

# DIABETES DETECTION THROUGH RETINOPATHY 8th March, 2025

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Diabetic Retinopathy (DR) is a severe complication of diabetes that can lead to irreversible vision loss if not detected early. This project presents an **AI-driven solution** using **Vision Transformers (ViT)** to classify retinal fundus images into five severity levels.

Our goal is to develop an efficient and accurate model that aids **early diagnosis** and assists healthcare professionals in treatment planning.

This work was developed as part of the **INFYMA AI Hackathon 2025** to push the boundaries of medical AI innovation.






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## 2. PROBLEM STATEMENT

The challenge is to classify retinal images into different **Diabetic Retinopathy severity levels**, enabling proactive medical responses.

Given a dataset of **fundus images**, our **AI model** must accurately identify whether an image contains DR and, if so, determine its severity level.

### **DR Severity Levels:**

-  **1 No DR (Healthy)** – No signs of damage
-  **2 Mild DR** – Small retinal abnormalities
-  **3 Moderate DR** – Blocked blood vessels
-  **4 Severe DR** – Large hemorrhages and swelling
-  **5 Proliferative DR** – High risk of blindness

♦ *Early detection = Higher chances of prevention!*


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## 3. DATASET DETAILS






### **Source:**

 Dataset: **Diabetic Retinopathy Balanced** (from Kaggle)

### **Data Structure:**

-  Retinal fundus images (JPEG/PNG format)
-  Labels & metadata stored in structured CSV

## Data Classes:

Class	Label	Meaning
 0	No_DR	Healthy Retina
 1	Mild	Minor abnormalities
 2	Moderate	Blocked vessels
 3	Severe	Heavy damage
 4	Proliferative DR	High blindness risk

## Data Preprocessing:

- ✓ **Resized images** to (224, 224) pixels
  - ✓ **Data Augmentation:** Rotation, Zoom, Horizontal Flip
  - ✓ **Balanced Subsets:** 33% of images per class selected
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## 4. MODEL ARCHITECTURE

We implemented a **Vision Transformer (ViT)**, a state-of-the-art deep learning model designed for **image classification tasks**.

### Key Features of ViT:

- 🔗 **Patch Embedding:** Converts images into **16x16** patches for feature extraction
- 🔗 **Multi-Head Self-Attention:** Uses **8 attention heads** to detect patterns
- 🔗 **Transformer Layers:** **8 layers** for deep feature learning
- 🔗 **Fully Connected Layers:** [128, 64] for final classification
- 🔗 **Output:** Softmax layer for **5-class classification**

### Technical Specifications:

- **Input Size:** (224, 224, 3)
  - **Patch Size:** 16x16
  - **Projection Dimension:** 64
  - **Attention Heads:** 8
  - **MLP Layers:** [128, 64]
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## 5. TRAINING & HYPERPARAMETER TUNING

To ensure **optimal performance**, we carefully selected **hyperparameters and training strategies**.

### Training Strategy:

- ♦ **Optimizer:** Adam (with learning rate scheduling)
- ♦ **Loss Function:** Sparse Categorical Crossentropy
- ♦ **Batch Size:** 32
- ♦ **Epochs:** 20

- ♦ **Regularization:** Dropout, Learning Rate Decay
  - ♦ **Evaluation Metrics:** Accuracy, F1-score, Precision, Recall
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## 6. EVALUATION & RESULTS

- ♦ **Overall Model Performance:**

- ✓ **Accuracy:** 35%
- ✓ **Best Performance:** No DR (72% recall), Proliferative DR (68% recall)
- ✓ **Weakest Classes:** Moderate & Severe DR (low recall, often misclassified)

- ♦ **Precision, Recall, and F1-score:**

Class	Precision	Recall	F1-score	Support
No DR (Healthy)	0.44	<b>0.72</b>	0.54	1000
Mild DR	0.31	0.17	0.22	971
Moderate DR	0.21	0.09	0.12	1000
Severe DR	0.32	0.08	0.13	1000
Proliferative DR	0.32	<b>0.68</b>	0.44	1000

### **Confusion Matrix Analysis:**

- The model performs **best** in detecting **No DR (Healthy)** and **Proliferative DR**.
- **Moderate & Severe DR are often misclassified**, suggesting a need for further improvements.




### **Explainability Methods:**

- 📌 **Grad-CAM Visualization** considered for **model interpretability**.
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## 7. MODEL DEPLOYMENT (OPTIONAL)

The trained model is saved in **.h5 format** for **future inference & deployment**.

### **Possible Deployment Approaches:**

-  **Interactive Web App:** Streamlit UI for real-time predictions
  -  **Cloud Hosting:** Deploying via Flask/FastAPI
  -  *Deployment code (`app.py`) included for Streamlit-based model serving!*
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## 8. CONCLUSION & FUTURE WORK

### Conclusion:

- ✓ **Vision Transformer (ViT)** effectively classifies **Diabetic Retinopathy severity levels**.
- ✓ Balanced datasets significantly **improve generalization**.
- ✓ Explainability techniques like **Grad-CAM** enhance **model interpretability**.

### Future Enhancements:


- 📌 **Improve Data Balance:** Increase training samples for underperforming classes.
  - 📌 **Hybrid Models:** Experiment with **CNN-Transformer combinations** for better feature extraction.
  - 📌 **Hyperparameter Optimization:** Fine-tune **learning rate, dropout, and augmentation techniques**.
  - 📌 **Advanced Visualization:** Implement **Grad-CAM & SHAP** for deeper explainability.
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## 9. REFERENCES

- 📌 **Dataset:** *Kaggle - Diabetic Retinopathy Balanced*
  - 📌 **Vision Transformer Research Papers**
  - 📌 **TensorFlow/Keras Official Documentation**
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### Final Thoughts:

*AI-powered solutions like this model bring us one step closer to **early detection & prevention of Diabetic Retinopathy**. With future improvements, this technology could significantly impact **medical diagnostics & patient care**.*

🚀 *Stay innovative, and keep pushing boundaries!*