

Histopathological Cancer Detection

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Our Motivation

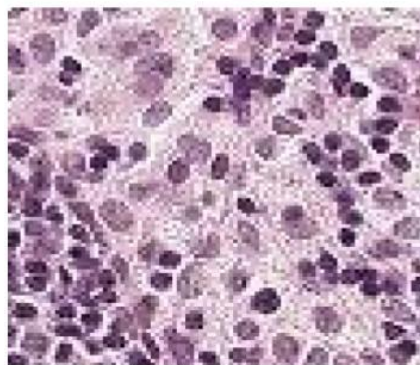
- We are Biomedical Engineering majors
- Interested in medicine and pathology
- Personally affected by cancer in our lives
- Wanted to train a network

Background

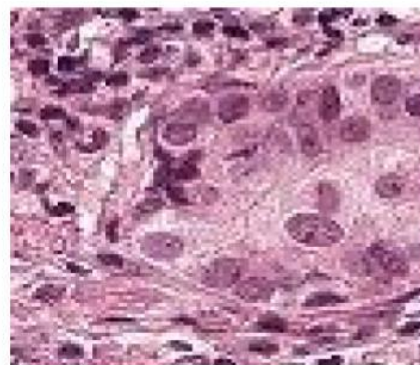
- Histopathology is the microscopic examination of tissue to study the manifestation of disease
- Cancer is the leading cause of death in Canada
- Manual histopathological image analysis is monotonous and prone to error

Dataset Used

- Found on Kaggle
- 220 025 images
- 96 x 96 pixels
- 130 908 healthy and 89 117 malignant



Healthy

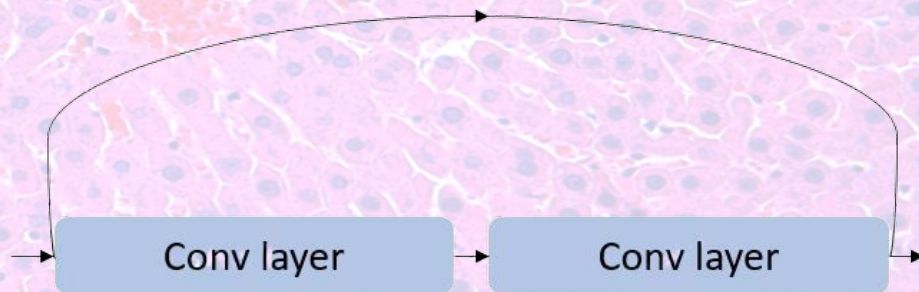


Malignant

Model choice and evaluation

ResNet-50

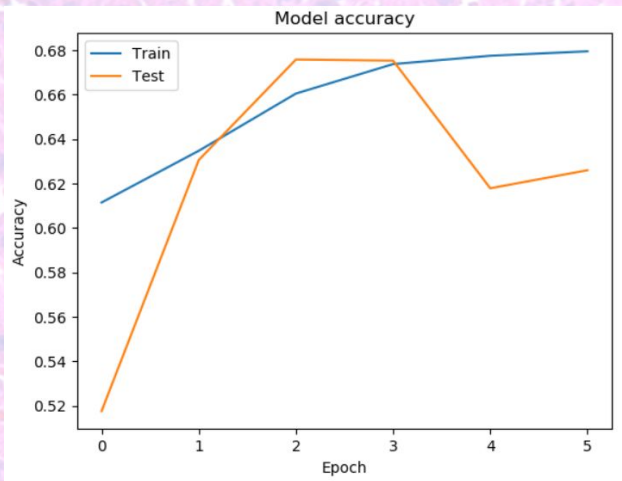
- Uses residual blocks eliminating the vanishing gradient problem with deeper neural networks
- Residual blocks have two convolutional layers with the output being connected to the input



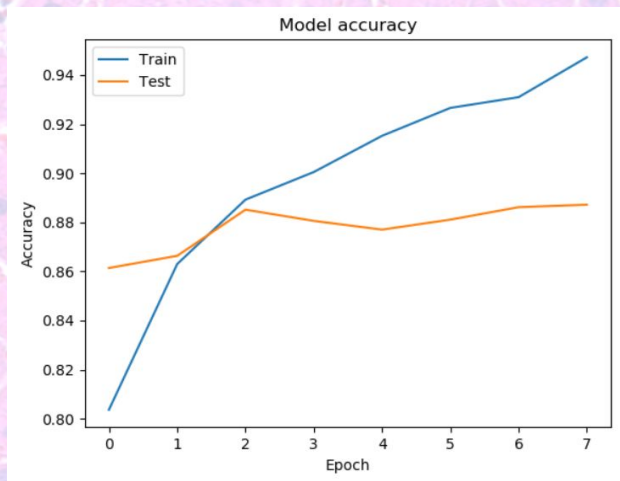
Testing Procedure

- Initially trained using a subset of the full dataset
- Simple ResNet-50 with 80/20 training/validation split
- Binary cross-entropy loss
- Added transfer learning
- Included layer freezing
- Implemented dynamic learning rate
- Added dropout layer with dropout fraction of 0.5 to minimize overfitting

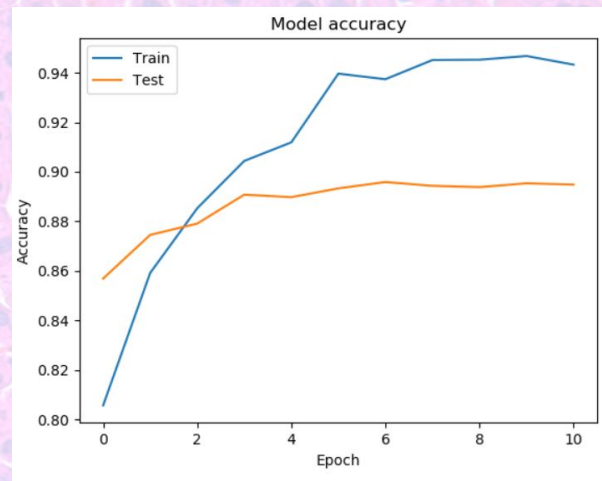
Results



Initial setup

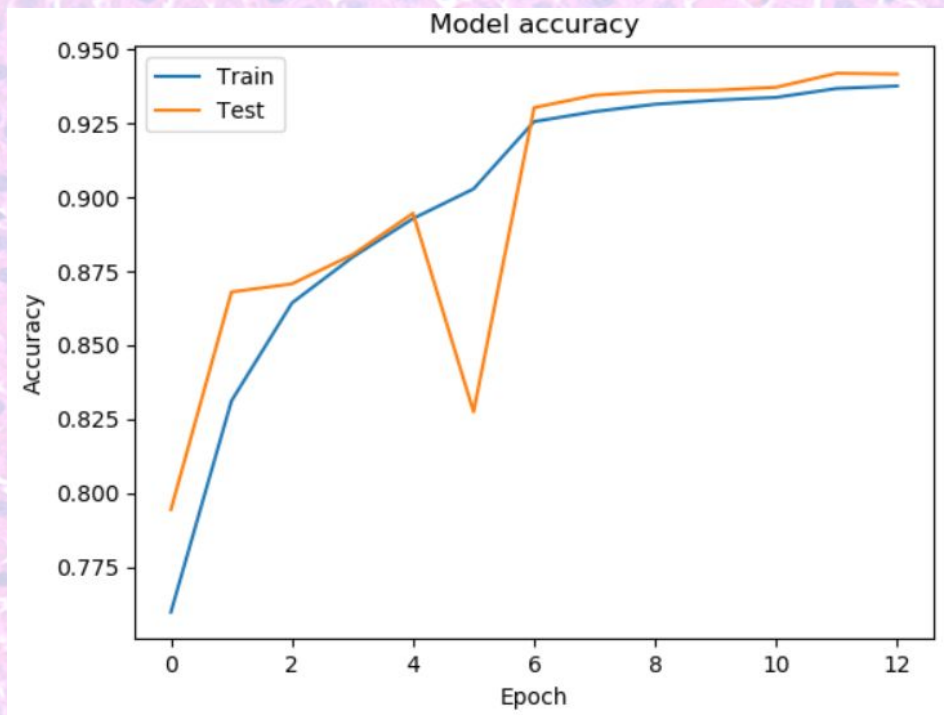


Transfer Learning



Dynamic Learning Rate

Results



Epochs	13
Initial Learning Rate	0.01
Patience	2
Preloaded Weights	ImageNet
Validation Split	80/20
Final Validation Loss	0.1699
Final Validation Accuracy	0.9416

Future Plan

- Acquire more data to further generalize network
- Implement basic data augmentation to further generalize network
- Work with larger/deeper networks for more trainable parameters
- Transfer learn with more relevant weights, trained on medical images
- Use semantic segmentation in place of a binary output for localization of tumour pixels

A histological micrograph of a tissue section, likely stained with hematoxylin and eosin (H&E). The image shows a dense population of cells with prominent, dark purple nuclei and lighter pink cytoplasm and extracellular matrix. There are several elongated, clear spaces or channels running through the tissue, possibly representing blood vessels or ducts. The overall texture is granular and cellular.

Questions