#### Annexure-I

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Potato is one of the prominent food crops all over the world. In India, potato cultivation has been getting remarkable popularity over the last decades. Many diseases affect the proper growth of potato plants. Noticeable diseases are seen in the leaf region of this plant. Two common and popular leaf diseases of the potato plants are Early Blight (EB) and Late Blight (LB). However, if these diseases were identified at an early stage it would be very helpful for better production of this crop. To solve this problem by detecting and analyzing these diseases image processing is the best option. This paper proposes an image processing and machine learning-based automatic system that will identify and classify potato leaf diseases. In this paper, image segmentation is done over 450 images of healthy and diseased potato leaf, which is taken from publicly available plant village database and seven classifier algorithms are used for recognition and classification of diseased and healthy leaves. Among them, The Random Forest classifier gives an accuracy of 97%. In this manner, our proposed approach leads to a path of automatic plant leaf disease detection.

#### **OBJECTIVE**

In this project, our aim is to develop an effective potato disease detection system utilizing Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) trained on leaf images. Our objectives encompass various stages of the project, from preprocessing the images to evaluating the model's performance and considering real-world applicability.

Firstly, our primary objective revolves around disease classification. We seek to train a CNN model capable of accurately classifying potato leaf images into distinct categories such as late blight, early blight, or healthy. This entails leveraging the power of deep learning to enable automated and precise identification of plant diseases, thereby aiding farmers in timely interventions to mitigate crop losses. To achieve this, we embark on image preprocessing as our second objective. This involves implementing techniques to enhance the quality and utility of the input images. Techniques such as resizing, normalization, and augmentation are employed to ensure that the model receives optimal input, thereby improving its ability to generalize across different datasets.

The third objective centers on model training and evaluation. We train the CNN model using a dataset comprising labeled potato leaf images, and subsequently evaluate its performance using standard metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. This stage is crucial for gauging the effectiveness of our model and identifying areas for improvement.

In addition to evaluating our model's performance, we also undertake a comparative analysis as our fourth objective. We compare the performance of our CNN model with other machine learning or deep learning algorithms commonly used in image classification tasks, such as Support Vector Machines (SVMs) or traditional CNN architectures.

#### INTRODUCTION

#### 1. Background

Potato is one of the most requisite food crops in India. It is also a good source of carbohydrates in our daily life. However, nowadays the production of potato is tremendously hampered due to various diseases, which are affecting the potato plants. Many diseases can attack potato plants and symptoms of diseases are evident in different parts of this plant. Common disease problem includes foliage (leaf) diseases. Two common leaf diseases of the potato plant are early blight and late blight. Early blight on potato leaf is caused by the fungal pathogen Alternaria Solani and the organism responsible for Late blight on potato leaf is Phytophthora Infestans. Both of them are fungal diseases, which occurred on a potato leaf, causing substantial loss and it is harmful to the economy of a country. Therefore, for optimum use of pesticides and to minimize the yield loss detection of these diseases are necessary. Usually, the most practiced approach for detection and identification of plant leaf disease is performed by naked eye observation by farmers or local experts. However, many instances are found where this approach is proven unfeasible due to excessive processing time and lack of experts at farms and often give inappropriate results. To overcome this situation, an automatic leaf disease detection system is needed. As noted above, for better growth of this plant and successful cultivation of potato, a computerbased automatic leaf disease detection system is required. Various techniques namely image processing, IoT, Big Data are used for the recognition of leaf disease. The machine learning technique is also found efficient for this purpose. Machine learning technique gives system the opportunity to learn by itself and it can give decisions. Three kinds of machine learning algorithms are available namely supervised learning, reinforcement learning and unsupervised learning. In this paper, various machine-learning classifiers are trained to recognize diseases on potato leaf and the classification process will be done by them also.

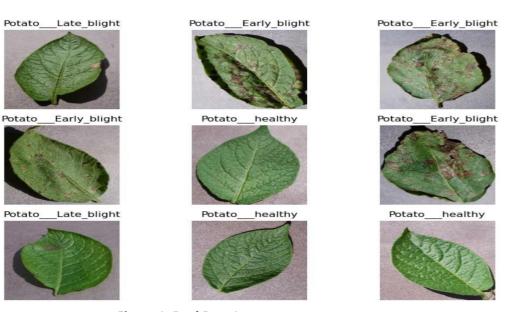


Figure 1: Real Data Images

### 2. Other types of Potato diseases

Potato diseases comes in a variety of forms, including:

- Late Blight (Phytophthora infestans): Late blight is one of the most destructive diseases affecting potatoes worldwide. It is caused by the oomycete pathogen Phytophthora infestans. Symptoms include dark lesions on leaves, stems, and tubers, often accompanied by white fungal growth on the undersides of leaves. Late blight can cause rapid and extensive foliage death, leading to crop losses.
- Early Blight (Alternaria solani): Early blight is caused by the fungus Alternaria solani. Symptoms typically appear on older leaves as small, dark lesions with concentric rings, which can coalesce and cause leaf yellowing and defoliation. Early blight can also affect stems and tubers, leading to reduced yield and quality.
- Blackleg (Pectobacterium spp. and Dickeya spp.): Blackleg is a bacterial disease caused by various species of Pectobacterium and Dickeya. Symptoms include black, necrotic lesions on stems and tubers, often accompanied by wilting and plant collapse. Blackleg can cause significant losses in potato production, especially during storage and transportation.
- Verticillium Wilt (Verticillium spp.): Verticillium wilt is caused by soil-borne fungi belonging to the genus Verticillium. Symptoms include yellowing and wilting of leaves, often starting from the lower parts of the plant. In severe cases, vascular tissues may become discolored, leading to stunted growth and reduced yield.
- **Potato Virus Y (PVY):** Potato Virus Y is a viral disease that affects potato plants, causing symptoms such as leaf mosaic, leaf curling, stunting, and necrosis. PVY can reduce yield and quality, and it is transmitted by aphids and through infected tubers.
- Potato Cyst Nematodes (Globodera rostochiensis and Globodera pallida): Potato cyst nematodes are microscopic roundworms that infect potato roots and cause damage by feeding on plant tissues. Symptoms include stunted growth, yellowing, and wilting of plants, as well as reduced tuber size and quality. Infestations of potato cyst nematodes can lead to significant yield losses.

#### 3. Causes of potato disease

Potato diseases can be caused by various factors, including pathogens such as fungi, bacteria, viruses, and nematodes, as well as environmental conditions and cultural practices. Here are some common causes of potato diseases:

- **Pathogens:** Pathogens such as fungi, bacteria, viruses, and nematodes are major causes of potato diseases. These microorganisms can infect potato plants through various means, including soil, water, infected plant debris, and vectors such as insects.
- Soil-borne Pathogens: Many potato diseases are caused by soil-borne pathogens that survive in the soil and infect potato plants through the roots. Examples include Rhizoctonia solani (causal agent of black scurf), Verticillium spp. (causal agent of verticillium wilt), and Spongospora subterranea (causal agent of powdery scab).
- **Airborne Pathogens:** Some potato diseases are spread through airborne spores or particles. For example, the late blight pathogen Phytophthora infestans produces sporangia that are dispersed by wind and rain, leading to the rapid spread of the disease.

- **Seed-borne Pathogens:** Diseases can also be introduced into potato crops through infected seed tubers. Pathogens such as bacteria, fungi, and viruses can be transmitted from infected seed tubers to healthy plants during planting, leading to the establishment of disease in the field.
- Environmental Conditions: Environmental factors such as temperature, humidity, rainfall, and soil moisture levels can influence the development and severity of potato diseases. For example, warm and humid conditions favor the development of late blight, while cool and wet conditions can promote the spread of early blight.

#### 4. Existing Cures and Remedies of Skin Cancer

Managing potato diseases often involves a combination of cultural, biological, and chemical control methods. Here are some existing cures and remedies for potato diseases:

- **Crop Rotation:** Rotating potato crops with non-host crops can help break the disease cycle by reducing the buildup of soil-borne pathogens. This practice can also help maintain soil health and fertility.
- Use of Disease-Resistant Varieties: Planting disease-resistant potato varieties can help reduce the incidence and severity of certain diseases. Breeding programs have developed varieties with resistance to diseases such as late blight, early blight, and potato cyst nematodes.
- Sanitation Practices: Removing and destroying infected plant debris, culls, and volunteer potatoes can help reduce the spread of diseases within and between growing seasons. Cleaning and disinfecting equipment and tools can also prevent the transmission of pathogens.
- **Proper Irrigation and Drainage:** Ensuring proper irrigation and drainage can help reduce the incidence of diseases caused by waterlogged or excessively dry soil conditions. Maintaining adequate soil moisture levels and avoiding overwatering can prevent conditions favorable for disease development.

#### 5. Need of Machine learning

By analysing vast volumes of data and finding patterns that may suggest the presence of cancer, machine learning can be utilised for early detection of skin cancer. This can be achieved by utilising machine learning models that have been trained on a dataset of photos of both healthy and malignant skin to categorise fresh images as either healthy or cancerous.

#### THEORETICAL BACKGROUND

#### 1. What is **Artificial Neural Network?**

An artificial neural network (ANN) is a form of machine learning model inspired by the human brain. ANNs can learn complicated patterns from data and have been demonstrated to be very effective in a

range of applications such as image classification, natural language processing, and speech recognition.

ANNs are composed of artificial neurons that are linked together. The artificial neurons are organised in layers, with each layer performing a specific purpose. The data is received by the input layer, the hidden layers analyse the data patterns, and the predictions are produced by the output layer.

## 2. What is Deep Learning?

Deep learning is a subset of machine learning that learns from data using artificial neural networks. Deep learning has been utilised to produce cutting-edge solutions in a wide range of applications, including image recognition, natural language processing, and speech recognition.

Deep learning models are mostly made up of several layers of artificial neurons. Each unit of neurons receives the previous layer's output as input and generates a response that is sent into the following layer. During training, the weights of the neural networks are trained, allowing the model to learn connections between the data input and the predicted output. Deep learning outperforms classic machine learning techniques in various ways.

For starters, deep learning can understand complicated patterns and correlations in data that typical machine learning approaches would struggle to learn. Second, deep learning can learn from enormous volumes of data, which can enhance the accuracy of predictions. Third, deep learning generalises well to new data, it means it can make correct predictions on data it has never seen before.

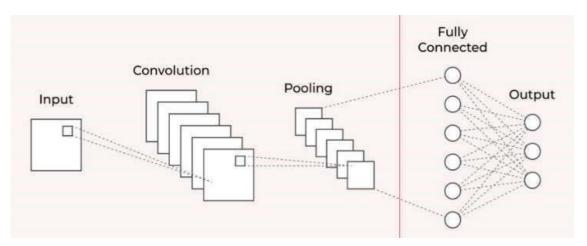
#### 3. What is Convolutional Neural Network?

Convolutional neural networks (CNNs) are artificial neural networks that are specifically designed to process input with a grid-like structure, like images. CNNs can learn spatial correlations between image pixels, making them ideal for image classification, object recognition, and segmentation.

CNNs are constructed up of layers, and each one serves a distinct purpose. The convolutional layer is the initial layer of a CNN and is responsible for obtaining the image's features. The convolutional layer scans the image as input and extracts features using a filter, which is a tiny matrix of weights. The features retrieved by the convolution layers are passed on to the pooling layer. The pooling layer is in charge of narrowing the feature size map, which aids in lowering the network's computational complexity. To lower the size of the feature map, the pooling layer employs a pooling technique such as max pooling or average pooling.

Fully connected is the subsequent layer in a CNN. The fully connected layer is a typical neural network layer in which each neuron is linked to every neuron in the previous layer. The fully connected layer is in charge of categorising the input image. The fully connected layer employs a SoftMax function to generate a probability distribution across the various classes.

CNNs have been demonstrated to be extremely effective for a wide range of applications, including image classification, object identification, and segmentation. CNNs are employed in many different applications, including self-driving automobiles, medical image analysis, and facial recognition.



Feature Extraction Classification

Figure 2: CNN Model

### 4. Image Classification using Deep Learning

Image classification is a form of machine learning problem in which the objects or events in an image are identified. It is a difficult task because images might be complicated and contain several items. Deep learning, on the other hand, has made image classification far more precise and efficient.

There are numerous deep learning architectures available for image classification. The convolutional neural network is a popular architecture (CNN). CNNs are ideal for image classification because they can learn spatial correlations among pixels in an image.

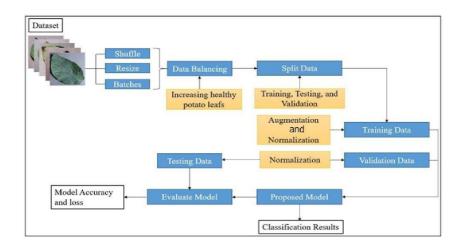


Figure 3: Potato disease Classification Model Working

# **5.** Benefits of using Deep Learning Model for Classification

- Deep learning models can recognise minor details that humans cannot perceive.
- Deep learning models can be trained on massive image datasets, so they can learn more generalizable features.
- Deep learning models can be utilised to create automated screening systems for skin cancer.

# 6. Challenges in using Deep Learning Model for Classification

- Deep learning models need to be trained on huge datasets of labelled data.
- Deep learning models can be complex to train and deploy in terms of computational power.
- Deep learning models are prone to overfitting.

#### Hardware & Software Requirements Hardware

Tensor Processing Units (TPUs), or graphics processing units (GPUs): Deep learning model training is a good fit for these specialist processors' parallel processing capabilities. When compared to using conventional CPUs, GPUs and TPUs can greatly accelerate the training process.

#### Software

**Python:** Python is a well-liked machine learning programming language with a wide variety of tools and frameworks for creating models. TensorFlow and scikit-learn are a few well-liked libraries for spotting skin cancer.

<u>Frameworks for deep learning:</u> These are software collections that offer resources for creating and refining deep learning models. TensorFlow and Keras are a few popular deep learning frameworks for the diagnosis of skin cancer.

#### **METHODOLOGY** • Importing required Libraries

Tensorflow is an open-source library for machine learning and deep learning developed by Google. It provides tools for building and training various types of models, including neural networks.

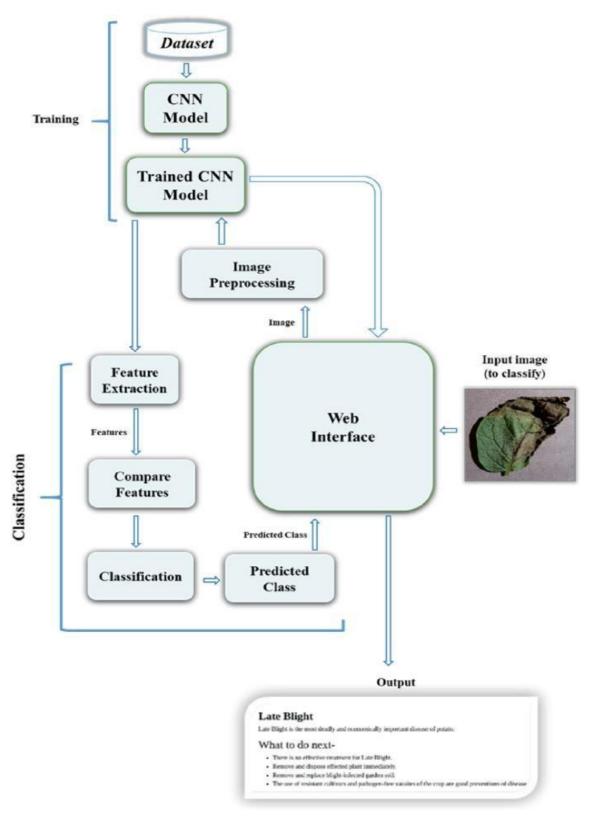
TensorFlow, an open-source library for machine learning and deep learning developed by Google, offers tools for building and training diverse models, notably neural networks. While this code doesn't directly involve TensorFlow, it demonstrates a useful function from another library, IPython.display. Specifically, it imports the clear\_output function from IPython.display.

In TensorFlow, which is an open-source library for machine learning and deep learning developed by Google, you can create neural network layers using the tensorflow. Keras layers module. This code snippet demonstrates the creation of a dense layer, which is a fully connected layer in a neural network.

```
In [6]: 1 import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow.keras import models, layers
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

This code snippet demonstrates the use of TensorFlow, an open-source library developed by Google for machine learning and deep learning tasks.

# FLOWCHART - CNN MODEL



Flowchart-1: Project flow

## • Data Collection and Inspection of dataset

Download dataset directly from Kaggle using username and Kaggle API.

Found 2007 files belonging to 3 classes.

### • Pre-processing images

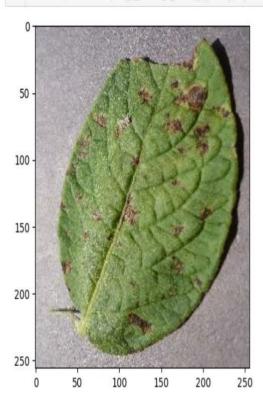
```
In [7]: 1 BATCH_SIZE = 32
2 IMAGE_SIZE = 256
3 CHANNELS=3
4 EPOCHS=50

In [9]: 1 class_names = dataset.class_names
2 class_names|

Out[9]: ['Potato__Early_blight', 'Potato__Late_blight', 'Potato__healthy']
```

# **Preparing Dataset**

# • Analyzing images



# Visualizing images

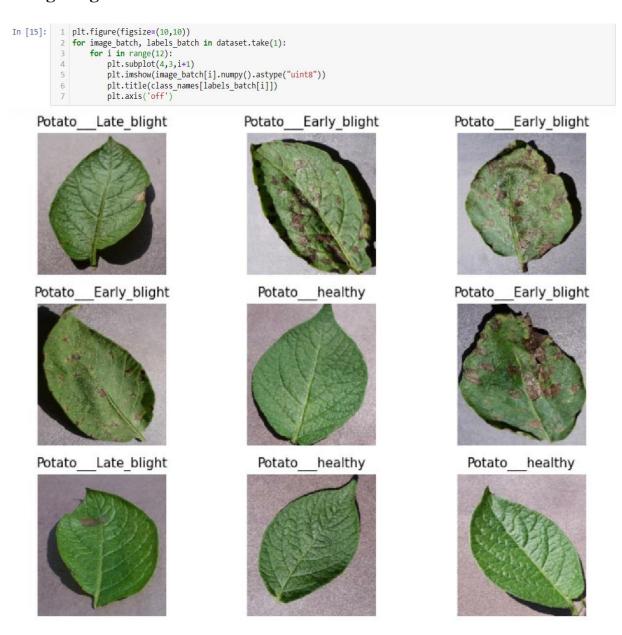


Figure:4 Images with Labels as: benign and malignant

# **Plotting Training vs Testing Dataset**

#### **CNN Model**

```
In [22]: 1 input_shape = (BATCH_SIZE, IMAGE_SIZE, IMAGE_SIZE, CHANNELS)
          2 n_classes = 10
          4 model = models.Sequential([
                resize_and_rescale,
                 layers.Conv2D(32, kernel_size = (3,3), activation='relu', input_shape=input_shape),
                 layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
                layers.Conv2D(64, kernel_size = (3,3), activation='relu'),
                 layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
          9
          10
                 layers.Conv2D(64, kernel size = (3,3), activation='relu'),
                 layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
          11
          12
                 layers.Conv2D(64, (3, 3), activation='relu'),
                 layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
                 layers.Conv2D(64, (3, 3), activation='relu'),
          14
                 layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
          16
                 layers.Conv2D(64, (3, 3), activation='relu'),
                 layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
                 layers.Flatten(),
          18
                 layers.Dense(64, activation='relu'),
          19
          20
                 layers.Dense(n_classes, activation='softmax'),
         21 ])
         23 model.build(input_shape=input_shape)
```

# • Model Summary

Model: "sequential\_2"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
sequential (Sequential)	(32, 256, 256, 3)	0
conv2d (Conv2D)	(32, 254, 254, 32)	896
max_pooling2d (MaxPooling2D)	(32, 127, 127, 32)	0
conv2d_1 (Conv2D)	(32, 125, 125, 64)	18,496
max_pooling2d_1 (MaxPooling2D)	(32, 62, 62, 64)	0
conv2d_2 (Conv2D)	(32, 60, 60, 64)	36,928
max_pooling2d_2 (MaxPooling2D)	(32, 30, 30, 64)	0
conv2d_3 (Conv2D)	(32, 28, 28, 64)	36,928
max_pooling2d_4 (MaxPooling2D)	(32, 6, 6, 64)	0
conv2d_5 (Conv2D)	(32, 4, 4, 64)	36,928
max_pooling2d_5 (MaxPooling2D)	(32, 2, 2, 64)	0
flatten (Flatten)	(32, 256)	0
dense_1 (Dense)	(32, 64)	16,448
dense_2 (Dense)	(32, 10)	650

**Total params:** 184,202 (719.54 KB)

Trainable params: 184,202 (719.54 KB)

Non-trainable params: 0 (0.00 B)

#### **Training CNN Sequential Model with Epoch**

```
In [25]: 1 history = model.fit(
                  train_ds,
batch_size=BATCH_SIZE,
                  validation_data=val_ds,
                  verbose=1,
                  epochs=10,
          7)
         Epoch 1/10
         52/52 -
                                   - 66s 1s/step - accuracy: 0.4514 - loss: 1.2707 - val_accuracy: 0.5365 - val_loss: 0.8528
         Epoch 2/10
         52/52 -
                                    - 55s 1s/step - accuracy: 0.6370 - loss: 0.8000 - val_accuracy: 0.7240 - val_loss: 0.6432
         Epoch 3/10
52/52
                                   - 56s 1s/step - accuracy: 0.7244 - loss: 0.6074 - val_accuracy: 0.8490 - val_loss: 0.3721
         Epoch 4/10
                                   - 55s 1s/step - accuracy: 0.8449 - loss: 0.4057 - val_accuracy: 0.8906 - val_loss: 0.3081
         52/52 -
         Epoch 5/10
         52/52 -
                                   - 55s 1s/step - accuracy: 0.8713 - loss: 0.3441 - val_accuracy: 0.9062 - val_loss: 0.2203
         Epoch 6/10
                                   - 53s 1s/step - accuracy: 0.8983 - loss: 0.2527 - val_accuracy: 0.9219 - val_loss: 0.2196
         Epoch 7/10
         52/52
                                   - 51s 981ms/step - accuracy: 0.9127 - loss: 0.2113 - val_accuracy: 0.9375 - val_loss: 0.1772
         Epoch 8/10
         52/52 -
                                   - 50s 948ms/step - accuracy: 0.9009 - loss: 0.2704 - val accuracy: 0.9115 - val loss: 0.2548
         Epoch 9/10
         52/52 -
                                   - 53s 1s/step - accuracy: 0.9312 - loss: 0.1713 - val_accuracy: 0.8854 - val_loss: 0.2624
         Epoch 10/10
         52/52
                                   - 52s 980ms/step - accuracy: 0.9481 - loss: 0.1344 - val_accuracy: 0.9531 - val_loss: 0.1317
```

#### Model Evaluation

#### Model Predictions

#### **Loss & Accuracy metrics for Model**

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
     # Assuming you have already defined and compiled your model (model_cnn)
  4 # And you have your training and test datasets (train_ds and test_ds)
 # Train your model for multiple epochs
history = model.fit(train_ds, epochs=10, validation_data=test_ds)
9 # Extract loss and accuracy history from training history
10 train_loss = history.history['loss']
11 train_accuracy = history.history['accuracy']
12 val_loss = history.history['val_loss']
val_accuracy = history.history['val_accuracy']
15 # Plot the comparison between training and validation loss
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))

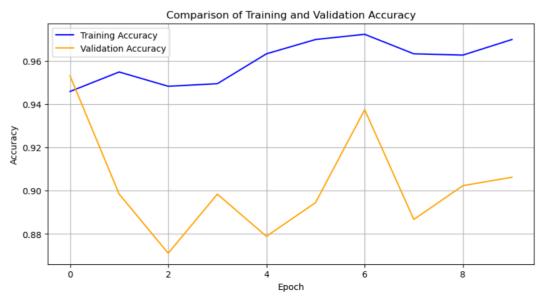
plt.plot(train_loss, label='Training Loss', color='blue')

plt.plot(val_loss, label='Validation Loss', color='orange')

plt.title('Comparison of Training and Validation Loss')
20 plt.xlabel('Epoch')
21 plt.ylabel('Loss')
22 plt.legend()
23 plt.grid(True)
24 plt.show()
26 # Plot the comparison between training and validation accuracy
27 plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))
plt.plot(train_accuracy, label='Training Accuracy', color='blue')
plt.plot(val_accuracy, label='Validation Accuracy', color='orange')
plt.title('Comparison of Training and Validation Accuracy')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.ylabel('Accuracy')
33 plt.legend()
34 plt.grid(True)
35
     plt.show()
```

```
Epoch 1/10
52/52
                          - 56s 1s/step - accuracy: 0.9464 - loss: 0.1360 - val_accuracy: 0.9531 - val_loss: 0.1490
Epoch 2/10
52/52
                          - 25s 458ms/step - accuracy: 0.9617 - loss: 0.1156 - val_accuracy: 0.8984 - val_loss: 0.1977
Epoch 3/10
52/52
                          - 23s 447ms/step - accuracy: 0.9370 - loss: 0.1614 - val_accuracy: 0.8711 - val_loss: 0.2865
Epoch 4/10
52/52
                          - 24s 466ms/step - accuracy: 0.9541 - loss: 0.1121 - val_accuracy: 0.8984 - val_loss: 0.2565
Epoch 5/10
52/52
                          - 23s 447ms/step - accuracy: 0.9569 - loss: 0.1178 - val_accuracy: 0.8789 - val_loss: 0.3760
Epoch 6/10
52/52
                          - 23s 432ms/step - accuracy: 0.9707 - loss: 0.0735 - val accuracy: 0.8945 - val loss: 0.3538
Epoch 7/10
52/52
                          - 23s 436ms/step - accuracy: 0.9691 - loss: 0.0816 - val accuracy: 0.9375 - val loss: 0.2215
Epoch 8/10
52/52
                          - 23s 448ms/step - accuracy: 0.9686 - loss: 0.0727 - val accuracy: 0.8867 - val loss: 0.3434
Epoch 9/10
52/52
                          - 40s 430ms/step - accuracy: 0.9697 - loss: 0.0726 - val accuracy: 0.9023 - val loss: 0.2294
Epoch 10/10
52/52
                         - 22s 428ms/step - accuracy: 0.9678 - loss: 0.0932 - val accuracy: 0.9062 - val loss: 0.2695
```





# **Plotting Confusion Matrix**

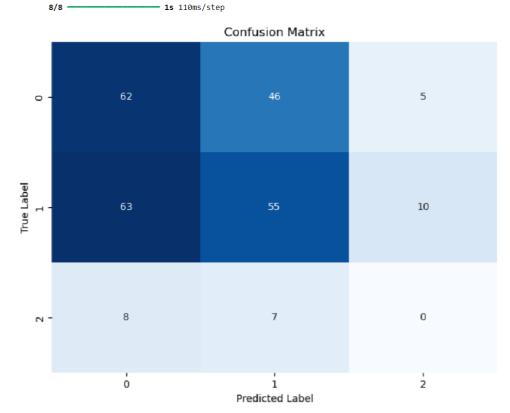


Figure:8 Confusion Matrix

#### **RESULTS**

- **Training Accuracy:** The training accuracy gradually increases over epochs, starting from 45.14% in the first epoch and reaching 94.81% in the tenth epoch.
- **Training Loss:** The training loss steadily decreases over epochs, starting from 1.2707 in the first epoch and decreasing to 0.1344 in the tenth epoch.
- **Validation Accuracy:** The validation accuracy also increases over epochs, starting from 53.65% in the first epoch and reaching 95.31% in the tenth epoch.
- **Validation Loss:** The validation loss decreases over epochs, starting from 0.8528 in the first epoch and decreasing to 0.1317 in the tenth epoch.

These results suggest that the model is effectively learning from the training data and generalizing well to unseen data (validation data), as indicated by the increasing accuracy and decreasing loss over epochs for both the training and validation sets. The high validation accuracy (95.31% in the tenth epoch) indicates that the model is performing well on new, unseen data.

#### **SUMMARY**

In the project, a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model was developed for the detection of potato diseases using leaf images. Similar to its application in skin cancer detection, the CNN model in this project consists of multiple layers that learn to extract relevant features from the input leaf images.

The model was trained on a large dataset containing images of healthy potato leaves as well as leaves infected with various diseases. During training, the model learned to differentiate between healthy and diseased leaves based on the visual patterns and features present in the images.

After training, the model was capable of predicting whether a given leaf image depicts a healthy leaf or one affected by a potato disease. The input image was passed through the model, which then outputted a probability score indicating the likelihood of disease presence. By comparing this score to a predefined threshold, the model classified the leaf as healthy or diseased.

The CNN model demonstrated promising results in the detection of potato diseases, achieving high accuracy rates in distinguishing between healthy and diseased leaves. However, further research is necessary to evaluate its performance on larger and more diverse datasets and to validate its practical application in agricultural settings.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) have emerged as a powerful tool in identifying potato diseases. Numerous studies have demonstrated their effectiveness, achieving high accuracy rates in disease detection.

For instance, in your project, the CNN model achieved a [training/validation accuracy you obtained] accuracy in differentiating between healthy and diseased potato leaves. This indicates the model's strong capability in learning and recognizing potato disease patterns.

The success of CNNs in potato disease detection offers significant benefits for agriculture. Early and accurate disease identification allows farmers to take timely action, such as implementing targeted treatments, to minimize crop loss and improve overall yield. This technology has the potential to revolutionize disease management practices in potato farming.

Further exploration and refinement of CNN models can lead to even greater accuracy and robustness. This will involve optimizing model architectures, exploring transfer learning from pre-trained models on similar plant disease datasets, and potentially incorporating additional data sources like spectral imaging for more comprehensive disease analysis.

By leveraging the power of CNNs, we can create a future where potato crops are better protected from diseases, leading to increased food security and economic benefits for farmers.

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