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PROBLEM STATEMENT : Deep Learning Fundus Image Analysis
for Early Detection of Diabetic Retinopathy.

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PROBLEM STATEMENT:

Diabetic Retinopathy (DR) is a common complication of diabetes mellitus, which causes lesions on the retina that affect vision. If it is not detected early, it can lead to blindness. Unfortunately, DR is not a reversible process, and treatment only sustains vision. DR early detection and treatment can significantly reduce the risk of vision loss.

EXISTING DIAGNOSIS METHODOLOGY:

The manual diagnosis process of DR retina fundus images by ophthalmologists is time, effort and cost-consuming and prone to misdiagnosis unlike computer-aided diagnosis systems.

CAUSE:

Diabetic retinopathy is a complication of diabetes, caused by high blood sugar levels damaging the back of the eye which may lead to loss of vision permanently.

STAGES:

The early stages of DR don't have any symptoms, the later stages may cause the vessels to leak small amount of blood into your retinas.

EFFECTS:

Vision disorder, blurred vision, distorted vision will occur. This problem occurs commonly for Diabetic patient.

NEED AND OBJECTIVE OF OUR PROJECT:

The main objective is to detect the Diabetic Retinopathy in early stages by processing the Retinal images. Transfer learning has become one of the most common techniques that has achieved better performance in many areas, especially in medical image analysis and classification. We used Transfer Learning techniques like Inception V3, Resnet50, Xception V3 that are more widely used as a transfer learning method in medical image analysis and they are highly effective. Deep Learning, Machine learning, Neural Networks and knowledge in Python will play a significant role in the development of our Project.

PROBLEM STATEMENTS:

1. A person who is a Diabetic Retinopathy patient needs to check her severity level because she is worried about her sugar level maintenance.
2. A person who is a teacher by profession needs a way to ensure herself that she is not suffering from Diabetic Retinopathy by taking up a test which is cost efficient and time saving.
3. An ophthalmologist by profession needs to diagnose a patient with Diabetic Retinopathy using some technology so that he can conduct camps to help with early detection.