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FINE-TUNING ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE DIAGNOSIS USING IMPROVED WAVELET CONVOLUTION NEURAL NETWORK [IWCNN]

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Advancing early diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease with next-generation deep learning methods

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ABSTRACT

Alzheimer's disease, characterized by cognitive decline and memory impairment, poses a significant healthcar challenge. This study presents a specially designed CNN model, utilizing contemporary approaches, to distinguish between various types of Alzheimer's disease. This model can serve as an early diagnostic tool to prevent the disease from progressing towards more pronounced and severe dementia symptoms In this context, the performance of various transfer learning models has been examined, leading to the development of a specialized model integrating compression and excitation blocks, an innovative Avg-TopK pooling layer, and the SMOTE technique to handle data imbalance. The ablation study results demonstra the critical role of these components, highlighting the model's effectiveness and innovative design. This study is novel in that it combines modern methodologies for detecting Alzheimer's disease, resulting in a model with state-of-the-art accuracy of 99.84% and improved computing efficiency. Grad-CAM analysis further demonstrates that the model focuses on cortical areas during classification, underscoring its potentia as a robust diagnostic tool. These innovations represent a significant advancement over existing models positioning this study as a pioneering effort in the early diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease. This study aims to contribute significantly to both academic research and medical applications by focusing on integrating artificial intelligence methodologies into medical diagnosis.

1. Introduction

Alzheimer's disease (AD) is a neurodegenerative disease primarily observed in the elderly population, characterized by cognitive decline, memory impairment, and behavioral changes [1,2]. As the disease progresses, cognitive abilities, including thinking skills and the ability to recall information, begin to deteriorate. AD is a leading cause of death worldwide, affecting individuals, families, and healthcare systems [3,4]. AD was initially identified by Dr. Alois Alzheimer in 1907. The disease was diagnosed in a 51-year-old female patient who was undergoing treatment at the psychiatric hospital in Frankfurt am Main. As the disease progressed, the patient exhibited various complex symptoms and experienced significant memory loss. It was observed that she could correctly name a series of objects when shown to her, but shortly after, she would forget everything. Additionally, difficulties in comprehension, hallucinations, and reading problems were detected. The disease process lasted for approximately four and a half years, and the patient passed away at the end of this period [5]. The World Health Organization (WHO) has indicated that approximately 10 million new cases are reported each year, and globally, more than 55 million people

live with dementia, with over 60% of these residing in low and middle income countries. Dementia is currently the seventh leading cause of death and leads to disability and dependency among the elderly population worldwide [6].

AD is one of the most common diseases in elderly individuals, char acterized by a gradual slowing and deterioration of cognitive abilities Early symptoms of the disease include difficulties in recent memory recall, word-finding difficulties, repetition, multitasking impairments and mood or behavioral changes. As the disease progresses, individuals may experience more pronounced memory loss, lose simple functions such as dressing or bathing, encounter difficulties in language and comprehension, exhibit aggression, engage in wandering behavior, and even experience hallucinations. The severity of symptoms corresponds to the extent of nerve cell damage in the brain [7-9].

The rapid and accurate diagnosis of AD is crucial for effective dis ease management and treatment. Recently, CNN models have achieved notable success in various fields, including healthcare services [10-16] Despite their success, current methodologies often face constraints such as high computational requirements and inefficiencies when dealing with imbalanced datasets. These challenges highlight the need for innovative approaches that are both effective and resource-efficient.

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ABSTRACT

Alzheimer's disease(AD) is a progressive neurodegenerative disorder marked by memory loss and cognitive decline. Traditional diagnostics are often subjective, prompting the need for automated solutions. This project applies Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT) to MRI scans, enhancing structural features. These are used to train an Improved Wavelet CNN for multi-class classification (AD, NC, EMCI, LMCI). Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique (SMOTE) handles class imbalance by generating synthetic samples, while Gradient-weighted Class Activation **Mapping** (Grad-CAM) improves model interpretability by highlighting key brain regions. The proposed WCNN achieves 95.62% test accuracy, outperforming baseline and deeper CNN models. This approach offers a reliable and interpretable tool for early Alzheimer's detection.

PROBLEM STATEMENT:

- Alzheimer's disease remains challenging to detect in its early stages, limiting timely intervention and effective treatment. Existing diagnostic methods, including traditional assessments and AI-based models, often struggle with accuracy and reliability.
- One major challenge is the imbalance in MRI datasets, where fewer cases of severe Alzheimer's leads to biased models that underperform on underrepresented categories. Additionally, conventional CNNs primarily extract spatial features but struggle to capture crucial frequency-based patterns, reducing classification accuracy. Moreover, deep learning models often function as black boxes, offering little transparency in their decision-making process, which makes clinical adoption difficult.

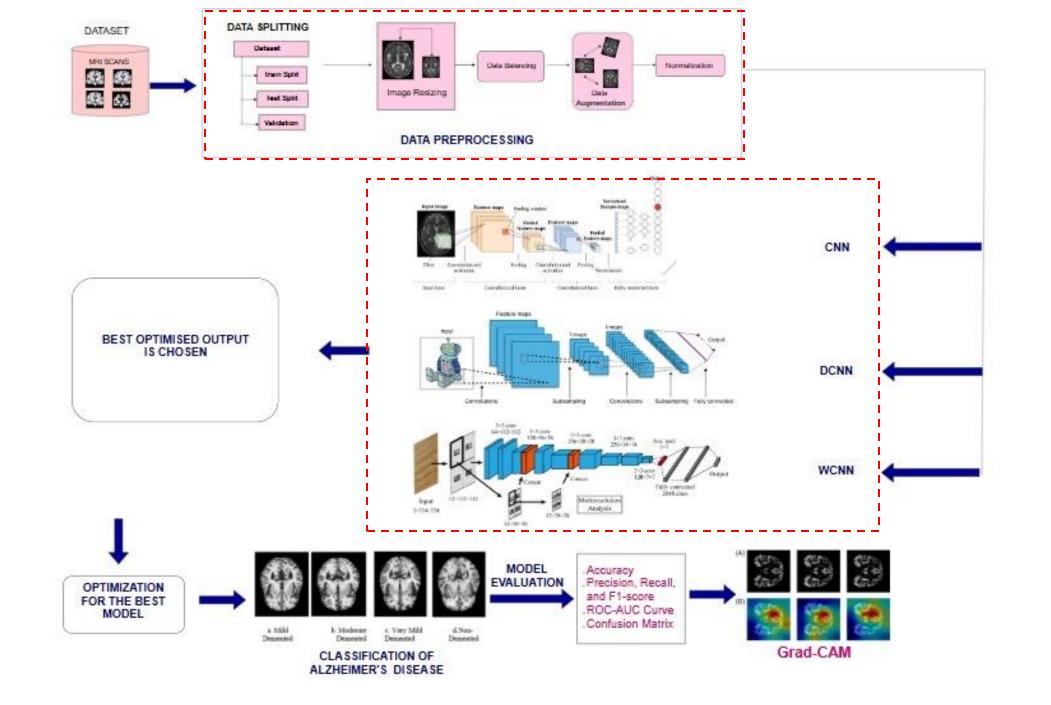
LITERATURE SURVEY

S.NO	TITLE	JOURNAL	YEAR	AUTHOR(S)	TECHNIQUES USED	MERITS	DEMERITS
1.	Pipelined Deep Learning Architecture for the Detection of Alzheimer's Disease	Biomedical Signal Processing and Control (Science Direct)	2024	T. Prasath, V. Sumathi	Pipelined LeNet (PLN) architecture, Image Fusion, MRI preprocessing	High classification accuracy (99.5%), faster execution time (0.65 ms)	Limited evaluation on real-world diverse datasets
2.	Machine and Deep Learning Approaches for Alzheimer's Disease Detection Using Magnetic Resonance Images: An Updated Review	Measurement (Science Direct)	2024	M. Menagadevi, Somasundaram Devaraj, et al.	CNN, SVM, Transfer Learning, Preprocessing (Histogram Equalization, Contrast Stretching)	Comprehensive review covering 2013-2023 studies, highlights key ML and DL techniques	Lacks experimental validation of reviewed techniques
3.	Bio-Inspired Deep Learning-Personalized Ensemble Alzheimer's Diagnosis Model for Mental Well-Being	SLAS Technology (Science Direct)	2024	Ajmeera Kiran, Mahmood Alsaadi, et al.	Personalized dynamically ensemble CNN (PDECNN), Attention Mechanism	Improves classification accuracy by 4%- 11%, adapts to variations in brain degeneration	High computational complexity

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4.	Fine-Grained and Multiple Classification for Alzheimer's Disease With Wavelet Convolution Unit Network	IEEE Transactions on Biomedical Engineering	2023	Jinyu Wen, Yang Li, Meie Fang, et al.	Wavelet Convolution Unit (WCU), Multi- scale Wavelet Decomposition, Diffusion Tensor Imaging (DTI)	Achieves state- of-the-art fine- grained classification accuracy (97.89%)	Requires extensive computational resources
5.	Detection of Alzheimer's Disease Using Deep Learning Models: A Systematic Literature Review	Informatics in Medicine Unlocked	2024	Eqtidar M. Mohammed, Ahmed M. Fakhrudeen, et al.	Various CNN architectures (ResNet, AlexNet, GoogleNet, EfficientNetB7), RNN, Deep Belief Networks	Summarizes 45 research papers on AD detection using deep learning	Lacks focus on non-imaging biomarkers

s.no	TITLE	JOURNAL	YEAR	AUTHOR(S)	TECHNIQUES USED	MERITS	DEMERITS
6.	Deep Learning-based Alzheimer's disease classification using MRI and PET images	Neuro computing	2024	R.S.Karthik, M.Sharma, etal.	CNN, Transfer learning, Multi-modal fusion(MRI + PET)	Achieves high classification Accuracy(98.2%). Effective multimodal feature extraction.	Requires large- scale labelled datasets for training.
7.	Alzheimer's Disease Diagnosis using 3D Convolution Neural Networks and MRI scans	Medical Image Analysis	2024	L Chen, H.Wang, et al.	3D-CNN, Data Argumentation, Pretrained ResNet-50	Effectively processes 3D brain scans, achieves robust feature extraction	Requires high computational power for 3D processing
8.	Hybrid Deep Learning Model for Early Detection of Alzheimer's Disease	IEEE Access	2023	N. Verma, A. Gupta, et al.	Hybrid CNN-RNN architecture, Attention Mechanism	Improves early detection accuracy, extracts spatial and temporal features.	High training time and memory usage

ARCHITECTURE DIAGRAM



WORK PLAN:

Module 1:

(23/01/2025 -16/02/2025)

Dataset Understanding & Preprocessing

- ➤ Base Paper Analysis: Studied algorithms and methodologies.
- ➤ Dataset Collection: Sourced MRI dataset from Kaggle.

Module 2:

(19/02/2025 - 14/03/2025)

Preprocessing, Feature Extraction & Model Training

- ➤ Preprocessing: Grayscale conversion, resizing (128x128), normalization.
- ➤ Class Balancing: Applied SMOTE/oversampling to handle data imbalance.
- Feature Extraction: Squeeze-Excitation Networks, Avg-TopK Pooling.
- **➤ Model Training:**
 - 1. CNN (Baseline Model) Standard convolutional model.
 - 2. DCNN (Deep CNN) Enhanced architecture with deeper layers.
 - 3. WCNN(Wavelet-Based) Optimised Model

WORK PLAN:

Module 3:

(21/03/2025 - 10/04/2025)

Model Evaluation & Prediction

- **Enhancements:** Train Improved Wavelet Convolution Neural Network.
- ➤ Metrics: Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-score, confusion matrix.
- **Comparison:** Evaluate CNN vs. DCNN vs. Wavelet-CNN.
- **Explainability:** Use Grad-CAM to visualize model focus areas.
- **Deployment:** Final model for Alzheimer's stage classification.

FEATURE EXTRACTION ALGORITHMS

AVERAGE-TOPK

- The **Average-topk** function computes the mean of the top k highest values in a given set, reducing sensitivity to outliers and improving stability in optimization tasks.
- > Formula:

Let $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ be a set of n numerical values.

1. **Sort** the values in descending order:

$$x_{(1)} \geq x_{(2)} \geq \cdots \geq x_{(n)}$$

where $x_{(i)}$ represents the *i*-th largest value in the set.

2. Select the top-k values:

$$S_k = \{x_{(1)}, x_{(2)}, \dots, x_{(k)}\}$$

Compute the AVERAGEtopk:

$$ext{AVERAGEtopk}(X,k) = rac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k x_{(i)}$$

where $x_{(i)}$ are the top k largest values from X.

SQUEEZE-AND-EXCITATION BLOCK

- The **SE block** is like a smart filter for images in deep learning. It helps a neural network focus on the most important parts of an image while ignoring less useful details.
- ➤ It works in three simple steps:
- **1.Squeeze** Looks at the whole image and figures out what features are most important.
- 2.Excitation Decides how much attention each feature should get.
- **3.Recalibration** Adjusts the image data to highlight the important parts and reduce the noise.

1. Squeeze (Global Average Pooling - GAP)

Each channel's global feature is computed as:

$$s_c = rac{1}{H imes W} \sum_{i=1}^H \sum_{j=1}^W X_c(i,j)$$

where:

- ullet $X_c(i,j)$ is the feature map value at position (i,j) for channel c
- H, W are the height and width of the feature map.
- s_c is the **global descriptor** for each channel.

2. Excitation (Fully Connected Layers & Activations)

The channel-wise attention scores are obtained using two fully connected layers:

$$z = \sigma(W_2\delta(W_1s))$$

where:

- W_1 and W_2 are learnable weight matrices.
- δ is the **ReLU activation** function.
- σ is the **Sigmoid activation** to scale values between 0 and 1.
- z is the attention weight for each channel.

3. Recalibration (Channel-wise Scaling)

The recalibrated feature map is obtained by scaling each channel with its corresponding attention weight:

$$X_c' = z_c \cdot X_c$$

where z_c is the learned attention weight for channel c_r and X_c' is the enhanced feature map.

This process **amplifies important features** and **suppresses less useful ones**, improving CNN performance with minimal extra computation! \mathscr{Q}

CNN PSEUDOCODE:

Input:

d: dataset, l: dataset true labels, t: target size

Output:

Classified stage of Alzheimer's Disease on MRI scan

```
Let i be the MRI scan to be classified for i in dataset do ImageDataGenerator ftrain, ftest, Itrain, Itest ← split feature set and labels into train subset and test subset S ← build_model(ftrain, Itrain)
Let Conv2D be the convolutional layer and AvgTopKPooling be the pooling layer for j in layers do
tf.keras.layers.Conv2D(filters, (3,3)padding="same", activation='relu')
tf.keras.layers.BatchNormalization()
tf.keras.layers.ReLU()
se_block()
```

Let DIR be the path joining version for other paths

```
for k in categories do

DIR = main_path + 'category'

dataset_length.append(category_length)

Result ← evaluate(DIR, Itest, S)

Return result;
```

DCNN PSEUDOCODE:

Return result:

Input:

```
d: dataset, l: dataset true labels, t: target size
Output:
Classified stage of Alzheimer's Disease on MRI scan
       Let i be the MRI scan to be classified
       For i in dataset, do ImageDataGenerator
          ftrain, ftest, ltrain, ltest ← split feature set and labels into train subset and test subset
          S ← DCNN(ftrain, ltrain)
                  Let Conv2D be the convolutional layer and AvgTopKPooling be the pooling layer
                  for j in layers do
                        tf.keras.layers.Conv2D(filters, (3,3), padding="same", activation='relu')
                        AvgTopKPooling(k=3)
                  Let DIR be the path joining version for other paths
                  for k in categories do
                        DIR = main path + 'category'
                        dataset length.append(category length)
                        Result ← evaluate(DIR, ltest, S)
```

WCNN PSEUDOCODE:

```
Input:
  d: dataset, l: dataset true labels, t: target size
Output:
  Classified stage of Alzheimer's Disease on MRI scan
For i in dataset, do
   Apply wavelet transform to i using Haar DWT
   Retain only approximation coefficients (LL)
Reshape input to (64, 64, 1)
S ← WCNN (X_train, y_train)
   For j in layers do
      Conv2D (filters, (3,3), padding="same", activation='relu')
      BatchNormalization()
      MaxPooling2D ((2,2))
Flatten → Dense (256, 'relu') → Dropout (0.5) → Dense (4, 'softmax')
Evaluate (DIR, X_test, S)
Return result
```

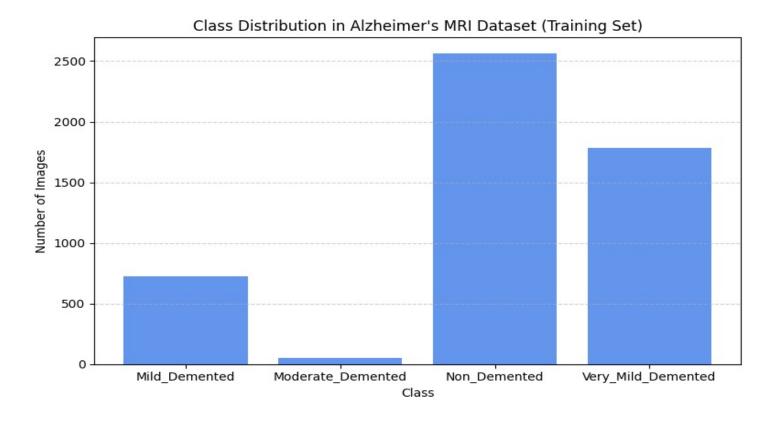
DATASET DESCRIPTION:

The research uses an Alzheimer's disease brain MRI dataset from Kaggle, which contains 6,400 images classified into four different classes:

- Non-Demented
- Very Mild Demented
- Mild Demented
- Moderate Demented

Dataset Link:

https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/borhanitrash/alzheimer-mri-disease-classification-dataset



Class	Training Set	Validation Set	Test Set
Mild Demented (0)	579 images	145 images	172 images
Moderate Demented (1)	39 images	10 images	15 images
Non-Demented (2)	2053 images	513 images	634 images
Very Mild Demented (3)	1425 images	356 images	459 images

IMPLEMENTATION

```
import pandas as pd

# Correct file paths
train_path = "/kaggle/input/alzheimer-mri-disease-classification-dataset/Alzheimer MRI Disease Classification Dataset/Data/train-00000-of-00001-c08a401c53fe5312.parquet"
test_path = "/kaggle/input/alzheimer-mri-disease-classification-dataset/Alzheimer MRI Disease Classification Dataset/Data/test-00000-of-00001-44110b9df98c5585.parquet"

# Load the datasets
train_df = pd.read_parquet(train_path)
test_df = pd.read_parquet(test_path)

# Display first few rows
print("Train Data:")
display(train_df.head())

print("\nTest Data:")
display(test_df.head())
```

Train Data:

	image	label
0	$\label{eq:condition} \begin{tabular}{ll} \be$	2
1	$\label{eq:condition} \label{eq:condition} \begin{tabular}{ll} \b$	0
2	$\label{linear_continuity} \begin{tabular}{ll} \begin{tabular}{ll$	3
3	$\label{eq:condition} \mbox{\colored} \$	3
4	$\label{linear_continuity} \begin{tabular}{ll} $$ 'bytes': b'\xff\xd8\xff\xe0\x00\x10JFIF\x00\x$ \\ \end{tabular}$	2

Test Data:

	image	label
0	{"bytes": b"\xff\xd8\xff\xe0\x00\x10JFIF\x00\x	3
1	$\label{eq:condition} \mbox{\colored} \$	0
2	$\label{eq:condition} \mbox{\colored} \$	2
3	$\label{eq:continuous} \begin{tabular}{ll} & \begin{tabular}{ll} $	3
4	{'bytes': b'\xff\xd8\xff\xe0\x00\x10JFIF\x00\x	0

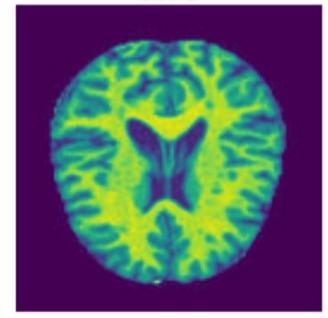
```
print(train_df["label"].unique())
 # Count instances per class
 print("\nClass Distribution:")
 print(train_df["label"].value_counts())
Unique Labels in Train Dataset:
[2 0 3 1]
Class Distribution:
label
2
     2566
3
     1781
0
      724
1
        49
Name: count, dtype: int64
 #convert all images to NumPy arrays for model training
 import tensorflow as tf
 # Function to process images
 def preprocess_image(image_data):
    img = decode_image(image_data) # Decode
    img = img.resize((128, 128)) # Resize
    img = np.array(img) / 255.0 # Normalize
    return img
 # Apply transformation
X_train = np.array([preprocess_image(i['bytes']) for i in train_df["image"]])
y_train = np.array(train_df["label"])
X_test = np.array([preprocess_image(i['bytes']) for i in test_df["image"]])
y_test = np.array(test_df["label"])
 print(f"Processed Train Data: {X_train.shape}, Labels: {y_train.shape}")
 print(f"Processed Test Data: (X_test.shape), Labels: (y_test.shape)")
Processed Train Data: (5120, 128, 128), Labels: (5120,)
Processed Test Data: (1280, 128, 128), Labels: (1280,)
```

Check unique class labels

print("Unique Labels in Train Dataset:")

```
#Decode Image Data
import io
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from PIL import Image
# Function to decode image
def decode_image(image_data):
    return Image.open(io.BytesIO(image_data))
# Extract the first image
first_image_data = train_df["image"].iloc[0]['bytes']
first_image = decode_image(first_image_data)
# Display image
plt.imshow(first_image)
plt.axis("off")
plt.title(f"Label: {train_df['label'].iloc[0]}")
plt.show()
```

Label: 2



PREPROCESSED IMAGES:

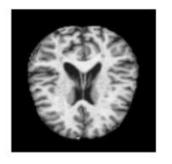
```
print(X_train.shape) #gray-scale image

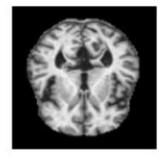
(5120, 128, 128)
```

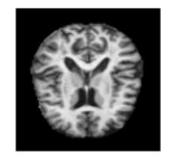
```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

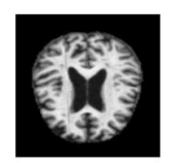
# Show some grayscale images
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))
for i in range(5): # Show first 5 images
    plt.subplot(1, 5, i + 1)
    plt.imshow(X_train[i], cmap="gray") # Use cmap="gray" for grayscale images
    plt.axis("off")

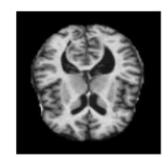
plt.show()
```











```
# 1 Split training data into training & validation sets
 #2 Apply SMOTE to balance classes in the training set
 from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
 # Split into train and validation (80-20 split)
 X_train_res, X_val, y_train_res, y_val = train_test_split(
     X_train, y_train, test_size=0.2, stratify=y_train, random_state=42
 print(f"Train Set: {X_train_res.shape}, Labels: {y_train_res.shape}")
 print(f"Validation Set: {X_val.shape}, Labels: {y_val.shape}")
Train Set: (4096, 128, 128), Labels: (4096,)
Validation Set: (1024, 128, 128), Labels: (1024,)
 from imblearn.over_sampling import SMOTE
 # Reshape for SMOTE (flatten images)
 X_train_flat = X_train_res.reshape(X_train_res.shape[0], -1)
 # Apply SMOTE
 smote = SMOTE(random_state=42)
 X_train_balanced, y_train_balanced = smote.fit_resample(X_train_flat, y_train_res)
# Reshape back to image format
 X_train_balanced = X_train_balanced.reshape(-1, 128, 128)
 print(f"Balanced Train Set: {X_train_balanced.shape}, Labels: {y_train_balanced.shape}")
Balanced Train Set: (8212, 128, 128), Labels: (8212,)
```

```
#Build CNN Model with SE Blocks & Avg-TopK Pooling
import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Conv2D, Dense, Dropout, GlobalAveragePooling2D, Multiply, Reshape
# Squeeze & Excitation Block
def se_block(input_tensor, ratio=16):
    """Squeeze & Excitation Block"""
    filters = input_tensor.shape[-1]
    # Squeeze: Global Average Pooling
    se = GlobalAveragePooling2D()(input_tensor)
    se = Dense(filters // ratio, activation="relu")(se)
    se = Dense(filters, activation="sigmoid")(se)
    # Excite: Scale feature maps
    se = Reshape((1, 1, filters))(se)
    return Multiply()([input_tensor, se])
import tensorflow.keras.backend as K
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Layer
class AvgTopKPooling(Layer):
    """Avg-TopK Pooling Layer"""
```

```
from tensorflow.keras.backend as k
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Layer

class AvgTopKPooling(Layer):
    """Avg-TopK Pooling Layer"""

def __init__(self, k=3, **kwargs):
    super(AvgTopKPooling, self).__init__(**kwargs)
    self.k = k

def call(self, inputs):
    top_k, _ = tf.math.top_k(inputs, k=self.k, sorted=False)
    return K.mean(top_k, axis=-1)

def compute_output_shape(self, input_shape):
    return input_shape[:-1]
```

MODEL 1: CNN

```
from tensorflow.keras.models import Model
from tensorflow keras layers import Input, Conv2D, BatchNormalization, ReLU, Flatten, Dense, Dropout
# Define CNN Model
def build_model(input_shape=(128, 128, 1), num_classes=4):
    inputs = Input(shape=input_shape)
    # Block 1
    x = Conv2D(32, (3, 3), padding="same")(inputs)
    x = BatchNormalization()(x)
   x = ReLU()(x)
   x = se_block(x)
    # Block 2
   x = Conv2D(64, (3, 3), padding="same")(x)
   x = BatchNormalization()(x)
   x = ReLU()(x)
   x = se_block(x)
    # Block 3
   x = Conv2D(128, (3, 3), padding="same")(x)
   x = BatchNormalization()(x)
    x = ReLU()(x)
   x = se_block(x)
    # Block 4
    x = Conv2D(256, (3, 3), padding="same")(x)
   x = BatchNormalization()(x)
   x = ReLU()(x)
   x = se_block(x)
    # Avg-Topk Pooling
   x = AvgTopKPooling(k=3)(x)
    # Flatten & Fully Connected Layers
    x = Flatten()(x)
    x = Dense(128, activation="relu")(x)
    x = Dropout(0.3)(x)
   x = Dense(64, activation="relu")(x)
   x = Dropout(0.3)(x)
    # Output Layer
    outputs = Dense(num_classes, activation="softmax")(x)
   model = Model(inputs, outputs)
    return model
```

MODEL 2: DCNN

```
from tensorflow.keras.models import Model
  from tensorflow.keras.layers import Input, Conv2D, BatchNormalization, ReLU, Flatten, Dense, Dropout
  # Define Deep CNN Model
 def build_model(input_shape=(128, 128, 1), num_classes=4):
      inputs = Input(shape=input_shape)
     # Block 1
      x = Conv2D(32, (3, 3), padding="same")(inputs)
     x = BatchNormalization()(x)
     x = ReLU()(x)
     x = se_block(x)
     # Block 2
      x = Conv2D(64, (3, 3), padding="same", strides=2)(x) # Downsampling with stride
      x = BatchNormalization()(x)
     x = ReLU()(x)
     x = se_block(x)
     # Block 3
      x = Conv2D(128, (3, 3), padding="same")(x)
      x = BatchNormalization()(x)
     x = ReLU()(x)
     x = se block(x)
     # Block 4
      x = Conv2D(256, (3, 3), padding="same", strides=2)(x) # Another downsampling
      x = BatchNormalization()(x)
      x = ReLU()(x)
     x = se block(x)
     # Block 5
      x = Conv2D(512, (3, 3), padding="same")(x)
     x = BatchNormalization()(x)
     x = ReLU()(x)
     x = se block(x)
     # Avg-TopK Pooling
      x = AvgTopKPooling(k=3)(x)
      # Flatten & Fully Connected Layers
      x = Flatten()(x)
      x = Dense(256, activation="relu")(x)
      x = Dropout(0.4)(x)
      x = Dense(128, activation="relu")(x)
      x = Dropout(0.3)(x)
      x = Dense(64, activation="relu")(x)
      x = Dropout(0.3)(x)
      # Output Layer
      outputs = Dense(num_classes, activation="softmax")(x)
      model = Model(inputs, outputs)
      return model
```

MODEL 1: CNN

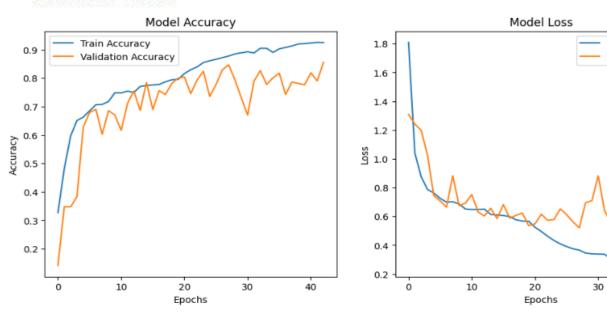
```
# Evaluate on test data
test_loss, test_acc = model.evaluate(X_test, y_test, verbose=1)
print(f"\nTest Accuracy: {test_acc*100:.2f}%")
print(f"Test Loss: {test_loss:.4f}")
```

Train Loss

Validation Loss

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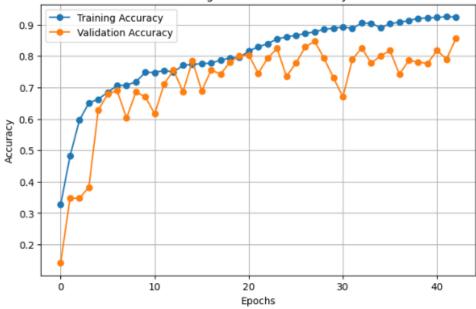
Test Accuracy: 84.53% Test Loss: 0.5134

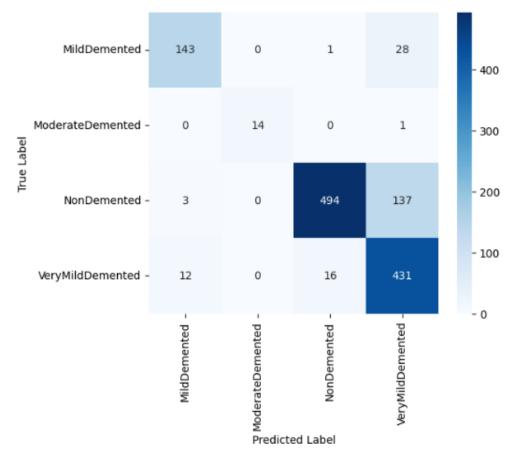


MODEL 1: CNN

Final Training Accuracy: 92.46% Final Validation Accuracy: 85.55%







Classification Report:

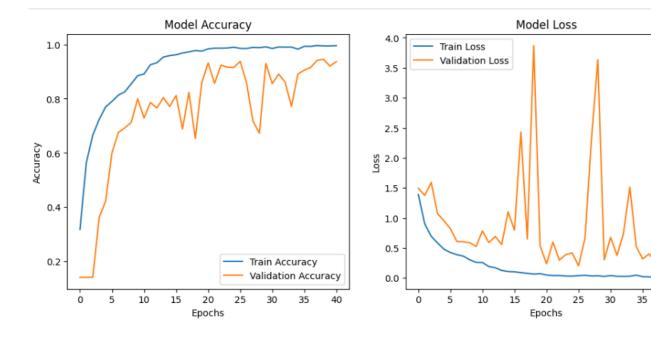
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
MildDemented	0.91	0.83	0.87	172
ModerateDemented	1.00	0.93	0.97	15
NonDemented	0.97	0.78	0.86	634
VeryMildDemented	0.72	0.94	0.82	459
accuracy			0.85	1280
macro avg	0.90	0.87	0.88	1280
weighted avg	0.87	0.85	0.85	1280

MODEL 2: DCNN

```
# Evaluate on test data
test_loss, test_acc = model.evaluate(X_test, y_test, verbose=1)
print(f"\nTest Accuracy: {test_acc*100:.2f}%")
print(f"Test Loss: {test_loss:.4f}")
```

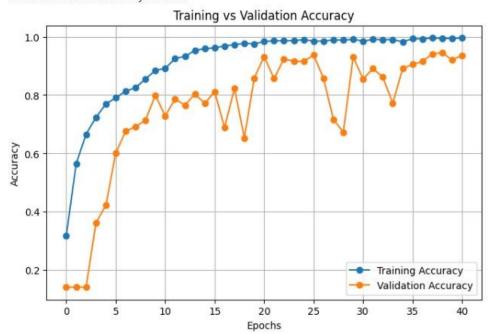
40/40 ---- 6s 35ms/step - accuracy: 0.9311 - loss: 0.3274

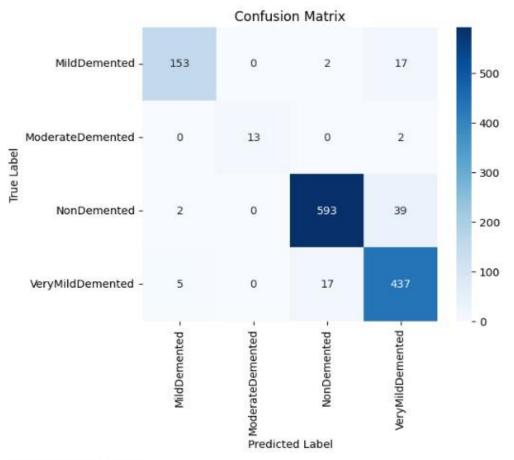
Test Accuracy: 93.44% Test Loss: 0.2707



MODEL 2: DCNN

Final Training Accuracy: 99.54% Final Validation Accuracy: 93.65%





Classification Report:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
MildDemented	0.96	0.89	0.92	172
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MODEL 3: WCNN

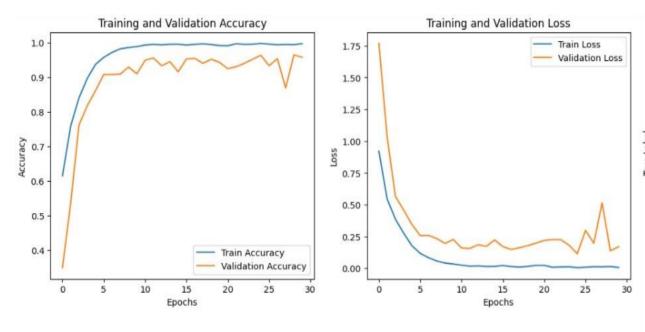
```
def wavelet_transform(image):
    Apply Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT) to the image.
    Returns the Approximation Coefficients (LL) as the wavelet-transformed image.
    0.00
    coeffs2 = pywt.dwt2(image, 'haar') # Apply 2D Haar wavelet transform
    LL, (LH, HL, HH) = coeffs2 # Extract coefficients
    return LL # Keep only approximation coefficients
# Apply Wavelet Transform to dataset
X_train_wcnn = np.array([wavelet_transform(img.squeeze()) for img in X_train_balanced])
X_val_wcnn = np.array([wavelet_transform(img.squeeze()) for img in X_val])
X_test_wcnn = np.array([wavelet_transform(img.squeeze()) for img in X_test])
# Reshape to match input shape (adding channel dimension back)
X_train_wcnn = X_train_wcnn.reshape(-1, 64, 64, 1) # Wavelet reduces size by half
X_{val}_{wcnn} = X_{val}_{wcnn.reshape}(-1, 64, 64, 1)
X_{\text{test\_wcnn}} = X_{\text{test\_wcnn.reshape}}(-1, 64, 64, 1)
```

MODEL 3: WCNN

```
# Define WCNN Model
wcnn_model = Sequential([
   Conv2D(32, (3, 3), activation='relu', padding='same', input_shape=(64, 64, 1)),
   BatchNormalization(),
   MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
   Conv2D(64, (3, 3), activation='relu', padding='same'),
   BatchNormalization(),
   MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
   Conv2D(128, (3, 3), activation='relu', padding='same'),
   BatchNormalization(),
   MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
   Flatten(),
   Dense(256, activation='relu'),
   Dropout(0.5),
   Dense(4, activation='softmax') # 4 output classes
1)
# Compile the model
wcnn_model.compile(optimizer=tf.keras.optimizers.Adam(learning_rate=0.0001), loss='categorical_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])
# Train the model
wcnn_history = wcnn_model.fit(
   X_train_wcnn, y_train_balanced,
   validation_data=(X_val_wcnn, y_val),
   epochs=30,
   batch_size=32
 train_acc = wcnn_history.history['accuracy'][-1] # Last epoch training accuracy
 val_acc = wcnn_history.history['val_accuracy'][-1] # Last epoch validation accuracy
 print(f"Final Training Accuracy: {train_acc:.4f}")
 print(f"Final Validation Accuracy: {val_acc:.4f}")
```

Final Training Accuracy: 0.9988 Final Validation Accuracy: 0.9209

MODEL 3: WCNN





Test Accuracy: 95.62 %

Classification Report:

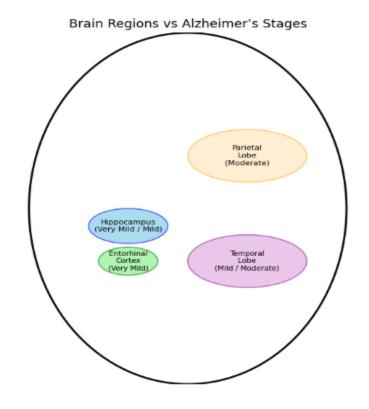
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Comparison of CNN, DCNN and WCNN

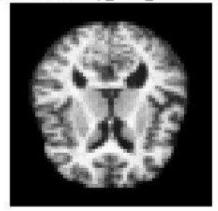
In this study, the effectiveness of frequency-aware feature extraction through wavelet-based downsampling is clearly demonstrated by the superior performance of the WCNN model. The CNN model, integrated with SE blocks and Avg-TopK pooling, achieved a test accuracy of 84.53%, indicating moderate performance. The deeper DCNN model, which incorporated strided convolutions and SE blocks, significantly enhanced generalization capability and reached a test accuracy of 93.44%. The proposed WCNN model, utilizing discrete wavelet transform (Haar) for downsampling instead of traditional pooling operations, outperformed the others with a test accuracy of 95.63%. Despite having fewer layers and no SE blocks, WCNN effectively preserved essential frequency and spatial features from the MRI scans, enabling more accurate classification. These results demonstrate the robustness of WCNN and establish it as the most suitable and efficient model for Alzheimer's disease classification in this research. The WCNN model outperformed the CNN and DCNN models across all datasets, achieving the highest train, validation, and test accuracies.

Grad-CAM:

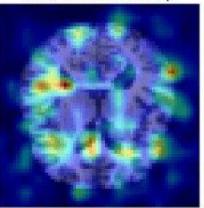
Gradient-weighted Class Activation Mapping (Grad-CAM) is a technique developed to help interpret and visualize the decision-making process of convolutional neural networks (CNNs), particularly in image classification tasks. The core idea behind Grad-CAM is to generate a heatmap that highlights the regions of an input image that are most important for the model's prediction. This is achieved by leveraging the gradients of the target class (the class the model is predicting) with respect to the feature maps of the final convolutional layer.



Original Image True: Very_Mild_Demented Predicted: Very_Mild_Demented



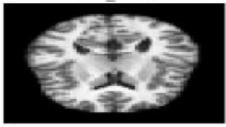
Grad-CAM Heatmap



Original
True: Moderate_Demented
Pred: Moderate_Demented



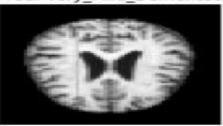
Original True: Non_Demented Pred: Non_Demented



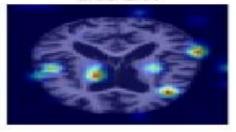
Original True: Mild_Demented Pred: Mild_Demented



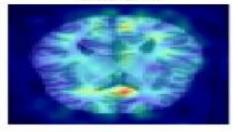
Original True: Very_Mild_Demented Pred: Very_Mild_Demented



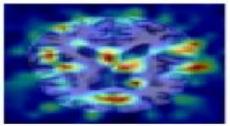
Grad-CAM



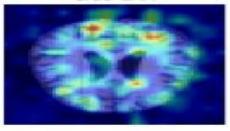
Grad-CAM

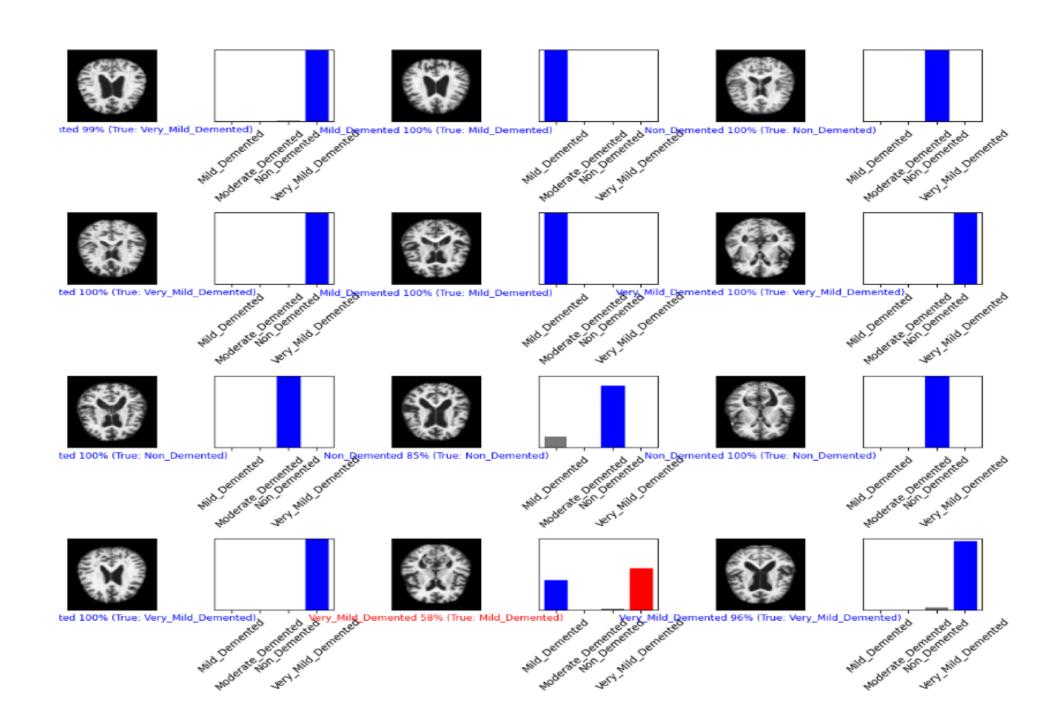


Grad-CAM



Grad-CAM





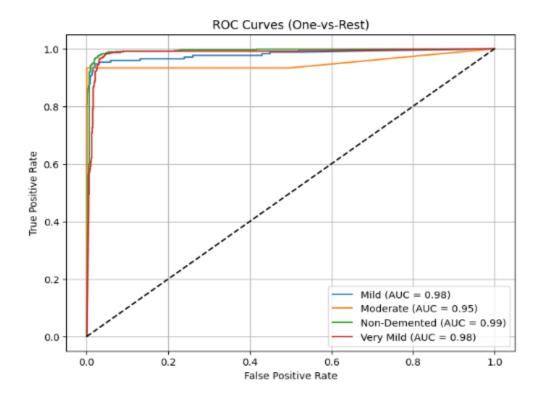
RESULT:

The results and outcomes of the models that were put into practice are displayed in this part. Among the three models evaluated (CNN, DCNN, and WCNN) -WCNN demonstrated the most effective performance in classifying Alzheimer's disease into four categories. As shown in the graphs ,WCNN demonstrates a smoother and more consistent learning curve compared to CNN and DCNN, indicating better generalization and stability during training. While CNN and DCNN show fluctuations in validation loss, WCNN maintains low and stable values, confirming its robustness in learning complex patterns from MRI images. These graphical results further validate the effectiveness of the WCNN model in comparison to traditional CNN architectures for Alzheimer's disease classification.

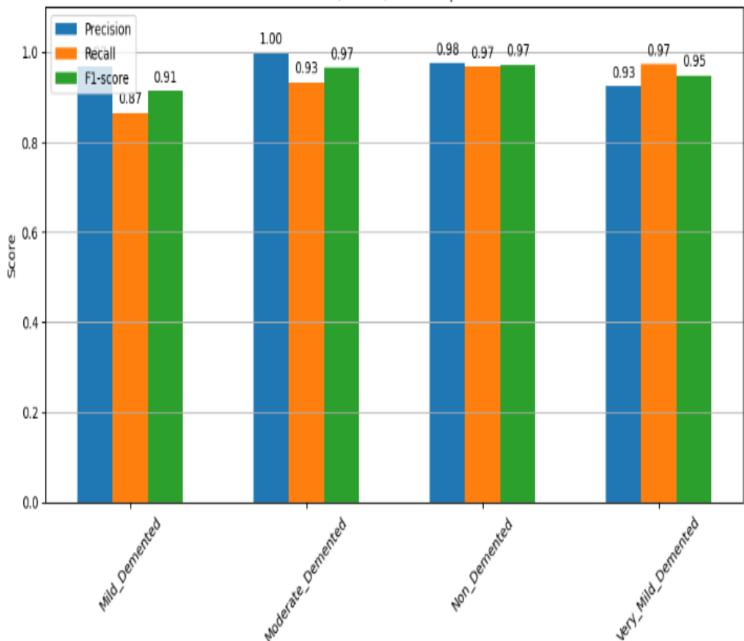
RESULT:

Models	Train Accuracy	Validation Accuracy	Test Accuracy
CNN	92.46%	85.55%	84.53%
DCNN	99.54%	93.65%	93.44%
WCNN	99.74%	95.80%	95.63%

ROC curve of WCNN:



Precision, Recall, F1-score per Class



The bar chart illustrates the model's Precision, Recall, and F1-score across all four classes of Alzheimer's classification. The model demonstrates excellent performance overall, with scores above 0.87 in all metrics for every class

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