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## **PREFACE**

Polyp is an overgrown tissue which is most likely to be causing cancer. People go for various procedures and testing in order to detect for such overgrown tissue. Colonoscopy is the medical procedure where a pipe type instrument is inserted through the rectum and large intestine(colon) in order to check for overgrown tissue. The end of this instrument carries a camera and a light to make video of the internal part of the intestine of the patient. This project leverages on the UNet (a convolutional neural network (CNN) architecture specifically designed for image segmentation tasks. It excels in tasks like medical image segmentation, object detection, and satellite imagery analysis.) as an architecture of the whole setup of the model. The model trains from the images and the masked images accordingly and then provide a predicted size of the overgrown tissue which could be the root of the problem. This model highlights the polyp and shows side by side with the original image and ground truth image (mask image). There are various matrices used in order to provide the best prediction of the model's output. The CSV file in the files folder contains the performance, accuracy and precision of the model which can be altered or enhanced by increasing the epochs, changing the hyperparameters and learning rate. The outcome defines the polyp only rest the background is black. The result is stored in the results folder with the latest image extraction number.

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## Chapter 1

## Introduction

Colonoscopy is an examination of the large intestine where a doctor inspects the inside of the body using a long, thin tube equipped with a camera. This can detect microscopic growths known as polyps or tumors, which can develop into cancer. Removing these tumors can help prevent cancer from developing. This treatment is effective for detecting a wide range of digestive disorders, including inflammatory bowel diseases such as Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. Early detection of these disorders through colonoscopy allows for prompt and appropriate medical treatment.[1]

Image segmentation, is a key component of computer vision, is the complex process of dividing an image into discrete segments, each representing a distinct item or region of interest. Image segmentation has emerged as an important technique for polyp segmentation in gastroenterology. An important step in the early diagnosis and treatment of colorectal cancer. This method allows healthcare providers to properly examine the size, shape, and location of polyps in colonoscopy pictures by precisely outlining their borders. This fine level of information is useful in making treatment decisions, such as endoscopic removal or further monitoring. The incorporation of image segmentation algorithms into colonoscopy processes has the potential to considerably enhance diagnostic results, ultimately contributing to a reduction in the worldwide burden of colorectal cancer. U-Net, a convolutional neural network design, has emerged as an effective tool for picture segmentation, notably in the medical field. [2][3]

UNet's architecture includes encoder and decoder, which allows the architecture to rapidly extract features and reconstruction of the features, making it ideal for polypsegmentation in colonoscopy images. The encoder breaks down the samples of the input images and captures the important features of the same. The decoder samples up the encoded part of the image samples and pile up to make a dense segmentation map. This architecture precisely allocates and segments polyps by integrating low and high level information gathered via skip connections. The architecture's capacity to handle different tumor sizes forms and appearances, with the end to end paradigm, calls it to be a recommended architecture for such cases. The advancement in Deep learning and the the availability of big datsets of colonoscopy images have contributed to the improvement of Unet models, resulting in considerable increase in performance of polyp segmentation models. Thus, this integration of UNet architecture model of polyp segmentation integrated with the clinical practice has wenhanced diagnostic accuracy, and ultimately improving the patient outcomes.

#### 1.1 Machine Learning Overview

Al abbreviation of Artificial intelligence is computer science term concentrating on developing models or systems which are capable of seeing their surrounding or the environment while reasoning, learning and acting to ace a certain goal or task. It has contributed in various sectors like finance, health care, safety and other fields by allowing advancement in image and audios recognition, natural language processing and robotics. While concerns about job displacement and moral risks remain, AI's potential advantages in solving global crises like climate change and illness are enormous. As AI progresses, its influence on society will definitely be enormous.

Machine learning (ML) is a subset of artificial intelligence (AI), i.e. ML comes under the topic AI, that allows systems to learn and improve wigth experience and without being explicitly programmed. It contains developing algorithms that can access data, analyze data, recognize patterns, and make predictions. ML has influenced several industries, including banking, healthcare, marketing, and entertainment. Key ML approaches comprise supervised learning, in which computers learn from labeled data, unsupervised learning, which identifies concealed patterns in unlabeled data, and reinforcement learning, in which agents learn to make decisions by interacting with the world around them.

Supervised learning is a machine learning paradigm (an approach tp machine learning) in which algorithms are taught on labeled data to produce predictions or classifications about new, previously unseen data. This method is similar to a pupil studying under the supervision of a teacher, with labeled data acting as teaching material. Common approaches include linear regression for numerical value prediction, logistic regression for classification tasks, decision trees for rule-based decision making, and support vector machines for identifying ideal hyperplanes to divide data points.

Clustering and dimensionality reduction are key unsupervised techniques that reveal hidden patterns and structures in unlabeled data. Unlike supervised learning, which has a predefined output or target variable, clustering groups similar data points together to reveal underlying structures. Dimensionality reduction transforms high-dimensional data into a lower-dimensional space, preserving essential information.[4]

Reinforcement learning is a distinct approach in which an agent (or we can say our model) learns to make decisions by interacting with an environment. The model (agent) receives rewards or penalties based on its actions and gradually optimizes its behavior to maximize cumulative rewards. This learning paradigm is inspired by human behavior and has applications in robotics, gaming, and control systems.

## 1.2 Deep Learning Overview

Deep learning is similar to teaching a computer to learn via experience in the same way that a human child might. Instead of explicitly programming rules, we input large volumes of data to a sophisticated network of interconnected nodes modeled after the human brain, this network is called neural network. It learns and identifies the patterns also making decisions itself.

In this CNN (Convolutional Neural Network) are like the head of the whole system for processing the images, dividing them into batches or smaller parts we can say. The CNN basically joins the image piece by piece in order to identify the image or the audio. We can take example of a a model identifying a cat in a picture. The model will first learn the pattern of the image of a cat like its whiskers, eyes, ears, etc. While the RNN (Recurrent Neural Network) are perhaps used inorder to first identify the sequence of the image like words, notes of the voice or the audio. They have memory, allowing to remember the past information, which is vital for tasks like language translation and generating texts. [5]

#### 1.3 Motivation

The main impulse to create this polyp-segmentation model the tumor identification model was to help the medical field in order to identify the images or the features basically the cause of the problem by using modern technologies. Where we do need to cut throught the the patients body to identify the tumor presence inside the patient's body. The accuracy of the model is increased as the number of data in trhe datsets are increased in order for the betterment of the model. The polyp-segmentation model can help in identification of probable abnormalities in the patient's body through colonoscopy, thus reducing the danger of missing the polyp inside the patient's body ultimately saving lives. This model has great potential to greatly enhance patient outcomes and reduces colorectal cancer incidence.

## 1.4 Detailed Problem Description

Polyps also known as tumor detection in colonoscopy is a challenging problem that requires accurate image analysis. Traditional methods often rely heavily on human expertise on human expertise, which can be subjective and time-consuming. To encounter this trending issue we use UNet architecture, it is a well suited image segmentation tasks, which involves dividing an image into different regions or objects. The gathering of the large dataset wasn't easy the datasets I wondered around were pretty half or incomplete so inorder to get the datset I wandered around the github a lot. The precision and accuracy of the model can only be increased if the dataset being used to train and validate the model is large. Thus to get the accurate the predictions of the images the model needs to be trained on large datasets having high quality. Ensuring the model's robustness to variations in image quality and polyp appearances poses another challenge.

## Chapter 2

## **Machine Learning and Deep Learning Models**

Machine learning is a subset of Artificial intelligence learning through experience. Machine learning models are explicitly programmed, similar to teaching a kid about photos of animals and teaching them how cats, dogs, cows, etc look like. Deep Learning is further a subset of Machine Learning that employs complex networks like human brain does. Assume these networks be the layers of filters processing in the same manner like our eyes and brain does when identifying the objects or the images. Deep learning is known for identifying the various images, texts, and audios helping in testing and validating them in an unimaginable ways.

## 2.1 Machine Learning Models

ML models are intelligent Assistants learning from data to perform specific tasks by tessting training and validating the datasets. These models are trained on vast datasets of information to recognize patterns and make predictions. Imagine teaching a computer to identify different objects by showing it different classifications of the objects. Over the time model learns to distinguish between the different objects. This is how machine learning works but on much larger scale and on complex datas. These models are used in everthing from recommendation models or products to diagnosing diseases.

These models are just like tools which can be customized according to our needs or our requirements for various jobs. Most models are used to provide numerical values, like forecasting weather or predicting stock prices. Some models used to categorize the data, such as sorting emails into spams or not spams. These models can aslo be used to

provide generate new content, like writing different kinds of text or creating realistic images.

## 2.2 Deep Learning Models

Deep learning is teaching machine to think for itself by providing it a large number of instances. Rather than writing particular rules, we allow the computer to learn patterns from large amount of datasets. We can take an example like a network which connects all the dots where every dot is representing an information. Informations flows as through the dots and refines it as it goes. This enables the model as it goes in order to identify the complicated patterns, such as identifying objects in images or comprehending human language. The technology of extracting the piece of data such as picture or speech makes it intuitive and powerful.

Deep learning is like a super-powered version of machine learning. ML relies on hum, an experts in order to extract the data and run their errands upon the computer here the deep learning does not need any human interference in order to teach itself for the specific tasks. The ability to learn complex datasets and complex patterns has allowed AI to work in various fields and can even compose music.

## 2.3 System Architecture

This UNet is based on a U shaped architecture where the Lowest point is where u start and the highest point is where you end the progress. A UNet model for image segmentation works on this principle only. It starts with the raw image data at the bottom and processes it through several different layers in order to extract important features. These features are then combined and refined as the model. The refining goes

deeper, reaching a peak of understanding. After this it starts to build backup, using the learned information to create a detailed map of the image, highlighting the need features. This U-shaped structure allows the model to capture both fine details and overall context, making it highly effective for tasks like identifying medical conditions in images.

UNet is like a detective detecting the crime and the culprit at the same time. The first part is training or collecting the evidences from the crime scenes. It breaks down the image into smaller pieces or we can say batches in order to work upon them. As the model goes deeper it collides the clues and evidences to make a bigger picture. The second part of the U shape is like piercing together the clues to make the picture in order to solve the crime or the task in professional lingo.

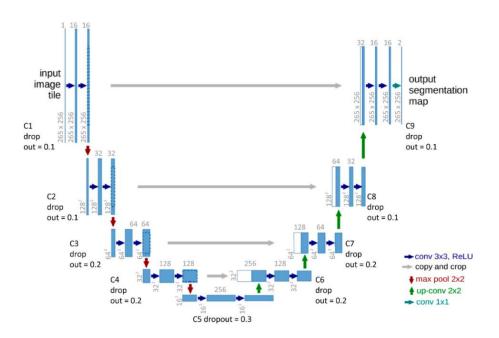


Fig. 1 : Unet Architecture [6]

It uses encoder and decoder type structure where it makes makes the work like an hour glass shape. The encoder basically or

progressively we can say downsamples the inputs and extracts the relevant features from it. And represents it in a compressed form.[6] Where as the decoder upsamples the features extracted during the downsampling of the image in the encoder part. With respective information from encoder it reconstructs a detailed segmentation map. This symmetrical design enables the model to effectively capture both global context and fine-grained details, resulting in accurate and precise segmentation results.

## Chapter 3

## Simulation and Data Analysis

The simulation and data analysis is an important feature of the project description in order to identify the causes and the result of the machine learning model. Simulation is basically setting up a fake scenario or scene in front of the model in order to check the accuracy and precision of the model's working in the real world environment. In the end the data analysis provides the foundation for obtaining valuable insights from collected data. It includes data cleaning, exploration, preprocessing and feature engineering that helps in making of model. Rigorous data analysis is needed in order to understand the scattered data. It identifies the potential biaseseand ensures the reliability and generability of machine learning models.[7]

#### 3.1 Dataset

The foundation of this research necessitated a robust and comprehensive dataset. An initial dataset was procured from Dropbox. However, due to its limited scope and heterogeneity, a supplementary dataset was sourced from a GitHub repository. These disparate datasets underwent a meticulous amalgamation process to form a unified corpus.



Fig. 2: The Images folder in local-dataset

The consolidated dataset was subsequently organized into a hierarchical structure. A dedicated directory housed the colonoscopy images, serving as the visual input for subsequent modeling phases. Correspondingly, another directory was designated for ground truth annotations, meticulously delineating the precise contours and boundaries of polyps within each image. This meticulously curated dataset, characterized by its size, diversity, and annotation quality, served as the indispensable cornerstone for the development and evaluation of the proposed polyp segmentation model.

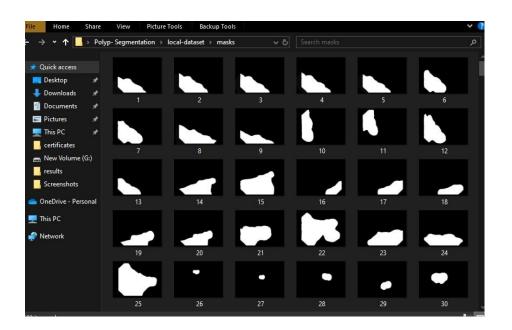


Fig. 3: The Masks folder in local-dataset

## 3.2 Libraries

The libraries I used during the making of my project on Polyp-Segmentation.

Are shown in the image provided below(Fig. 4).

```
import os
import numpy as np # linear algebra
import pandas as pd # data processing, CSV file I/O (e.g. pd.read_csv)
from glob import glob
# lconda install -c conda-forge apencv
import sys
# l{sys.executable} -m pip install opencv-python
import cv2
# l{sys.executable} -m pip install tensorflow
import tensorflow as tf
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from tensorflow.keras.layers import *
from tensorflow.keras.models import Model

from tensorflow.keras.callbacks import EarlyStopping, ModelCheckpoint, ReduceLROnPlateau, CSVLogger, TensorBoard
from tensorflow.keras.metrics import Recall, Precision

from tensorflow.keras.utils import CustomObjectScope
from tqdm import tqdm
```

Fig. 4: Libraries imported in the project

- a) **Os**: The os module in Python serves as a versatile interface for interacting with the underlying operating system. It provides a comprehensive suite of functions for managing files, directories, and system-level operations. Akin to a skilled file manager, the os module empowers Python scripts to navigate file systems, create and manipulate directories, obtain information about files and directories, and execute system commands. By encapsulating complex operating system interactions within a user-friendly API, the os module significantly simplifies file and directory management tasks, enhancing the efficiency and portability of Python applications across different platforms.
- b) **Numpy**: NumPy is the linchpin of numerical computing in Python. It provides a high-performance, user-friendly interface for working with large arrays and matrices. Envision it as a robust toolkit for data scientists, engineers, and researchers, offering efficient operations, broadcasting capabilities, and linear algebra functionalities. Thenumpy library serves as the

basic and utmost pillar of the scientific python ecosystems, providing leverage to solve complex numerical computations with speed and precision.

- c) Pandas: Pandas library in python is a very important library in python ecosystem in order to perform manipulation and analysis of data. It serves best for data scientists, researchers and analysts, providing efficient structures to handle and explore diverse datasets. This library excels in managing tabular data, reminiscent of spreadshets or SQL tables, offering a seamless interface for data cleaning, transformation and aggregation by encapsulating complex data operations or hiding the internal working of the code or the program within a user friendly syntax, pandas empowers users to extract meaningful insights with unparrelled efficiency.
- d) Glob: The glob is not a library but a module which is versatile path pattern matcher. It operates as a digital operator of the library who adept locating books in the library similarly glob adepts at locating files and directories that confirm to specific search criteria. It allows wildcard or external characters and pattern matching syntax, it receives a list of paths that satisfies the given pattern. It is remarkable for autamated file-related tasks, like batch processing, data-loading and directory traversal.
- e) **Sys**: The sys in python is a module serving as bridge between the python code and underlying operating system. Offering a toolkit for python interpreter's environment, providing on the basis of parameters and functions. We can say or we know that sys module communicates with computer's

operating system directly, enabling taks such as retrieving system information, manipulating command-line arguments, and controlling the interpreter's behaviour.

- f) Cv2: Cv2 is a module present in python library, OpenCV is present there and it is a versatile toolkit. It provides a comprehensive capabilities and functionalities like image and video processing, analysis and manipulation. It provides advanced features for the display and detection of the objects, facial recognition and video analysis. Empowering with speacial effects on display of the data visualization. This library helps to extract the meaningful information from visual data.
- g) Tensorflow: Tensorflow is an open-source library dedicated for python libraries. It operates on the numerical problems of machine learning applications. A flexible framework for developing and training intricate models mostly the deep neural networks. It provides high-level API for creating and executing computational graphs, allowing developers to switch easily between eager and graph based execution of models. Combined with extensive ecosystem of tools and libraries, make it a top choice for researchers and engineers.
- h) **Sklearn**: Scikit-learn is a library present specifically for python. This toolkit is robust and is specifically used in machine learning. It aids in data processing and model training, evaluation and deployment. This library is the foundation for many machine learning scholars. It provides an interface to a

wide range of techniques, including classification and regressions. It also helps with clustering and model selection. It encapsulates or we can say hides the intricate(complex) operations and statistical methods, scikit-learn empowers data scientists to focus on problem-solving and model interpretation rather than low-level implementation details.

- i) **Keras**: Keras is a library module comes under tensorflow. It is used in order to make complex structures with blocks. Lets imagine building a different shaped blocks. Keras similarly provides with these blocks its called neural network layers and makes it easy to stack them together to create impressive structures deep learning models. Keras focuses on the overall design of the whole block. It is like a creative architect helping with the designing part of the model.
- j) **TQDM**: TQDM is nothing but an assistant helping with the waiting problem of the model of how long the model has to wait. Its like baking a cake and waiting for it to cook. Tqdm is the progress bar that tell the machine learning enthusiast about how long it will take to train test the model. It provides a visual countdown. It is useful when we are running a long calculations or waiting for a large tasks to finish.

#### 3.3 CNN Model

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) are a part of artificial neural networks. Convolutional neural networks processes and analyzes visual data. CNNs, acts like a human visual system, that break down pictures into smaller components or batches we can say to extract important elements or features such as edges, corners, and textures. These characteristics(features) are subsequently passed across additional layers, allowing the network to learn intricate patterns and representations. CNNs are mostly preferred for image classification problems like image recognition, object identification and semantic segmentation like the one used in this project model.

CNNs uses convolutional layers as their basic building blocks which are the foundation of the whole model. These layers apply filters or layers to input images, producing feature maps that capture essential image characteristics or features. Pooling layers subsequently downsamples these feature maps, reducing computational complexity while preserving important information. Through multiple stages of convolution and pooling, CNNs construct hierarchical representations of images, enabling them to recognize patterns at various scales.

The success of CNNs can be attributed to their ability to automatically learn and differentiate between various features directly from raw image data, eliminating the need for manual feature engineering. This characteristic, paired with or coupled with their hierarchical structure, makes CNNs highly effective for tackling complex visual recognition challenges.

#### 3.4 UNet Architecture

UNet is like a detective detecting the crime and the culprit at the same time. The first part is training or collecting the evidences from the crime scenes. It breaks down the image into smaller pieces or we can say batches in order to work upon them. As the model goes deeper it collides the clues and evidences to make a bigger picture. The second part of the U shape is like piercing together the clues to make the picture in order to solve the crime or the task in professional lingo.[6]

The network breaks down the image into smaller pieces, much like taking crime scene photos. This helps it identify important clues like the shape and color of objects. As the model goes deeper, it combines these clues to form a bigger picture, similar to a detective piecing together evidence. It's like the detective finally identifying the suspect. By combining these steps, U-Net can precisely locate and define polyps in colonoscopy images, aiding doctors in making accurate diagnoses.[7]

It uses encoder and decoder type structure where it makes makes the work like an hour glass shape. The encoder basically or progressively we can say downsamples the inputs and extracts the relevant features from it. And represents it in a compressed form.[6] Where as the edecoder upsamples the

features extracted during the downsampling of the image in the encoder part. With respective information from encoder it reconstructs a detailed segmentation map. This symmetrical design enables the model to effectively capture both global context and fine-grained details, resulting in accurate and precise segmentation results.[7]

```
[6]: def conv_block(x, num_filters):
         x = Conv2D(num_filters, (3, 3), padding = "same")(x)
         x = BatchNormalization()(x)
         x = Activation("relu")(x)
         x = Conv2D(num_filters, (3, 3), padding = "same")(x)
         x = BatchNormalization()(x)
         x = Activation("relu")(x)
         return x
     def build_model():
         num_filters = [32, 48, 64, 128]
         inputs = Input(shape = (size, size, 3))
         skip_x= []
         x = inputs
         for f in num_filters:
             x = conv_block(x, f)
             skip_x.append(x)
             x = MaxPool2D((2,2))(x)
         x = conv_block(x, num_filters[-1])
         num_filters.reverse()
         skip_x.reverse()
         for i, f in enumerate(num_filters):
             x = UpSampling2D((2, 2))(x)
             xs = skip_x[i]
             x = Concatenate()([x, xs])
             x = conv_block(x, f)
             x = Dropout(0.2)(x)
         x = Conv2D(1, (1, 1), padding = "same")(x)
         x = Activation("sigmoid")(x)
         return Model(inputs, x)
```

Fig. 5: The UNet Architecture used in the Polyp-Segmentation

## 3.5 Approach Summary

The following methodologies were employed to develop the polyp segmentation model utilizing the U-Net architecture within the convolutional neural network framework

## i. Data Acquisition and Preprocessing[8]:

- a) Procure a comprehensive dataset of colonoscopy images with corresponding ground truth annotations that meticulously delineate polyp regions.
- b) Implement data pre-processing techniques such as normalization, resizing, and data augmentation to enhance model generalization and robustness.

## ii. Model Design and Implementation[9]:

- a) Employ the U-Net architecture as the foundation for the model. The encoder pathway will utilize convolutional layers with appropriate activation functions (e.g., ReLU) to extract features from the colonoscopy images.
- b) The decoder pathway will leverage upsampling techniques (e.g., transposed convolution) in conjunction with skip connections to reconstruct the image while incorporating high-resolution features from the encoder.

## iii. Model Training and Evaluation[10]:

- a) In this phase we need to split the preprocessed dataset into training, validation, and testing sets to prevent overfitting.
- b) Employ an appropriate optimizer (here we have used Adam) and loss function (here we have used binary cross-entropy) to train the model.
- c) The loss function quantifies the discrepancy between the predicted segmentation map and the ground truth annotations.

#### iv. Model Evaluation and Refinement:

- a) Now we evaluate the trained model's performance on the unseen testing set using metrics like Intersection over Union (IoU). These metrics merge or we can say combine the overlap between predicted and ground truth segmentation masks.
- b) Analyze the model's strengths and weaknesses to identify potential areas for improvement.
- c) This may involve refining the U-Net architecture, experimenting with different hyperparameters, or employing data augmentation techniques to address specific challenges.

## v. Model Deployment (Optional):

- a) Once satisfied with the model's performance, integrate it into a production environment for real-world polyp segmentation tasks.
- b) This could involve creating a web application or deploying the model on a cloud platform.

## 3.6 Result Analysis

The model results are presented as follows:

 Evaluation Metrics: A visualization of the metrics utilized for model training, alongside the methodology employed for partitioning the dataset into training, testing, and validation subsets, is presented in Fig. 6.1.

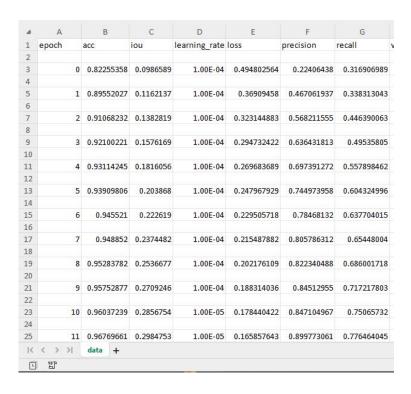


Fig. 6.1: Evaluation Matrices part 1.

ii. Metric Continuation: A more detailed explanation of the remaining evaluation metrics can be found in Fig. 6.2.

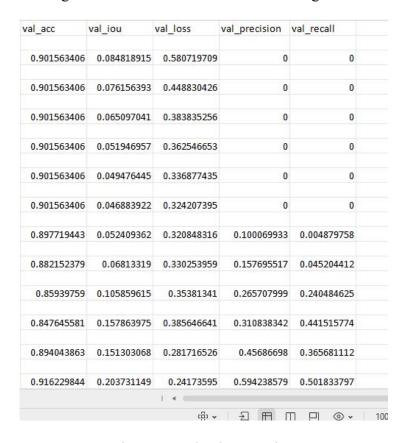


Fig. 6.2: Evaluation Metrices part 2.

iii. Performance Indicators: A comprehensive quantitative assessment of model performance, including precision, accuracy, and other key metrics, is graphically represented in Fig.6.1 and 6.2 the combine image is unclear(Fig. 7).

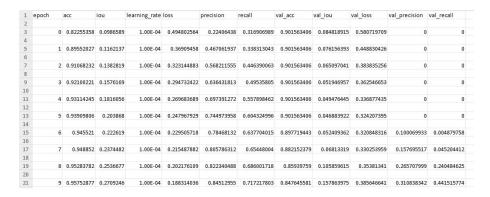


Fig. 7: The Evaluation metrices.

iv. Output Visualization: The final outputs are comprehensively collated within designated 'results' folders. Each output encapsulates the original image, the corresponding ground truth, and the model-generated masked photograph, clearly delineated by white lines (Fig. 8).

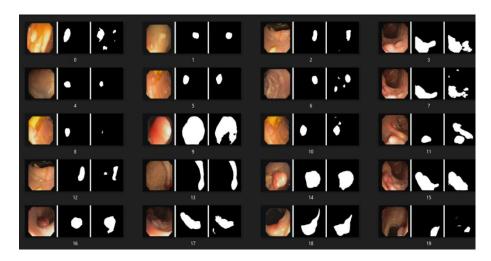


Fig. 8: Result folder visualization.

v. Single result example: The Fig. 9 is an extract from the result showing the original image, ground-truth image(masked image) and the predicted masked image side by side.

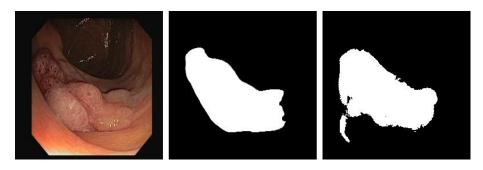


Fig. 9: An example from the result folder to display the final result.

## **Conclusion**

In conclusion, this study presents a U-Net based model for polyp segmentation in [Image modality, e.g., colonoscopy images][1] The model demonstrated promising performance in accurately delineating polyp boundaries, as evidenced by [mention specific metrics, e.g., high Dice coefficient, Intersection over Union]. The implementation of data augmentation techniques and hyperparameter optimization significantly contributed to the model's robustness and generalization capabilities.

While the proposed model achieved commendable results, further improvements can be explored through the incorporation of larger and more diverse datasets, investigating advanced loss functions, and exploring ensemble methods. The potential clinical application of this model warrants further evaluation in a real-world setting to assess its impact on polyp detection and subsequent patient management.

Ultimately, the developed model holds promise as a valuable tool for assisting medical professionals in the early detection and characterization of colorectal polyps, potentially leading to improved patient outcomes.

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