

# Breast Cancer Detection Using CNN

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## Introduction

As the most common cancer in women, breast cancer is a disease in which cells in the breast grow out of control and it can spread outside the breast through blood vessels and lymph vessels. [1][2]

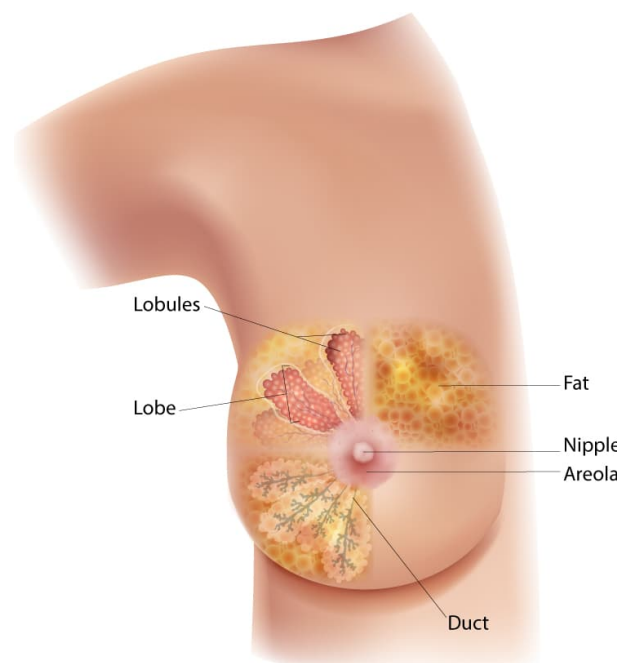


Figure 1: Visualisation of the breast

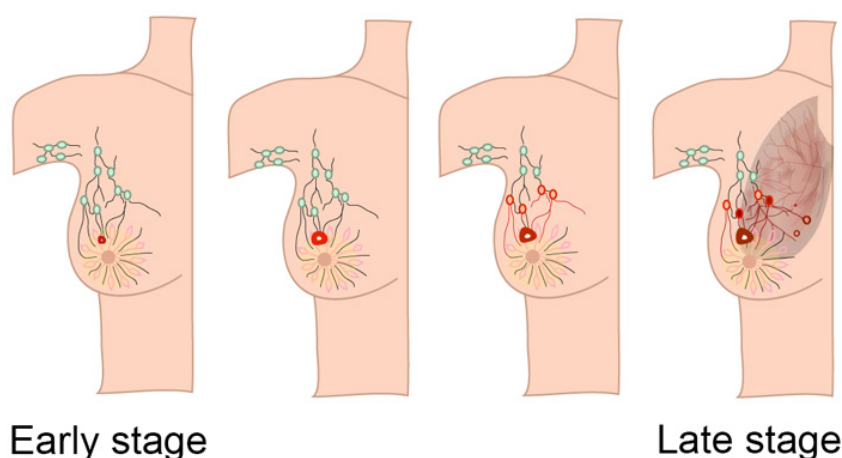


Figure 2: Visualisation of breast cancer

Typical breast cancer:

- Invasive ductal carcinoma (IDC, 80%)
- Invasive lobular carcinoma (ILC, 20 %)

On this project, breast histopathology images of IDC is focused.

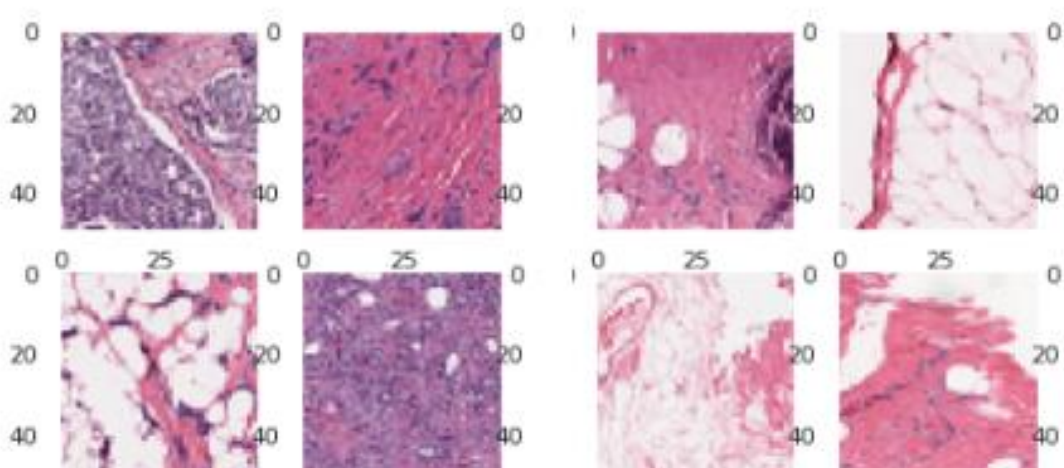


Figure 3: Images from cancer (left) and healthy (right)

## Convolutional Neural Network

CNN is a feedforward NN with a deep structure and convolutional computation (optimal for binary classification).

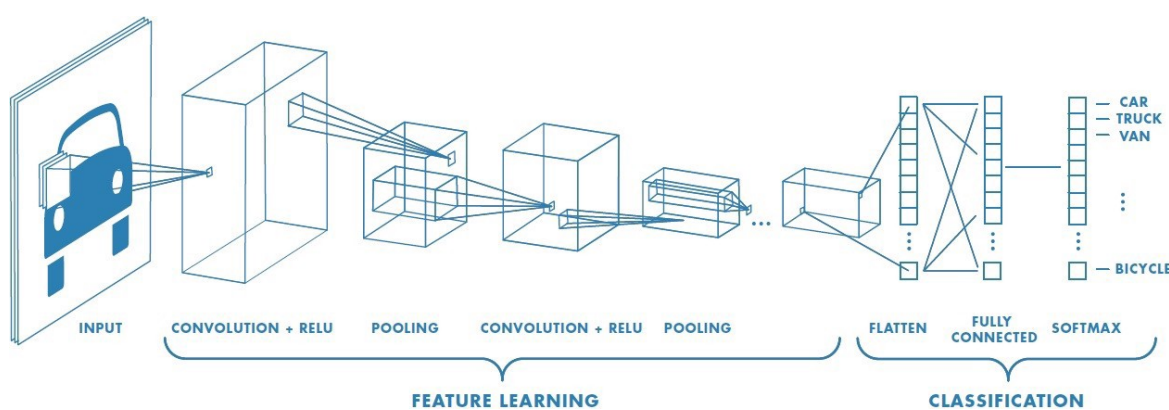


Figure 4: Illustration of CNN

CNN architecture: The input: 50x50 pixels RGB images, and the output: the probability that the image has IDC. Details:

- 2 conv layers
- 2 max-pool layers
- 3 fully-connected layers
  - first 2 fully-connected: ReLU
  - output layer: Sigmoid (produces the probability of cancer)
- Loss function: BCE
- Optimizer: ADAM

## Theoretical background

When making classification predictions, 4 outcomes are possible [3]:

- **True positives (TP):** Prediction → Cancer || *Inreal* → Cancer.
- **True negatives (TN):** Prediction → Healthy || *Inreal* → Healthy.
- **False positives (FP):** Prediction → Cancer || *Inreal* → Healthy.
- **False negatives (FN):** Prediction → Healthy || *Inreal* → Cancer. **Must be minimised**

It can be concluded as *Confusion Matrix*

		Prediction	
		1	0
Actual	1	True Positive (TP)	False Negative (FN)
	0	False Positive (FP)	True Negative (TN)

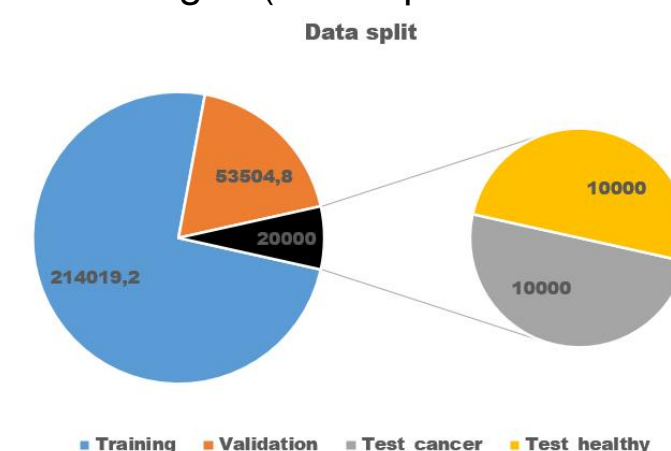
Significant indicators: **Accuracy**, **Recall** and **F1-score** (result of harmonic mean of **recall** and **precision**) are:

$$Acc = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN} \quad Recall = \frac{TP}{TP + FN} \quad F_1 = \frac{TP}{TP + \frac{1}{2}(FP + FN)} \quad (1)$$

## Results and Conclusions

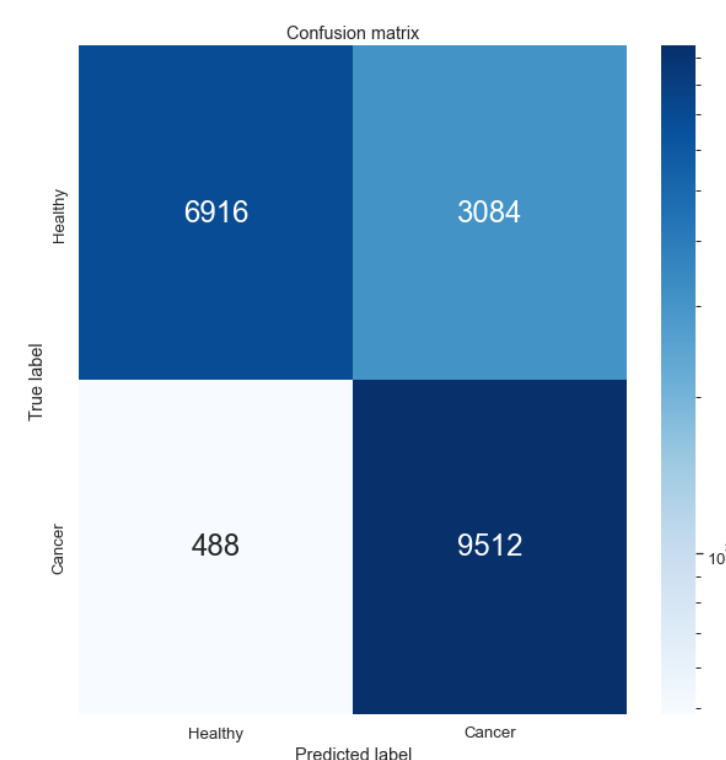
Some optimal procedure:

- **Data balancing:** Most images are healthy → unbalanced data.
  - Change class weights (loss function)
  - Upsampling, **downsampling**
- **Data split:** In total, 277524 images (50x50 pixels RGB images)



- **Data augmentation:** Reduce overfitting and boost the performance of the model
  - To flip 50% of images vertically and horizontally
- **Special training algorithm:** Train until converge (min loss + high accuracy)
- **Training procedure:** Minimise FN (maximise recall), keep acc & F1 score high
- **Final model:** correctly classify 95% of samples with cancer, with accuracy of 82%

Results			
Used dataset (threshold)	Accuracy	Recall (cancer)	F1-Score
Imbalanced dataset (0.5)	<b>0.89</b>	0.74	0.85
Balanced dataset (0.5)	0.87	<b>0.86</b>	<b>0.87</b>
Balanced dataset (0.3)	0.85	0.92	0.85
Test set (0.3)	0.82	<b>0.95</b>	0.82



- **Future work:** Apply transfer learning using ImageNet

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