

**Data Loading and Preprocessing:** The code starts by loading the HMNIST dataset, which contains images of skin lesions labeled with different types of skin cancer cells. The dataset is read into a pandas DataFrame, and the images are stored in the X variable, while the corresponding labels are stored in the Y variable. The labels are mapped to their corresponding class names using a dictionary.

**Data Exploration and Visualization:** The code performs basic data exploration by checking for missing values and visualizing a sample of the images with their labels using matplotlib. This step helps to gain insights into the dataset and verify its integrity.

**Data Preprocessing:** The pixel values of the images are normalized by dividing them by 255 to bring them into the range of [0, 1]. This normalization step is important for better convergence during model training. Additionally, the input images are reshaped to the required format for the CNN model.

**Model Architecture:** The CNN model architecture is defined using the Keras functional API. It consists of several convolutional layers (Conv2D) followed by max pooling layers (MaxPooling2D). The number of filters in the convolutional layers gradually increases, capturing higher-level features. The final convolutional layer is followed by a global average pooling layer (GlobalAveragePooling2D) to reduce the spatial dimensions of the features. The output of the pooling layer is fed into a fully connected (Dense) layer with a softmax activation function to classify the images into the different cancer cell types.

**Model Compilation and Training:** The model is compiled with the Adam optimizer and sparse categorical cross-entropy loss function. The accuracy metric is also specified. The dataset is split into training and testing sets using train\_test\_split. The model is trained on the training set with a specified batch size and number of epochs. Early stopping is implemented to monitor the validation loss and stop training if it does not improve for a certain number of epochs.

**Model Evaluation:** After training, the model's performance is evaluated on the test set. The accuracy is calculated and printed to assess how well the model generalizes to unseen data. Additionally, the model's predictions ( $\hat{y}$ ) are obtained for the test set.

The approach taken in this code utilizes a CNN model, which is a popular choice for image classification tasks. The use of convolutional layers helps capture spatial features in the images, while the max pooling layers reduce the dimensionality and extract the most salient features. The global average pooling layer aggregates the features from the convolutional layers before passing them to the dense layer for classification.

Therefore, this code implements a CNN model for cancer cell detection, preprocesses the data, trains the model, and evaluates its performance. The approach leverages the power of deep learning and convolutional neural networks to learn and classify patterns in the images, enabling the detection of different types of cancer cells.