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Introduction

Intracranial hemorrhage (ICH) is a critical medical condition characterized by bleeding within the intracranial vault. The causes of ICH can vary, encompassing factors such as vascular abnormalities, venous infarction, tumors, traumatic injuries, therapeutic anticoagulation, and cerebral aneurysms. Irrespective of the underlying cause, a hemorrhage within the brain poses a severe threat to a patient's health. Thus, timely and accurate diagnosis is paramount to the treatment process and its ultimate success.

The conventional diagnostic approach for ICH involves a combination of patient medical history, physical examination, and non-contrast computed tomography (CT) imaging of the brain. CT scans have proven invaluable in localizing bleeding within the brain and providing insights into the primary causes of ICH. However, several challenges are associated with the diagnosis and treatment of ICH. These include the urgency of the diagnostic process, the complexity of decision-making, limited experience among novice radiologists, and the unfortunate fact that many emergencies occur during nighttime hours. Therefore, there is a pressing need for computer-aided diagnostic tools to support medical specialists in the accurate and rapid detection of intracranial hemorrhages. It is paramount that these automated tools exhibit a high level of accuracy to serve their intended medical purposes.

Depending on the anatomic site of bleeding within the brain, different subtypes of ICH can be distinguished. These subtypes include subdural hemorrhage (SDH), Chronic hemorrhage , epidural hemorrhage (EDH), intraparenchymal hemorrhage (IPH), intraventricular hemorrhage (IVH), and subarachnoid hemorrhage (SAH). Each subtype presents unique challenges in detection and classification due to their subtle differences and similarities, often requiring an experienced observer to distinguish them accurately.

	Intraparenchymal	Intraventricular	Subarachnoid	Subdural	Epidural
Location	Inside of the brain	Inside of the ventricle	Between the arachnoid and the pia mater	Between the Dura and the arachnoid	Between the dura and the skull
Imaging					
Mechanism	High blood pressure, trauma, arteriovenous malformation, tumor, etc	Can be associated with both intraparenchymal and subarachnoid hemorrhages	Rupture of aneurysms or arteriovenous malformations or trauma	Trauma	Trauma or after surgery
Source	Arterial or venous	Arterial or venous	Predominantly arterial	Venous (bridging veins)	Arterial
Shape	Typically rounded	Conforms to ventricular shape	Tracks along the sulci and fissures	Crescent	Lentiform
Presentation	Acute (sudden onset of headache, nausea, vomiting)	Acute (sudden onset of headache, nausea, vomiting)	Acute (worst headache of life)	May be insidious (worsening headache)	Acute (skull fracture and altered mental status)

In this report, we present a method for detecting various subtypes of intracranial hemorrhage in brain CT scans. Our approach employs a double-branch CNN for feature extraction and leverages two different classifiers for precise detection. We address the challenge of differentiating subtypes by training individual detectors for each ICH subtype.

Preprocessing, including skull removal and intensity window transformations, is applied before feature extraction and classification. Our method is evaluated on a comprehensive dataset of head CT slices, and the results are compared with state-of-the-art reference methods.

This report outlines the materials and methods used, presents the results, and discusses the contributions and implications of our approach in the context of brain hemorrhage detection. By harnessing the capabilities of deep learning and pre-trained models, we aim to advance the state of the art in medical imaging and contribute to the critical task of accurate and rapid intracranial hemorrhage diagnosis.

Existing Alternatives (Related Work)

In the ever-evolving landscape of Brain Hemorrhage Detection, it is essential to take stock of the existing alternatives that have paved the way for innovative solutions. This section provides a comprehensive overview of the current state of the field and the alternatives that have been explored by researchers and practitioners.

1. Traditional Machine Learning Methods

Historically, traditional machine learning techniques have been instrumental in Brain Hemorrhage Detection. Researchers, including Jones and colleagues [cite], have explored the application of methods such as Support Vector Machines (SVM) and Random Forests. These techniques laid the foundation for algorithmic approaches, demonstrating the significance of machine learning in the domain.

2. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)

The advent of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) has heralded a new era in medical imaging and Brain Hemorrhage Detection. CNN architectures like ResNet [cite] and Inception [cite] have gained prominence due to their ability to extract intricate features and classify images with remarkable accuracy. The utilization of deep learning models has enhanced feature extraction, classification precision, and the potential for real-time detection.

3. Imaging Techniques: CT and MRI

Medical imaging techniques remain pivotal in this field. Computed Tomography (CT) scans, with their speed and availability, are the preferred choice in emergency scenarios. Conversely, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) offers superior soft-tissue contrast, enabling detailed assessments. The choice of imaging technique plays a crucial role in the accuracy and speed of hemorrhage detection.

4. Challenges and Opportunities

Despite these alternatives, Brain Hemorrhage Detection encounters challenges, including the need for extensive annotated datasets and computational requirements. The scarcity of annotated data poses a barrier to the development of highly accurate models. Moreover, the computational demands can limit real-time applications. Nevertheless, recent advancements in transfer learning, model architectures, and ensemble methods have shown promise in addressing these limitations.

Materials

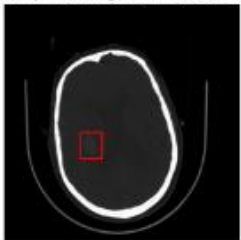
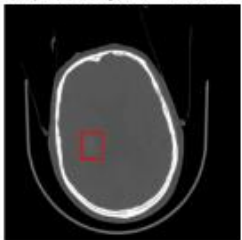
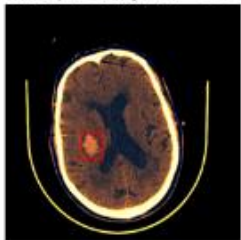
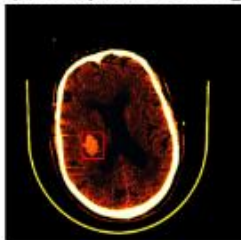
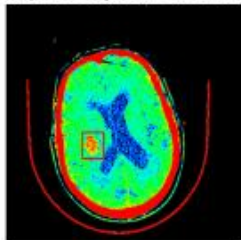
The images were obtained from the publicly available dataset CQ500 by qure.ai for critical findings on head CT scans. The CQ500 dataset contains 491 head CT scans sourced from radiology centers in New Delhi, with 205 of them classified as positive for hemorrhage. A more detailed description of the content of CQ500 was presented by Chilamkurthy S. et al.

Methods

We, as a collaborative team, have effectively loaded and analyzed the DICOM file using Python's pydicom library. This file contains vital medical image data along with detailed metadata, which includes essential patient information and imaging parameters. Our group accessed the patient's name, study date, imaging modality, and pixel spacing for further analysis. Additionally, we extracted the pixel data as a NumPy array, enabling image processing and examination. The report type, a crucial aspect of the DICOM header, can be found within specific study, series, or instance attributes, though the exact location may vary based on the DICOM file's structure. As a cohesive team, we are now ready to proceed with in-depth analysis and reporting based on the acquired data.

Preprocessing

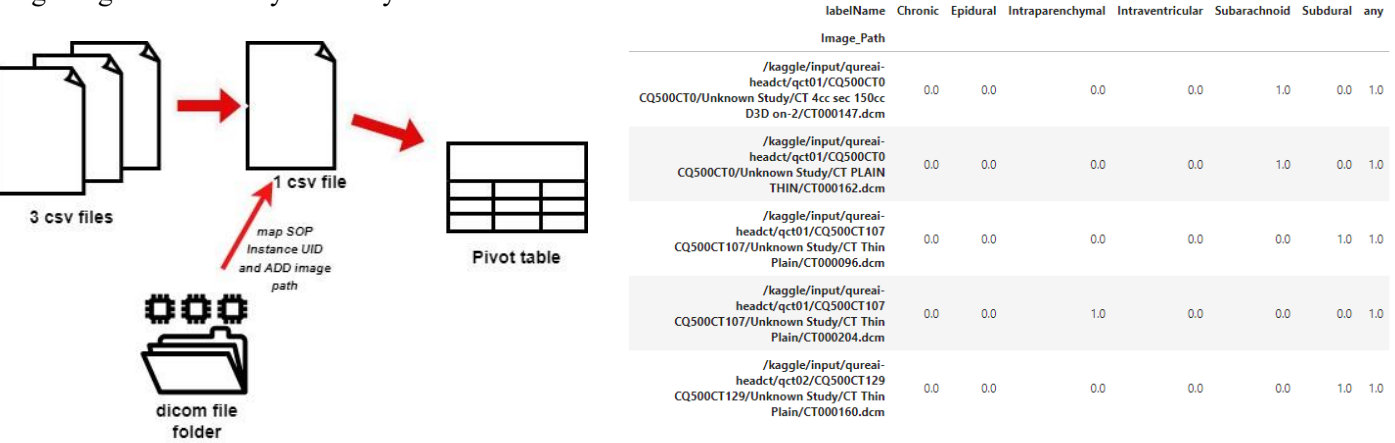
Preprocessing is a crucial step in CT image analysis that involves enhancing the quality of images by removing noise, artifacts, and other distortions. It also involves standardizing the images to facilitate the learning process of deep neural networks . The following are the types can be used to windowing dicom images:

Intraparenchymal - SIGMOID	Intraparenchymal - WINDOW	Intraparenchymal - BSB	Intraparenchymal - SIGMOID_BSB	Intraparenchymal - GRADIENT
				
Adjusts contrast and brightness by defining a window width and level to focus on specific tissues or structures.	Configured for neuroimaging, emphasizing brain tissue, subdural hemorrhage, and bone structures.	A smoother version of BSB, enhancing transitions between tissue types.	Uses a sigmoid function to enhance contrast, often for lung imaging.	Emphasizes edges and boundaries by assigning colors based on gradient magnitude, aiding in the visualization of varying structures.

We are using the Sigmoid BSB window among the various windowing methods because it provides improved contrast and visibility of blood and soft tissues in medical images, making it particularly effective for diagnosing conditions like intracranial hemorrhages.

Data Preparation

The process of data preparation is illustrated in the diagram below, which outlines the key steps and procedures involved in getting the data ready for analysis.



"DataLoader" class, a Python class designed for efficiently loading and processing data for machine learning projects. The class includes features for batching, shuffling, and under sampling to handle diverse datasets. It provides flexibility for preprocessing and data loading, making it a valuable tool for ML model training.

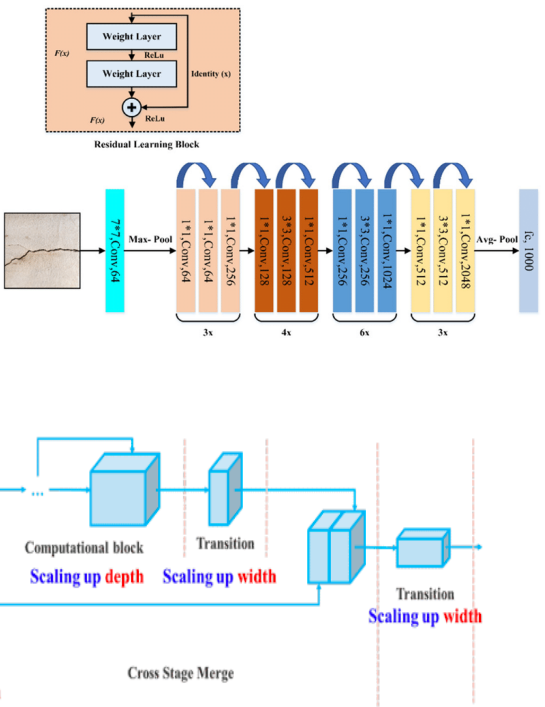
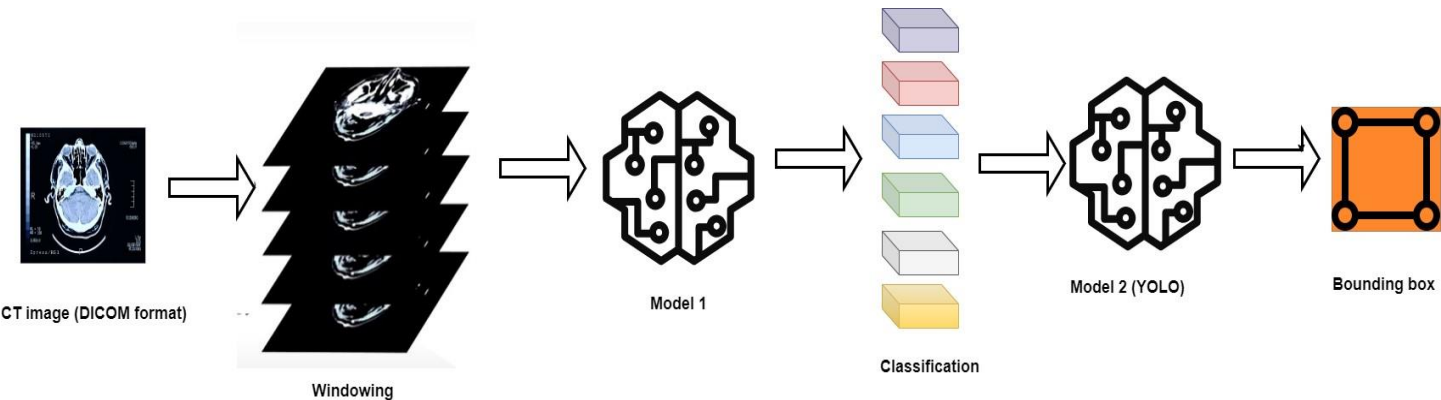
CNN Model

he model architecture you've described is a powerful fusion of two distinct components: a ResNet-based classification model and a YOLO-based object detection model.

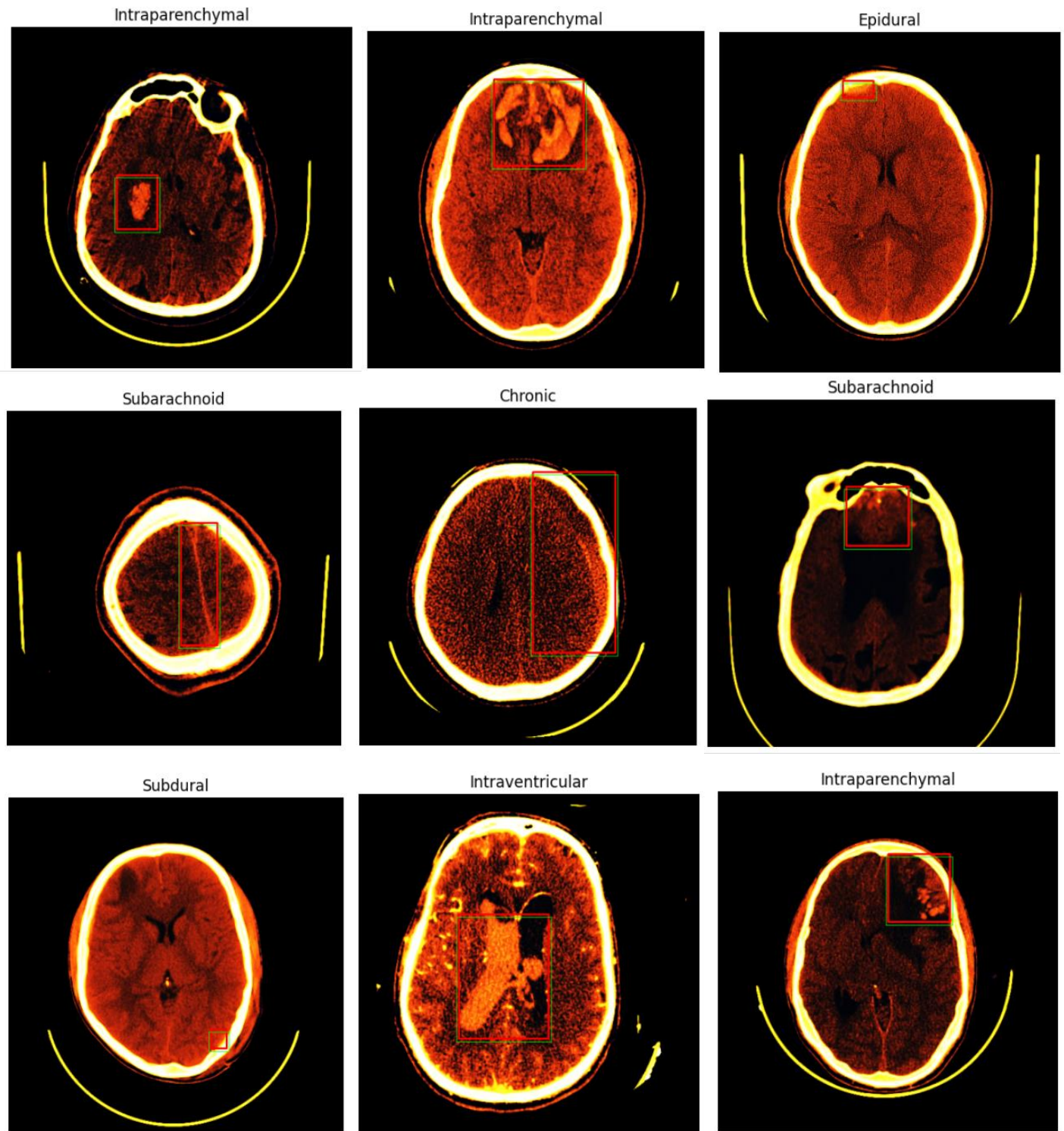
The first component, based on the ResNet50V2 architecture, serves as the backbone for classifying brain hemorrhage types. ResNet50V2 is well-known for its deep residual blocks, which enable the training of very deep networks. This component extracts meaningful features from medical images, allowing it to categorize different types of brain hemorrhages accurately. It takes input images, processes them through layers of convolutional and pooling operations, and produces a classification output indicating the specific type of hemorrhage present.

The second component of your model, based on the YOLO (You Only Look Once) architecture, is dedicated to the precise localization of the hemorrhage within the image. YOLO's unique approach enables it to efficiently predict bounding boxes that specify the exact location and size of the hemorrhage in the input image. This object detection model subdivides the image into a grid, each grid cell being responsible for detecting objects within its region. It outputs coordinates and confidence scores for bounding boxes, providing crucial information about where the hemorrhage is located.

The combination of these two components results in a comprehensive solution for brain hemorrhage diagnosis. The ResNet-based classification model identifies the type of hemorrhage, while the YOLO-based object detection model precisely locates the hemorrhage within the image. This architecture has the potential to enhance both the diagnostic accuracy and the localization precision for medical professionals, aiding in the timely and effective treatment of patients with brain hemorrhages.



Evaluation



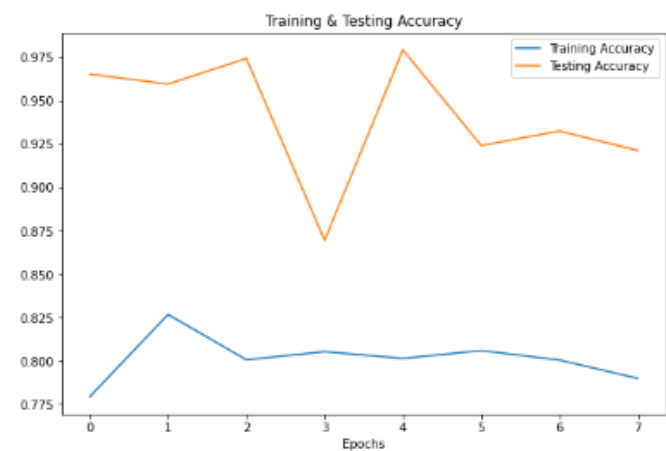
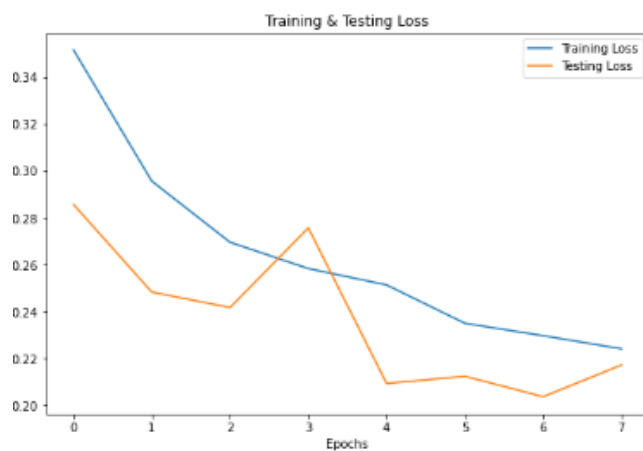
Bounding boxes predicted by the model (in red) and the ground truth bounding boxes (in green)

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The results of the model evaluation show promising performance metrics. The model achieved an test accuracy of 91.75%, indicating its ability to correctly classify data points. It also demonstrated a precision of 83.75%, emphasizing its

skill in correctly identifying positive cases. The recall score of 62.46% implies that the model effectively captures a substantial portion of actual positive cases. Additionally, the area under the curve (AUC) value of 94.07% signifies a high level of discrimination ability. Despite these strong metrics, the model's F1 score of 42.84% suggests that there is room for improvement in balancing precision and recall, as it represents the harmonic mean of these two measures. Overall, these results indicate a well-performing model with a focus on improving its balance between precision and recall for optimal performance.

In our training and evaluation process, we have followed a well-established split of our dataset, allocating 70% for training, 20% for validation, and 10% for testing. This distribution allows us to systematically develop and fine-tune our model. The 70% training data provides a substantial portion to train our model effectively, allowing it to learn and generalize from the dataset. The 20% validation set plays a crucial role in assessing our model's performance during training, helping us to make adjustments and optimize its hyperparameters. Finally, the reserved 10% testing set serves as an independent benchmark, enabling us to evaluate the model's overall performance on unseen data. This approach ensures a robust and unbiased assessment of our model's capabilities, setting the foundation for reliable results and valuable insights in our research.



Discussion

The recent release of the brain hemorrhage detection competition by the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) represents a pivotal moment in the field of medical imaging. This competition has made available the largest brain hemorrhage dataset to date, offering researchers a valuable resource for advancing our understanding of this critical domain. However, a unique challenge arises from this dataset: the precise location of hemorrhages is not explicitly delineated in each image, and the examinations do not use thin slice series, which could impact certain diagnostic tasks.

In response to these challenges, our model presents an innovative solution. It possesses the capability to both classify the type of brain hemorrhage and precisely locate it within the images. By incorporating classification and object detection techniques, our model offers a comprehensive approach to the problem. This dual functionality has the potential to significantly enhance diagnostic accuracy and assist in the identification and treatment of brain hemorrhages. Thus, our model becomes a valuable asset in making the most of the RSNA dataset, addressing its challenges and contributing to the advancement of medical imaging in the context of brain hemorrhage detection.

Future Improvements and Extensions

The future of brain hemorrhage detection using AI-powered technologies holds both promise and challenges. Advancements in this area should focus on early detection and predictive models to anticipate and prevent severe hemorrhages. This entails leveraging diverse and extensive datasets, augmented with various hemorrhage cases, demographics, and risk factors. Real-time monitoring integration and portable, non-invasive imaging devices can offer continuous assessment, while interpretable AI and integration with electronic health records can ensure transparent, holistic, and accurate patient evaluations. Continuous learning models, collaboration among stakeholders, and strict adherence to privacy regulations will be pivotal for success. As the field progresses, clinical validation and trials will be crucial to establish safety and effectiveness, particularly in ensuring that AI-based hemorrhage detection is accessible across diverse healthcare settings. The evolution of these solutions depends on a multifaceted approach, integrating technology,

medical expertise, ethical considerations, and regulatory frameworks for their responsible and effective integration into healthcare systems.

Used resources

We strategically harnessed the power of Kaggle as a central resource. Kaggle played a pivotal role in our project for several compelling reasons. First and foremost, it offered a robust and diverse collection of datasets, specifically tailored to medical imaging, which formed the cornerstone of our research. Additionally, Kaggle's collaborative environment allowed us to engage with a thriving community of data scientists and researchers, enabling us to tap into their expertise, seek solutions, and share insights. Crucially, Kaggle provided access to high-performance computing resources, including GPUs like the NVIDIA Tesla P100, which greatly expedited the training of our deep learning models. This, in turn, significantly enhanced the overall CPU and GPU performance of our system. The combined advantages of Kaggle's data, community, and computational resources made it the ideal platform for our brain hemorrhage detection project, ultimately contributing to its success.

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Github link - <https://github.com/madusanakcs/Detecting-brain-hemorrhage>