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1 Introduction

This thesis shows a method for the automated scoring of x-ray images of patients with rheumatoid arthritis.

1.1 Background

Rheumatoid arthritis is caused by a malfunctioning immune system. It is therefore a type of autoimmune diseases. The immune system attacks healthy tissue instead of bacteria and viruses. This causes inflammation in the joints. Irreversible damage to the bone in the joint can occur, if the inflammation lasts for a long time. [3] Rheumatoid arthritis is incurable, merely the symptoms can be treated.

Today, the severity of the bone erosion is assessed by a trained rheumatologist by using x-ray images of hand and feet. This process takes several minutes per patient. Recent advances in computer vision make it possible to automate this task. This leads to time savings which in return helps the rheumatologist to spend more time with the patient.

The Swiss Clinical Quality Management in Rheumatic Diseases (SCQM) Foundation runs a national registry of inflammatory rheumatic diseases. [4] They have collected anonymized patient data for over 10 years and provide us with x-ray images for this analysis.

Seantis GmbH is a Swiss company that develops data driven web applications for medical research, pubic administration and aviation. [2] For their customer SCQM they want to automate the bone erosion assessment. They already have a working algorithm, which detects the body part shown in the x-ray image. A second algorithm detects the joints in the image and extracts them as single images. These images are then used together with the bone erosion scores to train our model.

1.2 Related literature

1.3 Aim and scope of this thesis

The aim of this thesis is to predict bone erosion scores from x-ray images. We further examine whether a correlation between the bone erosion score and the disease activity exists as well as

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2 Theory

2.1 Convolutional neural networks

Convolutional neural networks take an image as an input. The image then gets passed through several convolutional layers. These layers work as filters and detect different features in the image. The weights of these layers are combined to class scores. Andrey Karpathy provides a good overview over convolutional neural networks in his course notes for the Stanford class CS231n. [1]

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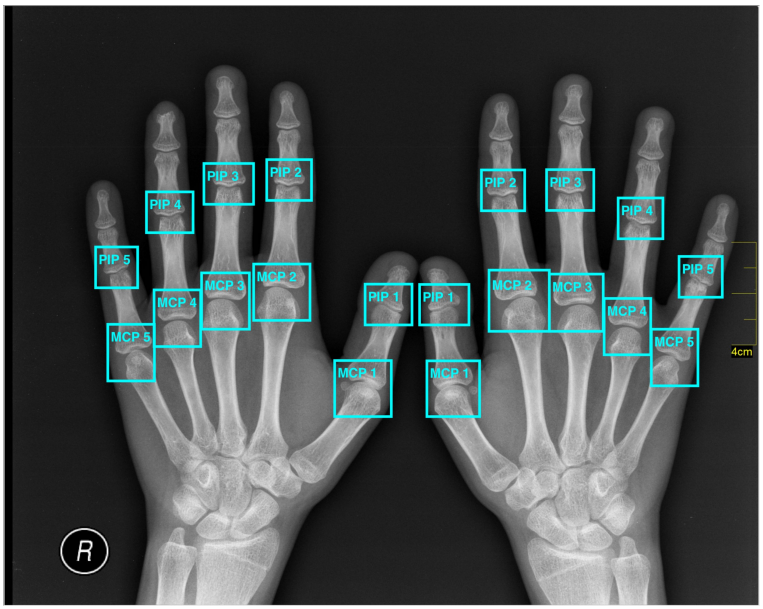

Figure 1: Proximal interphalangeal joints (PIP) and carpometacarpal joints (MCP).

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