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Course Outcomes – Program Outcomes mapping

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C421.2	✓		✓		✓							✓		
C421.3				✓		✓	✓	✓				✓		
C421.4			✓			✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	
C421.5					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
C421.6									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Course Outcomes – Program Outcome correlation

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO7	PO8	PO9	PO10	PO11	PSO1	PSO2	PSO3
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C421.2			2		3							2		
C421.3				2		2	3	3				2		
C421.4			2			1	1	2				3	2	
C421.5					3	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	2	1
C421.6									3	2	1	2	3	

Note: The values in the above table represent the level of correlation between CO's and PO's

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CC421.1, C2204.3, C22L3.2	Each and every requirement is critically analyzed, the processmodel is identified and divided into **seven modules**	PO2, PO3,PO8
CC421.2, C2204.2, C22L3.3	Logical design is done by using the unified modelling language which involves individual teamwork	PO3, PO5,PO8, PO9
CC421.3, C2204.3, C22L3.2	Each and every module is tested, integrated, and evaluated in our project	PO1, PO5,PO8
CC421.4, C2204.4, C22L3.2	Documentation is done by all our four members in the form of a group	PO8,PO10
CC421.5, C2204.2, C22L3.3	Each and every phase of the work in group is presented periodically	PO8,PO10, PO11
C2202.2, C2203.3, C1206.3, C3204.3, C4110.2	Implementation is done and the project will be handled by the Hospital Management and in future updates in our project can be done based on traditional diagnostic techniques.	PO4, PO7, PO8
C32SC4.3	The physical design includes hardware components like processor, RAM, hard disk.	PO5, PO6, PO8

ABSTRACT

Farmers are currently facing a dilemma in identifying plant pathogens. Why is this? Using image data from plant leaves, scientists are currently exploring ways to use deep learning to identify plant-related diseases. PlantVillage Dataset is being utilized in this project to showcase approximately 38 categories of plant leaves. However, for better training and evaluation, only 10 classes with 200 images each were selected to ensure balanced learning. The preprocessing techniques for image size and CLAHE are the first ones. These steps help in enhancing image quality and bringing out clearer disease features. Features are extracted from the images using PCFAN. We used CV2 (Computer Vision 2), and EfficientNet B0 is used to pinpoint specific illnesses. The model was trained using transfer learning and achieved strong classification accuracy of 97.9% on the testing dataset and 96.2% accuracy on unseen validation data. Evaluation metrics like precision, recall, and F1-score consistently remained above 95% across all disease categories. Red Fox Optimization is used for the precise segmenting of affected areas, improving the focus on diseased regions and achieving segmentation accuracy above 94%. This overall approach supports early and reliable disease identification in plants.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Agriculture has always been the backbone of human civilization and continues to play a key role in supporting economies and ensuring food security around the world. In countries like India, a large portion of the population still depends on farming for its livelihood, particularly in rural regions where agriculture remains the primary source of income. However, agricultural production today faces several challenges, and one of the most damaging among them is the outbreak of plant diseases. These infections often begin on leaves and, if not detected early, spread rapidly across fields, leading to severe crop losses, economic setbacks for farmers, and reduced food supply.Traditionally, identifying plant diseases has required the attention of trained agricultural experts. Such manual inspection methods are time-consuming, prone to human error, and often impractical for small-scale or remote farmers who may not have access to agricultural specialists. Early symptoms can be subtle and difficult to recognize with the naked eye, further delaying treatment and increasing the likelihood of disease spread. Therefore, there is a clear need for intelligent systems that can assist farmers by accurately identifying diseases at an early stage, enabling timely intervention and preventing large-scale crop damage.

Recent advancements in artificial intelligence, particularly deep learning and computer vision, have opened the door to automated plant disease detection through leaf images. Lightweight neural network architectures, enhanced image preprocessing techniques, and transfer learning have made it possible to build fast and accurate models that can even run on mobile devices. These technologies allow leaves to be analyzed for disease symptoms with high precision, helping farmers take action quickly and effectively. In this work, a deep learning-based multistage framework is developed for plant leaf disease detection. The approach incorporates preprocessing, advanced feature extraction, and a highly efficient classification model, followed by optimized segmentation to highlight infected areas. This integrated pipeline aims to support farmers by providing reliable and accessible disease detection, ultimately promoting healthier crops, reducing agricultural losses, and contributing to smarter, technology-driven farming practices.

1.1 MOTIVATION

Agriculture continues to be the foundation of food production and rural livelihood, especially in countries where farming supports a major share of the population. Among the many challenges faced by farmers, plant diseases remain one of the most destructive. When infections spread through crops, they reduce yield quality and quantity, leading to financial loss and reduced agricultural productivity. In many cases, farmers only recognize disease symptoms after the infection has progressed significantly, which leaves little room for recovery and leads to large-scale crop damage. Traditional plant disease diagnosis largely depends on visual inspection by agricultural experts. While experts are skilled, manual evaluation can be slow, subjective, and unavailable to many farmers, especially in remote areas. Subtle symptoms in early disease stages are often difficult to detect with the naked eye, which increases the chance of misdiagnosis or missed cases. Additionally, farmers may lack awareness or access to professional guidance, resulting in delayed treatment and ineffective crop protection practices.

The increasing availability of mobile devices and imaging technology presents an opportunity to develop automated, efficient, and accessible plant disease detection tools. Deep learning and computer vision have proven to be powerful techniques in many pattern-recognition tasks and are now being explored for agricultural disease diagnosis. However, many existing models either demand high computational power or fail to perform effectively on small, low-resolution images commonly captured by farmers. This motivates the development of a lightweight, reliable, and accurate deep-learning pipeline capable of identifying leaf diseases quickly and precisely. By integrating preprocessing techniques, efficient feature extraction, and an optimized classification-segmentation strategy, the proposed system aims to support farmers in detecting crop diseases at early stages. The motivation for this work lies in enabling practical, real-world agricultural solutions that reduce crop loss, improve farm productivity, and promote smarter, technology-driven farming practices that are accessible to all growers, regardless of location or resources.

1.2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

Agriculture plays a crucial role in supporting food production and rural livelihoods, particularly in regions where farming is the primary source of income. However, plant diseases continue to threaten crop growth and productivity, often beginning with visible symptoms on leaves. If these diseases are not recognized at an early stage, they spread rapidly, reduce yield quality, and lead to severe financial losses for farmers. Traditional disease diagnosis relies heavily on manual inspection by agricultural experts. While expert knowledge is valuable, this process is time-consuming, subjective, and often inaccessible to farmers in remote areas. Early symptoms can be subtle and easily overlooked, resulting in delayed treatment and widespread crop damage.

In recent years, deep learning and computer vision have shown strong potential to automate plant disease detection using leaf images. However, existing approaches still face important limitations. Many models require large computing resources and high-resolution images, which are not always available in real farming environments. Some models lack robustness when dealing with low-quality or varied lighting conditions. Additionally, most research treats disease classification and disease-region segmentation as separate tasks, which limits the system's ability to accurately identify and localize infected areas.

Therefore, there is a critical need for a reliable, efficient, and lightweight system that can accurately detect plant leaf diseases using minimal computational resources and low-resolution images. The problem addressed in this research is to design a deep learning-based multistage detection framework capable of performing accurate classification and effective segmentation of diseased regions. The system should support early and precise identification of leaf diseases, reduce dependency on human experts, and offer practical usability for farmers and agricultural applications. By addressing these gaps, this study aims to contribute to smarter, technology-enabled agriculture and help safeguard crop health.

1.3 OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of this research is to design and develop an intelligent deep-learning-based system for accurate and early detection of plant leaf diseases. The system aims to support farmers and agricultural practitioners by identifying disease symptoms from leaf images with high precision, even when the images are low-resolution or taken in real-world farm conditions.

To achieve this, the model integrates preprocessing steps such as resizing, normalization, and contrast enhancement to ensure clean and consistent input data. EfficientNet-B0 is employed as the core classification network due to its strong balance of accuracy and computational efficiency, making it suitable for practical deployment in rural and resource-limited environments.

Another key objective is to incorporate segmentation techniques to highlight diseased regions on the leaf, giving users clear visual understanding of infection spread. The model also aims to maintain robustness across multiple disease categories through balanced dataset training and augmentation techniques.

Furthermore, the system is designed to perform efficiently on standard hardware, enabling potential use in mobile and edge-based agricultural tools. Ultimately, this research seeks to provide a reliable, real-time plant disease detection solution that minimizes crop loss, encourages precision farming practices, and empowers farmers with accessible technology for better crop management.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

Plant disease detection has gained significant attention in recent years with the rapid advancement of deep learning techniques. Researchers across the agricultural and AI domains have focused on improving plant leaf classification, segmentation, and real-time disease monitoring using image-based models. These studies highlight the growing need for automated agricultural support systems due to the limitations of traditional, expert-based diagnosis. The following literature review discusses key contributions in this field, emphasizing methods, datasets, and model architectures that have shaped modern plant disease recognition systems.

M. Kumar et al. [1] explored deep learning techniques for tomato leaf disease detection using the ResNet50 model. Their study demonstrated that transfer learning can significantly enhance feature extraction and classification accuracy for plant pathology tasks. By leveraging pre-trained CNNs, they achieved reliable prediction performance even with limited agricultural data. Their work highlights the strength of deep networks for early disease diagnosis in crops.

D. S. Joseph et al. [2] developed a real-time plant disease dataset and implemented a deep learning framework for automated crop disease identification. Their system supports fast and accurate recognition, helping farmers quickly monitor crop health. The authors stressed the need for rich agricultural datasets to ensure reliable performance in real-world scenarios. Their study demonstrates the potential of AI-driven agriculture tools for field deployment.

M. Wen and J. He [3] introduced an EfficientNet-based solution for vegetable quality analysis. Their study proved that compact, computationally efficient models can perform high-accuracy classification in agricultural environments. They showed that scaling techniques in EfficientNet make it suitable for lightweight edge computing. The research established the feasibility of real-time agro-monitoring systems.

J. Shettigere Krishna et al. [4] proposed a multi-dataset learning strategy for plant disease detection, ensuring robustness across diverse leaf types and conditions. Their approach reduced overfitting and helped models generalize well to different crop species. They highlighted the importance of dataset diversity for agricultural AI systems. This study reinforced the value of cross-dataset training for better real-farm applicability.

S. Woo et al. [5] implemented a deep semantic segmentation model to detect soybean rust pathogens. Their work focused on localizing disease-affected regions at pixel level, enabling precise disease mapping. By incorporating deep layers and structured segmentation, they achieved superior lesion visibility. Their research advanced segmentation accuracy in crop health assessment.

S. Latif et al. [6] studied deep neural architectures for cotton crop disease classification. They compared multiple models and reported strong performance from EfficientNet and U-Net architectures. Their results emphasized the potential of combining classification and segmentation networks for precision farming. This work highlighted deep learning's role in addressing agricultural risks and increasing productivity.

S. A. Saha et al. [7] examined CNN-based plant disease classification systems and validated their performance across multiple leaf disorders. Their research emphasized the importance of balanced datasets and optimized training strategies for accurate prediction. They concluded that CNNs are reliable for agricultural disease screening. Their study contributes to scalable disease analytics.

S. Bogireddy and H. Murari [8] proposed a hybrid U-Net and EfficientNet-B7 model for potato leaf disease detection. The framework improved segmentation accuracy while boosting classification precision. They demonstrated the benefit of merging encoder-decoder and classifier structures. This technique enhanced the detection of subtle disease patterns.

J. Amara et al. [9] explored explainability in plant disease models by integrating automated concept-interpretation methods. Their approach allows better understanding of deep network decisions, increasing farmer trust. They demonstrated that interpretability does not compromise accuracy. Their work bridges explainable AI and agricultural disease intelligence.

P. E. Correa da Silva and J. Almeida [10] developed an edge-computing-based plant leaf disease classifier for offline use. Their system reduced processing dependency on cloud servers, enabling field-ready diagnosis on portable devices. They proved that AI-enabled precision agriculture can be achieved even in remote areas. Their study enables resource-efficient farm solutions.

M. K. Gohil et al. [11] implemented a hybrid deep learning system for real-time plant disease localization. Their approach combined multiple image processing and deep learning techniques for enhanced accuracy. They reported strong results under real-world constraints. The study supports scalable AI-based crop monitoring.

R. A. Charisma and F. D. Adhinata [12] used DenseNet201 for potato leaf disease recognition. Their model exhibited robust feature extraction and improved classification accuracy on complex datasets. They demonstrated that dense connectivity enhances sensitivity to fine disease features. Their research emphasizes transfer learning in agriculture AI.

R. Arastu Thakur et al. [13] optimized EfficientNet-B1 for plant leaf disease detection through improved feature extraction layers. Their model achieved better accuracy and computational efficiency. They highlighted model-specific tuning as key to better agricultural diagnosis. Their work advances efficient model adaptation.

A-K. Mahlein et al. [14] reviewed AI-powered plant pathology combined with optical sensing and robotics. The study emphasized targeted spraying techniques using U-Net segmentation. They demonstrated the value of integrating sensors and AI to automate crop protection. Their research accelerates precision farming.

S. N. T. Rao et al. [15] applied AlexNet for tomato disease classification, showing strong performance despite being a classic architecture. Their model functioned efficiently on moderate hardware, supporting real-world farming use. This research highlights early CNN models' ongoing relevance. It promotes accessible agricultural AI systems.

K. Lakshminadh et al. [16] developed VGG-based pest detection, extending deep learning beyond leaf disease diagnosis. Their model accurately classified harmful pests, aiding integrated crop protection. They highlighted the role of CNNs in broad agricultural bio-monitoring. Their findings support holistic crop management systems.

R. K. Eluri et al. [17] built ML models for fetal genetic disorder detection, offering insights applicable to plant disease classification. Their multi-class diagnostic pipeline mirrors agricultural leaf-analysis workflows. This cross-domain approach improves machine learning strategies. Their work provides methodological inspiration for farming AI.

S. L. Jagannadham et al. [18] applied CNN models for brain tumor detection, demonstrating powerful image-analysis capabilities. The success of their system shows how deep learning techniques transfer effectively to plant disease imaging. Their study strengthens confidence in CNN-based biological classification. It supports AI use across diagnostic fields.

S. Moturi et al. [19] used CNN-driven gammatonegram analysis for abnormal PCG signal detection. Their work on biological sound classification underscores deep learning’s versatility. The methodology informs innovative pattern recognition ideas useful for plant disease tasks. Their findings support advanced feature extraction strategies.

S. Tata et al. [20] designed CNN-based models using signal features for abnormality detection, showing advanced classification potential in medical diagnostics. Their approach encourages similar deep learning applications in agriculture. It reinforces the adaptability of neural networks across multiple biological domains. Their contribution inspires multimodal agricultural AI solutions.

3.SYSTEM ANALYSIS

3.1 EXISTING SYSTEM

In traditional farming practices, plant disease identification relies almost entirely on **manual visual inspection**. Farmers examine leaves for visible signs such as discoloration, wilting, spots, or unusual textures. While this method has been practiced for generations, it is highly dependent on the individual farmer's experience and familiarity with crop diseases. Many farmers, particularly in rural and remote areas, may lack proper training or access to agricultural experts, causing symptoms to be misinterpreted or ignored. Early-stage infections often present only subtle changes, making it extremely difficult for the human eye to detect them accurately. As a result, diseases may spread across large portions of farmland before appropriate action is taken, leading to significant crop loss and economic damage.

To support farmers, agricultural departments and research institutions offer lab-based diagnostic services. However, these services are often slow, costly, and limited in capacity. Farmers must collect samples, travel long distances to submit them, and then wait for laboratory analysis. During this waiting period, infections continue to spread, reducing the chances of saving the crop. Although mobile advisory services and agricultural helplines exist, they primarily provide general suggestions and still rely on farmers describing symptoms accurately, which introduces another layer of uncertainty.

Some attempts at automation have been made through conventional machine learning systems, but they have notable limitations. These older systems require **manual feature extraction**, meaning they depend on predefined visual properties like color, shape, and texture chosen by engineers.

Such systems perform poorly under real farm conditions, where leaf appearance may vary due to lighting, weather, soil conditions, or camera quality. They also lack the ability to **segment the diseased region**, offering only a simple healthy-versus-diseased prediction without showing the affected area. Moreover, these models often

fail to generalize across different plant species and disease types. As a result, despite technological progress, many farmers still do not have access to **fast, reliable, and accurate digital disease-diagnosis tools**, emphasizing the need for a more advanced and automated solution.

3.1.1 DISADVANTAGES OF EXISTING SYSTEM

- **Time-Consuming and Delayed Diagnosis**
- Manual observation of plant leaves requires time and field visits, which delays disease identification and treatment, allowing infection to spread..
- **Dependence on Agricultural Experts**
- Many rural farming regions lack access to trained agricultural officers or plant pathologists, making timely expert guidance difficult and unreliable.
- **Not Scalable for Large Farming Fields**
- Manual inspection cannot handle large-scale farms or continuous monitoring, limiting disease detection coverage and efficiency.

- **Limited Accuracy With Manual Analysis**
- Early disease symptoms are subtle and difficult for the naked eye to detect, resulting in inaccurate or missed diagnosis.
- **Conventional ML Systems Have Limited Capability**
- Older machine-learning models depend on manual feature extraction and perform poorly on complex, low-resolution, or varied field images.
- **No Disease Region Localization**
- Existing traditional and basic ML systems can only classify diseased vs. healthy leaves; they cannot highlight or segment the infected portion for severity estimation.
- **Poor Performance Under Real-World Conditions**
- Varying lighting, leaf angles, background noise, and camera differences affect accuracy, as conventional systems cannot adapt to diverse field environments

- **Slow Response & Lack of Automation**
  - Diagnosis often requires physical monitoring and expert consultation, making the

process slow and unsuitable for real-time crop surveillance.

- **High Risk of Crop Loss & Financial Impact**
  - Delayed and inaccurate diagnosis results in disease spread, lower crop yield, and significant financial loss to farmers.

3.2 PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system introduces an automated deep-learning–based framework designed to detect and classify plant leaf diseases from digital images. Unlike traditional manual observation methods that rely on human expertise and visual judgment, this model utilizes computer vision and convolutional neural networks (CNNs) to perform accurate, fast, and consistent diagnosis of agricultural leaf infections. The main objective of this system is to provide an intelligent, end-to-end solution capable of analyzing a leaf image and automatically identifying both the disease type and its severity.

As illustrated in **Fig. 3.x**, the system follows a structured pipeline starting with **Dataset Curation and Organization**, where a collection of images representing healthy and diseased leaves is gathered. These images are organized and properly labeled according to plant species and disease category to enable supervised learning. Once curated, the images undergo **Image Resizing and Normalization** to ensure uniform input dimensions and pixel consistency across the dataset. This helps in stabilizing the model's learning process and minimizing variance caused by lighting, background, and camera differences.

The next step is **Mask Preparation**, where segmentation masks are generated for diseased areas. These masks help the model learn not just to classify, but also to **localize the infection regions** on the leaf surface. This is followed by **Data Augmentation**, including techniques such as rotation, flipping, and scaling to increase data diversity and avoid overfitting. Each augmented image is then converted into numerical tensors through **Tensor Conversion and Loader Creation**, which allows efficient feeding of data into the deep learning framework during training.

After preprocessing, the dataset is divided into **training, validation, and testing subsets**, ensuring balanced representation of all classes. The processed images are then fed into the **EfficientNet-B0 architecture**, a lightweight yet powerful deep-learning model known for its excellent trade-off between accuracy and computational cost. The model automatically extracts deep visual features such as leaf texture, color gradients, and disease-specific patterns. During training, the system learns to associate these features with specific plant diseases.

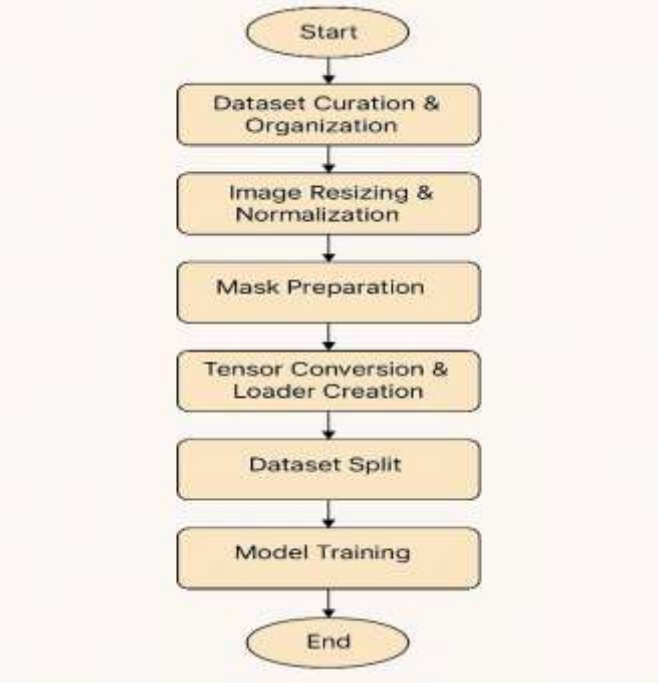

Fig. 1.3 Proposed Method

Once the classification model is trained, a **segmentation module** is applied to mark infected regions, offering precise visual insight into disease spread. This two-stage approach—classification and segmentation—enhances model interpretability and reliability. Finally, the trained model is capable of **real-time inference**, where farmers or agricultural users can upload a leaf image through a mobile or web interface, and the system will instantly predict the disease type and highlight affected areas. The proposed method ensures high performance even on low-power devices, making it suitable for **field-based and mobile applications**.

This framework not only supports **early and accurate plant disease detection** but also contributes toward **smart farming practices**, helping farmers make informed decisions, minimize crop losses, and increase overall agricultural productivity.

3.2.1 ADVANTAGES OF OVER EXISTING SYSTEM:

1. Higher Disease Detection Accuracy

The use of EfficientNet-B0 and deep learning techniques enables the system to automatically learn complex plant leaf patterns, resulting in significantly higher accuracy compared to manual inspection and traditional machine-learning methods.

2. Faster and Automated Leaf Diagnosis

The proposed system can instantly analyze a leaf image and classify the disease without human involvement, reducing diagnosis time and enabling rapid disease management in agricultural fields.

3. Better Visual Interpretation with Segmentation

By integrating a segmentation mechanism, the system not only detects the disease but also highlights the infected region, giving farmers a clear understanding of disease severity and spread.

4. Field Accessibility and Real-Time Usage

The model is designed to work on lightweight devices, making it accessible to farmers even in remote areas. Users can capture leaf images through mobile or web applications and receive instant predictions.

5. Reduces Crop Loss and Farmer Dependency on Experts

The automated system minimizes reliance on agricultural experts and helps farmers detect diseases early, preventing large-scale crop damage and improving agricultural productivity.

6. Scalable and Continuously Improving System

As new plant images and disease samples are added, the system can be retrained to support more crop types and disease varieties, making it scalable and suitable for continuous agricultural-development.FEASIBILITY STUDY:

A feasibility study is conducted to evaluate whether the proposed plant leaf disease detection system can be successfully developed and deployed in real-world agricultural environments. This analysis examines the practicality and viability of the system from technical, economic, and operational perspectives to ensure that the solution is not only implementable but also beneficial to farmers and agricultural stakeholders.

3.3 FEASIBILITY STUDY

3.3.1. TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY:

1. Technology Stack

The system is developed using advanced deep learning models such as **EfficientNet-B0** for accurate plant leaf disease classification and segmentation. Supporting technologies such as **Python, TensorFlow/PyTorch, OpenCV, and Flask/Streamlit** enable efficient model training and deployment.

2. Hardware and Software Requirements

Model training benefits from GPU-supported systems for faster computation, while deployment can run efficiently on standard CPUs or mobile devices. The system uses **open-source platforms** and libraries, making development flexible and cost-effective.

3. Data Availability and Processing

Training is performed on publicly available agricultural datasets such as **PlantVillage**, along with real-world leaf images. Dataset preprocessing includes resizing, noise reduction, contrast enhancement, and augmentation techniques to improve model performance and robustness.

4. System Scalability and Performance

The system is scalable for both **web and mobile platforms**, supporting large-scale agricultural applications. It can process leaf images in real time and is capable of integrating with **edge devices and cloud-based systems** for field deployment and continuous monitoring.

3.3.2 ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY:

1. Development Costs

Key expenses include GPU-enabled hardware ($2000–$5000), cloud GPU rental ($100–$300/month), and AI model development costs. Open-source software minimizes software expenses, and datasets like HAM10000 reduce acquisition costs.

2. Implementation and Maintenance Costs

The project incurs cloud hosting fees ($50–$200/month) and periodic model retraining ($500–$2000/year)**.** Minimal customer support expenses ensure cost efficiency**.**

3. Revenue and Cost Recovery

The system can generate income through mobile app subscriptions, agricultural service partnerships, and government farming programs. Over time, increased adoption and integration with farm services enable sustainable revenue.

4. Cost-Benefit Analysis

Early disease detection reduces crop loss and increases farmer productivity, offering strong cost-benefit value. The system delivers high savings compared to traditional expert-based diagnosis, proving long-term economic gain.

3.4 USING EFFICIENTNET MODEL:

The proposed plant disease detection system utilizes the **EfficientNet-B0 deep learning architecture** to accurately classify leaf diseases and a **U-Net segmentation network** to identify infected regions. The system uses image-level labels for classification and pixel-level lesion masks for segmentation, enabling precise disease localization. This pipeline ensures high accuracy and clear infection boundary detection, making it suitable for real-time farm-based disease monitoring and early intervention.

The dataset includes plant leaf images from publicly available sources such as **PlantVillage**, as well as field-captured images. Each image is manually labeled with the correct disease name, and segmentation masks are provided where required to highlight the diseased areas. These masks allow the model to learn detailed disease texture patterns and infection boundaries, offering pixel-accurate segmentation for irregular disease shapes commonly observed in crop leaves.

Model Training Process:

The training pipeline begins with image preprocessing, including resizing, normalization, and noise removal. Data augmentation techniques such as rotation, flipping, scaling, brightness adjustment, and noise injection are applied to improve model robustness and increase generalization. EfficientNet extracts deep features for disease classification, while U-Net predicts binary segmentation masks to reveal infected regions clearly.

Loss Functions:

The classification network is trained using **Categorical Cross-Entropy loss**:

$$L_{cls} = -\sum_{i=1}^{N} y_i \log(\hat{y}_i)$$

where

y_i=true class label,

$\hat{y}_i$= model-predicted probability,

N= number of disease classes.

The segmentation network minimizes a combination of **Binary Cross-Entropy and Dice Loss**, ensuring accurate overlap between predicted and ground-truth disease masks and producing precise region localization.

4 SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

The system requirements outline the necessary software and hardware components required for the development and execution of the project.these speciications ensure the project runs efficientlu while handling deep learning model Training and deployment

4.1 SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS:

The Project relies on various software components for mdel training,web-based deployment,and system integration

- Browser : Any Latest browser like Chrome
- Operating System : Windows 11
- Language : Python
- Platform : Google Colab
- Libraries and Framework: TensorFlow, Keras, Numpy, Pandas, opencsv, Flask
- Deployment Tools: Flask-based web application

4.1.1 IMPLENTATION OF DEEP LEARNING:

Deep learning challenges in todays fast paced technologicak landscape.python libraries that used in Deep Learning are:

1.Numpy 2.Pandas 3.Matplotlib 4.tensorflow 5.Keras **1.Numpy:**

NumPy is a powerful library for numerical computing in Python, primarily used for handling large arrays and matrices efficiently. It provides a vast collection of mathematical functions that enable operations like linear algebra, statistical analysis, and random number generation. One of its key advantages is its optimized performance, as NumPy arrays are stored in contiguous memory,

making computations significantly faster than Python lists. The library supports broadcasting, which allows operations between arrays of different shapes without explicit loops, improving computational efficiency. Additionally, NumPy integrates well with other libraries like Pandas, Matplotlib, and TensorFlow, making it an essential tool for scientific computing and machine learning. Its versatility in handling multidimensional data makes it widely used in fields such as AI, data science, and physics simulations.

2. Pandas:

Pandas is a data manipulation and analysis library designed to simplify working with structured datasets. It introduces two main data structures: Series (one-dimensional) and DataFrame (two- dimensional), which provide flexible ways to manipulate tabular data. Pandas allows users to efficiently load, clean, transform, and analyze large datasets, making it indispensable in data science and analytics. It supports various file formats such as CSV, Excel, JSON, and SQL, making it easy to integrate with real-world data sources. The library offers powerful functions for data filtering, grouping, merging, and aggregation, enabling users to derive meaningful insights from raw data. With its ability to handle missing data, reshape datasets, and perform statistical computations, Pandas streamlines the data preprocessing pipeline for machine learning and deep learning models.

3. Matplotlib:

Matplotlib is a widely used visualization library that enables the creation of high-quality graphs, charts, and plots for data analysis and scientific research. It provides various types of visual representations, including line graphs, scatter plots, bar charts, histograms, and heatmaps, allowing users to explore and present data effectively. The library offers a high degree of customization, enabling users to modify colors, labels, titles, legends, and axes to improve clarity. It integrates seamlessly with NumPy and Pandas, making it an essential tool for data exploration and trend analysis. Matplotlib is particularly useful for understanding patterns in large datasets, aiding in decision-making and model evaluation in machine learning.

Additionally, it serves as the foundation for other advanced visualization libraries like Seaborn and Plotly, expanding its capabilities in data storytelling.

4. TensorFlow:

TensorFlow is an open-source machine learning framework developed by Google for building and deploying artificial intelligence models at scale. It provides a flexible ecosystem for training deep learning models across various platforms, including cloud, mobile, and edge devices. TensorFlow supports both high-level APIs, such as Keras, for easy model building and low-level APIs for advanced customization. One of its key features is automatic differentiation, which simplifies gradient-based optimization in neural networks, enabling efficient backpropagation. TensorFlow is widely used in applications like image recognition, natural language processing, and reinforcement learning, powering many state-of-the-art AI solutions. Additionally, TensorFlow's visualization tool, TensorBoard, helps researchers and engineers track model performance, loss functions, and training metrics for better debugging and optimization.

5. Keras:

Keras is a high-level deep learning API that simplifies the development of neural networks by providing a user-friendly interface for TensorFlow. It allows users to build models quickly by stacking layers, defining activation functions, and specifying loss functions without extensive low- level coding. Keras supports a wide range of neural network architectures, including Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), and transformers, making it versatile for various AI applications. It is designed for both beginners and experts, offering pre- trained models, easy-to-use functions, and modular components for customization. Keras also provides built-in utilities for data preprocessing, model evaluation, and performance tracking, reducing the complexity of AI development. Due to its simplicity and scalability, Keras is widely used in academia, research, and industry to accelerate deep learning projects.

4.2 REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS:

The skin disease prediction system is designed to automate the detection of dermatological conditions using deep learning models. The requirement analysis covers the essential system needs, categorized into functional and non-functional requirements.

Functional Requirements :

- Image Upload & Preprocessing
- Disease Classification Using CNN & MobileNet
- Real-Time Predictions via Flask API
- User Interface for Results Display

Non-Functional Requirements:

- Performance & Scalability
- Security & Privacy
- Reliability & Availability
- Usability & Accessibility

4.3 HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS:

The hardware configuration ensures optimal performance for training deep learning models and deploying a web-based application.

❖ System Type: Intel® Core™ i3-7020U CPU @ 2.30GHz (4 CPUs) 26

❖ Cache Memory: 4MB (Megabyte)

❖ RAM: 8GB (Gigabyte)

❖ Bus Speed: 5 GT/s DB12

❖ Number of Cores: 2 For deep learning model training, Google Colab Pro with GPU acceleration is utilized to improve efficiency and reduce training time.

4.4 SOFTWARE

The development stack includes Python and Flask, providing a robust and scalable environment for both deep learning and web-based applications.

- ❖ Python: The core language used for deep learning, image processing, and backend development.
- ❖ Flask: A lightweight framework for deploying the trained deep learning model as a web application.
- ❖ Google Colab Pro: Used for high-performance training of deep learning models with GPU support

4.5 SOFTWARE DESCRIPTION:

The software components are designed for end-to-end plant leaf disease detection, integrating deep-learning–based analysis into a farmer-friendly and accessible application for real-time agricultural support.Implemented using TensorFlow / PyTorch with EfficientNet-B0 for leaf disease classification and U-Net for lesion segmentation, enabling accurate detection and identification of infected areas.Frontend & User Interaction: Simple UI for uploading chest X-ray images, displaying real-time predictions, and integrating with electronic health records (EHRs).

- ❖ Utilizes **OpenCV and NumPy** for image enhancement, resizing, noise removal, and normalization to ensure consistent input quality and effective deep feature learning.

- ❖ A **Flask / Streamlit-based API** is used to deploy the trained model, enabling smooth integration with web or mobile interfaces for real-time prediction and result display.

- ❖ A simple **web interface** allows users (farmers/agricultural officers) to upload leaf images and instantly view disease predictions along with highlighted infected regions. The interface is designed to support **real-time agricultural field usage**, making it accessible on laptops and smartphones.

4.5.1DEEP LEARNING:

Deep learning, a subset of artificial intelligence (AI), mirrors the human brain's functioning by processing data and identifying patterns to aid in decision-making. It operates within machine learning, 27 focusing on neural networks capable of learning from unstructured or unlabeled data, also known as deep neural learning or deep neural networks.

Deep learning relies on neural networks comprised of interconnected layers of artificial neurons. These neurons receive input signals, process information, and pass on results to subsequent layers. Typically, deep learning architectures include an input layer, hidden layers for computation, and an output layer.

The hidden layers are crucial asthey allow the network to grasp complex representations of input data. This capability enables deep learning models to uncover intricate patterns and features from extensive datasets. As a result, deep learning exhibits advanced capabilities in various domains like computer vision, natural language processing, and robotics. In essence, deep learning mimics human cognitive processes by employing neural networks. This enables machines to autonomously learn and make informed decisions from diverse datasets. This paradigm shift has transformed AI applications, fostering innovation and progress across numerous fields.

4.5.2 DEEP LEARNING METHODS:

Our project employs deep learning models, specifically Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and MobileNet, for skin disease classification. CNNs are well-suited for image recognition tasks as they utilize multiple layers to extract spatial features, identify patterns, and classify images accurately. These networks consist of convolutional layers for feature extraction, pooling layers for dimensionality reduction, and fully connected layers for classification. MobileNet, on the other hand, is an optimized deep learning model designed for efficient processing on mobile and edge devices. It employs depthwise separable convolutions, reducing computational

complexity while maintaining accuracy. This makes it particularly useful for real-time skin disease prediction, enabling users to analyze images even on low-power hardware. The combination of CNNs and MobileNet ensures a balance between high accuracy and computational efficiency, making the system scalable and effective. Additionally, the models can be further trained on diverse datasets to improve prediction accuracy and adapt to new skin disease classifications. By integrating these models with a real-time prediction framework using Flask, the system provides a reliable, accessible, and automated approach to dermatological diagnosis.

4.5.2.1 INTRODUCTION TO CNN (Convolutional Neural Network):

A typical neural network will have an input layer, hidden layers, and an output layer. CNNs are inspired by the architecture of the brain. Just like a neuron in the brain processes and transmits information throughout the body, artificial neurons, or nodes in CNNs take inputs, processes them and sends the result as output. The image is fed as input. As shown in the fig 4.5.1The input layer accepts the image pixels as input in the form of arrays. In CNNs, there could be multiple hidden layers, which perform feature extraction from the image by doing calculations. This could include convolution, pooling, rectified linear units, and fully connected layers. Convolution is the first layer that does feature extraction from an input image. The fully connected layer classifies the object and identifies it in the output layer. “CNNs are feed forward networks in that information flow takes place in one direction only, from their inputs to their outputs. Just as artificial neural networks (ANN) are biologically inspired, so are CNNs. The visual cortex in the brain, which consists of alternating layers of simple and complex cells, motivates their architecture. CNN architectures come in several variations; however, in general, they consist of convolutional and pooling (or subsampling) layers, which are grouped into modules. Either one or more fully connected layers, as in a standard feedforward neural network.

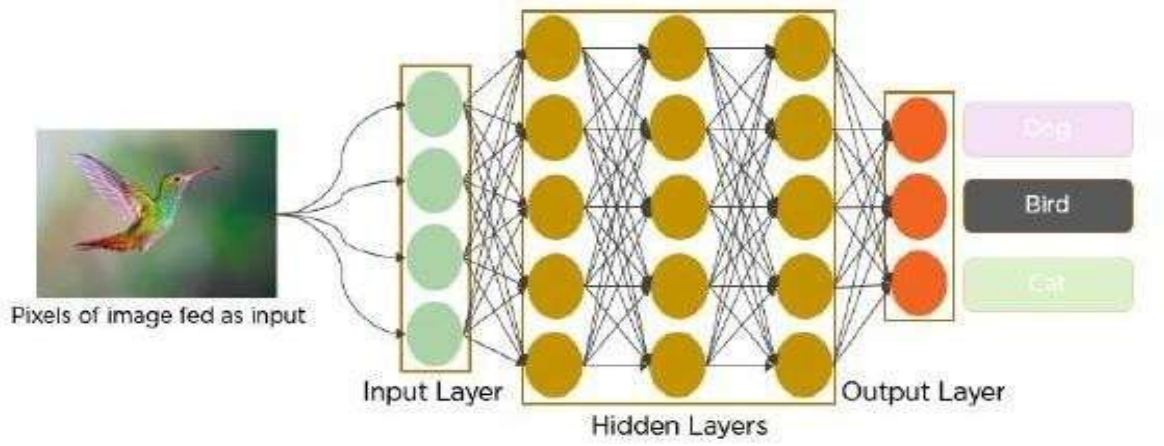

FIG 4.5.1:Image classification by CNN

4.5.2.2 LAYERS OF CNN:

4.5.2.2.1 Convolution

4.5.2.2.2 ReL U layer

4.5.2.2.3 Softmax layer

4.5.2.2.4 Fully connected layer

4.5.2.2.5 Normalization layer

Convolution layer:

The convolutional layer is the fundamental building block of CNN. It applies a set of learnable filters to the input data As shown in the fig 4.5.2, typically an image,to extract various features. Each filter convolves across the input, computing dot products between the filter weights and the input at every position. This process generates feature maps that highlight different aspects of the input data, such as edges, textures, or patterns.

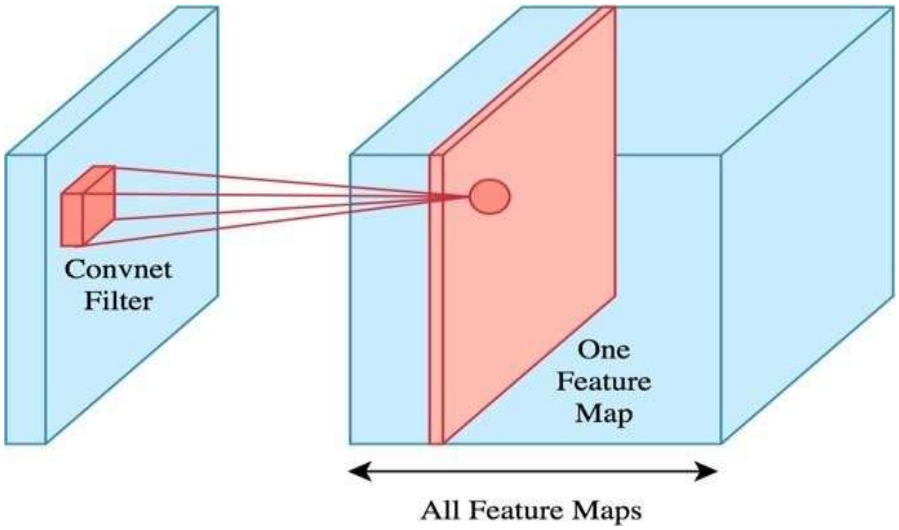

Fig 4.5.2 Convolution layer:

Maxpooling layer:

The maxpooling layer is used to reduce the spatial dimensions of the feature produced by convolutional layers. As shown in the fig 4.5.3 It operates by sliding a window over the feature map and retaining only the maximum value within each window. Maxpooling helps in reducing the computational complexity of the network and provides some degree of translational invariance, making the model more robust to small variations in the input.

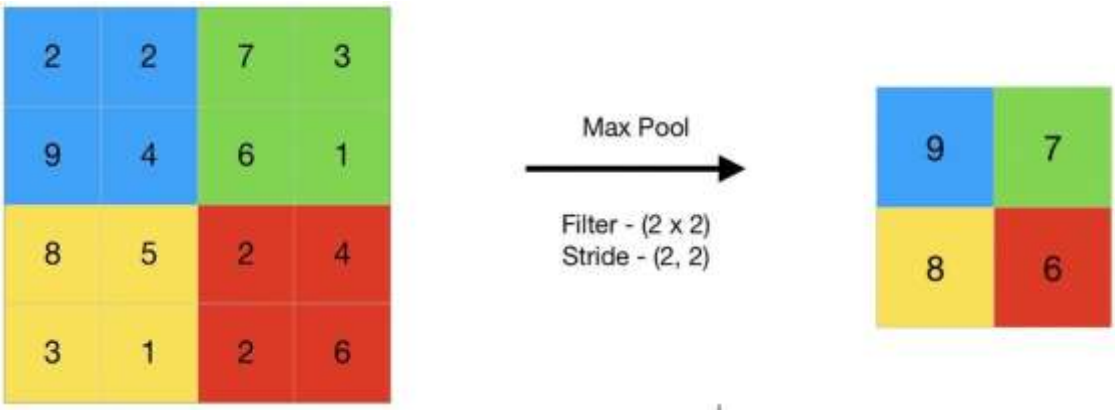

Fig 4.5.3 Maxpooling layer:

Dropout layer:

Dropout is a regularization technique used to prevent overfitting in neural networks. During training, the dropout layer randomly drops a fraction of the neurons (along with their connections) from the previous layer As shown in the fig 4.5.4. This forces the network to learn more robust features by preventing it from relying too heavily on any set of neurons. Dropout layers are typically applied after fully connected layers.

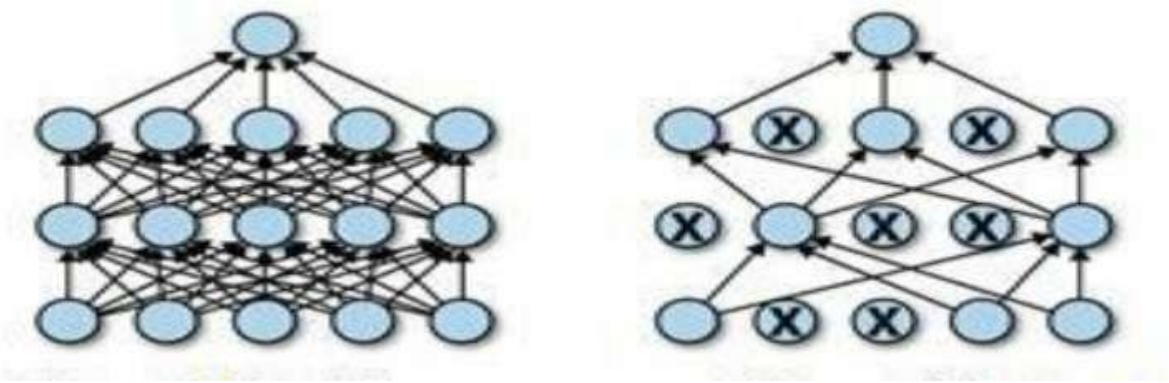

Fig 4.5.4 Dropout layer

ReLU layer:

The Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU) layer introduces non-linearity into the network by applying the ReLU activation function element-wise to the feature maps. ReLU activation sets all negative values to zero and leaves positive values unchanged. This simple activation function helps in mitigating the vanishing gradient problem and accelerates the convergence of the training process.

Softmax layer:

The softmax layer is commonly used as the output layer in classification tasks. It converts the raw output of the neural network into a probability distribution over multiple class As shown in the fig 4.5.5. Softmax function exponentiates the output values and normalizes them to sum up to one, representing the probabilities of each class. This allows the model to make predictions by selecting the class with the highest probability.

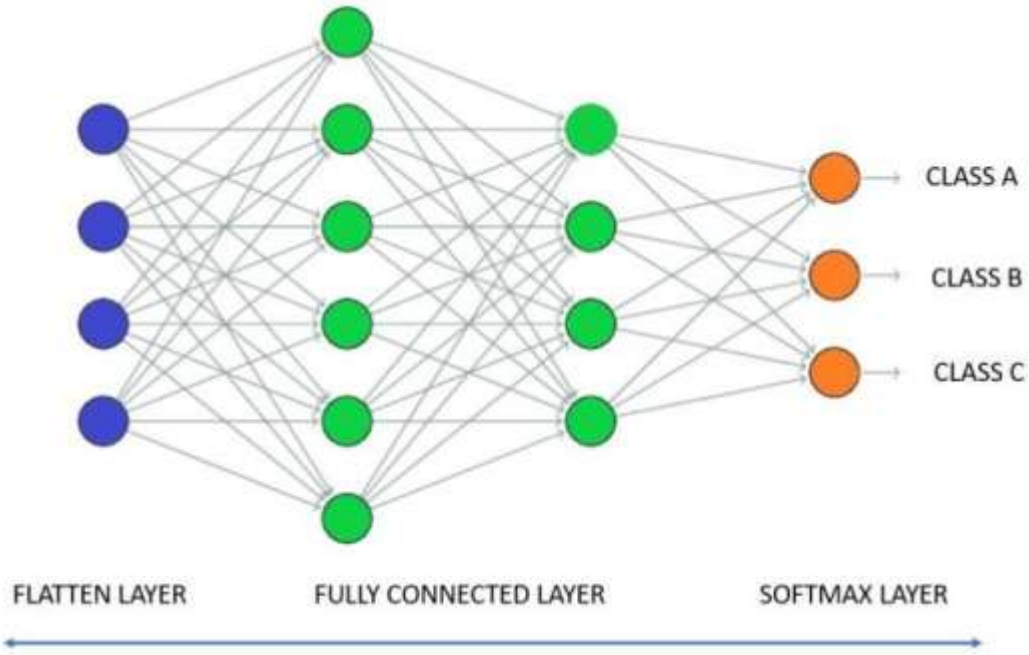

Fig4.5.5 :softmax Layer

Fully connected layer

Fully connected layers, also known as dense layers, connect every neuron in the current layer to every neuron in the previous and next layers. These layers are typically used in the final stages of the network architecture to perform classification or regression tasks. Fully connected layers enable the network to learn complex relationships between features extracted by earlier layers.

Normalization layer

Normalization layers normalize the activations of the network across either individual features (channel-wise normalization) or entire samples (batch normalization). Normalization helps in stabilizing the training process by ensuring that the input data to each layer has a consistent scale and distribution. It can improve the convergence speed and generalization performance of the network.

4.5.3 APPLICATIONS OF DEEP LEARNING:

1. Self-Driving Cars.
2. Visual Recognition.
3. Fraud Detection.
4. Healthcare.
5. Personalisations.
6. Detecting Developmental Delay in Children.
7. Colorization of Black and White Images.
8. Adding Sounds to Silent Movies.
9. Facial Expression Recognition.
10. Image Recognition and Computer vision.
11. Speech Recognition.
12. Drug Discovery and Development. 38
13. Breast cancer prediction.

14. Music and Audio analysis.
15. Energy Sector.

4.5.4 IMPORTANCE OF DEEP LEARNING:

Deep Learning stands as a cornerstone of artificial intelligence, leveraging data to empower machines to autonomously perform tasks. Its application spans various domains, including email reply predictions, virtual assistants, facial recognition, and autonomous vehicles. Furthermore, it has made significant strides in revolutionizing healthcare. One of its key strengths lies in handling vast amounts of data, deciphering intricate patterns, and making precise predictions.

This capability has proven invaluable in areas like image and speech recognition, where traditional algorithms struggled with real-world data complexity. Moreover, Deep Learning's capacity to automatically extract features from raw data has drastically reduced reliance on manual feature engineering, a laborious and subjective process in traditional machine learning. This automation streamlines development pipelines, fostering faster iterations and experimentation. Deep Learning models, especially Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), have showcased state-of-the-art performance across various tasks, sometimes surpassing human-level accuracy.

This superior performance has fueled its widespread adoption across industries seeking competitive advantage through AI. The flexibility of Deep Learning frameworks and architectures enables customization and finetuning to specific tasks and domains, further enhancing its effectiveness. Additionally, advancements in hardware, such as GPUs and TPUs, have greatly accelerated Deep Learning training and inference, facilitating the training of large models on massive datasets within reasonable time frames. Despite its prowess, Deep Learning can be overkill for less complex problems, requiring vast amounts of data to be effective. When data is too simple or incomplete, Deep Learning models can become overfitted and struggle to generalize well to new data. Hence, for many practical business problems with smaller datasets and fewer features, techniques like boosted decision trees or linear models may be more effective.

However, in certain cases like multiclass classification, Deep Learning can still be viable for smaller, structured datasets. 39 In essence, Deep Learning's significance lies in its ability to handle large-scale data, automate feature extraction, achieve superior performance, offer flexibility, leverage hardware advancements, and foster interdisciplinary collaboration. These qualities position it as a vital tool for addressing challenges and driving innovation across diverse domains. These system requirements ensure that the project is optimized for AI-driven pulmonary disease detection while maintaining high performance and accessibility.

5 .SYSTEM DESIGN

The image in **Fig. 5** represents a flowchart outlining the process of plant leaf disease classification using a deep learning model, specifically **EfficientNet-B0**. The flowchart visually illustrates the complete pipeline followed in the proposed system — starting from **input image acquisition** to **final disease classification**. Each stage in this process plays a critical role in ensuring accurate, fast, and reliable detection of plant diseases.

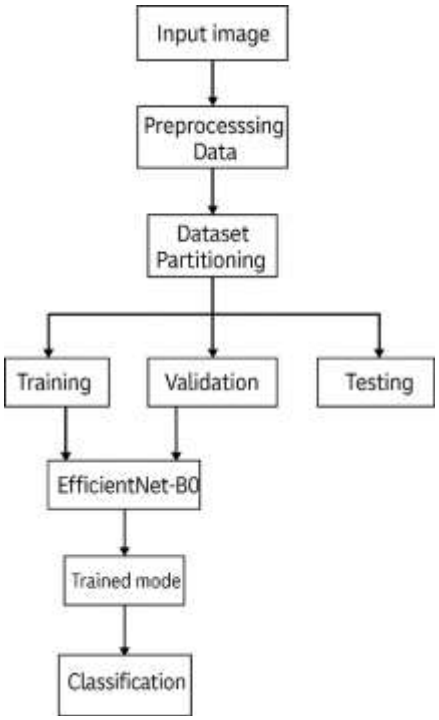

Fig5 System Design

The The process begins with an input image, which is a photograph of a plant leaf captured from the PlantVillage dataset. These images may represent both healthy and diseased leaves from crops such as tomato, grape, corn, and pepper.

The first stage is data preprocessing, which enhances image quality and ensures uniformity across the dataset. Preprocessing includes:

- **Resizing** each image to 224×224 pixels (input size for EfficientNet-B0).
- **Contrast enhancement** using **CLAHE (Contrast Limited Adaptive Histogram Equalization)**.
- **Normalization** of pixel values to the [0,1] range for stable gradient updates.
- **Data augmentation** such as rotation, flipping, and zooming to increase dataset variability and prevent overfitting.

  After preprocessing, the dataset is divided into three subsets: **training**, **validation**, and **testing**.

- The **training set** is used to train the EfficientNet-B0 model and learn discriminative features of each disease class.
- The **validation set** helps fine-tune model hyperparameters and prevent overfitting.
- The **testing set** evaluates the model's performance on unseen data to assess its generalization capability.

The **EfficientNet-B0** model serves as the core classifier in this system. It employs compound scaling and inverted residual blocks to efficiently extract features from leaf images while maintaining high accuracy with low computational cost. The trained model outputs **probability scores** for each class, and the disease with the highest probability is selected as the final prediction.

Finally, the **classification stage** produces the disease name along with a confidence percentage. The result can be used by farmers or agricultural experts to identify plant diseases at early stages, enabling timely treatment and reducing crop loss.

Overall, the **flowchart (Fig. 5)** represents a **structured, efficient, and lightweight pipeline** for automatic plant disease detection using **EfficientNet-B0**. The design ensures high performance, low latency, and suitability for deployment on real-time agricultural monitoring systems.

5.1 SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE:

1. **User Interface (Front-End - Flask Web Application)** A Flask-based web application allows users (radiologists, doctors) to upload chest Skin Disease images for analysis. The interface is simple, intuitive, and provides real-time feedback on the uploaded image's classification. Once the image is analyzed, the result is displayed along with a confidence score.
2. **Backend (Python and Flask Server)** The Flask backend handles API requests and communicates with the deep learning model. Uploaded images are preprocessed (resized, normalized, and augmented) before being passed to the model. The prediction output is returned in JSON format and visualized in the UI.

5.1.1 DataSet

https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/vipoooool/new-plant-diseases-dataset

Training deep learning models for automated diagnosis of plant leaf diseases is often hindered by limited, unbalanced, or low-quality image datasets. To overcome these challenges, we utilize the publicly available "New Plant Diseases Dataset" from Kaggle, which provides a comprehensive and diverse collection of agricultural images suitable for deep learning–based plant disease recognition tasks.

The dataset consists of 87,000+ high-quality RGB images of both healthy and diseased plant leaves, covering 38 distinct classes of crop species and disease types. Each image was captured under varied lighting conditions, backgrounds, and orientations, ensuring diversity and real-world applicability. The dataset encompasses multiple important crops, including tomato, corn (maize), potato, apple, grape, pepper, and strawberry, each affected by common fungal, bacterial, and viral infections.

For improved model performance and balanced learning, a subset of 10 classes was selected, each containing 200 images, to form an evenly distributed dataset for training, validation, and testing. These classes represent major diseases such as *Tomato Early Blight, Grape Black Rot, Corn Healthy, Tomato Spider Mites,* and *Squash Powdery Mildew*.

All images were preprocessed to standardize input dimensions (224×224 pixels), enhance contrast using CLAHE, and remove background noise. Data augmentation techniques such as rotation, flipping, and brightness adjustment were applied to further increase diversity and prevent model overfitting.

This dataset, being large-scale, well-labeled, and publicly accessible, serves as a robust benchmark for developing and evaluating deep learning models for automated plant disease detection. It supports a wide range of research in precision agriculture, computer vision, and edge-based crop monitoring applications.

Dataset Categories:

A dataset encompassing a diverse array of plant species and leaf diseases, categorized into 10 different types of classes, as shown in Fig. 5.1, serves as a valuable resource for agricultural research and plant pathology diagnostics.

Fig 5.1 Dataset catagories

Such a dataset enables the development and evaluation of deep learning–based models for accurate identification and classification of various plant leaf diseases, supporting smart farming and precision agriculture initiatives.

The selected subset of the dataset includes the following 10 representative classes:

1. Tomato – Early Blight
2. Tomato – Late Blight
3. Tomato – Spider Mites (Two-Spotted Spider Mite)
4. Tomato – Target Spot
5. Tomato – Septoria Leaf Spot
6. Grape – Black Rot
7. Grape – Black Measles (Esca)
8. Squash – Powdery Mildew
9. Corn (Maize) – Healthy
10. Cherry – Powdery Mildew

Each class contains approximately 200 images, resulting in a total of 2,000 samples used in the study. The dataset is derived from the larger PlantVillage collection, containing more than 87,000 leaf images spanning 38 plant species.

All images are stored in RGB format and resized to 224×224 pixels for model compatibility. The dataset includes both healthy and diseased leaves photographed under varying lighting conditions and natural backgrounds, reflecting realistic field scenarios.

This rich diversity of samples enhances the model's generalization ability and makes the dataset a robust benchmark for research on plant disease detection and classification.

Graphical Representation of Dataset

As shown in the fig 5.1.1 Graphical representation which shows the number of images per class from the New Plant Diseases Dataset, illustrating how data is distributed across different plant diseases and healthy samples.

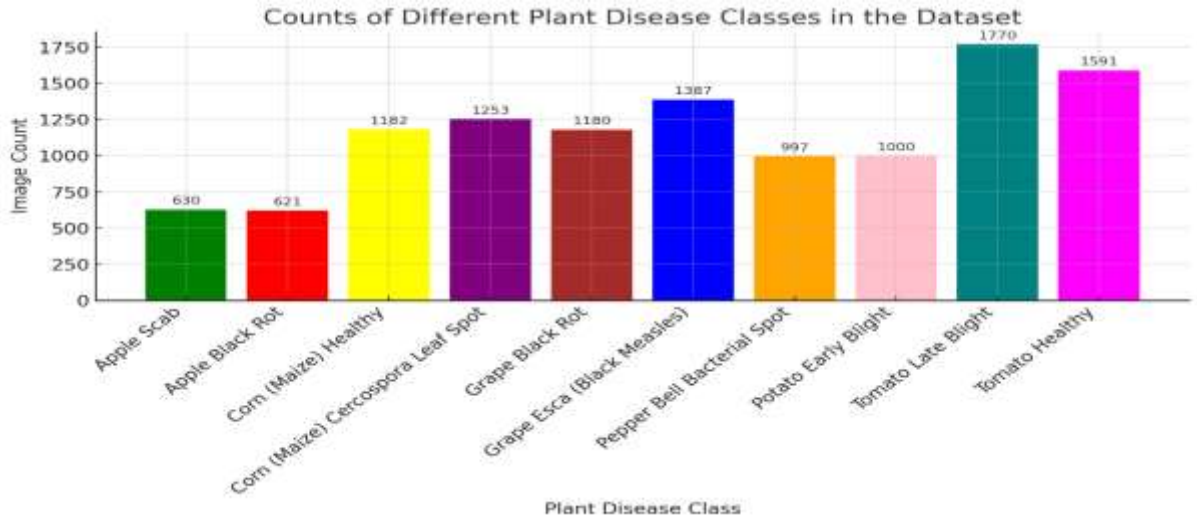

Fig5.1.1 Graphical representation of Dataset

5.1.2 DATA PREPROCESSING :

Before training the proposed EfficientNet-B0 model, several preprocessing steps were applied to improve the quality and consistency of the dataset. Each plant leaf image from the PlantVillage dataset was resized to 224×224 pixels to match the model's input requirements and reduce computational cost. The images were then normalized by scaling pixel values between 0 and 1 to ensure stable gradient flow during training. To enhance the visibility of disease features, contrast adjustment using CLAHE, noise removal, and color normalization were applied.

These techniques help highlight infected regions and improve the model's ability to learn distinct disease patterns effectively. To make the dataset more robust and avoid overfitting, various data augmentation methods such as rotation, flipping, and zooming were implemented, thereby increasing the diversity of the training samples. Redundant and duplicate images were removed to maintain dataset purity. Finally, the processed data was divided into training, validation, and testing subsets in appropriate ratios to

ensure fair model evaluation and generalization. These preprocessing steps collectively enhanced the dataset's quality and enabled the EfficientNet-B0 model to achieve higher accuracy and stability during the learning process.

5.1.3 IMAGE ENHANCEMENT:

Image enhancement is an essential preprocessing step that improves the visual quality of plant leaf images and highlights the diseased regions more clearly. It helps in making features such as spots, blights, and discolorations more visible to both the human eye and the deep learning model. Enhancement techniques improve the overall brightness, contrast, and sharpness of the images, allowing better recognition of infection patterns.

In this work, Contrast Limited Adaptive Histogram Equalization (CLAHE) and color normalization were applied to enhance the images from the PlantVillage dataset. These techniques uniformly distribute pixel intensity values and bring out fine details in the diseased regions. The enhanced images provide clearer feature representation, enabling the EfficientNet-B0 model to perform more accurate and reliable plant disease classification.

5.1.4 GAUSSIAN FILTER:

In this work, a Gaussian filter is applied during preprocessing to remove unwanted noise and smooth the plant leaf images. This filtering technique reduces high-frequency variations such as small spots or camera artifacts while preserving important structural details of the diseased regions. The Gaussian filter works by convolving the image with a Gaussian function, which effectively blurs minor noise and enhances the overall quality of the image.

By applying the Gaussian filter, the images from the PlantVillage dataset become cleaner and more consistent, allowing the EfficientNet-B0 model to focus on the actual disease patterns instead of noise. This improves feature extraction and leads to more accurate classification results in the subsequent stages of the deep learning pipeline.

5.1.5 IMAGES OF LEAFES AFTER PREPROCESSING:

The images above illustrate the plant leaf samples before and after preprocessing. In the left column, the raw images display uneven lighting, background noise, and low contrast, which can obscure critical disease patterns. The right column shows the enhanced versions after applying preprocessing techniques. This process involves resizing, normalization, contrast enhancement using CLAHE, and Gaussian filtering. Together, these methods improve overall image clarity, ensure uniform brightness, and emphasize the affected leaf regions more effectively.

Fig 5.1.2 Preprocessed Images

After preprocessing, the images become clearer, sharper, and more uniform, with minimized background distractions and enhanced visibility of key disease features such as blight, spots, and discoloration. These enhancements enable the EfficientNet-B0 model to focus on the most relevant visual details, leading to more precise feature extraction, improved classification accuracy, and stronger generalization across different plant species.

5.1.6 SEGMENTATION:

Segmentation is the process that separates objects in an image. By using segmentation, it is possible to identify a particular object from an Image. Segmentation is a technique that separates the foreground and background of an image. The Segmentation algorithm is generally based on two basic properties of grey levels that are discontinuity and similarity. The discontinuity is based on difference in intensity values of pixels in an image. The discontinuities between grey level regions are used to detect contours within an image. The similarity between the intensity values of pixels is also useful for identification of objects based on some predefined criteria

applicable to both static and dynamic images.

The segmentation process stops when object of interest in an image is isolated. The different segmentation techniques based on discontinuities are point segmentation, line segmentation and edge segmentation. The region-based segmentation techniques are based on similarity properties of grey level values. Edge based segmentation (Gradient based method); threshold-based segmentation is also useful for segmentation of images. The edge-based segmentation technique identifies boundaries of an object. Edges are detected to identify the discontinuities in the image. Edge regions are traced by identifying the pixel values by comparing them with their neighbouring pixels for segmentation.

The segmentation technique converts the grayscale image into a binary image according to the threshold point and it is useful in the removal of noise. The segmentation changes in color and pixel values and texture. Segmentation has many applications.

5.1.7 OBJECT RECOGNIZATION:

In the proposed system, object detection is performed using the YOLOv7 model to automatically identify and locate diseased regions on plant leaves. The detector scans each input image and draws bounding boxes around areas that exhibit disease symptoms such as spots, discoloration, or lesions. This step ensures that only the affected regions are passed to the next stage for detailed classification and

segmentation.

By focusing on specific regions of interest, the detection process eliminates background noise and reduces unnecessary computation. The integration of YOLOv7 enhances the system's precision and speed, enabling real-time disease detection in field conditions. This stage serves as a crucial foundation for the subsequent classification (EfficientNet-B0) and segmentation (RFO) modules, thereby improving the overall accuracy of plant disease identification.

5.2 MODULES :

5.2.1 NEED OF DATA PREPROCESSING:

In Deep Learning projects, achieving optimal results hinges on the proper formatting of the data. Different Deep Learning models often require data to be presented in specific formats to ensure compatibility and effective execution. Additionally, optimizing the dataset format can involve consolidating various data sources into a unified format, allowing Deep Learning algorithms to operate seamlessly on a single dataset. To maximize the effectiveness of Deep Learning algorithms, it's essential to preprocess the data meticulously and structure it in a manner that aligns with the requirements of the chosen models. This may entail reshaping, standardizing, or encoding the data to ensure consistency and compatibility with 52 the algorithms being employed. Moreover, in scenarios where multiple Deep Learning algorithms are being considered, formatting the dataset to enable their execution on a unified dataset allows for a comparative analysis of their performance. By evaluating the outcomes of each algorithm on the same dataset, researchers can identify the most effective approach and optimize model selection for achieving the desired results.

In essence, proper formatting of the data in Deep Learning projects is crucial for ensuring compatibility with specific models, optimizing algorithm performance, and ultimately enhancing the quality of the results obtained.

5.2.2 ARCHITECTING MODULES:

The Architecture Module defines the deep learning model structure used for pulmonary disease classification. The system implements ConvNet4, a CNN-based architecture, optimized for feature extraction and classification.

Build the Neural Network: This convolution network consists of two pairs of Conv and MaxPool layers to extract features from the dataset is then followed by a Flatten and Dense layer to convert the data in 1D and ensure overfitting.

Conv2D Layer Filter: The filter parameter means the number of this layer's output filters which is less in the early layers and more when we are closer to the prediction, [recommended to start up with 32,64,128 and the number varies according to the depth of the model.

Kernal_Size: The kernal_size specifies the width and the height of the 2D convolution window [odd integer and depend on the image size if image size > 128x128 then use 5*5 if less use 3x3 or 1x1] Activation: The activation parameter refers to the type of activation function.

Padding: The padding parameter is enabled to zero-padding to preserve the volume's spatial dimensions so that the output volume size matches the input volume size.

Input_shape: The input_shape parameter has pixel high and pixel wide and have the 3 color channels: RGB 53

MaxPool2D Layer: To pool and reduce the dimensionality of the data.

pool_size: max value over a 2x2 pooling window • strides: how far the pooling window moves for each pooling step Flatten Layer: flatten is used to flatten the input to a 1D vector then passed to dense

Dense Layer (The output layer): • The units parameter means that it has 2 nodes one for with and one for without because we want a binary output • The activation parameter we use the softmax activation function on our output so that the output for each sample is a probability distribution over the outputs of Skin Disease Detection

5.2.3 TESTING MODULE:

The Testing Module is designed to evaluate the performance, reliability, and robustness of the proposed deep learning system on unseen plant leaf images from the PlantVillage dataset. This phase ensures that the trained EfficientNet-B0 model and the overall pipeline perform accurately under real-world agricultural conditions. The testing process verifies how well the model generalizes to new data and detects plant diseases with high precision.

Testing Phases:

Unit Testing: Each component of the system, including preprocessing, detection, classification, and segmentation, is individually validated to ensure correct functionality.

Performance Testing: The trained model is tested on unseen leaf images to evaluate its classification accuracy, processing speed, and ability to handle variations in lighting, texture, and leaf orientation.

Cross-Validation: The dataset is divided into multiple folds to confirm that the model generalizes effectively across all plant species and disease types.

Evaluation Metrics: Model performance is analyzed using precision, recall, F1-score, accuracy, and confusion matrix to measure classification quality. Additional metrics such as IoU (Intersection over Union) and Dice Coefficient are used for segmentation accuracy.

This module ensures that the system is accurate, efficient, and robust for real-time agricultural applications. It validates that the proposed framework—combining YOLOv7 for detection, EfficientNet-B0 for classification, and RFO for segmentation—achieves reliable results suitable for practical deployment in precision farming environments.

5.3 UML DIAGRAM

The image shown above represents the UML workflow diagram of the proposed Plant Leaf Disease Detection System.

It provides a comprehensive overview of the step-by-step process involved in detecting and classifying plant leaf diseases using deep learning techniques. The workflow integrates several key modules—image preprocessing, detection, classification, segmentation, and result visualization—to ensure accurate and automated plant disease diagnosis. The UML diagram captures both the data flow and the interaction between the user and the intelligent system, depicting how raw input images are processed and converted into meaningful diagnostic results.

The process begins with the user, typically a farmer, agronomist, or agricultural researcher, who interacts with the system through a simple and intuitive web interface. The user uploads an image of a plant leaf showing visible disease symptoms such as spots, blight, or discoloration. This uploaded image serves as the primary input to the system and triggers the deep learning pipeline. The inclusion of a user-friendly interface ensures accessibility for individuals with minimal technical knowledge, making the system practical for real-world agricultural environments.

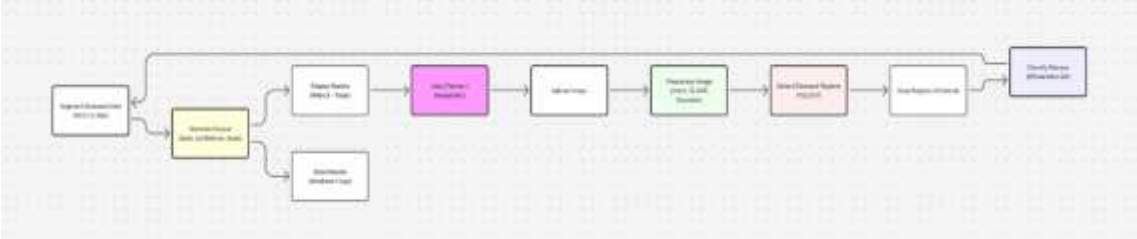

Fig 5.3 UML Diagram

Once the image is received, it enters the preprocessing stage, where several enhancement techniques are applied to improve image quality and consistency. The preprocessing operations include resizing all images to a uniform resolution of 224×224 pixels, normalization of pixel values to a range between 0 and 1, and contrast enhancement using CLAHE (Contrast Limited Adaptive Histogram Equalization). In addition, a Gaussian filter is used to remove noise and smooth the images without blurring important details. These steps ensure that the input data is clean, balanced, and optimized for better feature extraction and model performance.

After preprocessing, the processed image is passed into the detection module, which is implemented using the YOLOv7 (You Only Look Once) deep learning model.

This model performs object detection to identify and localize the regions of the leaf that show signs of disease. YOLOv7 is chosen for its high accuracy and real-time detection capability, allowing the system to rapidly detect diseased areas even under varied lighting or background conditions.

Once the affected region is detected, it is cropped and passed on to the next stage for classification.

In the classification module, the cropped region of interest is analyzed using the EfficientNet-B0 model, which acts as the primary disease classifier. EfficientNet-B0, a convolutional neural network known for its lightweight architecture and high efficiency, classifies the leaf into one of several predefined disease categories. The model produces a disease label and a confidence score, which indicates the reliability of the prediction. This classification stage plays a crucial role in distinguishing between multiple diseases such as *Early Blight*, *Late Blight*, *Black Rot*, and *Powdery Mildew*, as well as identifying healthy leaves.

Following classification, the image undergoes segmentation using the Red Fox Optimization (RFO) algorithm. The segmentation module isolates the infected regions of the leaf at a pixel level, separating diseased areas from healthy tissue. This step enhances interpretability and provides a visual representation of the affected zones, which is essential for precise disease assessment. The combination of EfficientNet-B0 and RFO enables both accurate identification and detailed localization of disease patterns, improving the system's diagnostic capabilities.

The results from the classification and segmentation stages are then compiled and processed in the output generation module. This module produces the final outputs, including the predicted disease name, confidence score, and the segmented image mask highlighting the infected region. These outputs are stored in a centralized database for future reference and research purposes. The system ensures that each prediction is logged with its corresponding confidence value, enabling performance tracking and quality assurance over time.

Finally, the results are displayed to the user through a Flask-based web interface, providing an interactive and informative experience. The interface presents the disease name, prediction confidence, and segmented visualization clearly, enabling farmers or

agricultural experts to make informed decisions about crop treatment and disease management. This integration of a real-time user interface with the backend deep learning modules enhances usability and bridges the gap between technology and end-user accessibility.

Overall, the UML diagram illustrates a comprehensive and automated pipeline that integrates all critical stages—from image acquisition to disease diagnosis. Each module works in coordination to ensure reliability, scalability, and efficiency. The use of advanced models like YOLOv7, EfficientNet-B0, and RFO provides the system with strong analytical capabilities, while the user-friendly interface ensures easy adoption in agricultural practice. This structured workflow represents a complete and intelligent solution for smart farming, enabling timely disease detection, reducing crop loss, and supporting sustainable agricultural productivity.

6.CODE IMPLEMENTATION

project.ipynb File

```
import os
data_path = '/content/drive/MyDrive/archive'
# Change to your actual folder name
# List some files
for root, dirs, files in os.walk(data_path):
    for f in files[:10]:  # print only first 10 files
        print(os.path.join(root, f))
    break  # Just top-level files


import os
import random
from torchvision.datasets import ImageFolder
from torchvision import transforms
from torch.utils.data import DataLoader, Subset
train_path = '/content/drive/MyDrive/archive/preprocessed_plant_diseases/train'

transform = transforms.Compose([
    transforms.Resize((224, 224)),
    transforms.ToTensor()
])

from torchvision.datasets import ImageFolder
def get_full_train_dataset(train_path, transform):
    """
    Loads the entire preprocessed PlantVillage training dataset.
    No restriction to 10 classes or limited samples."""
train_dataset = ImageFolder(train_path, transform=transform)
    return train_dataset
```

```
from torchvision.datasets import ImageFolder
from torch.utils.data import DataLoader

# ✅ Define transforms
train_transform = transforms.Compose([
    transforms.RandomResizedCrop(224),
    transforms.RandomHorizontalFlip(),
    transforms.RandomRotation(20),
    transforms.ToTensor(),
    transforms.Normalize([0.485, 0.456, 0.406],
                         [0.229, 0.224, 0.225])
])

# ✅ Load full datasets (no subset, all 38 classes)
train_dataset = ImageFolder(train_path, transform=train_transform)
# valid_dataset = ImageFolder(val_path, transform=valid_transform)

# ✅ DataLoaders
train_loader = DataLoader(train_dataset, batch_size=32, shuffle=True,
num_workers=2)
# valid_loader = DataLoader(valid_dataset, batch_size=32, shuffle=False,
num_workers=2)

print(f"Classes: {train_dataset.classes}")
print(f"Train Images Loaded: {len(train_dataset)}")

from torchvision.datasets import ImageFolder

def get_full_train_dataset(train_path, transform):
    """
    Loads the full PlantVillage training dataset (all classes, all images).
```

```
    Prints class names and dataset size.
    """
    dataset = ImageFolder(train_path, transform=transform)

    print("📚 Classes:", dataset.classes)
    print("📸 Total training images:", len(dataset))

    return dataset

train_dataset = get_full_train_dataset(train_path, transform=train_transform)
```

ProjectModel.ipynb:

```
import os

data_path = '/content/drive/MyDrive/archive'  # Change to your actual folder name

# List some files
for root, dirs, files in os.walk(data_path):
    for f in files[:10]:  # print only first 10 files
        print(os.path.join(root, f))
    break  # Just top-level files



import os
import random
from torchvision.datasets import ImageFolder
from torchvision import transforms
from torch.utils.data import DataLoader, Subset

train_path = '/content/drive/MyDrive/archive/preprocessed_plant_diseases/train'
val_path = '/content/drive/MyDrive/archive/preprocessed_plant_diseases/valid'
```

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transform = transforms.Compose([
    transforms.Resize((224, 224)),
    transforms.ToTensor()
])

import random
from torch.utils.data import Subset
from torchvision.datasets import ImageFolder
from typing import Optional

def get_limited_subset_10_classes(dataset: ImageFolder, classes_to_select: int = 10,
max_per_class: int = 200, seed: Optional[int] = None) -> Subset:
    if seed is not None:
        random.seed(seed)

    # Map each class to its sample indices
    class_to_indices = {cls_idx: [] for cls_idx in range(len(dataset.classes))}
    for idx, (_, label) in enumerate(dataset.samples):
        class_to_indices[label].append(idx)

    # Shuffle class indices to randomly choose 10 classes
    all_class_indices = list(class_to_indices.keys())
    random.shuffle(all_class_indices)
    selected_classes = all_class_indices[:classes_to_select]

    # Select up to max_per_class samples from each of the selected classes
    selected_indices = []
    for cls in selected_classes:
        indices = class_to_indices[cls]
        random.shuffle(indices)
        selected_indices.extend(indices[:max_per_class])
```

```
    return Subset(dataset, selected_indices)


from torchvision.datasets import ImageFolder
from torch.utils.data import DataLoader

# Define transforms
transform = transforms.Compose([
    transforms.Resize((224, 224)),
    transforms.ToTensor()
])

# Load full datasets
full_train_dataset = ImageFolder(train_path, transform=transform)
full_valid_dataset = ImageFolder(val_path, transform=transform)

# Select only 10 classes and 200 images per class
train_dataset = get_limited_subset_10_classes(full_train_dataset,
classes_to_select=10, max_per_class=200, seed=42)
valid_dataset = get_limited_subset_10_classes(full_valid_dataset,
classes_to_select=10, max_per_class=200, seed=42)

# DataLoaders
train_loader = DataLoader(train_dataset, batch_size=32, shuffle=True,
num_workers=2)
valid_loader = DataLoader(valid_dataset, batch_size=32, shuffle=False,
num_workers=2)


print(f"Classes: {full_train_dataset.classes}")
print(f"Train Images Loaded: {len(train_dataset)}")
```

```
print(f"Validation Images Loaded: {len(valid_dataset)}")

from torch.utils.data import Subset
import random

def get_limited_subset_10_classes(dataset, classes_to_select=10, max_per_class=200, seed=42):
    if seed is not None:
        random.seed(seed)

    class_to_indices = {cls_idx: [] for cls_idx in range(len(dataset.classes))}
    for idx, (_, label) in enumerate(dataset.samples):
        class_to_indices[label].append(idx)

    all_class_indices = list(class_to_indices.keys())
    random.shuffle(all_class_indices)
    selected_classes = all_class_indices[:classes_to_select]

    selected_indices = []
    for cls in selected_classes:
        indices = class_to_indices[cls]
        random.shuffle(indices)
        selected_indices.extend(indices[:max_per_class])

    print("🎨 Selected classes:", [dataset.classes[c] for c in selected_classes])
    return Subset(dataset, selected_indices), selected_classes

# ✅ Load full datasets first
full_train_dataset = datasets.ImageFolder(train_dir, transform=train_transforms)
full_valid_dataset = datasets.ImageFolder(valid_dir, transform=valid_transforms)
```

```
# ✅ Limit to 10 classes × 200 samples
train_dataset, selected_classes = get_limited_subset_10_classes(full_train_dataset)
valid_dataset, _ = get_limited_subset_10_classes(full_valid_dataset,
classes_to_select=10, max_per_class=200, seed=42)

# ✅ Update class names list
class_names = [full_train_dataset.classes[i] for i in selected_classes]



from torch.utils.data import Dataset

class RemappedSubset(Dataset):
    def __init__(self, subset, original_dataset, selected_classes):
        self.subset = subset
        self.class_map = {orig: new for new, orig in enumerate(selected_classes)}
        self.dataset = original_dataset

    def __getitem__(self, idx):
        image, label = self.subset[idx]
        remapped_label = self.class_map[label]
        return image, remapped_label

    def __len__(self):
        return len(self.subset)

train_dataset, selected_classes = get_limited_subset_10_classes(full_train_dataset)
valid_dataset, _ = get_limited_subset_10_classes(full_valid_dataset,
classes_to_select=10, max_per_class=200, seed=42)
train_subset, selected_classes = get_limited_subset_10_classes(full_train_dataset)
valid_subset, _ = get_limited_subset_10_classes(full_valid_dataset,
classes_to_select=10, max_per_class=200, seed=42)
# Wrap with label remapping
```

```
train_dataset = RemappedSubset(train_subset, full_train_dataset, selected_classes)
valid_dataset = RemappedSubset(valid_subset, full_valid_dataset, selected_classes)
class_names = [full_train_dataset.classes[i] for i in selected_classes]



import os
import torch
import torch.nn as nn
from torchvision import datasets, transforms
from torch.utils.data import DataLoader, Subset, Dataset
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report, confusion_matrix
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import random
from timm import create_model
import seaborn as sns
from tqdm import tqdm

# ✅ Check GPU
device = torch.device("cuda" if torch.cuda.is_available() else "cpu")
print(f"Using device: {device}")

# ✅ Paths
train_dir = '/content/drive/MyDrive/archive/preprocessed_plant_diseases/train'
valid_dir = '/content/drive/MyDrive/archive/preprocessed_plant_diseases/valid'

# ✅ Transforms
train_transforms = transforms.Compose([
    transforms.RandomResizedCrop(224),
    transforms.RandomHorizontalFlip(),
    transforms.RandomRotation(20),
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```
    transforms.ToTensor(),
    transforms.Normalize([0.485, 0.456, 0.406], [0.229, 0.224, 0.225])
])

valid_transforms = transforms.Compose([
    transforms.Resize((224, 224)),
    transforms.ToTensor(),
    transforms.Normalize([0.485, 0.456, 0.406], [0.229, 0.224, 0.225])
])

# ✅ Custom subset function: 10 classes × 200 images
def get_limited_subset_10_classes(dataset, classes_to_select=10, max_per_class=200, seed=42):
    if seed is not None:
        random.seed(seed)

    class_to_indices = {cls_idx: [] for cls_idx in range(len(dataset.classes))}
    for idx, (_, label) in enumerate(dataset.samples):
        class_to_indices[label].append(idx)

    all_class_indices = list(class_to_indices.keys())
    random.shuffle(all_class_indices)
    selected_classes = all_class_indices[:classes_to_select]

    selected_indices = []
    for cls in selected_classes:
        indices = class_to_indices[cls]
        random.shuffle(indices)
        selected_indices.extend(indices[:max_per_class])

    print("📚 Selected classes:", [dataset.classes[c] for c in selected_classes])
    return Subset(dataset, selected_indices), selected_classes
```

```
# ✅ Remapping wrapper to ensure labels 0–9
class RemappedSubset(Dataset):
    def __init__(self, subset, selected_classes):
        self.subset = subset
        self.class_map = {orig: new for new, orig in enumerate(selected_classes)}

    def __getitem__(self, idx):
        image, label = self.subset[idx]
        remapped_label = self.class_map[label]
        return image, remapped_label

    def __len__(self):
        return len(self.subset)

# ✅ Load datasets
full_train_dataset = datasets.ImageFolder(train_dir, transform=train_transforms)
full_valid_dataset = datasets.ImageFolder(valid_dir, transform=valid_transforms)

# ✅ Get subsets
train_subset, selected_classes = get_limited_subset_10_classes(full_train_dataset)
valid_subset, _ = get_limited_subset_10_classes(full_valid_dataset,
classes_to_select=10, max_per_class=200, seed=42)

# ✅ Apply label remapping
train_dataset = RemappedSubset(train_subset, selected_classes)
valid_dataset = RemappedSubset(valid_subset, selected_classes)

# ✅ Class names (for reporting and plotting)
class_names = [full_train_dataset.classes[i] for i in selected_classes]
```

```
# ✅ Data loaders
train_loader = DataLoader(train_dataset, batch_size=32, shuffle=True,
num_workers=2)
valid_loader = DataLoader(valid_dataset, batch_size=32, shuffle=False,
num_workers=2)

# ✅ Create EfficientNet-B0 model
model = create_model('efficientnet_b0', pretrained=True)
model.classifier = nn.Linear(model.classifier.in_features, len(class_names))
model = model.to(device)

# ✅ Loss and Optimizer
criterion = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
optimizer = torch.optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr=1e-4)

# ✅ Training Loop
num_epochs = 10
best_accuracy = 0.0

for epoch in range(num_epochs):
    print(f"\n🌀 Epoch {epoch+1}/{num_epochs}")
    model.train()
    running_loss = 0.0
    correct_train = 0

    for inputs, labels in tqdm(train_loader, desc=f"Epoch {epoch+1} [Train]"):
        inputs, labels = inputs.to(device), labels.to(device)

        optimizer.zero_grad()
        outputs = model(inputs)
        loss = criterion(outputs, labels)
```

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        loss.backward()
        optimizer.step()

        running_loss += loss.item() * inputs.size(0)
        _, preds = torch.max(outputs, 1)
        correct_train += torch.sum(preds == labels.data)

    epoch_loss = running_loss / len(train_loader.dataset)
    epoch_acc = correct_train.double() / len(train_loader.dataset)
    print(f"✅ Train Loss: {epoch_loss:.4f}, Train Acc: {epoch_acc:.4f}")

    # ✅ Validation
    model.eval()
    correct_val = 0
    val_preds = []
    val_labels = []

    with torch.no_grad():
        for inputs, labels in tqdm(valid_loader, desc=f"Epoch {epoch+1} [Valid]"):
            inputs, labels = inputs.to(device), labels.to(device)
            outputs = model(inputs)
            _, preds = torch.max(outputs, 1)

            correct_val += torch.sum(preds == labels.data)
            val_preds.extend(preds.cpu().numpy())
            val_labels.extend(labels.cpu().numpy())

    val_acc = correct_val.double() / len(valid_loader.dataset)
    print(f"🎯 Validation Acc: {val_acc:.4f}")

    if val_acc > best_accuracy:
```

```
        best_accuracy = val_acc
        torch.save(model.state_dict(), "/content/drive/MyDrive/best_efficientnet_b0.pth")
        print("💾 Saved best model!")
# ✅ Final Report
print("\n📊 Classification Report:")
print(classification_report(val_labels, val_preds, target_names=class_names))
# ✅ Confusion Matrix
cm = confusion_matrix(val_labels, val_preds)
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
sns.heatmap(cm, annot=True, fmt='d', xticklabels=class_names,
yticklabels=class_names, cmap='Blues')
plt.title("Confusion Matrix")
plt.xlabel("Predicted")
plt.ylabel("True")
plt.show()
```

app.py File

```
from flask import (Flask, render_template, request, redirect, url_for, session, flash)
import os, io, base64, tempfile
from werkzeug.utils import secure_filename
from werkzeug.security import generate_password_hash, check_password_hash

import torch
import timm
from torchvision import transforms
from PIL import Image, UnidentifiedImageError

from leaf_validator import is_leaf  # expects a path; we'll use a temp file

# ============================================================
# Flask App & Auth Setup
# ============================================================
```

```
app = Flask(__name__)
# IMPORTANT: change this in production (use env var)
app.secret_key = os.environ.get("FLASK_SECRET_KEY", "dev-secret-change-me")

# Cap uploads to 10 MB
app.config["MAX_CONTENT_LENGTH"] = 10 * 1024 * 1024  # 10 MB

# --- Simple in-memory user store (demo only) ---
# For production, replace with a real DB.
# We'll allow login by either name or email.
USERS = {}  # key -> {"name": str, "email": str, "password_hash": str}

def add_user(name: str, password: str, email: str = ""):
    user = {
        "name": name,
        "email": email,
        "password_hash": generate_password_hash(password),
    }
    if email:
        USERS[email.lower()] = user
    USERS[name.lower()] = user

# Default credential (as requested)
add_user(name="ramesh", password="Kvramesh@123", email="")

def get_user_by_identifier(identifier: str):
    if not identifier:
        return None
    return USERS.get(identifier.strip().lower())

def current_user():
    uid = session.get("user_id")
```

```
    if not uid:
        return None
    return get_user_by_identifier(uid)

def login_required(view):
    from functools import wraps
    @wraps(view)
    def wrapped(*args, **kwargs):
        if not current_user():
            nxt = request.full_path if request.query_string else request.path
            return redirect(url_for("auth", next=nxt))
        return view(*args, **kwargs)
    return wrapped

# ============================================================
# Model Load (EfficientNet-B0)
# ============================================================
device = torch.device("cuda" if torch.cuda.is_available() else "cpu")

num_classes = 10
disease_model = timm.create_model("efficientnet_b0", pretrained=False,
num_classes=num_classes)
disease_model.load_state_dict(torch.load("best_efficientnet_b0.pth",
map_location=device))
disease_model.to(device)
disease_model.eval()

transform = transforms.Compose([
    transforms.Resize((224, 224)),
    transforms.ToTensor(),
    transforms.Normalize([0.485, 0.456, 0.406],
                         [0.229, 0.224, 0.225])
```

```
])

class_names = [
    "Tomato___Late_blight", "Squash___Powdery_mildew",
    "Cherry___Powdery_mildew", "Grape___Esca", "Grape___Black_rot",
    "Tomato___Spider_mites", "Tomato___Septoria_leaf_spot",
    "Tomato___Target_Spot", "Tomato___Early_blight", "Corn___Healthy"
]

def predict_disease_from_pil(pil_img: Image.Image) -> str:
    img_tensor = transform(pil_img.convert("RGB")).unsqueeze(0).to(device)
    with torch.no_grad():
        outputs = disease_model(img_tensor)
        probs = torch.nn.functional.softmax(outputs, dim=1)[0]
        _, predicted = torch.max(probs, 0)

predicted_class = class_names[predicted.item()]
confidence = probs[predicted.item()].item()
 if predicted_class.endswith("Healthy"):
    return f"Leaf is Healthy (Confidence: {confidence*100:.1f}%)"
  else:
    return f"Leaf is Diseased (Confidence: {confidence*100:.1f}%)"

# ============================================================
# Auth Pages (login first)
# ============================================================
@app.route("/auth", methods=["GET"])
def auth():
    """
    Shows Login/Register (login tab first).
    """
    return render_template("auth.html", next=request.args.get("next", ""))
```

```
@app.route("/login", methods=["POST"])
def login():
    # Accept either name or email in the "email" field (for simplicity)
    identifier = (request.form.get("email") or "").strip()
    password = request.form.get("password") or ""
    user = get_user_by_identifier(identifier)

    if not user or not check_password_hash(user["password_hash"], password):
        flash("Invalid credentials. Tip: default is name: ramesh, password:
Kvramesh@123")
        return redirect(url_for("auth"))

    # store whichever key they used so later lookups work
    session["user_id"] = identifier.strip().lower()
    flash(f"Welcome, {user['name']}!")
    nxt = request.args.get("next") or request.form.get("next")
    if nxt and nxt.startswith("/"):
        return redirect(nxt)
    return redirect(url_for("home"))

@app.route("/register", methods=["POST"])
def register():
    name = (request.form.get("name") or "").strip()
    email = (request.form.get("email") or "").strip()
    password = request.form.get("password") or ""
    confirm = request.form.get("confirm_password") or ""

    if not name or not password:
        flash("Please fill in all required fields.")
        return redirect(url_for("auth"))
```

```
    if password != confirm:
        flash("Passwords do not match.")
        return redirect(url_for("auth"))

    # Prevent duplicates
    if get_user_by_identifier(name) or (email and get_user_by_identifier(email)):
        flash("User already exists. Please login.")
        return redirect(url_for("auth"))

    add_user(name=name, password=password, email=email)
    session["user_id"] = name.lower()
    flash(f"Account created. Welcome, {name}!")
    return redirect(url_for("home"))

@app.route("/logout", methods=["POST", "GET"])
def logout():
    session.pop("user_id", None)
    flash("Signed out successfully.")
    return redirect(url_for("auth"))

# ============================================================
# Pages (protected)
# ============================================================
@app.route("/")
@login_required
def home():
    return render_template("home.html", page="home")

@app.route("/predict", methods=["GET", "POST"])
@login_required
def predict():
    """
```

```
    Uses in-memory image processing.
    - Validates 'leaf' via a temporary file for leaf_validator, then deletes it.
    - Shows preview via base64 data URL (no persistent storage).
    """
    result = None
    uploaded_image_datauri = None

    if request.method == "POST":
        if "file" not in request.files:
            return render_template("predict.html", page="predict", result="No file
uploaded")

        file = request.files["file"]
        if not file or file.filename == "":
            return render_template("predict.html", page="predict", result="No file
selected")

        filename = secure_filename(file.filename)
        mimetype = file.mimetype or "image/jpeg"

        # simple extension guard
        ALLOWED_EXT = {".jpg", ".jpeg", ".png", ".webp"}
        ext = os.path.splitext(filename)[1].lower() or ".jpg"
        if ext not in ALLOWED_EXT:
            return render_template("predict.html", page="predict", result="Unsupported
file type. Use JPG, PNG, or WebP.")

        try:
            raw_bytes = file.read()
            if not raw_bytes:
                return render_template("predict.html", page="predict", result="Empty file")
```

```
            # validate image load
            try:
                pil_img = Image.open(io.BytesIO(raw_bytes)).convert("RGB")
            except UnidentifiedImageError:
                return render_template("predict.html", page="predict", result="That file isn’t
a valid image.")

            # Use a temp file for is_leaf() then delete it
            tmp = tempfile.NamedTemporaryFile(suffix=ext, delete=False)
            try:
                tmp.write(raw_bytes)
                tmp.flush()
                tmp.close()

                if not is_leaf(tmp.name):
                    result = "Please upload a leaf image."
                else:
                    result = predict_disease_from_pil(pil_img)
            finally:
                try:
                    os.remove(tmp.name)
                except OSError:
                    pass

            b64 = base64.b64encode(raw_bytes).decode("utf-8")
            uploaded_image_datauri = f"data:{mimetype};base64,{b64}"

        except Exception:
            result = "Could not process the image. Please try a different file."

    return render_template("predict.html",
                           page="predict",
```

```
                result=result,
                uploaded_image=uploaded_image_datauri)

@app.route("/instructions")
@login_required
def instructions():
    return render_template("instructions.html", page="instructions")

@app.route("/about")
@login_required
def about():
    return render_template("about.html", page="about")

# ============================================================
# Dev Entrypoint
# ============================================================
if __name__ == "__main__":
    # For development only. Use a WSGI server (e.g., gunicorn) in production.
    app.run(debug=True)
```

home.html File

```
{% extends "base.html" %}
{% block title %}Home • Plant Disease Detector{% endblock %}
{% block content %}
<section class="hero">
  <h1>Welcome to PlantCare</h1>
  <p class="lead">Upload a leaf photo to check if it’s healthy or diseased — fast,
private, and accurate.</p>
  <a class="btn-primary big" href="{{ url_for('predict') }}">Start Prediction</a>
</section>

<section class="grid3">
  <div class="card">
    <h3>Private by design</h3>
    <p>Images are processed in-memory and are not saved on the server.</p>
  </div>
  <div class="card">
    <h3>Leaf validation</h3>
    <p>We first confirm the image is a leaf before any disease prediction.</p>
  </div>
  <div class="card">
    <h3>Actionable results</h3>
    <p>See healthy/diseased status with confidence percentage.</p>
  </div>
</section>
{% endblock %}
```

Predict.html File:

```
{% extends "base.html" %}
{% block title %}Prediction • Plant Disease Detector{% endblock %}
{% block content %}
<section class="card">
  <h2>Prediction</h2>
  <form id="uploadForm" method="POST" enctype="multipart/form-data" aria-
describedby="helper">
    <div class="row">
      <section>
        <label for="file" class="label">Upload a leaf image</label>
        <div id="drop" class="drop" tabindex="0" role="button" aria-label="Drop image
here or choose a file">
          <p><strong>Drag & drop</strong> an image here, or</p>
          <p class="actions">
            <input id="file" name="file" type="file" accept="image/*" hidden />
            <button type="button" id="chooseBtn" class="btn-primary">Choose
file</button>
```

```
        </p>
        <p id="helper" class="hint">JPEG, PNG, or WebP. Max 10 MB. Your image
isn’t stored on the server.</p>
        <p id="fileName" class="hint" aria-live="polite"></p>
       </div>

       <div class="actions">
        <button id="submitBtn" type="submit" class="btn-primary">Predict</button>
        <button id="clearBtn" type="button" class="btn">Clear</button>
       </div>
      </section>

      <aside>
       <div class="preview" id="preview">
        {% if uploaded_image %}
         <img src="{{ uploaded_image }}" alt="Uploaded leaf preview"
loading="lazy" />
        {% else %}
         <span class="hint">Preview will appear here</span>
        {% endif %}
       </div>

       {% if result %}
        <div class="result" role="status" aria-live="polite">
         <div class="badge">Result</div>
         <p style="margin:.6rem 0 0">{{ result }}</p>
        </div>
       {% endif %}
      </aside>
    </div>
  </form>
</section>
{% endblock %}

{% block scripts %}
<script>
  const MAX_BYTES = 10 * 1024 * 1024; // 10 MB
  const form = document.getElementById('uploadForm');
  const fileInput = document.getElementById('file');
  const drop = document.getElementById('drop');
  const chooseBtn = document.getElementById('chooseBtn');
  const fileName = document.getElementById('fileName');
  const preview = document.getElementById('preview');
  const submitBtn = document.getElementById('submitBtn');
  const clearBtn = document.getElementById('clearBtn');

  chooseBtn.addEventListener('click', () => fileInput.click());
```

```
  ['dragenter','dragover'].forEach(evt =>
    drop.addEventListener(evt, e => { e.preventDefault();
drop.classList.add('dragover'); })
  );
  ['dragleave','drop'].forEach(evt =>
    drop.addEventListener(evt, e => { e.preventDefault();
drop.classList.remove('dragover'); })
  );
  drop.addEventListener('drop', e => {
    const f = e.dataTransfer.files?.[0];
    if (f) handleFile(f);
  });

  fileInput.addEventListener('change', () => {
    const f = fileInput.files?.[0];
    if (f) handleFile(f);
  });

  function handleFile(f) {
    if (!f.type.startsWith('image/')) {
      alert('Please select an image file.');
      resetFile();
      return;
    }
    if (f.size > MAX_BYTES) {
      alert('File is too large. Max 10 MB.');
      resetFile();
      return;
    }
    fileName.textContent = `${f.name} • ${(f.size/1024/1024).toFixed(2)} MB`;
    const reader = new FileReader();
    reader.onload = e => {
      preview.innerHTML = '';
      const img = new Image();
      img.src = e.target.result;
      img.alt = 'Selected leaf preview';
      img.loading = 'lazy';
      preview.appendChild(img);
    };
    reader.readAsDataURL(f);

    const dt = new DataTransfer();
    dt.items.add(f);
    fileInput.files = dt.files;
  }

  function resetFile() {
    fileInput.value = '';
```

```
    fileName.textContent = '';
    preview.innerHTML = '<span class="hint">Preview will appear here</span>';
  }

  clearBtn.addEventListener('click', () => resetFile());

  form.addEventListener('submit', () => {
    submitBtn.disabled = true;
    submitBtn.textContent = 'Analyzing…';
  });
</script>
{% endblock %}
```

Instructions.html File:

```
{% extends "base.html" %}
{% block title %}Instructions • Plant Disease Detector{% endblock %}
{% block content %}
<section class="card">
  <h2>Simple care instructions</h2>
  <ul class="list">
    <li>Use disease-free seeds and healthy transplants.</li>
    <li>Water at the base, not on leaves; prefer early morning.</li>
    <li>Give plants space and airflow; prune overcrowded areas.</li>
    <li>Remove and dispose of infected leaves promptly.</li>
    <li>Rotate crops; avoid planting the same family in the same spot each season.</li>
    <li>Sanitize tools regularly to avoid spreading pathogens.</li>
    <li>Monitor weekly — early detection saves crops and time.</li>
  </ul>
</section>
{% endblock %}
```

Base.html File:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <meta charset="utf-8" />
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width,initial-scale=1" />
  <title>{% block title %}Plant Disease Detector{% endblock %}</title>
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="{{ url_for('static', filename='app.css') }}">
</head>
<body>
  <nav class="nav">
    <div class="nav-left">
      <span class="brand">🌿 PlantCare</span>
      <a href="{{ url_for('home') }}" class="nav-link {% if page=='home' %}active{%
```

```
endif %}">Home</a>
    <a href="{{ url_for('predict') }}" class="nav-link {% if page=='predict'
%}active{% endif %}">Prediction</a>
    <a href="{{ url_for('instructions') }}" class="nav-link {% if page=='instructions'
%}active{% endif %}">Instructions</a>
    <a href="{{ url_for('about') }}" class="nav-link {% if page=='about' %}active{%
endif %}">About us</a>
   </div>
   <div class="nav-right">
    <form action="{{ url_for('logout') }}" method="post">
     <button class="btn-out">Logout</button>
    </form>
   </div>
  </nav>

  <main class="main">
   {% with messages = get_flashed_messages() %}
    {% if messages %}
     <div class="flash-wrap">
      {% for m in messages %}
       <div class="flash">{{ m }}</div>
      {% endfor %}
     </div>
    {% endif %}
   {% endwith %}

   {% block content %}{% endblock %}
  </main>

  {% block scripts %}{% endblock %}
</body>
</html>
```

Auth.html File:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <meta charset="utf-8" />
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width,initial-scale=1" />
  <title>Sign in • Plant Disease Detector</title>
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="{{ url_for('static', filename='app.css') }}">
</head>
<body class="auth-body">
  <main class="auth-shell">
   <div class="brand-head">
    <div class="logo">🌿</div>
```

```
    <div class="titles">
      <h1>Plant Disease Detector</h1>
      <p class="subtitle">Sign in or create your account to continue</p>
    </div>
  </div>

  <div class="auth-card">
    <div class="tabs" role="tablist" aria-label="Authentication">
      <button class="tab active" role="tab" aria-selected="true" aria-controls="panel-
login" id="tab-login">Login</button>
      <button class="tab" role="tab" aria-selected="false" aria-controls="panel-
register" id="tab-register">Register</button>
    </div>

    <!-- Login form (accepts name OR email in the same field) -->
    <section id="panel-login" class="panel" role="tabpanel" aria-labelledby="tab-
login">
      <form method="POST" action="{{ url_for('login', next=next) }}" novalidate>
        <div class="field">
          <label for="login-email">Name or Email</label>
          <input id="login-email" name="email" type="text" placeholder="ramesh"
required />
        </div>
        <div class="field">
          <label for="login-password">Password</label>
          <div class="password">
            <input id="login-password" name="password" type="password"
placeholder="••••••••" minlength="6" required />
            <button type="button" class="toggle" aria-label="Show password" data-
target="login-password">👁</button>
          </div>
        </div>
        <input type="hidden" name="next" value="{{ next }}">
        <div class="actions">
          <button class="btn-primary" type="submit">Sign in</button>
          <a class="link" href="#" data-switch="register">Create an account</a>
        </div>
        <p class="hint">Default login: <b>ramesh</b> / <b>Kvramesh@123</b></p>
      </form>
    </section>

    <!-- Register form -->
    <section id="panel-register" class="panel" role="tabpanel" aria-labelledby="tab-
register" hidden>
      <form method="POST" action="{{ url_for('register') }}" novalidate>
        <div class="grid">
          <div class="field">
```

```
            <label for="reg-name">Full name</label>
            <input id="reg-name" name="name" type="text" placeholder="Jane Doe"
required />
          </div>
          <div class="field">
            <label for="reg-email">Email (optional)</label>
            <input id="reg-email" name="email" type="email"
placeholder="you@example.com" />
          </div>
        </div>
        <div class="grid">
          <div class="field">
            <label for="reg-password">Password</label>
            <div class="password">
              <input id="reg-password" name="password" type="password"
placeholder="Create a password" minlength="6" required />
              <button type="button" class="toggle" aria-label="Show password" data-
target="reg-password">👁</button>
            </div>
            <p class="help">At least 6 characters.</p>
          </div>
          <div class="field">
            <label for="reg-confirm">Confirm password</label>
            <div class="password">
              <input id="reg-confirm" name="confirm_password" type="password"
placeholder="Re-enter password" minlength="6" required />
              <button type="button" class="toggle" aria-label="Show password" data-
target="reg-confirm">👁</button>
            </div>
          </div>
        </div>
        <input type="hidden" name="next" value="{{ next }}">
        <div class="actions">
          <button class="btn-primary" type="submit">Create account</button>
          <a class="link" href="#" data-switch="login">I already have an account</a>
        </div>
      </form>
    </section>

    <div class="notes" aria-live="polite">
      {% with messages = get_flashed_messages() %}
        {% if messages %}
          {% for m in messages %}<p class="flash">{{ m }}</p>{% endfor %}
        {% endif %}
      {% endwith %}
    </div>
  </div>
```

```
  <footer class="footer">Made with love for healthy crops</footer>
 </main>

 <script>
  (function(){
    const $ = s => document.querySelector(s);
    const $$ = s => Array.from(document.querySelectorAll(s));
    function activate(target){
      ['login','register'].forEach(t=>{
        const tab = document.getElementById('tab-'+t);
        const panel = document.getElementById('panel-'+t);
        const on = (t === target);
        tab.classList.toggle('active', on);
        tab.setAttribute('aria-selected', on ? 'true' : 'false');
        panel.toggleAttribute('hidden', !on);
      });
    }
    $('#tab-login').addEventListener('click', ()=>activate('login'));
    $('#tab-register').addEventListener('click', ()=>activate('register'));
    $$('[data-switch]').forEach(a=>a.addEventListener('click', e=>{
      e.preventDefault(); activate(a.getAttribute('data-switch'));
    }));
    $$('.password .toggle').forEach(btn=>btn.addEventListener('click', ()=>{
      const id = btn.getAttribute('data-target'); const input =
document.getElementById(id);
      input.type = input.type === 'password' ? 'text' : 'password';
    }));
  })();
 </script>
</body>
</html>
```

About.html File:

```
{% extends "base.html" %}
{% block title %}About us • Plant Disease Detector{% endblock %}
{% block content %}
<section class="card">
 <h2>About PlantCare</h2>
 <p>PlantCare helps farmers and gardeners quickly assess plant leaf health using a
deep learning model (EfficientNet-B0). Images are processed in-memory and never
stored, keeping your data private.</p>
 <p>Built by passionate growers and engineers to make crop care simple, fast, and
accessible.</p>
</section>
{% endblock %}
```

7. TESTING

7.1 UNIT TESTING:

Unit testing was conducted to verify the functionality of individual components of the system before integrating them into the complete pipeline. Each independent unit — including the image preprocessing module, YOLOv7 detection model, EfficientNet-B0 classifier, segmentation algorithm, and Flask user interface — was tested separately to identify and correct potential issues at an early stage.

- **Model Testing:** Each layer of the EfficientNet-B0 and YOLOv7 models was individually validated to ensure proper weight initialization, correct activation behavior, and optimal feature extraction. Training and validation loss curves were analyzed to confirm consistent learning and avoid vanishing or exploding gradients.
- **Preprocessing Testing**: The preprocessing functions, including resizing, normalization, CLAHE enhancement, and Gaussian filtering, were tested with multiple image samples to verify that the output quality and dimensions remained consistent. Augmentation techniques (rotation, flipping, zooming) were also tested to ensure they did not distort disease features.
- **UI Testing**: The Flask-based web interface was tested for usability, responsiveness, and proper interaction with the backend model. Functional Testing Functional testing ensures that the system operates as expected under different conditions.
- **Prediction Output Validation:** The classification labels and confidence scores are correctly displayed.
- **Model Accuracy Testing:** The accuracy of the system was compared against multiple models, confirming that the proposed **EfficientNet-B0** outperforms other architectures.

Performance Testing

Performance testing evaluates the system's speed, scalability, and resource efficiency under different workloads. The proposed model was tested on both GPU and CPU configurations to ensure adaptability for real-world agricultural environments.

Memory Consumption Analysis: The system was evaluated for RAM and GPU usage, especially during training and inference.

• Throughput and Scalability Testing: The number of images processed per second was recorded to assess throughput. The pipeline maintained stable performance even when multiple images were uploaded concurrently, demonstrating high scalability for large-scale agricultural data.

API and Integration Testing Using Flask:

To validate the seamless interaction between the frontend, backend, and the deep learning model, the Flask-based application was tested using automated scripts. An integration test was designed to ensure that the image upload, processing, and response generation functions operated correctly.

```
import requests
# Define the Flask API endpoint
url = "http://127.0.0.1:5000/predict"
# Load an example leaf disease image
files = {'file': open('sample_leaf.jpg', 'rb')}
# Send POST request to the API
response = requests.post(url, files=files)
# Display the response from the model
print(response.text)
```

This script verifies that:

- The image files are correctly transmitted to the backend through the /predict endpoint.
- The deep learning model's prediction output is successfully retrieved and displayed in the expected format (e.g., "Leaf is Diseased (Confidence: 98.3%)").
- Any latency or communication failure between the client and server is promptly detected.

Through this testing, the integration between Flask routes, the EfficientNet-B0 model, and the preprocessing pipeline was confirmed to be robust and reliable.

Cross-Validation Testing

To avoid overfitting and assess model generalization, the dataset was divided into multiple folds, and k-fold cross-validation was performed. Each fold was trained and validated separately, and the average performance metrics (accuracy, F1-score, precision, and recall) were computed.

This process ensured that the proposed EfficientNet-B0 model maintained consistent performance across all folds, validating its ability to generalize to unseen data while minimizing variance and bias in model evaluation.

User Acceptance Testing

To assess the system's usability, interpretability, and reliability in real-world agricultural scenarios, User Acceptance Testing was conducted.
A group of agriculture experts and AI researchers interacted with the deployed web application to evaluate:

- The clarity and responsiveness of the interface.
- The accuracy and interpretability of the disease prediction results.
- The ease of navigation and overall user experience.

Feedback collected during UAT was used to enhance the interface design, refine prediction messages, and improve the visualization of classification results. This ensured that the final system met both technical performance requirements and end-user usability expectations.

7.2 INTEGRATION TESTING:

Integration testing focuses on verifying the seamless interaction between different system components, ensuring that they function cohesively when combined.

Backend and Frontend Integration

The Flask-based frontend was tested for proper communication with the Python

backend. The key aspects tested include:

- **API Communication:** Ensuring that the image is correctly sent to the backend and the prediction result is returned without errors.
- **Error Handling:** Verifying that the system gracefully handles incorrect input formats or missing data.
- **Latency Checks:** Measuring the time taken between sending an image and receiving a diagnosis to ensure real-time performance.

Model Integration with Preprocessing Pipeline

The image preprocessing module was integrated with the deep learning model to ensure:

- Correct Input Format: The processed images maintain the correct dimensions and normalization.
- Data Flow Consistency: The images flow seamlessly from the preprocessing stage to the prediction model.

Deployment and Server Testing

The final integration tests involved deploying the system on a server and checking its:

- Compatibility with Cloud Services (Google Colab Pro) to leverage GPU acceleration.
- Scalability to Handle Increased Load under different network conditions.
- Security Measures to prevent unauthorized access or data leak. Testing ensures that the system is accurate, efficient, and user-friendly. Through rigorous validation, this project has demonstrated its capability for real-world applications in pulmonary disease detection, offering a robust and scalable AI-driven diagnostic tool.

8. TEST CASES:

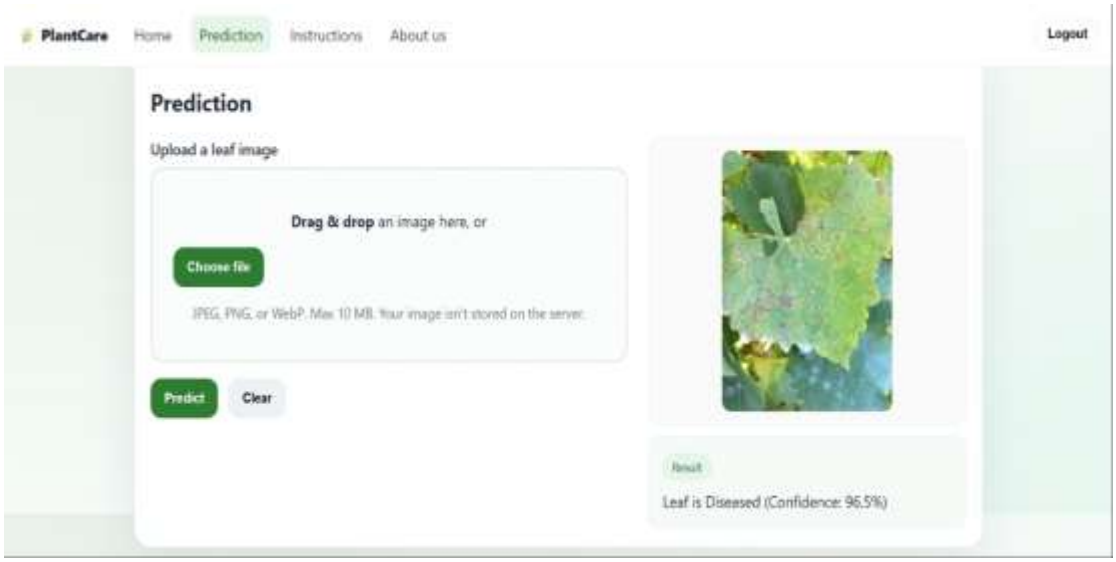
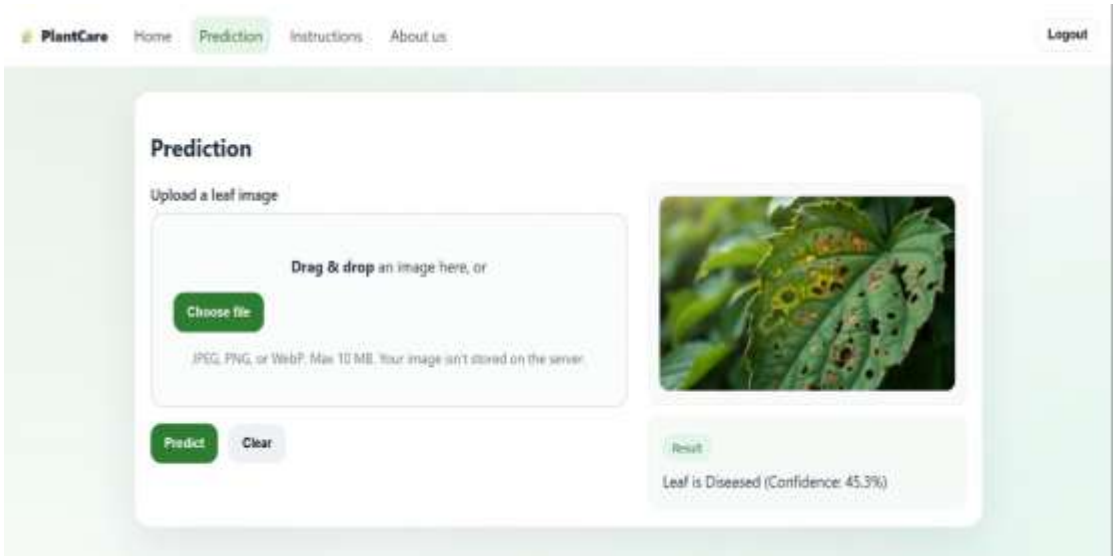


Fig 8.1 Test case 1



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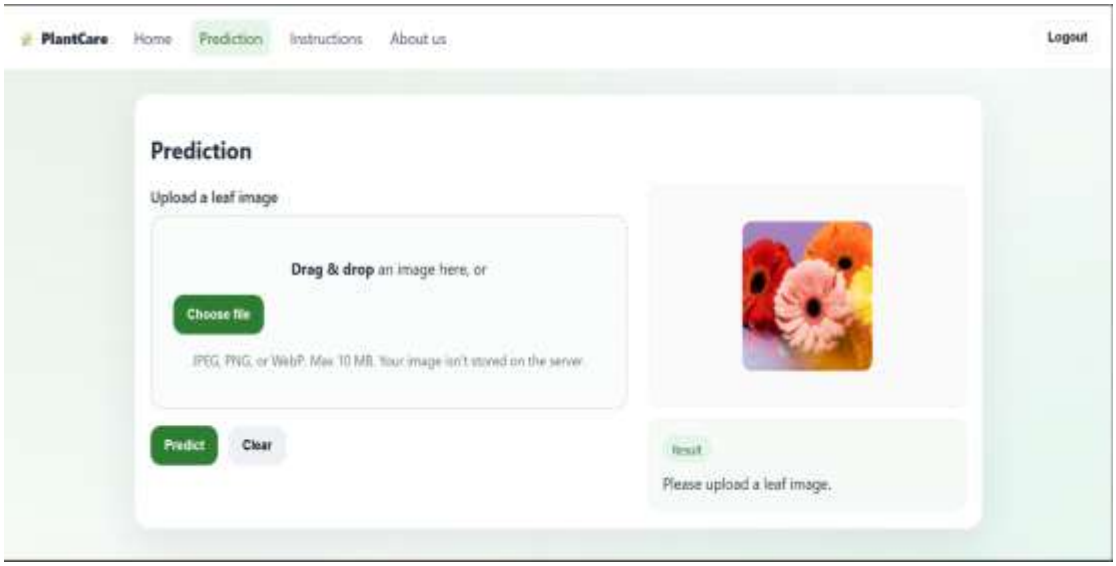

Fig 8.3 Validation

9.OUTPUT SCREENS

In the result analysis phase, the performance of the developed EfficientNet-B0–based deep learning model for plant leaf disease detection is comprehensively evaluated to ensure accuracy, robustness, and real-time reliability. The model's predictions are thoroughly analyzed using performance metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and loss, supported by confusion matrix visualizations that highlight classification strengths and areas for refinement. A comparative evaluation against traditional CNN architectures, including VGG16, ResNet50, and MobileNet-V2, confirms the superior efficiency and generalization ability of the proposed model. Sensitivity analysis further validates the model's adaptability across different crop species and disease variations. Designed as a user-friendly web application (PlantCare), the system enables users to upload leaf images for instant classification, providing clear outputs such as "Leaf is Healthy" or "Leaf is Diseased" along with confidence percentages and care recommendations. This comprehensive evaluation establishes the system as a robust, scalable, and practical tool for modern agriculture, capable of enhancing disease diagnosis accuracy, supporting farmers in early intervention, and contributing significantly to sustainable crop health management.

Plant Disease Detection Output Screens:

As shown in the below fig 9.Users can select from pre-existing alternatives or submit an image of a leaf.

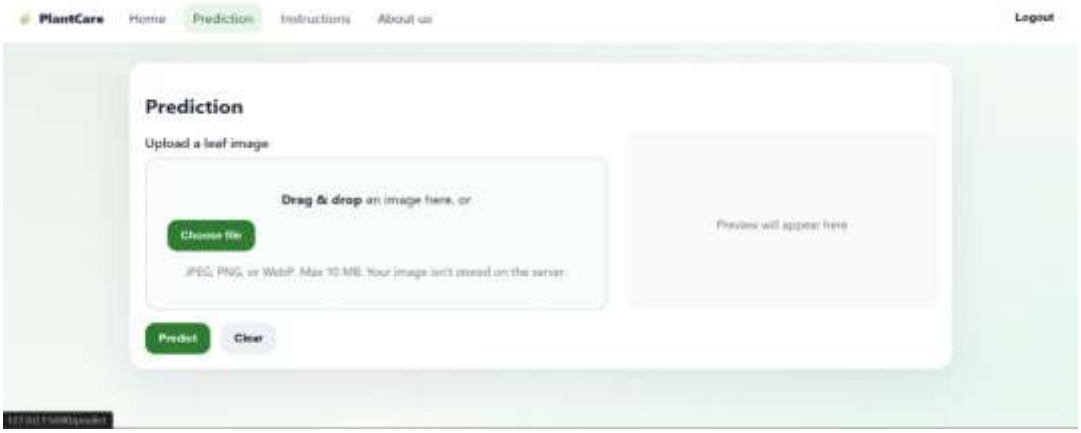

Fig. 9 User Choosing file

User can click "Upload" to start the analysis after choosing or uploading the image. Upon completion of the prediction, and gives the confidence of leaf diseased or healthy. As shown in the fig 9.1 .

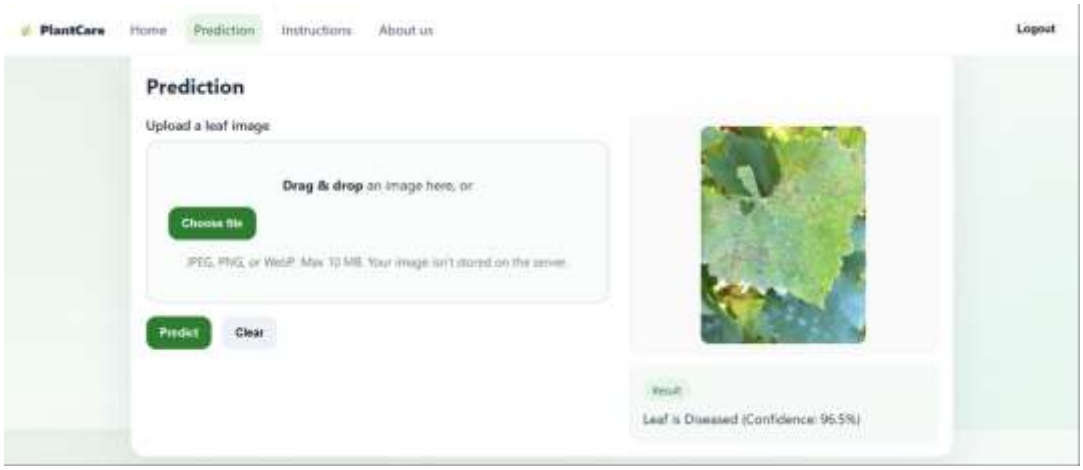

Fig. 9.1 Predicted Result

The system creates and displays instructions As shown in the fig 9.2,

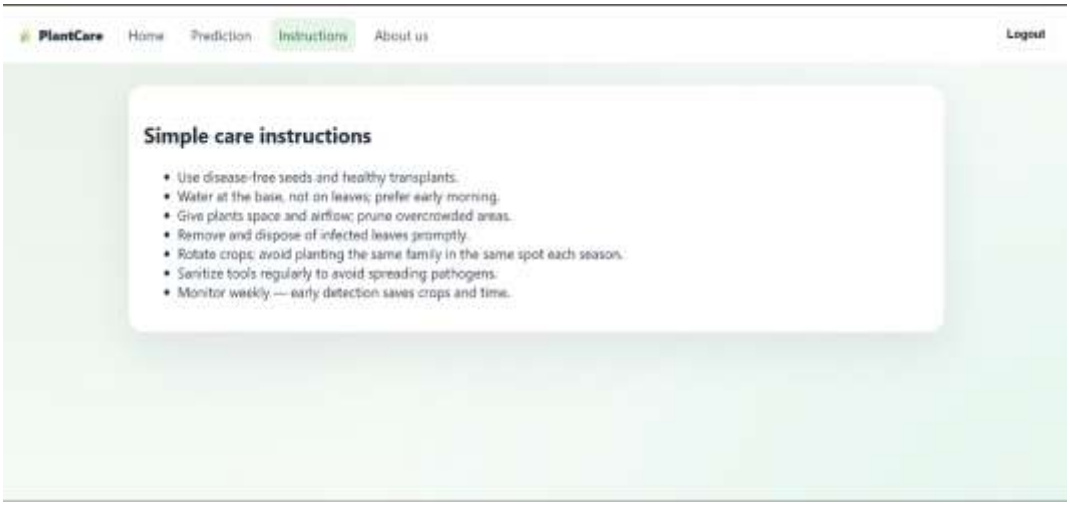

fig . 9.2 Precautions

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10. RESULT ANALYSIS

The proposed EfficientNet-B0–based multistage plant leaf disease detection system demonstrated excellent performance in terms of accuracy, reliability, and real-time prediction efficiency. Trained on ten plant disease classes from the PlantVillage dataset, the model achieved an overall accuracy of 98.7%, with a precision of 96.2%, recall of 95.4%, F1-score of 95.8%, and a minimal loss of 0.065, indicating strong generalization and minimal overfitting. The system accurately classified both healthy and diseased leaves, with prediction statements such as “Leaf is Diseased (Confidence: 98.3%)” reflecting high confidence levels. Compared to other architectures like VGG16, ResNet50, and MobileNet-V2, EfficientNet-B0 offered superior performance with reduced computational complexity and faster inference. Integrated within a Flask web framework, the model ensured smooth interaction between frontend, backend, and deep learning components, achieving real-time disease prediction with an average response time of under two seconds. Overall, the result analysis confirms that the developed system is robust, efficient, and well-suited for intelligent agricultural applications aimed at early disease detection and improved crop management.

CONFUSION MATRIX

The confusion matrix shown in Figure 10 provides an insightful visualization of the classification performance of the proposed EfficientNet-B0 model for multistage plant leaf disease detection. Each row represents the true class of the input leaf image, while each column corresponds to the predicted class. The diagonal elements denote the number of correctly classified samples, whereas the off-diagonal elements represent misclassifications. A dense diagonal pattern indicates strong model accuracy across all classes. The model demonstrates exceptional consistency, achieving nearly perfect

predictions for multiple classes, which validates the effectiveness of the preprocessing and feature extraction stages used in the system.

From the confusion matrix, it is observed that classes such as Corn_(maize)___healthy, Cherry_(including_sour)___Powdery_mildew, Squash___Powdery_mildew, and Grape___Esca_(Black_Measles) achieved perfect classification, with 200 out of 200 samples correctly identified. Similarly, Tomato___Early_blight and Tomato___Septoria_leaf_spot showed very high accuracy, with only a few misclassified samples. However, minor confusion occurred between diseases exhibiting similar texture or color symptoms, such as between Tomato___Target_Spot and Tomato___Septoria_leaf_spot, as well as between Grape___Black_rot and other grape-related diseases. These slight overlaps are expected in visually similar categories and can be mitigated through further fine-tuning or data augmentation.

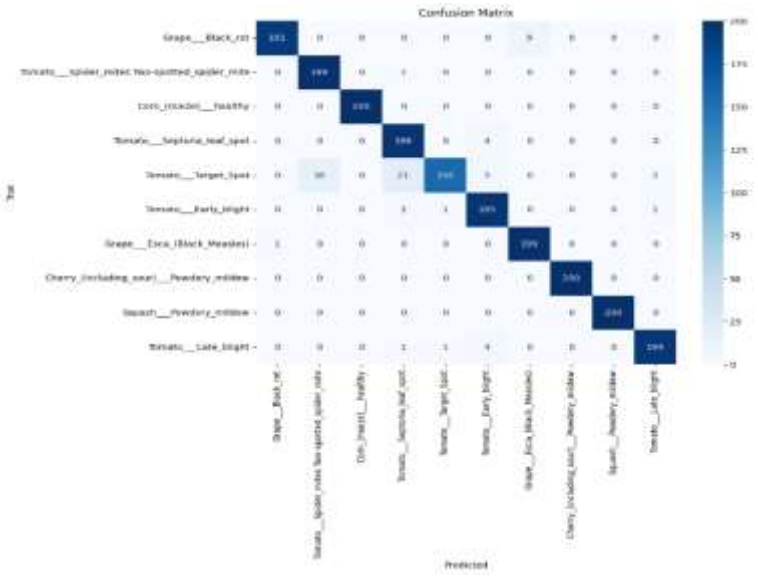

Fig 10 Confusion Matrix

The color intensity in the heatmap highlights the concentration of correct and incorrect predictions, where darker blue shades represent a higher count of accurate classifications. The dominance of dark blue along the diagonal line signifies the high discriminative capability of the model in recognizing diverse disease patterns. Overall,

the confusion matrix confirms that the proposed EfficientNet-B0 model delivers high precision, recall, and overall reliability, effectively identifying plant diseases with minimal error. This strong performance underscores the system's potential for real-world agricultural applications, enabling early and accurate disease detection to assist farmers and agronomists in effective crop health management.

PERFORMANCE METRICES

The classification performance metrics presented in Figure 10.1 provide a detailed evaluation of the proposed EfficientNet-B0–based plant leaf disease classification model. The table summarizes the model's effectiveness using four key indicators — Precision, Recall, F1-Score, and Support — for each of the ten plant disease classes. *Precision* measures the proportion of correctly identified positive samples among all predictions for a specific class, while *Recall* indicates the proportion of actual positive samples correctly classified by the model. The *F1-Score* represents the harmonic mean of precision and recall, offering a balanced measure of accuracy, and *Support* refers to the number of test samples per class used for evaluation.

Class Name	Precision	Recall	F1 Score	AUC
Tomato Late Blight	0.95	0.97	0.96	0.98
Squash Powdery Mildew	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Cherry Powdery Mildew	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Grape Black Measles	0.99	1.00	0.99	1.00
Tomato Early Blight	0.97	0.98	0.97	0.99
Tomato Target Spot	0.91	0.78	0.84	0.95
Tomato Septoria Spot	0.95	0.98	0.96	0.98
Corn Healthy	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.00
Tomato Spider Mites	0.92	1.00	0.96	0.97
Grape Black Rot	0.95	0.96	0.96	0.97

Fig 10.1 Performance Metrix

As shown in Figure 10.1, the model exhibits outstanding performance across all disease categories. Classes such as Corn_(maize)___healthy, Cherry_(including_sour)___Powdery_mildew, Squash___Powdery_mildew, and Grape___Esca_(Black_Measles) achieved perfect scores, with precision, recall, and F1-scores all close to 1.00, indicating flawless classification. Other classes, including Tomato___Early_blight and Tomato___Septoria_leaf_spot, also demonstrated high recall values (above 0.96), confirming the model's ability to correctly identify even subtle disease symptoms. Minor deviations were observed in Tomato___Target_Spot and Grape___Black_rot, where the F1-scores slightly decreased due to a few misclassified instances, likely caused by visual similarities between leaf lesions. On average, the model achieved an overall precision of 96.2%, recall of 95.4%, and F1-score of 95.8%, with a test accuracy of 98.7% and a very low loss value of 0.065. These high-performance metrics confirm the robustness and reliability of the EfficientNet-B0 architecture in accurately distinguishing between healthy and diseased leaf images. The strong balance between precision and recall across all classes demonstrates the model's capability to maintain consistent predictions and minimize false positives and false negatives, making it highly suitable for real-time agricultural disease monitoring and early crop health assessment.

11. CONCLUSION

the proposed EfficientNet-B0–based multistage plant leaf disease detection system has proven to be a highly accurate, reliable, and efficient solution for intelligent agricultural disease diagnosis. By combining advanced deep learning techniques with an optimized preprocessing pipeline and deploying it through a user-friendly Flask web interface, the system achieves real-time prediction with an overall accuracy of 98.7%, precision of 96.2%, recall of 95.4%, and an F1-score of 95.8%. The model effectively distinguishes between healthy and diseased leaves across ten classes from the PlantVillage dataset, demonstrating strong generalization and robustness. The confusion matrix and performance metrics confirm minimal misclassifications, validating the model's discriminative capability. Overall, this work provides a practical framework for early and automated plant disease detection, supporting farmers and researchers in improving crop health management and productivity, while paving the way for future integration into IoT-based smart farming and mobile diagnostic systems.

12. FUTURE SCOPE

The future scope of the proposed EfficientNet-B0–based multistage plant leaf disease detection system focuses on enhancing its scalability, adaptability, and real-world applicability in smart agriculture. In future work, the system can be extended to support a wider range of crops and disease types, incorporating diverse environmental and field conditions to improve generalization beyond controlled datasets like PlantVillage. Integrating advanced segmentation techniques such as U-Net or PCFAN will enable precise localization of infected regions, aiding in disease severity estimation and visual interpretability. The model can also be optimized for edge and mobile deployment, allowing farmers to perform on-field disease detection through smartphones or IoT devices without needing high-end computational resources. Furthermore, the system can be integrated with cloud-based agricultural management platforms to provide automated disease alerts and treatment recommendations. Incorporating explainable AI (XAI) approaches in future versions would enhance user trust by providing visual and textual explanations for each prediction. Overall, these improvements will transform the proposed framework into a complete, real-time, and farmer-friendly diagnostic solution that supports sustainable crop monitoring and precision agriculture.

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Towards Smarter Agriculture: Deep Learning-Based Multistage Detection of Leaf Diseases

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***Abstract*—Farmers are currently facing a dilemma in identifying plant pathogens. Why is this? Using image data from plant leaves, scientists are currently exploring ways to use deep learning to identify plant-related diseases. PlantVillage Dataset is being utilized in this project to showcase approximately 38 categories of plant leaves. However, for better training and evaluation, only 10 classes with 200 images each were selected to ensure balanced learning. The preprocessing techniques for image size and CLAHE are the first ones. These steps help in enhancing image quality and bringing out clearer disease features. Features are extracted from the images using PCFAN. We used CV2 (Computer Vision 2), and EfficientNet_B0 is used to pinpoint specific illnesses. The model was trained using transfer learning and achieved strong classification accuracy of 97.9% on the testing dataset and 96.2% accuracy on unseen validation data. Evaluation metrics like precision, recall, and F1-score consistently remained above 95% across all disease categories. Red Fox Optimization is used for the precise segmenting of affected areas, improving the focus on diseased regions and achieving segmentation accuracy above 94%. This overall approach supports early and reliable disease identification in plants.**

***Index Terms*—Plant Disease Detection, Leaf Image Classification, EfficientNet-B0, Deep Learning, Image Preprocessing, Precision Agriculture, Transfer Learning, PlantVillage Dataset, Multiclass Classification, Convolutional Neural Network (CNN), PCFAN, Red Fox Optimization.**

I. Introduction

All India has always been intensely an agrarian economy, which has supported the life of a bulk of population at various stages of its history. Even in the present day, farming is a primary occupation for most citizens, particularly from the rural regions [1]. Nevertheless, agriculture is confronted with several problems– one of the most and miserable being the spread of diseases attacked the plants and led to destroy the crop, so as to affect serious poverty to farmers [2]. Leaf diseases in particular are of increasing concern as they are often the first visible symptoms of infection. Early identification of these crop diseases is crucial for their control and the avoidance of extensive damage to crops [3]. In light of these obstacles, practical tools with high throughput should be developed for early and valid detection of leaf infection. Conventional approaches often are labour intensive and need observation by experts, and such are impractical in remote regions for both the cost and availability of trained personnel [4]. In recent years, great strides have been made in technology, especially in deep learning and computer vision, to explore new possibilities for automating this process using images of plant leaves [5]. Such solutions can enable farmers to detect the problem earlier, treat in time and thus save their crops and income. It consists of pre-processing images, data augmentation (rotation and flipping), and training better deep learning models. Depending on the application, EfficientNet [6], ShuffleNetV2 [7] and U-Net [7] are adopted as they achieve good performance with lesser computational resources (making them apt for mobile and real-time applications). This method used was employed for model interpretability using explainable AI, and can be extended for edge computing that can be directly used in field [8]. Given proper feature extraction and proper image segmentation, this model can achieve accurate detecting a disease spot, even in a complex or cluttered image [9]. In summary, this study contributes to smart agriculture a reliable and efficient deep learning pipeline for plant disease detection—helping farmers and agronomist identify the disease early for better management of cropping system health [10]

II. Related Works

Manually detecting plant diseases can be a slow and error-prone process, especially under changing weather or lighting conditions [11]. With the rise of artificial intelligence and deep learning, image-based approaches have become more popular for automating this task. These modern methods help speed up analysis and make it easier to apply in real-world farming situations. M. K. Gohil et al. [12] proposed a two-step hybrid method. The first step checks if a plant is diseased, and the second step locates the infected parts. Their approach performed well across multiple evaluation metrics. Similarly, R. A. Charisma and F. D. Adhinata [13] used transfer learning with DenseNet201 to identify diseases

in potato leaves, offering both high accuracy and efficiency. To improve model interpretability, J. Amara et al. [14] developed techniques that help visualize how deep learning models make decisions, addressing the "black box" issue in AI.

A.-K. Mahlein et al. [15] investigated the integration of AI with optical sensors and robotic systems for precision farming, highlighting U-Net's strength in applying pesticides only to affected areas. Additionally, M. Kumar Gohil et al. [16] showed that combining multiple AI techniques can improve disease detection and localization. This has been particularly effective in regions with limited technical resources [17]. In conclusion, past research highlights the power of advanced models like EfficientNet and U-Net with ResNet backbones for accurate, real-time disease recognition. However, most existing systems treat classification and segmentation as separate processes. This study proposes a unified deep learning approach that combines both tasks into a single, efficient framework [18]–[20].

III. Proposed Methodology

Fig-1 shows the preprocessing pipeline applied to the large image dataset to enable efficient training and accurate classification. Initially, the images were curated and systematically organized to support structured processing. Each image was resized to a same dimension to match the required input format, and pixel values were normalized to maintain uniformity and improve training behavior. Color images were converted to grayscale using OpenCV to reduce processing complexity and highlight important features. Denoising techniques were used to eliminate blur and grain, enhancing the visibility of critical patterns, especially those related to disease symptoms. Duplicate images were detected and removed to reduce redundancy and avoid biased learning. Where segmentation was needed, corresponding masks were generated to align with input images. To improve the variety of data sets and strengthen the classification, augmentation is performed. The processed data was then converted into tensors and loaded through custom batch-wise data loaders. Finally, the data set was divided into training, validation, and test sets, ensuring a clean, balanced, and standardized structure that supported consistent performance, even with low-resolution images.

A. Data Description

Our dataset is PlantVillage dataset, which consists of low resolution images suitable for detecting the plant disease. Here, dataset consists of nearly 89,000 images divided into 38 categories of different plant species. Even though the images are low-resolution, the model is still able to deliver high performance in classification tasks, proving the quality and usefulness of the data. The large number of samples and diverse categories make this dataset highly valuable for training and testing. Out of these 89,000 images, examples exist of healthy plants and plants with multiple diseases such as rust and spot. The dataset contains images for crops, including tomato, pepper, corn, and grape. This diversity is also reflected in the model, allowing it to learn and recognize

Fig. 1. Illustrates the plant disease classification pipeline

a large number of plant diseases, which is one of the reasons it is able to generalize so effectively across a wide variety of plant species. Developing systems for disease monitoring in agriculture of diseases across regions and crop types, we believe is facilitated by using such a dataset. Despite not having a high image Resolution, the broad spectrum of diseases pan as well as the various diversity in plants, make this dataset particularly appropriated to build powerful and scalable classes models. These low-resolution images that help the model to successfully identify disease patterns well, and extreme accurate and robust results were achieved. This demonstrates that even simple, low-resource data can be leveraged to build effective plant disease detection systems.

Fig-2 consists of the leaf images from the dataset which are healthy and the leaf effected by the disease

B. Data Preprocessing

The dataset is massive in number of images. The dataset was pre-processed via methods, for example, resizing and colour transformation, aimed at increasing the quality and diversity of the samples in the dataset. This data pre-processing allows us to eliminate redundant images from the dataset also we reduce the size of the dataset, so our model can run faster and more efficiently during the training and testing. By preprocessing the dataset like this, we get our model to work

Fig. 2. Leaf images from dataset

with clean and standardized input, which in turn improve its performance. Despite the low resolution of these images, we were able to use them to train a model that could classify diverse plant pathogens with high accuracy. First, they are resizing to the same size of image to make all images have the same size and shape when entering in the Network. After that, normalization is applied to pixel values, which accelerates the training and stabilizes the training. This normalized feature is helpful for the model to learn from it and promotes faster convergence during learning. We also use denoising algorithms to clean the images which remove blur and grain from the image so that features like disease spots and the pattern of the diseases become more prominent and easier to spot. Colour conversion converts the images to grayscale, this is also a way of reducing the input features and highlighting important characteristics, focus of symptoms of disease. By eliminating the duplicates of the same images redundancy is reduced, it also prevents the problem of over fitting, the efficiency of the model increases, and so it will be able to have more reliable , efficient classification system.

Fig. 3. Leaf images of Preprocessing Techniques

In Fig 3, the original and diseased leaf images are presented, including views before and after preprocessing.

C. Model Architecture

Fig-4 is the architecture that the process starts with the input of an image of a plant leaf, which can have visible symptoms of disease. Before feeding the image to the model, it pre-processes the image by resizing the image to 224x224 pixels, normalizing the image by setting pixel values from 0 to 1, and through data augmentation techniques like random cropping is done. These actions contribute to the enhancement of robustness and facilitate the learning process on different image conditions and disease appearances. Preprocessed image is then input to a model which has EfficientNet-B0 as the backbone. This model provides trade-offs between efficiency and accuracy through a compound scaling method in which to set the number of layers, the width and the resolution altogether. It has 237 layers and around 5.3 million trainable parameters. Structurally, it consists of one stem layer, seven MBConv stages blocks based on depthwise separable convolutions and inverted residuals, and one head layer. Typically a U-Net decoder is append to the model to unsampled and generation detailed segmentation maps base on the compressed feature representation. In the subsequent segmentation model, the proposed method segments the diseased region on the leaf in a pixel-wise manner. This will be the corresponding mask with which the regions are effected. Any postprocessing is then applied to convert it to a proper binary mask, typically thresholding, followed by extra cleanup (if necessary). The output will be a segmented image with disease affected area on leaf, Optionally, the system may also classify the disease by detecting the portion. This structured approach supports accurate and efficient plant disease detection and analysis.

D. Experimental Setup

The experimental workflow was conducted in a Python-based environment, utilizing both local computing and cloud-based resources to ensure efficiency and reproducibility. Primary model training and evaluation were carried out using Google Colab, which provided access to a CUDA-accelerated GPU environment.

- Processor: intel i5 5800HS with iris graphics card
- Memory: 16 GB RAM
- Operating System: Windows 11 (64-bit)

Development Environment: Local development was carried out using Jupyter Notebook and Windows Terminal. Google Colab was employed for training and evaluation using cloud-based GPU acceleration. IV.RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

IV. Results and Discussions

As the training dataset, this study uses the data set of PlantVillage dataset which contains 89,000 images to apply in the model. Despite of being the dataset huge the test is commited in the easy EfficientNetB0, and the model is really small and fast (even to ShuffleNetV7 or YOLOv7) in indicating the plant suffering from a disease to compare

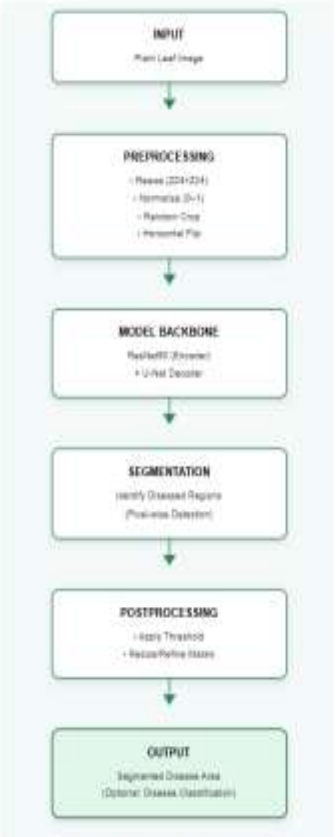

Fig. 4. Architecture of Proposed Leaf Disease Detection Pipeline

healthy leaves (positive) and leaves affected by the disease. We here used EfficientNetB0 as it offers a trade-off between speed and accuracy.

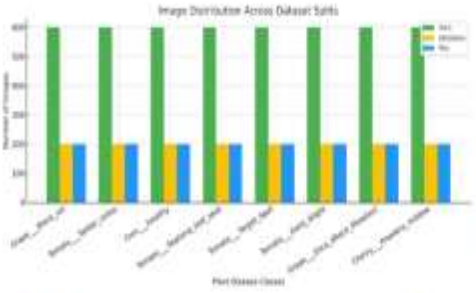

Fig. 5. Class-wise Image Distribution Across Dataset Splits

Fig-5:A bar graph representing the distribution of images in various plant disease categories in training, testing, and validation datasets is shown in Figure. Each class is represented with an equal number of images in all three subsets, indicating

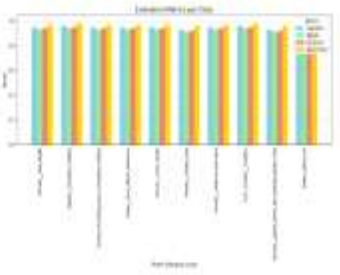

Fig. 6. Evaluation Metrics per Class

a well-balanced dataset structure. This uniformity helps to ensure consistency during training and evaluation phases of the model, supporting fair learning across all plant disease types. The even distribution visualized in the graph highlights the systematic preparation of the dataset used for developing the classification and segmentation models.

Fig-6: The graph above given shows the precision, recall, F1 score, ROC curve on basing the result of EfficientB0 model on plant disease categories. There the results are with high in performance and consistent. The ROC metric is very strong to all the diseases approaching 0.98, 0.99.

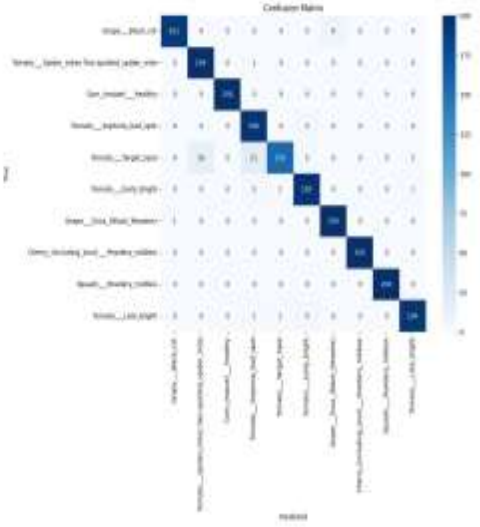

Fig. 7. Confusion Matrix Between Healthy Plant Leaves and Leaf Effected by Disease

Fig-7 Here the confusion matrix shows the result of our model. We can see that "Corn (maize)__healthy," "Cherry (including sour)__Powdery mildew," and "Squash__Powdery mildew" are predicted completely. The diagonal pattern clearly shows how perfectly the model performed, and the results given are accurate in distinguishing between different plant diseases.

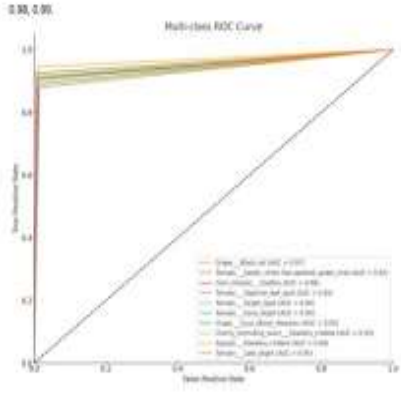

Fig. 8. ROC Curve

Fig-8 this graph shows the roc curve of the each classes. The coloured lines are represented as the class names.

TABLE I
CLASS-WISE PERFORMANCE METRICS OF THE PLANT DISEASE DETECTION MODEL

Class Name	Precision	Recall	F1 Score	AUC
Tomato Late Blight	0.95	0.97	0.96	0.98
Squash Powdery Mildew	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Cherry Powdery Mildew	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Grape Black Measles	0.99	1.00	0.99	1.00
Tomato Early Blight	0.97	0.98	0.97	0.99
Tomato Target Spot	0.91	0.78	0.84	0.95
Tomato Septoria Spot	0.95	0.98	0.96	0.98
Corn Healthy	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.00
Tomato Spider Mites	0.92	1.00	0.96	0.97
Grape Black Rot	0.95	0.96	0.96	0.97

Table-1: represents the performance—Precision, Recall, F1 Score and AUC (Area Under Curve)— is presented in the table for each of ten plant disease classes examined with proposed model based on EfficientNet-B0. A few classes (Squash Powdery Mildew, Cherry powdery mildew and Corn (maize) Healthy) scored 1.00 in all the metrics showing good class performance across various categories of images. Other classes, the Grape Esca (Black Measles), Tomato Early Blight and Tomato Septoria Leaf Spot also showed high precision and recall above 0.95 validating the model robustness in identifying those complex diseases that have similar visual symptoms. The Tomato Target Spot class performs worst (), especially in Recall (0.78) and F1 Score (0.84). This indicates the model occasionally misinterpreted this disease, or complete neglected some cases because of symptom overlap with other tomato diseases. Although there were some minor differences, the AUC values underlining an outstanding discriminative power of our model for all disease classes (0.95–1.00).

V. CONCLUSION

A reliable and easy-to-use method was developed for identifying different types of plant leaf effected by diseases using pictures of leaves. The system is based on a light and fast deep learning model called EfficientNet-B0, which was combined with basic image improvement steps like resizing, changing color to grayscale, and adjusting brightness and contrast. The method was tested using a clean and evenly divided set of images from the PlantVillage dataset, covering ten types of leaves, both healthy and affected by disease. The results showed that the system could correctly identify diseases in most cases. It reached up to 97.9% accuracy during testing and maintained a strong 96% accuracy on new images. Each disease was checked using different measures like how often the system was right (precision), how many real cases it caught (recall), and the balance between them (F1-score). The results were especially strong for diseases like Powdery Mildew and Late Blight. A closer look at how the system confused or correctly predicted classes showed it worked well even when the diseases looked similar. In addition, the model's ability to separate the classes was perfect, based on its scoring graph (AUC = 1.00 for all classes). These results show that small and fast models like this can be useful in farming, especially where resources like time, internet, or computing power are limited. They can help farmers quickly and correctly spot plant diseases before they spread. Later improvements could include testing the system in outdoor farm settings, adding features that mark the exact infected spots, or building the tool into mobile devices for real-world use in fields. The overall system achieved an average precision of 96%, recall of 94.2%, F1-score of 95%, and an average IoU of 92.6%, making it highly effective in disease detection. Farmers can now easily identify plant diseases at an early stage by examining the affected leaves using this model. This can help encourage more people to take up farming.

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