LOGO

Neural Networks with Mamba for Local Feature MedConvMamba: Enhancing Medical Image Classification by Integrating Convolutional Extraction and Global Context Awareness

Hui Qu, Jiaxi Liu, Mingchen Zou, Xingyu Li, Canwei Dong, Xiaoyu Cui. Member, IEEE

in computer vision, with Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and Transformers being widely used. However, CNNs face challenges in capturing global context and long-range dependencies, while Transformers encounter computational difficulties due to their quadratic complexity. Recently, State Space Models (SSMs), such as Mamba, have the made significant progress in efficiently modeling long-range interactions with linear complexity. Inspired by these advancements, we introduce MedConvMamba for medical image classification. Our proposed SS-Conv-SSM module combines the local feature extraction capabilities of convolutional layers with the long-range dependency modeling of SSMs, enabling the model to better understand the overall structure of images while accurately identifying local lesions, making it particularly suitable for medical image classification. We validated MedConvMamba through experiments on two different modalities of medical image datasets, and the results demonstrate that MedConvMamba ditionally, we explored the parameter configurations and module settings of the CNN and SSM combined model through a series of experiments. This study provides valuable insights for developing more efficient Al algorithms and medical application systems based on CNN and SSM. Abstract—Medical image classification is a critical task effectively detects lesions in various medical images. Ad-

Index Terms—Medical Images, Image Classification, Deep Learning, State Space Models, Convolutional Neural

38 39 40

I. INTRODUCTION

44

48 49 50

Modern medical research cannot do without the support of medical images, which provide precise visual representations of the structure and function of various tissues and organs in This work was supported in part by the China Key Research and Development Program (Grant No. 2023YFC2508200), the Natural Science Foundation of Liaoning Province (Grant No.2022-MS-105) and the Liaoning Province Medical Engineering Cross Joint Fund (Grant No. 2022-YGJC-06).

52 53 54 55

56

Hui Qu, Jiaxi Liu, Mingchen Zou, Xingyu Li and Canwei Dong are with the College of Medicine and Biological Information Engineering, in Northeastern University, Shenyang 110004, China e-mail: quhui950228@163.com; 2271335@stu.neu.edu.cn; 2171286 @stu.neu.edu.cn; whiteli1925@outlook.com; 15978697657@163.com Xiaoyu Cui is the corresponding author. He is with the College of in Medicine and Biological Information Engineering, Northeastern University, Shenyang 110004, China and also with the Key Laboratory of Biomedical Imaging Science and SystemChinese Academy of Sciences (e-mail: cuixy@bmie.neu.edu.cn).

inference and diagnosis [2], [3]. With the development of medical technology, various medical imaging methods have emerged. In clinical settings, these technologies are widely the human body, helping medical professionals and researchers to explore in detail the normal and abnormal conditions in patients, thus serving clinical and research purposes [1]. Nowadays, both cutting-edge research in laboratories and disease diagnosis by clinical doctors heavily rely on the rich information provided by medical image analysis to promote scientific used. However, the accuracy of detection and diagnosis for cancer and many other diseases depends on the professional knowledge of individual clinical doctors, which leads to significant differences in the interpretation and interpretation of medical images. To address this clinical challenge, many computer-aided detection and diagnosis (CAD) solutions have been developed and tested, aimed at helping clinical doctors more effectively read medical images and make diagnostic decisions in a more accurate and objective manner [4].

Deep learning technology has shown significant potential in the field of image processing, especially in the field of computer-aided detection (CAD), where it has become a mainstream technology [5]. This technology is widely used in tasks such as medical image classification, segmentation, and larly crucial as it directly relates to the patient's diagnostic process [6]. In medical image classification, models based on Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) and Transformers used as backbones, encoders, or decoders in various model architectures [9]. However, each of these technologies has its CNN models are difficult to capture remote information in Although Transformer based models perform well in global information modeling, their self-attention mechanism relies on increases, which limits their application in practical medical image processing tasks. In addition, the secondary complexity object detection, among which image classification is particuexhibit excellent capabilities [7], [8]. These models not only efficiently extract features from images, but are also commonly limitations. Due to the limitations of local receptive domains, images, which may lead to insufficient feature extraction. computationally intensive operations. When processing largesized medical images, their computational burden significantly requirement of this model may make it difficult to implement in resource constrained environments, especially in clinical

amounts of image data [7]-[10]. Therefore, although these

echnologies have been applied in multiple healthcare fields, they still need to be optimized for specific application scenar-

scenarios that require fast and efficient processing of large

Based on these facts and the relatively complex nature of medical images compared to natural images, there is an urgent

ios to improve performance.

tecture that can effectively capture remote information while

maintaining linear computational complexity while achieving local feature extraction. In recent years, State Space Modeling On the basis of classical SSM research, Modern SSMs such as Mamba not only establish long-range dependencies, but also exhibit linear complexity related to input size [13]. In addition, models based on SSM have been widely studied

(SSM) [11], [12] has aroused great interest among researchers.

need to develop a new medical image classification archi-

needs to be explored.

image classification tasks. Specifically, The core of MedConvMamba consists of a module called SConvs-SSM. Unlike

32 33 34 35 36 37

lesions [18]. Therefore, the model needs to effectively extract local fine-grained features and global features. Based on this fundamental fact, SConvs-SSM combines the ability of

natural images, various medical images have high similarity in overall image structure and strong heterogeneity in local image context integration ability of SSM, while ensuring the

convolutional layers to understand local context and the remote

lightweight of the model, achieving effective extraction of local and global features in medical images and accurate image classification.

38 39

40

The main contributions of this article are as follows: 1) We propose MedConvMamba and explore the potential applications of CNN combined with SSM models in different modalities of medical images. 2) A comprehensive experiment was conducted on two different modalities of datasets, and

4 42 43

45 46 44 47 48

the results showed that MedConvMamba has considerable

competitiveness while ensuring lightweight. 3) This study has established a new baseline for medical image classification

50 49 21

52 53 54 55

tasks, providing valuable insights for the development of more efficient and effective artificial intelligence algorithms and medical application systems based on CNN combined with SSM in the future. 26

II. METHODS

sequence models (S4) and Mamba, are inspired by the continuous system [13]-[19], which maps a 1-D function or sequence The SSM-based models, such as structured state space A. Preliminaries

 $x(t) \in \mathbb{R} \to y(t) \in \mathbb{R}$ through a $h(t) \in \mathbb{R}^N$ hidden state. This system uses $A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ as the evolution parameter and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times 1}, C \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times N}$ as the projection parameters.

$$h'(t) = Ah(t) + Bx(t),$$

$$y(t) = Ch(t).$$
(1)

form the continuous parameters A, B to discrete parameters The S4 and Mamba are the discrete versions of the continuous system, which include a timescale parameter Δ to trans- \bar{A}, \bar{B} . The commonly used method for transformation is zeroorder hold (ZOH), which is defined as follows:

$$\bar{A} = \exp(\Delta A),$$

$$\bar{B} = (\Delta A)^{-1} (\exp(\Delta A) - I) \cdot \Delta B.$$
(2)

After the discretization of \bar{A} , \bar{B} , the discretized version of Eq. (1) using a step size Δ can be rewritten as:

in many fields, including language comprehension [12], [13], general vision [14], [15], medical segmentation [16], [17],

image processing tasks, such as natural image classification and medical image segmentation. However, the performance

of medical image classification models based on SSM still

Inspired by the success of SSM in natural image classification tasks, we propose MedConvMamba, a lightweight model based on CNN and SSM, aimed at showcasing the potential of combining CNN and Mamba in various medical

etc. Especially some studies use SSM to complete various

$$h_t = \overline{A}h_{t-1} + \overline{B}x_t,$$

$$y_t = Ch_t.$$
(3)

At last, the models compute output through a global convolution.

$$\bar{K} = (C\bar{B}, C\bar{A}B, \dots, CA^{M-1}\bar{B}),$$

$$y = x * \bar{K},$$
(4)

where M is the length of the input sequence x, and \bar{K} \mathbb{R}^M is a structured convolutional kernel.

B. MedConvMamba

The structure of MedConvMamba is quite simple, comprising a patch embedding layer, SConvs-SSM Block, and an embed-Figure 1 shows the overall architecture of MedConvMamba. ding fusion module.

In MedConvMamba, the patch embedding layer first divides the input image $x \in \mathbb{R}^{H \times W \times 3}$ into non-overlapping patches of size 8×8 , mapping the image dimensions to C (The default value of C is 192 for the Tiny version of the model and 384 for the Small version), resulting in the embedded image $x' \in \mathbb{R}^{(H/8)\times (W/8)\times C}$. Before feeding it into the backbone of MedConvMamba, x' is normalized using layer normalization The output dimension of each module is the same as x, that is, $y_i \in \mathbb{R}^{(H/8) \times (W/8) \times C}$. y_i is the output of the *i*-th SConvs-SSM Block. The output of the last SConvs-SSM block will be input into the embedding fusion module to obtain the final [20]. The backbone consists of several SConvs-SSM Blocks. prediction.

1) Mamba Architecture: Mamba is a simplified SSM architecture that differs from the stacking method of traditional linear attention modules and multi-layer perceptron (MLP) [21] modules. It integrates these two modules into a sin-This module simplifies the structure by replacing multiplication gating with activation functions and integrating SSM transformation into the main path of MLP. The overall design of Mamba includes multiple such modules, equipped with standard normalization layers and residual connections at intervals. This architecture not only gle Mamba module.

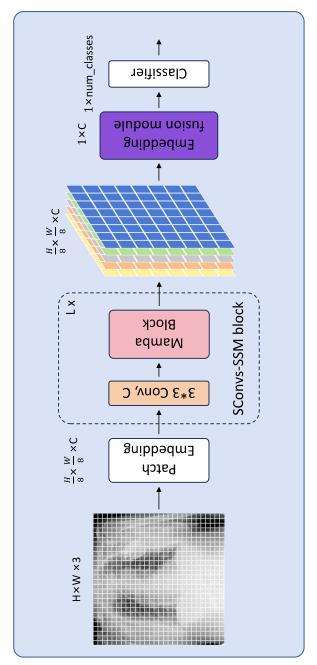


Fig. 1. The overall architecture of the MedConvMamba.

22 23

24 25 56

transformers, providing an efficient foundational model for the field of computational vision (CV). Unlike traditional maintains the linear extension ability of the state space model to sequence length, but also has the modeling effect of a transformer. Mamba combines the advantages of CNN and converters, Mamba avoids explicitly storing the entire context through a selection mechanism, and the one-dimensional and causal characteristics of this mechanism are its research focus in CV applications.

> 28 30

32

31

34

35 36

38 39 40 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50

41

Mamba, we linearly project the normalized sequence to the x and z with dimension size E. Then, x is first subjected to by z, and combined to produce an output that maintains the shape as the module input [22], [23]. This approach not only optimizes the representation of features but also enhances the model's performance in handling classification enhances medical imaging by capturing fine-grained anomalies 2) SConvs-SSM block: The SConvs-SSM block is the core module of MedConvMamba, as shown in Figure 2. This block designed to be a simple yet effective module, combining The simplicity of the SConvs-SSM block not only streamlines the architecture but also reduces the number of Firstly, the input is processed through a convolutional layer with a kernel size of 3, a step size of 1, and a C-channel. Then input the output of this layer into the Mamba architecture. In one-dimensional convolution. Subsequently, the embedding is and Δ . Δ is used to transform The output result is calculated by SSM, selected tasks. The SConvs-SSM block's main advantage is its ability to combine the robust local feature extraction of CNNs with the Mamba structure's expanded receptive field. This integration and contextual information, improving classification accuracy. As shown in Figure 3, the SConvs SSM block retains the pseudo-code for the Mamba structure is presented in Algoparameters, making the model more lightweight and efficient. single convolutional layer with a Mamba structure. linearly projected onto B, C A and B. rithm 1. same

good local feature extraction ability of traditional CNN while achieving a larger receptive field than Transformer, effectively of image balancing local detail focus and a wider range backgrounds

Algorithm 1 Pseudo-code for Mamba in SConvs-SSM block

Input: x, the feature with shape [B, L, D] (batch size, token length, dimension)

Params: A, the nn.Parameter; D, the nn.Parameter

Operator: Linear(.), the linear projection layer **Output:** y, the feature with shape [B, L, D]

1: $\Delta, B, C = \text{Linear}(x), \text{Linear}(x), \text{Linear}(x)$ $\bar{A} = \exp(\Delta A)$ 3 8

 $(\Delta A)^{-1}(\exp(\Delta A) - I) \cdot \Delta B$ $\bar{A}h_{t-1} + \bar{B}x_t$ 4: $h_t = 5$: $y_t = 6$

 \bar{B}

 Ch_t

 $y = [y_1, y_2, \dots, y_t, \dots, y_L]$

return y

ule receives the output from the last SConvs-SSM block. Its primary function is to integrate the same embedding features across all patches and compute a unified value for each type of embedding, thereby generating a $1 \times C$ feature vector. This process is achieved through global average pooling, effectively consolidating information from various features. This feature Embedding fusion module: The embedding fusion modvector is then fed into a fully connected layer, which is responsible for the final classification prediction.

EXPERIMENTS AND RESULTS

52 53 54 55 55

51

In this section, we conducted experiments with MedConvMamba, applying it to two types of medical image classification tasks: X-ray images and dermatoscopic images (Figure 4.

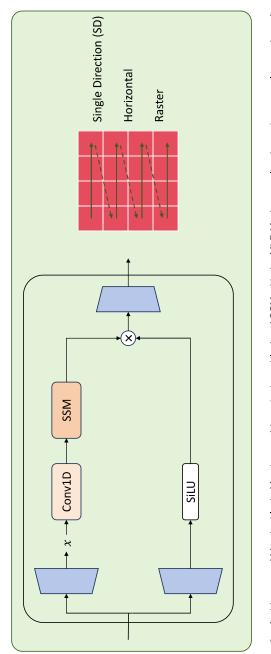


Fig. 2. Architecture of Mamba block. Mamba combines the base blocks of SSM with the MLP blocks prevalent in modern neural networks to form a new Mamba block, which is stacked and combined with normalization and residual connection to form the Mamba network architecture.

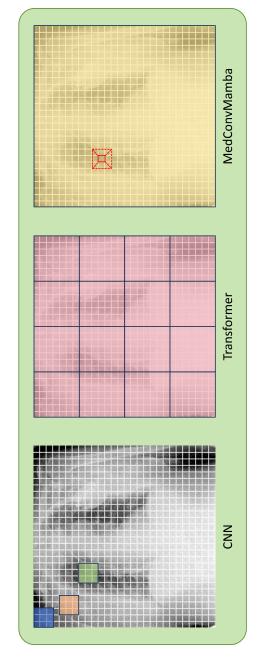


Fig. 3. Respective field comparison among CNN, Transformer, and our proposed MedConvMamba.

A. Embedding fusion module

COVID-19 Radiography Database The COVID-19 Radiography Database [24] is a publicly available medical imaging database, primarily jointly published by the University of Qatar, Dalhousie University, and ARK Information Solutions in India. This database focuses on collecting chest X-ray images related to COVID-19 to help researchers and doctors better understand and diagnose the COVID-19 virus through image analysis. The latest version includes 3616 COVID-19 positive cases, as well as 10192 normal, 6012 pulmonary opacities (non COVID pulmonary infections), and 1345 images of viral pneumonia.

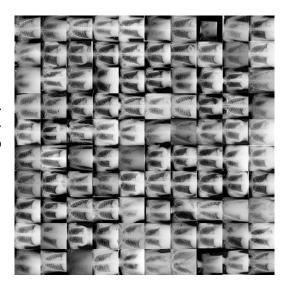
The ISIC2019 [25] dataset comprises 25,331 dermoscopic images, collected from various international sources, including the Medical University of Vienna (MUV), Austria, and several clinics in Queensland, Australia. These images have been gathered over the past three decades. In the earlier years, before digital cameras were common, lesion images were captured on film, stored, and archived at MUV's Department

of Dermatology. These analog photographs were later digitized using a high-resolution scanner, converted into 8-bit color JPEG format at a resolution of 300 DPI, and subsequently resized to a resolution of 72 DPI with dimensions of 1024 × 768 pixels. The dataset is categorized into eight different classes, namely vascular lesions (VASC), actinic keratosis (AKIEC), melanoma (MEL), benign keratosis (BKL), melanocytic nevus (NV), basal cell carcinoma (BCC), dermatofibroma (DF), and squamous cell carcinoma (SCC), containing 193, 435, 1323, 1242, 12100, 678, 239, and 221 images respectively.

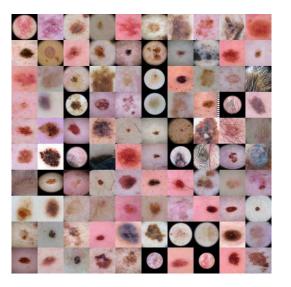
B. Evaluation Metrics

This study used five key indicators – accuracy (ACC), precision, recall, specificity, and F1 score - to evaluate the classification performance of the model. These indicators are widely recognized and used in medical image classification research by calculating the true examples (TP), true negative examples (TN), false negative examples (FN), and false positive examples (FP) in the confusion matrix. The above

COVID-19 Radiography Database



ISIC2019



Respective field comparison among CNN, Transformer, and our proposed MedConvMamba. Fig. 4.

20

22

24 25 26

evaluation indicators are calculated as follows:

$$Accuracy = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN}$$

28 29 30

3

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

9

Sensitivity =
$$\frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

35 36 38 39 40

32 33 34

31

6

Specificity =
$$\frac{TN}{TN + FP}$$

8

$$F1\text{-score} = \frac{2 \times \text{Precision} \times \text{Sensitivity}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Sensitivity}}$$

43 45 46 46

41

6

C. Implementation Details

48 49 50

47

were resized to dimensions of 224x224x3. Each image underwent rics of the model could directly reflect the unique architecture We used the AdamW optimizer [26] for adjusting model parameters, setting 300 epochs with a batch size of 64. To prevent overfitting, an early-stop strategy was implemented. No data augmentation techniques or pretrained weights were used, ensuring that the performance metof MedConvMamba. The training setup included an Ubuntu an initial learning rate of 5e-4, with a weight decay of 1e-5, The model was trained 18.04 operating system and an NVIDIA RTX A6000 GPU. all images normalization and standardization processes. Before initiating the network training, using the PyTorch [27] framework over and employed Cross-Entropy Loss.

> 51 52 53 54 55 55 57

D. Results

1) Comparing Classification Performance with Other Models: In previous work, researchers have tended to use classification models meticulously designed for ImageNet [28] to classify medical images. Although these models were initially applied to natural image classification, experimental results have shown that they are also effective in medical image classification [29], [30]. Therefore, to demonstrate the potential of MedConvMamba, we compared it with state-of-the-art Mamba-based medical image classification models, as well as with some of the most advanced models applied to medical image classification tasks. The experimental results are shown in Tables I and II.

of the MedConvMamba architecture, it performs excellently in medical image classification tasks. MedConvMamba-S surpasses scores also exceed those of other models. In medical image classification tasks, sensitivity and F1 scores are crucial metrics. This is Misdiagnosis in medical diagnostics (i.e., falsely classifying diseased samples as healthy) can lead to serious consequences, performance of MedConvMamba in these two metrics further demonstrates its potential in medical image classification tasks. there CNN on the The results indicate that, despite the simplicity diagnosis models, a greater emphasis on capturing diseased as selected datasets. Notably, its sensitivity and F1 in terms of ACC thus models need to minimize such errors. well as models, in multi-class disease Fransformer-based models, Mamba-based mainstream because, usually

2) The Impact of the Number of Blocks on Model Performance: In the SConvs SSM block, we utilized a simplified Mamba architecture as the SSM component in the module. Vim increases model depth by using 24 Vim blocks similar to the Mamba architecture. Although VMamba uses VSS blocks with more parameters, it uses fewer blocks.

COMPARISON OF CLASSIFICATION PERFORMANCE OF DIFFERENT MODELS ON COVID-19 RADIOGRAPH DATABASE TABLE

	Image size Param GFLOPs Acc	Param	GFLOPs	Acc	Precision	Precision Sensitivity Specificity F1 Score	Specificity	F1 Score
CNN								
ResNet18 [31]	224	11M	1.8	81.11	82.45	75.35	92.23	78.23
ResNet34 [31]	224	22.7M	3.7	81.25	82.59	76.67	92.33	78.98
RegNetY-4G [32]	224	19.6M	4.0	93.36	93.91	93.85	97.30	93.86
ConvNext [33]	224	28.6M	4.5	89.75	92.52	87.90	95.58	86.68
Vit								
Vit-T [34]	224	4.9M	1.3	87.30	87.10	66.98	94.76	86.97
Swin-T [35]	224	28.3M	4.5	92.26	92.37	92.26	94.57	92.23
DeiT-Ti [36]	224	5.7M	1.3	88.81	90.75	87.10	95.35	88.76
Efficientvit_M0 [37]	224	2.3M	80.0	92.42	94.02	90.53	96.53	92.14
Efficientvit_M4 [37]	224	8.8M	0.3	93.55	94.83	92.04	68.96	93.33
SSM								
VMamba-T [14]	224	30.7M	4.9	94.15	94.10	94.03	97.47	94.02
MedMamba [38]	224	13.3M	2.0	93.77	93.88	93.77	97.56	93.80
Vim-T [15]	224	7.1M	1.5	91.90	93.66	99.06	96.57	92.07
Vim-S [15]	224	26.0M	5.1	95.96	94.47	92.34	66'96	93.35
MedConvMamba-T	224	4.1M	1.8	93.60	93.62	93.60	95.98	93.60
MedConvMamba-S	224	16.1M	7.3	94.45	94.47	94.45	96.35	94.45

COMPARISON OF CLASSIFICATION PERFORMANCE OF DIFFERENT MODELS ON ISIC2019 DATABASE TABLE II

	Image size	Param	GFLOPs	Acc	Precision	Sensitivity	Specificity	F1 Score
CNN								
ResNet18	224	11M	1.8	65.02	37.25	30.97	93.09	31.49
ResNet34	224	22.7M	3.7	63.87	30.45	29.69	92.99	29.78
RegNetY-4G	224	19.6M	4.0	70.47	56.95	53.42	94.77	54.68
ConvNext	224	28.6M	4.5	68.95	62.49	46.62	93.88	49.84
Vit								
Vit-T	224	4.9M	1.3	67.28	57.89	60.52	92.59	57.84
Swin-T	224	28.3M	4.5	77.75	96.92	77.75	89.57	76.91
DeiT-Ti	224	5.7M	1.3	71.83	65.45	49.09	94.69	52.63
Efficientvit_M0	224	2.3M	80.0	98.99	49.07	29.67	92.78	30.47
Efficientvit_M4	224	8.8M	0.3	69.21	47.93	34.94	93.43	37.30
SSM								
VMamba-T	224	30.7M	4.9	75.92	74.32	75.50	95.42	74.31
MedMamba	224	13.3M	2.0	75.20	74.70	75.18	95.52	74.37
Vim-T	224	7.1M	1.5	72.20	68.34	53.04	94.73	57.35
Vim-S	224	26.0M	5.1	76.65	72.84	62.39	95.66	66.55
MedConvMamba-T	224	4.1M	1.8	76.39	75.26	76.39	88.44	75.36
MedConvMamba-S	224	16.1M	7.3	79.69	79.33	69.62	90.13	79.03

32 33 34 35 36 38 38

39 40 To determine the optimal depth setting for MedConvMamba, we conducted experiments with varying depths based on MedConvMamba-T using the COVID-19 Radiograph Dataset. As shown in Table III, maintaining other parameters constant, appropriately reducing the depth not only decreased the number of model parameters but also improved performance. However, excessively shallow depths significantly reduced accuracy. Therefore, based on the experimental results, the depth of the model in MedConvMamba was set to 7.

3) The Impact of Patch Size Settings on Model Performance: In previous studies, Vim followed the ViT architecture and set the patch size to 16. However, in medical imaging, lesions can

TABLE III
PERFORMANCE OF MEDCONVMAMBA-T AT DIFFERENT DEPTHS ON COVID-19 RADIOGRAPH DATASET

	Acc	92.8	93.6	86.5
н Dataset	GFLOPs Acc	8.0	1.8	3.7
ADIOGRAP	Param	1.8M	4.1M	8.2M
COVID-19 RADIOGRAPH DATASET	Image size	224	224	224
	Depth	8	7	14

be quite small, necessitating the model's ability to detect fine-grained details. Therefore, a smaller patch size is required to

the predictive performance of MedConvMamba-T on COVID-19 Radiograph dataset. Consequently, in MedConvMamba-T, capture more detailed features. Additionally, a smaller patch size increases the input sequence length. The Mamba architecture's advantage with long sequence inputs makes it more suitable for medical image classification compared to Transformers. As shown in Table IV, reducing the patch size improved the patch size was set to 8.

PERFORMANCE OF MEDCONVMAMBA-T ON RADIOGRAPH DATASETS OF COVID-19 UNDER DIFFERENT PATCH SIZE SETTINGS TABLE IV

10

13

Patch cize	Image cize	Param	ACC Acc	Δου
I atem size	mage size	I ci ci i	7777	7777
8	224	4.1M	93.6	92.8
14	224	4.2M	92.6	93.6
16	224	4.2M	92.0	86.5

14 15 16 17

18 19 20 7

Comparison of Different Embedding Fusion Methods:

of 1 to convolve the feature maps, followed by global average parameter count was further reduced without degrading the embedding fusion, we experimented with four different methods and the results are shown in Table V. Initially, we employed the simplest approach by flattening all features into a one-dimensional vector and then passing it through a fully connected layer to generate the feature vector. This method achieved excellent classification performance with a relatively small number of parameters. Next, we used a standard convolutional kernel with a size of 3x3 and a stride increased the number of parameters and resulted in a slight decrease in performance. Subsequently, we replaced the standard convolution with depth-wise convolution [39], which yielded the best performance while maintaining a lower when we removed the depth-wise convolution layer and only used global average pooling to generate the feature vector, the model's performance. Therefore, in MedConvMamba, we employ global average pooling as the embedding fusion module pooling to generate the feature vector. This approach signifparameter count compared to the previous methods. extract the feature vector. icantly

32 33 34 35 35 37

38 39 40 4 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49

22 23 24 25 25 27 27 28 29 30 31

PERFORMANCE OF MEDCONVMAMBA-T ON RADIOGRAPH DATASETS OF COVID-19 UNDER DIFFERENT PATCH SIZE SETTINGS TABLE V

	Image size Param GFLOPs Acc	Param	GFLOPs	Acc
Flatten	224	4.7M 1.9	1.9	93.5
Convolution	224	33M 1.9	1.9	93.2
Depth-wise convolution	224	4.3M 1.8	1.8	93.6
Global average pooling	224	4.1M 1.8	1.8	93.6

IV. CONCLUSION

50

21

52 53 54 55 55 57

In this study, to effectively model medical images with fine-grained features, we combined CNNs, which are adept at extracting local features, with SSMs, which can handle long sequence inputs with fewer parameters to capture global features. This led to the development of MedConvMamba, a model tailored for medical image classification tasks. To

classification tasks directly benefits from SSM, we did not niques. We conducted experiments on MedConvMamba using two different types of medical datasets and performed several experiments to optimize the parameter settings for the appli-The results show that MedConvMamba exhibits excellent performance in medical image classification tasks. Moreover, compared to various widely used architectures in medical classification demonstrate that the potential of MedConvMamba in medical employ any pretraining strategies or data augmentation techcation of SSM in the medical imaging domain. tasks, MedConvMamba is highly competitive.

For future work, we outline the following points: 1) We will further explore the potential of LightMed Mamba on medical datasets obtained from other imaging technologies and optimize it, with a focus on lightweight design and suitability for smaller datasets. 2) We plan to introduce causal inference [40] concepts and methods to enhance the interpretability of MedConvMamba, making it more competitive in the medical field. Additionally, developing visualization methods suitable for SSM is necessary for the same purpose. 3) Given the advantages of SSM in long-sequence modeling, it is worthwhile to investigate the application prospects of MedConvMamba in high-resolution medical images, such as pathology images [41]. 4) Using MedConvMamba as a backbone, we will explore its potential applications in other medical imaging tasks, such as image segmentation, object detection, image registration, and image reconstruction.

REFERENCES

- S. Suganyadevi, V. Seethalakshmi, K. Balasamy, A review on deep learning in medical image analysis, International Journal of Multimedia Information Retrieval 11(1) (2022) 19-38.
 A. Esteva, A. Robicquet, B. Ramsundar, V. Kuleshov, M. DePristo, K. Chou, C. Cui, G. Corrado, S. Thrun, J. Dean, A guide to deep learning in healthcare, Nature medicine 25(1) (2019) 24-29.
 J. Wang, H. Zhu, S.-H. Wang, Y.-D. Zhang, A review of deep learning on medical image analysis, Mobile Networks and Applications 26(1) (2021) 351-380.
 - [7]
- [4] H. Ayesha, S. Iqbal, M. Tariq, M. Abrar, M. Sanaullah, I. Abbas, A. Rehmay, A.; Iqbal, M. Tariq, M. Abrar, M. Sanaullah, I. Abbas, A. Rehmay, M.F.K. Niazi, S. Hussain, Automatic medical image interpretation: State of the art and future directions, Pattern Recognition 114 (2021) 107856.
 [5] Y.J. Cha, R. Ali, J. Lewis, O. Büyükoztürk, Deep learning-based structural health monitoring, Automation in Construction 161 (2024).
 [6] X. Chen, X. Wang, K. Zhang, K.-M. Fung, T.C. Thai, K. Moore, R.S. Mannel, H. Liu, B. Zheng, Y. Qiu, Recent advances and clinical applications of deep learning in medical image analysis, Medical Image Analysis 79 (2022) 102444.
 [7] F. Shamshad, S. Khan, S.W. Zamir, M.H. Khan, M. Hayat, F.S. Khan, H. Fu, Transformers in medical imaging: A survey, Medical Image Analysis (2023) 102802.
 [8] S.S. Kshatri, D. Singh, Convolutional neural network in medical image analysis: A review, Archives of Computational Methods in Engineering 30(4) (2023) 2793-2810.
 [9] O. Elharrouss, Y. Akbari, N. Almadeed, S. Al-Maadeed, Backbones-review: Feature extractor networks for deep learning and deep reinforcement learning approaches in computer vision, Computer Science Review 53 (2024) 100645.
 [8] Danamardon, N. Diricios, I. Humar, C. Wang, C. Vang, E. Danamardon, N. Diricios, I. Humar, C. Wang, E. Vang, E. Danamardon, N. Diricios, I. Humar, C. Wang, E. Vang, E. 4
 - $\overline{\mathcal{S}}$
- $\overline{\infty}$
- 6
- [01]
- G. Papanastasiou, N. Dikaios, J. Huang, C. Wang, G. Yang, Is attention all you need in medical image analysis? A review, IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics (2023).

 A. Gu, I. Johnson, K. Goel, K. Saab, T. Dao, A. Rudra, C. Ré, Combining recurrent, convolutional, and continuous-time models with linear state space layers, Advances in neural information processing systems 34 (2021) 572-585. Ξ

A. Gu, K. Goel, C. Ré, Efficiently modeling long sequences with structured state spaces, arXiv preprint arXiv:2111.00396 (2021).

A. Gu, T. Dao, Mamba: Linear-time sequence modeling with selective state spaces, arXiv preprint arXiv:2312.00752 (2023).

Y. Liu, Y. Tian, Y. Zhao, H. Yu, L. Xie, Y. Wang, Q. Ye, Y. Liu, V. Wangha: Visual state space model, arXiv preprint arXiv:2401.10166

[13] [14] S. G. Dubosova, F. Dubost, L. Hogeweg, I. Katramados, M. De Bruijne, Semi-supervised medical image segmentation via learning consistency under transformations. Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention–MICCAI 2019: 22nd International Conference, Shenzhen, China, October 13–17, 2019. Proceedings, Part VI 22, Springer, 2019, pp. 810–818.
J. Ruan, S. Xiang, Vm-unet: Vision mamba unet for medical image segmentation, arXiv preprint arXiv:2402.02491 (2024).
J.L. Ba, J.R. Kiros, G.E. Hinton, Layer normalization, arXiv preprint arXiv:1607.06450 (2016).

Perescu-Popescu, N. Mastorakis, I networks, WSEAS Transactions

M.E.H. Chowdhury, T. Rahman, A. Khandakar, R. Mazhar, M.A. Kadir, Z.B. Mahbub, K. Reajul Islam, M. Salman Khan, A. Iqbal, N. Al-Emadi, Can Al help in screening Viral and COVID-19

R. Xu, S. Yang, Y. Wang, B. Du, H. Chen, A survey on vision mamba: Models, applications and challenges, arXiv preprint arXiv:2404.18861 (2024).

X. Liu, C. Zhang, L. Zhang, Vision Mamba: A Comprehensi Survey and Taxonomy, arXiv preprint arXiv:2405.04404 (2024).

M.-C. Popescu, V.E. Balas, L. Perescu-Pope Multilayer perceptron and neural networks, V on Circuits and Systems 8(7) (2009) 579-588. X. Liu, C. Zhang, L. Zhang, Vision Mambs

pneumonia?, arXiv (2020).

N. Codella, V. Rotemberg, P. Tschandl, M.E. Celebi, S. Dusza, D. Gutman, B. Helba, A. Kalloo, K. Liopyris, M. Marchetti, Skin lesion analysis toward melanoma detection 2018: A challenge hosted by the international skin imaging collaboration (isic), arXiv preprint arXiv:1902.03368 (2019).

Loshchilov, F. Hutter, Fixing Weight Decay Regularization in

Adam, (2017).

38

39 40

A. Paszke, S. Gross, F. Massa, A. Lerer, J. Bradbury, G. Chanan, T. Killeen, Z. Lin, N. Gimelshein, L. Antiga, Pytorch: An imperative style, high-performance deep learning library, Advances in neural information processing systems 32 (2019).

J. Deng, W. Dong, R. Socher, L.-J. Li, K. Lil, L. Fei-Fei, Imagenet:

42 43

Y. Wen, L. Chen, Y. Deng, C. Zhou, Rethinking pre-training on medical imaging, Journal of Visual Communication and Image Representation 78 (2021) 103145.

A large-scale hierarchical image database, 2009 IEEE conference on computer vision and pattern recognition, Ieee, 2009, pp. 248-255.

M.A. Morid, A. Borjali, G. Del Fiol, A scoping review of transfer learning research on medical image analysis using ImageNet, Computers in biology and medicine 128 (2021) 104115.

44

45 46 47 48

49 50

1 K. He, X. Zhang, S. Ren, J. Sun, Deep residual learning for image recognition, Proceedings of the IEEE conference on computer vision and pattern recognition, 2016, pp. 770-778.

2] I. Radosavovic, R.P. Kosaraju, R. Girshick, K. He, P. Dollár, Designing network design spaces, Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF conference on computer vision and pattern recognition, 2020, pp. 10428-10436.

3] Z. Liu, H. Mao, C.-Y. Wu, C. Feichtenhofer, T. Darrell, S. Xie, A convnet for the 2020s, Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF conference on computer vision and pattern recognition, 2022, pp. 11976-11986.

4] A. Dosovitskiy, L. Beyer, A. Kolesnikov, D. Weissenborn, X. Zhai, T. Unterthiner, M. Dehghani, M. Minderer, G. Heigold, S. Gelly, An image is worth 16th by Collon of Annal and Annal A [34]

52 53 54 55 56 57

scale, arXiv preprint arXiv:2010.11929 (2020).
Z. Liu, Y. Lin, Y. Cao, H. Hu, Y. Wei, Z. Zhang, S. Lin, B. Guo, Swin transformer: Hierarchical vision transformer using shifted windows, Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF international conference on computer vision, 2021, pp. 10012-10022. [35]

H. Jégou, Training data-efficient image transformers distillation through attention, International conference on machine learning, PMLR, 2021, pp. 10347-10357.

H. Cai, J. Li, M. Hu, C. Gan, S. Han, Efficientvit: Lightweight multiscale attention for on-device semantic segmentation, arXiv preprint arXiv:2205.14756 (2022). Cord, M. Douze, F. Massa,

[38]

[8] Y. Yue, Z. Li, Medmamba: Vision mamba for medical image classification, arxiv preprint arXiv:2403.03849 (2024).
[89] A.G. Howard, M. Zhu, B. Chen, D. Kalenichenko, W. Wang, T. Weyand, M. Andreetto, H. Adam, Mobilenets: Efficient convolutional neural networks for mobile vision applications, arXiv:1704.04861 (2017).
[91] Y. Luo, J. Peng, J. Ma, When causal inference meets deep learning, Nature Machine Intelligence 2(8) (2020) 426-427.
[11] S. Banerji, S. Mitra, Deep learning in histopathology: A review, Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery 12(1) (2022) e1439. 39]

mamba: Efficient visual representation learning with bidirectional state space model, arXiv preprint arXiv:2401.09417 (2024).

Z. Xing, T. Ye, Y. Yang, G. Liu, L. Zhu, Segmamba: Long-range sequential modeling mamba for 3d medical image segmentation, arXiv preprint arXiv:2401.13560 (2024).

W. Liu, X.

Q. Zhang, X. Wang,

Ma, F. Li, B. Wang, U-mamba: Enhancing long-range dependency for biomedical image segmentation, arXiv preprint arXiv:2401.04722

[17]

[40]

[41]