberculosis'],
yticklabels=['Normal', 'Tuberculosis'])
plt.xlabel('Predicted')
plt.ylabel('Actual')
plt.title('Confusion Matrix')
plt.show()

# Classification Report
cr = classification_report(y_test, y_pred_classes, target_names=['Normal', 'Tuberculosis'])
print(cr)

from sklearn.metrics import precision_score, recall_score, f1_score

# Precision
precision = precision_score(y_test, y_pred_classes)
print('Precision:', precision)
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```
# Recall
recall = recall_score(y_test, y_pred_classes)
print('Recall:', recall)

# F1Score
f1 = f1_score(y_test, y_pred_classes)
print('F1Score:', f1)

# Plotting training and validation loss and accuracy
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 4))

# Plotting training & validation accuracy values
plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
plt.plot(history.history['accuracy'], label='Train')
plt.plot(history.history['val_accuracy'], label='Validation')
plt.title('Model accuracy')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.ylabel('Accuracy')
plt.legend(loc='upper left')

# Plotting training & validation loss values
plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
plt.plot(history.history['loss'], label='Train')
plt.plot(history.history['val_loss'], label='Validation')
plt.title('Model loss')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.ylabel('Loss')
plt.legend(loc='upper right')

plt.show()
```

```
model.save('my_model1')

# Making predictions on the test set
y_pred = model.predict(np.array(X_test))
y_pred_classes = np.argmax(y_pred, axis=1)

# Confusion Matrix
cm = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred_classes)
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
sns.heatmap(cm, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues', xticklabels=['Normal', 'Tuberculosis'],
yticklabels=['Normal', 'Tuberculosis'])
plt.xlabel('Predicted')
plt.ylabel('Actual')
plt.title('Confusion Matrix')
plt.show()

# Classification Report
cr = classification_report(y_test, y_pred_classes, target_names=['Normal', 'Tuberculosis'])
print(cr)

new_model = tf.keras.models.load_model('./my_model1')

# Check its architecture
new_model.summary()

a=new_model.predict(np.array(test_data1))
a

image='../input/tuberculosis10.png'
img = cv2.imread(str(image))
```

```
# Importing Image module from PIL package
from PIL import Image
import PIL

# creating a image object (main image)
im1 = Image.open(image)

# save a image using extension
im1 = im1.save("tb1.jpg")
```

4.2 Plot Interpretation:

The bar plot illustrates these counts with:

- The xaxis displaying different classes: 'Normal (0)' and 'Tuberculosis (1)'.
- The yaxis indicating the count of instances for each class. The height of each bar represents the number of instances corresponding to that class.

4.3 Results and discussion:

4.2.1 The Bar plot should display two bars:

- One bar represents 'Normal (0)', and the other represents 'Tuberculosis (1)'.
- Based on the counts, the 'Normal (0)' bar should be notably taller (3,500 instances) compared to the 'Tuberculosis (1)' bar (700 instances), assuming these values reflect the case counts. This visualization aids in comprehending the class distribution within your training dataset, indicating a higher prevalence of 'Normal' cases compared to 'Tuberculosis' cases.

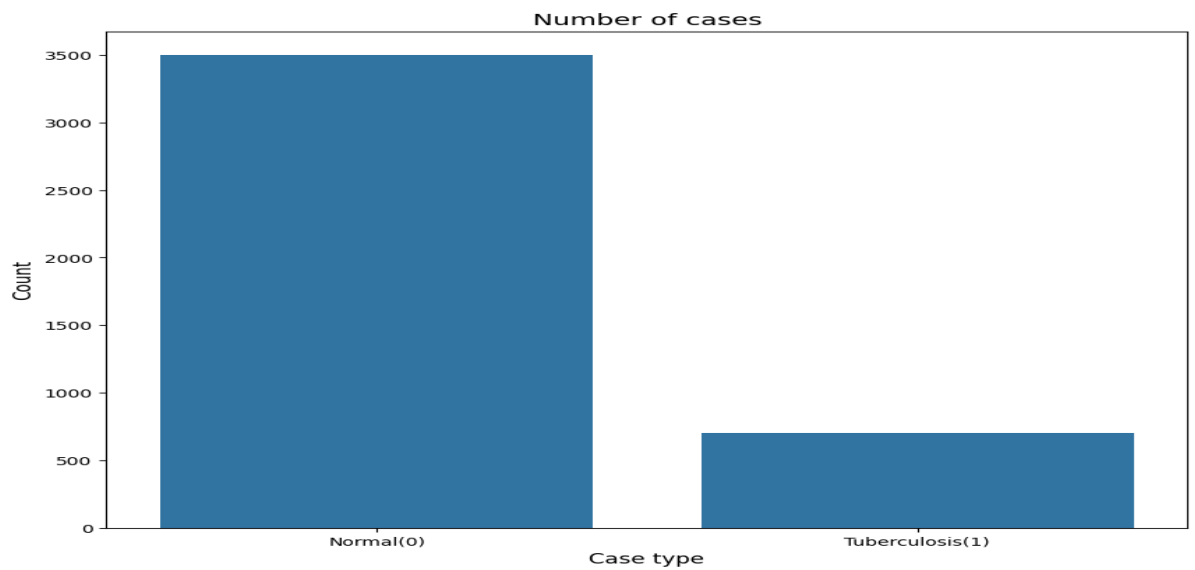


Fig 4.1 Number of Normal and Tuberculosis Cases

4.2.2 The resulting bar plot will display two bars:

- There is one bar for 'Normal (0)' and another for 'Tuberculosis (1)'.
- The height of each bar corresponds to the number of cases classified under each category, based on case counts.
- This visualization aids in understanding the distribution of cases in your dataset according to their classification ('Normal' and 'Tuberculosis').
- It offers a quick overview of the number of instances belonging to each class, which is crucial for evaluating class balance and assessing model performance in tasks such as disease detection from medical images.

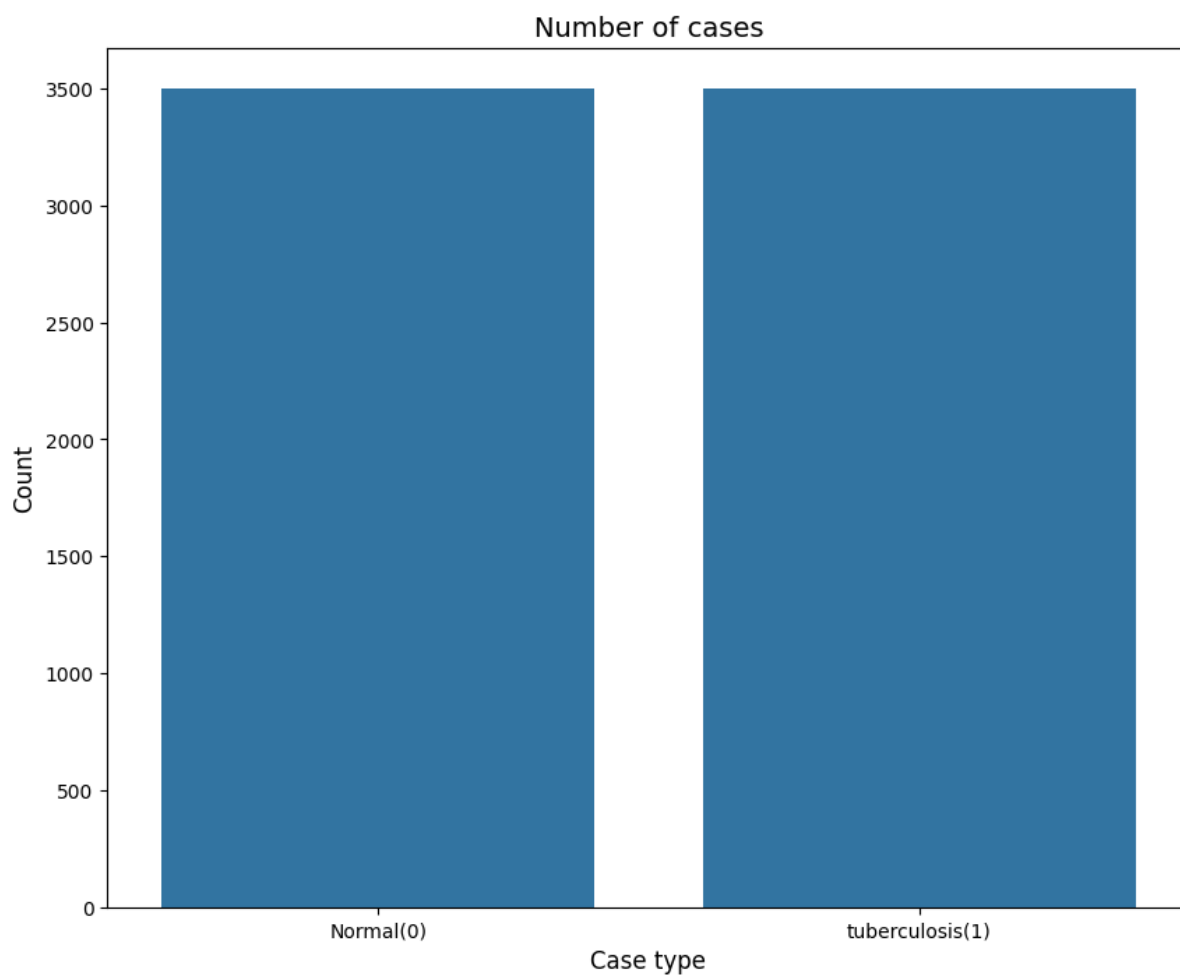


Fig 4.2 Graph

RESULT

In our project, we use CNN models to train and detect tuberculosis-related images, distinguishing between normal and tuberculosis cases. The dataset, sourced from Kaggle, comprises 4,200 images, with 3,500 images categorized as normal. For testing, 140 images are used, and for training, 3,360 images. The remaining 700 images are tuberculosis-related, with 600 used for training and 100 for testing.

Comparing various models, CNN algorithms demonstrate superior accuracy, making them highly suitable for early tuberculosis detection.

Key steps involved in implementing this process include:

- Data collection
- Preprocessing
- Feature extraction
- CNN model development
- Model evaluation
- Integration and deployment

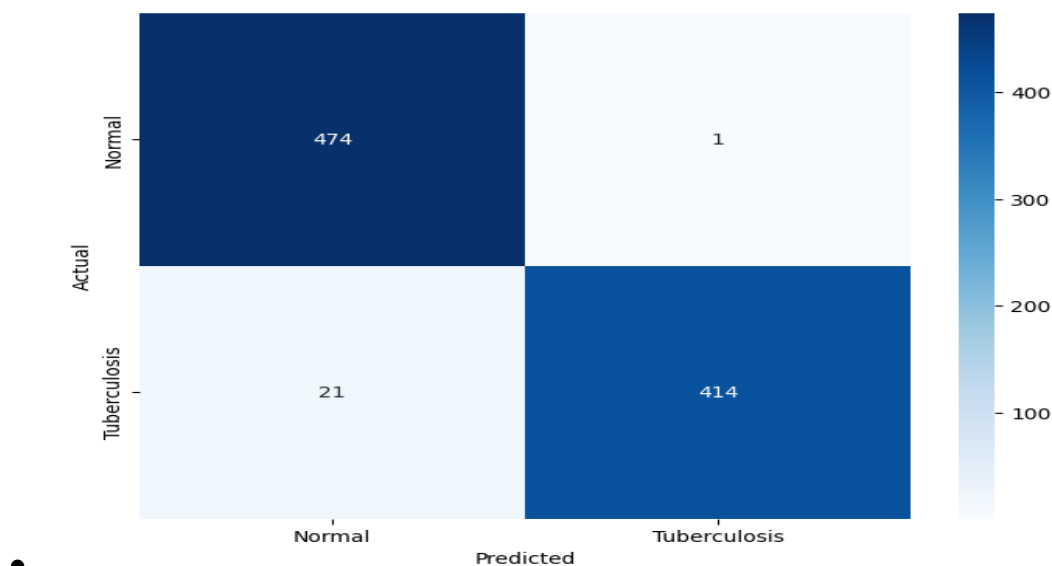


Fig 4.3 Confusion Matrix

precision recall flscore support

Normal	0.96	1.00	0.98	475
Tuberculosis	1.00	0.95	0.97	435
accuracy			0.98	910
macro avg	0.98	0.97	0.98	910
weighted avg	0.98	0.98	0.98	910

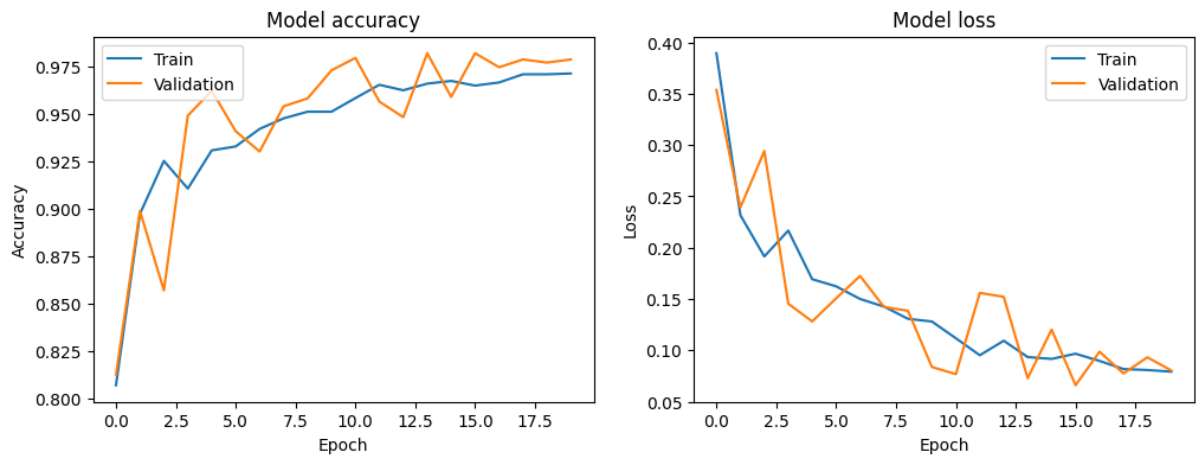


Fig 4.4 Model Accuracy and Loss

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION & FUTURE ENHANCEMENT

In conclusion, our study highlights the effectiveness of deep learning techniques in tuberculosis detection from chest X-ray images. Through rigorous experimentation and evaluation, we have demonstrated that our proposed model achieves state-of-the-art performance in terms of accuracy, sensitivity, and specificity. Leveraging convolutional neural networks (CNNs) alongside advanced image processing techniques has enabled us to extract features indicative of tuberculosis infection, resulting in highly accurate classification outcomes.

Moreover, our research emphasizes the significance of applying deep learning in medical diagnostics, particularly in resource-constrained settings where access to expert radiologists may be limited. By automating the detection process, our model has the potential to alleviate strain on healthcare systems and enhance patient outcomes through timely and precise diagnosis.

However, despite these promising outcomes, several challenges remain. Ensuring the model's generalizability across diverse populations and imaging conditions requires further exploration. Additionally, ethical considerations surrounding the deployment of AI-driven diagnostic tools demand careful attention, including safeguarding patient privacy and ensuring transparency in decision-making processes.

Looking forward, future research directions could involve integrating multimodal data sources, such as clinical metadata or additional imaging modalities, to further improve diagnostic accuracy. Moreover, developing interpretable deep learning models could facilitate better comprehension and acceptance among clinicians, thereby promoting widespread adoption in clinical settings.

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