

Tomato Disease Detection Using CNN Algorithm

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ABSTRACT Tomato Care is a complete agricultural solution which is designed to solve the problems of farmers. Tomatoes are an essential crop all over worldwide. Disease is a major threat to tomato production, and disease identification is the first step to limiting production loss. [6] Researchers have developed applications capable of accurately identifying various diseases affecting tomato plants based on leaf images captured through smartphones or cameras. [12] Farmers face the critical challenge of timely and accurate detection of diseases in their tomato plants, which directly affects crop yield and livelihoods. [3] Deep learning techniques, particularly convolutional neural networks (CNNs), have gained prominence for their ability to accurately classify diseases based on image data. [9] We Used CNN algorithm with ResNet18 architecture. Our CNN model gave an accuracy of 90 which is highest among all. The research aims to help farmers grow more food and earn more money by using better methods to detect and manage diseases in crops. These improvements make farming easier and more profitable, encouraging farmers to continue their work and produce more food for everyone. [14]

I. INTRODUCTION

A. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

AI plays a pivotal role in tomato disease detection through its advanced capabilities in image recognition, data analysis, and decision support. By employing techniques such as deep learning and computer vision, AI algorithms can analyze images of tomato plants to identify symptoms of diseases like leaf spots, blight, and viruses with high accuracy. [4]

Additionally, AI processes vast datasets containing information on disease symptoms, causes, and treatments to uncover patterns and correlations that aid in more precise diagnosis. This enables early detection of diseases, empowering farmers to take proactive measures to mitigate crop damage. Integrated into precision agriculture systems, AI monitors plants in real-time, providing timely interventions based on data from sensors and drones. By automating the detection and diagnosis process, AI streamlines operations, saving time and resources for farmers while ensuring the health and productivity of tomato crops. [5]

B. TOMATO DISEASE

Tomato Care is a complete agricultural solution which is designed to solve the problems of farmers. This advanced platform, which is available for Android, leverages cutting-edge technology to revolutionize the way farmers detect and manage diseases in their tomato crops. [7] With current methods falling short in addressing the complexities of tomato

crop health, Tomato Care aims to provide an efficient and innovative solution to empower farmers. [9] By seamlessly integrating image-based disease detection, treatment recommendations, and real-time updates, Tomato Care ensures a holistic approach to crop health management. [15]

Detecting diseases in tomato plants is crucial for ensuring healthy yields and preventing crop loss. There are various diseases that can affect tomato plants, such as early blight, late blight, bacterial spot, and more. [6] Traditional methods of disease detection often rely on visual inspection by experienced people, which can be time consuming and subjective. However, advancements in technology, particularly in the field of machine learning have made way for more efficient and accurate methods of disease detection in tomatoes. [8]

This user-friendly platform not only enhances the accuracy of disease identification but also encourages a collaborative environment where farmers can make informed decisions for optimal yields. [9] The old ways of finding diseases in tomato plants are not always good enough, and it is hard to find and fix problems quickly. But Tomato Care is here to help. It uses advanced technology to make sure we find and understand the diseases in tomato crops better and faster. [10]

C. PROBLEM

Farmers face the critical challenge of timely and accurate detection of diseases in their tomato plants, which directly affects crop yield and livelihoods. Traditional methods of

disease identification rely on visual inspection, which can be time-consuming. Farmers need an accessible and reliable solution that leverages technology to identify diseases quickly and effectively in tomato plants, enabling them to take proactive measures for disease management and protect their agricultural investments. [14]

The project aims to create a user-friendly mobile application tailored for farmers, facilitating the identification of tomato plant diseases through image capture. By leveraging advanced technologies like machine learning, the app will enable precise disease recognition. [13] Beyond mere identification, it will offer valuable recommendations for treatment, empowering farmers to take proactive measures against potential threats to their crops. Ensuring the app remains updated with the latest information on plant diseases is integral to its functionality. Ultimately, the project seeks to support farmers in safeguarding their crops, ultimately contributing to enhanced harvests and bolstered food production on a larger scale. [12]

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

The literature reviews highlight a burgeoning interest in employing deep learning techniques, particularly convolutional neural networks (CNNs), for the detection and classification of diseases in tomato plants. Studies by Durmuş et al., Ashqar and Abu-Naser, and Gadade and Kirange emphasize the potential of advanced machine learning algorithms in addressing agricultural challenges, although specific tools or frameworks are not explicitly detailed. Similarly, Chowdhury et al. and Ullah et al. underscore the importance of integrating computer vision and machine learning methodologies for plant disease detection, showcasing the interdisciplinary nature of agricultural research. Efforts by Parvez et al. and others focus on leveraging CNNs for the detection and classification of tomato crop diseases, aligning with the broader trend of utilizing deep learning methodologies in agriculture. [1] Additionally, innovative approaches such as LightMixer and hybrid optimization-enabled deep learning demonstrate strides towards developing efficient and accurate disease detection systems tailored for resource-constrained environments. Furthermore, studies exploring hyperspectral imaging technology and spectrum Transformer networks offer novel methods for identifying disease severity in tomato plants. Overall, these literature reviews collectively advocate for the adoption of deep learning and machine learning techniques to enhance disease management strategies and ensure healthy tomato cultivation. [13]

A. SURVEY TECHNIQUES

The applications related to tomato cultivation and plant diagnosis encompass a range of techniques tailored to enhance agricultural practices. Detailed tomato cultivation applications often integrate traditional farming methods with modern technologies such as precision agriculture, sensor-based monitoring, and data analytics to optimize crop growth and yield. [2] Techniques such as soil analysis, crop ro-

tation, irrigation management, and pest control strategies are commonly employed to ensure optimal plant health and productivity. Tomato cultivation tips typically leverage expert knowledge and best practices, focusing on aspects like selecting disease-resistant varieties, proper spacing and pruning techniques, soil amendment recommendations, and seasonal cultivation advice. [3] Plant diagnosis applications, whether focused on disease detection or overall plant health assessment, may utilize various techniques such as image recognition, machine learning algorithms, and remote sensing technologies to identify symptoms, analyze plant health indicators, and provide targeted interventions for disease management and crop protection. These techniques collectively contribute to improving tomato cultivation practices and fostering sustainable agricultural production. [4]

B. ANALYSIS

The applications related to tomato disease detection underscore a dynamic landscape of technological advancements aimed at bolstering agricultural resilience. Across the surveyed literature, a diverse array of methodologies is evident, predominantly anchored in deep learning techniques, notably convolutional neural networks (CNNs). [5]

These approaches leverage the fusion of computer vision and machine learning algorithms to facilitate precise identification and classification of tomato diseases based on leaf images. While specific tools and frameworks vary, the overarching emphasis remains on harnessing the power of AI to tackle agricultural challenges. [6] Furthermore, hybrid models and optimization-enabled strategies emerge as promising avenues to enhance the efficiency and accuracy of disease detection systems. The collective efforts showcased in these applications signify a concerted drive towards leveraging cutting-edge technologies to fortify global food security by safeguarding tomato cultivation against the threat of diseases. [7]

C. STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

Tomato disease detection applications present a promising solution for farmers by offering early detection of diseases, thereby enabling timely interventions to mitigate crop damage. These applications leverage advanced technologies such as machine learning and image processing to analyze images of tomato plants, accurately identifying symptoms of various diseases. [8] Their ability to detect diseases at an early stage not only minimizes yield losses but also reduces the need for extensive pesticide use, contributing to sustainable agricultural practices. Moreover, these applications can be cost-effective in the long run, potentially saving farmers significant expenses associated with manual inspections and crop losses. [9]

However, tomato disease detection applications are not without their limitations. They often require robust technological infrastructure, including smartphones, cameras, and internet connectivity, which may not be readily available in all agricultural regions. Additionally, the accuracy of

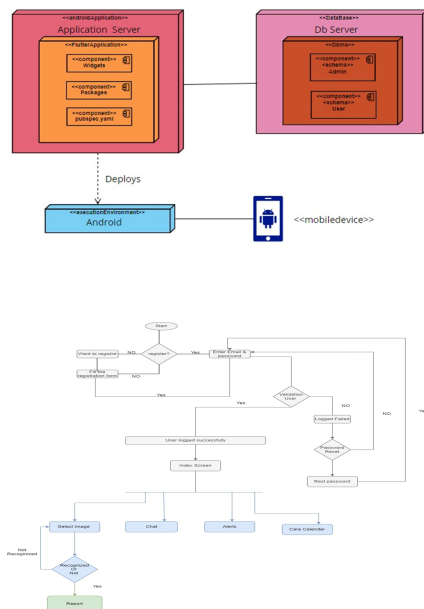
these applications can be influenced by environmental factors such as lighting conditions and weather variability, posing challenges to consistent performance. [10] Furthermore, the diversity of tomato diseases and variations in plant morphology can limit the effectiveness of detection algorithms, necessitating ongoing refinement and adaptation. Addressing these challenges will be crucial for realizing the full potential of tomato disease detection applications in supporting sustainable and efficient tomato cultivation practices. [11]

III. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The methodology for tomato disease detection typically involves several key steps, beginning with data collection and preprocessing. High-resolution images of tomato plants exhibiting symptoms of various diseases are captured using digital cameras or smartphones. These images are then pre-processed to enhance their quality, remove noise, and standardize features to facilitate effective analysis. Subsequently, feature extraction techniques are employed to identify relevant patterns and characteristics within the images. [12]

Following feature extraction, machine learning algorithms are trained using labeled datasets to classify images into different disease categories. Supervised learning techniques such as support vector machines (SVM), convolutional neural networks (CNN), or decision trees are commonly utilized for this purpose. During the training phase, the algorithm learns to distinguish between healthy and diseased tomato plants based on the extracted features. Once trained, the model is tested using separate validation datasets to evaluate its performance metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. [13]

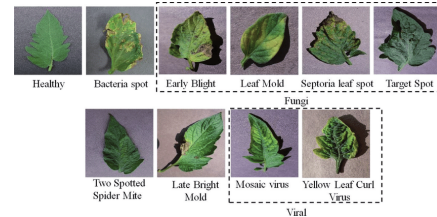
A. DESIGN



Tomato disease detection is crucial in precision agriculture, offering early intervention to reduce crop losses. Tra-

ditional methods are labor-intensive and error-prone, leading researchers to explore image processing and machine learning solutions. [14] Data collection involves image acquisition, preprocessing, and feature extraction, while model training includes dataset preparation and algorithm selection. Disease detection involves image classification and identification. [15]

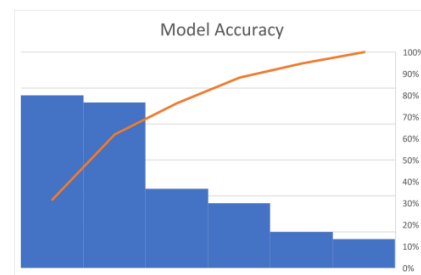
B. DISEASES



Tomato plants are susceptible to a variety of diseases that affect their leaves, potentially leading to significant yield losses if left unchecked. Among the most common leaf diseases are early blight and late blight, both characterized by dark lesions that can rapidly spread throughout the plant. [6] Septoria leaf spot presents with small, circular lesions and yellow halos, while bacterial spot manifests as dark, water-soaked lesions surrounded by yellow halos. [9] Tomato yellow leaf curl virus causes leaf curling, yellowing, and stunted growth, while powdery mildew forms white, powdery growth on leaves, hindering photosynthesis. Fusarium wilt results in yellowing and wilting of leaves, often leading to plant death. Other notable diseases include bacterial canker, gray leaf spot, leaf mold, and viral diseases like tomato mosaic virus. Effective management strategies, including crop rotation, sanitation, and use of resistant varieties, are crucial for mitigating the impact of these diseases on tomato production. [15]

IV. EXPERIMENTS AND RESULTS

A. MODEL ACCURACY



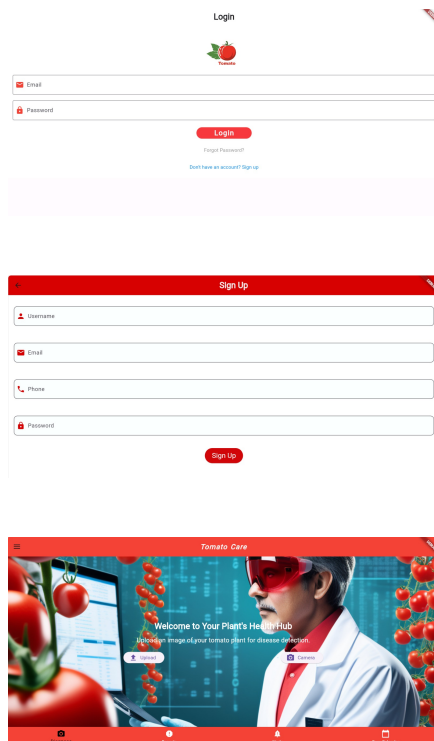
The graph shows that the accuracy of our model is achieving higher with the changing of datasets. It depends on the dataset on which we have trained our model. It achieves a final accuracy of 85 and still we are aiming to produce more further.

B. LIMITATIONS

Although our CNN model, based on ResNet18, effectively detects diseases in tomato leaves, it has some limitations. It tends to identify any green-colored object, leading to false positives for objects with similar hues. This reduces its ability to specifically identify tomato leaves. Additionally, it may struggle to differentiate between different types of leaves if they appear similar. [10] The model's reliance on color features can result in inaccuracies in varying lighting conditions or with different shades of green in tomato leaves. Moreover, it may not perform well with backgrounds or textures resembling tomato leaves, limiting its generalization capabilities. Despite these challenges, the model achieves good accuracy in detecting tomato leaf diseases. [13]

V. TOOLS AND SUPPORT

A. PROTOTYPE



The hardware and software requirements outlined for tomato disease detection encompass essential components for both data collection and algorithm development. The hardware requirements include a phone for image capture in the field, a server for data storage and processing, and sufficient storage capacity to store the collected images and processed data. [12] On the software side, a database is needed for organizing and managing the collected data, while programming languages such as Python or R are essential for algorithm development. Frameworks like TensorFlow or PyTorch provide the necessary tools for building and training machine learning models for disease classification. [11]

Development tools and version control systems help streamline the software development process and ensure

collaborative and iterative improvements to the detection system over time. By meeting these hardware and software requirements, researchers and practitioners can effectively develop and deploy tomato disease detection systems for agricultural management. [10]

VI. CONCLUSION

The tomato disease detection project aims to streamline the process of identifying and managing diseases affecting tomato plants to improve crop yields and agricultural sustainability. [9] The proposed solution involves a user-friendly mobile app interface where farmers can capture photos of their tomato plants using smartphones. [5] These images are then analyzed using image processing and machine learning algorithms to identify diseases and assess their severity. Based on the analysis results, the app provides farmers with tailored treatment recommendations for the detected diseases. [2]

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