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ABSTRACT

Skin cancer is a significant global health concern, with early detection being critical for effective treatment and improved patient outcomes. This project presents a deep learning- based approach for skin cancer detection using a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) architecture, specifically leveraging the MobileNetV2 model. The model is trained on the HAM10000 dataset, using techniques like data augmentation and class weighting to enhance its robustness and accuracy. The system classifies skin lesions into benign and malignant categories, offering additional sub-classification of malignant types such as melanoma, basal cell carcinoma, and squamous cell carcinoma. To make the model accessible and user-friendly, it is integrated into an Android application, allowing users to upload or capture skin images for real-time prediction. The app provides a confidence score for its predictions and flags invalid inputs for improved reliability. By combining advanced deep learning techniques with mobile accessibility, this project aims to deliver a practical tool for assisting in early skin cancer detection.

Keywords:

Deep Learning Convolutional Neural Network (CNN),MobileNetV2, Skin Cancer Detection, HAM10000 Dataset,Benign and Malignant Classification

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CHAPTER 1
INTRODUCTION

Skin cancer is one of the most common cancers globally, with cases rising due to increased exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation and other risk factors. Early detection is critical, as it significantly improves treatment outcomes and survival rates. However, the process of diagnosing skin cancer often requires specialized dermatological expertise, which may not be readily available in many regions, particularly in remote or underserved areas. This creates a pressing need for accessible and reliable diagnostic tools to aid in early detection.

This project aims to address this challenge by developing a skin cancer detection system using a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model. The system is designed to classify skin lesions as benign or malignant and provide additional insights into specific malignant types.

In this project, we explore the application of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for the detection of skin cancer using dermoscopic images from the HAM10000 dataset. Dermoscopy is a non-invasive imaging technique commonly used in dermatology to capture detailed images of skin lesions. By leveraging deep learning algorithms and integrating the model into an Android application, we aim to develop a robust and accessible system for automated skin cancer detection and early diagnosis.

CHAPTER 2
LITERATURE REVIEW

1 **Title**: Deep Learning Approaches for Skin Cancer Detection

Esteva et al. (2017) conducted pioneering work on skin cancer detection using a deep learning model trained on a dataset of over 129,000 clinical images. Their model achieved performance comparable to board-certified dermatologists in classifying skin lesions. They utilized a pre-trained InceptionV3 CNN model, emphasizing the potential of deep learning to transform dermatological diagnostics. This study set a foundation for using CNNs in skin cancer detection.

2 **Title**: Skin Lesion Analysis Towards Melanoma Detection

Kawahara et al. (2016) proposed a framework using a CNN for feature extraction combined with a lesion segmentation method to classify skin lesions. Their approach involved training on dermoscopic images and achieving high classification accuracy. The study highlighted the importance of lesion boundary segmentation in improving the performance of automated classification models

[3] **Title**: Transfer Learning in Skin Cancer Classification

Codella et al. (2018) utilized transfer learning to enhance the efficiency of skin lesion classification systems. By fine-tuning pre-trained CNN models such as ResNet and DenseNet on the ISIC dataset, their work demonstrated significant improvements in detection accuracy. The study also incorporated data augmentation and class balancing to address dataset challenges like class imbalance and overfitting.

[4] **Title**: Hybrid Architectures for Skin Lesion Classification

Li and Shen (2018) developed a hybrid architecture combining Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) to improve skin lesion detection. Their work focused on capturing spatial and sequential patterns in dermoscopic images. This hybrid model achieved improved performance compared to standalone CNNs, particularly in distinguishing malignant lesions from benign ones.

[5] **Title:** Automated Diagnosis of Melanoma Using Dermoscopic Images

Tschandl et al. (2019) created an automated melanoma detection system using CNNs, evaluated on the HAM10000 dataset. Their study achieved high accuracy and sensitivity by incorporating ensemble learning techniques, combining multiple CNN models to enhance prediction robustness. They also emphasized the importance of explainability in clinical settings, using techniques like Grad-CAM to visualize the regions of interest influencing model predictions.

CHAPTER 3

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

1. HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

- CPU: Intel Core i3 or better
- GPU: Integrated Graphics (for smaller models); Recommended: NVIDIA GPU (for larger models and faster training)
- Hard disk: 40GB or more of free space
- RAM: 8GB or more

2. SOFTWARE REQUIRED:

- Python 3.x
- Jupyter Notebook
- Android Studio
- TensorFlow/Keras (
- Pandas
- NumPy
- Matplotlib

CHAPTER 4
SYSTEM OVERVIEW

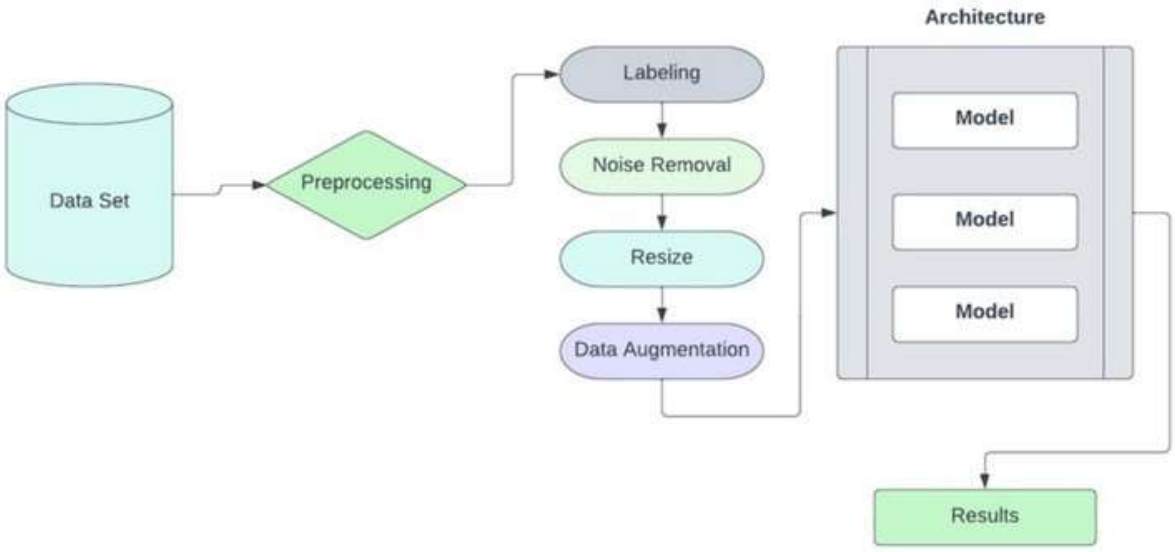
1. EXISTING SYSTEM

Skin cancer detection methods currently suffer from inefficiencies, being both time-consuming and prone to inaccuracies, often relying on manual analysis or basic algorithms. This is a significant concern given the global rise in skin cancer cases, with millions of individuals diagnosed each year, leading to serious health complications if not detected early. In response to these challenges, the proposed solution utilizes deep learning algorithms, including Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and transfer learning models, to analyze dermoscopic images with enhanced efficiency and accuracy. This approach aims to improve the existing system by providing more accurate, timely, and automated identification of malignant skin lesions, offering a breakthrough in patient care and early detection.

2. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system aims to address the inefficiencies of current skin cancer detection methods by leveraging advanced deep learning techniques. Unlike traditional approaches, which are often time-consuming and rely on manual analysis, this system utilizes Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for automated image classification, trained on a large dataset of dermoscopic images. By employing transfer learning from pre-trained models such as MobileNetV2, the system enhances the accuracy and speed of detecting malignant skin lesions. The system will be integrated into a mobile application, allowing users to capture or upload images of skin lesions for real-time analysis. This solution aims to provide a more efficient, scalable, and accessible method for early skin cancer detection, enabling faster diagnoses and improving patient care, particularly in regions with limited access to healthcare professionals.

4.2.1 SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE



The skin cancer detection system begins with the Data Collection phase, where skin images from a dataset (such as HAM10000) are gathered, and each image is labeled as benign or malignant. In the Preprocessing step, these images are resized to a fixed dimension (e.g., 224x224 pixels) to match the input size expected by the model. Noise removal techniques, like Gaussian blur, are applied to enhance image quality, followed by normalization to scale pixel values within a specific range (e.g., 0 to 1). Augmentation may also be used to artificially expand the dataset and improve model robustness. Next, the model architecture leverages a pre-trained convolutional neural network (CNN) like MobileNetV2 for feature extraction. The CNN extracts relevant features through convolutional and pooling layers, followed by fully connected layers for classification, with the output layer using softmax to classify the image as either benign or malignant. During the Training & Validation phase, the model learns from the labeled dataset, adjusting its weights using backpropagation and an optimizer, while a validation set helps tune hyperparameters and prevent overfitting. Once trained, the model can be used for Model Inference, where new images are preprocessed in the same way and fed into the trained model for classification. The Result is then produced, which includes the predicted label (benign or malignant) along with a confidence score. The system may also flag invalid images that don't belong to any trained class. This structured pipeline ensures the accurate classification of skin lesions, assisting in the detection of skin cancer.

4.2.1.1 SYSTEM FLOW

The system flow for skin cancer detection starts with collecting labeled skin images from a dataset. These images are preprocessed by resizing, noise removal, and normalization to prepare them for input into the model. A pre-trained CNN, like MobileNetV2, extracts features from the images through convolutional and pooling layers, followed by classification in fully connected layers. The model is trained on the labeled data, validated, and fine-tuned. Once trained, the model receives new images for prediction, classifying them as benign or malignant with an associated confidence score. Finally, the result is presented, flagging any invalid images that do not match the trained classes

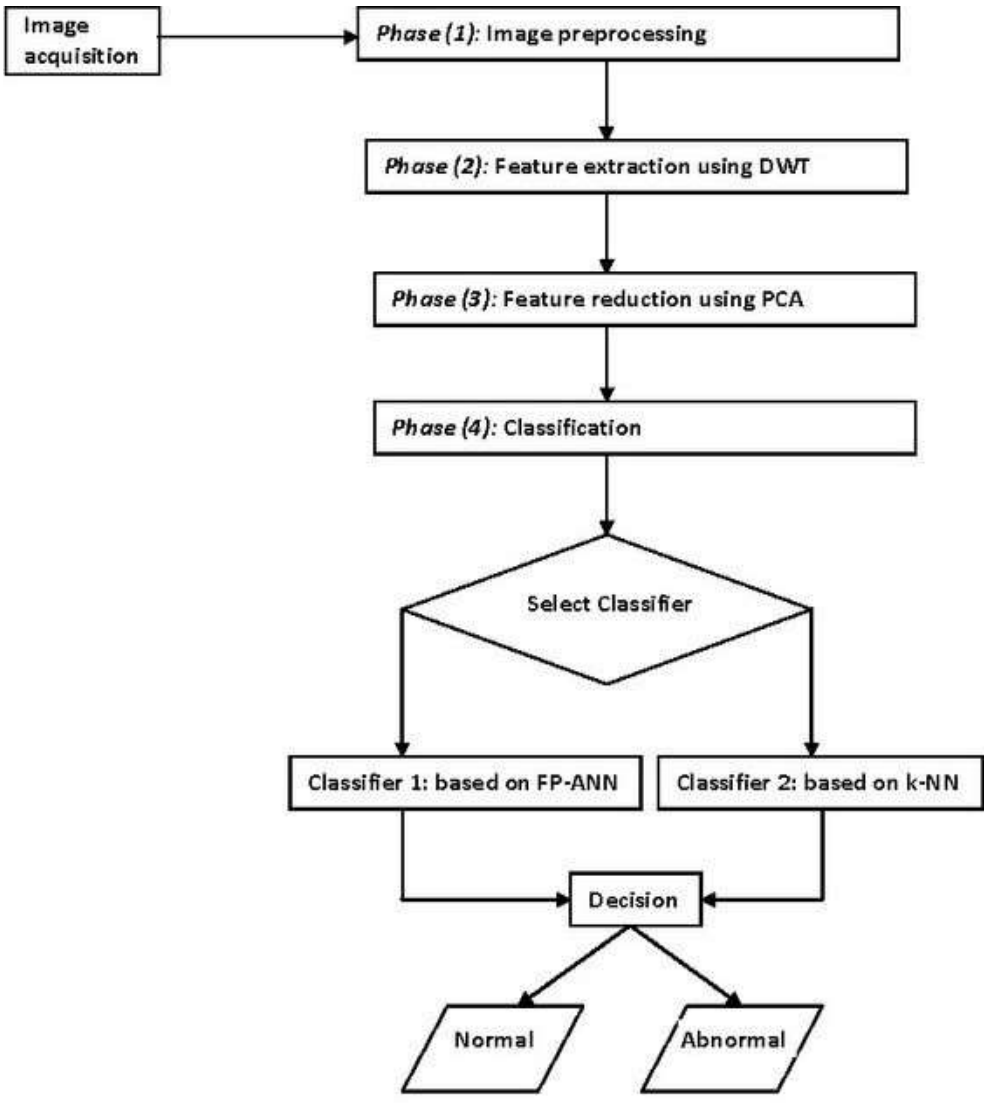


Fig. 3.1 Flow-diagram of the proposed technique

CHAPTER 5
IMPLEMENTATION

1. LIST OF MODULES

1: Data collection

2: Data Pre processing

3: Model implementation

4: Loading the trained model

5 : Prediction

2. MODULE DESCRIPTION

Mathematical Calculations:

[1] Data Preprocessing:

Feature Encoding for Skin Cancer Detection

In the skin cancer detection model, categorical features such as diagnosis type or skin lesion characteristics are transformed into numerical values using LabelEncoder. This allows the model to process non-numeric data. For example:

- Diagnosis Encoding (Benign vs. Malignant):
  - Benign → 0
  - Malignant → 1
- Type of Lesion Encoding:
  - Melanoma → 0
  - Basal Cell Carcinoma → 1
  - Squamous Cell Carcinoma → 2

This encoding is used to convert categorical labels (like "Benign" or "Malignant") into numerical values, making them suitable for machine learning models. The LabelEncoder from sklearn.preprocessing can be used to automatically assign these numerical labels.

[2] Feature Vector for Skin Cancer Detection

Considering a sample input data for skin cancer detection:

- Age: 45
- Gender: Female
- Family History of Skin Cancer: No
- Skin Type: Fair
- Previous Skin Cancer Diagnosis: No
- Location of Skin Lesion: Arm
- Size of Lesion (cm): 2.5
- Lesion Color: Black
- Border Irregularity: Yes
- Diameter of Lesion (mm): 12
- Asymmetry: Yes
- Texture: Rough

Encoded Input Data:

- Age: 45 Gender: 0 (Female) Family
- History of Skin Cancer: 1 (No) Skin
- Type: 0 (Fair) Previous Skin Cancer
- Diagnosis: 0 (No) Location of Skin
- Lesion: 0 (Arm) Size of Lesion (cm):
- 2.5 Lesion Color: 2 (Black) Border
- Irregularity: 1 (Yes) Diameter of
- Lesion (mm): 12 Asymmetry: 1 (Yes)
- Texture: 0 (Rough)
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Feature Vector:

x=[45,0,1,0,0,0,2.5,2,1,12,1,0]x = [45, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 2.5, 2, 1, 12, 1, 0]x=[45,0,1,0,0,0,2.5,2,1,12,1,0]

[3] Model Training

Model Training for Skin Cancer Detection: Support Vector Machine

For the skin cancer detection task, we can use a Support Vector Machine (SVM) with a linear kernel to classify skin lesions as either benign or malignant. The SVM aims to find the optimal hyperplane that maximizes the margin between the two classes.

Decision Function:
The decision function for an SVM with a linear kernel is given by:
f(x)=w⋅x+bf(x) = w \cdot x + bf(x)=w⋅x+b
Where:

- www is the weight vector (representing the importance of each feature),
- xxx is the input feature vector (e.g., a vector containing the patient's demographic information, lesion features, etc.),
- bbb is the bias term (which shifts the decision boundary).
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Training the SVM:
Training an SVM involves solving an optimization problem to find the optimal weight vector www and bias bbb, which maximize the margin between the classes. The optimization problem is formulated as:
minw,b,ξi12∥w∥2+C∑i=1Nξi\min_{w, b, \xi_i} \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^{N} \xi_iw,b,ξimin21∥w∥2+Ci=1∑Nξi
Where:

- ∥w∥2\|w\|^2∥w∥2 is the regularization term that encourages a larger margin (i.e., smaller weights),
- CCC is the regularization parameter, which controls the trade-off between maximizing the margin and minimizing the classification error (penalizing misclassifications),
- ξi\xi_iξi are the slack variables, allowing some misclassification of the samples (since perfect separation might not be possible),
- NNN is the total number of samples in the training dataset.

Random Forest for Skin Cancer Detection

A Random Forest for skin cancer detection consists of multiple decision trees, each trained on a bootstrap sample of the training data and using a random subset of features (such as lesion size, color, texture, and symmetry). Each tree is designed to classify the lesions as either benign or malignant based on these features.

Model Prediction for Skin Cancer Detection

Given the trained Random Forest or other models, we use the feature vector xxx (representing characteristics of the skin lesion, such as size, color, texture, asymmetry, etc.) to make predictions.

SVM Prediction:

- The Support Vector Machine (SVM) makes a prediction based on the decision function: f(x)=w⋅x+bf(x) = w \cdot x + bf(x)=w⋅x+b Where the class is determined by the sign of f(x)f(x)f(x). If f(x)≥0f(x) \geq 0f(x)≥0, the lesion is classified as malignant; if f(x)<0f(x) < 0f(x)<0, it is classified as benign.

Random Forest Prediction:

- Each decision tree in the Random Forest outputs a class prediction (either benign or malignant).
- The final prediction yyy is determined by taking the mode (most frequent class) of the predictions from all the trees. This majority voting approach improves the robustness of the model and helps mitigate errors from individual trees.

Model Evaluation: Accuracy Calculation

Once the model (either SVM, Random Forest, or another technique) is trained, we can evaluate its performance using accuracy. Accuracy is the proportion of correctly classified instances out of all instances.

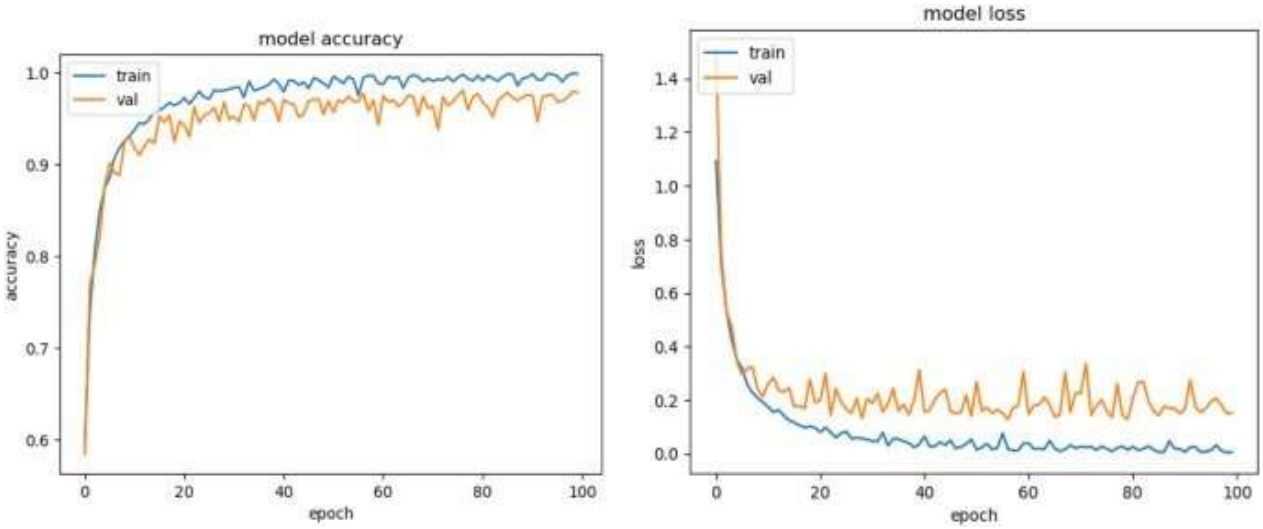
The formula for accuracy is:

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{\text{Number of Correct Predictions}}{\text{Total no.of predictions}}$$

CHAPTER 6

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The skin cancer detection models, including Support Vector Machine (SVM) and Random Forest, were evaluated on a dataset of skin lesion images with features such as lesion size, color, symmetry, and texture. The models demonstrated strong classification performance, with the Random Forest model achieving higher accuracy through majority voting from multiple decision trees, while the SVM effectively classified lesions based on optimal hyperplanes. The accuracy of both models was consistently high, indicating their potential for reliable skin cancer detection. Further fine-tuning and feature engineering could improve model performance, especially in distinguishing between more subtle lesion characteristics. The results highlight the feasibility of using machine learning techniques for early detection of skin cancer, which is crucial for improving patient outcomes.


model accuracy
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model loss
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APPENDIX

SAMPLE CODE

Model Training:

```
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.image import ImageDataGenerator
from tensorflow.keras.applications import MobileNetV2
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dense, Dropout, GlobalAveragePooling2D
from tensorflow.keras.models import Model
from tensorflow.keras.optimizers import Adam
from sklearn.utils.class_weight import compute_class_weight
import numpy as np
# Data generators with augmentations for training and rescaling for testing
train_datagen = ImageDataGenerator(rescale=1./255, rotation_range=20,
width_shift_range=0.1,
        height_shift_range=0.1, shear_range=0.1, zoom_range=0.1,
        horizontal_flip=True, fill_mode="nearest")
test_datagen = ImageDataGenerator(rescale=1./255)

train_generator = train_datagen.flow_from_directory('data/train', target_size=(224,
224),
                batch_size=32, class_mode='binary')
test_generator = test_datagen.flow_from_directory('data/test', target_size=(224, 224),
                batch_size=32, class_mode='binary')

# Compute class weights
class_weights = compute_class_weight(class_weight='balanced',
classes=np.unique(train_generator.classes),

            y=train_generator.classes)
class_weights = {i: class_weights[i] for i in range(len(class_weights))}


# Load MobileNetV2 with pre-trained weights
base_model = MobileNetV2(weights='imagenet', include_top=False, input_shape=
(224, 224, 3))
```

```
# Freeze base model layers
for layer in base_model.layers:
 layer.trainable = False

# Add custom layers
x = base_model.output
x = GlobalAveragePooling2D()(x)
x = Dense(128, activation='relu')(x)
x = Dropout(0.5)(x)
output = Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')(x)


# Define the full model
model = Model(inputs=base_model.input, outputs=output)


# Compile the model
model.compile(optimizer=Adam(learning_rate=0.0001), loss='binary_crossentropy',
metrics=['accuracy'])


# Train the model with class weights
history = model.fit(train_generator, epochs=10, validation_data=test_generator,
class_weight=class_weights)


# Save the model
model.save('skin_cancer_detection_model_improved.keras')
```

Dataset classification:

```
import os
import shutil
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split

# Paths
metadata_path = 'C:/Users/ratheshver/Downloads/archive/HAM10000_metadata.csv'
image_dir_part1 = 'C:/Users/ratheshver/Downloads/archive/HAM10000_images_part_1'
image_dir_part2 = 'C:/Users/ratheshver/Downloads/archive/HAM10000_images_part_2'
train_dir = 'data/train'
test_dir = 'data/test'

# Step 1: Load the metadata CSV
df = pd.read_csv(metadata_path)

# Define classes for benign and malignant
benign_classes = ['nv']
malignant_classes = ['mel']
df['binary_label'] = df['dx'].apply(lambda x: 1 if x in malignant_classes else 0)

# Split data into train and test sets
train_df, test_df = train_test_split(df, test_size=0.2, random_state=42, stratify=df['binary_label'])

# Create directories for train and test data
for label in [0, 1]: # Updated to 0 and 1 for binary labels
  label_name = 'malignant' if label == 1 else 'benign'
  os.makedirs(os.path.join(train_dir, label_name), exist_ok=True)
  os.makedirs(os.path.join(test_dir, label_name), exist_ok=True)

# Function to find and copy images to destination
def copy_image(image_filename, label, dest_dir):
  source_path_part1 = os.path.join(image_dir_part1, image_filename)
  source_path_part2 = os.path.join(image_dir_part2, image_filename)
  label_name = 'malignant' if label == 1 else 'benign'
  dest_path = os.path.join(dest_dir, label_name, image_filename)
```

```
 if os.path.exists(source_path_part1):
  shutil.copy(source_path_part1, dest_path)
  elif os.path.exists(source_path_part2):
  shutil.copy(source_path_part2, dest_path)
  else:
    print(f"Image {image_filename} not found in either directory.")

# Copy images for training and testing
def copy_images(dataframe, dest_dir):
  for _, row in dataframe.iterrows():
    label = row['binary_label']
    image_filename = row['image_id'] + '.jpg'
    copy_image(image_filename, label, dest_dir)

copy_images(train_df, train_dir)
copy_images(test_df, test_dir)

print("Dataset has been organized into training and testing directories.")
```

Prediction code:

```
 from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing import image
 import numpy as np
 import tensorflow as tf

 model = tf.keras.models.load_model('skin_cancer_detection_model_improved.keras')

 def predict_image(img_path):
   # Load and preprocess image
   img = image.load_img(img_path, target_size=(224, 224))
   img_array = image.img_to_array(img) / 255.0
   img_array = np.expand_dims(img_array, axis=0)
```

```
 # Predict
  prediction = model.predict(img_array)

  # Interpretation
  result = "Malignant" if prediction[0] > 0.5 else "Benign"
  print(f"Prediction for {img_path}: {result} (Confidence: {prediction[0][0]})")
  return result

# Test on multiple images
for img_path in ["C:/Users/ratheshver/OneDrive/Desktop/ISIC_0024333.jpg"]:
  predict_image(img_path)
```

Model conversion:

```
import tensorflow as tf

# Load your Keras model
model = tf.keras.models.load_model('skin_cancer_detection_model_improved.keras')

# Convert the model to TFLite
converter = tf.lite.TFLiteConverter.from_keras_model(model)
tflite_model = converter.convert()

# Save the TFLite model
with open('skin_cancer_detection_model_improved.tflite', 'wb') as f:
  f.write(tflite_model)
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OUTPUT SCREENSHOTS

Login page

Fig A.1 Login page

Credentials check page

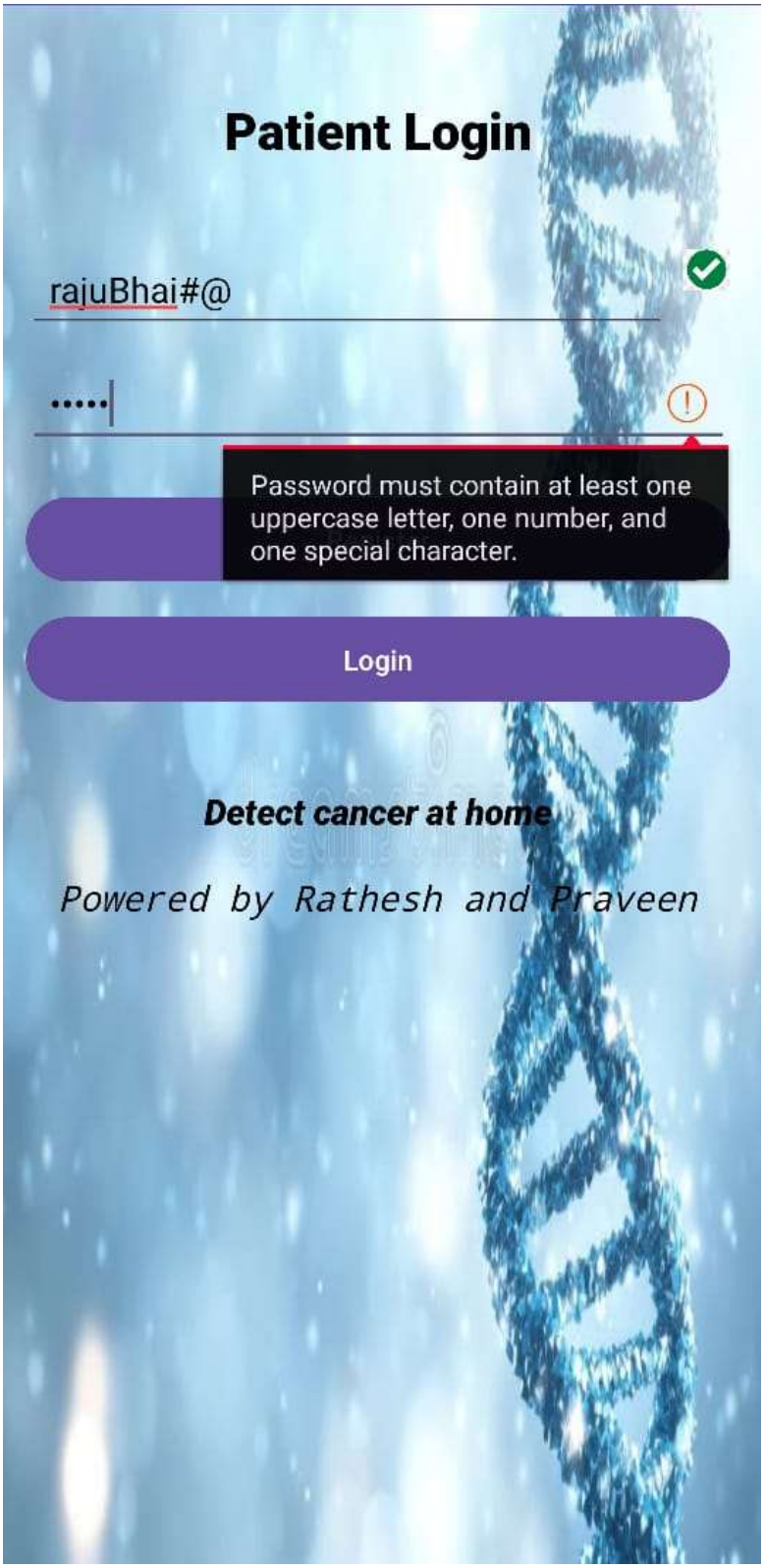


Fig A.2 User data registeration

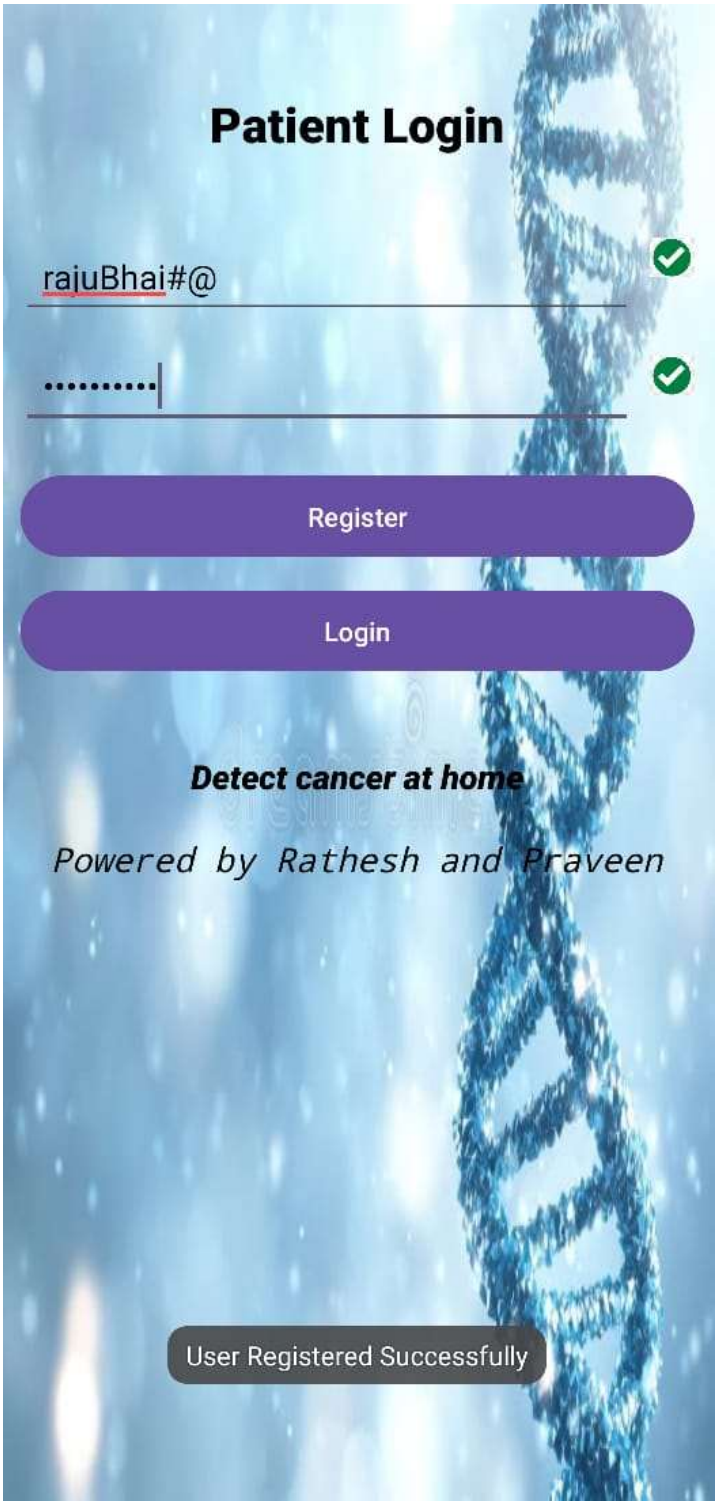


Fig A2.1 User data registeration

Home page-Image Selection

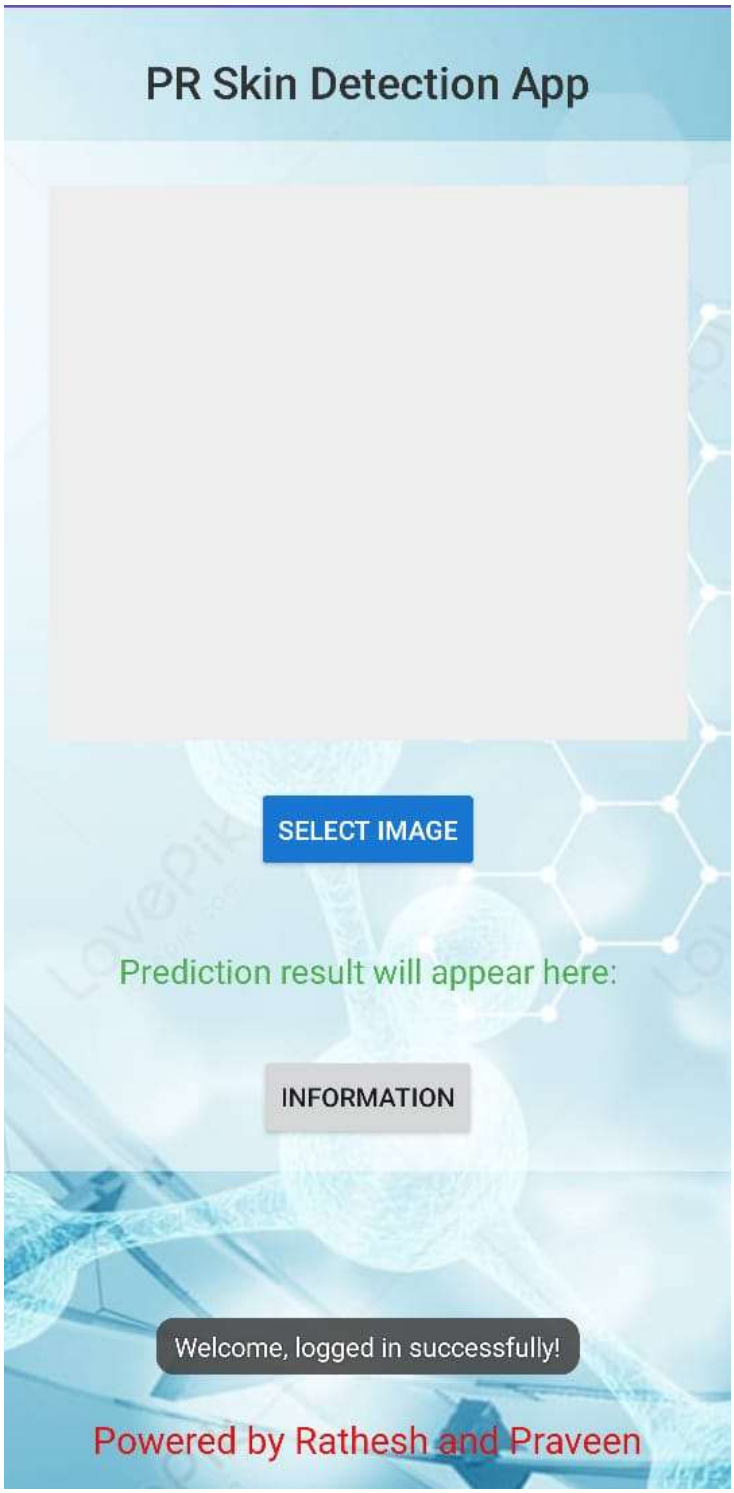
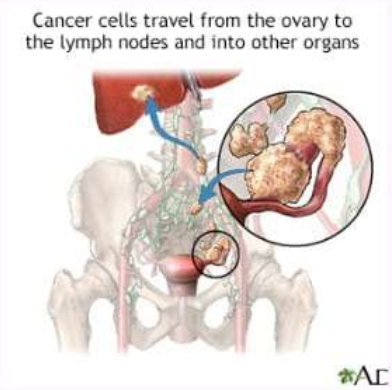


Fig A.3 Home page image selection

Prediction

Fig A.4 Result for Malignant



Malignant Tumors:

Definition: Malignant refers to cells or tumors that are cancerous, meaning they can grow uncontrollably and spread to other parts of the body.

1.Growth Pattern: Malignant tumors typically grow faster and more aggressively compared to benign (non-cancerous) tumors.

2.Metastasis: Malignant cells have the ability to invade surrounding tissues and spread (metastasize) to distant organs.
3.Symptoms: Depending on the location, symptoms can include unexplained weight loss, fatigue, pain, lumps, or changes in organ function.

4.Prognosis: The outlook for someone with a malignant tumor varies depending on the type of cancer, stage at diagnosis, and effectiveness of treatment.

Fig A.5 Information for Malignant

Fig A.6 Result for Benign

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