

Beyond the Surface: Advancing Skin Cancer Detection Across All Tones

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Introduction

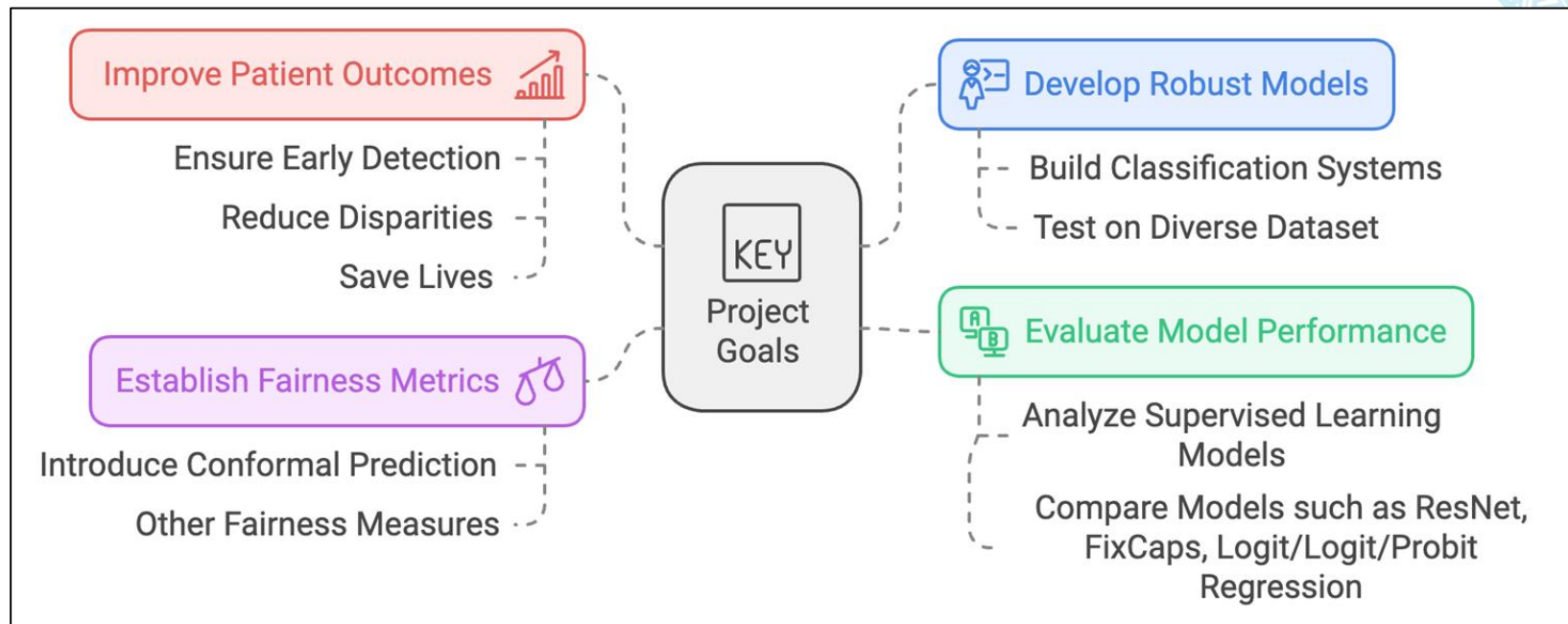
- **Revolutionizing Healthcare**
 - The intersection of AI and medicine is reshaping how we approach diagnostics and patient care.
- **Power of Image Classification**
 - Automated analysis of medical images accelerates diagnostic processes, improving efficiency and precision.
- **Impact on Skin Cancer Detection**
 - Early detection is critical for better outcomes, and AI-driven tools can make this process faster and more accurate.
- **Enhancing Decision-Making**
 - By integrating advanced technologies, healthcare providers can detect abnormalities and make informed decisions more effectively.

Motivation



- **Highlighting Healthcare Disparities**
 - Current skin cancer detection models are biased toward lighter skin tones, leading to unequal diagnostic outcomes.
- **Raising Awareness**
 - Shine a spotlight on the ethical and scientific importance of inclusivity in medical AI tools.
- **Leveraging AI for Equity**
 - Show how technology can bridge gaps in healthcare access and quality across diverse populations.
- **Call to Action**
 - Inspire innovation in creating AI systems that prioritize fairness, inclusivity, and patient outcomes.

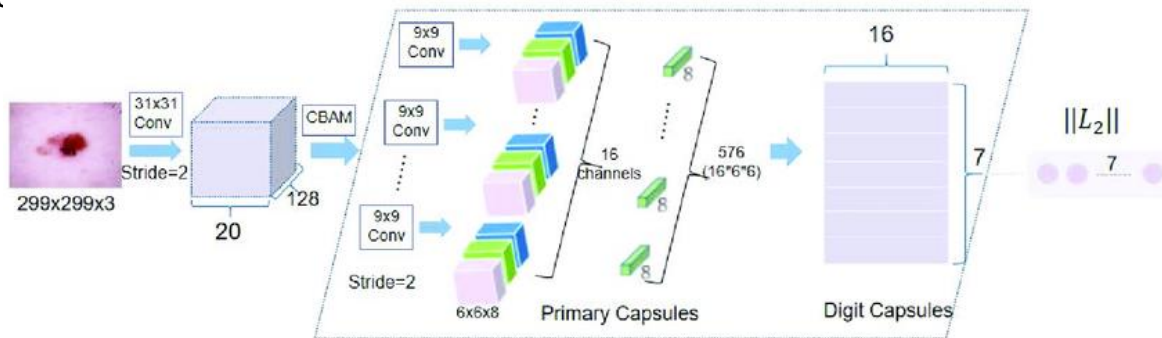
Goals of the Project



State of the Arts

- FixCaps: An Improved Capsules Network

- Advanced version of Capsule Networks (CapsNets) to capture spatial hierarchies in medical images for better generalization in medical imaging.
- Achieved improved accuracy i.e. 96.49% on HAM 10K dataset for skin lesion classification compared to conventional CNNs.
- Mitigates the problem of overfitting on the training data and improves performance on unseen data.

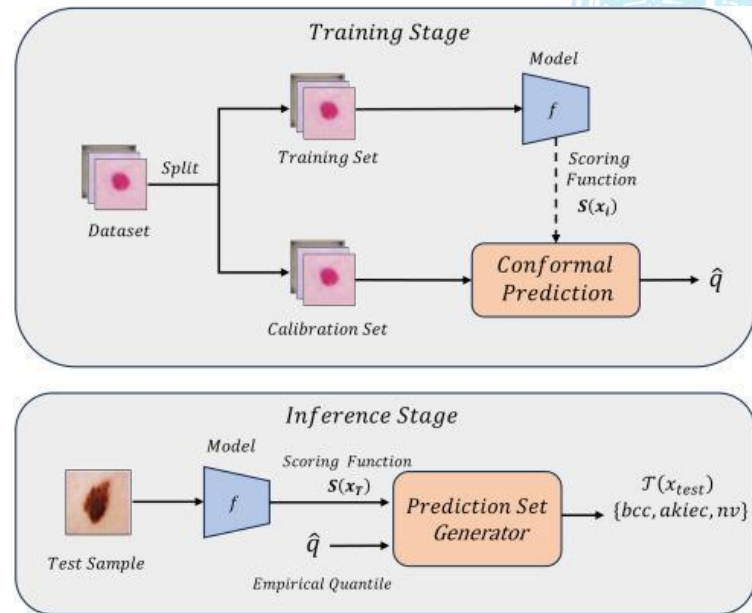


Literary Review - Fair Conformal Predictors for Applications in Medical Imaging

- To **evaluate** uncertainty quantification in medical imaging tasks.
- True label will be included in the **prediction set** with a probability of at least $1-\alpha$, achieving **marginal coverage**

$$P\left(Y_{\text{test}} \in \mathcal{C}(X_{\text{test}})\right) \geq 1 - \alpha.$$

- **Equal confidence levels** across dataset given calibration set is representative of the entire population.
- Can be extended to **Group-Balanced Conformal Prediction**

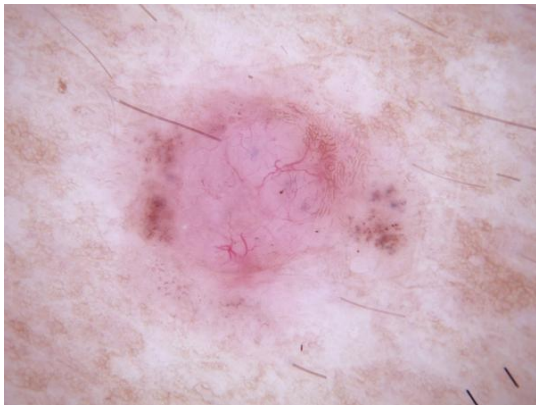


A demo of Prediction Set

Here is one test sample:

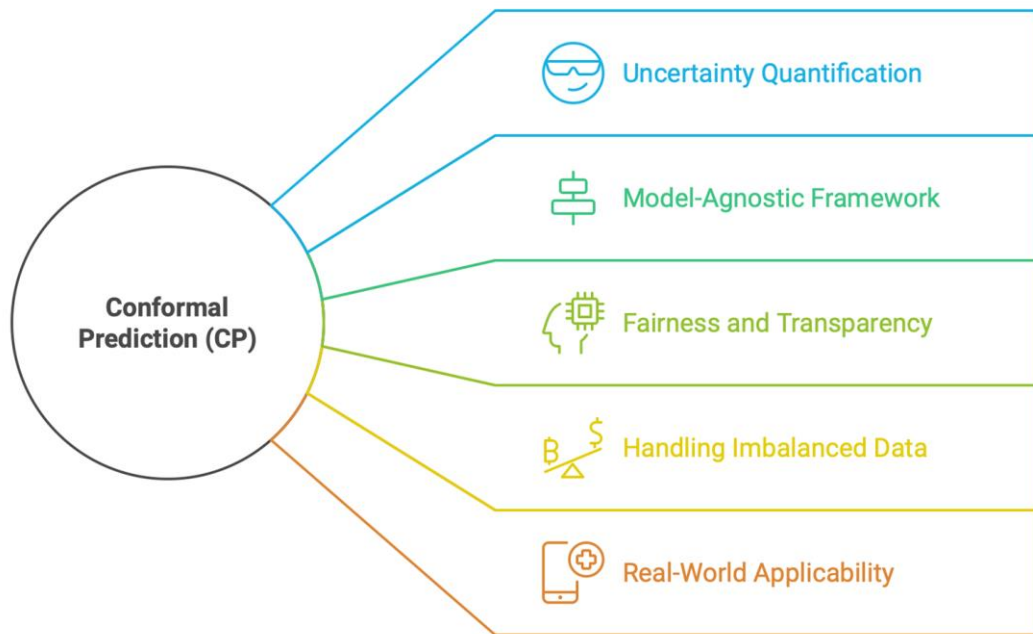
Prediction Set: $C=\{\text{'bcc'}, \text{'mel'}\}$

True label: 'bcc'



True label
included!

Why Conformal Prediction



The **trick** is to —

construct a statistically valid **prediction set** based on the **softmax scores** of underlying models

Dataset

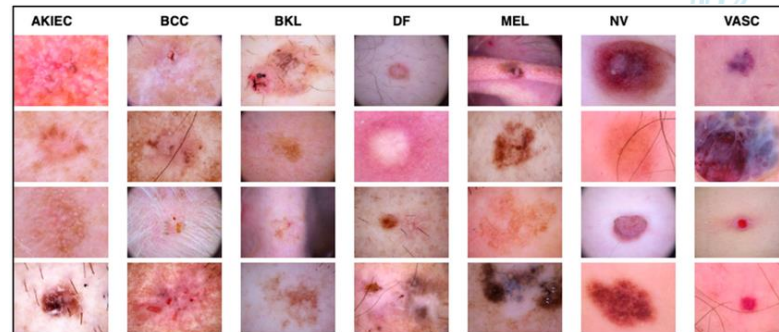
HAM10000 (Human Against Machine with 10000 training images): Widely recognized dataset for medical image analysis.

<https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/kmader/skin-cancer-mnist-ham10000>

Size: 10,015 dermoscopic images of skin lesions.

Key Features:

- imageid: Unique image identifier.
- dx: Diagnostic label (e.g., melanoma, nevus).
- dxtype: Diagnostic procedure type (e.g., histopathology).
- age, sex, localization: Patient and lesion details.
- path: Image file location.



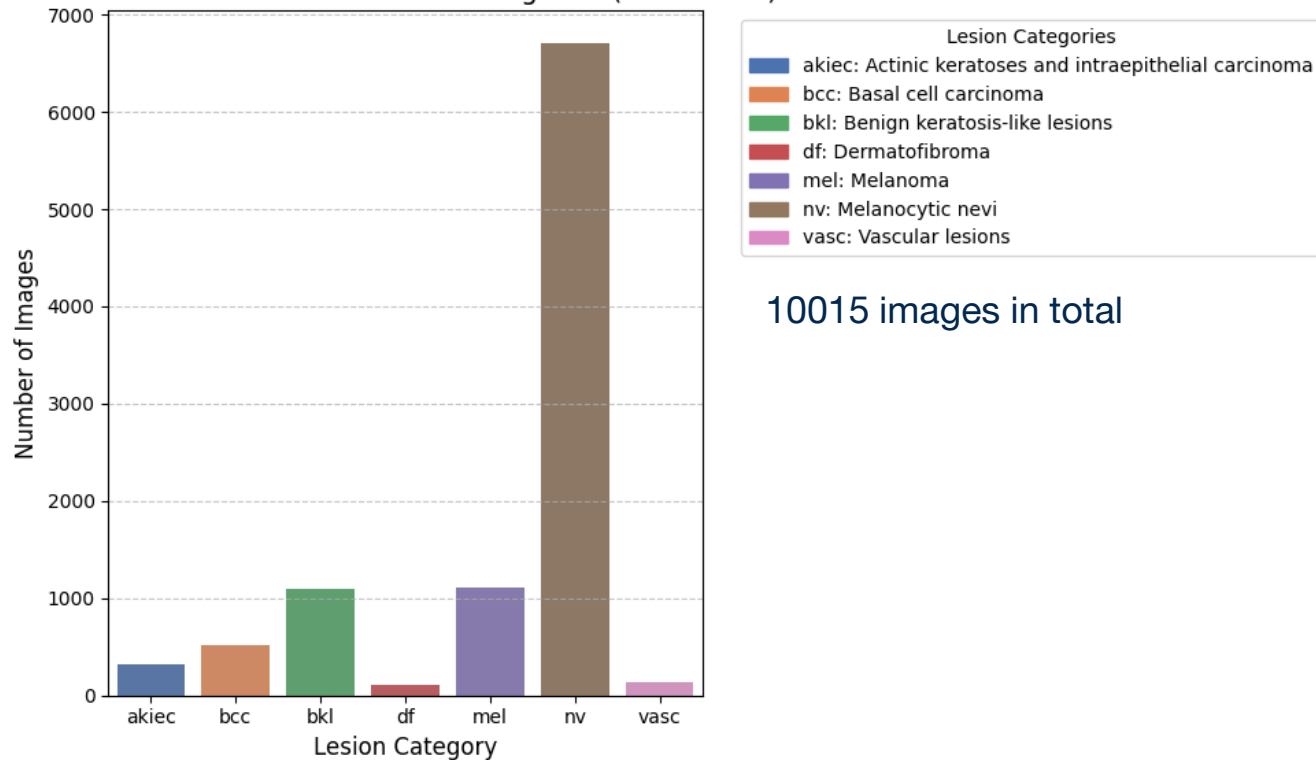
Lesion Categories:

- Melanocytic nevi, melanoma, keratosis-like lesions, basal cell carcinoma, actinic keratoses, vascular lesions, dermatofibroma.

Diversity: Includes images from various skin tones for fair analysis.

Dataset Distribution

Data Distribution Across Lesion Categories (HAM10000)



Dataset

Preprocessing:

- Resize, normalize, and augment images
- Encoded labels to numerical values
- Clean metadata for consistency

Test set: ISIC (International Skin Imaging Collaboration) dataset.

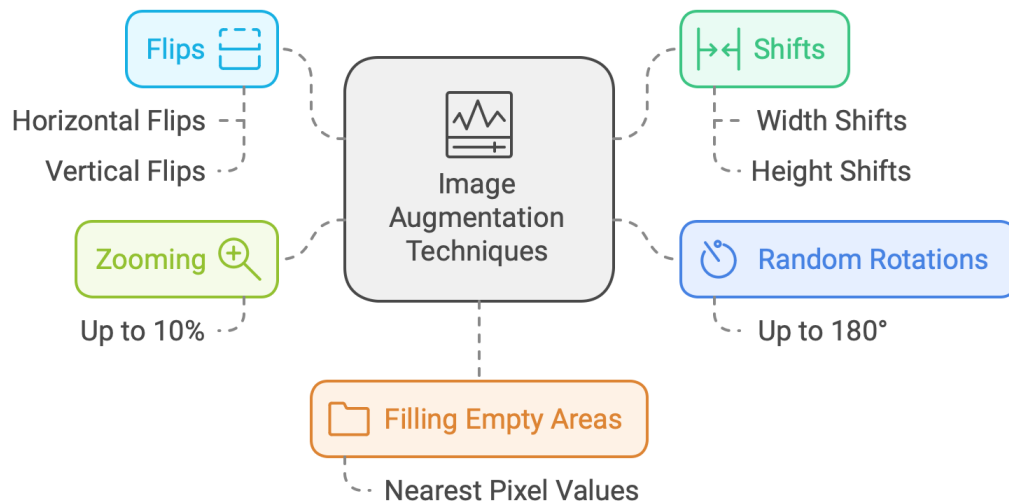
- Serves as a benchmark dataset for skin cancer classification challenges (~240 images)

Utilization:

- Images for training, lesion categories as target labels.

Significance: Diverse, well-categorized dataset ensures fairness and robustness in skin lesion classification.

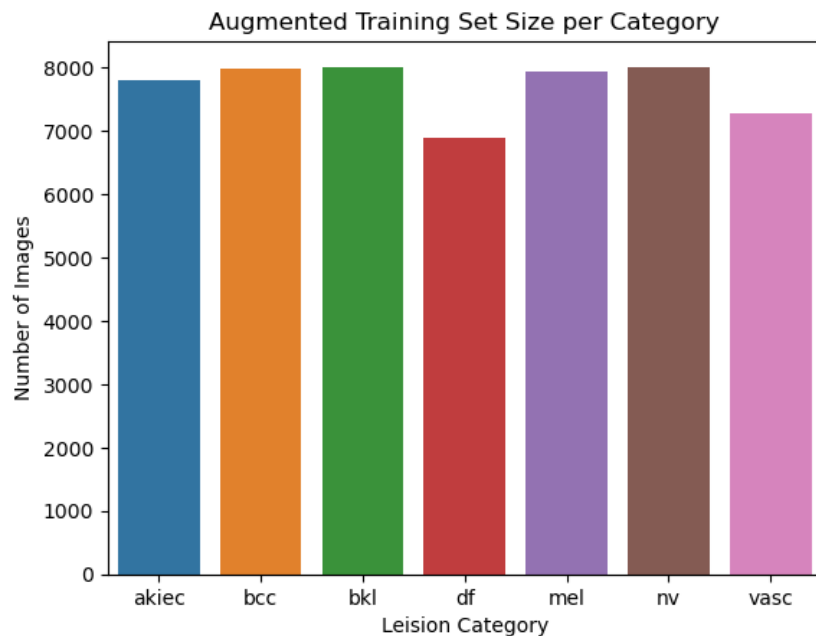
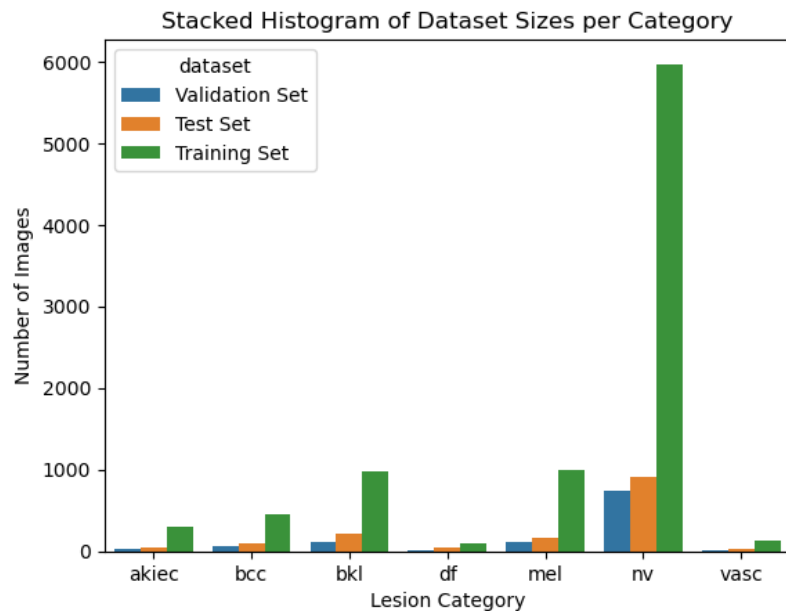
Dataset Augmentation



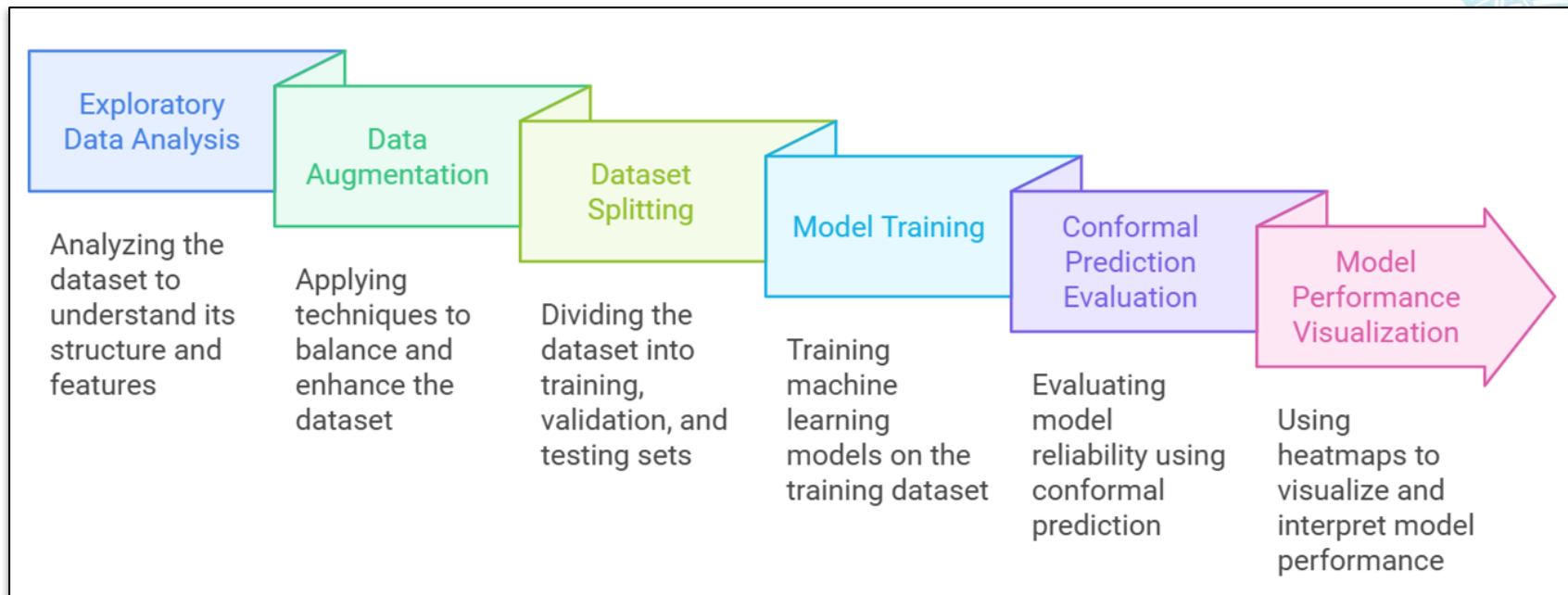
Final Dataset:

- 7 lesion categories, each with roughly 8000 images.
- Total dataset size: ~56,000 images.

Dataset Distribution



Methodology



Logit Regression

Logit Model: A regression model used for predicting the probability of a binary or categorical outcome. Uses the logistic function to model the relationship between the dependent variable and independent variables.

Why Logit for This Analysis?

Multinomial Logit:

- Extended to handle multi-class classification problems.
- Models probabilities for multiple classes using a softmax transformation.
- Provides probabilistic predictions for interpretability.

Challenges Faced:

- Computational complexity in high-dimensional data.
- High Dimensional Problem ($p \gg n$): Panelization requires careful hyperparameter tuning via Cross Validation.

Logit Regression (on PC)

Preprocessing:

- Data standardized and encoded numerically for compatibility with the model.
- Principal Component Analysis (PCA) reduced dimensionality to 200 components.

Data Overview:

- Dataset includes resized 32×32 normalized images for feature extraction.

Optimization Techniques:

- **Hyperparameters:**
 - Regularization applied to the model to control overfitting.
 - PCA components optimized for balanced variance retention.
- **Solver:**
 - Logistic regression trained using the 'lbfgs' solver for faster convergence.



Logit Regression (from PC to GPU Cluster)

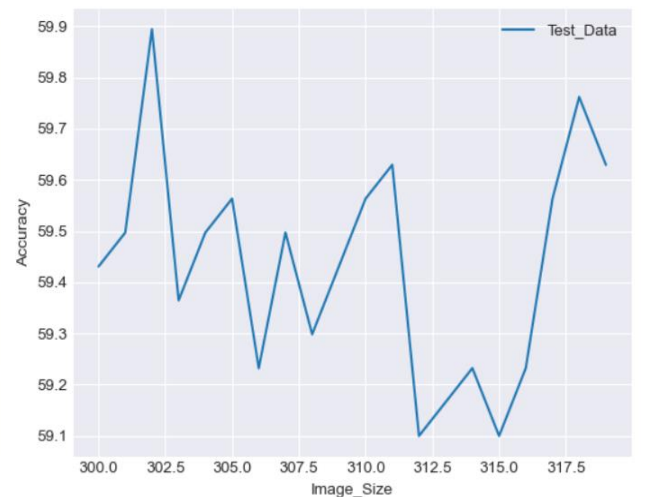
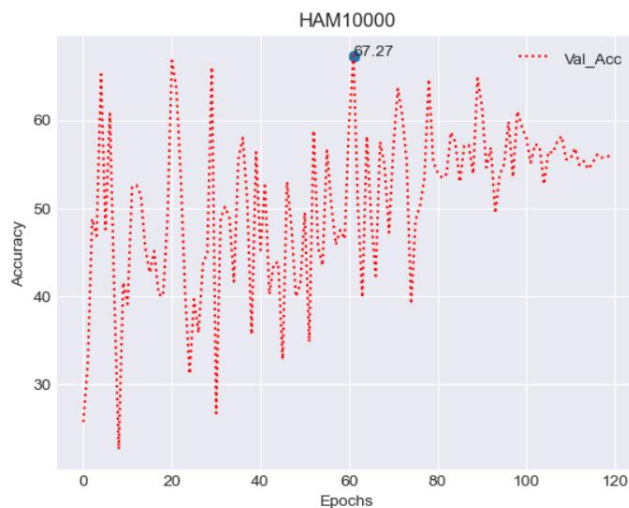
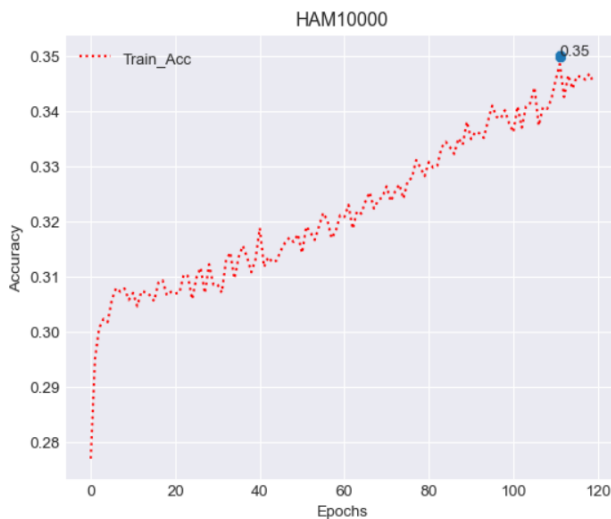
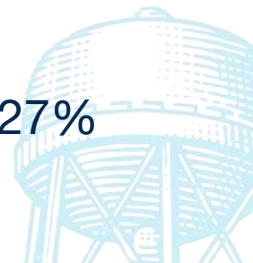
Drive:

- **Calculation Efficiency:**
 - Roughly 4 hours/epoch on PC.
 - Roughly 1min/epoch on GPU Cluster (1 10GB slice from NVIDIA Ampere A100-80gb GPUs).
- **Multinomial Logit: Single Softmax Layer After Image Flattening**
 - More advanced Deep Learning Models usually use a softmax layer as its last layer.
 - Logit Regression is a good base model to start with.

Model	Params(M)	FLOPs(G)	FPS
LogitRegression	1.88	0.0	13797.05

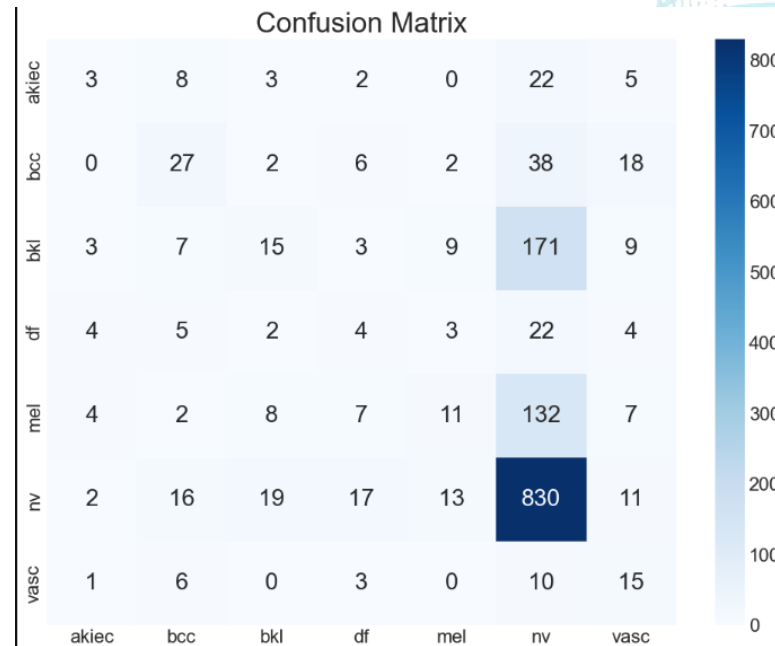
Logit Regression (on GPU Cluster)

Best train accuracy: 35%
Best validation accuracy: 67.27%
Best test accuracy: 59.9%



Logit Regression Test Result (on GPU Cluster)

Type	Precision	Recall	F1	Accuracy
akiec	0.1765	0.07	0.1	
bcc	0.3803	0.29	0.329	
bkl	0.3061	0.069	0.113	
df	0.0952	0.091	0.093	
mel	0.2895	0.064	0.105	
nv	0.6776	0.914	0.778	
vasc	0.2174	0.429	0.288	
Total:				0.5989



Inception V3 model

Inception V3 Model: A deep convolutional neural network (CNN) architecture designed for image classification and feature extraction tasks.

Why Inception V3 for This Analysis?

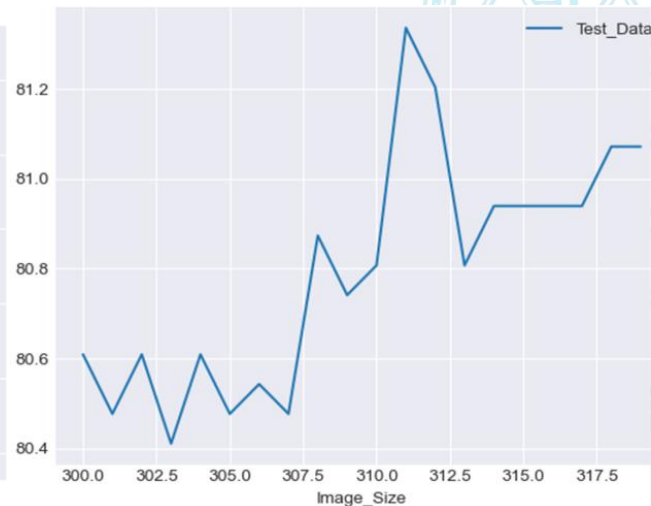
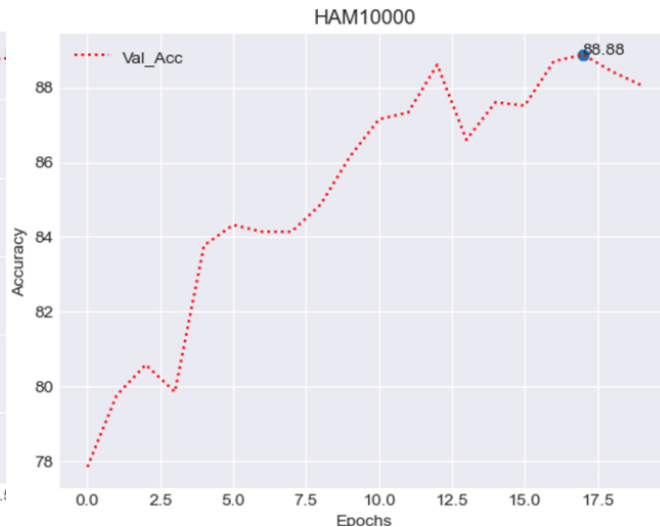
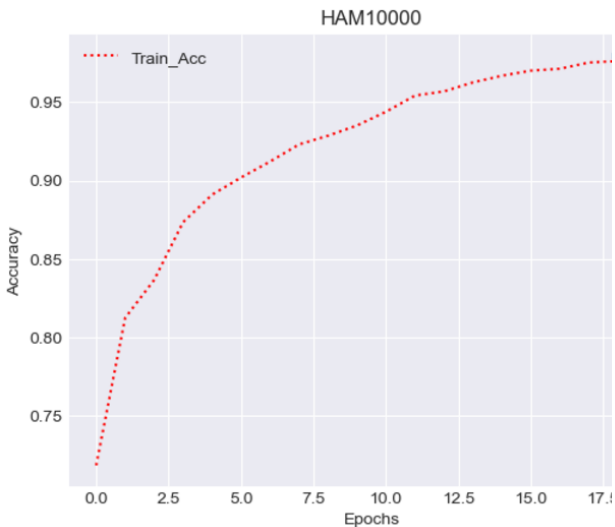
Key Features:

- A Deep Learning model with relatively few parameters (compared to VGG) and DL training techniques (Batch Normalization, Auxiliary classifier,...)
 - ✓ Easy and Stable to train
- Relies on "Inception Modules": blocks designed to capture features at multiple scales
 - ✓ Capture

Model	Params(M)	FLOPs(G)	FPS
InceptionV3	21.8	5.75	142.97

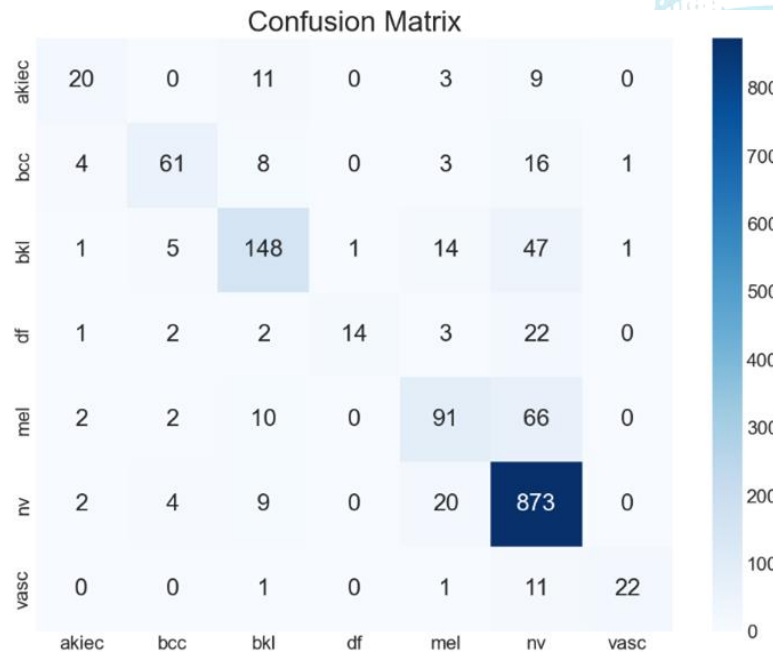
Results

Best train accuracy: 98%
Best validation accuracy: 88.88%
Best test accuracy: 81.34%



Test Result

Type	Precision	Recall	F1	Accuracy
akiec	0.6667	0.465	0.548	
bcc	0.8243	0.656	0.731	
bkl	0.7831	0.682	0.729	
df	0.9333	0.318	0.475	
mel	0.6741	0.532	0.595	
nv	0.8362	0.961	0.894	
vasc	0.9167	0.629	0.746	
Total:				0.8134



Model Comparison - Conformal Prediction

$$\text{Marginal Coverage} \\ P(Y_{\text{test}} \in \mathcal{C}(X_{\text{test}})) \geq 1 - \alpha.$$

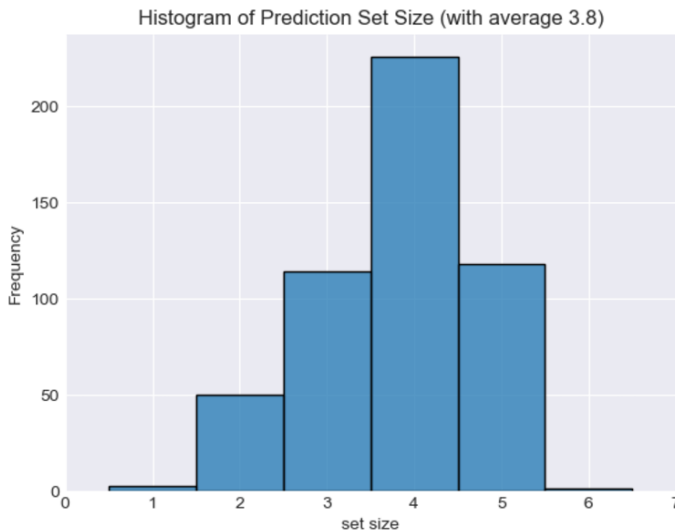
Rangularized Adaptive Prediction Sets (RAPS) on Validation Set:

Experiment Result:

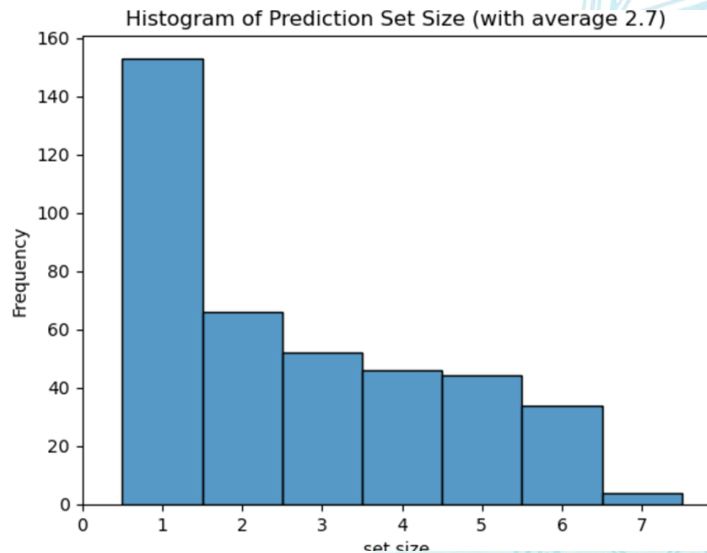
Sig. Level $\alpha=0.1$

$n=1000$ for Calibration

$n=511$ for Validation



RAPS Size Distribution for Logit Regression



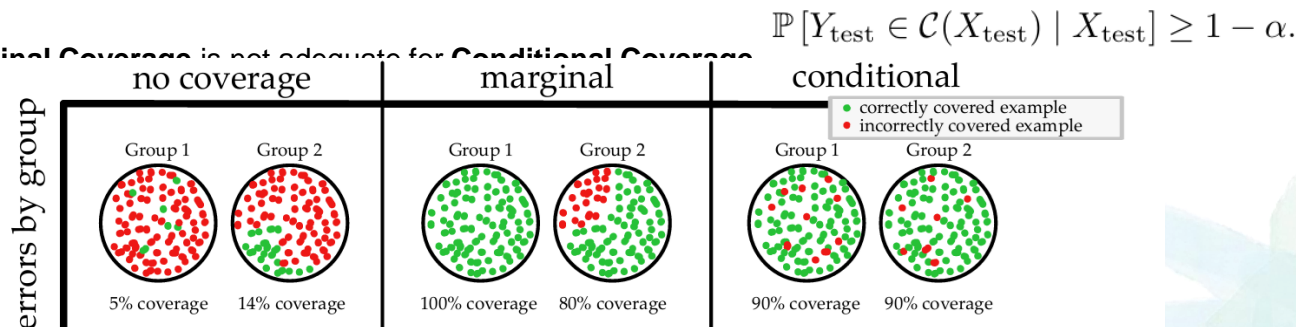
RAPS Size Distribution for Inception V3

Model Comparison - Conformal Prediction

$$\mathbb{P}(Y_{\text{test}} \in \mathcal{C}(X_{\text{test}})) \geq 1 - \alpha.$$

Adaptability Evaluation:

- Marginal Coverage is not adequate for Conditional Coverage



- Marginal Coverage is not adequate for Conditional Coverage:

✓ Introduce SSC metric:
$$\min_{g \in \{1, \dots, G\}} \frac{1}{|\mathcal{I}_g|} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_g} \mathbb{1} \left\{ Y_i^{(\text{val})} \in \mathcal{C}(X_i^{(\text{val})}) \right\}$$

Experiment Result:

Sig. Level $\alpha=0.1$, $1-\alpha=0.9$

SSC for Logit Regression: 0.5

SSC for Inception V3: 0.83

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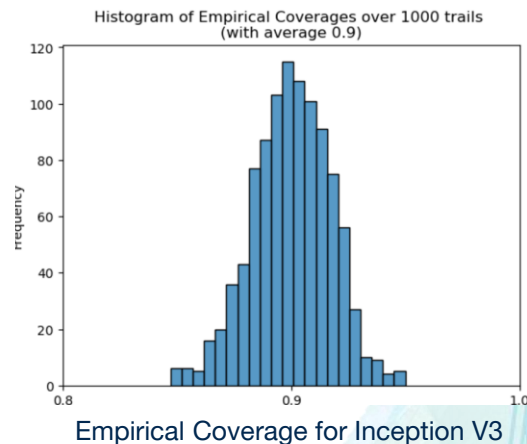
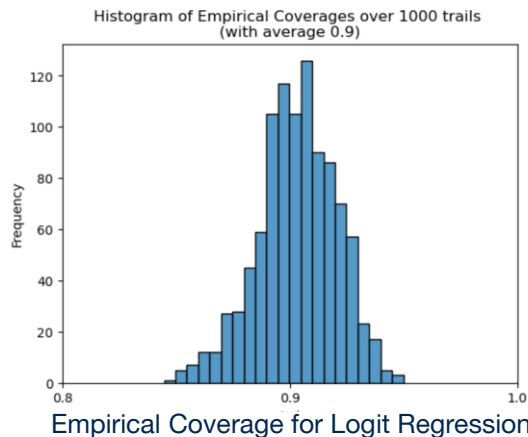
Correctness Check: running CP over R trials with new calibration and validation sets, and then calculating the empirical coverage C_j for each: (Average of C_i should center around $1-\alpha$)

$$C_j = \frac{1}{n_{\text{val}}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{\text{val}}} \mathbb{1} \left\{ Y_{i,j}^{(\text{val})} \in \mathcal{C}_j \left(X_{i,j}^{(\text{val})} \right) \right\}, \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, R$$

Experiment Result:

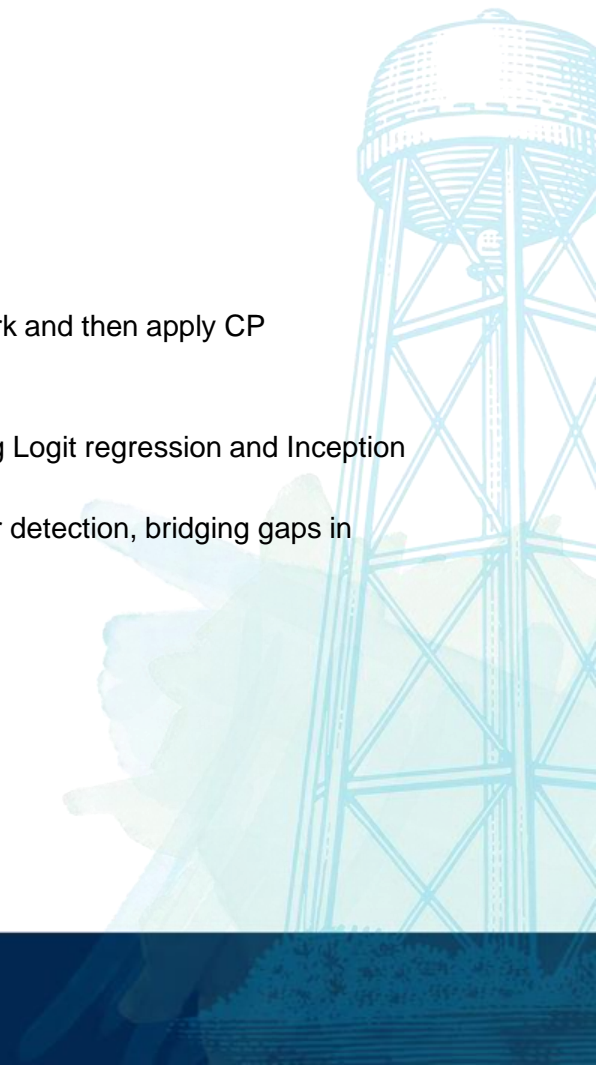
Sig. Level $\alpha=0.1$

Ran 1000 trials for
Logit Regression
and Inception V3



Next Steps and Conclusions

- **Next Steps:**
 - Resnet : We will train the model from scratch and apply CP to observe results
 - Fixcaps: the best model known for HAM10K, we will use the network framework and then apply CP
 - Comparing all these 4 models
- **Conclusions:**
 - Through this project we successfully implemented and evaluated models using Logit regression and Inception V3, demonstrating initial progress in skin cancer classification.
 - We hope this project lays a foundation for inclusive, equitable AI in skin cancer detection, bridging gaps in healthcare diagnostics.



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