

Problem Background

in 5 people develop skin cancer

35% survival rate when the cancer spreads to distant organs

survival rate when the cancer becomes lymph nodes

Problem Background

99%

survival rate when skin cancer is **detected early**

Problem Statement

How might we develop an automated and reliable system to identify the presence or absence of skin cancer in individuals using limited information?

Scope & Constraints





HAM10000 - Dataset

10,015

dermatoscopic images

Meta-Data

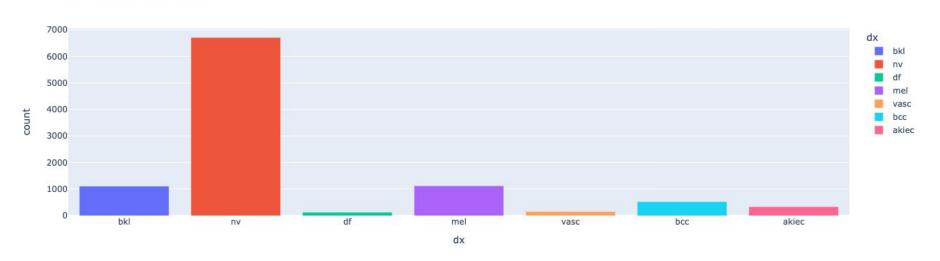
skin lesion type and location patient's age and gender





Class Distribution

Distribution of Diagnoses

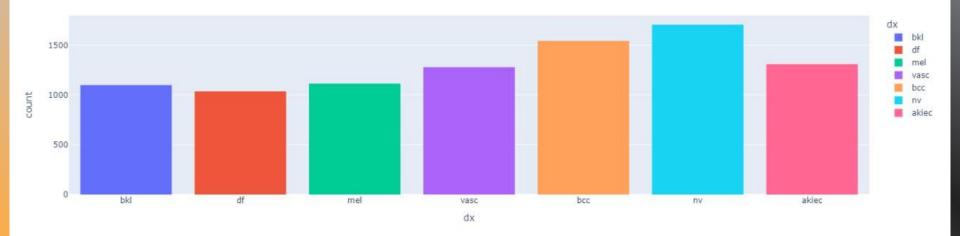






Class Distribution (Data Augmentation)

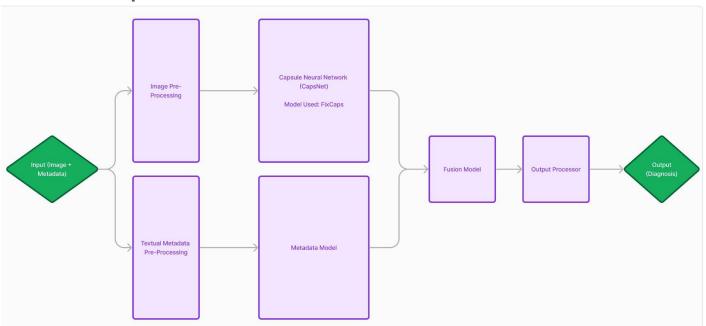
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Proposed Model Architecture







Base-Comparison of Models

	InceptionV3	DenseNet	ResNeXt	
Test Accuracy	71.36%	71.45%	79.74%	
Test Loss	1.0066	0.7242	0.7029	





Related Work

Vision Transformer (VIT)

- Research paper by Yang, Luo, & Greer in 2023
- ViT processes images as a sequence of patches, utilizing transformer mechanisms to capture complex patterns and relationships between these patches
- Achieving an accuracy of 94.1% in Skin Lesion Classification

EfficientNet

- Work by Ali, Shaikh, Khan, & Laghari in 2022
- The model that they have tested with, EfficientNet BO, has a potential accuracy of 83.02%

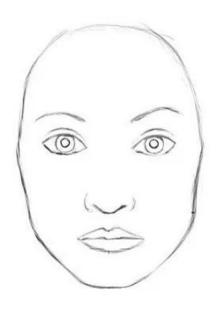
Fixed Capsule Network (FixCaps)

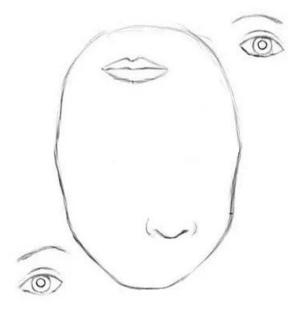
- Research by Chongqing Jiaotong University, 2022).
- A novel approach by encoding spatial hierarchies between features
- It has the potential to reach an accuracy of 96.49% with the HAM10000 dataset





Why FixCaps

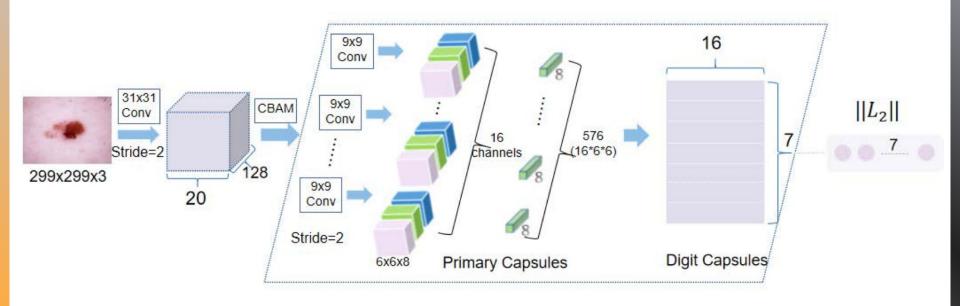








CapsNet Model



```
class FixCapsNet(nn.Module):
 def __init__(self,conv_inputs,conv_outputs,
              primary_units,primary_unit_size,
              output_unit_size,num_classes=7,
              init_weights=False,mode="DS"):
     super().__init__()
     self.Convolution = make_features(cfgs[mode],f_c=conv_inputs,out_c=conv_outputs)
     self.CBAM = Conv CBAM(conv outputs,conv outputs)
     self.primary = Primary Caps(in_channels=conv_outputs,#128
                                 caps_units=primary_units,#8
     self.digits = Digits_Caps(in_units=primary_units,#8
                                in_channels=primary_unit_size,#16*6*6=576
                                num_units=num_classes,#classification_num
                                unit size=output unit size,#16
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if init weights:

self._initialize_weights()

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class Primary_Caps(nn.Module):
def __init__(self, in_channels, caps_units):
     super(Primary_Caps, self).__init__()
     self.in_channels = in_channels
     self.caps_units = caps_units
     def create_conv_unit(unit_idx):
         unit = ConvUnit(in_channels=in_channels)
         self.add_module("Caps_" + str(unit_idx), unit)
         return unit
     self.units = [create_conv_unit(i) for i in range(self.caps_units)]
def forward(self, x):
     u = [self.units[i](x) for i in range(self.caps_units)]
     u = torch.stack(u, dim=1)
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u = u.view(x.size(0), self.caps_units, -1)

return squash(u)

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class Digits Caps(nn.Module):
 def __init__(self, in_units, in_channels, num_units, unit_size):
     super(Digits_Caps, self).__init__()
    self.in_units = in_units
    self.in_channels = in_channels
    self.num_units = num_units
    self.W = nn.Parameter(torch.randn(1, in channels, self.num units, unit size, in units))
def forward(self, x):
    batch_size = x.size(0)
    x = x.transpose(1, 2)
    x = torch.stack([x] * self.num_units, dim=2).unsqueeze(4)
    W = torch.cat([self.W] * batch size, dim=0)
    u_hat = torch.matmul(W, x)
    b_ij = Variable(torch.zeros(1, self.in_channels, self.num_units, 1)).to(device)
    num iterations = 3
     for iteration in range(num_iterations):
        c_ij = b_ij.softmax(dim=1)
        c_ij = torch.cat([c_ij] * batch_size, dim=0).unsqueeze(4)
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u_vj1 = torch.matmul(u_hat.transpose(3, 4), v_j1).squeeze(4).mean(dim=0, keepdim=True)

s_j = torch.sum(c_ij * u_hat, dim=1, keepdim=True)

v_j1 = torch.cat([v_j] * self.in_channels, dim=1)

v_j = squash(s_j)#CapsuleLayer.squash

b ij = b ij + u vj1

return v_j.squeeze(1)



HAM10000

Train Accuracy	Train Accuracy Train Loss		Test Loss	
74.45%	0.1662	81.82%	0.1772	

Accuracy	Precision	F1 Score	Recall	
80.81%	80.61%	80.61%	80.69%	





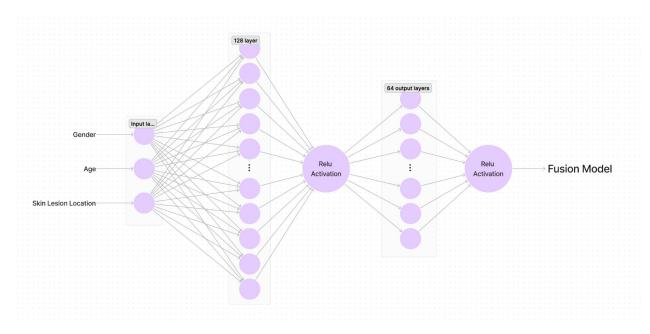
Augmented HAM10000

Train Accuracy	Train Accuracy Train Loss		Test Loss	
66.20%	0.2330	69.77%	0.24329	



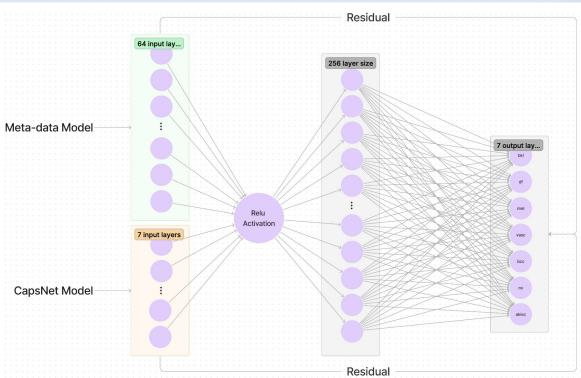


Metadata Model









Fusion Model



Evaluation of Proposed Fusion Model

Train Accuracy	Train Accuracy Train Loss		Test Loss	
72.43%	0.7633	68.04%	0.8370	

Accuracy	Precision	F1 Score	Recall	
72.46%	49.20%	69.05%	72.00%	



40,000 images (No Meta-Data)

Train Accuracy	ain Accuracy Train Loss		Test Loss	
70.20%	0.2117	86.43%	0.1343	

Accuracy	Precision	F1 Score	Recall	
80.81%	80.61%	80.61%	80.69%	



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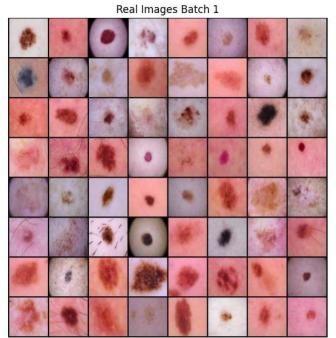
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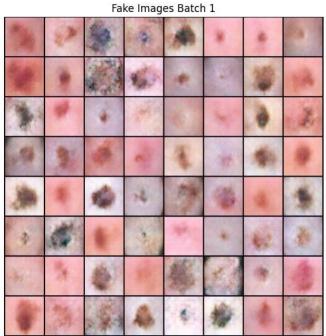
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Train	5593	6286	6344	4701	6322	6433	5676
Test	1399	1572	1587	1176	1581	1609	1420



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Grad-CAM

Understanding which parts of the image the model focuses on when making predictions by analysing gradients

