Agricultural Plant Disease Detection Project Analysis

1. Dataset Collection

- Dataset Source: New Plant Diseases Dataset from Kaggle, downloaded via kagglehub.dataset download("vipoooool/new-plant-diseases-dataset").
- Data Format: RGB images of plant leaves organized into folders representing different diseases.
- Dataset Structure:
 - o Training data: Located in /New Plant Diseases Dataset (Augmented) /train
 - Validation data: Located in /New Plant Diseases Dataset (Augmented) /valid
 - Test data: Located in /test
- Classes: Multiple disease classes across different plant species (e.g., "Apple__Apple_scab",
 "Tomato Late blight").

2. Model Architecture

- Model Type: Custom CNN with ResNet-inspired architecture called CNN_NeuralNet.
- Key Components:
 - o Convolutional blocks with BatchNorm and ReLU activation
 - Skip connections (residual blocks)
 - MaxPooling layers
 - o Fully connected classifier layer
- Input: RGB images transformed to tensors with size 256×256×3
- · Output: Classification probabilities across all disease classes

3. Hyperparameters

• Batch Size: 32

Learning Rate: 0.01Weight Decay: 1e-4

• Gradient Clipping: 0.15

• Optimizer: Adam

• Scheduler: OneCycleLR

• Training Epochs: 5

4. Training Process

- Loss Function: Cross-entropy loss for multi-class classification
- · Metrics: Accuracy for evaluation
- . Training Method: One-cycle learning policy with learning rate scheduling
- Training/Validation Split: Using separate train and validation directories
- . Device Handling: Code supports both CPU and GPU training with appropriate data loading

5. Testing and Validation

- · Validation Strategy: Using a pre-defined validation set
- . Test Process: Evaluates the model on batches from the validation set
- Performance Metrics: Validation loss and accuracy

6. Real-Time Recognition

- Image Processing: Resizing and normalizing input images for inference
- Prediction: Uses the trained model to predict disease classes for uploaded images
- Interface: Gradio-based web interface for real-time disease detection

7. RAG (Retrieval-Augmented Generation) Chatbot

- Knowledge Base: A comprehensive database of plant disease information including:
 - Disease descriptions
 - Symptoms
 - o Treatment recommendations
 - Prevention strategies
- LLM Integration: Uses Mistral-7B-Instruct model from HuggingFace for text generation
- Retrieval System: FAISS vector store with sentence-transformer embeddings
- Conversation Flow: After disease detection, users can ask questions about the disease

8. Application Architecture

- Frontend: Gradio interface with:
 - o Image upload component
 - Chat interface
 - HuggingFace token input for LLM access
- Backend Components:
 - o Disease detection model
 - o RAG system for disease information retrieval
 - o Conversational AI for answering user queries

9. Tools and Libraries

Deep Learning: PyTorch, torchvision
 Data Handling: NumPy, Pandas, PIL

• LLM & RAG: LangChain, HuggingFaceHub, FAISS

• Visualization: Matplotlib

• Interface: Gradio

• Utilities: Colorama for console styling

10. Deployment Considerations

- Model Persistence: Saves the trained model as plant_disease_model.pth
- Environment: Designed to run in Colab environment with shared link functionality
- Security: Requires HuggingFace token for LLM access (though the code includes a hardcoded token that should be removed for production)

11. Unique Features

- Integrated Approach: Combines computer vision (disease detection) with NLP (conversational advice)
- Expert System: Provides detailed information about plant diseases beyond mere classification
- User Interaction: Allows users to ask specific questions about detected diseases