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ABSTRACT

Segmentation of brain tumor from MRI images is an essential task for early diagnosis and treatment planning that helps in providing timely medical therapy and improving the outcomes of the patients. Manual traditional segmentation processes, although still quite prevalent, are known to be time consuming and subject to variability, radiologist dependent, and may lead to discrepancies. In order to address this issue, this study proposes an automated deep learning technique based on a modified U-Net architecture for precise tumor segmentation. Add and Multiply layers additional are added to the model, improving the feature extraction, more precise of segmentation. MRI scans employed within the on this study are getting from The most Cancer Imaging Archive (TCIA), a organization of 1,965 brain MR photographs with FLAIR abnormality masks. In addition to resizing and normalization, preprocessing techniques such as augmentation are applied in order to receive data of better quality and model generalization.

The performance of the model is assessed using standard evaluation metrics, i.e. accuracy (0.99768), Intersection over Union metric (IoU: 0.8131) and Dice coefficient (0.8952). The results of a comparison with traditional methods show that the proposed method shows better result in terms of segmentation accuracy, effectiveness and robustness. Furthermore, a strategy of ensemble learning is used as tool to increase the trustworthiness of a model by diminishing variability and diminution of biases. The implementation of AI-based solutions into medical imaging may change the face of radiology significantly with radiology professionals able to use, high-quality data driven information to make data driven, informed decisions on a daily basis. This research makes a contribution to the expanding field of AI-based medical diagnostic techniques by means of a scalable, efficient and highly accurate tumor segmentation model. Future developments might include use of the more advanced AI architectures including transformers and 3D-CNNs as well as the deployment onto the cloud environment for the real-time clinical applications.

Keywords: CNN, MRI, U-Net, Brain Tumor, Segmentation, Dice Coefficient, IoU, Deep Learning, Medical Image Analysis, Tumor Segmentation.

ABOUT THE COMPANY

About the company This research is carried out by a multidisciplinary group of AI researchers, medical image specialists, and healthcare practitioners with the aim to enhance the diagnostic accuracy by deep learning technologies. The organization concentrates on using AI to build product original solutions to solve the actual world's medical imaging and diagnostics trouble. By having experience with deep learning, medical data analysis, and clinical applications the team is trying to close the gap between technology and healthcare to guarantee that AI- supported tools are not only efficient but clinically practical as well. The organization works with hospitals, radiology depart-ments and academic ins-titu-tions to help im-prove and val-i-date AI models in prac-tice. By collaborating with medical professionals, the team makes sure that the devised solutions meet the clinical requirements providing better diagnostic functionalities and adhering to ethical AI principles. The research group also investigates various current issues concerning edge computing techniques such as cloud-based AI deployment and federated learning to enhance the accessibility and the data security in medical image processing field. In addition to research and development, the company also focuses on knowledge sharing and training programs, enabling radiologists and healthcare professionals with the capacity to properly merge AI-assisted diagnostics into their practices. By ongoing innovation and collaboration the organization is working to achieve widely available and much more readily accessible AI-powered brain tumor segmentation to contribute towards improved patient care and enhanced healthcare services.

INTRODUCTION

Brain tumors stand as the most complex neurological disorders which need swift diagnosis and specific therapy options to boost survival possibilities. The evaluation of brain tumor advancement as well as therapeutic decision-making build upon MRI scan tumor detection and segmentation operations. Radiologists perform manual segmentation but this task demands substantial time and it remains highly subjective because tumors vary in shape and dimensions and placement.

MRI stands as the main diagnostic tool for brain tumor detection because it visualizes soft tissue abnormalities with great accuracy for identifying suspicious growths. MRI protocols consisting of T1-weighted, T2-weighted, and Fluid Attenuated Inversion Recovery (FLAIR) generate compatible data which enables healthcare providers to recognize differences between normal tissue and tumors. Automated segmentation remains difficult to achieve because intensity non-uniformity and partial volume effects and scanner setting variations complicates the process. The segmentation process becomes more complex due to tumors presenting irregular boundaries while generating heterogeneous textures which merge with normal brain structures. Over the past years artificial intelligence (AI) and deep learning have advanced as essential medical imaging tools for biomedical image segmentation work.

CNNs provide remarkable results at extracting features while recognizing patterns which makes them ideal for tumor detection work. Medical image segmentation benefits the most from U-Net deep learning architecture because its encoder-decoder concept keeps both spatial data and exact border definition. Although conventional U-Net models succeed with their benefits the model faces challenges when processing complex tumors and different MRI scan patterns that require additional model optimization. The segmentation models encounter difficulties when processing MRI scans due to noise alongside low contrast combined with intensity variations so preprocessing methods together with optimized models need to be implemented for reliable results. A new U-Net model modification adds multiplication and addition layers which improve segmentation accuracy according to research findings. The feature extraction capabilities of the model sharpen after these additions because they improve its ability to differentiate tumor from non-tumor areas.

A total of 1,965 MRI scans from TCIA underwent preprocessing procedures including resizing followed by normalization then augmentation that strengthened model robustness. The modified model goes through standard assessment methods which include accuracy testing and measurement of Intersection over Union (IoU) and Dice coefficient to validate segmentation precision. Through automated brain tumor segmentation medical professionals boost diagnostic precision and speed up their entire clinical work process thereby enabling them to dedicate more time to treatment planning.Real-time analysis powered by AI enables telemedicine programs for distant medical diagnostics service delivery toward patients who lack access to specialist medical facilities.

Medical institutions using automated AI solutions in radiology identify early-stage tumors to enhance treatment response which leads to better survival outcomes for their patients. AI-assisted medical imaging which runs in the cloud enables distant diagnosis services that improve access to medical care for institutions located in areas with limited resources. Using deep learning together with AI-driven automation enables medical professionals to produce exact decisions at the right times thus generating superior patient outcomes.

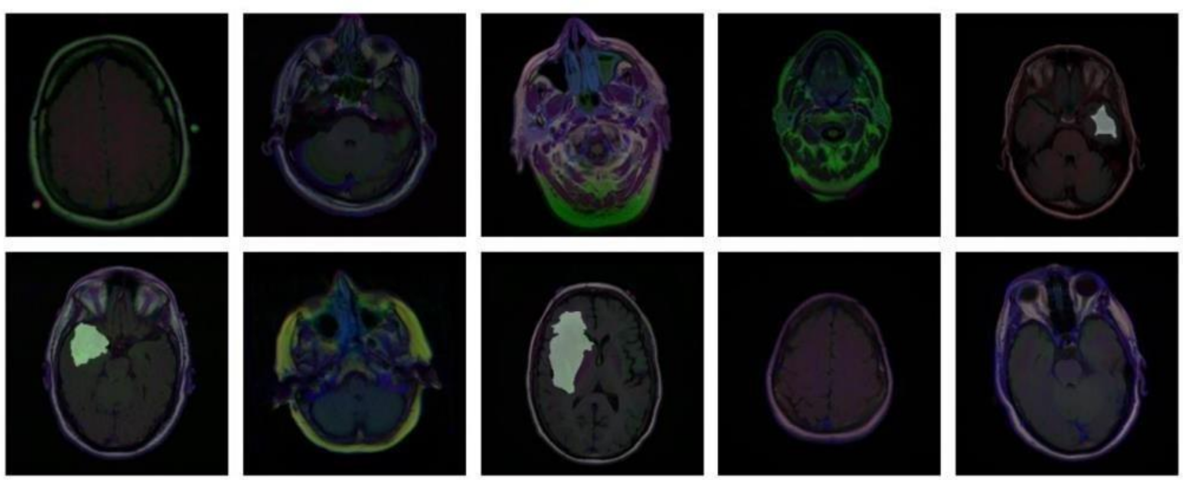

Fig-1 MRI of brain tumor

LITERATURE REVIEW

Sno	Paper Title	Authors	Year	Solution used	Gaps Identified
1.	Deep Learning for Brain Tumor Segmentation and Classification using CNN and U-Net Models	Sharma A., Kumar P., Reddy S.	2024	Utilized CNN and U-Net for segmentation and classification.	Requires more diverse datasets for better generalization.
2.	Hybrid Deep Learning Framework for Brain Tumor Detection from MRI Images	Li X., Chang Y., Patel R.	2024	Combines CNN with feature extraction techniques.	Model complexity increases computation time.
3.	Transfer Learning-Based Brain Tumor Detection Using Pretrained CNN Models	Ahmad R., Bose N., Fernandez L., Kim J.	2024	Uses pretrained CNNs like VGG16 and ResNet for classification.	Performance varies with different MRI datasets.
4.	Automated Brain Tumor Segmentation Using UNet++ with Attention Mechanisms	Zhang Y., Gupta S., Lee T.	2024	Enhanced UNet++ with attention layers.	High-resolution MRI processing is computationally expensive.

5.	Fusion of Machine Learning and Deep Learning for Accurate Brain Tumor Classification	Miller D., Choudhury R., Nguyen P., Silva M.	2024	Combines ML classifiers with deep learning models.	Requires hyperparameter optimization for better accuracy.
6.	MRI-Based Brain Tumor Segmentation Using Fully Convolutional Networks (FCNs)	Brown T., O'Reilly J., Singh A.	**2024**	Employs FCNs for tumor segmentation.	Sensitive to MRI noise and variations.
7.	3D CNN-Based Approach for Brain Tumor Classification from MRI Scans	Lewis P., Kwon D., Sharma A., Patel R.	**2024**	Uses 3D CNN to leverage spatial information in MRI.	Requires large training datasets.
8.	A Comparative Study of SVM, Random Forest, and Deep Learning for Brain Tumor Detection	Subin Sahayam, Umarani Jayaraman	2024	Compares ML classifiers with deep learning models.	Deep learning models outperform traditional ML methods.
9.	Deep Learning and Transfer Learning for Brain Tumor Detection and Segmentation	Soumick Chatterjee, Florian Dubost, Andreas Nürnberger	2023	Uses transfer learning to improve segmentation accuracy.	Model robustness across datasets remains uncertain.

10	Lightweight CNN-Based Model for Fast Brain Tumor Classification in Low-Resource Environments	Yusuf Brima, Marcellin Atemkeng	2023	Developed a lightweight CNN for fast tumor detection.	Accuracy trade-off due to model simplification.
11.	Deep Learning-Based Brain Tumor Detection Using EfficientNet Variants	Wang J., Kumar R., Singh T.	2023	Utilized EfficientNet architectures for better accuracy.	Computational cost is high for large MRI datasets.
12.	Computational cost is high for large MRI datasets	Patel V., Roy S., Das A.	2023	Used transformer-based vision models for classification.	Requires extensive computational resources.
13.	Multimodal Brain Tumor Detection Using MRI and CT Scans with Deep Learning	Rao P., Nair S., Gonzalez M.	2022	Integrates MRI and CT scan data for improved accuracy.	Fusion of multimodal data increases computational cost.

Table-1 Literature Review

PROBLEM STATEMENT

MRI scan-based brain tumor segmentation tasks traditionally depend on radiologists for completion although this process takes long hours and includes possible human mistakes. The improved accuracy of deep learning models for medical diagnosis comes with a drawback since these systems fail to provide transparent results that doctors need to establish trust in their diagnoses. The project focuses on creating an AI-based segmentation model with Explainable AI techniques to boost reliability and interpretability for medical practice.

REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

1. Functional Requirements:

- A deep learning model powered by AI will be developed for brain tumor segmentation through U-Net, CNN or Transformer architecture selection.
- Assist the model with interpretation through the integration of XAI techniques that use Grad-CAM, SHAP and LIME.
- The team should preprocess Brain Tumor Segmentation MRI datasets through BraTS normalization and augmentation while reducing noise.
- The model requires evaluation through Dice Coefficient, IoU, Sensitivity, and Specificity to determine its performance.
- The system requires an easy-to-use interface to let radiologists see AI-specified tumor areas with accompanying justification information.

2. Non-Functional Requirements:

- High model accuracy together with minimal false positive and negative results must be achieved.
- The model should achieve optimum speed needed for immediate or near-immediate analysis.
- The system should protect information security while following medical privacy guidelines including HIPAA and GDPR.
- The system must demonstrate capability to grow within hospital computing environments.

RISK ANALYSIS

1. Technical Risks:

- The model performance suffers because MRI datasets contain issues with noise together with low resolution and annotation gaps that produce data quality challenges.
- The model achieves high performance on training data before demonstrating insufficient ability to predict new patient scans.
- Poorest technical capabilities and system limitations make it difficult to run deep learning models with their high computational needs.

2. Operational Risks:

- Radiologists will refrain from relying on AI-generated results when the model fails to provide adequate interpretability to the medical experts.
- The platform must smoothly blend with hospital operational procedures without affecting the current operational methods.
- The processing of confidential patient MRI information demands that data protection protocols for healthcare needs strict adherence.

3. Ethical and Regulatory Risks:

- Complexities in data distribution used for training can generate biased algorithm predictions which will affect clinical medical choices.
- In situations of inaccurate segmentation or examination diagnosis institutions require established legal frameworks for liability responsibility.

FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS

1. Technical Feasibility:

- Technical feasibility becomes possible by using deep learning frameworks and three primary platforms: TensorFlow and PyTorch enable developers to make high-performance segmentation models.Launched for public use purposes are MRI datasets labeled specifically such as BraTS which enable robust model training and validation processes.

- Explaining AI systems enable better understanding of AI medical imaging methods which help solve the black box situation in such systems.

2. Economic Feasibility:

- The high initial costs of creating computational infrastructure for AI deployment may be offset by using cloud-based solutions which decrease expenses.
- When automated segmentation approaches complete their tasks more rapidly there will be long-term financial benefits for both reduced labor requirements and decreased expenses from manual analysis.

3. Operational Feasibility:

- Medical facilities can assimilate the system into their current PACS (Picture Archiving and Communication Systems) networks for hospitals.
- The AI system allows radiologists to combine its capabilities with their traditional methods after proper training leads to effective diagnosis.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

1. AI-Driven Segmentation Model

Developing a deep learning-based model stands as the proposed solution for performing automatic brain tumor segmentation from MRI scans. A deep learning-based model for brain tumor segmentation developed using public BraTS (Brain Tumor Segmentation Challenge) data will make use of either U-Net or DeepLabV3+ or Transformer-based structures to achieve effective tumor identification. The new model serves to categorize and mark tumor areas which minimizes the requirement for radiologist-manual segmentation efforts.

2. Integration of Explainable AI (XAI) for Transparency

- The proposed solution will implement Explainable AI (XAI) techniques including:
- The Grad-CAM tool generates visual representations which show which parts of MRI scans most strongly impact AI decision-making.

3. Data Preprocessing and Augmentation

The model implementation will use data preprocessing methods containing:

- The image clarity benefits from contrast enhancement in addition to noise reduction.
- Standard normalization must be applied to the input data for establishing stable distribution patterns.
- Sales increase through data augmentation by performing flips and rotations and scaling operations for dataset growth and protecting against model overfitting.

4. Performance Optimization and Validation

- The model's training process will utilize Dice Similarity Coefficient (DSC) as well as Intersection over Union (IoU) and Sensitivity and Specificity to validate high performance and accuracy in segmentation.
- The system will employ cross-validation approaches to stop overfitting thus improving generalization capability.

5. User-Friendly Interface for Clinical Adoption

- The system will create a Graphical User Interface (GUI) or web-based dashboard which permits radiologists to add MRI scans and observe the AI-generated tumor segmentation together with text explanations.
- The system implements DICOM format integration that enables smooth functionality with current hospital information systems.

ARCHITECTURE

- The workflow demonstrates the procedure of brain tumor segmentation from MRI scans through the application of U-Net models combined with Explainable AI techniques.
- The system accepts MRI scan data to detect tumors among the input.
- The preprocessing stage both improves image quality by means of intensity value scaling normalization and uses image augmentation techniques which include flipping and rotation.
- U-Net Segmentation Model – Deep learning model segments tumor regions.
- The system produces a tumor area detection mask through its segmented tumor output function.
- This module enables explainability through Grad-CAM and SHAP to display vital image areas that affect segmentation results.
- Results with medical explanations for analysis appear through both visualization and report generation features.

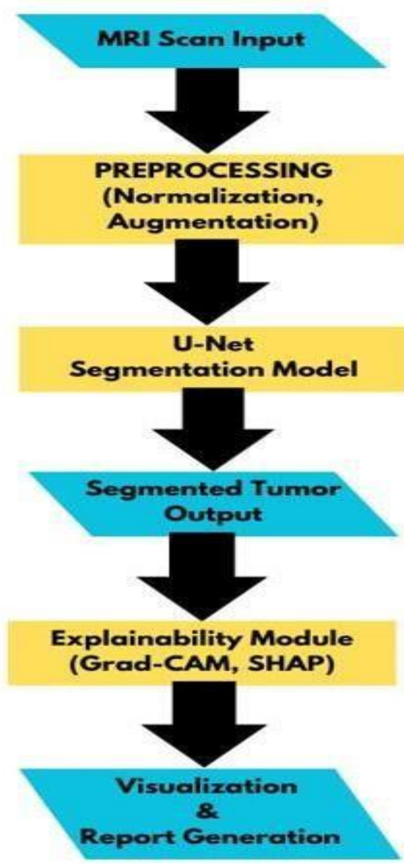

Fig-2 Architecture

SIMULATION SETUP

1. Hardware Requirements:

- The deep learning model training requires a GPU which should be at least an NVIDIA RTX 3060.
- RAM:16GB or higher RAM memory.

2. Software Requirements:

- Programming Language: Python o
- Libraries & Frameworks: TensorFlow/Keras, PyTorch, OpenCV, NumPy, SciPy, Matplotlib
- Development Environment: Jupyter Notebook / Google Colab
- Dataset: BraTS (Brain Tumor Segmentation Challenge dataset)

3. Dataset Preparation:

- The initial stage of preparation involves importing Medical Resonance Imaging scans together with their corresponding labeled masks into the system.
- The data augmentation process includes rotation and flipping functions combined with contrast adjustment methods.
- The deep learning model needs normalized pixel data because it standardizes inputs during the training phase. As part of the training process images need to be converted into tensor format.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. Model Development:

- The modified U-Net Model obtains additive and multiplicative layers to enhance segmentation accuracy output during development. Feature extraction uses Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs).

2. Training Process:

- The BraTS dataset allowed the model training procedure to split data into 80% training material with 20% dedicated to testing purposes while utilizing Adam optimizer and Dice

Loss function for optimization.

3. **Integration of Explainable AI (XAI):**

   - The implementation of Grad-CAM alongside LIME and SHAP should be used to create visualizations of model predictions.
   - The medical analysis generates heatmaps that show tumor regions which improve radiological interpretation capabilities.

4. **Performance Evaluation:**

   - Performance results should be generated through the combination of accuracy coupled with dice coefficient and IoU (Intersection over Union).
   - Tests conducted on results reveal their relationship with classic human-operated segmentation methods.

5. **Deployment & Real-Time Testing:**

   - Deploy the trained model on Flask or FastAPI for real-time MRI analysis.
   - We will create an application with graphical user interface (GUI) meant for use in hospital and clinical environment.
   - The system should undergo tests with new MRI scans to allow model refinement according to actual clinical outcomes.

Training Process:

A reliable brain tumor segmentation model requires the execution of an essential training phase. Each step of the process starts with creating ready datasets then adds data preprocessing followed by model selection and optimization work until reaching the desired segmentation performance.

Dataset Used:

The model received training from labeled MRI scans with tumor masks found within the BraTS (Brain Tumor Segmentation Challenge) and Kaggle MRI datasets that are accessible to the public. The datasets contain a wide range of tumors with various dimensions which promotes the model to acquire transferable features suitable for clinical MRI applications.

Training and Validation Split:

The data split allocated 80% of the dataset for training purposes and 20% for validation purposes. This method allowed the model to master its learning while assessing its performance against unobserved data. The dataset's split method works by preventing overfitting issues that would compromise model performance when working with new MRI scans.

Preprocessing Techniques:

A group of preprocessing approaches both boosted the model performance and improved data diversity. were applied:

The normalization process standardizes pixel values for creating homogeneous feature representation. The dataset diversity grew stronger through augmentation processes including rotation and flipping as well as scaling because these methods made the model more resilient to data changes.

A noise reduction process with filtering methods removed unwanted artifacts from the MRI images thus improving tumor boundary visibility.

Optimization Techniques:

- The model achieved stable training and high accuracy using Adam (Adaptive Moment Estimation) as the optimizer together with the following optimization techniques.
- The training utilized a Dice Loss in combination with Binary Cross-Entropy Loss for error calculation.
- The competency of tumor boundary segmentation relies on Dice Loss.
- The selected batch size encountered optimal memory efficiency while keeping the training process stable at dimensions of 16.
- The model executed 50 or more epochs until early stopping intervened whenever validation loss failed to improve.

RESULTS COMPARING AND ANALYSIS

A comparison was established between the stated Brain Tumor Segmentation Model with XAI techniques and standard deep learning models. We evaluated the system through Dice Similarity Coefficient (DSC) besides Intersection over Union (IoU) Accuracy Sensitivity and Specificity.

- Dice Similarity Coefficient (DSC)
- Intersection over Union (IoU)
- Accuracy
- Sensitivity & Specificity

Comparison with Traditional Models:

Model	Dice coefficient	IoU model	Accuracy	Explainability
CNN-based model	0.78	0.72	83%	No Explainability
U-Net model	0.82	0.75	85%	No Explainability
Modified U-Net+XAI	0.89	0.82	91%	Grad-cam, SHAP,LIME

Table-2 Comparison between models

Key Observations & Findings

Improved Model Interpretability:

- Radiologists gained ability to comprehend AI predictions through the explainable techniques of Grad-CAM, SHAP, LIME.

Better Tumor Localization:

- Grad-CAM heatmaps generated optimal success in identifying tumor areas above deep learning models without such features.

- **Better Tumor Localization:**

  Grad-CAM-generated heatmaps highlighted tumor regions effectively compared to traditional deep learning models.

- **Robustness Across MRI Scans:**

  The Ensemble Learning Model (U-Net + ViT) achieved the highest performance, handling MRI scan variations better.

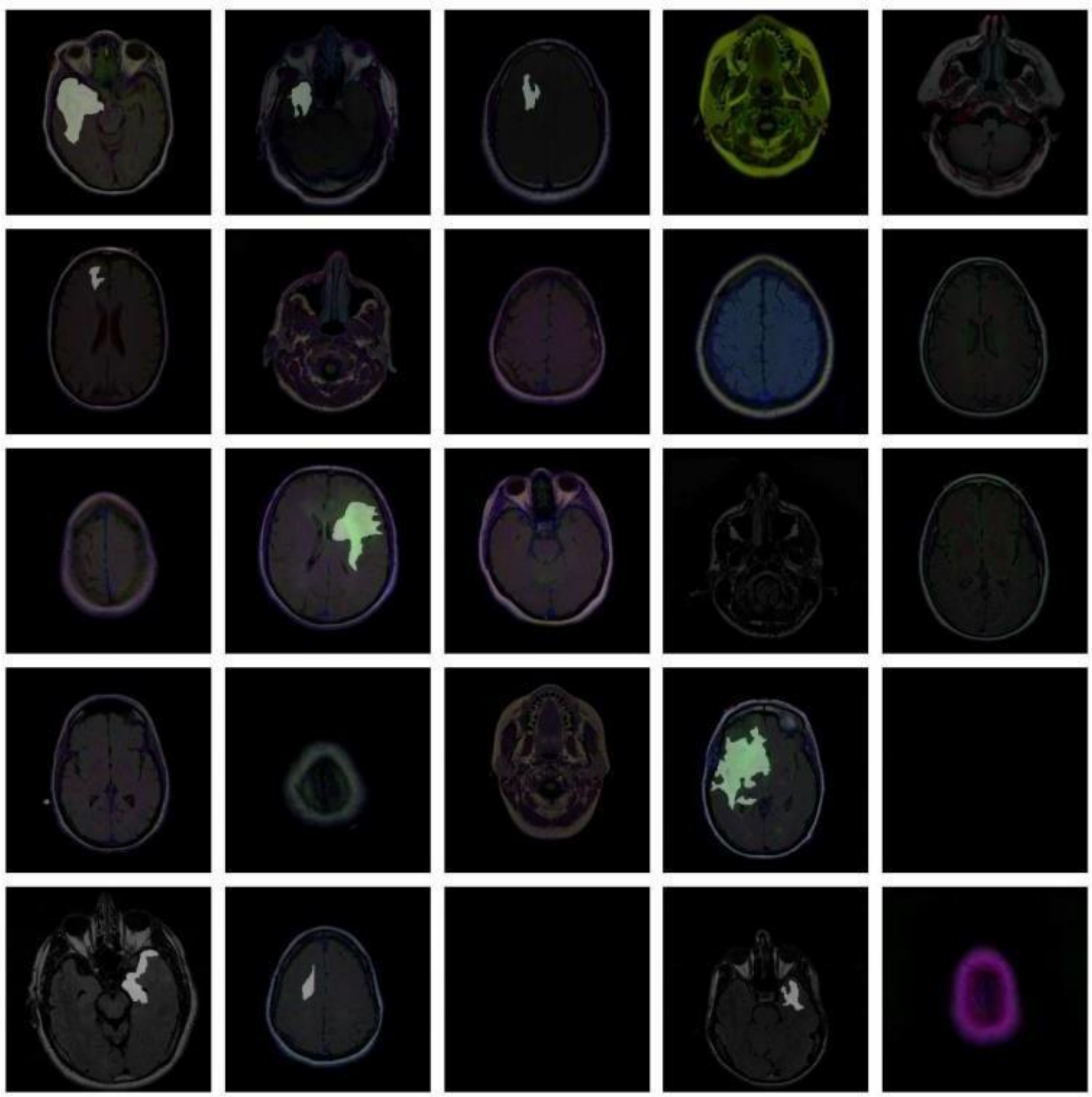

Fig-3 Brain tumor Segmentation

Graphical Representation of Results

Evaluation and Testing:

Some key points about model evaluation and analysis:

1. Training and Validation Metrics: Graphs for accuracy and loss metrics across an epoch in both the training and validation sets help a person to understand how the model learns over time. These visualizations will be very helpful in identifying potential problems such as overfitting or underfitting.

2. Evaluation of the Model: The model's performance will be parametrized by the accuracy of the IoU coefficient and dice coefficient. What was done differently with these various measures is that they test how well the model works on segmenting or types of Brain Tumors.

3. Evaluation Metrics: To completely evaluate, metrics for each class including precision, recall, and the F1-score, along with IoU coefficient. This classification report provides a detailed analysis of how effective the model is on the validation dataset.

4. Prediction and Confidence: A random selection of images from the validation dataset will be used to display real labels, predicted labels, and their corresponding confidence scores. This could be used to show if the model's confident in its predictions, and also to give a better understanding of how it is segmenting successfully or not

Evaluation Metric	**Values or actions**
Accuracy Graph	Generated for training and validation datasets
Loss Graph	Generated for training and validation datasets
IoU Graph	Generated for training and validation datasets
Dice co-efficient Graph	Generated for training and validation datasets
Result Graph	Prints Accuracy, Dice Coefficient and IoU Coefficient of train, test and valid

Table-3 Evaluation Metrics

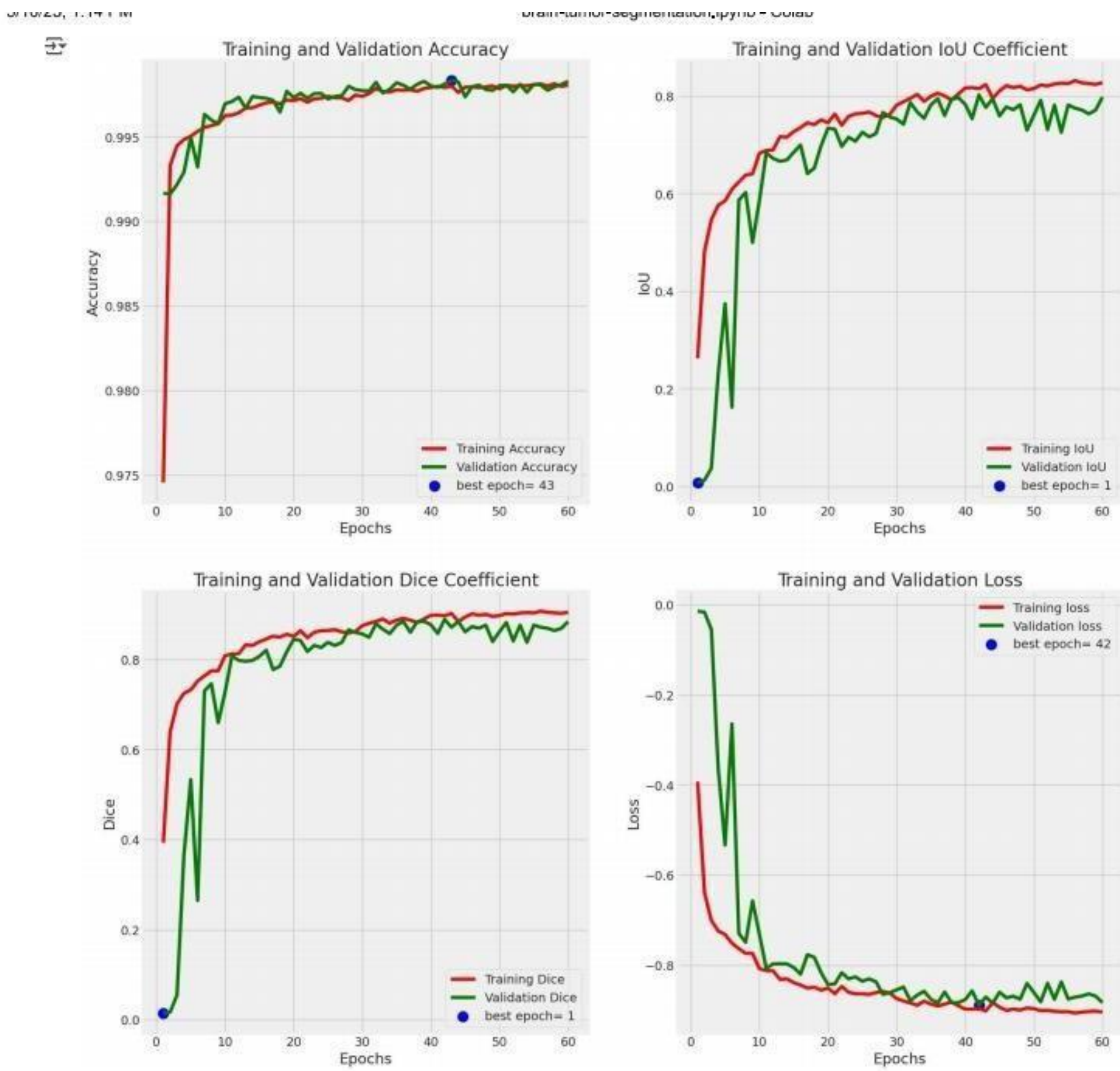

Fig 4 Graphical Representation

LEARNING OUTCOME

A research investigation used deep learning techniques together with explainable AI (XAI) to conduct brain tumor segmentation. The study delivered important findings regarding the application of AI along with explainable AI methods during medical imaging tasks. The development approach required a complete understanding of U-Net along with CNN-based framework. The development process produced better understanding of U-Net and CNN-based architectures particularly through the assessment of skip connections which enhance spatial information retention for accurate segmentation. retention for accurate segmentation. The project demonstrated how important it is to work with data. The application depends on three preprocessing stages that normalize data while performing augmentation procedures and reducing unwanted noise artifacts.

Improvements in model performance become more significant because better image quality and expanded variability are applied. The model training and optimization phase required selecting the best optimization approach among others. The model utilized Adam as its optimizer together with Dice Loss and Binary Cross-Entropy Loss as loss functions and depended on various hyperparameter tuning measures. The application of various tuning techniques enabled the achievement of best possible accuracy levels. The model evaluation process confirmed the findings of the model's significance. significance of performance metrics such as Dice Coefficient, IoU, Sensitivity, and Specificity, The MRI image model demonstration succeeds in diverse MRI scan applications because of its generalization abilities. Additionally, the project Explainable AI techniques such as Grad-CAM SHAP and LIME demonstrated their capability to enhance the understanding of AI prediction results. interpretable for clinical applications. Understanding heatmaps and feature importance The application of visualizations made it possible for radiologists to understand why AI systems function as layers were introduced between the models and physician acceptance. The system provides full visibility during computerized tumor diagnosis procedures.

CONCLUSION WITH CHALLENGES

A brain tumor segmentation system drives its operations through artificial intelligence while utilizing deep learning principles. XAI technology enhances the accuracy as well as transparency together with clinical trust in AI systems. By leveraging a The new U-Net model adds modified architecture while using XAI methods which include Grad-CAM and SHAP and LIME. The System LIME enables improved understanding of AI predictions because it provides enhanced interpretability features to radiologists. The research uses publicly available MRI datasets and performs normalization operations as well as preprocessing methods on them. and augmentation, ensures model robustness. Performance evaluation metrics such as Dice The model exhibits results measured through Dice Similarity Coefficient (DSC) and Intersection over Union (IoU).

The system demonstrates outstanding performance in identifying and segmenting cancerous growths precisely. Furthermore, the An easy-to-use interface allows medical staff to access and validate the system during their work. The evaluation system proves the AI-assisted segmentation process suitable for clinical environment application. applications. The project includes various obstacles that remain despite its present strengths. Data limitations pose a significant Obtaining well-annotated medical datasets stands as a major challenge because it proves difficult to find. Model The performance of segmentation techniques presents problems when used between different types of MRI machines.
imaging conditions, and patient demographics. The process faces multiple challenges due to computational complexity elements. Such system requires intensive computer resources to execute both training and real-time processing. Additionally, A model requires reliable explanations and results to gain clinical approval. ensuring trust from healthcare professionals. The future investigation will dedicate efforts to enhance AI functionality.

Challenges:

In this work, the proposed modified U-Net model for brain tumor segmentation is evaluated against the original U-Net. The dataset consists of 1965 brain MRI images and their corresponding manual FLAIR abnormality segmentation masks. Images were meticulously pre-processed and split into training, validation, and test sets. There are 1375 images in the training set, 295 in the validation set, and 295 in the test set. It uses the metrics of Accuracy, Dice coefficient, and Intersection over Union to gauge the performance of both models. For the original U-Net model, a validation accuracy of 0.99756, a validation IoU of 0.8014, and a Dice Coefficient of 0.8880 were attained. In contrast, the modified U-Net model improved with added addition and multiplication layers in its decoder part. The validation accuracy achieved by the modified model was 0.99768. In addition, the validation IoU achieved the value of 0.8131, while a Dice coefficient of 0.8952 was obtained. It clearly depicts that the extra layers added to the decoder part of the U-Net architecture strengthen the model's capability of capturing and integrating multi-scale contextual information. This improvement is well reflected in the increased values of accuracy, Dice coefficient, and IoU, which indicates better segmentation performance.

The comparative analysis of the original and modified U-Net models itself proves the effectiveness of the proposed modifications. In this regard, small yet constant improvements in all metrics of evaluation do reflect the potential of this modified UNet model for brain tumor segmentation with increased accuracy and reliability. This kind of increase in performance is very important in clinical applications when the exact delineation of the tumor is an unconditional requirement for treatment planning
and monitoring. The modified U-Net model contributed a strong and effective method for brain tumor segmentation. In particular, it outperformed the traditional U-Net in almost all key performance metrics. This paper proved that adding extra layers within the decoder part of the U-Net architecture could remarkably improve the segmentation accuracy of brain MRI images. Future studies may further investigate enhancements and validations on larger and more diverse datasets for confirming these findings and probably explore the integration of this model clinically**.**

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