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Brain Tumor Detection Using Transfer Learning with VGG16

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Abstract

Brain tumor detection from magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) is crucial for early diagnosis and treatment planning. This paper presents a deep learning approach that leverages the pre-trained VGG16 model via transfer learning to classify brain MRIs as tumor or non-tumor. The dataset, obtained from Kaggle, contains 253 MRI scans labeled as “yes” or “no” for the presence of a tumor. After data preprocessing and augmentation, the model achieves approximately 90% accuracy on the validation set. Experimental results suggest that using a pre-trained architecture significantly reduces training time while maintaining high accuracy. The proposed system could serve as a supportive tool for radiologists to accelerate the screening process for brain tumors.

1. Introduction

Brain tumors are abnormal growths in the brain that can be life-threatening if not detected and treated promptly. Traditional manual examination of MRI scans is time-consuming, requires expertise, and is prone to human error. Recent advances in deep learning have shown promise in automating radiology tasks such as tumor detection, segmentation, and classification.

Transfer learning has emerged as a powerful technique for leveraging knowledge from large-scale annotated datasets (e.g., ImageNet) and applying it to specialized tasks with limited data. In particular, **VGG16** has been widely adopted due to its straightforward architecture and proven effectiveness in computer vision tasks.

In this paper, we present a deep learning pipeline that classifies MRI scans into *tumor* or *non-tumor* categories. The pipeline includes:

1. Data preprocessing and augmentation.
2. Transfer learning with the VGG16 architecture.
3. Experiments to optimize model performance.
4. Evaluation and discussion of results.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows: Section 2 reviews relevant literature on brain tumor detection and transfer learning. Section 3 describes the proposed methodology and dataset. Section 4 presents experiments, results, and comparisons. Section 5 provides a discussion of the findings, and Section 6 concludes the paper with future directions.

2. Related Work

Recent developments in medical image analysis have embraced deep convolutional neural networks (CNNs) for various tasks [1]. Approaches range from **fully supervised** methods for classification and segmentation to **weakly**

supervised and **unsupervised** methods. In particular, brain tumor classification has attracted significant attention:

- **CNN-Based Detection:** Early works utilized shallow CNNs on relatively small datasets, reporting moderate accuracy [2].
- **Transfer Learning:** With the advent of large-scale image datasets such as ImageNet, transfer learning has significantly improved performance in tasks with limited training data. Models such as **VGG16**, **ResNet**, and **Inception** have been fine-tuned to classify brain MRI images [3].
- **Hybrid Methods:** Some studies combine CNNs with handcrafted features or traditional machine learning classifiers (SVM, Random Forest) to improve interpretability [4].

Our approach aligns with existing transfer learning methods but focuses on a straightforward, reproducible pipeline using **VGG16**, data augmentation, and training strategies that can be generalized to other similar datasets.

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3. Methodology

3.1 Dataset

We utilized the **Brain MRI Images for Brain Tumor Detection** dataset from Kaggle [5]. The dataset consists of:

- **Yes (Tumor) images:** 155
- **No (Non-tumor) images:** 98

All images are grayscale or RGB MRI scans of varying dimensions. We resized them to **150×150** pixels for uniformity.

3.1.1 Data Splitting and Organization

1. **Directory Structure:**

```
brain_tumor_dataset/
├── yes/
└── no/
data/
├── training/
│   ├── yes/
│   └── no/
└── validation/
    ├── yes/
    └── no/
```

2. **Splitting:** An 80–20 split was used for training and validation, ensuring both classes are represented proportionally.

3.2 Data Augmentation

To mitigate overfitting and improve model generalization, **ImageDataGenerator** from Keras was used with the following transformations:

- **Rotation:** Up to 40 degrees
- **Width and Height Shifts:** Up to 20% of the image size
- **Zoom Range:** Up to 20%
- **Horizontal Flip:** Random flips along the horizontal axis
- **Shear Transformations**

A separate validation generator was created without augmentation, only rescaling pixel values to [0, 1].

3.3 Model Architecture

Our architecture is based on **VGG16** [6], a 16-layer CNN originally trained on ImageNet. We loaded VGG16 without the top classification layers (`include_top=False`) to obtain high-level feature maps. Then, we added:

1. **Flatten Layer**: Converts the 3D feature maps from VGG16 into a 1D vector.
2. **Dense Layer (512 units, ReLU)**: Learns task-specific patterns for MRI images.
3. **Dropout (0.2)**: Randomly drops 20% of neurons during training to reduce overfitting.
4. **Dense Layer (1 unit, sigmoid)**: Outputs a probability indicating tumor presence.

PYTHON

```python
base_model = VGG16(weights='imagenet', include_top=False,
input_shape=(150, 150, 3))
for layer in base_model.layers:
    layer.trainable = False

model = Sequential([
    base_model,
    Flatten(),
    Dense(512, activation='relu'),
    Dropout(0.2),
    Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')
])
```

3.4 Training Setup

We used **binary cross-entropy** as the loss function and **Adam** optimizer with a learning rate of **1×10^{-4}**. The network was trained for **30 epochs** with a batch size of **10**. Early stopping or learning rate schedulers were not initially applied but are potential improvements.

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4. Experiments and Results

4.1 Training Performance

During training, the model achieved:

- **Training Accuracy:** ~88%
- **Validation Accuracy:** ~90%

A sample of the training log is shown in Table 1.

Epoch	Training Accuracy	Validation Accuracy	Training Loss	Validation Loss
1	0.61	0.78	0.66	0.53
10	0.83	0.90	0.39	0.31
20	0.85	0.78	0.32	0.44

Epoch	Training Accuracy	Validation Accuracy	Training Loss	Validation Loss
30	0.88	0.90	0.28	0.33

Figure 1 illustrates the training and validation accuracy and loss curves.

4.2 Evaluation Metrics

To further assess the model, we computed precision, recall, and F1-score using the validation set. The results are summarized in Table 2.

Class	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
No (0)	0.88	0.85	0.87
Yes (1)	0.92	0.95	0.93
Average	0.90	0.90	0.90

4.3 Qualitative Analysis

Randomly selected images correctly identified by the model exhibit clear features such as large tumor masses for “yes” cases. Misclassified examples often include poor contrast or artifacts. Data augmentation addresses some of these challenges by providing model robustness.

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5. Discussion

Our experiments demonstrate that:

1. **Transfer Learning:** Using VGG16 significantly reduces training time while offering high accuracy due to its robust feature extraction layers.
2. **Data Augmentation:** Helps the model generalize better, though the dataset size remains relatively small for a deep CNN.
3. **Potential Clinical Impact:** A reliable model could act as a screening or decision-support tool, assisting radiologists to quickly identify suspicious MRI scans.

Limitations include the modest dataset size and the potential bias if the dataset does not capture a full range of pathologies or MRI artifact variations. In clinical settings, more diverse and larger datasets would be required for validation.

6. Conclusion and Future Work

In this paper, we presented a deep learning approach for brain tumor detection leveraging **transfer learning** with **VGG16**. The proposed method achieved **~90% accuracy** in classifying MRI images. Future research directions include:

1. **Fine-tuning Deeper Layers:** Unfreezing select VGG16 layers could further improve accuracy.
2. **Inclusion of Additional Architectures:** Experimenting with ResNet, Inception, or EfficientNet.
3. **Advanced Data Augmentation:** Incorporating 3D augmentation and synthetic data generation (GANs) to handle limited datasets.
4. **Clinical Validation:** Testing on larger, more diverse cohorts under varied imaging protocols.

By refining these components, we aim to develop a more robust, clinically valid system that can support medical professionals in diagnosing brain tumors effectively.

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