

# Image Super-resolution based classification of COVID-19 patients using CNN-SVM.

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**Abstract:** *The first case of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) was registered in December 2019 in Wuhan, China. This extremely contagious disease spread worldwide in a very short time, thus resulting in a global pandemic. To curb the spread of COVID-19, it is important to detect the virus in an infected person at the earliest. In this paper, a downright study of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) and Support Vector Machines (SVM) will be presented for the classification of patients infected with the virus using X-ray and Computerized Tomography (CT) images. Using Transfer learning, features are extracted from the images using the fully connected CNN model and fed into the SVM for coronavirus classification.*

**Keywords:** *Coronavirus, COVID-19, CNN, SVM, image-based diagnosis, Computerized Tomography, Transfer Learning.*

## I. INTRODUCTION

The COVID-19 is an ongoing pandemic whose origins trace back to Wuhan. In December 2019, a virus similar to the SARS coronavirus emerged in Wuhan, China. This deadly and contagious virus was later renamed to SARS-CoV-2. Extensive research and studies conclude that this family of coronaviruses generally infect bats and pangolins in Asia. A little over 4 months from the first reported case of COVID-19, the World Health Organization (WHO), on 11th March 2020, announced the pandemic. Over 2020, this virus has infected 109 million people

worldwide resulting in over 2.4 million deaths. The mortality rate of this virus is approximately 3.4%.

Virus	Year	Mortality Rate
SARS	2002	10%
MERS	2013	34%
SARS-CoV-2	2019	3.4%

**Table 0 :** Mortality Rates Comparison

The incubation period of COVID-19, which is the time between exposure to the virus and symptom onset, is on average 5-6 days, but can be as long as 14 days. In many instances, the infected people are asymptomatic. One of the vital reasons for the need to use intelligent systems for diagnosing COVID-19 is the high transmission rate of this disease among the people of a community. The time taken to generate the test result is comparatively greater than the time required to transmit this virus from one person to another. In such cases, X-ray images or CT scans can provide a faster and a convenient way to test the suspected individuals.

This study is intended for the same. It is targeted towards the employment of intelligent AI systems that can assist in the early detection of COVID-19 using chest X-ray and CT scan images. These systems will use Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) for feature extraction and a Support Vector Machine (SVM) for disease classification.

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Papers	DataSets	Images	Classes	Techniques & Performances(%)				
[1]	Not mentioned	Not mentioned	2  COVID-19(+) COVID-19(-)	<b>Model</b>	<b>ACC</b>	<b>SEN</b>	<b>SPE</b>	
				MODE based CNN	98	98.2	92.2	
[2]	[21], [22], [23]	341 COVID-19(+) 2800 Normal 1493 Viral Pneumonia 2772 Bacterial Pneumonia	4  COVID-19(+) Normal Viral pneumonia Bacterial Pneumonia	<b>Model</b>	<b>ACC</b>	<b>REC</b>	<b>SPE</b>	<b>F1</b>
				ResNet50	96.1	91.8	96.6	83.5
				ResNet101	96.1	78.3	98.2	81.2
				ResNet152	93.9	65.4	97.3	69.8
				InceptionV3	95.4	90.6	96.0	81.1
				Inception-ResNet	94.2	83.5	95.4	74.8
[3]	[21]	341 COVID-19(+) 310 Normal 310 Pneumonia	3  COVID-19(+) Normal Pneumonia classes	<b>Model</b>	<b>ACC</b>	<b>SEN</b>	<b>SPE</b>	
				AOTCNeT-Softmax	99.24	99.24	99.62	
				SVM	98.60	98.60	99.30	
				RF	99.46	99.46	99.73	
				KNN	99.46	99.46	99.73	
				MobileNet-KNN	99.46	99.46	99.73	
				ShuffleNet-KNN	99.35	99.35	99.68	
[4]	[21]	150 COVID19(+) 150 Normal	2  COVID-19(+) COVID-19(-)	<b>Model</b>	<b>ACC</b>	<b>REC</b>	<b>SPE</b>	<b>F1</b>
				CNN-Adam	94.6	93.5	94.5	90.7
				CNN-RMSprop	88.9	85.9	88.9	86.6
				CNN-SGD	88.4	88.7	88.5	83.0
[5]	[21], [22]	284 COVID-19(+) 310 Normal 330 Pneumonia Bacterial 327 Pneumonia Viral	4  COVID-19(+) Normal Viral pneumonia Bacterial Pneumonia	<b>Model</b>	<b>ACC</b>	<b>REC</b>	<b>SPE</b>	<b>F1</b>
				CORO-Net	90.21	90	95	91
[6]	[27]	219 COVID-19(+) 1341 Normal 1345 Pneumonia	3  COVID-19(+) Normal Pneumonia classes	<b>Model</b>	<b>ACC</b>	<b>SEN</b>	<b>SPE</b>	<b>F1</b>
				mAlexNet	98.14	98.26	99.06	98.2
				mAlexNet + BiLSTM	98.7	98.76	99.33	98.76
[9]	[25]	349 COVID-19(+) 360 Normal	2  COVID-19(+) COVID-19(-)	<b>Model</b>	<b>ACC</b>			
				GoogleNet CNN	82.14			

[10]	[23], [25]	136 COVID-19(+) 310 Normal 162 Pneumonia	3  COVID-19(+) Normal Pneumonia classes	<b>Model</b>	<b>ACC</b>	<b>REC</b>	<b>SPE</b>	<b>F1</b>
				Improved ResNet	96.30	96	98	96
				ResNet 50	92.59	92.5	94	92
				AlexNet	88.89	88.2	95	86.5
				GoogleNet	90.74	92.5	96.1	90.12
				VGG-16	91.66	96.49	92.2	91.5
[11], [12]	[21], [27]	125 COVID-19(+) 500 Normal 500 Pneumonia	3  COVID-19(+) Normal Pneumonia classes	<b>Model</b>	<b>ACC</b>		<b>F1</b>	
				COVID-Net	92.4		90	
				Bayes-SqueezeNet	98.3		98.3	
				VGG-19	93.48		-	
				MobileNet-V2	94.72		-	
				ResNet 50+SVM	-		95.52	
				DarkCOVIDNet	87.02		87.37	
				CORO NET	95		95.6	
				VGG-16	99.57		99.36	
[14]	[28]	430 COVID-19(+) 550 Normal	2  COVID-19(+) COVID-19(-)	<b>Model</b>	<b>ACC</b>	<b>REC</b>	<b>F1</b>	
				MLP	0.9400	0.8715	0.9268	
				CNN	0.9760	0.9724	0.9724	
				SVM	0.9920	1.000	0.990	
				NB	0.9400	0.9541	0.9327	
				AdaBoost	0.9600	0.9633	0.9545	
				GBDT	0.9520	0.9816	0.9469	
[15]	[21], [29]	912 images	2  COVID-19 (+ve) COVID-19 (-ve)	<b>Model</b>	<b>ACC</b>	<b>SEN</b>	<b>SPE</b>	
				CNN-Softmax	95.2	93.3	100	
				CNN-SVM	90.5	86.7	100	
				CNN-RF	81	76.5	100	
[16]	No access link (only mentioned GitHub)	No access link (only mentioned GitHub)	2  COVID-19 (+ve) COVID-19 (-ve)	<b>Model</b>	<b>ACC</b>			
				GLCN -> SVM	57.1			
[17]	Manual Data Collection through Google Forms. (text format)	Manual Data Collection through Google Forms. (text format)	2  COVID-19 (+ve) COVID-19 (-ve)	<b>Model</b>	<b>Mean (%)</b>		<b>STD(%)</b>	
				LR	96.667		10	
				SVM	97.78		6.67	
				DT	93.33		13.333	
				KNN	78.33		23.629	

[18]	[27]	1200 COVID-19 (+)	3							
		1345 Pneumonia								
		1341 Normal								
		COVID-19								
		Normal								
		Pneumonia classes								
				Model	Class	ACC	REC	F1		
				CNN	COVID-19		99.79	99.69		
					Pneumonia	96.90	99.44	95.53		
					Normal		90.94	94.89		
				CNN-SVM	COVID-19		99.75	99.85		
					Pneumonia	99.53	99.48	99.40		
					Normal		99.41	99.39		
[19]	[21], [26]	217 COVID-19	3							
		108 Other Diseases								
		112 Healthy								
		COVID-19								
		Healthy								
		Other Diseases								
							Model	ACC	F1	MCC
				CNN <sub>1</sub>	96.67	96.63	93.48			
				CNN <sub>2</sub>	96.73	96.67	93.74			
				SVM <sub>Lin</sub>	80.79	80.21	61.98			
				SVM <sub>Pol</sub>	77.90	77.24	56.30			
				SVM <sub>RBF</sub>	83.45	83.86	67.39			
[20]	[21], [25]	127 COVID-19 (+ve)	3							
		127 Pneumonia (+ve)								
		127 healthy								
		COVID-19								
		Normal								
		Pneumonia classes								
							Model	SEN	FPR	F1
							AlexNet	94.86	2.56	94.85
							GoogleNet	91.73	4.13	91.74
				InceptionV3	90.26	4.86	90.28			
				MobileNetV2	94.46	2.76	94.46			
				ResNet18	94.26	2.86	94.25			
				ShuffleNet	65.26	17.36	58.79			
				VGG16	94.20	2.90	94.20			

**Table 1** : SUMMARY OF ML and DL BASED COVID-19 DIAGNOSIS IN CT IMAGES

### III. METHODOLOGY

The methodology implemented can be divided into these basic steps:

#### A. Image Preprocessing :

This involves importing images and converting all the images to a standard 224\*244 grayscale image. Since VGG16 is a pretrained model its input configuration cannot be changed. So we can copy the first Chanel values to the other two channels and create a 3 channel image out of your gray scale image.

#### B. Dataset Split :

The dataset will be split into 8:2 ratio i.e. into training and validation sets respectively. Although the Base paper[11] used a 7:3 split according to the reference

paper[7] the best performing split according to the given dataset was 8:2.

#### C. Feature Extraction :

We move on to use a pre-trained model in order to extract the features most beneficial in distinguishing between pneumonia, covid infected and non infected persons. For this purpose, we will be using the transfer learning technique that is ImageNet and VGG-CNN model to extract features in the form of weights and feed these as inputs as an input feature map to a fully connected deep neural network classifier.

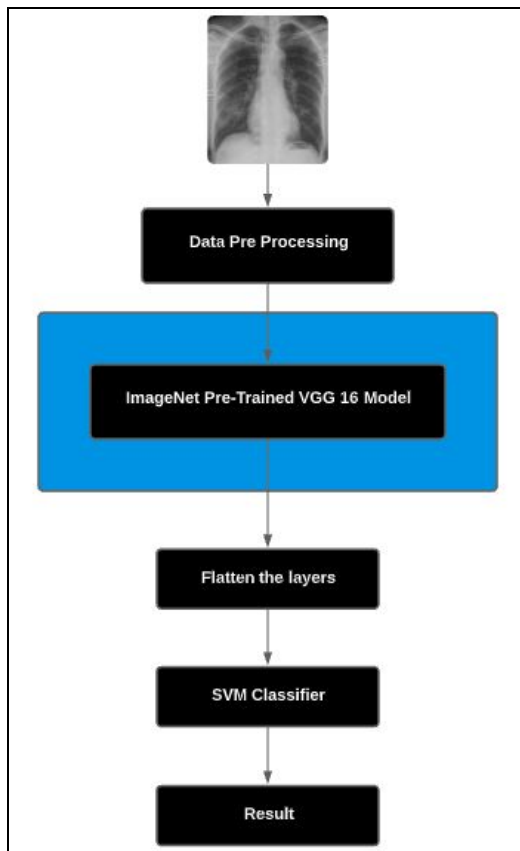
We will be using the VGG16 Convolution neural network coupled with Relu activation function for classification purposes. A brief description of working of our CNN model os as follows :

The 224\*224\*3, 3 channel grayscale images are passed through a stack of convolutional (conv.) layers, where the filters were used with the smallest receptive field of 3×3 to capture the notion of left or right, up or down and center. In one of the convolutional layer configurations, we use 1×1 convolution filters, which is supposed to act as a linear transformation of the input channels.

Spatial pooling is carried out by five max-pooling layers, which follow after every few convolutional layers. Max-pooling is performed over a 2×2 pixel window. Three Fully-Connected (FC) layers follow after a stack of convolutional layers. The first two FC layers have 4096 channels each, whereas the third layer contains 1000 channels.

#### D. Classifier :

We will be using SVM coupled with the Radial basis function (rbf) kernel as our classifier. Below is the flow chart of the aforementioned methodology.



**Figure 1** : Methodology

The final result will be a classification between 3 classes (Normal, COVID-19(+) and Pneumonia).

## IV. DATASET

### A. Dataset I

The primary dataset is obtained from a GitHub repository. It contains images of three classes, namely COVID-19, Pneumonia and Healthy. The number of images from each class have been recorded below.

Class	No. of Images
Healthy	500
Pneumonia	500
COVID-19(+)	125

**Table 2** : Dataset 1 summary

### B. Dataset II

The second dataset is the Mendeley Dataset. It contains images of two classes, namely COVID and non-COVID. There are 878 and 912 X-ray images respectively.

Class	No. of Images
Non - COVID-19	912
COVID-19	878

**Table 3** : Dataset 2 summary

## V. SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

Software	Hardware
Numpy	Intel i5

Pandas	8 GB RAM
Pytorch	
sklearn	
Keras	
Tensorflow	

**Table 4** : Requirements

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