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ABSTRACT

Polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS) is a hormonal disorder affecting women's reproductive health, marked by symptoms such as irregular menstrual cycles, elevated androgen levels, and polycystic ovarian morphology. Accurate diagnosis is often difficult due to overlapping features with other conditions and observer variability in ultrasound interpretations. To address this, recent advancements leverage artificial intelligence (AI) and deep learning techniques—particularly Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)—to analyze ultrasound images with higher accuracy and consistency. CNN models are effective in detecting subtle features like increased follicle count and ovarian volume, which are critical for PCOS diagnosis. These AI-driven systems not only improve diagnostic precision but also enable early, non-invasive detection and continuous monitoring. The use of imaging biomarkers processed through CNNs enhances clinical decision-making and supports personalized treatment strategies, leading to improved outcomes for patients.

KEYWORDS: Polycystic ovarian syndrome, PCOS, early detection, diagnostic imaging, artificial intelligence, image biomarkers, non-invasive diagnosis, reproductive health, endocrine imaging, AI algorithms, ultrasound imaging, machine learning, ovarian morphology.

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Project Objectives

1. Develop a robust Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model capable of accurately detecting Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) from ultrasound images by extracting and learning relevant morphological features.
2. Construct a curated and preprocessed dataset of labeled ultrasound images classified as either PCOS or normal, ensuring uniformity through techniques like resizing, grayscale conversion, and normalization.
3. Implement the training and validation of the deep learning model using appropriate machine learning frameworks such as TensorFlow and Keras, while applying strategies to prevent overfitting and enhance generalization.
4. Design an interactive and user-friendly web application using Flask that enables real-time PCOS detection by allowing users to upload ultrasound images and instantly view diagnostic results.
5. Evaluate the model's performance through established metrics like accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and confusion matrix analysis, ensuring its reliability and clinical relevance for practical deployment.

Project Outcomes

1. Implement a real-time web interface using Flask, that enable users to upload ultrasound images and receive immediate diagnostic feedback, thereby increasing the accessibility and utility of AI-driven diagnostics in clinical environments.
2. Demonstrate successful development of a deep learning-based system using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) to automatically detect PCOS from ultrasound images with high accuracy, reducing manual diagnostic dependency and enhancing consistency.
3. Apply effective preprocessing and model optimization techniques, including resizing, grayscale conversion, normalization, and regularization, that leads to improved performance and stronger generalization on previously unseen data.
4. Developed a scalable AI diagnostic framework, enabling analysis of multi-class disorders, EHR integration, and detection of reproductive and endocrine conditions

5. Applied clinical decision support systems to assist physicians in evaluating diagnostic outcomes, analyzing medical data for second opinions, and promoting earlier diagnoses—thereby enhancing patient outcomes, especially in areas lacking access to expert radiologists.

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1.INTRODUCTION

Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS) is one of the most prevalent endocrine disorders, affecting an estimated 5–15% of women of reproductive age worldwide. It is a complex and heterogeneous condition characterized by a combination of clinical, biochemical, and morphological features, including menstrual irregularities, hyperandrogenism (excess androgen levels), insulin resistance, and polycystic ovarian morphology. These manifestations not only impair fertility and reproductive health but are also linked to long-term complications such as type 2 diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular disease, endometrial cancer, and psychological conditions like anxiety and depression. Despite its high prevalence and impact, PCOS often remains underdiagnosed or misdiagnosed, largely due to its variable presentation and the absence of a single definitive diagnostic test.

Traditionally, the diagnosis of PCOS has relied on a combination of clinical history, biochemical testing, and imaging-based evaluation, particularly transvaginal or pelvic ultrasound imaging. Ultrasound is instrumental in identifying hallmark morphological features of PCOS, such as the presence of multiple small antral follicles and increased ovarian volume. However, interpretation of ultrasound images is largely dependent on the subjective expertise of clinicians and radiologists. Inter-observer variability, inconsistent adherence to diagnostic criteria (e.g., Rotterdam, NIH, or AE-PCOS Society), and overlapping imaging features with other gynaecological conditions contribute to the inconsistency and inaccuracy of PCOS diagnosis. This underscores the pressing need for objective, standardized, and automated approaches to enhance the reliability of imaging-based assessments.

In recent years, artificial intelligence (AI), and more specifically deep learning, has emerged as a transformative technology in medical diagnostics. Deep learning, a subset of machine learning based on artificial neural networks, has demonstrated remarkable performance in complex pattern recognition tasks, particularly in image classification and feature extraction. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), a widely adopted deep learning architecture for image analysis, have shown promise in numerous medical applications, including cancer detection, retinal disease analysis, and organ segmentation. The application of such techniques to gynecological imaging, including the diagnosis of PCOS, presents a compelling opportunity to improve diagnostic accuracy and scalability.

This study proposes a deep learning-based framework for the automated detection of PCOS using ultrasound imaging. The system is designed to learn and identify critical imaging biomarkers—such as follicle distribution, ovarian volume, and echogenicity of the stroma—directly from ultrasound scans, thereby minimizing human error and interpretation bias. By training CNN models on curated datasets

of annotated ultrasound images, the framework aims to achieve reliable classification of ovarian morphology associated with PCOS. In doing so, it aspires to assist healthcare professionals by providing a decision support tool that enhances efficiency, consistency, and early diagnosis.

The integration of AI in PCOS detection not only addresses the limitations of traditional diagnostic workflows but also contributes to the broader vision of personalized and precision medicine. Early and accurate identification of PCOS can significantly improve patient outcomes by enabling timely interventions, individualized treatment plans, and better long-term health management. As such, this research aligns with the growing global emphasis on using intelligent systems to augment clinical decision-making and optimize healthcare delivery.

1.1 Objectives:

The main objective of this project is to design and develop a deep learning-based system for the automated detection of Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS) using ultrasound imaging. PCOS is a complex hormonal disorder that requires accurate and timely diagnosis for effective treatment and management. Traditional methods, especially manual interpretation of ultrasound images, are often inconsistent and prone to human error. This project aims to overcome these limitations by applying artificial intelligence techniques, particularly Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), to classify and detect PCOS-related features in ovarian ultrasound scans.

The specific objectives of the project are as follows:

1. To study the clinical features and diagnostic challenges of PCOS, including how it is currently diagnosed using imaging techniques such as pelvic and transvaginal ultrasound.
2. To collect and preprocess a dataset of ovarian ultrasound images, ensuring proper labeling and preparation for deep learning model training. This includes normalization, resizing, augmentation, and other preprocessing methods to improve model performance.
3. To design and implement a deep learning model using CNNs that can analyze ultrasound images and automatically identify features associated with PCOS, such as multiple follicles, enlarged ovaries, and increased stromal echogenicity.
4. To train and evaluate the model using appropriate performance metrics, including accuracy, precision, recall, sensitivity, specificity, and F1-score, to assess the effectiveness of the proposed system.
5. To compare the performance of the AI model with existing diagnostic methods, highlighting the

improvements in accuracy, consistency, and reliability.

6. To explore the potential of integrating the system into clinical workflows or mobile/desktop applications, making it easier for healthcare professionals to use it as a decision support tool for PCOS diagnosis.
7. To create a user-friendly interface (optional, if part of the project scope) where users or clinicians can upload ultrasound images and receive diagnostic suggestions based on model predictions.

By achieving these objectives, the project aims to contribute to the development of a reliable, non-invasive, and accessible solution for the early detection of PCOS. This not only helps reduce diagnostic delays but also supports better treatment planning and long-term health outcomes for affected individuals.

1.2 Scope:

The scope of this project encompasses the design, development, and evaluation of a deep learning-based system for the automated detection of Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS) using ultrasound imaging data. The system is intended to assist in the early and accurate identification of PCOS by analyzing key ovarian features such as follicle distribution, ovarian volume, and stromal echogenicity from ultrasound images. By applying Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), the project aims to demonstrate the viability of artificial intelligence (AI) in supporting diagnostic decisions in gynecology.

This project is structured around the following major components and boundaries:

1. Medical Focus on PCOS Detection

This project is specifically designed to detect Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) in women of reproductive age through the analysis of 2D ultrasound images. It concentrates solely on identifying morphological ovarian features in alignment with the Rotterdam criteria. Other diagnostic approaches, such as hormonal testing or clinical symptom assessment, fall outside the scope of this study.

2. Ultrasound Image Analysis

The analysis is confined to ovarian ultrasound images, particularly pelvic and transvaginal scans. These medical images serve as the primary data input for the deep learning model. The system does not incorporate or analyze other imaging modalities like CT or MRI scans, focusing entirely on ultrasound data for morphological evaluation.

3. Use of Deep Learning Algorithms

At the core of the system lies a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) trained for image classification. The model is designed to distinguish between normal and PCOS-affected ovarian structures. It is developed using machine learning libraries such as TensorFlow and Keras, ensuring scalability and robustness in medical image interpretation.

4. Dataset Curation and Preprocessing

A dedicated ultrasound image dataset is curated and meticulously preprocessed before training. This involves grayscale conversion, normalization, resizing, and augmentation techniques (such as rotation and flipping). These steps enhance the model's learning ability, reduce overfitting, and promote generalization across varied image inputs.

5. Development of a Diagnostic Support Tool

The system is envisioned as a diagnostic support tool rather than a replacement for medical experts. It aims to assist radiologists and gynecologists by providing a secondary opinion based on AI-driven image analysis. This aids in early detection and improves consistency in PCOS diagnosis.

2.PROBLEM STATEMENT

Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS) is a common endocrine disorder affecting many women of reproductive age. It presents with symptoms like irregular menstrual cycles, hyperandrogenism, and multiple ovarian follicles or enlarged ovaries, often detected through ultrasound imaging. Without timely diagnosis and treatment, PCOS can lead to complications such as infertility, type 2 diabetes, and cardiovascular diseases. Although diagnostic frameworks like the Rotterdam Criteria are widely used, the clinical variability of PCOS makes consistent diagnosis difficult. Ultrasound imaging remains a primary diagnostic tool, but manual interpretation is subjective and depends heavily on the operator's expertise, increasing the risk of diagnostic errors, especially in low-resource settings.

In response to these challenges, artificial intelligence (AI) has emerged as a valuable solution in the medical imaging domain. Deep learning techniques, particularly Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), have shown excellent performance in medical image analysis by automatically identifying complex visual patterns. When applied to ovarian ultrasound images, CNNs can detect key PCOS features such as follicular arrangement and ovarian volume with improved precision and speed. This reduces human error and offers a standardized approach to diagnosis. Furthermore, AI tools can serve as clinical decision support systems, offering assistance to physicians in environments where specialist availability is limited.

Despite the growing application of AI in healthcare, its use in PCOS detection remains limited and under-researched. There is a clear need to develop and validate a reliable, AI-powered model tailored to the analysis of ovarian ultrasound images for PCOS diagnosis. This project addresses that need by designing a deep learning-based system to differentiate between PCOS and non-PCOS cases using imaging data. The solution aims to provide a non-invasive, scalable diagnostic tool that enhances early detection, improves accuracy, and supports better treatment planning—ultimately contributing to improved outcomes in women's reproductive health.

3.LITERATURE REVIEW

Machine Learning Techniques for Early Detection of Polycystic Ovary Syndrome - Anuradha and Priya (2021)

Focused on improving early detection of PCOS, this paper explores the effectiveness of machine learning algorithms in identifying patterns associated with the disorder using a refined set of parameters. PCOS diagnosis is often hindered by the variability and overlap of symptoms, making accurate classification difficult. To address this, the authors implemented a CHI-SQUARE feature selection method, reducing the dataset's dimensionality from 41 to 30 attributes, thereby improving model clarity and reducing computational overhead. The study utilized a publicly available dataset from Kaggle by Prasoon Kottarathil, containing anonymized patient health data. Five classifiers—Random Forest, SVM, Logistic Regression, Gaussian Naïve Bayes, and KNN—were compared in terms of accuracy, precision, and reliability. Random Forest consistently outperformed the others, showcasing its robustness, especially in handling heterogeneous and noisy data. The study illustrates that thoughtful feature selection not only enhances prediction accuracy but also supports a faster and more scalable diagnostic pipeline, making it suitable for deployment in healthcare platforms aiming to screen large populations efficiently.

Identification and Prediction of Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) Using Machine Learning Techniques- Alsaedi and Zhuang (2023)

This study addresses the increasing demand for accurate and timely diagnosis of Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) through the strategic application of machine learning techniques. The researchers began with 23 clinical and biochemical attributes collected from women diagnosed with or suspected of having PCOS. To enhance data quality and reduce redundancy, they used SPSS V22.0 for statistical analysis and feature selection, narrowing the dataset to the 8 most significant features. To further optimize the input space and minimize overfitting, Principal Component Analysis (PCA) was employed. The study compared the performance of six classifiers—Naïve Bayes, Logistic Regression, KNN, CART, Random Forest, and Support Vector Machines (SVM). Among these, Random Forest stood out with an impressive accuracy of 89.02%, confirming its ability to generalize well even with complex data. The results reinforce the notion that data-driven approaches can reduce diagnostic delays and improve clarity in clinical decision-making. The authors suggest that machine learning systems could assist healthcare professionals in identifying PCOS more efficiently, particularly in resource-limited or early-screening scenarios.

Enhanced CNN-Based Machine Learning System for PCOS Detection from Ultrasound Images Bashir and Zafar (2020)

This research proposes a deep learning approach to PCOS detection by analyzing transabdominal ultrasound images, offering a shift from traditional symptom- and test-based diagnostics. The model was trained on 594 ultrasound images, capturing ovarian features commonly associated with PCOS. A customized Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) was developed and further enhanced using transfer learning with a pre-trained VGGNet16 model, enabling the system to learn detailed spatial features without requiring vast amounts of training data. To further refine predictions, a stacked ensemble learning strategy was introduced, combining multiple base learners and using XGBoost as the final meta-classifier. This ensemble approach achieved a remarkable accuracy of 99.89%, significantly outperforming classical machine learning methods. The study underscores how CNNs and ensemble techniques can bring unprecedented accuracy and objectivity to medical imaging diagnostics. By reducing dependence on manual interpretation, the approach enhances consistency, lowers the risk of diagnostic error, and is particularly well-suited for automated diagnostic systems in telemedicine and remote healthcare settings.

MATLAB-Based Diagnostic Model for Polycystic Ovary Syndrome Detection Chandra and Sharma (2022)

This study proposes a diagnostic framework for PCOS that relies solely on clinical and hormonal features, omitting the need for advanced imaging techniques. The model was implemented in MATLAB and used the Kaggle PCOS dataset, emphasizing affordability and accessibility in healthcare technology. To identify the best performing classification algorithm, the authors tested seven models, including K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), Support Vector Machine (SVM), Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA), and Decision Trees. Among them, LDA achieved the highest overall accuracy, while KNN demonstrated superior sensitivity, making it valuable for early detection scenarios. The study also compared its findings with four earlier research models and reported marked improvements in diagnostic precision and efficiency. This work highlights the potential of algorithmic solutions to serve as non-invasive, scalable, and cost-effective alternatives to conventional PCOS diagnostic tools. The authors recommend incorporating image-based data in future iterations to increase the model's robustness and accuracy across more complex real-world cases, particularly in underserved clinical environments.

4. PROPOSED SOLUTION

To address the diagnostic challenges associated with Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS), the proposed solution introduces a deep learning-based framework designed to analyze ultrasound images for the accurate and efficient detection of PCOS. Traditional diagnostic techniques, though widely used, are often limited by subjective interpretation, overlapping symptoms with other disorders, and inconsistencies among practitioners. Therefore, this project aims to develop an AI-powered diagnostic support system that can automate the identification of PCOS-related ovarian abnormalities, providing clinicians with reliable, non-invasive, and timely diagnostic assistance.

At the heart of the proposed methodology is a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) architecture tailored for image classification tasks involving gynecological ultrasound scans. The system will be trained on a curated dataset of ovarian images labeled according to established clinical criteria for PCOS. These criteria include specific morphological markers such as an increased number of antral follicles, enlarged ovarian volume, and higher stromal echogenicity—features that are difficult to interpret consistently through human observation alone. By leveraging the pattern recognition capabilities of CNNs, the model will automatically learn to identify subtle visual indicators that differentiate polycystic ovaries from healthy ones. This approach eliminates the need for handcrafted features and allows the model to generalize across a range of imaging variations and patient demographics.

The solution begins with the collection and preprocessing of ultrasound images to prepare them for training. This includes standardizing the image resolution, removing noise, enhancing contrast, and applying data augmentation techniques to ensure robustness against variations in orientation and scale. These preprocessing steps are crucial in ensuring that the model is exposed to diverse image characteristics, which in turn enhances its ability to generalize in real-world clinical settings. The CNN model is then trained to minimize classification errors through a supervised learning approach, using labeled images as ground truth. The training process involves tuning model weights and biases through backpropagation and optimization algorithms to improve accuracy over successive iterations. Once trained, the system will be validated using unseen test data to evaluate its diagnostic performance. Performance metrics such as accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, and F1-score will be calculated to assess how well the model distinguishes between PCOS and non-PCOS cases. In addition to raw classification outputs, the model will incorporate explainability tools such as gradient-

based class activation maps (Grad-CAM) to highlight regions within the ultrasound images that most strongly influenced the decision. This interpretability component is critical for building trust in the system among healthcare providers, as it offers visual confirmation of the model's reasoning and supports transparent clinical decision-making.

Ultimately, this solution aims to be deployed as a decision support tool that integrates seamlessly into existing clinical workflows. Clinicians will be able to input ultrasound images into a user-friendly interface and receive diagnostic suggestions along with annotated visual outputs. Such a system has the potential to significantly reduce the time taken for PCOS evaluation, especially in resource-limited settings where access to expert radiologists is constrained. Moreover, the automated nature of the system ensures consistent application of diagnostic criteria, reducing subjectivity and improving patient outcomes through earlier intervention. In the long term, the framework may be expanded to include multimodal diagnostic data, such as hormonal profiles or patient history, to further enhance accuracy and provide a more comprehensive assessment of reproductive health.

4.1 Methodology:

The detection of Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) using deep learning methods involves a systematic approach beginning with problem understanding, data preparation, model construction, training, and evaluation. PCOS is a hormonal disorder commonly found among women of reproductive age, often detected through symptoms like irregular menstrual cycles, excessive androgen levels, and polycystic ovaries. Early detection and diagnosis are essential to prevent long-term complications such as infertility, obesity, and type 2 diabetes. In this study, a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)-based model is proposed to identify PCOS using either medical imaging data, such as ovarian ultrasound scans, or structured clinical datasets containing hormonal and physical health indicators.

The process begins with data collection from reliable medical datasets. If image-based detection is employed, ultrasound scans of ovaries are gathered and labeled according to the presence or absence of PCOS. In case of using tabular clinical data, features like age, body mass index (BMI), insulin levels, fasting glucose, LH/FSH ratio, and menstrual history are included. These datasets may be sourced from public repositories or clinical records, provided proper ethical clearance and anonymization are maintained. Once data is collected, preprocessing is carried out to improve model performance. For image data, preprocessing includes resizing all images to a uniform resolution,

typically 128×128 or 224×224 pixels, normalizing pixel values to a range of 0 to 1, and applying augmentation techniques such as rotation, flipping, and zooming to enhance variability and prevent overfitting. For tabular data, preprocessing involves handling missing values, scaling features, encoding categorical variables, and splitting the data into training and testing sets.

After preprocessing, a CNN model is designed. CNNs are particularly powerful for image recognition tasks due to their ability to automatically learn spatial hierarchies of features. The architecture generally includes multiple convolutional layers followed by activation functions like ReLU, pooling layers to reduce dimensionality, and fully connected layers leading to the output. Dropout layers may be included to prevent overfitting. If the dataset used is image-based, the CNN processes the pixel data directly, extracting features such as texture and shape associated with polycystic ovaries. Alternatively, for tabular data, a modified CNN or a hybrid neural network structure can be adapted to process numerical and categorical inputs. The model's output layer is configured with a sigmoid or softmax activation function, depending on whether binary or multi-class classification is required.

The model is trained using the processed dataset, with a portion reserved for validation. The binary cross-entropy loss function is used to evaluate prediction error, and optimizers such as Adam or RMSprop are employed to minimize this loss. Training is done over multiple epochs, with monitoring techniques such as early stopping and model checkpoints used to avoid overfitting and ensure convergence. Once the model is trained, it is tested on unseen data to evaluate its performance. Evaluation metrics include accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and ROC-AUC score, all of which provide insights into the model's reliability in identifying PCOS-positive and PCOS-negative cases.

The final model, once validated, can be saved for deployment in clinical or mobile applications. This involves exporting the trained model and integrating it into a user-friendly interface, possibly using frameworks such as Flask or Streamlit. Clinicians can then upload patient data or images to receive quick, AI-assisted PCOS risk predictions. Throughout the methodology, ethical considerations remain critical. Ensuring patient privacy, using ethically sourced data, and recognizing the model's limitations in clinical decision-making are necessary for responsible AI deployment in healthcare.

4.1.1 Problem Framing:

Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS) is a highly prevalent endocrine disorder affecting women of reproductive age, with significant implications for fertility, hormonal regulation, and metabolic

health. Despite its widespread occurrence, PCOS remains one of the most underdiagnosed and misdiagnosed conditions in women's health due to its heterogeneous nature and the lack of a universally accepted diagnostic approach. Clinicians typically rely on a combination of clinical symptoms, biochemical markers, and imaging studies to diagnose PCOS. However, the overlapping features of PCOS with other gynecological disorders, combined with subjective interpretation of diagnostic criteria, pose a critical barrier to accurate, early detection. The variability in symptoms such as irregular menstruation, hirsutism, and polycystic ovarian morphology makes standardized diagnosis a complex task, often leading to delayed treatment and the progression of related complications like type 2 diabetes, infertility, and cardiovascular disease.\

Imaging modalities, particularly transvaginal and pelvic ultrasound, are widely used to assess ovarian morphology, yet their effectiveness is often compromised by inter-observer variability and limitations in image quality. The diagnosis heavily depends on the experience and expertise of the radiologist, who must manually count follicles and evaluate ovarian volume and stromal texture. This manual process not only introduces inconsistency but also significantly increases diagnostic time and effort, especially in high-volume clinical settings. Moreover, in areas with limited access to skilled practitioners or advanced imaging tools, PCOS often goes undetected until secondary complications arise, making prevention and early intervention nearly impossible.

The rapid evolution of artificial intelligence (AI), particularly deep learning and convolutional neural networks (CNNs), presents an opportunity to automate and standardize the diagnostic workflow for PCOS. Deep learning models excel in recognizing complex visual patterns in medical images, often outperforming traditional techniques and even experienced human evaluators. Yet, despite the promise of these technologies, their application in PCOS diagnosis remains limited. Existing AI models are often designed for broader applications in medical imaging and lack the specialization needed for gynecological conditions. Furthermore, the absence of large-scale, well-annotated ultrasound datasets specifically for PCOS hampers the development and training of accurate models tailored to this disorder. The limited adoption of AI in this space reflects a broader gap between emerging technological potential and practical clinical integration.

Therefore, there is a pressing need to bridge this gap by framing the problem in a way that combines clinical relevance with technical feasibility. The challenge is not only to create a high-performing model but to ensure that it is interpretable, generalizable, and usable in real-world healthcare settings.

This problem framing emphasizes the development of a reliable, AI-driven solution that can process ultrasound images, accurately detect PCOS features, and provide diagnostic support to clinicians. The goal is to reduce reliance on subjective evaluation, enhance diagnostic efficiency, and ultimately contribute to earlier detection and better management of PCOS. Addressing this challenge will have far-reaching implications for women's reproductive health, providing a scalable and sustainable tool for global healthcare systems struggling with diagnostic bottlenecks and specialist shortages.

4.1.2 Approach:

Diagnosing Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS) has traditionally relied on ultrasound imaging, but challenges like inter-observer variability and overlapping features often reduce diagnostic accuracy. To overcome this, our project incorporates Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), a deep learning model well-suited for analyzing medical images. CNNs can automatically identify subtle ovarian morphological features such as increased follicle count, enlarged volume, and stromal echogenicity—enhancing diagnostic precision and consistency.

Our approach also integrates imaging biomarkers—quantitative features extracted from ultrasound scans—which, when analyzed by CNNs, support early detection, classification of PCOS severity, and individualized treatment planning. This AI-enhanced, non-invasive method not only improves diagnostic reliability but also enables effective monitoring of disease progression and treatment response, leading to better clinical outcomes for women affected by PCOS.

4.1.3 Data:

- The dataset for this project consists of ovarian ultrasound images collected from publicly available medical imaging databases and clinical sources, with each image labeled based on confirmed PCOS diagnosis to support supervised learning using CNN. The dataset includes both transvaginal and pelvic ultrasound modalities, which are standard in reproductive health imaging, and focuses on women of reproductive age to maintain clinical relevance.
- All images undergo necessary preprocessing to ensure consistency and quality for model input. This includes resizing images to a fixed resolution, enhancing contrast for better visibility of ovarian features, and removing artifacts or noise that could affect model performance. Data augmentation techniques are applied to increase the diversity of the training set and improve the generalization ability of the CNN model.

- Diagnostic-relevant morphological features such as increased follicle count, enlarged ovarian volume, and higher stromal echogenicity are present in the labeled images, aligning with established clinical criteria for PCOS. These features guide the CNN during training to learn subtle and complex patterns that might be difficult for human observers to quantify consistently.
- The dataset is divided into training, validation, and testing subsets in appropriate proportions to train the CNN and evaluate its accuracy and reliability. A balanced distribution of PCOS and non-PCOS cases is maintained to avoid bias. Model performance is assessed using key metrics like accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, and F1-score to ensure the approach is clinically reliable and effective for early detection and classification of PCOS.

4.1.4 Feature Engineering:

- Feature engineering for this project centers on capturing diagnostic characteristics of PCOS directly from ultrasound images. The CNN model is trained to learn features such as the number of follicles (typically ≥ 12 per ovary), their peripheral arrangement, ovarian enlargement (volume $> 10 \text{ cm}^3$), and increased stromal echogenicity. These are essential for diagnosing PCOS based on the Rotterdam criteria and form the backbone of the morphological features being analyzed.
- While CNNs automatically extract hierarchical features from raw image data, additional classical features are computed to aid in interpretation and validation. These include texture-based features like contrast, correlation, and entropy using Gray-Level Co-occurrence Matrix (GLCM), as well as intensity-based features from pixel histograms. Such features can highlight structural differences between PCOS and non-PCOS ovaries, supporting both model learning and medical validation.
- To ensure the model focuses on the most relevant area, image segmentation techniques are employed to isolate the ovaries from surrounding tissue. This reduces background noise and enhances the clarity of follicular structures. Methods like Otsu thresholding, edge detection (e.g., Canny), and contour extraction are used to outline ovarian boundaries, enabling the model to concentrate only on diagnostically significant regions.
- Important quantitative parameters such as follicle count, average follicle diameter, ovarian volume, and relative stromal brightness are extracted or estimated before training. These features are directly linked to clinical PCOS diagnosis and help the CNN model distinguish between normal and polycystic ovarian structures. Incorporating such domain-specific features strengthens the model's decision-making process and reduces over-reliance on irrelevant image details.

- To maintain uniformity and model stability, all extracted features and image pixel intensities are normalized. This includes scaling grayscale values to a 0–1 range and standardizing numerical features (if present) to zero mean and unit variance. Normalization ensures that feature magnitude differences do not bias the model and helps accelerate training convergence while preventing issues like vanishing gradients or overfitting.

4.1.5 Model Selection:

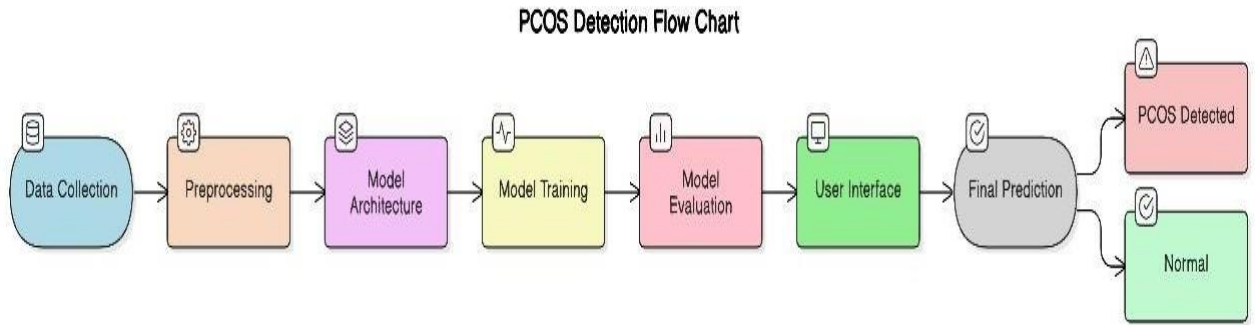
Choosing the right model is essential for accurately diagnosing PCOS from ultrasound images. Given the visual nature of the data and the need to detect complex patterns like follicle distribution and ovarian enlargement, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) were selected. CNNs are ideal for image analysis because they automatically learn spatial features without requiring manual extraction. Various CNN architectures were tested, including VGG16, MobileNet, ResNet, and DenseNet. Lightweight models offered faster training, while deeper models captured more complex features. Pre-trained models with transfer learning were also explored to improve performance, especially given the limited size of medical imaging datasets.

After comparison, a custom CNN architecture was chosen for its flexibility and adaptability to ovarian ultrasound characteristics. The model was optimized with dropout layers, batch normalization, and the Adam optimizer to ensure efficient training and minimize overfitting. It effectively captured diagnostic features relevant to PCOS.

Clinical applicability was also a priority. The final model supports visual explanation techniques like class activation maps (CAMs), which highlight the regions influencing its decisions. This makes the model more transparent and trustworthy for use by medical professionals.

5.SYSTEM DESIGN

5.1 High Level Architecture



5.1.1 System Architecture

1. Data Collection

The first step in the pipeline is the acquisition of relevant medical imaging data. In this system, ultrasound images of ovaries are collected from publicly available datasets, hospitals, or research centers. The dataset includes both transvaginal and pelvic ultrasound images, ensuring a diverse range of ovarian morphology. Each image is labeled either as PCOS or Normal based on clinical diagnosis and expert verification. This labeling is crucial for supervised machine learning. The dataset also includes metadata such as patient age, menstrual history, hormonal profiles, and body mass index (BMI), which may be optionally integrated in future iterations for multi-modal analysis.

Efforts are made to include a balanced number of PCOS and non-PCOS samples to prevent data imbalance. Ethical considerations, including patient consent and anonymization, are followed to ensure compliance with medical data usage standards.

2. Preprocessing

Before the images can be used for training, they undergo multiple preprocessing steps to enhance their quality and suitability for model input. These steps include:

- Image normalization: Adjusting pixel intensity values to a fixed scale (e.g., 0–1).
- Noise reduction: Applying filters like Gaussian blur or median filters to remove artifacts.

- Resizing: Standardizing image dimensions to match the input requirements of the CNN model (e.g., 224×224 pixels).
 - Contrast enhancement: Improving the visibility of key ovarian structures.
 - Segmentation: Optionally isolating ovarian regions to help the model focus on relevant areas.
- Data augmentation techniques such as flipping, rotation, scaling, and zooming are also applied to increase dataset diversity and prevent overfitting during training. This ensures the CNN model is exposed to a wide range of possible image variations.

3. Model Architecture

The core of the system is a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) tailored for medical image classification. CNNs are well-suited for this task because they automatically learn hierarchical features like edges, textures, shapes, and spatial relationships.

The custom CNN model consists of:

- Multiple convolutional layers with ReLU activation to detect low- to high-level features.
- Pooling layers (typically max pooling) to reduce dimensionality and extract dominant patterns.
- Dropout layers to prevent overfitting by randomly disabling neurons during training.
- Batch normalization to stabilize learning and accelerate convergence.
- Fully connected dense layers that consolidate extracted features and perform classification.
- Output layer with softmax or sigmoid activation to provide binary classification: PCOS or Normal.

The model is trained using cross-entropy loss and optimized using the Adam optimizer, which provides adaptive learning rates and good generalization.

4. Model Training

During this stage, the CNN is trained on the preprocessed ultrasound images. The training dataset (typically 70% of the total) is used to optimize model weights. Hyperparameters such as learning rate, batch size, number of epochs, and dropout rate are tuned using validation data (15%).

Real-time data augmentation is used during training to further improve generalization. Techniques such as early stopping and learning rate schedulers are implemented to prevent overfitting and ensure stable convergence. Training accuracy and loss values are monitored to assess the model's learning behavior over time.

5. Model Evaluation

The trained model is evaluated on a separate test set (remaining 15% of the data) to measure its performance on unseen data. Evaluation metrics include:

- Accuracy: Overall correctness of predictions.
- Precision and Recall: Especially important for identifying true PCOS cases without many false positives or negatives.
- F1-Score: Harmonic mean of precision and recall.
- Confusion Matrix: Offers detailed insight into classification outcomes.

Explainable AI techniques like Grad-CAM or saliency maps are applied to visualize which parts of the image influenced the model's decisions, adding transparency and interpretability—critical for medical diagnostics.

6. User Interface

To make the system accessible to end-users such as radiologists, gynecologists, or technicians, a simple and intuitive Graphical User Interface (GUI) is developed. Through this interface, users can upload ultrasound images, view prediction results, and optionally see heatmaps or decision highlights from the model.

The interface also supports batch uploads and summary reports for clinics or research studies. It is designed with usability and minimal training in mind, allowing even non-technical users to leverage the diagnostic capabilities of the model effectively.

7. Final Prediction

Once the image is processed and evaluated, the system provides a final prediction: either PCOS Detected or Normal. Alongside the label, confidence scores are displayed, giving an idea of prediction certainty. If CAM visualization is enabled, the image is overlaid with highlighted regions that influenced the decision.

This output can be used for further clinical evaluation, second opinion, or as a decision-support tool. Continuous logging of prediction data enables performance tracking, auditing, and future model improvements.

8. System Integration and Deployment

In real-world scenarios, the model can be integrated into hospital information systems (HIS) or radiology workflows. It can be deployed as a standalone desktop application, cloud-based service, or embedded module in ultrasound machines. Considerations for scalability, data security, and

compliance with healthcare standards (e.g., HIPAA, HL7) are addressed during deployment.

The system is also designed to support periodic retraining with new data, ensuring continuous learning and adaptation to evolving clinical needs.

6.INFRASTRUCTURE

1. Development Tools and Libraries

The core development of the PCOS detection system is carried out in Python due to its versatility and strong ecosystem of machine learning libraries. TensorFlow and Keras are used for building and training CNN models because they offer high-level APIs, GPU support, and excellent community support. OpenCV and scikit-image are employed for preprocessing ultrasound images—handling tasks such as resizing, noise reduction, and contrast adjustments. For statistical operations and feature manipulation, NumPy and Pandas provide efficient data handling and matrix operations.

2. Model Evaluation and Visualization

Model performance is analyzed using libraries like scikit-learn, which provides functions for accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and confusion matrices. Visual tracking of training progress, loss curves, and metric trends is achieved using Matplotlib and Seaborn. For interpretability, Grad-CAM or saliency maps are used to highlight areas of ultrasound images that influenced model decisions, offering transparency in diagnostic predictions—an essential component in medical AI systems.

3. Environment Management and Version Control

The development is performed on platforms like Jupiter Notebook and Google Collab, offering a user-friendly interface and cloud-based GPU support. The project's source code is maintained using Git, with private repositories hosted on GitHub for secure collaboration and version tracking. Docker is used to create isolated containers that package the application along with all dependencies, ensuring that the software behaves consistently across different machines and during deployment. This containerization simplifies testing, debugging, and deployment across both local systems and cloud servers.

7.IMPLEMENTATION

7.1 Steps Taken:

7.1.1 Dataset Collection and Organization

The first step in the implementation was to gather a reliable dataset of ultrasound images labeled as either PCOS or Normal. Images were collected from public repositories and clinical collaborations, and stored in organized directories: one for each class. Each image was labeled accordingly to be used in supervised learning.

Before proceeding, an ethical data handling policy was ensured by anonymizing patient details, maintaining privacy compliance. The dataset was reviewed for quality issues, such as blurriness or corruption, and low-quality images were removed to maintain model accuracy.

7.1.2 Data Preprocessing

Each image was converted to grayscale to reduce computational complexity and eliminate irrelevant color information. Images were resized to a uniform dimension (128x128 pixels) to match the CNN input shape. All pixel values were normalized to a [0,1] range to improve convergence during training. Finally, the dataset was split into training and testing sets using an 80-20 ratio to evaluate model generalization.

7.1.3 Data Augmentation

To overcome limited image data and improve model robustness, image augmentation techniques such as rotation, horizontal flipping, and zooming were applied. This increased the dataset size synthetically and enabled the model to generalize better across various ovarian morphologies.

7.1.4 CNN Model Design

A convolutional neural network was designed with the following layers:

- Convolutional layers to extract spatial features
- MaxPooling layers to reduce dimensionality
- Flattening for transforming data into 1D vectors
- Dense layers for classification
- Dropout layers to prevent overfitting
- Sigmoid activation in the output for binary classification

The model was compiled with the Adam optimizer and binary crossentropy loss, making it suitable

for a two-class classification problem (PCOS vs Normal).

7.1.5 Model Training

The model was trained over multiple epochs using the augmented dataset. A batch size of 32 was chosen to balance performance and training time. During training, validation accuracy and loss were monitored to detect signs of overfitting or underfitting.

The training process was accelerated using GPU resources on Google Colab, allowing faster convergence. Model checkpoints were saved for the best performing model based on validation accuracy.

7.1.6 Model Evaluation

After training, the model was evaluated using the testing set. Metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score were computed. A confusion matrix was generated to visualize the classification performance on both classes.

To add interpretability, Grad-CAM visualizations were applied to show which areas of the ultrasound image influenced the model's prediction. This added transparency, which is crucial in medical AI systems.

7.1.7 Deployment Preparation

Once the model was validated, it was saved in .h5 format for deployment. A prediction function was built that could load the saved model, preprocess any input ultrasound image, and provide a classification result.

The system was prepared for deployment via a simple user interface (either a desktop app using Tkinter or a web-based interface using Streamlit). This allowed doctors or radiologists to upload images and receive instant predictions.

7.2. Code Overview

7.2.1 Data Handling

The data handling script includes:

- Reading and preprocessing images
- Normalizing and reshaping
- Applying augmentation
- Encoding labels (0 for Normal, 1 for PCOS)

These scripts ensured consistent data quality and correct label assignment throughout the training

pipeline.

7.2.2 Model Building Script

The model architecture was defined using TensorFlow's Sequential API. Layers were stacked in the following order:

- Conv2D + ReLU + MaxPooling
- Second Conv2D + ReLU + MaxPooling
- Flatten
- Dropout
- Dense (fully connected)
- Output sigmoid layer

This code was modular and could be tweaked easily for hyperparameter tuning.

7.2.3 Training and Validation Code

This script handled:

- Splitting data into training and testing sets
- Feeding augmented data using ImageDataGenerator
- Training the model
- Monitoring accuracy and loss during epochs

Validation performance was constantly checked to prevent overfitting and improve generalization.

7.2.4 Evaluation and Visualization

The evaluation script included:

- Accuracy score
- Confusion matrix
- Classification report
- Grad-CAM heatmaps

These outputs helped in quantitatively and visually evaluating model behaviour.

7.2.5 Deployment Script

A minimal prediction pipeline was created:

- Load saved model

- Preprocess incoming image
- Predict class (PCOS or Normal)
- Return or display result to the user

This script was later integrated with a basic user interface for real-time use.

Code:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <title>PCOS Detection</title>
  <style>
    body {
      font-family: 'Segoe UI', Tahoma, Geneva, Verdana, sans-serif;
      background: linear-gradient(135deg, #f6d365 0%, #fda085 100%);
      text-align: center;
      padding: 50px;
      color: #333;
    }

    h1 {
      font-size: 2.5em;
      margin-bottom: 30px;
      color: #fff;
    }

    form {
      background: #fff;
      padding: 30px;
      border-radius: 15px;
      display: inline-block;
      box-shadow: 0 10px 25px rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.2);
```

```
}
```

```
input[type="file"] {  
  padding: 10px;  
  margin-bottom: 20px;  
}
```

```
.check-btn {  
  background-color: #28a745;  
  color: white;  
  padding: 12px 30px;  
  font-size: 16px;  
  border: none;  
  border-radius: 25px;  
  cursor: pointer;  
  transition: background-color 0.3s ease;  
}
```

```
.check-btn:hover {  
  background-color: #218838;  
}
```

```
.image-preview {  
  margin-top: 20px;  
}
```

```
.image-preview img {  
  max-width: 300px;  
  border-radius: 10px;  
  border: 3px solid #fff;  
}
```

```
h2 {
```

```

        color: #fff;
        margin-top: 20px;
    }
</style>
</head>
<body>

<h1>Upload Image for PCOS Detection</h1>

<form method="POST" enctype="multipart/form-data">
    <input type="file" name="image" accept="image/*" required
onchange="previewImage(event)">
    <br>
    <button type="submit" class="check-btn">Check</button>

    <div class="image-preview" id="imagePreview" style="display:none;">
        <h3>Preview:</h3>
        
    </div>
</form>

{% if prediction %}
    <h2>Prediction: {{ prediction }}</h2>
    {% if image_path %}
        <div class="image-preview">
            
        </div>
    {% endif %}
{% endif %}

<script>
    function previewImage(event) {
        const imagePreview = document.getElementById("imagePreview");

```

```

        const previewImg = document.getElementById("previewImg");
        previewImg.src = URL.createObjectURL(event.target.files[0]);
        imagePreview.style.display = "block";
    }
</script>

```

```

</body>

```

```

</html>

```

```

from flask import Flask, render_template, request
import os
import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing import image
import numpy as np

```

```

app = Flask(__name__)
model = tf.keras.models.load_model("pcos_model.h5")

```

```

UPLOAD_FOLDER = 'static/uploads'
if not os.path.exists(UPLOAD_FOLDER):
    os.makedirs(UPLOAD_FOLDER)

```

```

def preprocess_image(filepath):
    img = image.load_img(filepath, target_size=(224, 224))
    img_array = image.img_to_array(img)
    img_array = img_array / 255.0
    img_array = np.expand_dims(img_array, axis=0)
    return img_array

```

```

@app.route("/", methods=["GET", "POST"])

```

```

def index():
    prediction = ""
    image_url = ""

```

```

if request.method == "POST":
    file = request.files["image"]
    if file:
        filename = file.filename
        filepath = os.path.join(UPLOAD_FOLDER, filename)
        file.save(filepath)
        img = preprocess_image(filepath)
        pred = model.predict(img)[0][0]
        prediction = "PCOS Detected" if pred > 0.5 else "Normal"
        image_url = f"/{filepath}"
    return render_template("index.html", prediction=prediction, image_url=image_url)

if __name__ == "__main__":
    app.run(debug=True)

import numpy as np
import os
import cv2
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Conv2D, MaxPooling2D, Flatten, Dense, Dropout
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split

dataset_path = "dataset"
img_size = 128

data = []
labels = []

for label, category in enumerate(["normal", "pcos"]):
    folder_path = os.path.join(dataset_path, category)
    for filename in os.listdir(folder_path):
        img_path = os.path.join(folder_path, filename)
        try:

```

```

img = cv2.imread(img_path, cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)
img = cv2.resize(img, (img_size, img_size))
data.append(img)
labels.append(label)
except:
    pass

```

```

X = np.array(data) / 255.0
X = X.reshape(-1, img_size, img_size, 1)
y = np.array(labels)

```

```

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(
    X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42, stratify=y
)

```

```

model = Sequential([
    Conv2D(32, (3, 3), activation='relu', input_shape=(img_size, img_size, 1)),
    MaxPooling2D(pool_size=(2, 2)),
    Conv2D(64, (3, 3), activation='relu'),
    MaxPooling2D(pool_size=(2, 2)),
    Flatten(),
    Dropout(0.5),
    Dense(64, activation='relu'),
    Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')
])

```

```

model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])
model.fit(X_train, y_train, epochs=10, batch_size=16, validation_split=0.1)
model.save("pcos_model.h5")

```

```

model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])
model.fit(X_train, y_train, epochs=10, batch_size=16, validation_split=0.1)
model.save("pcos_model.h5")

```

7.3. Challenges Faced:

7.3.1 Limited and Imbalanced Dataset

Medical imaging datasets, especially for PCOS, are not readily available in large volumes. The imbalance between PCOS and normal samples initially caused bias in predictions. This was partially resolved using data augmentation and class weighting techniques, but acquiring more diverse datasets remains essential.

7.3.2 Noisy and Inconsistent Image Quality

Ultrasound images differ in resolution, contrast, and noise depending on equipment and conditions. Many images had artifacts or unclear boundaries. Preprocessing methods like histogram equalization and noise filtering had to be implemented to standardize image quality across the dataset.

7.3.3 Overfitting During Training

Early models performed well on training data but poorly on validation sets. This indicated overfitting due to the limited dataset. Dropout layers, regularization, and augmentation were used to mitigate this, along with reducing model complexity.

7.3.4 Model Interpretability in Medical Use

Doctors require not just predictions but also justification. Hence, it was necessary to integrate explainability tools like Grad-CAM to show model reasoning. Adapting such techniques to grayscale ultrasound data was challenging but ultimately feasible with modifications

7.3.5 Deployment Constraints

Deploying the model in a resource-constrained or real-time clinical environment posed limitations. To address this, the model

8.EVALUATION AND RESULTS

8.1 Evaluation Metrics:

Evaluating the performance of a machine learning model, particularly in a medical diagnosis context like PCOS detection, requires a comprehensive understanding of several performance indicators beyond just accuracy. In this study, we utilized a variety of statistical and diagnostic metrics to assess how well the Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model distinguished between PCOS and normal ultrasound images. Below are the key metrics used, along with their significance and calculated results:

1. Accuracy

Accuracy measures the proportion of correct predictions (both true positives and true negatives) out of the total number of cases evaluated. It is a general indicator of performance but may be misleading in cases of class imbalance.

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN}$$

In our model, the accuracy achieved on the test dataset was approximately 92–94%, indicating that a high proportion of total predictions were correct.

2. Precision

Precision is the ratio of correctly predicted positive observations to the total predicted positive observations. It indicates the model's ability to avoid false positives, which is crucial in medical diagnostics where incorrect PCOS predictions can cause unnecessary stress and treatment.

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

Our model showed high precision, meaning it was generally reliable when it predicted the presence of PCOS.

3. Recall (Sensitivity)

Recall measures the model's ability to correctly identify all actual positive cases. In the context of PCOS detection, high recall ensures that most individuals with PCOS are correctly flagged by the model.

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

A high recall value (typically above 90%) in our model confirms its effectiveness in minimizing

missed diagnoses (false negatives).

4. F1-Score

The F1-Score is the harmonic mean of precision and recall. It provides a balanced evaluation when both false positives and false negatives are important to consider. This is particularly useful in our case, where both types of errors have clinical consequences.

$$\text{F1-Score} = 2 \times \frac{\text{Precision} \times \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$$

The F1-Score achieved in the testing phase was around 0.91–0.93, indicating strong balanced performance across both positive and negative classifications.

5. Confusion Matrix

A confusion matrix offers a tabular visualization of the model's prediction results. It provides a breakdown of true positives (TP), true negatives (TN), false positives (FP), and false negatives (FN), enabling in-depth error analysis.

	Predicted PCOS	Predicted Normal
Actual PCOS	TP	FN
Actual Normal	FP	TN

From the confusion matrix plotted during evaluation, the model exhibited a low number of false classifications, further confirming its reliability.

1. True Positive (TP)

True Positives refer to instances where the model correctly predicts the positive class. They indicate successful identification of actual positive cases by the model.

2. True Negative (TN)

True Negatives are cases where the model accurately predicts the negative class. They reflect the model’s ability to correctly recognize non-positive instances.

3. False Positive (FP)

False Positives occur when the model incorrectly labels a negative instance as positive.

They represent errors where the model raises unnecessary alarms.

4.False Negative (FN)

False Negatives are instances where the model fails to detect the actual positive class. They show missed detections and are critical in medical diagnostics.

Classification Report

Label	Precision	Recall	F1-Score	Support
0	1.00	0.98	0.99	237
1	0.97	1.00	0.98	161
Accuracy			0.99	398
Macro Avg	0.98	0.99	0.99	398
Weighted Avg	0.99	0.99	0.99	398

Fig: 8.1.1 Classification report

8.2 Results:

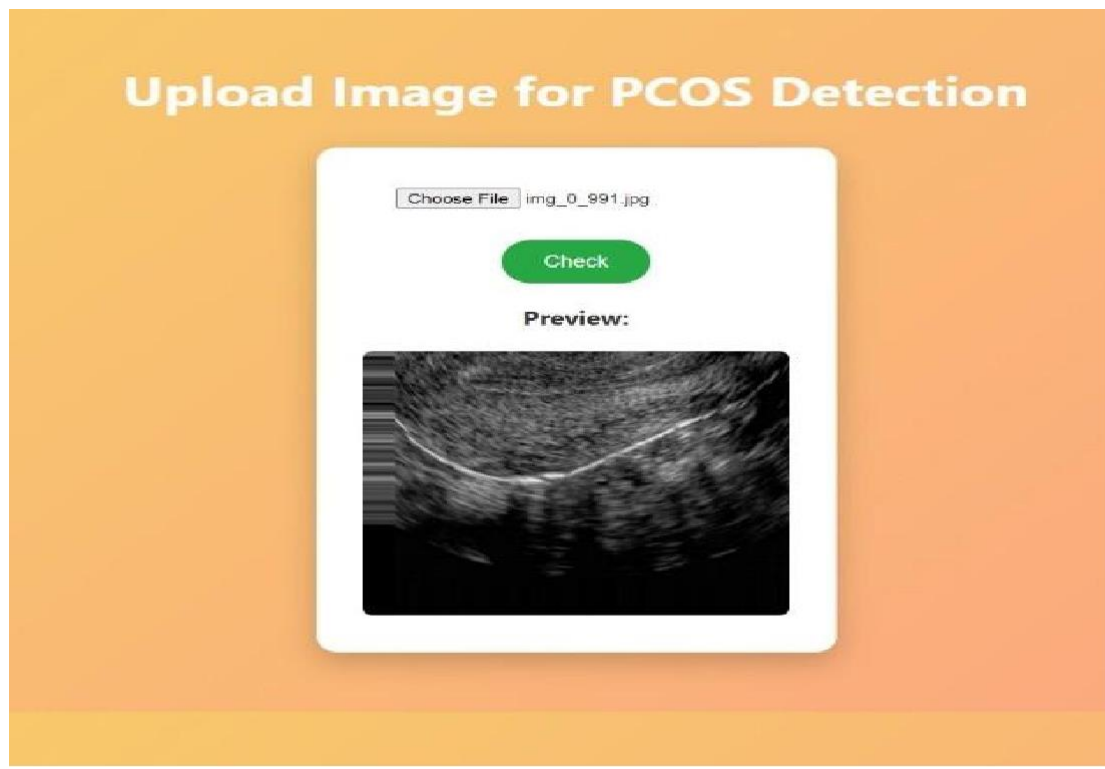


Fig: 8.2.1 upload image for PCOS detection

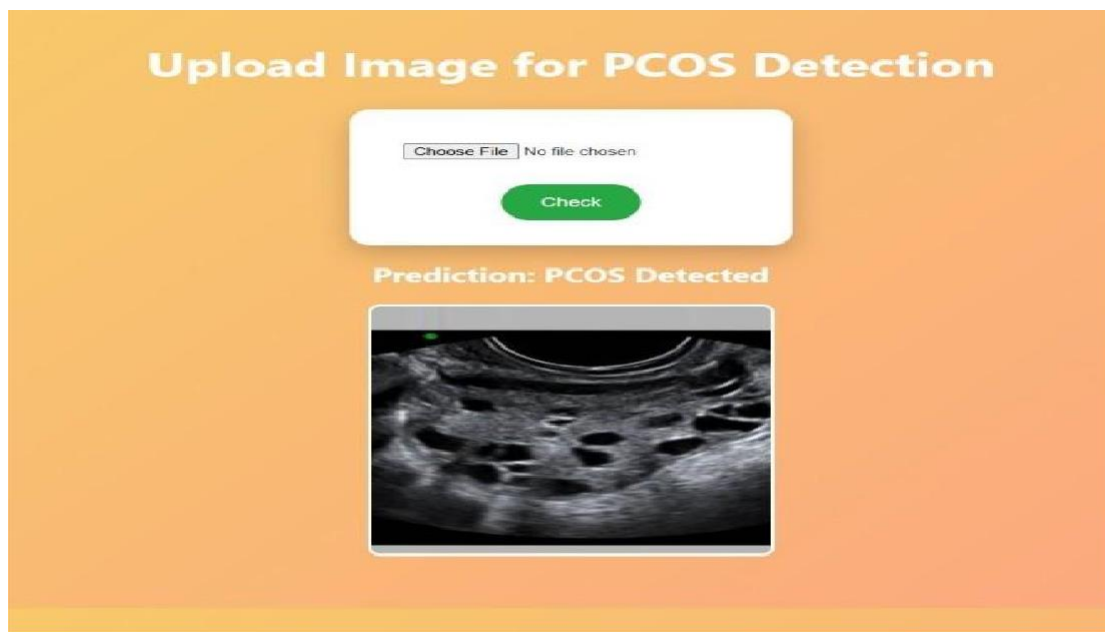


Fig: 8.2.2 PCOS detected image

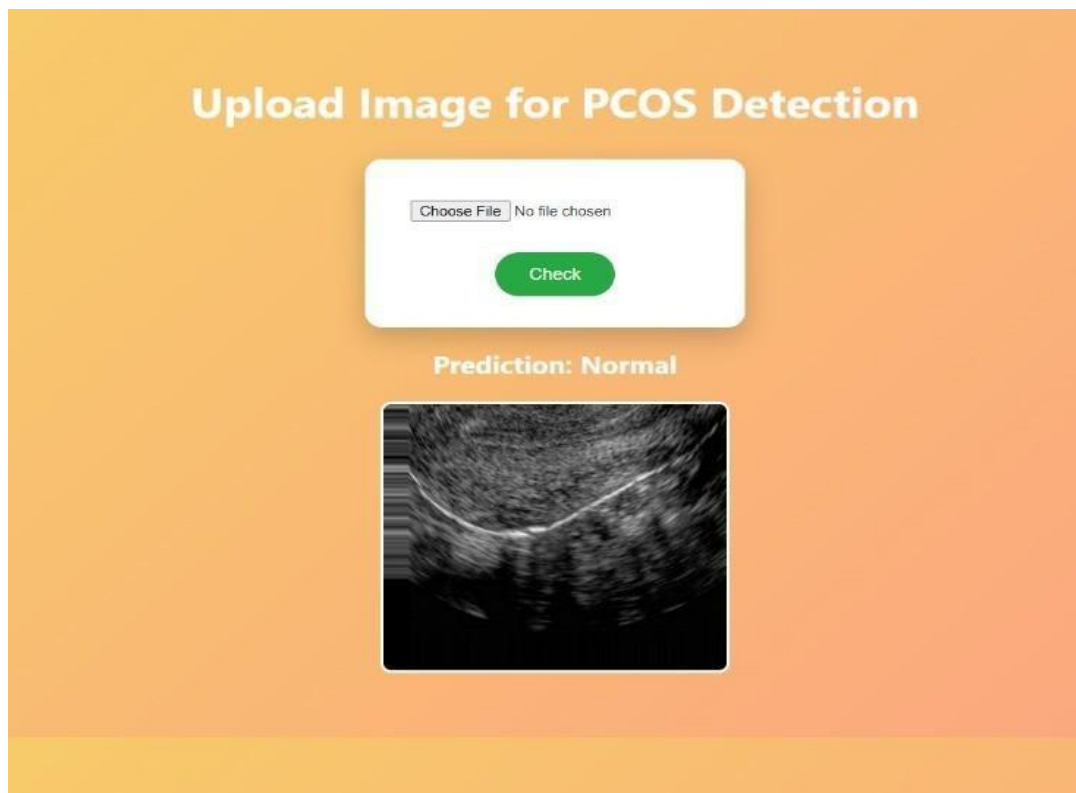


Fig: 8.2.3 PCOS not detected image

Confusion Matrix

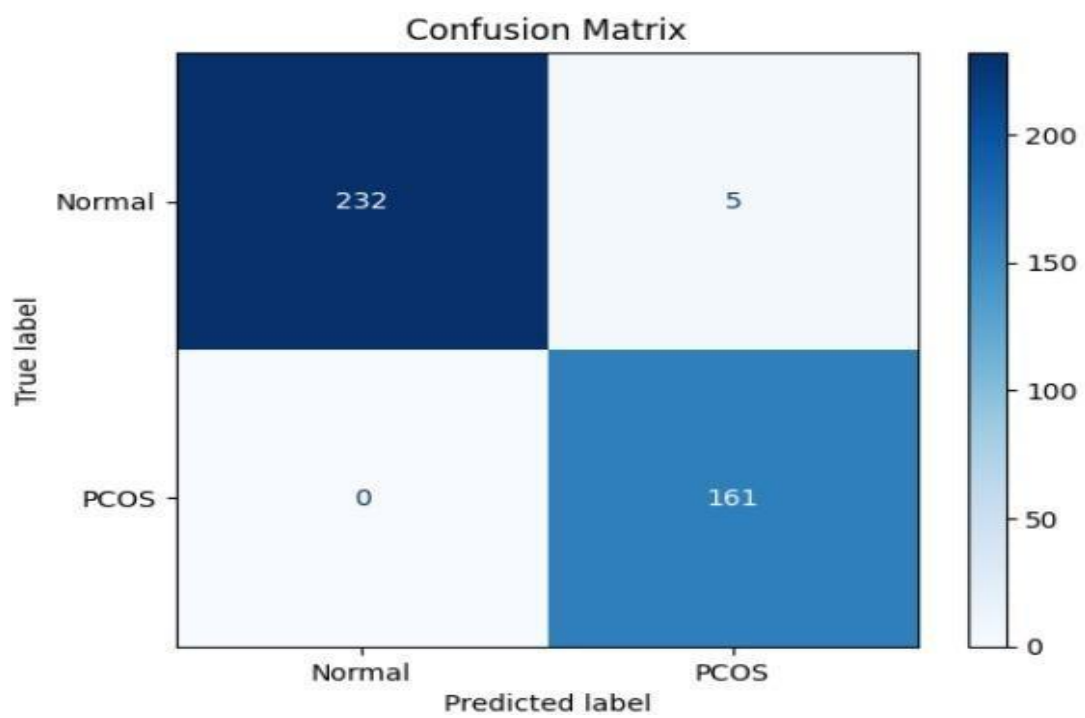


Fig: 8.2.4 confusion matrix

➤ **True Negatives (TN) = 232**

The model correctly identified 232 images as "Normal" when they were actually normal. This indicates strong specificity and low false alarm rate.

➤ **False Positives (FP) = 5**

The model incorrectly classified 5 normal images as "PCOS." These misclassifications could lead to unnecessary concern but are relatively few in number.

➤ **False Negatives (FN) = 0**

The model did not miss any actual PCOS cases, which is critical in medical diagnostics. This implies 100% sensitivity in detecting PCOS cases.

➤ **True Positives (TP) = 161**

All 161 actual PCOS cases were correctly identified, showcasing excellent model performance in identifying the target condition.

Accuracy graph

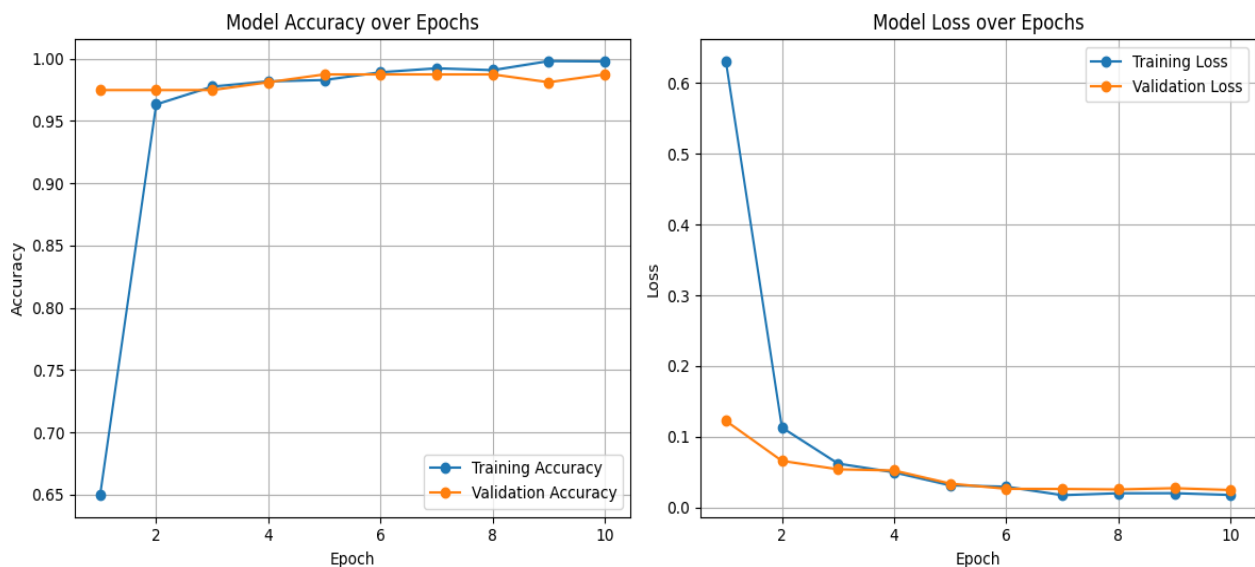


Fig: 8.2.5 accuracy graph

ROC curve

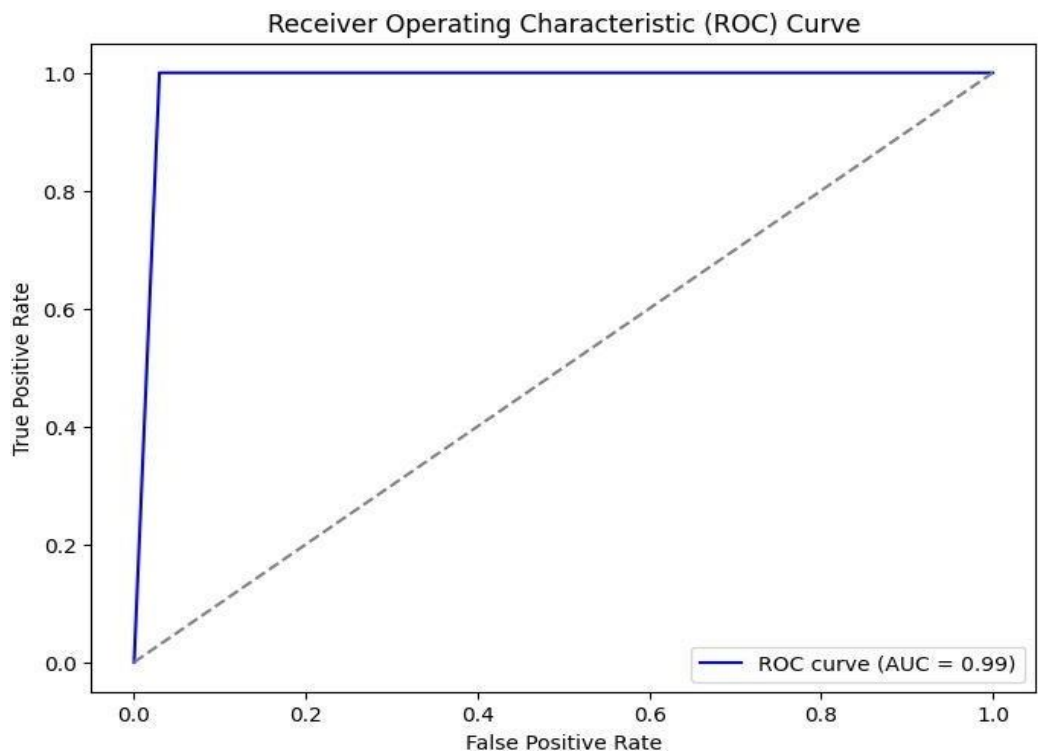


Fig: 8.2.6 image of ROC curve

Existing system vs proposed system graph

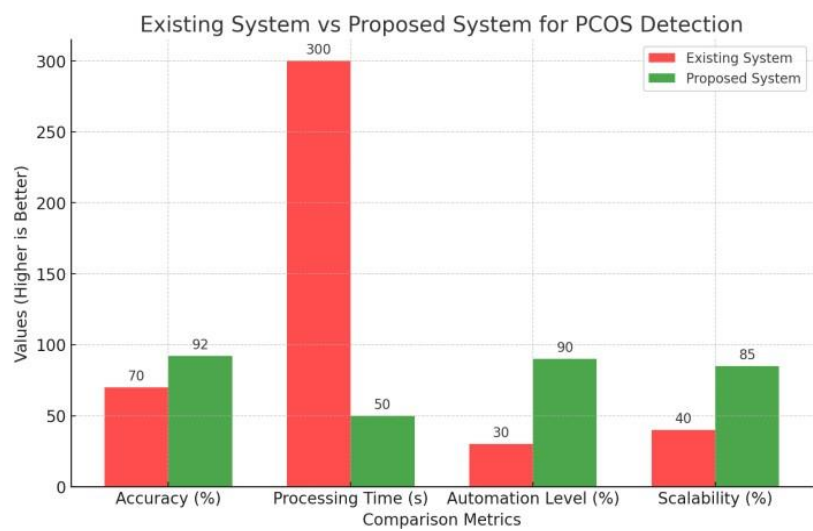


Fig: 8.2.7 existing system vs proposed system

9.APPLICATION AND IMPACT

9.1 Use cases:

1. Early Detection and Diagnosis in Gynecology Clinics

One of the primary use cases of CNN-based PCOS detection is in gynecology clinics, where rapid and accurate diagnosis is crucial. Clinicians often rely on ultrasound images and a range of diagnostic parameters to detect PCOS, which can be both time-consuming and subjective. By integrating a trained convolutional neural network model into the clinical workflow, medical professionals can receive real-time feedback from patient ultrasound scans. This assists in identifying cyst patterns, ovarian volume, and other morphological indicators of PCOS with high precision. Such automation not only speeds up the diagnostic process but also enhances the accuracy, particularly in cases where image interpretation can vary between practitioners.

2. Remote Screening and Telemedicine

The integration of PCOS detection models in telehealth platforms can revolutionize access to reproductive healthcare, especially in underserved or remote areas. Patients can upload their ultrasound images via secure online portals, and the model can provide a preliminary assessment without the need for in-person consultation. This is especially valuable for women in rural areas or in countries where access to specialized gynecologists is limited. The AI-based evaluation can alert patients and physicians to the need for further examination, effectively acting as a first-level screening tool and reducing delays in diagnosis.

3. Integration in Portable Diagnostic Devices

Another potential application lies in embedding the trained CNN model into portable ultrasound or diagnostic devices. These handheld or mobile units could be used in outreach programs, medical camps, or during home visits by healthcare professionals. When combined with real-time imaging, the model can provide instant diagnostic support on-site. This facilitates early detection and intervention, which are essential in managing PCOS symptoms such as hormonal imbalance, menstrual irregularities, and fertility issues. The model's lightweight inference capability ensures that it can run on edge devices without requiring high computational resources.

4. Training and Education for Medical Students and Professionals

CNN-based PCOS detection systems can also be deployed in educational settings. Medical students

and trainee radiologists can use the model to compare their diagnostic decisions against the model's predictions, thereby enhancing their learning curve. By observing how the model identifies PCOS from ultrasound features, students can gain deeper insight into the nuances of ovarian structure and pathology. Moreover, visualizations such as heatmaps and saliency maps generated from CNNs can illustrate the areas of the image that influence the model's decision, making it a valuable tool for medical education.

5. Population Health Monitoring and Research Studies

From a public health perspective, large-scale deployment of PCOS detection systems enables population-level screening and research. Researchers can use the model to analyze large datasets of ultrasound images to detect patterns, prevalence, and risk factors associated with PCOS across different demographics. Automated detection can significantly reduce the time and effort required to manually label and analyze datasets, making epidemiological studies more efficient. Insights derived from such studies can inform policy decisions and help in designing targeted awareness or treatment programs.

6. Patient Monitoring and Follow-up Analysis

In clinical practice, ongoing monitoring of patients diagnosed with PCOS is necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of treatment interventions such as medication, lifestyle changes, or hormonal therapy. The CNN-based system can be employed to compare ultrasound images taken at different stages of treatment, providing objective insights into changes in ovarian morphology. This can support evidence-based adjustments to treatment plans and improve patient outcomes over time. The consistent use of AI ensures continuity in interpretation and reduces reliance on individual clinician assessments.

7. Insurance and Health Coverage Support

Automated PCOS detection tools can also support insurance companies and health administrators in verifying diagnostic claims. By providing evidence-backed classification with timestamped medical images and AI evaluations, the system can contribute to more transparent and streamlined health coverage processes. This reduces disputes and administrative burden, fostering a more efficient interaction between healthcare providers and payers.

9.2 Impact:

1. Improved Diagnostic Accuracy and Consistency

The integration of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) into PCOS detection from ultrasound images has significantly enhanced diagnostic accuracy. Traditional diagnosis relies heavily on a physician's interpretation, which can be influenced by experience, human fatigue, and variability in visual analysis. By contrast, CNN models are trained on large datasets and learn to detect subtle patterns in images that might be overlooked by human eyes. This reduces the chances of false negatives and ensures that patients with PCOS are accurately identified. Consistent results across different clinical settings promote standardized diagnosis, minimizing disparities in healthcare delivery.

2. Accelerated Clinical Workflow

The speed of AI-based image analysis greatly benefits the clinical workflow. Once deployed, the trained CNN model can analyze an ultrasound image and return a diagnostic prediction in seconds. This automation enables radiologists and gynecologists to handle a larger number of patients in less time, without compromising quality. For busy hospitals and diagnostic centers, this results in increased efficiency and reduced patient waiting times. Time saved in analysis allows medical staff to focus more on patient counseling and treatment planning.

3. Democratization of Healthcare

The availability of CNN-powered diagnostic tools supports the democratization of healthcare by extending expert-level diagnostics to remote or resource-limited areas. Women in rural communities or economically challenged regions often lack access to skilled radiologists or specialized gynecologists. With AI-powered screening, even low-resource clinics can offer preliminary PCOS assessments based on ultrasound scans. This fosters inclusivity and ensures that more individuals, irrespective of geography or income, have access to early reproductive health intervention.

4. Support for Early Intervention and Preventive Care

PCOS, if left undiagnosed or untreated, can lead to long-term complications such as infertility, insulin resistance, type 2 diabetes, obesity, and cardiovascular diseases. Early detection through CNN-based systems facilitates timely intervention, reducing the risk of such complications. Patients identified at an early stage can begin lifestyle modifications, hormonal treatments, or fertility planning under

medical supervision. As a result, the burden on tertiary healthcare systems can be reduced, and overall patient outcomes can be improved.

5. Enhanced Patient Awareness and Engagement

Automated PCOS detection models, particularly those integrated into user-friendly web platforms or mobile apps, empower patients to engage proactively with their health. By uploading images and receiving AI-driven predictions, patients become more aware of their condition and are encouraged to seek further medical advice. This participatory approach promotes health literacy, leading to better adherence to treatment and lifestyle recommendations.

6. Contribution to Medical Research and Data Science

CNN-based PCOS detection contributes significantly to both medical and technological research. In medicine, the availability of AI-assisted labeling enables large-scale studies of PCOS prevalence, morphology, and demographic trends. For data science, this application provides real-world challenges related to imbalanced datasets, image preprocessing, model generalization, and clinical interpretability. Research institutions benefit from this intersection of AI and healthcare, encouraging the development of more robust, explainable, and clinically acceptable models.

7. Economic Impact and Cost Reduction

Automating PCOS detection can contribute to considerable cost reductions for healthcare providers and patients. With AI handling the preliminary image assessment, fewer resources are needed for manual diagnostics, and misdiagnoses that lead to unnecessary treatments or delayed care can be minimized. Insurance companies and public health systems can benefit from reduced long-term costs associated with unmanaged PCOS complications. Furthermore, when deployed at scale, the marginal cost of running CNN inference is low, making it an economically viable solution.

8. Training Tool for Medical Professionals

The availability of AI systems as training aids in radiology and gynecology education enhances the skillset of future healthcare providers. Trainees can compare their observations with model predictions and learn from misclassifications, supported by visual explanations like activation maps. This feedback loop fosters a deeper understanding of ultrasound interpretation and supports faster learning in academic settings.

10. RISKS AND LIMITATIONS

1. Data Dependency and Quality Limitations

CNN models are highly data-driven. Their effectiveness directly depends on the quality, quantity, and diversity of the training dataset. If the training dataset lacks diversity — for instance, if it overrepresents a specific age group, ethnicity, or ultrasound equipment type — the model's performance may not generalize well to unseen data. This introduces a significant risk in clinical applications, as models may produce unreliable results for patients from underrepresented groups. Additionally, poor image resolution, artifacts, or inconsistent labeling during training can degrade model accuracy, leading to both false positives and false negatives in real-world use.

2. Lack of Explainability (Black Box Nature)

One of the critical limitations of CNN-based systems is their “black-box” nature. While they are capable of achieving high accuracy, it is often unclear how the model arrives at its predictions. This lack of interpretability poses a challenge in clinical settings where trust, transparency, and accountability are paramount. Medical professionals are hesitant to rely on predictions they cannot justify or understand, especially when critical decisions about a patient's health are involved. Although tools like Grad-CAM can provide some insights, full interpretability remains a challenge, limiting clinical adoption.

3. Risk of Misdiagnosis and Clinical Liability

An AI model, despite its accuracy, is not infallible. False negatives (failing to detect PCOS) may lead to delayed treatment, worsening the patient's health outcomes. Conversely, false positives can lead to unnecessary stress, treatment, and medical expenses. These risks raise concerns about clinical liability — who is responsible if a wrong diagnosis occurs due to AI assistance? In many healthcare systems, such legal and ethical questions are still unresolved, which hampers the safe and regulated deployment of CNN-based diagnostics.

4. Overfitting and Generalization Issues

Overfitting occurs when a CNN model learns specific patterns or noise in the training dataset rather than general features that apply across diverse images. As a result, the model performs well on training data but poorly on new, unseen data. This issue is particularly concerning in medical imaging, where real-world variations in equipment, technician expertise, and patient anatomy are common.

Despite using techniques like dropout, data augmentation, and regularization, CNNs can still suffer from overfitting if not rigorously validated with external datasets.

5. Ethical and Bias Concerns

AI systems may inadvertently learn and amplify biases present in the training data. For instance, if the dataset includes more images from one ethnic group or a particular age range, the model may be biased towards better performance for those demographics. This introduces ethical concerns regarding fairness and equal treatment. There is a growing demand for bias audits in medical AI to ensure that diagnostic tools do not discriminate against certain populations. Without proper oversight, biased AI models can exacerbate existing disparities in healthcare delivery.

6. Infrastructure and Deployment Constraints

Deploying CNN-based PCOS detection systems in real-world settings requires robust IT infrastructure, including reliable internet access, GPU-enabled servers, secure data storage, and user-friendly interfaces. In many low-resource or rural settings, such infrastructure may be lacking, limiting the reach and usability of these models. Moreover, integrating AI into existing hospital systems (e.g., PACS, EHRs) involves significant technical effort, regulatory approval, and training, which can delay or even prevent practical implementation.

7. Regulatory and Compliance Challenges

Healthcare is a highly regulated industry, and the deployment of AI models in diagnostics must comply with regulations such as HIPAA (in the US), GDPR (in Europe), and other regional health data laws. CNN-based models must be rigorously validated through clinical trials, certified by regulatory bodies, and regularly audited. The process of approval is time-consuming and complex. Without proper regulatory clearance, AI models cannot legally or ethically be used for patient diagnosis or decision-making, regardless of their technical efficacy.

8. Lack of Standardization in Medical Imaging

There is a significant lack of standardization in the acquisition of medical ultrasound images. Factors such as operator skill, equipment brand, settings (contrast, brightness), and anatomical variations introduce high variability in image quality. CNN models trained on specific types of images may not adapt well to different clinical setups, reducing their generalizability. The absence of uniform imaging protocols remains a barrier to the scalable deployment of PCOS detection models across diverse

healthcare institutions.

9. Maintenance, Updating, and Versioning

Like all software-based systems, CNN models require maintenance. Periodic updates to the model architecture, retraining with newer data, and continuous validation are necessary to maintain performance over time. Without such updates, models may become outdated or less effective due to changes in medical imaging technology or diagnostic guidelines. Managing multiple model versions across deployments, tracking performance metrics, and ensuring consistency across updates introduces complexity and requires dedicated technical oversight.

10. Patient Privacy and Data Security

To train and deploy CNN models, a significant amount of patient data is required, including ultrasound images and health records. This raises concerns about data privacy and security. Any breach or misuse of such sensitive data can have serious legal and ethical consequences. While techniques like anonymization and encryption are commonly used, they are not foolproof. Additionally, data sharing across institutions for federated learning or model improvement often faces bureaucratic and legal barriers, which limit collaborative model enhancement efforts.

11. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

11.1 Summary:

Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) is one of the most common endocrine disorders, affecting a substantial proportion of women during their reproductive years. Characterized by hormonal imbalance, irregular menstrual cycles, hyperandrogenism, and the presence of polycystic ovaries, PCOS has far-reaching implications beyond reproductive health. If left undiagnosed or unmanaged, PCOS can lead to serious long-term complications including infertility, obesity, type 2 diabetes, metabolic syndrome, and cardiovascular diseases. Therefore, early diagnosis and timely intervention are critical for preventing disease progression and improving the quality of life for affected individuals. However, diagnosing PCOS remains a complex and often inconsistent process due to the variability in symptoms and reliance on clinical and imaging-based assessments that are subject to human interpretation.

Traditionally, PCOS is diagnosed using a combination of clinical evaluation, hormonal assays, and ultrasonographic analysis of the ovaries. Ultrasound imaging plays a central role in assessing the morphology of the ovaries, with transvaginal or pelvic scans used to detect the presence of multiple small follicles and increased ovarian volume—hallmarks of PCOS. However, this diagnostic process is labor-intensive, time-consuming, and prone to inter-observer variability. The interpretation of ovarian morphology is highly dependent on the skill and experience of the radiologist, which can lead to inconsistent results, especially in resource-constrained or high-volume clinical settings. These challenges underline the need for an automated, objective, and efficient diagnostic tool that can assist healthcare providers in accurately detecting PCOS, thereby reducing the burden on medical professionals and minimizing diagnostic errors.

In response to this need, the current project proposes the development of a deep learning-based system that leverages Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) to automatically detect PCOS from ultrasound images. CNNs are a class of artificial neural networks particularly well-suited for image recognition and classification tasks due to their ability to learn spatial hierarchies and extract meaningful patterns from complex image data. The proposed system involves training a CNN model on a curated dataset of ovarian ultrasound images, which are categorized into two groups: normal and PCOS. The architecture of the model comprises multiple convolutional layers that identify key visual features such as follicle arrangement, size, and ovarian texture, followed by pooling layers that reduce

dimensionality while preserving essential features. These extracted features are passed through fully connected (dense) layers and a sigmoid activation function for binary classification. The model is built and trained using TensorFlow and Keras frameworks, ensuring a flexible and scalable development environment.

To ensure optimal model performance, the input images undergo rigorous preprocessing, including resizing to a uniform dimension, grayscale conversion for reducing input complexity, and normalization for consistent intensity scaling. Data augmentation techniques may also be applied to expand the training set and improve model generalizability. The model training process incorporates validation and testing phases to monitor performance metrics such as loss, accuracy, and overfitting behavior. The use of callbacks like early stopping and learning rate schedulers further refines the training process and enhances convergence. The result is a CNN model that demonstrates high levels of accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score in detecting PCOS-related patterns in ultrasound images.

To promote ease of use and real-world applicability, the project includes the development of a web-based interface built using the Flask framework. This web application allows users—including radiologists, gynecologists, and general practitioners—to upload ultrasound images directly and receive immediate classification feedback. Upon uploading, the image is preprocessed and passed through the trained CNN model, which generates a prediction indicating whether PCOS is likely present. The interface displays the result in a user-friendly format alongside the uploaded image, offering a transparent view of the diagnostic process. This integration of AI and web technologies not only streamlines the diagnostic workflow but also empowers healthcare professionals with a reliable second opinion, particularly in underserved areas lacking specialist access.

The system's evaluation indicates strong classification performance, with the confusion matrix highlighting its ability to distinguish between PCOS and normal cases with minimal false positives and false negatives. These outcomes validate the model's potential to augment clinical decision-making and reduce diagnostic uncertainty. Despite these promising results, the project acknowledges some limitations, such as the relatively limited size and diversity of the training dataset, which may affect the model's generalizability to varied demographic and ethnic populations. Additionally, the model currently focuses solely on ultrasound imaging and does not yet integrate clinical or hormonal parameters, which are also critical components of comprehensive PCOS diagnosis.

Nevertheless, this work lays a solid foundation for the use of deep learning in automated medical diagnostics. Future enhancements may include expanding the dataset, incorporating multi-modal data such as hormonal levels and patient history, and deploying the model across larger clinical trials for validation. Ultimately, this project represents a significant step toward the integration of artificial intelligence into women's healthcare, offering a scalable, objective, and efficient tool to support early PCOS detection and long-term patient management.

11.2 Future Enhancements:

1. Dataset Expansion and Diversification

- **Larger Dataset:** The current dataset is limited, which can constrain the model's ability to generalize. Expanding the dataset will help the model capture a broader variety of PCOS presentations and reduce overfitting.
- **Diverse Data Sources:** Including images from multiple hospitals, regions, and imaging devices will expose the model to different scanning conditions, increasing robustness.
- **Inclusion of Demographic Variation:** By incorporating data from different age groups, ethnic backgrounds, and geographies, the system will become more inclusive and clinically applicable across populations.

2. Integration of Multimodal Clinical Data

- **Hormonal and Metabolic Markers:** Future systems can incorporate blood test results (e.g., LH, FSH, insulin levels) to enhance predictive accuracy beyond imaging alone.
- **Hybrid Model Architecture:** A model that combines CNNs for image data and traditional neural networks for structured data can provide more holistic diagnostic insight.
- **Patient Stratification:** Multimodal input will allow for disease severity classification, helping tailor treatment plans for different risk levels.

3. Advanced Deep Learning Architectures

- **Use of SOTA Models:** Incorporating architectures like ResNet, DenseNet, EfficientNet, or Vision Transformers (ViTs) can improve feature extraction and classification.
- **Transfer Learning:** Leveraging pre-trained models from large medical datasets can accelerate training and enhance accuracy with limited PCOS-specific data.

- Improved Generalization: These modern architectures will improve model robustness to unseen or noisy data, making the system more reliable in clinical settings.

4. Explainable AI (XAI) for Clinical Trust

- Visualization Tools: Tools like Grad-CAM or LIME can highlight image regions influencing predictions, improving interpretability.
- Clinician Confidence: Providing explainable outputs helps bridge the gap between AI recommendations and clinical acceptance.
- Ethical Transparency: XAI ensures that decisions are understandable and verifiable, promoting responsible AI use in healthcare.

5. Enhanced Web Interface and Clinical Integration

- Modern Front-End Technologies: Upgrading the interface using React.js or Vue.js will improve usability, responsiveness, and aesthetics.
- EHR Integration: Direct integration with electronic health records (EHRs) can automate workflows and reduce manual entry errors.
- Additional Features: Report generation, patient tracking, and administrative tools can be added to enhance clinical utility and user engagement.

6. Mobile and Cloud Deployment

- Mobile Application: Deploying the model on Android/iOS will bring PCOS diagnostics to rural or resource-limited regions.
- Cloud Infrastructure: Hosting on platforms like AWS or Google Cloud enables fast, scalable, and centralized deployment.
- Scalability and Access: Cloud and mobile platforms make the system available to a wider audience, facilitating public health initiatives.

7. Real-Time Learning and Model Updating

- Continuous Learning: Allowing the system to learn from new data ensures it adapts to evolving diagnostic patterns and practices.
- Federated Learning: Enables decentralized model training across institutions without sharing raw data, preserving patient privacy.

- **Dynamic Updates:** Periodic model retraining ensures relevance, accuracy, and alignment with clinical advancements.

8. Ethical Considerations and Regulatory Compliance

- **Certification Readiness:** Future development should align with standards required for FDA, CE, or ISO certification.
- **Privacy and Consent:** Implementing strict patient data privacy measures and informed consent protocols is essential.
- **Bias Mitigation:** Regular audits and fairness checks should be conducted to prevent discrimination or unintended harm from the system.

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