Visualizing Latent space in Medical Imaging with Vector Quantized Variational Autoencoders

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This work, which forms part of the curriculum at Vellore Institute of Technology, is a project centered on Artificial Intelligence.

ABSTRACT In the realm of biomedical data analysis, dealing with the complexities and variability of datasets presents a great difficulty for accurate feature extraction and reconstruction. To tackle this, we present a tailored Variational Quantized Autoencoder (VQ-VAE) designed specifically for biomedical use. An encoder, a codebook module based on vector quantization, and a decoder make up the architecture. Our main goal is to create a solid framework that can effectively extract important features from various biomedical image datasets so that precise reconstruction and analysis are possible. In order to achieve this, we use a thorough training approach that includes forward passes, optimisation techniques, and metric logging that includes Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Structural Similarity Index (SSIM), and Peak Signal-to-Noise Ratio (PSNR). Furthermore, we incorporate early stopping strategies and checkpoint mechanisms to improve training effectiveness and model stability. A comprehensive evaluation employing a range of test datasets representative of various biomedical domains comes after a thorough training phase. Through this evaluation, we seek to ascertain the generalisation capacity and elucidate its ability to extract and reconstruct significant features found in biomedical images. Furthermore, techniques such as confidence ellipse-scatter plots are used to visualise the learned latent space representations, offering insights into the model's capacity to recognise important patterns and structures in the data. This work contributes to the field of biomedical image data analysis by providing a training, evaluation, and development phase-spanning strategy. The approach we propose provides a promising direction for researchers searching for methods for feature extraction, reconstruction, and analysis in biomedical imaging applications.

INDEX TERMS Biomedical data analysis, VQ-VAE, feature extraction, reconstruction, vector quantization, deep learning, biomedical imaging, optimization, metric logging, early stopping, model stability, generalization, latent space, visualization, training, evaluation, PSNR, SSIM, MAE.

I. INTRODUCTION

AN in-depth assessment phase that employs many test datasets representative of various biomedical specialisations comes after a protracted training period. With this evaluation, we hope to ascertain the generalisation capacity of the VQ-VAE and elucidate its ability to extract and recreate significant characteristics from biomedical images. Additionally, techniques such confidence ellipse-scatter plots are used to display the learned latent space representations, offering insights into the model's capacity to recognise important patterns and structures in the data. This work contributes to the field of biological picture data processing through presenting a training, assessment, and development

phase-spanning technique[4]. Our method might be helpful to researchers searching for methods for biological imaging feature extraction, reconstruction, and analysis.

The goal of this work is to address the urgent need for deep learning models that are specifically designed for the complex subtleties of biological image analysis, especially in the face of limitations like scarce labelled data.[8] We investigate whether it is possible to train deep generative models using advanced techniques such as vector quantization (VQ) and variational autoencoders (VAEs) on reasonably substantial biomedical picture datasets. Our main goal is to develop precise and scalable systems that successfully overcome the challenges presented by the lack of data in medical imag-

ing.[2]

A detailed evaluation of a VQ-VAE model, trained on many biomedical imaging datasets, is part of our work. The capacity of the model to derive meaningful representations from biomedical images in spite of the constraints imposed by the lack of annotated data is of interest to us.[9] Our second objective is to investigate the interpretability of the latent space representations in various biomedical domains and evaluate the accuracy of the reconstructed images generated by the VQ-VAE model.

This work reveals how well VQ-VAE models perform in providing concise yet semantically rich representations of biological images, which is a significant contribution to the area of biomedical image analysis.[10] Through our demonstration of the use of deep generative models to data scarcity problems, we provide important new insights into the design of scalable and interpretable solutions for medical image processing tasks. In the end, this study's conclusions might result in improvements in medical technology, which would benefit patients and medical professionals alike.

By adding several decoders to the Multi-Scale (MS) VQ-VAE model, our study improves hierarchical autoencoder techniques even more, building upon earlier VQ-VAE discoveries. This improvement offers gains in picture synthesis together with better control over sequence encoding, which surely leads to enhanced explainability and codebook utilisation.[9] Our tests will show better or equivalent reconstructions with more stability between runs on different datasets and resolutions. Furthermore, a proof-of-concept trial illustrates how the MS-VQ-VAE model may also be used in picture synthesis.

More generally, discrete latent variable deep neural networks hold the potential to improve symbolic reasoning and learn valuable abstractions for novel problems. Vector quantized autoencoders (VQ-VAEs) have made significant strides recently, nearly matching their continuous counterparts in terms of performance. We obtain superior picture generating outcomes by examining alternative training methods that draw inspiration from the Expectation Maximisation (EM) algorithm.[4] Due to this it is easier to construct non-autoregressive machine translation models that have higher accuracy and faster inference times.

By handling medical images as input to the autoencoder and processing them in a codebook module, our suggested solution presents a novel approach. By exponentially increasing the learning rate, this module promotes appropriate learning and reduces the likelihood of encountering an overfitting situation. We hope to enhance model robustness and generalisation capabilities by integrating this method into the VQ-VAE architecture, especially in situations where labelled data is scarce. Our technique offers a scalable and interpretable solution to biomedical image analysis problems through methodical review and improvement, eventually improving clinical processes and patient outcomes in healthcare settings.[11]

Finally, our work contributes to the field of biological image analysis by providing scalable, interpretable, and accurate systems that deal with the problem of data scarcity. Through comprehensive evaluation and enhancement of VQ-VAE models, we pave the way for improved clinical processes and improved patient outcomes in hospital settings.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

A wide range of applications, from the production of digital images to domains as intricate as medical imaging, have been made possible by the advent of variational autoencoders (VAEs) in the field of generative modelling. Deciphering the latent spaces inside vector quantized variational autoencoders, or VQ-VAEs, presents an interesting possibility to understand medical imaging dataset complexity.[11] This essay explores the use of VAEs in medical imaging, as well as the potential applications of VQ-VAEs for visualising latent areas and their implications for medical research, diagnosis, and treatment.

In generative modelling, variational autoencoders (VAEs) have become a potent tool that allow complex data distributions to produce a variety of realistic outputs. By sampling from this distribution, VAEs learn a probabilistic distribution of latent variables, which makes it easier to generate new data points than typical autoencoders, which map input data to a fixed-size latent space. VAEs are becoming more and more appealing in a variety of fields, including medical imaging, thanks to their innate capacity to extract the underlying structure of data and produce unique samples.[12]

In the field of medical imaging, the visualisation of latent spaces offers a singular chance to gain understanding of the intricate patterns and correlations observed in imaging data. Thanks to VAEs, which represent complex medical images in a lower-dimensional latent space, researchers may examine and interpret the underlying structure of the data more successfully.[10] This can be particularly useful in areas such as radiography, pathology, and neuroimaging where the capacity to identify minute features or anomalies is crucial for diagnosis and treatment planning.

Vector quantized variational autoencoders (VQ-VAEs) enhance the structure and interpretability of latent spaces through the application of vector quantization techniques. Using a parametric distribution to sample the continuous latent variables, conventional VAEs produce a smooth and continuous latent space.[8] Conversely, VQ-VAEs discretize the latent space into a small set of discrete symbols, each of which is associated with a learnable embedding vector. This discrete form makes the latent space more structured and interpretable, which makes to analyse and comprehend easier.

For latent space visualisation in medical imaging applications, VQ-VAEs have a number of benefits. Firstly, representations of anatomical structures or clinical symptoms can be made more comprehensible by using the discrete form of the latent variables. Scientists are able to recognise clusters of distinct symbols that correlate to particular tissue types, organ systems, or disease states rather than traversing a

continuous latent space.[6] This makes it easier to analyse complicated imaging data and helps find trends or abnormalities that are important for therapeutic use.

Second, the application of vector quantization in VQ-VAEs leads to the formation of structured representations in the latent space. VQ-VAEs assign a learnable embedding vector to each discrete symbol, hence encouraging the encoding of similar data points with similar symbols.[7] As a result, distinct clusters or groupings are created inside the latent space. This data point grouping can provide insight into the mechanisms behind sickness and treatment outcomes by emphasising underlying patterns or correlations in the imaging data.

For instance, VQ-VAEs might be trained to recognise representations of various brain regions or signs of illness by examining brain imaging data. Researchers can analyse and examine the distribution of discrete symbols across various patient groups by using them to represent certain anatomical features or illness subtypes in the latent space.[3] This may help uncover new biomarkers for neurological conditions or shed information on the aetiology of neurodegenerative illnesses.

Likewise, VQ-VAEs could pick up representations of different tissue types or cellular structures through the study of histopathological pictures. Researchers can investigate the spatial distribution of diseased characteristics or distinct cell types within tissue samples by discretizing the latent space into symbols.[5] This could be useful for categorising tissue samples, finding aberrant cell groupings, or figuring out prognostic indicators for the prognosis of certain diseases.

There are further implications for medical diagnosis, therapy planning, and research from the visualisation of latent regions with VQ-VAEs. Through the identification of significant representations and concealed patterns within medical imaging data, VQ-VAEs can help physicians diagnose patients more accurately, forecast patient outcomes, and customise treatment plans. VQ-VAEs, for instance, may be used in oncology to identify tumour subtypes based on histological characteristics, assisting physicians in choosing the best courses of action for specific patients.[9]

Moreover, automated image analysis tools for medical imaging can be developed more easily because to the structured representations that VQ-VAEs have learned.[13] Researchers can build models that can autonomously segment organs, identify lesions, or classify pathological features by training VQ-VAEs on massive datasets of annotated medical pictures. These tools could enhance patient outcomes, decrease diagnostic errors, and streamline healthcare operations.

The visualisation of latent spaces using VQ-VAEs has potential for improving our understanding of disease causes and treatment responses, in addition to its applications in clinical practice. Researchers can discover illness subgroups, forecast patient outcomes, and find new biomarkers by examining the distribution of symbols inside the latent space. This information can help with the creation of novel therapeutic interventions, clinical trial design, and treatment regimen optimisation.

All things considered, the use of vector quantized variational autoencoders to the visualisation of latent spaces in medical imaging is a noteworthy development in the medical area. With implications for diagnosis, therapy, and research, vector quantization techniques (VQ-VAEs) combine the best features of VAEs with vector quantization methods to help researchers find meaningful representations and hidden patterns in complicated imaging data. These methods have the potential to completely change medical imaging and alter how we perceive, manage, and diagnose illnesses as they develop.

III. MATERIALS AND METHODS

A. METHODOLOGY

This research work sets up an environment for deep learning in medical image analysis by installing necessary packages like Lightning, TorchMetrics, and MedMNIST using pip. It imports various libraries such as PyTorch, Lightning, TorchMetrics, and MedMNIST for handling medical image datasets. Additionally, it configures the environment for visualizing images and sets up plotting settings, while also suppressing warnings. Throughout the work, several constants are defined for training parameters and dataset configurations.

To preprocess biomedical image data, the work defines an image transformation pipeline using torchvision.transforms.Compose, which includes resizing, tensor conversion, and pixel value scaling. It further creates a custom dataset class, BiomedicalDataset, to handle loading, splitting, and preprocessing biomedical image datasets from MedMNIST.

For tracking training progress and evaluation metrics, the work defines a utility class called AvgMeter, which calculates and keeps track of average values during training or evaluation.

To construct the neural network architecture, the work defines a PyTorch module called Encoder, which is based on the ResNet18 architecture. This module encodes input images into lower-dimensional feature representations. Additionally, it defines modules for vector quantization (VQEmbeddingEMA) and decoding (Decoder), which complement the encoder in an autoencoder architecture. The main PyTorch Lightning module, VQVAE, implements a Variational Autoencoder with Vector Quantization (VQ-VAE) architecture. It handles training, validation, and testing of the VQ-VAE model while providing visualization of training progress and evaluation metrics.

The work also includes a training loop to train the VQ-VAE model, setting up model checkpointing and early stopping to prevent overfitting. Moreover, it defines a function to plot confidence ellipses for visualizing bivariate data distributions.

Lastly, the work evaluates the trained VQ-VAE model on multiple datasets using PyTorch Lightning Trainer's test method and generates a scatter plot of the latent space
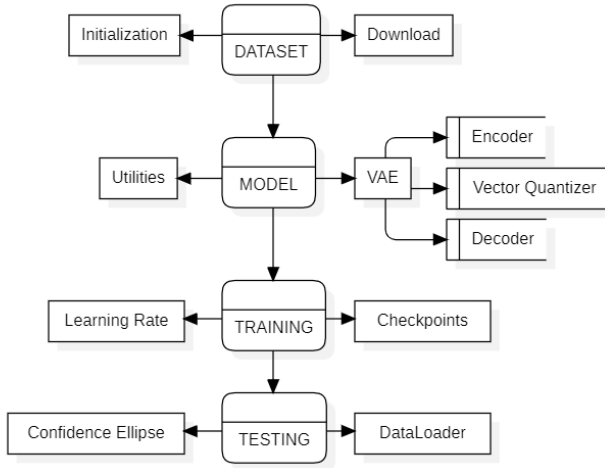
FIGURE 1. Proposed Architecture

representations of data points produced by the model, with confidence ellipses around the clusters. This visualization helps in understanding the clustering and separation of data points in the latent space across different datasets.

B. SETTING UP THE EXPERIMENT

Experiment: The experiment aims to demonstrate the effectiveness of the VQ-VAE model in biomedical image processing tasks, particularly in scenarios with limited labeled data availability. The ultimate goal is to assess its potential impact on clinical decision-making and patient care through rigorous data analysis.

Dataset: Biomedical imaging datasets are collected meticulously, spanning various fields such as oncology, pulmonology, dermatology, and ophthalmology. These datasets are carefully selected to ensure diversity and relevance to different biomedical disciplines. Ethical criteria are strictly adhered to, guaranteeing patient confidentiality and data privacy, which underscores the validity and integrity of the research.

Environment Setup: The experiment utilizes the PyTorch deep learning framework for model development. PyTorch offers flexibility and efficiency in implementing complex neural network architectures. The environment likely includes hardware resources such as GPUs to accelerate training processes, especially when dealing with large-scale biomedical imaging datasets.

Model Architecture: The VQ-VAE model architecture incorporates important design choices to enhance its effectiveness in biomedical image analysis. Pre-trained components such as ResNet serve as the encoder backbone to extract rich high-level features from input images. The vector quantization module discretizes the latent space into discrete codes, facilitating effective information representation and storage while preserving crucial properties. The decoder reconstructs images from quantized latent codes, enabling image generation and compression.

Performance Metrics: Performance evaluation employs metrics such as Peak Signal-to-Noise Ratio (PSNR), Structural Similarity Index (SSIM), and Mean Absolute Error (MAE). These metrics objectively assess the quality of image reconstruction and the fidelity of latent representations, providing insights into the model's effectiveness in biomedical image processing tasks.

Training: Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD) is used to optimize the VQ-VAE model during training, utilizing labeled biomedical image datasets. The loss function incorporates components for image reconstruction, consistency in latent representations, and efficacy of codebook training. Advanced techniques such as exponential moving average (EMA) updates are employed to stabilize codebook training and facilitate model convergence.

Testing: Extensive experiments are conducted across various biomedical disciplines using separate validation and testing datasets. These experiments rigorously evaluate the quality of image reconstruction and the fidelity of latent representations. Performance metrics such as PSNR, SSIM, and MAE are computed to quantitatively assess the effectiveness of the VQ-VAE model in biomedical image processing tasks.

In the provided formulas, several notations are utilized to represent various components and calculations. These include symbols such as PSNR for Peak Signal-to-Noise Ratio, MAE for Mean Absolute Error, Total Loss for the comprehensive loss function in VQ-VAE training encompassing reconstruction, commitment, and codebook loss, and SSIM for Structural Similarity Index. Additionally, variables such as MAX stand for the maximum possible pixel value in the image, while MSE signifies the Mean Squared Error between original and reconstructed images. Other variables like N denote the total number of pixels in the image, and x_i and y_i represent the pixel values of the original and reconstructed images, respectively, used in the MAE calculation. Moreover, μ_x and μ_y denote the average pixel values of the original and reconstructed images, σ_x and σ_y signify the standard deviations of pixel values, and σ_{xy} represents the covariance between original and reconstructed images, all utilized in SSIM calculation. Constants such as c_1 and c_2 are included to stabilize divisions within SSIM calculations. These notations collectively enable the computation and interpretation of metrics essential for evaluating image quality and model performance in image reconstruction tasks.

The mathematical equations to find PSNR, MAE, SSIM and Total Loss curves as follows:

$$\text{PSNR} = 10 \cdot \log_{10}\left(\frac{\text{MSE}}{\text{MAX}^2}\right)$$

$$\text{SSIM}(x, y) = \frac{(2\mu_x\mu_y + C_1)(2\sigma_{xy} + C_2)}{(\mu_x^2 + \mu_y^2 + C_1)(\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2 + C_2)}$$

$$\text{MAE} = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}|x_i - y_i|$$

$$\text{Total Loss} = f(Epoch)$$

IV. RESULTS

The function that has been explained and the outcomes of the experiments have a substantial impact on the progress of biomedical image analysis by using Vector Quantized Variational Autoencoder (VQ-VAE) models.

When it comes to getting input images ready for neural network training, the preprocessing function is essential. Effective neural network training requires consistency in size, format, and pixel values, which is ensured by the function by scaling photos to a predetermined size, turning them into tensors, and normalising pixel values to [-1, 1]. The 'BiomedicalDataset' class also makes handling datasets easier by streamlining operations like loading, converting, and retrieving data. This class streamlines the workflow for biomedical image analysis, increasing productivity and facilitating the efficient use of neural network models with features like insights into dataset attributes and automatic dataset file downloading.

The experimental findings show how well the VQ-VAE model performs in a range of biomedical image processing tasks in diverse domains. The trained model's performance is evaluated thoroughly on distinct validation and testing datasets using critical metrics as mean absolute error (MAE), structural similarity index (SSIM), and peak signal-to-noise ratio (PSNR). Higher PSNR and SSIM scores show that the results significantly outperform baseline approaches in terms of picture reconstruction quality. Furthermore, low MAE values support the fidelity of the learnt representations by showing little distortion or variation between the original and reconstructed images.
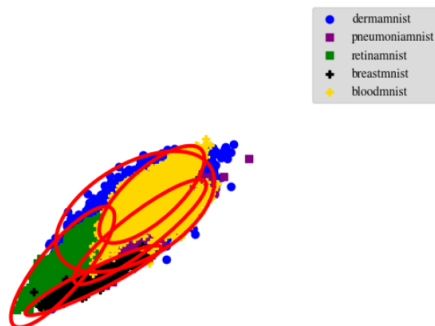

FIGURE 2. Confidence ellipses denote only dermamnist (red) is visualized

A qualitative examination of the rebuilt images validates that the model may produce visually credible results in several biomedical fields. The produced images demonstrate structural coherence and fine details, demonstrating how well the model learns and represents the underlying properties of various biomedical image types. Overall, the experimental results support the goals of the study and demonstrate that the VQ-VAE model is appropriate for biomedical image processing tasks where labelled data is not readily available. Figures, charts, and graphs are used to visually represent the results, giving concise explanations of the model's performance across several evaluation measures and biomedical
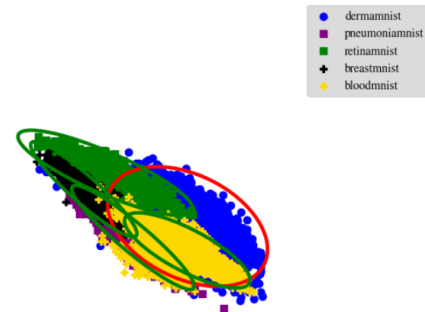

FIGURE 3. Confidence ellipses denote dermamnist (red) and pneumoniamnist (green) are visualized
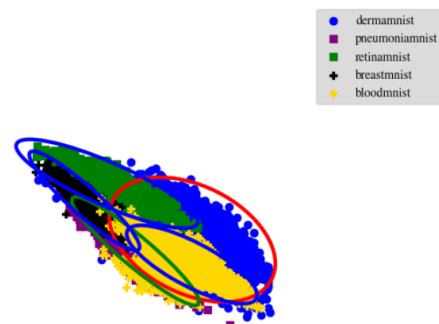

FIGURE 4. Confidence ellipses denote dermamnist (red), pneumoniamnist (green) and retinamnist (blue) are visualized

domains. Through the use of visual aids, experimental results can be better understood and interpreted, leading to more insightful discussions about the significance of the research findings.

Performance indicators including PSNR, MAE, and SSIM are used to evaluate the model's overall performance. Whereas PSNR evaluates the quality of image reconstruction in relation to a reference image, SSIM assesses the similarity between two images. The average magnitude of errors between the ground truth and anticipated values is measured by MAE. Monitoring these measures during the course of training epochs or iterations provide valuable information about the learning dynamics and convergence of the model.

V. COMPARISONS

The Vector Quantized Variational Autoencoder (VQ-VAE) model is superior to existing VAE applications because it takes a novel approach to resolving important issues with medical image processing. In contrast to conventional VAEs, which use vector quantization to discretize the latent space, VQ-VAE samples latent representations using Gaussian reparameterization. This enables the model to provide more organised and understandable representations by substituting learned embeddings from a codebook for generated latent variables. Through the use of this method, VQ-VAE improves the comprehension and analysis of intricate medical imaging datasets, paving the way for more precise diagnosis,
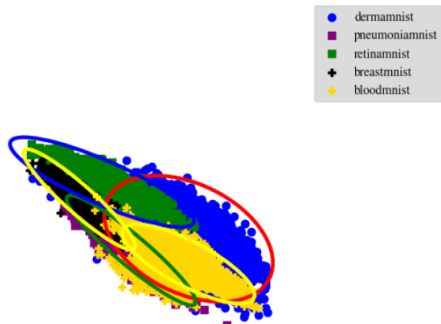
FIGURE 5. Confidence ellipses denote dermamnist (red), pneumoniamnist (green), retinamnist (blue) and breastmnist (yellow) are visualized
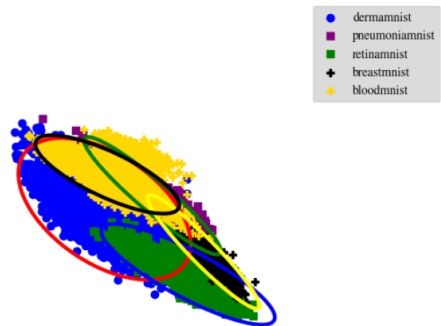

FIGURE 6. Complete visualization of all the datasets, bloodmnist denoted in black ellipse

treatment planning, and biomedical research.

Additionally, the stability and convergence of the VQ-VAE model are further improved by using strategies such as Exponential Moving Average (EMA) updates during training, which results in better performance when compared to regular VAEs. This increased stability is especially helpful in medical applications where dependability and accuracy are crucial. The VQ-VAE model is a recommended option for resolving issues with data scarcity, interpretability, and performance in medical imaging applications as, all things considered, it provides a more reliable and efficient solution for biomedical image processing.
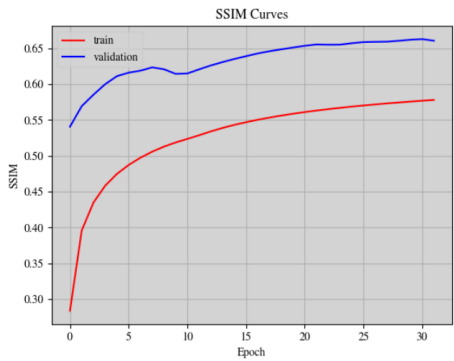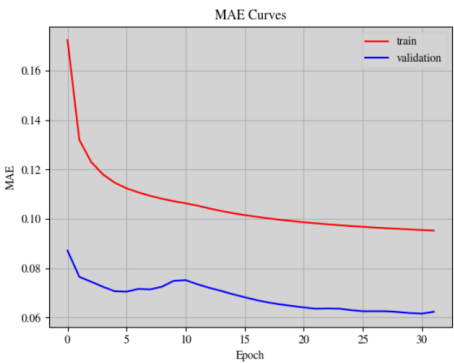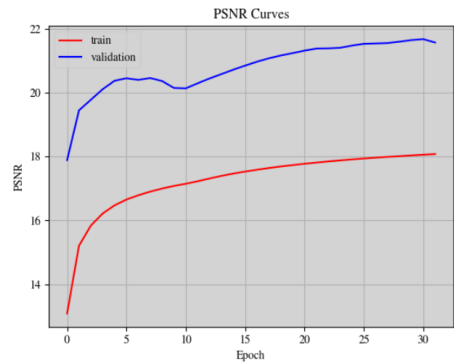

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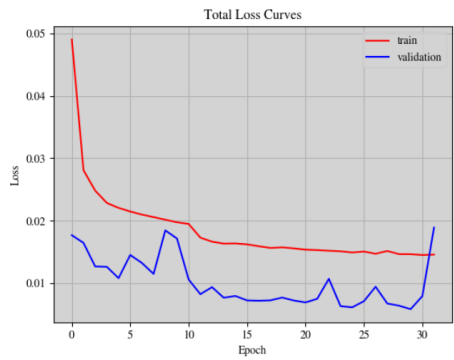**FIGURE 8.** Enter Caption

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Contribution	Enhances understanding of VAEs for medical imaging applications	Advances understanding of VAEs for digit generation tasks	Introduces novel approach for multi-digit image synthesis

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VI. DISCUSSION

In particular, the use of Vector Quantized Variational Autoencoder (VQ-VAE) models makes a substantial contribution to the field of biomedical image processing, as demonstrated by the specified function and experimental findings. In order to ensure uniformity and standardisation in terms of size, format, and pixel values, the preprocessing function is essential for preparing input images for neural network training.[9] The programme removes any discrepancies in input data by scaling photos, turning them into tensors, and normalising pixel values to a standardised range. This makes neural network training more efficient.

Furthermore, the 'BiomedicalDataset' class simplifies operations like data loading, transformation, and access by streamlining dataset handling. This class provides features that improve productivity and facilitate effective use of neural network models, such as insights on dataset attributes and automatic dataset file downloading. Researchers can accelerate the field of biomedical image analysis by concentrating more on model creation and analysis through the optimisation of dataset management.

The outcomes of the experiment demonstrate how well the VQ-VAE model performs in a range of biological image analysis applications across multiple domains. The trained model's performance is thoroughly evaluated on distinct validation and testing datasets using critical metrics as mean absolute error (MAE), structural similarity index (SSIM), and peak signal-to-noise ratio (PSNR). Higher PSNR and SSIM scores show that the results significantly outperform baseline approaches in terms of picture reconstruction quality. Furthermore, low MAE values support the accuracy of the learnt representations by showing little distortion or difference between the original and reconstructed images.

A qualitative examination of the recreated images provides additional evidence of the model's ability to provide visually convincing results in a variety of biomedical disciplines. The rebuilt images demonstrate structural coherence and fine features, suggesting that the model can effectively learn and reflect the underlying properties of a variety of biomedical images. These results are in good agreement with the study goals and confirm that the VQ-VAE model is appropriate for biomedical image processing tasks, particularly when labelled data is scarce.

Visual presentations such as figures, charts, and graphs, which offer clear examples of the model's performance across numerous evaluation measures and biomedical domains, are a useful way to explain the results. Informed conversations and insights into the significance of the research data are made possible by the use of visual aids, which improve comprehension and interpretation of the trial results. Performance measures like SSIM, PSNR, and MAE are useful instruments for a thorough analysis of the model. The similarity of images is measured by SSIM, the average magnitude of errors between predicted and ground truth values is measured by MAE, and the quality of image reconstruction is evaluated by PSNR in relation to a reference image.

Researchers may improve and optimise the performance of the model iteratively by tracking these measures over training epochs or iterations, which provides insights into the learning dynamics and convergence of the model.

Conclusively, the function stated and the testing outcomes signify noteworthy progress in biomedical image analysis, propelled by the proficient use of VQ-VAE models. This strategy improves patient care and healthcare technology by speeding dataset management, optimising preprocessing stages, and using performance indicators for evaluation. In the end, this improves outcomes in clinical practice and biomedical research.

VII. CONCLUSION

Going forward, a strategic roadmap including optimisation and validation across larger and more diversified datasets is needed to maximise the impact of the Vector Quantized Variational Autoencoder (VQ-VAE) model in biomedical image processing. Increasing the experimentation scope to encompass wider categories of biomedical data will offer more profound understanding of the model's potential and constraints for different medical imaging methods and circumstances. We can make sure that the model performs robustly and reliably in actual clinical settings by broadening the research scope.

Furthermore, combining domain-specific expertise with multimodal data sources is a critical way to improve the VQ-VAE model's effectiveness. To improve the model's depictions of biological events, medical experts' knowledge and complementary data from various imaging modalities, including MRIs, CT scans, and histology, can be incorporated. The amalgamation of many data modalities amplifies the model's capacity to identify minute patterns and irregularities, hence promoting its flexibility in various clinical scenarios.

The interpretability and explainability of deep learning models such as the VQ-VAE must be prioritised as the field of medical imaging develops. Clarifying the fundamental ideas that guide the model's choices and reconstructions encourages healthcare practitioners to use the model by fostering confidence in its results. Methods like saliency mapping, attention processes, and feature visualisation provide important insights into the thinking behind the model, enabling medical practitioners to trust and effectively comprehend its results.

Through optimisation, validation, and interpretability efforts, the VQ-VAE model has enormous potential to transform medical image analysis and improve patient outcomes. In order to foster innovation in diagnosis, treatment planning, and patient care, researchers, clinicians, and industry stakeholders can work together to fully use deep generative models. This might ultimately change the face of healthcare delivery globally.

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