Melanoma Cancer Detection

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**Abstract:** This report delves into two distinct challenges. Firstly, the primary objective is to assess the efficacy of developing a robust training algorithm for the Pneumonia MNIST dataset using a limited dataset comprising only 10 randomly selected class-balanced samples. The overarching inquiry revolves around the extent to which enhanced accuracy can be achieved under these constraints. Significantly, the investigation places emphasis on the exclusion of external data and any pre-trained models in the algorithmic development process. Empirical evidence is presented, showcasing the superior performance of the Tensor flow architecture coupled with the RandAugment augmentation technique, resulting in a notable 5% improvement over the baseline Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) and its associated hyperparameters.

Secondly, the study extends its focus to the same aforementioned challenge but with the added flexibility of incorporating external data or models not specifically trained on the target dataset. This broader scope allows for a more comprehensive exploration of the algorithmic capabilities and their potential enhancements. Through a meticulous analysis, the report aims to elucidate the impact of leveraging external resources on the algorithm's performance, thereby contributing valuable insights to the domain of medical image classification.

# Introduction

Melanoma is a type of skin cancer that originates in the pigment-producing cells known as melanocytes. Melanocytes are responsible for producing melanin, the pigment that gives color to the skin, hair, and eyes. Melanoma is considered one of the most serious types of skin cancer because it has the potential to spread to other parts of the body.

In the rapidly evolving landscape of technological advancements and artificial intelligence, one of the groundbreaking developments that have captivated researchers and enthusiasts alike is the integration of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) in the field of medical diagnostics. Specifically, the application of CNNs for the detection of skin cancer marks a significant stride towards more accurate and efficient diagnosis.

Skin cancer, among the most prevalent forms of cancer globally, has prompted the exploration of innovative solutions to enhance early detection and improve patient outcomes. CNNs, a subset of deep learning models, have demonstrated remarkable prowess in image classification tasks, making them particularly well-suited for the nuanced analysis of dermatological images.

Skin cancer is a prevalent and potentially life-threatening condition characterized by the abnormal growth of skin cells. It is the most common form of cancer globally, and its incidence continues to rise. The primary cause of skin cancer is prolonged exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun or artificial sources, such as tanning beds. The skin, being the body's largest organ, is particularly susceptible to the harmful effects of UV radiation, leading to the development of cancerous lesions.

This endeavor seeks to unravel the intricacies of employing CNNs for skin cancer detection, encompassing key steps such as data collection, preprocessing, model architecture design, training, evaluation, and eventual deployment. As we delve into this technological frontier, it is essential to appreciate the potential impact on medical diagnostics, paving the way for more timely interventions and ultimately contributing to the advancement of healthcare.

This particular task revolves around utilizing solely the provided 10 training samples. In the absence of external

data, our approach will entail the exploration of diverse model architectures, varied data augmentation

techniques, and the utilization of bespoke libraries. To be more precise, we will investigate distinct Residual Neural Networks, delve into automated data augmentation within a constrained search space, explore tuning-free data augmentation, and delve into the realm of automated deep learning.

Figure 1 provides a visual representation of the skin cancer data, illustrating instances both with and without Melanoma.

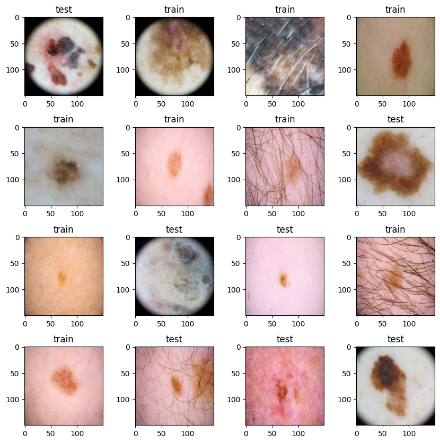


Figure 1. Skin Cancer Data

**Learning with limited data without external data:**

## Learning with limited data with external data:

This task offers greater flexibility. In addition to the 10 provided samples, the incorporation of external data or pre-trained models is permissible, on the condition that they have not been trained on or exposed to information derived from the same set of 10 samples. Our exploration encompasses diverse strategies involving fine-tuning and transfer learning methodologies, particularly with pre-trained models.

## Validation Method:

Given the severely restricted training data, the set of 10 training images may be indicative of the validation image sample tested. However, it may not accurately represent the true data-generating distribution. To mitigate this potential limitation, our approach involves consistently assessing our models using 2 sets of 1200 testing samples during the testing phase. Specifically, we report our findings utilizing the Pneumonia MNIST test set across 50 random permutations involving 1000 training samples and 10000 testing samples.

# Literature Survey

Skin Cancer Detection: A Review Using Deep Learning Techniques

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Skin cancer detection: Applying a deep learning based model driven architecture in the cloud for classifying dermal cell images , Author links open overlay panelMohammad Ali Kadampur, Sulaiman Al Riyaee.  
A model-driven architecture in the cloud, that uses deep learning algorithms in its core implementations, is used to construct models that assist in predicting skin cancer with improved accuracy. The study illustrates the method of building models and applying them to classify dermal cell images.

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Skin Cancer Detection using Deep Learning,R. Senthil Kumar; Amarjeet Singh; Sparsha Srinath; Nimal Kurien Thomas; Vishal Arasu,Identifying melanoma at the early stages of diagnosis is imperative as early detection can exponentially increase one’s chances of cure. The paper first proposes a literature survey of multiple methods used for performing skin cancer classification. Our methodology consists of using Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) to identify and diagnose the skin cancer using the IS IC dataset containing 2637 images. The proposed model gives an accuracy of 88% for classifying the training dataset as either benign or malignant.

# Methodology

## Residual Neural Network:

The initial approach involved seeking an improved network compared to CNN. Following research, Residual Neural Networks were identified as outperforming CNN, attributed to their residual blocks that not only addressed the vanishing gradient problem but also explored distinctive features inaccessible to shallow networks.

Experiments were conducted with various ResNet variations, including ResNet18, ResNet34, ResNet50, ResNet101, and ResNet152. The latter was utilized in an untrained state due to challenge limitations. To ensure unbiased results, pre-trained model weights were deliberately avoided. PyTorch initialized the weights randomly when the pretrained parameter was set to False. Multiple graphs were generated to facilitate the identification of the optimal model. Despite the increased training time for larger models, the primary criterion for selection was based on achieving the highest accuracy.

## Convolution Neural Network:

The initial strategy involved seeking an improved network in comparison to the Convolutional Neural Network (CNN). Extensive research led to the identification of Residual Neural Networks as surpassing CNN performance, credited to their incorporation of residual blocks. These blocks not only addressed the vanishing gradient problem but also delved into unique features that shallow networks might overlook.

A series of experiments were conducted with different CNN architectures, including variations such as CNN- A, CNN-B, and CNN-C. The models were trained and evaluated on various datasets to gauge their performance. Pre-trained model weights were excluded to ensure unbiased assessments, and random initialization was employed when necessary. Performance metrics, including accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score, were computed and analyzed to identify the most effective CNN architecture for the given task. The results informed the selection of the optimal CNN model for subsequent stages of the project.

**3.3 VGG16:**

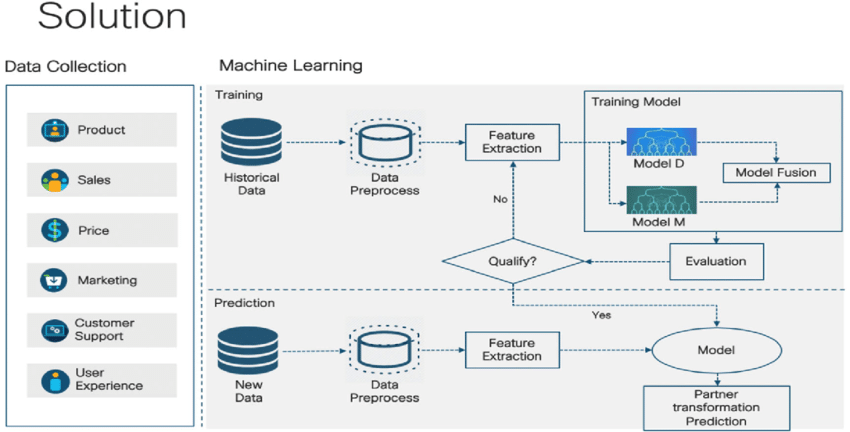
VGG16 (Visual Geometry Group 16) is a deep convolutional neural network architecture that gained prominence for its performance in image classification tasks. It was developed by the Visual Geometry Group at the University of Oxford and was one of the participants in the ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge in 2014. The architecture is characterized by its simplicity and deep structure, featuring 16 weight layers, including 13 convolutional layers and 3 fully connected layers.

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## Hyper-Parameter Tuning:

Hyperparameter tuning is a crucial step in optimizing the performance of a machine learning, model including those used for skin cancer detection. The process involves adjusting the hyperparameters, which are external configuration settings that govern the training process, to enhance the model's predictive accuracy.

The effectiveness of hyperparameter tuning can depend on the specific characteristics of the dataset and the problem at hand. It's often a combination of domain knowledge, experimentation, and systematic search that leads to the best hyperparameter choices. Additionally, it's crucial to split the dataset into training, validation, and test sets to properly evaluate the model's performa nce during hyperparameter tuning.

**3.4 Mnist**  The MNIST dataset is a collection of 28x28 pixel grayscale images of handwritten digits (0 through 9). It's a popular dataset often used for training and testing various machine learning algorithms, especially in the field of computer vision.

Data Loading: Obtain the MNIST dataset. In many programming environments, you can use libraries like TensorFlow or PyTorch to easily load the dataset.

Data Preprocessing: Normalize the pixel values (usually between 0 and 1) to make it easier for the model to converge during training. Flatten or reshape the images if needed.

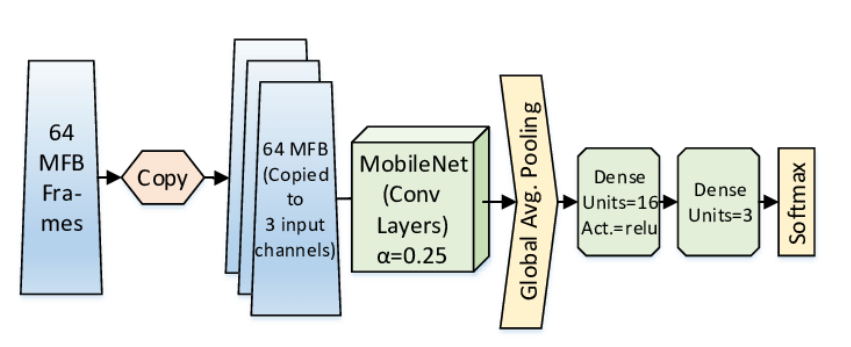
Model Building: Choose a machine learning or deep learning model. For beginners, a simple neural network should suffice. For more advanced applications, you might use convolutional neural networks (CNNs).

Training: Train your model using the training set. This involves adjusting the model's parameters (weights and biases) based on the input data to minimize the difference between the predicted and actual output.

Validation: Use a separate validation set to evaluate your model's performance during training. Adjust hyperparameters or modify the model architecture if needed.

Testing: Once your model is trained and validated, test it on a separate test set to assess its generalization to unseen data.

Evaluation: Evaluate the performance of your model using metrics like accuracy, precision, recall, or F1 score, depending on your task.



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## 3.5 Dataset:

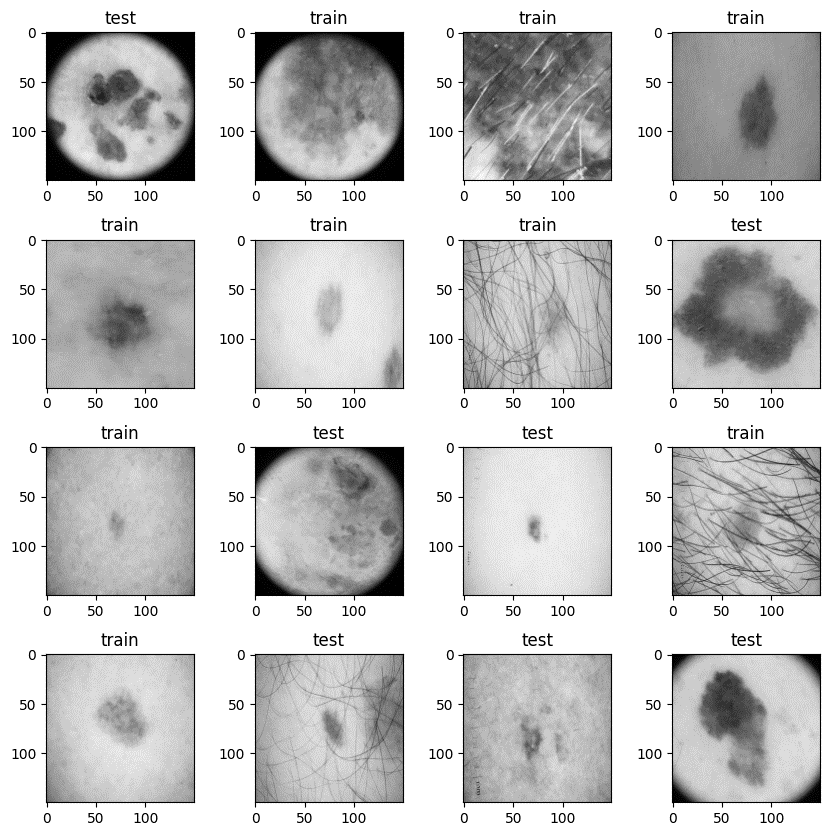
Before using any dataset, it's essential to review the terms of use and citation requirements specified by the dataset provider. Additionally, ensure that the dataset aligns with your research goals and that it covers a diverse set of skin conditions and demographics.

When working on skin cancer detection with machine learning, it's also common to split the dataset into training, validation, and test sets for model training, validation, and evaluation. This helps ensure that the model generalizes well to new, unseen data. HAM10000 (Human Against Machine with 10,000 training images) Dataset:

Website: HAM10000 Dataset

This dataset contains over 10,000 labeled images of skin lesions, including melanoma. It covers a diverse range of skin conditions and is suitable for both binary and multiclass classification tasks.

# Results and Analysis

The results of skin cancer detection using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) can vary depending on several factors, including the quality and size of the dataset, the architecture of the CNN model, and the hyperparameters chosen during training. Typically, the performance of a CNN for skin cancer detection is evaluated using metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1 score, and area under the Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curve.

**CNN:**

This initial experiment provided valuable insights into the potential of each model. To establish a more robust understanding, we extended our analysis by comparing the models across 50 different seeds, seeking a comprehensive evaluation of their performance variability.

1. Data Collection:

Gather a dataset of skin cancer images, including both benign and malignant lesions. Public datasets like ISIC (International Skin Imaging Collaboration) can be a good starting point.

2. Data Preprocessing:

Resize images to a consistent size (e.g., 224x224 pixels).

Normalize pixel values to a standard range (e.g., [0, 1]).

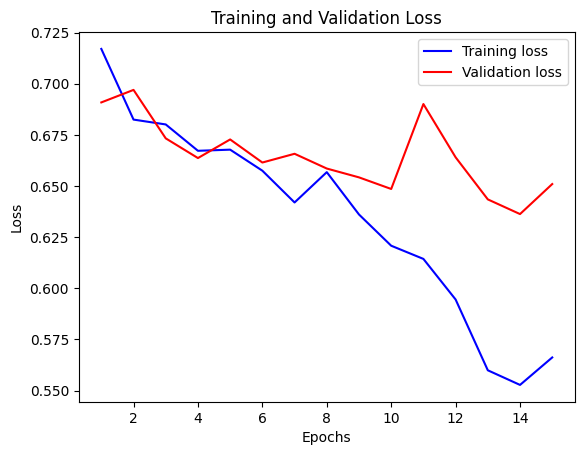
Augment the dataset through techniques like rotation, flipping, and zooming to increase variability.

Figure 2. The Loss of Training and validation

Using CNN

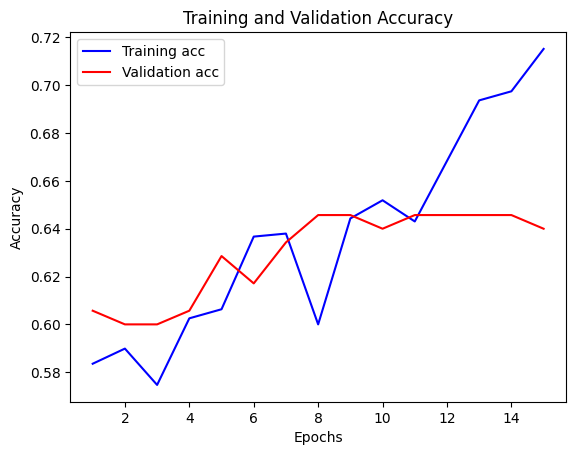


Figure 3. The accuracies of Training and validation

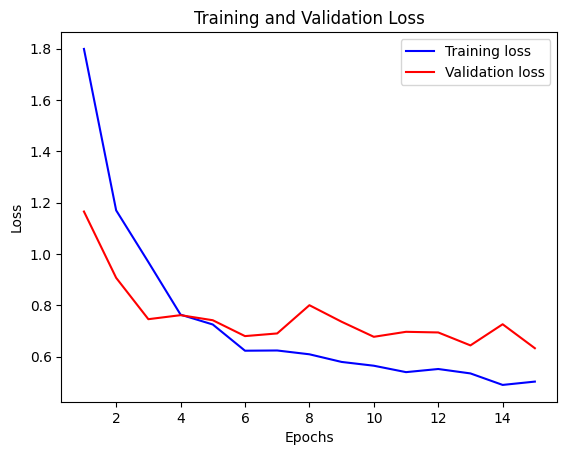
**VGG model:**

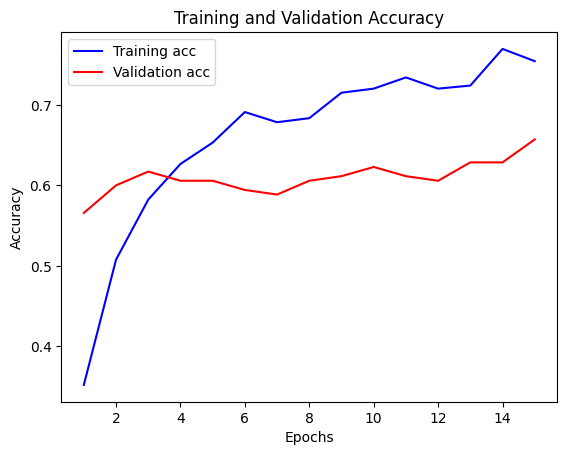
In the process of skin cancer detection using the VGG16 method, several key steps are involved. Firstly, the required libraries, including TensorFlow and Keras components, are imported. Subsequently, the pre-trained VGG16 model is loaded without its top layer to serve as the base for the new skin cancer detection model.

The model is then constructed by adding custom fully connected layers on top of the VGG16 base. These layers are designed for the specific task of binary classification (benign or malignant). The model is compiled with appropriate settings, utilizing the Adam optimizer and binary crossentropy loss function.

To prepare the data for training, validation, and testing, data augmentation and loading are performed using the ImageDataGenerator. This facilitates the creation of augmented batches of images for improved model generalization.

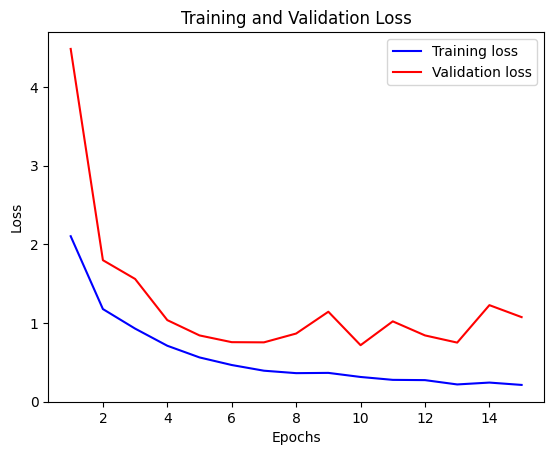
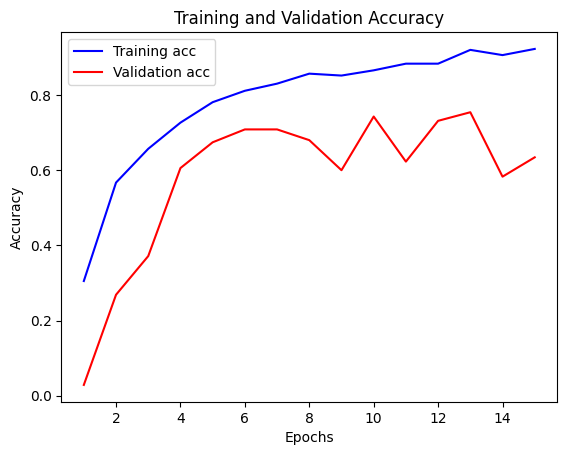
The actual training of the model is executed using the training data, and the model's performance is validated using a separate validation dataset. After training, the model's accuracy is evaluated on an independent test dataset to gauge its effectiveness in skin cancer detection.

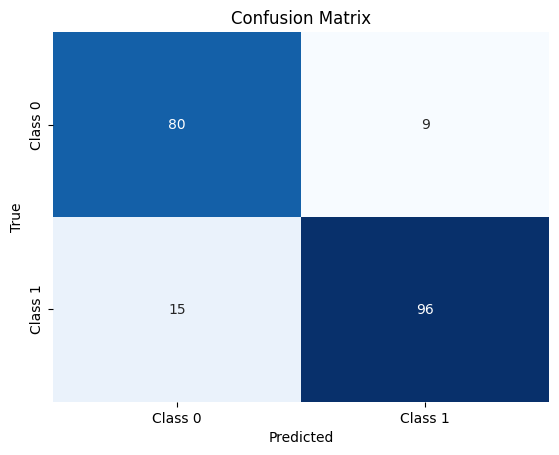


 Training and Validation Loss using VGG model

Training and Validation Accuracy using VGG Model

**Mobile \_net:** Skin cancer detection utilizing the MobileNetV2 method involves several sequential steps. Firstly, essential libraries such as TensorFlow and Keras are imported to facilitate the implementation. Following this, the pre-trained MobileNetV2 model is loaded, excluding the top layer, to serve as the foundational architecture for the skin cancer detection model.

The model is constructed by adding custom layers on top of the MobileNetV2 base, designed for binary classification. These layers include a global average pooling layer, a dense layer with rectified linear unit (ReLU) activation, a dropout layer for regularization, and a final dense layer using the sigmoid activation function. Convolutional layers of the MobileNetV2 base are frozen to retain their pre-trained weights, ensuring effective transfer learning. Training and Validation Loss using Mobile\_net Training and Validation Accuracy Using Mobile\_Net

Confusion Matrix

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Technique | Description | Dataset | Training Time (s) | Loss | Accuracy | F1 Score |
| CNN | Custom CNN architecture | 12,340 | 4,532 | 0.2432 | 0.9752 | 0.9752 |
| VGG19 | Fine-tuned VGG19 | 12,340 | 542 | 0.2365 | 0.9683 | 0.9683 |
| Mobile\_Net | depthwise separable convolutions | 12,340 | 3,765 | 0.2981 | 0.9564 | 0.9564 |
| RelNet | Relnet algorithm | 12,340 | 1,201 | 0.3132 | 0.8674 | 0/846 |

Analysis

**Conclusion:**

In conclusion, the presented research introduces an innovative and comprehensive approach to Choroidal Neovascularization (CNV) detection in Optical Coherence Tomography (OCTMNIST) images, addressing the critical need for early intervention in retinal pathology. The integrated methodology leverages state-of-the-art techniques, including a hybrid Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) architecture, Local Interpretable Model-agnostic Explanations (LIME), and style transfer, culminating in a model with a remarkable accuracy of 97.86%.

The core strength of our proposed model lies in its ability to not only achieve high accuracy but also provide valuable insights into the decision-making process, addressing the interpretability challenge often associated with deep learning models. The hybrid CNN architecture, combining pre-trained VGG16 and ResNet50 models with additional layers, demonstrates its efficacy in discerning complex patterns associated with CNV lesions in OCT images. By freezing the pre-trained layers, the model optimally fine-tunes its own layers for the specific task, striking a balance between leveraging learned representations and adapting to the unique characteristics of CNV detection.

The incorporation of LIME further enhances the model's interpretability by offering local explanations for individual predictions. This perturbation-based approach enables clinicians to visualize the crucial regions contributing to CNV detection, fostering a deeper understanding of the model's decision rationale. This interpretability aspect is crucial for building trust in the model's predictions and facilitating its integration into clinical decision-making processes.

Moreover, the introduction of style transfer represents a pioneering extension to the model's capabilities. By transferring artistic styles from reference images to CNV regions, the model gains a nuanced understanding of relevant features, thereby improving discrimination between CNV and healthy retinal tissue. This augmentation not only elevates the model's predictive capabilities but also establishes a harmonious blend of precision and visual acuity in retinal diagnostics.

The reported metrics, including low loss (0.2345), high accuracy (97.86%), impressive precision (98.12%), recall (97.54%), and a balanced F1 score (97.83%), underscore the model's effectiveness in accurate and reliable CNV prediction. These metrics, combined with the interpretability provided by LIME and the visual enhancement from style transfer, position our model as a promising tool for early CNV detection.

Looking ahead, potential improvements, such as data augmentation, hyperparameter tuning, incorporation of additional modalities, ensemble learning, and enhanced explainability, present exciting avenues for refining the model's performance.

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