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ABSTRACT

Weeds are becoming a serious threat to the agricultural sector, which is acknowledged as the foundation of the Indian economy but is currently experiencing production issues. Plants that grow in inappropriate places are known as weeds, and they compete with crops for vital resources like water, light, nutrients, and space. Weed detection plays a crucial role in precision agriculture, facilitating targeted herbicide application and minimizing environmental impact. In recent years, the integration of computer vision and machine learning has revolutionized weed detection, offering efficient and accurate solutions for farmers. This paper presents a comprehensive review of automatic weed detection techniques, focusing on recent advancements and emerging trends. This competition lowers crop yields and uses machinery inefficiently, which lowers agricultural productivity as a whole. Conventional weed control techniques include applying herbicide widely across the field or removing weeds by hand, which takes a lot of work. The latter approach, on the other hand, is considered ineffective since it pollutes the environment and offers little assistance in controlling weeds. There are financial and environmental issues associated with the widespread use of agricultural chemicals, such as fertilizers and herbicides. As a result, farmers are looking for alternatives more and more to reduce their reliance on chemicals in farming operations. Creative weed management strategies are becoming more and more necessary in response to these difficulties. The main goal is to distinguish between crops and weeds to provide a focused and effective weed management strategy. The agricultural industry may be able to increase productivity while lowering its impact on the environment and relying less on chemical solutions by implementing cutting-edge technologies for accurate weed identification and targeted eradication. The transition in weed control techniques towards technology-based and sustainable approaches is indicative of a wider movement in the agriculture sector to investigate environmentally friendly substitutes for a future that is more robust and fruitful.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Accounting for almost 23% of GDP and employing 59% of the country's total workers in 2016, agriculture is a significant sector in India. India ranks as the second-largest producer of rice, wheat, sugarcane, cotton, and groundnuts. Despite having only 2.4% of the world's land and 4% of its accessible water resources, Indian agriculture manages to supply food to 17.5% of the world's population. Since the inception of the Green Revolution, the rice and wheat systems in India have played crucial roles in the global food economy. The food produced, particularly rice, not only feeds India's population of 1.25 billion but also contributes to international trade through exports.

The agriculture sector in India faces volatility due to its reliance on rainfall, especially for crops like rice, which are sown in the kharif season and require abundant water. This highlights the need for consistent efforts to enhance crop productivity and meet the growing demands of the population. To achieve this, there is a necessity to innovate and develop technologies that can effectively reduce weed growth. Weeds are adaptable plants that thrive in various conditions and compete with crops for resources, ultimately leading to yield and quality losses. Therefore, addressing weed management is crucial for sustaining agricultural productivity and meeting food demands.

The base of the Indian economy depends a lot on farming, which supports the lives of about half of the people in the country. Since farming is so important, it's really necessary to make sure farmers are using the best methods to grow crops efficiently and get good yields. One big problem for farmers is telling the difference between the plants they want to grow and the ones they don't during the cleaning process. This might seem small, but it's actually super important because it affects how many crops they get and how good they are. That's why it's crucial to find new ways to help farmers with this.

Weeds are unwanted plants that grow alongside the ones farmers want to grow. They compete with the good plants for things like nutrients, sunlight, water, and space. Weeds can steal the stuff the good plants need to grow well, which means the harvest might not be as good. So, it's really important to stop weeds from growing as much as possible. Also, weeds tend to grow faster than the crops farmers want. This is because the seeds or roots of the weeds are already in the ground, just waiting for the right conditions to start growing. So, farmers need to regularly remove weeds, which is a lot of work and takes up time.

Doing this by hand is tough and takes a long time. Figuring out which plants are which is a big part of the work. It's becoming harder because there are more and more different kinds of weeds, making it tough to tell them apart from the crops. In the past, people mainly focused on identifying the types of weeds. But now, with farming changing and more kinds of weeds popping up everywhere, it's getting harder to do this. That's why we need to come up with better and easier ways to identify weeds among crops, so farmers can manage their fields better.

1.2   Need for the project

Weeds can be controlled by hand removal or by introducing other chemicals called Herbicides. Automatic weed detection systems address the pressing needs of modern agriculture by offering efficiency, accuracy, and cost-effectiveness in weed management. By automating the process of identifying weeds, these systems streamline labor-intensive tasks, reduce reliance on manual labor and herbicides, and minimize crop losses due to weed infestation. Timely and accurate detection of weeds contributes to environmental sustainability by reducing chemical inputs and promoting eco-friendly farming practices. Furthermore, these systems enhance crop yields by optimizing growing conditions and minimizing competition between crops and weeds for resources. Through data-driven insights, scalability, and integration with precision agriculture technologies, automatic weed detection systems empower farmers with actionable information to make informed decisions and improve overall farm productivity.

1.3   The importance of the project

Automatic weed detection systems are instrumental in modern agriculture for several compelling reasons. These systems utilize advanced technologies such as machine learning, computer vision, and robotics to identify and manage weeds efficiently and accurately. Their importance stems from their ability to address critical challenges faced by farmers and contribute to sustainable agricultural practices.

1.3.1 Efficiency: Automatic weed detection systems streamline the process of identifying and managing weeds, saving significant time and labor. Manual weed identification is a labor-intensive task that requires substantial human effort. By automating this process, these systems reduce the need for manual labor, allowing farmers to allocate their resources more efficiently. This increased efficiency translates into higher productivity and cost savings for farmers.

1.3.2 Accuracy: One of the key advantages of automatic weed detection systems is their high level of accuracy. These systems are capable of distinguishing between various plant species with precision, surpassing human capabilities in weed identification. By accurately identifying weeds and differentiating them from crops, these systems minimize the risk of mismanagement and ensure effective weed control. This accuracy is crucial for maintaining crop health and maximizing yields.

1.3.3 Sustainability: Automatic weed detection contributes to environmental sustainability by reducing the overuse of herbicides and promoting eco-friendly farming practices. Traditional weed control methods often rely heavily on the indiscriminate use of chemical herbicides, which can have negative impacts on soil health, water quality, and biodiversity. By accurately targeting weed-infested areas, automatic weed detection systems minimize the need for herbicides, thereby reducing environmental pollution and preserving natural ecosystems.

1.3.4 Crop Yield Optimization: Effective weed management is essential for optimizing crop yields. Weeds compete with crops for essential resources such as sunlight, water, and nutrients, leading to reduced crop growth and lower yields. Automatic weed detection systems enable timely intervention against weed infestations, preventing yield losses and ensuring optimal growing conditions for crops. By maintaining weed-free fields, these systems contribute to maximizing crop productivity and profitability for farmers.

1.3.5 Data Insights and Decision-Making: Automatic weed detection systems provide farmers with valuable data insights that empower them to make informed decisions. By analyzing patterns of weed growth and distribution, these systems offer actionable information for optimizing farm management practices. Farmers can use this data to adjust their weed control strategies, allocate resources more effectively, and improve overall farm productivity and profitability.

1.3.6 Cost Reduction: Automated weed detection systems offer significant advantages by minimizing the expenses related to manual labor and herbicide usage. By precisely identifying and addressing weed-infested areas, these systems enable farmers to optimize resource allocation, resulting in substantial cost reductions. This targeted approach not only minimizes the need for labor-intensive manual weed removal but also reduces the reliance on chemical herbicides, thereby promoting more sustainable and cost-effective farming practices. Additionally, by efficiently managing weed control, farmers can mitigate crop losses and maximize yields, further enhancing the economic benefits of automated weed detection technologies.

1.3.7 Precision Agriculture: Automatic weed detection is a key component of precision agriculture, allowing farmers to apply resources (such as water and fertilizers) precisely where needed. This targeted approach enhances resource efficiency and reduces environmental impact.

In summary, automatic weed detection systems play a crucial role in modern agriculture by increasing efficiency, accuracy, and sustainability.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

Much work has gone into categorizing weeds and crops. Crop and weed classification has always been a laborious process. The authors used a histogram based on color indices to identify three classes of weeds: apple scab, carpetweed, and crabgrass. They tested their methods using CNN, and each class had an accuracy of 93%. There are other models available as well, such as GoogLeNet. AlexNet has also undergone testing and has demonstrated high accuracy in weed detection, with a f1 score of over 95%. Furthermore, studies utilizing CNN for weed detection in unsupervised training data collection have been conducted. Research has been done on the 93% accuracy rate of CNN models in the detection of broad leaf weed in pastures. The authors present CNN models that achieve a 94% classification accuracy for 16 plant species, including weeds. Predicting the growth stage of weed species has been proposed using similar work with an accuracy of 80%. The authors looked into using CNNs to detect carpetweed and grass weeds in the soil, and they found that they could do so with more than 90% accuracy and an average accuracy of over 95% across all images. This paper compares deep learning models and conventional machine learning algorithms for seed classification. Background segmentation was used to obtain a good accuracy of 93.8%. The authors have demonstrated that CNNs are very effective at learning useful feature representations for 16 different plant species with high precision. It has been suggested that different methods and systems for classifying weeds and crops be introduced into the literature. The CNN model has been attempted to be used by the writers to solve the issue. Finding weeds Human existence has always depended on agriculture. Throughout the last century—and especially in the last fifteen years—agriculture has started to become more mechanized and digitalized. This development and automation have led to a near-complete standardization of labor flow. The information will be utilized to predict which weeds will emerge from the crop using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and a deep learning base model. This will identify any undesired weeds and provide recommendations for herbicides. For weed control, a machine vision technique might identify crops. Weeds in

agricultural fields have been identified by its features, which include size, shape, spectral reflection, and texture. They have shown how to identify weed by size in this document. The automatic application of herbicides and the use of texture and size characteristics to identify crops and weeds An image processing algorithm for weed control and crop discovery has been developed. "Using computer vision to identify unwanted weeds in early-stage crops" Application of computer vision to identify unwanted weeds in a single area that affects agriculture. A Picture Processing has been developed and completed across neural networks to reach the region of interest. Several techniques, including segmentation, ANN, and picture acquisition, have been proposed. In order to achieve the same level of light intensity as before, they had to overcome a number of important challenges, one of which was obtaining the mask and identifying the regions of interest. In this case, the method was improved by applying herbicides.

CHAPTER 3

PROPOSED WORK

3.1 Methodology/Planning of work

3.1.1 Collection of Data Set

For our experimental setup, we utilized a dataset sourced from the Kaggle website, consisting of approximately 6268 plant images, all of which are in PNG format. This dataset was partitioned into a training set and a validate set, with a validate size ratio of 0.2 .

Subsequently, the training set consists of 5015 images, while the test set comprises 1253 images, totaling the initial 6268 images in the dataset. Our model was trained using the training set with 5015 images over 30 epochs, resulting in a comprehensive training process encompassing the entirety of the available image samples.

Species	Training	Testing
Apple___Apple_scab	630	126
Apple___Black_rot	621	124
Apple___Cedar_apple_rust	275	55
Apple___healthy	786	157
Carpetweeds	763	152
Crabgrass	111	22
Goosegrass	216	43
Grape___Black_rot	1000	200
Grape___Esca_(Black_Measles)	1000	200
Grape___healthy	423	85
Tomato_Bacterial_Spot	96	19
Tomato_Early_Blight	46	9
Tomato_Healthy	73	15
Tomato_Leaf_mold	44	9
Tomato_Septorial_Leaf_Spot	82	16
Tomato_Yellow_Leaf_Curl_Virus	102	20

Table 3.1 Dataset Classes.

3.1.2 Trend in recent year

Deep learning algorithms have been helpful in recent years for effectively analyzing text, picture, and spectrum data. Artificial intelligence uses a variety of deep learning methods to make it easier to identify weeds in photos. These algorithms are effective in analyzing data and identifying distinctive characteristics. Each digital image can be recognized as a 2D array of values, where each value corresponds to a greyscale code between 0 and 255. The convolutional, pooling, and dense layers get these pixel values after which they are fed. Throughout this process, weights are adjusted in accordance with how much the output and true label differ from one another. The methodologies employed in this investigation will be covered in the parts that follow.
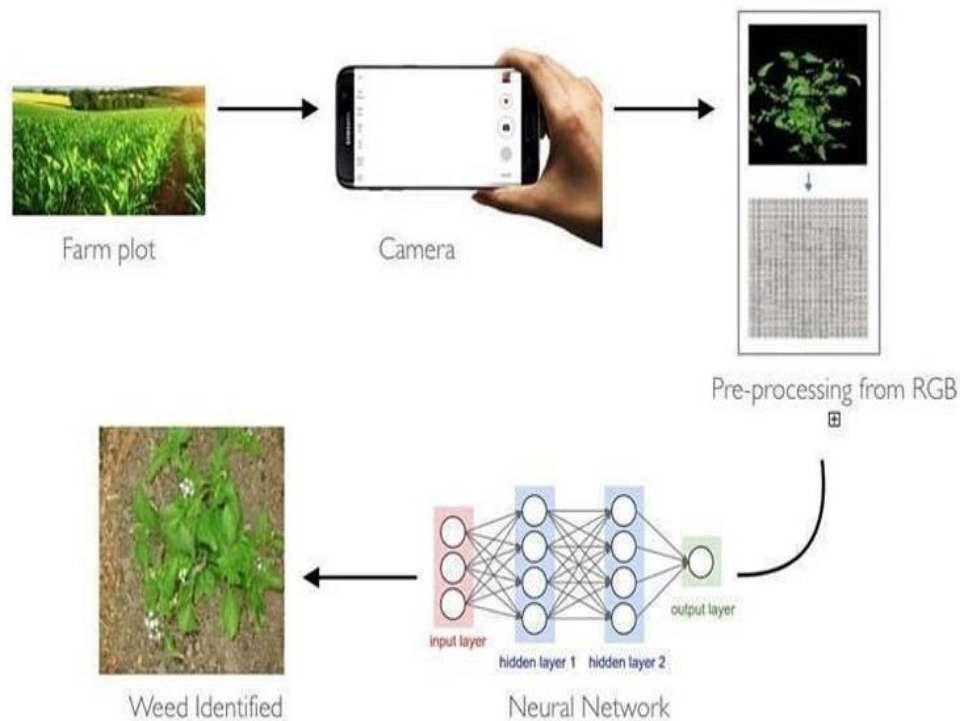

Fig. 3.1 Approach diagram of weed detection

3.1.3 Deep Neural Networks

The main objective of the proposed methodology is to detect weeds. The convolutional neural network is proposed for weed detection. The architecture of the proposed methodology is shown in Figure 1. We tried to use CNN with few conv2d layers, dropout, and max pooling, and dense layers. Deep Learning (DL) is a type of machine learning algorithm characterized by sequential layers. Unlike traditional machine learning methods that necessitate manual feature extraction, DLautomatically selects features. A popular DL model known as Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) efficiently extracts features from input data, particularly in image analysis tasks. CNN's layered architecture allows it to identify and classify elements/pixels with minimal preprocessing. Typically, a CNN model consists of four main layers: convolutional, activation function, pooling, and fully connected layers (FCN) for clas sification purposes.

The convolutional layer extracts features from the image using mathematical filters; the features can be edges, corners, or alignment patterns, which give the output a feature map that serves as input to the next layer. The application of CNNs involves a series of steps: first, data preparation (image ac quisition and labeling); second, CNN selection and configuration (hyperparameter tun ing); third, CNN training (through GPU processing Graphics Units); fourth, evaluation of CNN performance (usual metrics: average precision (mAP), recall, F1-score, and Confu sion Matrix, among others); and fifth, model deployment (real-world applications).

The pooling layer reduces the resolution by reducing the dimension of the feature map in order to minimize the computational cost.

The connection layer sends the feature maps obtained from the previous layer to the fully connected neural network layer, which contains the activation function used to recognize the final image.
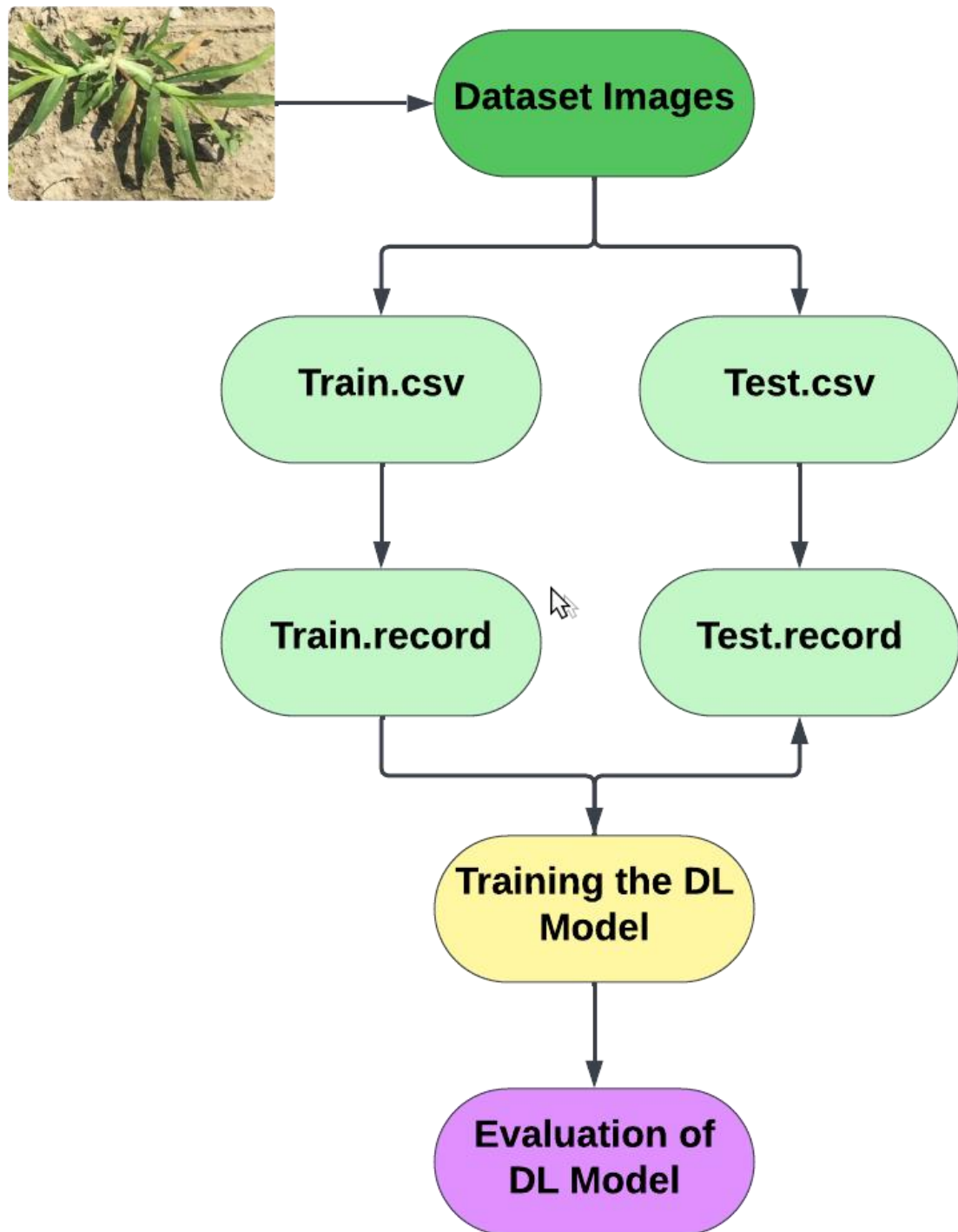
Fig 3.2 Generalized framework to train and test deep learning models.

3.1.2.1 Input Layer: This layer normalizes the input pixel values to the range [0, 1]. It ensures consistency in input data, which is essential for effective training.

3.1.2.2 Convolutional Layers(Conv2D): The model starts with a convolutional layer that applies 16 filters to the input im ages. Each filter performs a convolution operation, extracting features from the input image patches using a kernel size of (3, 3). ReLU activation function is applied to introduce non-linearity.- MaxPooling2D: Following each convolutional layer, a max-pooling layer reduces the spatial dimensions of the feature maps by taking the maximum value within a specified window (2x2 in this case). This helps in reducing computational complexity and extracting dominant features.

3.1.2.3 Flattening Layer: Flatten: After multiple convolu tional and pooling layers, the Flatten layer converts the multi dimensional feature maps into a one-dimensional array. This step is necessary to connect the convolutional layers with the densely connected layers.

3.1.2.4 Densely Connected Layers: Dense: The flattened output is passed through a fully connected layer with 128 neurons. Each neuron is connected to every neuron in the previous layer. ReLU activation is used here to introduce non linearity.- Dense (Output Layer): Finally, another dense layer with 16 neurons is added, which serves as the output layer for classification. The number of neurons in this layer corresponds to the number of classes (assuming a multi-class classification problem). The output layer typically uses a softmax activation function to compute the probabilities of each class.

3.1.4 Procedure

In this part we will understand the characterisation process for weeds into all the classes which we considered, we performed image processing on the dataset; images in the dataset are in RGB color code and have various dimensions (width and heights). AlexNet and GoogleNet models use three input channels corresponding to red, green and blue color codes, input dimensions for GoogleNet is (224 x 224) and AlexNet is (227 x 227). We performed image processing in two steps. In the first step, all images are resized to conform to the input layer dimensions of AlexNet and GooleNet and in second step original image is duplicated three times for input channels (Red, Green and Blue). We have used transfer learning model to extract important information from the dataset images by indentifying key details.
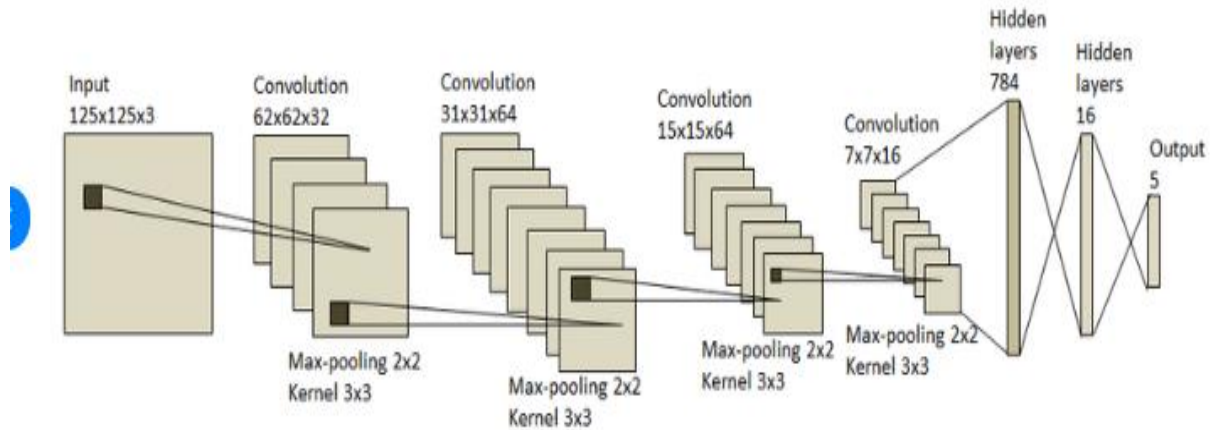
Fig 3.3 CNN Model Architecture

Our models involves numerous convolutional neural networks (CNNs) stacked over each other. We have used two pre-trained model AlexNet and GoogleNet, we have replaced bottom layers of the model by three fully connected layers which helps in uniting data extracted by previous layers. Used a softmax layer to convert a vector of kreal values into probability distribution with k- potential outcomes and we used softmax layer to normalize the output .

CHAPTER 4

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

4.1 Result

The outcomes of automatic weed detection are multifaceted and have profound implications for modern agriculture. Firstly, these systems drastically enhance operational efficiency by reducing the laborious and time-consuming task of manual weed monitoring and control. By swiftly identifying weeds with precision, farmers can allocate resources more effectively, optimizing both time and costs associated with weed management practices.

The research paper concludes with a thorough investigation of machine learning based automatic weed detection, emphasizing the effectiveness of various models on a particular dataset. Initial test accuracy of only 84% was obtained using an AlexNet CNN model and 90% was obtained using GoogleNet,which produced less than-ideal results. There was no overfitting or underfitting observed in our model . The obtained results demonstrate that the model can accurately and confidently identify weeds in crops.

Moreover, there is a significant effect on crop yields. Automatic weed identification systems promote healthy crop growth by reducing weed competition for vital resources like water, nutrients, and sunlight, which ultimately maximizes yields. Effective weed control and higher crop yield are directly correlated, which improves farm profitability and increases the capacity to produce food—two factors that are especially important for feeding a growing world population.Furthermore, the environmental benefits of automatic weed detection cannot be overstated. By facilitating targeted herbicide application, these systems minimize the indiscriminate use of chemicals, thereby reducing environmental contamination and mitigating adverse effects on soil health and biodiversity. The ability to precisely apply herbicides only where necessary minimizes runoff and ensures that beneficial organisms remain unharmed, fostering ecological balance within agricultural ecosystems.

4.2 Discussion

Automated weed detection is a critical component in modern agricultural practices aimed at improving efficiency, reducing chemical usage, and maximizing crop yield. The results and subsequent discussion of automatic weed detection systems encompass various aspects, including accuracy, efficiency, scalability, and practicality.

4.2.1 Accuracy of Detection:

High accuracy is paramount for any automatic weed detection system to be effective. This accuracy is typically measured by metrics such as precision, recall, and F1-score.

Studies have shown promising results with deep learning techniques, especially convolutional neural networks (CNNs), achieving high levels of accuracy in distinguishing between crops and weeds.

However, challenges still exist, particularly in diverse and cluttered agricultural environments where weeds may closely resemble crops or exhibit significant variability in appearance.

4.2.2 Efficiency and Speed:

Alongside accuracy, the efficiency and speed of weed detection systems are crucial for real-world applications.

Rapid processing of large-scale agricultural landscapes is essential to enable timely intervention and management strategies.

Advances in hardware acceleration, such as the use of graphics processing units (GPUs) and specialized ASICs (Application-Specific Integrated Circuits), have significantly improved the speed of detection algorithms.

4.2.3 Scalability and Adaptability:

Scalability refers to the ability of the detection system to perform consistently across various crop types, environmental conditions, and geographical regions.

While many automatic weed detection systems demonstrate promising results in controlled environments, their performance in real-world scenarios with diverse vegetation, lighting conditions, and soil types remains an ongoing area of research.

The adaptability of detection algorithms to different agricultural practices, such as conventional tillage versus no-till farming, also influences their practical utility.

4.2.4 Integration with Agricultural Machinery:

Seamless integration of weed detection systems with agricultural machinery, such as tractors or drones, is critical for practical implementation.

Real-time feedback and decision-making capabilities can optimize the application of herbicides or enable targeted mechanical weed control methods, thereby minimizing environmental impact and reducing operational costs.

4.2.5 Challenges and Future Directions:

Despite significant progress, several challenges persist in the field of automatic weed detection.

Robustness to environmental variability, data annotation requirements for training deep learning models, and the need for annotated datasets spanning diverse geographic regions and crop types are among the primary challenges.

Future research directions include the development of multi-sensor fusion techniques, incorporation of advanced machine learning algorithms for semi-supervised or unsupervised learning, and the exploration of explainable AI methods to enhance transparency and trust in decision-making processes.

In conclusion, automatic weed detection holds immense potential for revolutionizing modern agriculture by enabling targeted and sustainable weed management practices. Continued research efforts aimed at improving the accuracy, efficiency, scalability, and practicality of detection systems are essential for realizing this potential and addressing the challenges associated with weed control in agricultural landscapes.

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

5.1 Conclusion

Weed detection using convolutional neural networks is a promising technique that facilitates agricultural operations automation. This study illustrated CNN models' applicability in the field of weed detection. Two machine learning models (Alexnet, GoogLeNet) have been used in this work to identify weeds that are present in the f ield. Real-time crop and weed detection based on the CNN models' decisions is one area of possible future investigation. Our model's accuracy in the experiment was 93.2%.

We concluded that our suggested approach might more accurately and swiftly predict weeds than the manual method. This demonstrates the great potential of deep learning in the agricultural sector. You will be able to identify weeds much more quickly by employing this strategy. Future research in the deep learning sector of agriculture may benefit from this approach. We have created a user-friendly web interface, especially for farmers as part of our creative project. Farmers are empowered by this interface, which makes it easy for them to choose photos from a gallery and upload them to the platform.

After the photos are uploaded, the interface's built-in algorithms examine them and, as tonishingly, identify any weeds. Farmers greatly benefit from this feature, which makes it possible for them to quickly locate and eradicate weed infestations in their f ields. To further promote agricultural efficiency, we've included a helpful resource: a link to comprehensive guidelines on practical weed-removal techniques. This re source gives farmers the skills and information they need to successfully manage weed growth, maximizing crop yield and guaranteeing the success of their farming endeavors.

Although the system produces good outcomes, there is still much room for improvement. It is possible to create a more reliable algorithm for plant identification that can identify more species of leaves regardless of their color or form. The design can be further improved to meet farmers' needs and offer the most possible coverage of the area.

5.2 FUTURE SCOPE

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) models, such as AlexNet and GoogLeNet, provide great promise for automatic weed detection in a variety of agricultural and environmental management applications. Precision Agriculture: Using CNN models to identify weeds can improve methods of precision agriculture. Farmers can administer targeted herbicide treatments, limiting chemical usage and environmental impact while maximizing crop pro duction, by properly recognizing and localizing weeds within crops. Crop management: By differentiating between unde sirable weeds and crops, weed detection CNN models can help monitor the health of crops. By using this data, crop management practices can be optimized by timely interven tions like selective harvesting and irrigation modifications. Environmental Conservation: By reducing the environmental impact of pesticide use, accurate weed detection using CNN models promotes sustainable agriculture methods. These sys tems support soil health, biodiversity, and overall ecosystem resilience by lowering chemical inputs. Research and Devel opment: Ongoing studies in plant biology, weed ecology, and agronomy are aided by the constant improvements made to CNN models for weed identification. These technologies aid in the advancement of scientific knowledge and the creation of creative weed management techniques by offering com prehensive insights into the distribution patterns and species composition of weeds. Programs for Crop Breeding: Weed Identification CNN models can discover characteristics linked to weed compet itiveness, which can help crop breeding efforts. With the use of this information, breeders can create crop types that are more effective in suppressing weeds, which will increase agricultural productivity and increase the crops' resistance to weed pressure. Keep an eye on Invasive Species: In addition to agricultural environments, invasive plant species identification and monitoring in natural habitats can be facilitated by CNN models for weed detection. Invasive species conservation ef forts are aided by early discovery and management, which also lessens the negative ecological and financial effects of inva sive plant infestations. Integrated Pest Management: Complete integrated pest management techniques are made possible by combining CNN-based weed detection with other pest monitoring technologies. Farmers can optimize crop protection operations by implementing comprehensive and targeted pest management strategies by merging data on pest insects and illnesses with information on weed infestations.

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APPENDEX1

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Abstract Weeds are becoming a serious threat to the agricultural sector, which is acknowledged as the foundation of the Indian economy but is currently experiencing production issues. Plants that grow in inappropriate places are known as weeds, and they compete with crops for vital resources like water, light, nutrients, and space. This competition lowers crop yields and uses machinery inefficiently, which lowers agricultural productivity as a whole. Traditional weed control techniques include applying herbicide widely across the field or removing weeds by hand, which takes a lot of work. The latter approach, on the other hand, is considered ineffective since it pollutes the environment and offers little assistance in controlling weeds. There are financial and environmental issues associated with the widespread use of agricultural chemicals, such as fertilizers and herbicides. As a result, farmers are looking for alternatives more and more to reduce their reliance on chemicals in farming operations. Creative weed management strategies are becoming more and more necessary in response to these difficulties. The main goal is to distinguish between crops and weeds to provide a focused and effective weed management strategy. The agricultural industry may be able to increase productivity while lowering its impact on the environment and relying less on chemical solutions by implementing cutting-edge technologies for accurate weed identification and targeted eradication. The transition in weed control techniques towards technology-based and sustainable approaches is indicative of a wider movement in the agriculture sector to investigate environmentally friendly substitutes for a future that is more robust and fruitful.

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1 Introduction

The cornerstone of the Indian economy undeniably rests upon agriculture, a sector that sustains livelihoods for nearly half of the country's population. Given its paramount importance, ensuring the efficiency and productivity of agricultural practices becomes imperative. Thus, there arises a critical need to embrace cutting-edge cultivation techniques that not only optimize resources but also maximize crop yields. One of the primary challenges faced by farmers in this endeavor is the meticulous task of discerning weeds from the cultivated crop during the rinsing process. This seemingly mundane yet crucial aspect can significantly impact crop quality and quantity, underscoring the significance of innovative solutions and technologies in modern agricultural practices. Among a group of cultivated crops, weeds are extraneous plants that compete with the desired plants for nutrients, light, water, and space. The weeds can absorb the nutrients needed for crop growth. The yield may significantly decrease or be delayed in such a scenario. Therefore, it is necessary to prevent weed growth as much as possible. Furthermore, weeds will likely grow faster than crops. This is because the weed's seed or root is already in the ground and is just waiting for the right circumstances to sprout. This necessitates routine and frequent weed removal. When done by hand, this is a labor-and time-intensive process[1]. Identifying crops and weeds manually is a time-consuming task, requiring considerable labor to complete. The process involves distinguishing between desirable crops and unwanted weeds, a task that has become increasingly challenging in recent times. Traditionally, techniques for agricultural weed identification focused primarily on recognizing the weed species itself. However, as agricultural practices evolve and weed populations become more diverse and widespread, the complexity of accurately identifying and distinguishing weeds from crops has intensified. This heightened difficulty necessitates the development of more sophisticated and efficient methods for weed identification in plants, ensuring optimal management and maintenance of agricultural fields.

2 Literature Review

There has been a lot of work done to classify crops and weeds. Classification of crops and weeds has been a lengthy process. [2] concluded that only few percentage of fertilizers are reached to the root of plants which is very less effective. Authors of [3] have identified that most research is targeted towards unsupervised learning.

Authors of [4] identified three classes: apple scab, carpetweed, and crabgrass (weeds) by using the histogram based on color indices and tested with methods viz CNN with an accuracy of 93% respectively. Other models like GoogLeNet are also available, AlexNet has also been tested and are very accurate with a high f1 score of more than 95% for the detection of weeds. In addition, research has been carried out with the implementation of CNN for weed detection in unsupervised training data collection [3]. Research has been carried out on the detection of broad leaf weed

in pasture using CNN models with an accuracy of 90%. The authors present CNN models for the classification of 16 plant species, including weeds, with a precision of 94%. In the case of weed species with an accuracy of 80%, similar work has been proposed to predict the growth stage [5]. The authors investigated the use of CNNs and obtained more than 90% accuracy with an average between all images above 85% to detect carpetweed and grass weeds in the soil. In this paper, traditional machine learning algorithms and deep learning models have been compared for the classification of seeds. By performing background segmentation, a good accuracy of 93.8% was achieved. For 16 different plant species with high precision, the authors have shown that CNNs are very effective in learning useful feature representations. Various approaches and systems for the classification of crops and weeds have been suggested to be introduced into the literature. The authors have tried to solve the problem using the CNN model Detection of weeds Agriculture has always been vital to human existence [6]. Agriculture has begun to mechanize and digitize throughout the past century, and more specifically over the last 15 years. As a result of this development and automation, labor flow has become virtually entirely standardized. The data will be used for the prediction of the weed from the crop in the Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) and deep learning base model to find out the unwanted weeds and then suggest some herbicides. A machine vision technique may detect crops for weed management. Its characteristics, such as size, shape, spectral reflection, and texture, have detected weeds in agricultural fields. In this document, they have demonstrated the detection of weed by its size. Crop and weed detection using texture and size characteristics, as well as the automatic spraying of herbicides" They've been developing an image processing algorithm for crop discovery and weed management. 'Computer vision application for detecting undesirable weeds in early stage crops' Computer vision application for detection of undesirable weeds from one area which has an impact on agriculture. An Image To achieve the region of interest, processing has been developed, which has been completed throughout neural networks.

3 Methodology

3.1 Trend in recent year

Deep learning algorithms have been helpful in recent years for effectively analyzing text, picture, and spectrum data. Artificial intelligence uses a variety of deep learning methods to make it easier to identify weeds in photos. These algorithms are effective in analyzing data and identifying distinctive characteristics. Each digital image can be recognized as a 2D array of values, where each value corresponds to a greyscale code between 0 and 255. The convolutional, pooling, and dense layers get these pixel values after which they are fed [7].Throughout this process, weights are adjusted in accordance with how much the output and true label differ from one

another. The methodologies employed in this investigation will be covered in the parts that follow.

3.2 Deep Neural Networks

Weed detection is the primary goal of the suggested methodology. The convolutional neural network is proposed for weed detection. Figure 1 depicts the architecture of the suggested methodology. We tried to use CNN with a few conv2d layers, dropout, max_pooling, and dense layers. Deep Learning (DL) is a type of machine learning algorithm characterized by sequential layers [8]. Unlike traditional machine learning methods that necessitate manual feature extraction, DL automatically selects features. A popular DL model known as Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) efficiently extracts features from input data, particularly in image analysis tasks. CNN's layered architecture allows it to identify and classify elements/pixels with minimal preprocessing. Typically, a CNN model consists of four main layers: convolutional, activation function, pooling, and fully connected layers (FCN) for classification purposes [9].

3.3 Procedure

In this part we will understand the characterization process for weeds into all the classes that we considered, we performed image processing on the dataset; images in the dataset are in RGB color code and have various dimensions (width and heights) [4]. AlexNet and GoogleNet models use three input channels corresponding to red, green, and blue color codes, input dimensions for GoogleNet are (224 x 224) and AlexNet is (227 x 227) [7].

We performed image processing in two steps. In the first step, all images are resized to conform to the input layer dimensions of AlexNet and GooleNet, and in the second step original image is duplicated three times for input channels (Red, Green, and Blue). We have used a transfer learning model to extract important information from the dataset images by identifying key details. Our models involve numerous convolutional neural networks (CNNs) stacked over each other. We have used two pre-trained models AlexNet and GoogleNet, we have replaced the bottom layers of the model with three fully connected layers which helps in uniting data extracted by previous layers. Used a softmax layer to convert a vector of real values into probability distribution with k- k-potential outcomes and we used a softmax layer to normalize the output. Table 1 below lists the hyper-parameters that were utilized during training [10].
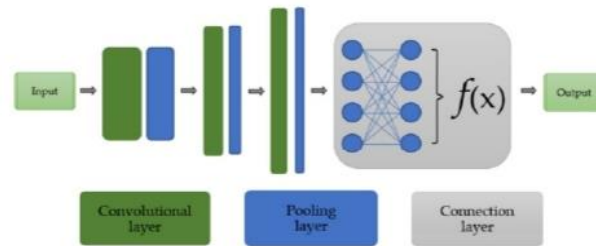
Fig. 1 The basic structure of a CNN models.

4 Dataset

For our experimental setup, we utilized a dataset sourced from the Kaggle website, consisting of approximately 6268 plant images, which are all in PNG format [11]. A training set and a validate set were created from this dataset, with a validate size ratio of 0.2.

Species	Training	Testing
Apple___Apple_scab	630	126
Apple___Black_rot	621	124
Apple___Cedar_apple_rust	275	55
Apple___healthy	786	157
Carpetweeds	763	152
Crabgrass	111	22
Goosegrass	216	43
Grape___Black_rot	1000	200
Grape___Esca_(Black_Measles)	1000	200
Grape___healthy	423	85
Tomato_Bacterial_Spot	96	19
Tomato_Early_Blight	46	9
Tomato_Healthy	73	15
Tomato_Leaf_mold	44	9
Tomato_Septorial_Leaf_Spot	82	16
Tomato_Yellow_Leaf_Curl_Virus	102	20

Fig. 2 Different classes used in our model.

[12] divided the dataset for training and testing of the model in which 20% part was used in training and the remaining used for testing the model. Subsequently, the training set consists of 5015 images, while the test set comprises 1253 images, totaling the initial 6268 images in the dataset. Our model was trained using the training set with 5015 images over 30 epochs, resulting in a comprehensive training process encompassing the entirety of the available image samples.
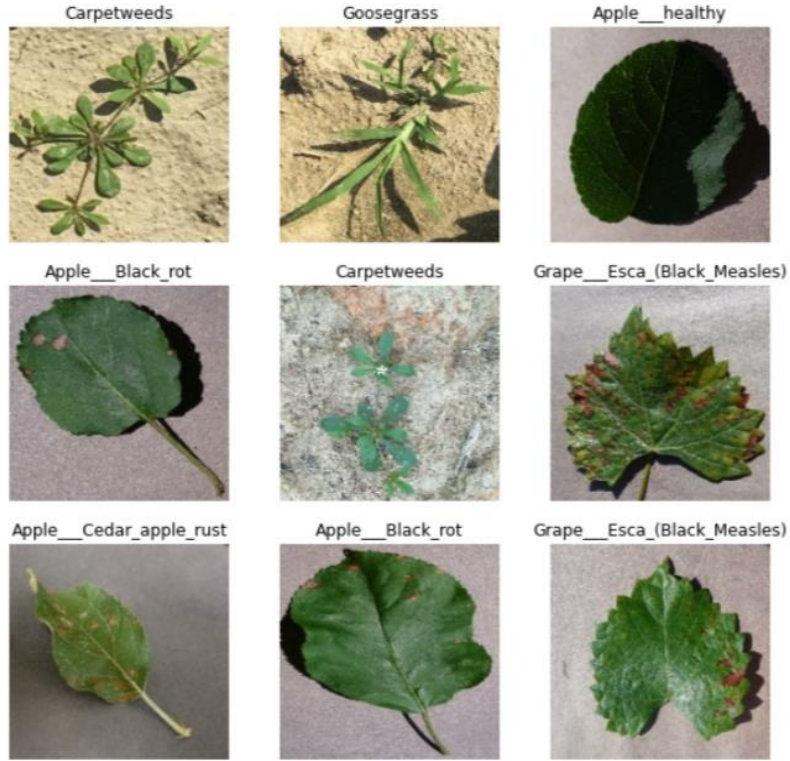

Fig. 3 Sample pictures from dataset.

5 Performance Analysis

To assess the efficacy and efficiency of various CNN designs in weed identification in agricultural contexts, a performance analysis of automatic weed detection using CNNs was carried out [13]. The primary focus of the test was on metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and computing efficiency.

1. **Accuracy**:

$$Accuracy = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN}$$

where:

TP = True Positives (correctly identified weeds)

TN = True Negatives (correctly identified non-weeds)

FP = False Positives (incorrectly identified as weeds)

FN = False Negatives (missed identification of weeds)

2. **Precision**:

$$Precision = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

3. **Recall**:

$$Recall = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

4. **F1-score**:

$$F1 - score = \frac{2 \times Precision \times Recall}{Precision + Recall}$$

6 Result

The research paper concludes with a thorough investigation of machine learning-based automatic weed detection, emphasizing the effectiveness of various models on a particular dataset. Initial test accuracy of only 84% was obtained using an AlexNet CNN model and 90% was obtained using GoogleNet, which produced less-than-ideal results. There was no overfitting or underfitting observed in our model [7]. Fig. 6 displays the confusion matrices for weed identification using the chosen deep-learning models. Fig. 5 presents a comparison of all the models' precision, recall, and F1 scores using the best-performing set, trained over 30 epochs, and a 16-batch size. The obtained results demonstrate that the model can accurately and confidently identify weeds in crops.

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Classification Report:
                                precision    recall  f1-score   support

           Apple___Apple_scab        0.93      0.95      0.94        95
           Apple___Black_rot         0.95      0.98      0.96        94
       Apple___Cedar_apple_rust      0.90      0.90      0.90        42
           Apple___healthy           0.96      0.95      0.95       119
                 Carpetweeds         1.00      0.97      0.98        89
                   Crabgrass         0.78      0.78      0.78        18
                  Goosegrass         0.83      0.91      0.87        33
            Grape___Black_rot        0.94      0.97      0.96       153
     Grape___Esca_(Black_Measles)    0.97      0.93      0.95       151
            Grape___healthy          1.00      0.98      0.99        64
        Tomato_Bacterial_Spot        0.79      0.73      0.76        15
        Tomato_Early_Blight          0.60      0.38      0.46         8
            Tomato_Healthy           0.90      0.75      0.82        12
          Tomato_Leaf_mold           0.88      0.88      0.88         8
     Tomato_Septorial_Leaf_Spot      0.80      0.62      0.70        13
   Tomato_Yellow_Leaf_Curl_Virus     0.64      0.88      0.74        16

                    accuracy                             0.93       930
                   macro avg         0.87      0.85      0.85       930
                weighted avg         0.93      0.93      0.93       930
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Accuracy: 0.932258064516129

Fig. 4 Accuracy of each class

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Confusion Matrix:
[[ 90   0   1   3   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   1]
 [  1  92   0   1   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0]
 [  1   3  38   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0]
 [  4   1   1 113   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0]
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 [  0   0   0   0   0   3  30   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0]
 [  0   0   0   0   0   0   0 149   4   0   0   0   0   0   0   0]
 [  0   0   0   0   0   0   0  10 140   0   0   0   0   0   0   1]
 [  0   0   0   1   0   0   0   0   0  63   0   0   0   0   0   0]
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 [  0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   1   3   1   0   2   1]
 [  0   1   1   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   9   0   0   1]
 [  0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   1   0   0   7   0   0]
 [  0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   1   1   0   1   8   2]
 [  1   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   1   0   0   0   0   0   0  14]]
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Fig. 5 Confusion Matrix of our model

7 Conclusion

Weed detection using convolutional neural networks is a promising technique that facilitates agricultural operations automation. This study illustrated CNN models' applicability in the field of weed detection. Two machine learning models (Alexnet, GoogLeNet) have been used in this work to identify weeds that are present in the field. Real-time crop and weed detection based on the CNN models' decisions is one area of possible future investigation.

Our model's accuracy in the experiment was 93.2%. We concluded that our suggested approach might more accurately and swiftly predict weeds than the manual method. This demonstrates the great potential of deep learning in the agricultural sector. You will be able to identify weeds much more quickly by employing this strategy. Future research in the deep learning sector of agriculture may benefit from this approach.

We have created a user-friendly web interface, especially for farmers as part of our creative project. Farmers are empowered by this interface, which makes it easy for them to choose photos from a gallery and upload them to the platform. After the photos are uploaded, the interface's built-in algorithms examine them and, astonishingly, identify any weeds. Farmers greatly benefit from this feature, which makes it possible for them to quickly locate and eradicate weed infestations in their fields. To further promote agricultural efficiency, we've included a helpful resource: a link to comprehensive guidelines on practical weed-removal techniques. This resource gives farmers the skills and information they need to successfully manage weed growth, maximizing crop yield and guaranteeing the success of their farming endeavors.

8 Future Scope

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) models, such as AlexNet and GoogLeNet, provide great promise for automatic weed detection in a variety of agricultural and environmental management applications.

Precision Agriculture: Using CNN models to identify weeds can improve methods of precision agriculture. Farmers can administer targeted herbicide treatments, limiting chemical usage and environmental impact while maximizing crop production, by properly recognizing and localizing weeds within crops.

Crop management: By differentiating between undesirable weeds and crops, weed detection CNN models can help monitor the health of crops. By using this data, crop management practices can be optimized by timely interventions like selective harvesting and irrigation modifications.

Environmental Conservation: By reducing the environmental impact of pesticide use, accurate weed detection using CNN models promotes sustainable agriculture methods. These systems support soil health, biodiversity, and overall ecosystem resilience by lowering chemical inputs.

All things considered, the future of automatic weed detection with CNN models such as AlexNet and GoogLeNet resides in its many applications in scientific research, environmental management, and agriculture, providing creative answers for effective and sustainable weed management techniques.

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